

Disciples 1431

Chapter 1431: Courage

When the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion tried to enter the blue barrier to obtain recognition from the Pillar of Destruction. However, they were sent flying. Apart from that, the force of the barrier was getting stronger and stronger as well. Qin Naihe, whose cultivation base was second only to Lu Zhou in the Evil Sky Pavilion, grunted and spat out blood after he was sent flying back.

Everyone was surprised by Qin Naihe's injury and no longer dared to recklessly charge forward. In their opinion, strength and cultivation base were often the key to approval and recognition. If even Qin Naihe failed, what hope did they have?

Everyone stepped back and looked at the barrier.

Yan Zhenluo turned around to ask, "Qin Naihe, are you okay?"

"Thank you for your concern, Left Envoy Yan. It's just a minor injury. It's not serious. I thought after absorbing the Great Void energy, I'd have a good chance of gaining recognition. Who knew I'd have no fate with it," Qin Naihe said.

Yan Zhenluo said, "Maybe Tianwu is right. The pillar chooses based on one's character."

"Character?"

Everyone looked at each other.

Character was something abstract, after all. It was like traits based on astrological signs. Even a rough person could be described as delicate, thoughtful, a diamond in the rough, and other complimentary words. One could sit on a chair and listen to these words the entire day. After all, most people did not have a clear understanding of themselves.

At this time, Zhu Honggong patted his chest and confidently said, "If it's dependent on character, then it can only be me!"

"???"

"All of you underestimate me too much! When I was in the yellow lotus domain, people called me the Divine Lord. I was respected and loved by the people. I fought for them and killed the enemies! It's not an exaggeration to say that in the yellow lotus domain, I'm this..." Zhu Honggong said as he ended his words with a thumbs-up.

Everyone nodded, feeling slightly awkward. It was alright if one was bragging about another person in such a manner, but who would brag about themselves in such a manner?"

Mingshi Yin finally said, "Then, you try again."

"Okay." Zhu Honggong nodded before he charged forward like a bull. As soon as he drew close to the barrier, a repelling force sent him flying.

Bang!

There was no suspense at all.

The repelling force had grown even stronger. Zhu Honggong, who was hit by the rebound, let out a muffled groan before spitting out blood. Then, he slumped to the ground, exhausted.

"Mr. Eighth, are you alright?" Yan Zhenluo asked worriedly.

"I'm fine," Zhu Honggong calmly replied. Inwardly, he was rather frightened.

Mingshi Yin pointed at the blue barrier and said enticingly, "Old Eighth, you can do it! Come one, let's continue..."

"Uh... Fourth Senior Brother, why don't you give it a try?" Zhu Honggong asked.

"No need. I've already obtained recognition from one of the pillars," Mingshi Yin smugly said.

Meng Changdong had not tried again since he was first sent flying. At this time, he asked, "What are the benefits of being recognized by the pillar?"

Lu Li said, "Look at the center. That should be the yet-to-mature Great Void Seed. If you're recognized, you'll be able to enter the barrier and collect the soil. It contains Great Void energy that's immensely useful in cultivation."

Everyone grew expectant when they heard these words. They were a little hesitant previously, but their passion was reignited by talks of the Great Void Seed and the Great Void energy. Although the Great Void Energy had yet to mature, the Great Void energy was still very beneficial.

"Again!"

Only Zhu Honggong sat on the ground and waved his hand repeatedly as he said, "I give up! All of you can continue. Heavens! It hurts so much!"

"..."

Lu Zhou had been observing everyone's changes with the power of sight, trying to see if he could find a pattern in the energy. Alas, there was nothing unusual. What was even stranger was that the barrier's force grew stronger and stronger as they kept trying. At this point, its force was no longer minor.

"Damn it! This isn't fun at all!" Little Yuan'er said indignantly as she stomped her foot and retreated to the side, indicating that she had given up.

Everyone felt much more at ease when they saw this. If even the little ancestor could not do it, then it was reasonable that they could not do it as well. After all, her talent was truly heaven-defying. If she also obtained recognition from the Pillar of Destruction, they would feel even worse about themselves.

Following that, Conch gave up as well. She moved to stand next to Little Yuan'er to watch the show.

Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng had the greatest desire for the Great Void energy. Alas, they were too weak; they could not withstand the rebound and were forced to give up. The duo then reluctantly retreated to the side, filled with frustration.

Kong Wen and his brothers were the same.

As the saying went, 'Wisdom comes with age'. The four elders were not reckless and approached the blue barrier slowly. With this, they were able to minimize the force of the rebound. They advanced slowly as soon as they felt a resistance, they would hurriedly retreat.

Leng Luo, Zuo Yushu, Pan Litian, and Hua Wudao were the first group of people to enter the Evil Sky Pavilion. Lu Zhou naturally hoped their strength would improve.

The four elders advanced from different directions at the same time. When they were about ten meters from the barrier, they were pushed back.

"I guess it's not the four elders as well..."

Everyone shook their heads.

"Do we still try?" Zuo Yushu looked at the other three elders.

The four of them were already covered in sweat and were panting. They did not even have any excess Primal Qi to create energy seals at this moment.

Leng Luo was the first to say, "I give up."

"Old Leng, you're giving up just like that?" Pan Litian said disdainfully, "This isn't your style."

Leng Luo said, "Old Pan, you continue then. I'll watch."

"I give up too."

"..."

'We're all cowards. There's no need to hurt each other.'

Hua Wudao shook his head and stopped trying.

Zuo Yushu was unwilling to give up. She tried again, but the result was the same. In the end, she could only helplessly retreat to the side.

Before long, only Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Duanmu Sheng, Zhao Yue, and Ye Tianxin were left.

The two eldest disciples had the greatest desire for strength, and they had persevered up until now.

"I think Mr. First will receive the recognition."

"I bet on Mr. Second."

Yu Zhenghai looked at the barrier. Naturally, he wished he could breach the blue barrier, but he was powerless. In all honesty, he would have retreated to the side a long time ago if Yu Shangrong did not persist.

Needless to say, Yu Shangrong shared the same thoughts as Yu Zhenghai.

Unaware of their thoughts, everyone placed their hopes on the duo at this moment, waiting for them to create a miracle.

“Eldest Senior Brother!”

“Second Senior Brother!”

“As senior brothers, we shouldn’t snatch opportunities from our juniors, right?” Yu Shangrong asked with a straight face.

Yu Zhenghai nodded and said, “Second Junior Brother is right. I didn’t think of this at all. Hmm, as the Eldest Senior Brother, I shouldn’t have participated at all. Fortunately, it’s not too late for me to step back and give way to the juniors.”

Then, Yu Zhenghai took a step back.

“Since Eldest Senior Brother has already retreated, how can I be shameless and compete with my juniors?” Yu Shangrong said as he took a step back as well.

“???”

Everyone was speechless.

Only Duanmu Sheng cupped his fists together and sincerely said, “Thank you, Eldest Senior Brother and Second Senior Brother, for giving us juniors this chance!”

“...”

“You’re welcome.” Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong’s expressions did not change as they accepted Duanmu Sheng’s thank you.

Duanmu Sheng patted his chest as he continued to say earnestly, “Eldest Senior Brother and Second Senior Brother have the highest talent and cultivation base. To be so magnanimous to give me such an opportunity, I, Duanmu Sheng, really have no words to express my gratitude! In the future, if senior brothers need any help in the future, please don’t hesitate to let me know!”

“...”

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong felt slightly embarrassed.

“Third Junior Brother, you can continue.”

“Okay.” Duanmu Sheng charged toward the barrier. He did not change his tactic at all. He just simply charged forward. Then, he was sent flying.

Zhao Yue smiled and said, “Third Senior Brother, it’s too early to say who will be recognized. Perhaps, it’ll be me.”

Ye Tianxin chimed in, “Not necessarily.”

The trio continued to enter the barrier.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

No matter how many times they tried, they were all sent flying.

After trying for about two hours, the trio was getting exhausted. They were also slightly injured.

Mingshi Yin rubbed his chin and frowned. 'It can't be. Don't tell me it's Old Seventh?'

Mingshi Yin knew the Pillars of Destruction would recognize those with Great Void Seeds that had grown at the respective pillars. Since none of them was recognized, it only meant that it was someone else, and the only person that was not around was Si Wuya.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The trio was sent flying back again. This time, they grunted and spat out blood.

Seeing that his disciples were injured, Lu Zhou raised his hand and said, "Stop."

Everyone turned to look at Lu Zhou who had been mostly quiet.

Lu Zhou said, "Perhaps... no one will be recognized by the pillar here."

Everyone was slightly disappointed upon hearing this.

"What a pity."

Naturally, quite a few of them had already thought about Si Wuya, but none of them dared to say anything. They could only sigh to express their helplessness.

Pan Zhong said regretfully, "Although I can't obtain recognition, the Pavilion Master's disciples can definitely do it. Why don't we let them continue trying?"

"The force of the rebound is increasing. We might get seriously injured if we continue," Yan Zhenluo said.

"This thing is too strange. Why is it different from the barrier in Yu Zhong? The barrier there didn't get stronger and stronger, and I just easily walked in," Mingshi Yin said as he walked forward. When he tried to touch the barrier...

Bzzzt!

Mingshi Yin felt as though he had been electrocuted. He could not get any closer. It was as though the Pillar of Destruction in Ji Ming was directly shutting the door in his face, not even giving him a chance to try.

"Hmm? Do the Pillars of Destruction repel each other?" Yan Zhenluo asked.

"Perhaps, it's only because Mr. Fourth has been recognized," Lu Li said.

The others nodded.

"Pavilion Master, do you want to try?" Pan Zhong suggested.

Everyone looked at Lu Zhou, hoping he would try and succeed in one go.

"Pavilion Master had also entered the barrier at Yu Zhong. Did it count as obtaining the recognition of the pillar as well?" Yan Zhenluo asked.

Qin Naihe shook his head and said, "That's impossible. The Pillar of Destruction will only recognize one person. Since it has already recognized Mr. Fourth, it won't recognize another person."

“Then, why was Pavilion Master able to enter the barrier?”

“Perhaps, it’s due to overwhelming strength on the Pavilion Master’s part,” Qin Naihe said.

It was a very reasonable explanation.

Lu Zhou did not say anything. Just as he was about to walk forward...

Duanmu Sheng suddenly flew out with his Overlord Spear and said, “I still want to try!”

Bang!

Duanmu Sheng was sent flying. This time, the force of the rebound was so strong he vomited more blood than before.

“Mr. Third!”

Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng ran over and helped him up.

Duanmu Sheng still looked unconvinced. “I’m fine!”

Duanmu Sheng stood up and wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth as he said, “I don’t believe that I can’t get in!”

“Third Junior Brother, you’ve been rejected so many times. The backlash will only grow stronger if you continue. Don’t try again,” Yu Zhenghai advised.

Everyone advised Duanmu Sheng to give up, but he was unwilling to give up. He thought that if he did not obtain recognition from the Pillar of Destruction now that he was here, he would regret it.

“There are other Pillars of Destruction you can try. There’s no need to waste time with this one,” Qin Naihe said, “Legend has it that the pillars recognize a specific quality.”

Upon hearing this, Little Yuan’er looked at Mingshi Yin curiously and asked, “Then, what kind of rare quality does Fourth Senior Brother have that the Pillar of Destruction at Yu Zhong recognized him?”

Everyone looked at Ming Shiyin.

It was hard to put on airs when everyone was so familiar with each other.

Lu Zhou glanced at Mingshi Yin. If one had to say what quality Mingshi Yin had, it would likely be cunning and cowardly, but those were not noble qualities.

Mingshi Yin: “...”

Everyone was still puzzled when the barrier’s size increased by 30%. It had clearly gotten stronger as well.

“It’s getting stronger.”

“Step back!”

Everyone stepped back. If they touched the barrier again, the consequences would be unimaginable.

The barrier was like the starry sky of the universe, vast and boundless, filled with profundity and mystery.

The tiny Great Void Seed protruded out of the ground slightly as energy surged from all directions toward it.

Lu Zhou moved in front of everyone and said, "Step back!"

Everyone retreated to the corridor.

Lu Zhou raised his hand. Just as he touched the barrier, he felt a surge of power.

Bang!

Lu Zhou flew backward in the air!

The powerful explosion shook his arm until it went numb.

Divine power!

The Golden Buddha's Body!

With these two, Lu Zhou stabilized himself in the air.

"What a powerful force!" Qin Naihe exclaimed in surprise.

"Let's not try again," Yu Zhenghai said.

"Who would dare to try again now? Isn't it just like seeking death?" Mingshi Yin said as he looked at Yu Zhenghai speechlessly.

"It seems like no one from the Evil Sky Pavilion can do it."

If even the Pavilion Master of the Evil Sky Pavilion could not do it, who could?

The Pillar of Destruction at Ji Ming was really too strange.

At this moment, a voice rang from the mulberry tree in the ring-shaped lake.

"To gain its recognition, you must have enough courage. The Pillar of Destruction in Ji Ming signifies dawn. It not only signifies the start of the day, but it also signifies the end of the day. It's like life and death. The expansion of the barrier means that you've passed the first round of assessment. Those who fail the next round... will die."

"Courage?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Let me remind you that if you fail, you'll be suppressed by the Pillar of Destruction. You'll die a true death. Alright, if any of you have the courage, you can go now."

Lu Li said, "If it's courage, then Mr. First, Mr. Second, Ms. Fifth, and Ms. Sixth should all try. In my opinion, you're all not lacking in courage."

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong: "..."

The duo looked at Lu Li with an expression that seemed to say, "What nonsense!"

“Old Eighth...”

Zhu Honggong did not allow whoever it was to finish speaking. He waved his hands and said, “I’ll pass. Although I’m courageous, there’s no need for me to prove myself in this way.”

Everyone looked at each other, but no one dared to step forward.

Lu Zhou transmitted his voice and asked, “Princess Mulberry, what’s courage?”

“If you beg me, I’ll answer you. I’ve already broken the rules earlier,” Princess Mulberry replied.

“This person is so pretentious,” Little Yuan’er said with a huff.

“Hm?”

Princess Mulberry laughed. Her laughter sounded melodious. “Little girl, you’re the first human to refer to me as ‘this person’. Based on that alone, I’ll tell you what courage is.” Her tone darkened as she said, “Courage is a heart that knows no fear.”

Little Yuan’er shook her head. “I don’t understand. I know no fear so I have courage!”

“It’s not enough,” Princess Mulberry said with a laugh, “For example, right now, none of you dare to throw your lives away to try again. That’s not courage. Like I said, if you fail, you’ll definitely die. Do you still dare to try?”

At this moment...

“I dare!” Duanmu Sheng suddenly charged forward with the Overlord Spear.

“Mr. Third!”

Everyone exclaimed in shock. However, it was too late. They could only watch, helpless and powerless, as Duanmu Sheng rushed forward like a bolt of lightning.

Lu Zhou brought out the Hourglass of Time but found that it was still in the recovery period. If he used the power of the Dao, it would be too late.

Boom!

A thunderous explosion sent Duanmu Sheng flying.

Boom!

Duanmu Sheng crashed against the inner wall of the Pillar of Destruction and slid to the ground. He was... dead!

“Third Senior Brother!”

“Third Junior Brother!”

Everyone was stunned.

A regretful voice rang from the ring-shaped lake again. “Unfortunately, he failed.”

Yu Zhenghai gritted his teeth and said, “Witch! How dare you trick us! I’ll kill you!”

Whoosh!

Yu Zhenghai got up and charged forward.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and launched a palm seal that pulled Yu Zhenghai back at lightning speed.
“Don’t be reckless.”

Princess Mulberry chuckled and said, “I told you those things out of kindness, and you still blame me?”

“Who knows if you’re lying?” Little Yuan’er retorted.

“Uh... Half of it is true, and the other half is false,” Princess Mulberry said.

“...”

Everyone was infuriated by these words. Was that not lying?

Lu Zhou asked, “Do you really think I can’t kill you?”

Princess Mulberry said, “I’m already dead.”

“In my opinion, since you can speak and have consciousness and a will of your own, you’re alive. Since you caused the death of my disciple, I’ll bury you today. You won’t be able to speak and move any more!” Lu Zhou said clearly.

“Oh,” Princess Mulberry continued to say, undaunted, “What I said about needing courage is true. You can only blame him for not having enough courage and failing to obtain recognition from the Pillar of Destruction.”

“You’re still trying to quibble?” Yu Zhenghai said in a deep voice.

Everyone looked at the strange barrier, confused and frustrated.

All of a sudden, a blue energy orb shot out of the barrier into Duanmu Sheng’s body.

Swoosh!

Following that, Duanmu Sheng flew into the barrier. The blood on his body evaporated, and a huge energy surged into his Dantian’s sea of Qi.

“...”

“It... worked?!” Mingshi Yin exclaimed in surprise.

Zhu Honggong’s eyes widened in surprise, “I-if I knew this would happen, I’d send myself to death as well!”

‘Why do these words sound so awkward?’

Buzz!

The energy resonated.

“Great Void Seed.”

Everyone raised their heads and looked at Duanmu Sheng.

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Lu Wu, who had a sharp hearing, turned his head, looking slightly disapprovingly. It bent down and looked into the distance, muttering, "What's there to make a fuss about?"

For those who knew the truth, indeed there was nothing to make a fuss about. However, most of the people in the Evil Sky Pavilion were unaware that each of Lu Zhou's ten disciples had a Great Void Seed.

When Duanmu Sheng was brought away by Lu Wu, only Lan Xihe, Ning Wanqing, and few others knew about Duanmu Sheng's Great Void Seed. Hence, the others who were not in the know were naturally surprised when they saw the Great Void Seed. Not only were they in the Pillar of Destruction and in front of the yet-to-mature Great Void Seed, but there was a fully matured Great Void Seed as well!

Everyone looked at Duanmu Sheng.

Swoosh!

The purple dragons on Duanmu Sheng's arms flew out and circled him.

"The corrosive energy!"

The dense Great Void energy forced the corrosive energy out. A cloud of dark and white mist swirled around him as well, like Yin and Yang. Then, the corrosive energy, Lu Wu's inner qi, and the Great Void energy fused.

At this time, Duanmu Sheng suddenly opened his eyes. He inhaled deeply and surveyed his surroundings. When he saw the concerned eyes staring at him, he sobered up immediately. He looked down and saw he was floating in the air before he asked, "W-what's wrong with me?"

Lu Zhou frowned and said, "Impudent! Do you feel very proud that you have the courage to die?"

"I... I..." Duanmu Sheng stammered. His mind was blank.

Lu Zhou continued to reprimand Duanmu Sheng, "If you'll only obtain the so-called recognition from the Pillar of Apocalypse through your death, I'd rather not have the recognition."

Duanmu Sheng said, "I know I'm wrong. I was rash, but I couldn't help it..."

Everyone looked at each other. 'This excuse works as well?'

At this moment, a figure flashed to the top, looking down at Duanmu Sheng who was floating in the blue barrier.

Everyone looked up. They instinctively took a few steps back as though they were facing a great enemy.

Lu Zhou raised his head as well. "Princess Mulberry?"

Princess Mulberry's eyes were filled with surprise as she said, "He actually obtained recognition from the Pillar of Destruction, and there's also the Great Void Seed."

“Do you have any questions?” Lu Zhou asked. He was on guard at this moment. If she had any covetous thoughts, there would definitely be a bloody battle.

“I’m just surprised that the Great Void Seed is in his body. He looks simple-minded and is blindly courageous...” Princess Mulberry muttered, seemingly unable to understand.

It was fine for Lu Zhou to criticize his disciples, but it was rather unpleasant to the ears when someone else was doing the criticizing.

Lu Zhou asked in a deep voice, “What does it have to do with you anyway?”

Princess Mulberry shook her head. “Nothing. It doesn’t matter.”

“Then why are you here?” Lu Zhou asked.

“More than 300 years ago, a very wretched person used an incredibly powerful concealment technique to sneak into the Pillar of Destruction to steal the Great Void Seed. I thought he might be that person.” Princess Mulberry said.

“...”

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. ‘Is she talking about me?’

The scene of the dark fog in the sky as lotus cultivators fought appeared in his mind again.

Princess Mulberry shook her head and said, “But it doesn’t look like him at all...”

“You’ve seen the person who stole the Great Void Seed?” Lu Zhou asked.

Princess Mulberry replied, “I’ve only seen him once. At that time, I was watching the boring humans fight with the Great Void. They almost destroyed my mulberry time. While everyone was fighting, that wretched person used some unprecedented and unheard-of concealment technique. He seemed to know most people would not dare to approach the ring-shaped lake so he boldly walked past the lake. His hair was white, and he looked rather unkempt.”

Zhu Honggong raised his head and said, “In any case, my Third Senior Brother isn’t the one who stole the Great Void Seed. Our Evil Sky Pavilion doesn’t associate with those petty thieves, let alone commit such a despicable act! Bah!”

Lu Zhou: “???”

Princess Mulberry said, “Perhaps, it’s fate that the Great Void Seed is with him.”

Princess Mulberry continued to watch Duanmu Sheng. She saw the three fusing energies that were continually surging into his Dantian’s sea of Qi. Following that, she could sense the Great Void energy in his body had intensified.

When Duanmu Sheng descended to the ground, his injuries were already healed.

Lu Zhou no longer paid attention to Duanmu Sheng. Instead, he asked, “Since you witnessed the theft of the Great Void Seed back then, why didn’t you take it for yourself?”

“Why didn’t you take it for yourself?” Princess Mulberry retorted.

Lu Zhou was quite surprised by her line of thoughts. He asked, "Those with Great Void Seeds will definitely become supreme beings. Don't you have any covetous thoughts?"

"Me?" Princess Mulberry spread her arms as her long dress fluttered. A dejected expression appeared on her face as she said, "I'm not human after all."

Then, she suddenly added, "Don't ask me any more questions. Otherwise, I'll get angry."

"..."

Clearly, these questions touched on her personal secrets.

After Duanmu Sheng sensed the changes in his body, he lifted his hand, and the Overlord Spear shot through the barrier into his hands.

Zhu Honggong asked enviously, "Third Senior Brother, how do you feel?"

"I feel okay. I'm only a little stronger," Duanmu Sheng said as he brandished the Overlord Spear.

"I don't think so," Princess Mulberry said as she shook her head, "With the recognition from the Pillar of Recognition, your Birth Palace will expand greatly. You'll know once you have a look at it."

"Birth Palace?" Duanmu Sheng manifested his lotus.

Everyone looked over.

Duanmu Sheng's lotus emitted a faint corrosive energy. His Birth Palace had truly expanded greatly.

"It expanded to the limit! It can now accommodate all 36 Birth Charts!" Lu Li exclaimed.

"I see. The rumor is true. Those who have the Great Void Seeds will become supreme beings."

Mingshi Yin naturally knew this a long time ago. When he saw everyone's expressions, he shook his head silently, feeling bored.

Under normal circumstances, the number of Birth Charts one could activate depended on one's talent. The Birth Palace would determine how many Birth Charts one could activate. If one's Birth Palace did not expand, one would know then one had reached the limit.

Now that the Birth Palace had expanded completely to fit 36 Birth Charts, all that was left to do was to accumulate life hearts and to activate Birth Charts.

"Congratulations, Mr. Third!"

Everyone congratulated Duanmu Sheng.

Duanmu Sheng was ecstatic. His years of hard work had not been in vain. He had always been lacking in talent but worked hard. He did not expect that his biggest weakness would be made up for.

Lu Zhou nodded his head in satisfaction. He walked over and extended his hand toward the barrier.

Everyone was shocked and instinctively took a few steps back.

Princess Mulberry frowned and said, "Do you want to die?"

Lu Zhou imbued his hand with the divine power, only a buzzing noise rang in the air. Following that, he easily stepped into the barrier.

“Pavilion Master?!”

“Master?”

After entering the barrier, he tested it with the divine power. The result was the same as the one in Yu Zhong. In other words, the divine power could break the inner barrier of the Pillars of Light.

Princess Mulberry: “???”

Lu Zhou walked next to the seedling and looked it up and down before he bent down and collected the soil.

At this time, Princess Mulberry flashed to the front of the barrier. When she lifted her leg to step inside, the barrier mercilessly sent her flying back.

Bang!

Princess Mulberry almost crashed against the inner wall.

Everyone was shocked that Princess Mulberry was sent flying the barrier.

“Don’t touch it!” Princess Mulberry said.

Lu Zhou ignored her and dug out a piece of soil. Once it turned into a blue crystal, he said, “Zhou Jifeng is the first to join the Evil Sky Pavilion. He’s hardworking and loyal so he deserves to be rewarded. Take it.”

Lu Zhou tossed the blue crystal out.

Zhou Jifeng could not suppress his excitement at all. He immediately fell to his knees and said, “Thank you for your praise, Pavilion Master! I’ll continue to do my best for the Evil Sky Pavilion!”

Whoosh!

When the blue crystal flew out of the barrier, Princess Mulberry flashed in front of Zhou Jifeng and caught it. Then, she said, “I said don’t touch it!”

Everyone looked at Princess Mulberry vigilantly.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly.

The harmless-looking Princess Mulberry was really unpredictable and unstable,

Lu Zhou asked in a deep voice, “What are you doing?”

Princess Mulberry said, “You can’t touch the Great Void soil!”

“Why not?”

“If the soil is loose, the Pillar of Destruction will collapse!” Princess Mulberry said.

Lu Zhou asked back, “So what if it collapses?”

"You!" Princess Mulberry was a little angry, but she suppressed her anger and said, "In any case, no one can take the soil away."

Lu Zhou straightened his back before he looked at Princess Mulberry and said, "I've been tolerant of you time and time again..."

"Hm?" Princess Mulberry frowned slightly when she sensed the change in Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou moved his hand, shattering a Thunderblast Card.

Lu Zhou's palm moved forward, and a thunder energy card was shattered.

"You really don't know what's good for you."

The palm seal shot out of the barrier. The script for 'Lightning' in the middle of the palm seal was dazzling.

Princess Mulberry was slightly stunned. She flashed back, thinking she could avoid the attack.

When the palm seal arrived in front of her, a bolt of purple lightning suddenly struck from the sky.

Boom!

Princess Mulberry's circular protective energy was shattered immediately, and she was sent flying back as expected.

Everyone exclaimed in shock.

Princess Mulberry was one of the ten zombie kings, after all. Not only that, but she was even ranked third among the ten. However, she was sent flying back with just one move by Lu Zhou. How could they not feel shocked?

"Arrogance is everyone's weakness, whether they're the high and mighty gods or ordinary people who walk on the ground like ants. The arrogance of ordinary people is inconsequential, but the arrogance of gods affects the world." Lu Zhou looked at Princess Mulberry indifferently.

Princess Mulberry stabilized her footing when she arrived near the inner wall. Her pretty face was pale, and her eyes were filled with shock.

"How?" Princess Mulberry looked at her hands, perplexed. It was very difficult for her to understand how she was pushed back. It should have been impossible. She should have been able to dodge the attack; she should not have been suppressed by a Venerable Master.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and extended it out as he said, "I don't like to repeat myself. Hand the blue crystal over."

Although Princess Mulberry's eyes still contained a trace of disbelief, her expression had turned solemn and inscrutable. Then, she said, "You're from the Great Void."

"Hm?" Lu Zhou, who had extended his arm out, suddenly lifted it and pushed it out.

Another palm seal swiftly shot. It looked ordinary, but it seemed to carry the might of the netherworld.

Perhaps, it was due to the psychological mark left in their minds from Lu Zhou's repeated use of this move, the Evil Sky Pavilion's members all thought that the move was invincible and unstoppable.

Princess Mulberry's dress fluttered as she left afterimages in the air.

The Thunderblast palm seal stopped quietly in the air.

Princess Mulberry continued to flash around. However, as soon as she stopped, the palm seal slapped over in her direction.

Boom!

Just like before, Princess Mulberry was sent flying again. This time, her long hair fluttered in the wind, and she appeared disheveled. When she was about to hit the inner wall, the white crane flew over and caught her. It swayed a few times before it managed to stabilize itself.

Princess Mulberry's eyes were filled with disbelief. Without much thought, she tossed the blue crystal out. "Here!"

After catching the blue crystal, Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. He raised his head and said, "Although you're the daughter of the Red Emperor, it doesn't mean you're superior to me. There are times when you should just watch. Don't interfere with things that you shouldn't interfere with."

Princess Mulberry felt suffocated by the anger that rose in her chest. She really wanted to vent her anger, but she was helpless. She said, "The sky is going to collapse, and countless lives will be ruined. The consequences..."

Lu Zhou interjected, "If the sky falls, I'll take care of it. I'll bear the consequences."

"..."

Princess Mulberry was rendered speechless by these words. After a long silence, she asked, "Do you think you'll be able to take care of it? Countless Saints have died. Chi Songzi died; the Unholy One died. I... Even I died! So many people died!"

"This has been the way since time immemorial. The wheels of destiny have begun to turn, and we can't stop it even if the same mistakes are made."

Princess Mulberry trembled slightly as scenes after scenes appeared in her mind.

It had been 100,000 years. Every day was the same, and it was boring. No matter how beautiful the scenery was, it could not compare to 100,000 years ago. Everything in her present was dead, and everything in her past was alive.

After a moment of silence, Princess Mulberry sighed and said, "Perhaps, you're right. If we can restore the peace and prosperity of the past, so what if the sky collapses? What's there to be afraid of even if the mulberry tree is gone?"

Then, with a swish of her dress, she sat down and patted the white crane. With that, she flew out of the Pillar of Destruction to the ring-shaped lake.

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A gentle breeze blew at the blooming mulberry tree as spots of light filled the sky.

The lake water splashed up, forming a conical ice barrier that pierced the black fog in the sky.

Princess Mulberry appeared in the conical ice barrier and looked up at the sky.

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Lu Zhou tossed the blue crystal to Zhou Jifeng.

Zhou Jifeng was overjoyed and retreated to the side excitedly.

Lu Zhou said again, "Pan Zhong, you were also one of the earliest to join the Evil Sky Pavilion. You're diligent and loyal so you deserve to be rewarded."

Lu Zhou grabbed a piece of soil and tossed it out when it turned into a blue crystal.

Pan Zhong knelt down, overjoyed, as he said, "I... The elders, guardians, and envoys are more qualified than I am. How can I..."

"Take it," Lu Zhou interjected.

Pan Zhong caught the blue crystal and said, "Thank you, Pavilion Master. I'm really unworthy of this favor!"

Lu Zhou grabbed another four pieces of soil as he said, "The four elders joined the Evil Sky Pavilion when the Evil Sky Pavilion needed them most. They've made great contributions so they should be rewarded. Take these!"

Four blue crystals flew out.

"Thank you, Pavilion Master."

"Thank you, elder brother!"

The four elders were very honest with their feelings. They caught the blue crystals with happy expressions on their faces and excitement bursting forth from their hearts.

Crash!

A huge rock fell from above at this moment.

Everyone retreated.

Boom!

It crashed against the barrier. It broke into pieces when it crashed against the barrier, and they flew out in all directions.

Everyone looked up worriedly.

Would the Pillar of Destruction really collapse because of the loosening of the soil or the lack of soil?

Chapter 1433: 3,000 Silver-armored Guards

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were slightly worried about the fall of the huge rock.

The Pillars of Destruction were not ordinary, after all. If the Great Void was truly located high up in the sky since the land split, it meant that the pillars had been around for a very long time. If the pillar at Ji Ming were to collapse now, the first ones to suffer would undoubtedly be those who were present now.

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Outside of the Pillar of Destruction, Lu Wu raised his head slightly when he heard the commotion. He looked in the direction of the ring-shaped lake and the conical ice barrier that pierced into the sky before he muttered, "How cowardly."

The conical ice barrier was nothing more than an attempt at defense should the sky fall.

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Inside the Pillar of Destruction.

After a short silence, the four elders looked at the respective blue crystals in their hands hesitantly, wondering if they should really keep the blue crystals. If the sky really collapsed and countless lives were lost, then they would be sinners for all eternity. They truly did not want to bear such a crime.

Hua Wudao said with a guilty expression on his face, "Pavilion Master, why, why don't we return the blue crystals?"

Zuo Yushu held the blue crystal in her hand and said, "Elder brother, we, old geezers, should just give the blue crystals up. We really can't afford the consequences."

Pan Litian glanced at Zuo Yushu and did not say anything. He agreed with all her words except for the words 'old geezers'. To him, it did not matter if he obtained the blue crystal or not. After all, Pan Zhong had already obtained the blue crystal. Hence, he said, "This old geezer is also willing to return the blue crystal."

Everyone remained silent as the elders spoke.

Lu Zhou had been paying attention to the changes above. He had cast both the power of smell and the power of hearing, hence, all changes were within his perception. During the time that the four elders spoke up, there was nothing unusual. Hence, he waved his sleeve and said, "Keep them."

There were too many people in the Evil Sky Pavilion, and it was difficult for everyone to get the blue crystals as it was.

Lu Zhou added, "What does it have to do with me if the sky collapses? There's no need to worry."

"???"

'Didn't he say earlier that he'll bear the consequences and deal with it if the sky collapses?'

Lu Zhou turned around and looked at the Great Void seedling. When he was about to dig up another piece of soil, he discovered the seedling was tilted to the side.

“Hmm?” Lu Zhou moved closer to study the seedling.

After Duanmu Sheng had descended to the ground, he could now move freely within the barrier. Hence, he also moved to observe the Great Void seedling. He scratched his head and asked, “Is it dying?”

Lu Zhou replied tonelessly, “Plants will naturally die if they lose their soil.”

“This...”

Upon hearing this, Yan Zhenluo said, “It’s better to let it live. The greed of humans has nothing to do with the Great Void Seeds. I still feel that the seeds are a gift from the heavens and earth to humans. How it’s used depends on humans...”

Lu Zhou nodded slightly and straightened his back. The soil was slowly replenishing itself, but if he continued taking the soil now, the seed would die, and the Pillar of Destruction at Ji Ming might really collapse.

“Forget it,” Lu Zhou turned around and said, “Those who have yet to obtain the blue crystals, wait until we go to the other Pillars of Destruction.”

Everyone was delighted upon hearing this. Based on Lu Zhou’s words, he intended to give everyone the blue crystals. They were very impressed by his generosity. In their opinion, Lu Zhou did not unfairly favor his disciples. He treated everyone else fairly by promising to give every one of them a blue crystal. With this, their loyalty increased.

Even the loyalty of Kong Wen and his brothers, who were the latest to join the Evil Sky Pavilion, increased to 80%.

Lu Zhou no longer cared about loyalty. The human heart was the most unpredictable, and if there were no fluctuations, one would not be human but a machine instead.

Lu Zhou took the lead and walked out of the barrier with his hands on his back, and Duanmu Sheng followed suit.

The barrier returned to normal, and the Great Void seedling slowly straightened up as well.

At this time, the head of the 49 swordsmen, Yuan Lang, who had been working silently during the journey, moved next to Duanmu Sheng and said in a low voice, “Congratulations, Mr. Third! I didn’t expect you to have the Great Void Seed! Congratulations!”

Duanmu Sheng said, “It’s not worth mentioning.”

Yuan Lang was the person whom Qin Renyue trusted most. He was sent by Qin Renyue to the Evil Sky Pavilion to serve as a bridge between the Qin clan and the Evil Sky Pavilion. How could he not be pleasantly surprised that a future supreme being had appeared in the Evil Sky Pavilion?

“I hope you’ll take care of me and the 49 swordsmen in the future, Mr. Third,” Yuan Lang said.

“Sure.”

Everyone began to follow Lu Zhou and walked out of the Pillar of Destruction.

The ten great disciples of the Evil Sky Pavilion were naturally aware that all of them had Great Void Seeds, but their master had stressed on the importance of keeping that a secret. Now, two of the Great Void Seeds had been exposed. Fortunately, they were exposed in the Unknown Land. Even if someone found out and coveted the seeds, it would be difficult to find them in the vast Unknown Land. Moreover, the Evil Sky Pavilion was as powerful as the sun in the sky now.

When they walked out of the Pillar of Destruction, Lu Wu rose to his feet and asked, "You're done?"

Lu Zhou nodded before he looked to the side and saw the conical ice barrier that pierced straight into the sky.

The others were surprised as well when they saw the conical ice barrier.

Lu Zhou said, "Childish."

Then, Lu Zhou leaped onto Whizard's back and flew up.

The others took another look before they joined Lu Zhou up in the sky as well.

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After an unknown amount of time had passed, Ji Ming returned to its usual calm and silence.

Princess Mulberry appeared on the tip of the conical ice barrier and looked in the direction where Lu Zhou and the others had left before she looked up.

The white cranes flew up from below, stirring up waves.

The mulberry tree in the center of the ring-shaped lake stood firmly.

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Princess Mulberry stood at the top of the conical ice barrier for an entire month before she finally saw a black figure flying over from the distance, early in the morning.

The black figure circled the area, studying the traces of battle left behind before entering the Pillar of Destruction. After leaving the pillar, the figure flew toward the ring-shaped lake. When the figure saw the high and mighty Princess Mulberry, he said with a bow, "Greetings, Princess Mulberry."

Princess Mulberry looked at the black figure and only said, "Another human."

The black figure said, "I'm from the Great Void, and I'm here to investigate something."

After sizing him up, Princess Mulberry asked, "What is it?"

"Where did the person who killed the high priest of the Void Chest tribe go?" the black figure asked.

"I don't know," Princess Mulberry replied.

The black figure said, "This matter is very important to me. I hope you'll help me."

Princess Mulberry furrowed her brows and said, "Isn't the Great Void very powerful? Go and solve this matter yourself."

“Princess Mulberry...”

“Get lost!”

A wave of energy swept out, and the black figure flashed and disappeared.

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At the same time.

In an ancient ruin.

“A month has passed, and everyone’s strength is increasing steadily. Pavilion Master, do you intend to travel again soon?” Yan Zhenluo asked.

Kong Wen nodded before he said to Lu Zhou, “I’ve already looked at the map. Our next destination is Ping Dan. Based on our current speed, we should be able to reach our destination in roughly three months.”

Lu Zhou muttered, “Three months? Then, we should continue on with our journey now.”

When they were in the golden lotus domain, they did not feel anything when they heard about how vast the Unknown Land was. However, now that they were in the Unknown Land, it finally hit them how truly vast the Unknown Land was.

The endless days of traveling had tempered everyone’s hearts and minds, and they had also gotten used to the harsh environment.

Fortunately, the overall strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion was relatively strong. Hence, they were able to overcome the obstacles that they ran into during their journey.

The abundance of life hearts also helped the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion to increase their strengths by leaps and bounds. Coupled with the Pillar of Impermanence, they were like fishes in water when they cultivated.

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Three months later.

In a hall in the Great Void.

Jiang Wenxu paced back and forth.

At this time, a silver-armored guard walked in from outside and said, “Master, Jiang Dongshan has gone to the Unknown Land. What orders should I give him?”

“The Unknown Land?” Jiang Wenxu frowned. “Has the matter in the golden lotus domain been investigated?”

“He said that person is in the Unknown Land.”

Jiang Wenxu nodded and said, “The imbalance is worsening. The owners of the Great Void Seeds will soon appear one after another. I’ll give him 100 years. He has to bring that person’s head back to me.”

“Understood,” the silver-armored cultivator said before leaving the hall.

Following that, another subordinate walked in and said with a bow, “Master, the Hall Master wants to see you.”

Jiang Wenxu nodded. “Alright.”

In just a moment, Jiang Wenxu appeared outside the Sacred Hall. He glanced at the Scales of Justice and was surprised to see that it was tilted heavily to one side. After a moment, he asked, “May I ask what orders the Hall Master has for me?”

A voice rang from inside the grand hall.

“There’s something wrong with the Pillar of Enlightenment. I heard your silver-armored guards are quite powerful. Can you lend them to me?”

Jiang Wenxu did not agree immediately. Instead, he asked, “Shouldn’t Mr. Ouyang deal with this matter?”

“He’s busy and doesn’t have the time to deal with this.”

Then, Jiang Wenxu said with a smile, “If the Hall Masters need the silver-armored guards, then they’ll be at your service.”

“Alright. Send them to the ten Pillars of Destruction to protect them.”

“Understood.” Jiang Wenxu nodded. Then, he asked, “Hall Master, why didn’t you send the divine beasts? In the nine domains, the strongest person is the Great Saint, Chen Fu. Two divine beasts are enough to deal with everyone in the nine domains.”

There was a brief silence before the person in the hall said again, “Dao Saint Jiang.”

“Hm?”

“Your clone dominated the golden lotus domain for 300 years. What was the result?” The person’s voice was gentle when he spoke.

Upon hearing this, Jiang Wenxu was shocked. He immediately bowed. “Hall Master, I...”

“There’s no need to panic. I don’t blame you.”

Following that, a gray figure appeared three meters in the air in front of Jiang Wenxu. The person’s eyebrows were three feet long, and his eyes were as sharp as an eagle’s. He said, “How can I not know that the twelve Saints of the Great Void each have their own ideas? It’s just that there are some things that I turn a blind eye to...”

Jiang Wenxu nodded as he said, “The Hall Master is magnanimous beyond words.”

“The Sacred Hall controls the world, and we have to maintain our dignity in front of the other nine halls. Even you failed to completely dominate the golden lotus domain. Can you imagine what those who trespassed into the Pillars of Destruction are like?”

"I understand," Jiang Wenxu said solemnly, "The 3,000 silver-armored guards will definitely ensure the safety of the Pillars of Destruction."

The grey figure nodded before disappearing into thin air like a wisp of smoke.

Following that, Jiang Wenxu walked toward the Scales of Justice. He was puzzled when he discovered the scales were tilted in the direction of the golden lotus domain.

At this moment, a deep voice suddenly rang from the hall again.

"I've already severely punished Chen Fu."

"..."

Jiang Wenxu was shocked upon hearing this. Then, he quickly left the Sacred Hall.

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Not long after, 3,000 silver-armored guards entered the runic passage and were transported to the dark Unknown Land.

The 3,000 silver-armored guards were divided into ten teams of 300 guards before they rushed off in ten different directions.

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In the Unknown Land's Ping Dan.

After three months of traveling, Lu Zhou and the others finally arrived near Ping Dan.

Yuan Lang, one of the 49 swordsmen, had quite a lot to say about the place. He said, "Pavilion Master Lu, back then, I followed Venerable Master Qin to Ping Dan. We obtained quite a lot of mystic life grass and life hearts here."

Lu Zhou nodded.

Yuan Lang continued to say, "Alas, none of us managed to enter the barrier in the Pillar of Destruction at that time so we could only return empty-handed."

"No one obtained the Great Void soil?"

"No." Yuan Lang shook his head.

Lu Zhou thought about the nine crystals he had collected at the very beginning. If only those who possessed the Great Void Seeds could pass through the barriers, then where did those nine blue crystals come from? How did Lan Xihe and the others obtain the nine blue crystals?

The ten Pillars of Destruction corresponded to the ten Great Void Seeds and ten different qualities.

Who was the person who entered the barrier and took the Great Void soil at that time? The owners of the previous batch of Great Void Seeds?

Lu Zhou's eyes flashed slightly as he continued thinking about this. Those who possessed the Great Void Seeds would become supreme beings. Not counting other times, In 100,000 years, three batches of Great Void Seeds had matured, which meant there were 30 Great Void Seeds.

Lu Zhou had ten, and Lan Xihe happened to possess one, which meant there were still 19 Great Void Seeds that were unaccounted for. Not counting Lan Xihe, did this mean there were 19 supreme beings or future supreme beings in the Great Void?

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. With this, the Great Void was indeed rather strong.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai sat on Bi An and flew toward Lu Zhou before he asked, "Master, we're ready. Should we enter the Pillar of Destruction now?"

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry to make a decision. He asked, "There's no zombie king guarding the Pillar of Destruction in Ping Dan?"

Yuan Lang shook his head and said, "No. In the past, it was true that the Great Void intended for the ten zombie kings to guard each of the ten Pillars of Destruction. However, things became messy later. For example, the zombie king at Yu Zhong was long gone after Yu Zhong became the home ground of Tian Wu and Lord Zhennan. In Ping Dan, not only is there no zombie king, but there's no beast emperor as well."

This meant that Ping Dan was relatively safe.

"Alright."

Lu Zhou rose to his feet and led the group to the Pillar of Destruction.

The dark fog roiled in the sky. Due to the imbalance, the number of fierce beasts had increased.

Lu Wu let out a thunderous roar, scaring away the flying beasts in the sky with its might as a beast emperor.

Lu Zhou and the others were drawing close to the Pillar of Destruction when a figure suddenly appeared in the distance.

Kong Wen hurriedly reminded them, "Be careful!"

The members of Evil Sky Pavilion stopped flying and hovered in the air.

At this time, the figure shouted, "Everyone, be careful! There are fierce beasts hiding underground!"

The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion lowered their heads instinctively.

As expected, the ground began to shake.

Boom!

Following that, an incomparably huge centipede broke out of the ground.

The figure's reaction was swift. It flew toward the gigantic centipede, leaving afterimages in its wake.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The figure unleashed a sky full of golden seals that sliced the centipede up into pieces.

The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion did not make a move and watched from afar.

When the centipede finally fell, the figure harvested its life heart and said, "So you're just a beast king. I've underestimated you."

Lu Zhou frowned slightly when he heard the figure's accent. The person in front of him did not seem like he was from Great Yan even if he had golden energy.

At this moment, Yu Zheng raised his saber and asked, "Who are you?"

The figure replied with a smile, "I'm Jiang Dongshan. How should I address you?"

When Jiang Dongshan raised his head, still panting slightly, everyone finally had a clear look of his face. He was middle-aged. His facial features were sharp and well-defined. He wore a scarf around his neck. Perhaps, he had been in the Unknown Land for a long time, his entire person was rather dusty.

Yu Zhenghai said, "Forget about my name. You go your way, and we'll go our way. Farewell."

"Hold on," Jiang Dongshan called out.

Chapter 1434: A Huge Threat

"What's the matter?" As the first disciple of the Evil Sky Pavilion, Yu Zhenghai was naturally vigilant.

Jiang Dongshan said with a smile, "Sir, there's no need to be so hostile. Although the Unknown Land is dangerous, not everyone you meet is an enemy."

"Hm?" Yu Zhenghai studied the person in front of him.

In the past three months, Yu Zhenghai had already activated his 14th Birth Chart. He could tell the other party was not simple.

Jiang Dongshan's eyes quickly swept past the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion before he asked, "Are all of you going to enter the Pillar of Destruction?"

Yu Zhenghai retorted, "What does it have to do with you?"

"..."

Yuan Lang said in a low voice, "As expected as a disciple of Pavilion Master Lu. His words are so blunt."

When Yuan Lang recalled his first meeting with Lu Zhou, he finally realized why he was beaten up. He prayed the other party would be more tactful. After a long time, he had a good understanding of the temper of the master and ten disciples of the Evil Sky Pavilion. Although they seemed unbothered, all of them had their own principles. As long as one did not cross their bottom lines, everything would be fine.

Jiang Dongshan was not angry. Instead, he said, "Ping Dan, which used to be called Shitige, used to be the home of Tai Sui, a powerful being. After the land split and the Pillar of Destruction appeared, it was

said that Tai Sui became the guardian of the pillar. It's best not to simply approach the pillar. If you're not careful, you might end up offending Tai Sui."

"Why do you say that?" Lu Zhou asked.

Jiang Dongshan shifted his gaze to Lu Zhou and said, "There's a saying that when you encounter Tai Sui, even if you do nothing, disaster will still befall you. Tai Sui is a harbinger of disaster."

"Isn't that too exaggerated?" Little Yuan'er said.

Jiang Dongshan replied, "I've been in Ping Dan for a long time. During this time, I've killed a lot of fierce beasts and collected some rare herbs. Whenever I meet other cultivators, I'd warn them about this. It's up to you to believe it or not."

Everyone looked at Jiang Dongshan skeptically.

At this time, Yuan Lang moved to stand next to Lu Zhou and said in a low voice, "I remember now. Venerable Master Qin did say that Pillar of Destruction in Ping Dan is strange."

Lu Zhou looked at Jiang Dongshan and asked, "Is there a way to avoid it?"

Jiang Dongshan was slightly startled by Lu Zhou's words. He thought the other party would choose to take a detour or insist on breaking in; he did not expect the other party to ask for a solution. After a moment, he said, "There are only three kinds of people who can get close to the Pillar of Destruction: one, those who are recognized by the pillar; two, supreme beings; three, well, I don't think they exist."

"What's the third kind of people?" Little Yuan'er asked curiously.

"Those who aren't bound by the shackles of heaven and earth," Jiang Dongshan said as he waved his hand, "No one is free from the shackles of heaven and earth so I don't think the third kind of people exist."

"Since they don't exist, what's the point of saying there are three kinds of people? If they don't exist, how do you know they can get close to the pillar?" Little Yuan'er asked as she blinked her big eyes.

"???"

'Since when did this girl become so quick-witted?'

These were the questions everyone wanted to ask as well.

Jiang Dongshan said with a shrug, "I heard it from others."

"How boring. So it's rumors," Little Yuan'er muttered.

Lu Zhou no longer paid attention to Jiang Dongshan. Instead, he took the lead and rushed forward.

When they drew close to the entrance of the Pillar of Destruction, dark fog surged out from inside the pillar.

"Retreat," Lu Zhou ordered.

The black fog spread outward, quickly killing the nearby flowers, plants, and trees.

"Poisonous gas?" Yuan Lang exclaimed in surprise.

"This isn't poisonous gas. This is the curse of Tai Sui. As long as we don't approach, it won't come out. Look, it has stopped," Jiang Dongshan said as he pointed at the entrance.

The black fog had stopped streaming out of the entrance.

"You should believe me now, right?" Jiang Dongshan asked.

Lu Zhou continued to advance on Whizard's back. As expected, black fog began to surge out again when he drew close. However, when the fog drew close to him, they were instantly repelled by Whizard's auspicious qi. The divine mark robe buzzed slightly and repelled the black fog as well. Moreover, he also had the Purple Glazed Ceramic that made him impervious to all poisons. The three treasures protected him very well.

"So you're an expert," Jiang Dongshan said.

Little Yuan'er rolled her eyes. "Why are you stating the obvious?"

Lu Zhou did not enter the Pillar of Destruction. It was useless for him to go in after all. The ones who needed to go in were his disciples. He wondered if the black fog would be poisonous for his disciples.

Jiang Dongshan said again, "Don't be impulsive. The closer you get, the more dangerous it would be."

At this moment, a flying beast streaked past the sky at a low altitude. As soon as it came in contact with the dark fog, it dropped to the ground with a loud thump.

Little Yuan'er retreated as she asked, "So how do we get in?"

The strange black fog was just like a poisonous fog, swiftly reaping the lives of everything in its vicinity.

The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion retreated again.

Yuan Lang said, perplexed, "Strange. It wasn't like this previously when Venerable Master Qin and I were here."

Lu Zhou turned around and asked, "It wasn't like this before?"

"That's right."

Without being spoken to, Jiang Dongshan said again, "This is due to the worsening imbalance. The pressure on the Pillar of Destruction has increased so the curse will naturally become stronger as well."

"Isn't this curse and talk of misfortune just a superstition?" Little Yuan'er asked skeptically.

"It's better to believe it than not."

Everyone looked at the dark fog warily.

Lu Zhou hovered in the air and continued to observe the situation below. Since the poisonous fog did not affect him, perhaps, he should go in to check the situation.

Just as Lu Zhou was about to descend, five figures appeared in the air. They were all wearing silver armor and wielded long halberds in their hands, looking like immortal warriors.

“How dare you get close to the Pillar of Destruction!”

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong hurriedly retreated.

The others from the Evil Sky Pavilion were well-trained and tacitly retreated to the side as well.

Lu Wu straightened its back and glared angrily at the five figures in the sky.

“They’re from the Great Void,” Yu Zhenghai said.

Duanmu Sheng, who was standing on Lu Wu’s head, looked at the five silver-armored guards and said, “It’s them again.”

The five silver-armored guards looked at the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion before they raised their hands and threw their halberds out in unison.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Black light appeared at the tips of the halberds before five streaks of light shot out.

Jiang Dongshan’s figure flashed away as he cried out, “Dodge!”

Jiang Dongshan’s reaction was quite fast.

A golden astrolabe with 20 Birth Charts bloomed in the sky in front of everyone and blocked the attacks.

Following that, Jiang Dongshan turned around and said, “All of you, retreat now!”

Yu Zhenghai asked, “Why are you helping us?”

“Because I’m from the golden lotus domain,” Jiang Dongshan said with a smile. Then, he turned into a shooting star as he charged toward the five silver-armored guards.

Yu Zhenghai drew his Jasper Saber and said, “Master, I’ll be right back.”

Without waiting for Lu Zhou’s reply, Yu Zhenghai rushed out.

Upon seeing this, Mingshi Yin said, “Master, don’t be angry. Eldest Senior Brother has always been rash like this. When he returns, I’ll speak to him on your behalf.”

Everyone turned to look at Mingshi Yin immediately.

‘You? Do you really dare to do such a thing?’

Lu Zhou did not attack the silver-armored guards. He could clearly sense an abnormality on the ground that was a much bigger threat than the five silver-armored guards.. He silently recited the mantra for the Heavenly Writing power and looked down.

Chapter 1435: Heroes Cherishing Heroes

After casting the power of hearing and the power of smell, he sensed his surroundings. There was no living thing in this vast expanse of land, making him wonder briefly if this place was truly cursed.

Rumble!

Another strange movement came from below.

“All of you retreat.”

‘The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion obeyed the order and retreated 1,000 meters.

At the same time, the 49 swordsmen manifested energy swords and got into their formation.

This time, Yu Shangrong resisted the urge to compete with his Eldest Senior Brother. Instead, he focused on working with Lu Wu and Qin Naihe to defend. No matter how quiet it was now, it was best to be careful.

In the sky, the silver-armored guard pulled his halberd back. Just as he saw two figures rushing over, five beams of black light shot out.

Bang!

‘The beams of black light fused into a huge beam of light before shooting toward the two incoming figures.

Yu Zhenghai tapped his feet lightly on Bi An’s back and flew into the sky. He wielded his saber with both hands before he brought it down.

Bang!

Alas, the beam of black light was so powerful that it sent Yu Zhenghai flying back. Since he was very experienced in combat, he flipped in the air, easily regaining his footing.

Bi An flew over swiftly and caught Yu Zhenghai, avoiding the beam of black light.

Jiang Dongshan’s cultivation was profound, after all. He raised his astrolabe and held it up against the beam of black light, withstanding its force before unleashing the power of the Birth Charts.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The beam of golden light pierced through the beam of black light, pushing the silver-guards back.

“Venerable Master?”

‘The silver-armored guards could naturally sense Jiang Dongshan’s strength. The five of them exchanged a look before they hurriedly gathered together; two of them stood in front while the other three stood at the back. Their silver armor glinted as they swooped down and manifested their avatars.

Buzz!

‘The five people’s avatars were that of a Venerable Master, looking mighty as they towered in the air.

“So strong?” Yu Zhenghai frowned. He chose to avoid the danger and lowered his altitude.

“Kill the weakling first!”

The five avatars burst forth with energy seals immediately and attacked Yu Zhenghai.

Lu Zhou frowned upon seeing this. Just as he was about to save Yu Zhenghai, Jiang Dongshan expanded his astrolabe, covering an area of three kilometers.

Jiang Dongshan held his astrolabe and advanced instead of retreating.

Boom!

A loud explosion as though the sky had collapsed rang in the air.

The astrolabe clashed with the five silver-armored guards and continued its ascent.

"He's really powerful," Yan Zhenluo said, filled with praise.

"He's no ordinary golden lotus cultivator. When did the golden lotus domain have such a powerful cultivator?"

"That's right. He's a Venerable Master with 20 Birth Charts!"

Cultivators with this level were rare and contributed to the imbalance as well.

Boom!

The silver-armored guards were pushed up, almost entering the black fog. Once again, they erupted with tyrannical strength as they smashed down.

A huge circular ripple out in the sky for about 10,000 meters. The flying beasts within its range were all killed and dropped from the sky.

Jiang Dongshan's expression changed slightly as he descended. It was truly not easy to fight one against five people. In just a blink of an eye, he appeared in front of the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion.

"Let me help you," Yu Zhenghai shouted.

'The Great Dark Heaven Palm flew toward the five silver-armored guards, shining as bright as a star. One of them glanced at Yu Zhenghai and said with a sneer, "You overestimate yourself."

A black palm seal sailed in the air.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

In the face of this attack, the Great Dark Heaven Palm was completely destroyed.

As the black palm seal continued forward, the void around it seemed to freeze.

'As screeching noise rang in the air, everyone's eyes widened in surprise.

Lu Zhou frowned. Without another word, he sent the Hourglass of Time out.

'An even more profound law of time shrouded the entire place as electric arcs shot toward everyone.

Lu Zhou flew and arrived above Yu Zhenghai in just a blink of an eye. Then, he spun around and pushed Yu Zhenghai and Bi An back.

After two seconds passed, more than half of the sand in the hourglass had dropped to the bottom.

Lu Zhou flashed again and arrived by Jiang Dongshan's astrolabe before time resumed.

In the Jiang Dongshan and the five silver-armored guards' eyes, it looked as though Lu Zhou had suddenly appeared between them like a ghost.

'The five silver-armored guards were shocked and were about to attack again when Lu Zhou said in a deep voice, "How dare you behave atrociously in front of me?"

Lu Zhou pushed the Confinement Seal, which had been imbued with the divine power, out. It expanded swiftly and crashed into the five silver-armored guards' chests.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The five silver-armored guards' protective energies were instantly shattered as they flew backward, throwing up blood.

Lu Zhou stepped on Jiang Dongshan's astrolabe and flew out to chase after them. He turned around and said, "Young man, you've done what you can."

Jiang Dongshan withdrew his astrolabe and cupped his fists at Lu Zhou as he said, "Thank you for your teachings, senior."

Lu Zhou arrived in front of the five silver-armored guards in just a blink of an eye. Then, he used He Luoyu's life heart ability as he moved, manifesting ten clones.

One of the silver-armored guards gasped before he shouted, "Scatter!"

Lu Zhou arrived in front of the guard who had spoken. His hand was extended, aiming straight for his opponent's heart.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Five consecutive palm strikes shot out.

Blood spurted in the air.

Lu Zhou received five notifications for the destruction of the target's Birth Charts.

"He's been demoted!"

The clones disappeared at this moment.

'The remaining four silver-armored guards' faces were ashen.

"Great Venerable Master? He's actually a Great Venerable Master?"

Despair rose in the silver-armored guards' hearts immediately.

"Let's go!"

'The four silver-armored guards struck with their palms in unison, attempting to block Lu Zhou's attacks.

'The sky exploded with energy seals from the battle.

As the four silver-armored guards held Lu Zhou back, they quickly grabbed their injured comrade before they turned to flee.

Lu Zhou hovered in the air as he watched the five figures flee.

“Why didn’t Pavilion Master chase after them?”

“It’s beneath the Pavilion Master to chase after such insignificant opponents.”

“Good point.”

On the other hand, Jiang Dongshan, who had just escaped from danger, said grimly, “I’m afraid we’re letting the tigers return to the mountain. There are definitely more than five silver-armored guards.”

At this time, Lu Zhou waved his hand, and Unnamed in the form of a bow appeared in his hand. An energy arrow that was several feet long appeared on the bow. He pulled the bowstring back until the bow resembled a full moon.

Twang!

Lu Zhou’s fingers moved swiftly as fired energy arrows after energy arrows out.

‘The energy arrows, which had been imbued with the divine power, tore through the sky toward their targets. They streaked across the sky menacingly before they struck the backs of their respective targets.

‘Thousand Realms Whirling avatars appeared and disappeared in the air.

‘The five silver-armored guards were now severely injured. As a Primal Qi storm began to rage in the sky, they plummeted from the sky.

Lu Zhou called out, “Lu Wu.”

“Leave them to me!” Lu Wu stomped on the ground and leaped toward the five silver-armored guards. As soon as it landed, he began to tear into them in a frenzy.

Notification after notification rang in Lu Zhou’s mind as Lu Wu went in for the kill.

Jiang Dongshan. “...”

Yu Zhenghai moved to stand next to Jiang Dongshan and looked at Lu Wu as he asked, “Are you okay?”

“L.. I’m fine,” Jiang Dongshan replied.

Yu Zhenghai said, “You’re quite brave.”

“You flatter me... In this vast Unknown Land, danger lurks everywhere. If one’s not careful, one would die. It’s not easy to meet people from my hometown. How can I stand aside and do nothing?” Jiang Dongshan said with a sigh.

“You’re from the golden lotus domain? Why haven’t I heard of you?” Yu Zhenghai asked.

Jiang Dongshan sighed before he said, “I left the golden lotus domain long ago and hid in the Unknown Land. This is the only way to curb the imbalance. People tend to suffer after leaving their homes. However, if I didn’t leave, the Great Void and I would’ve targeted the golden lotus domain. At least, I

could survive after I came here. In fact, there are many people like me.”

Kong Wen and his brothers could not help but empathize upon hearing these words. He cupped his hands at Jiang Dongshan and said, “We’re all in the same boat.”

Jiang Dongshan nodded and said with a smile, “I didn’t expect there to be an expert here. Looks like I was worried for nothing.”

“Let me introduce you. This is the Pavilion Master of the Evil Sky Pavilion! In fact, mere Venerable Masters aren’t worthy of the Pavilion Master personally taking action,” Kong Wen proudly said..

Chapter 1436: Signs of the Pillar of Destruction Collapsing

Jiang Dongshan was inwardly surprised. Those words implied that the other party was stronger than a Venerable Master. Moreover, based on the other party’s earlier attack, it was clear that the other party had held back. To be able to injure five Venerable Masters so easily, it was likely that the other party was a Saint.

Jiang Dongshan bowed and Lu Zhou said, “Thank you for saving me, senior.”

Lu Zhou said, “There’s no need for that.”

Then, Lu Zhou flew over in a leisurely manner to the front of the group before leaping onto Whitard’s back. When he lightly patted Whitard’s side, Whitard turned around and spat out an orb of white light. With that, his divine power recovered swiftly.

Subsequently, Lu Zhou used his Heavenly Writing power to sense his surroundings again. There was no movement at all. Had whatever it was left?

At this time, the black energy on the ground had vanished.

Lu Zhou turned to Jiang Dongshan and asked, “You’re from the golden lotus domain?”

“That’s right,” Jiang Dongshan replied.

“When did you leave the golden lotus domain?”

“This...” Jiang Dongshan did not expect to be asked such a blunt question. In the end, he said, “I can’t remember clearly. I only remember it was chaotic at the time, and the imbalance was really bad.”

“Was this after the land split?”

Jiang Dongshan sighed lightly and said, “A Saint can live to 100,000 years old while a Venerable Master can live until 30,000 years old.”

In other words, Jiang Dongshan was only a Venerable Master so how could it be at the time when the land just split.

Lu Zhou asked again, “The golden lotus domain had an eight-leaf limit previously. Logically, you can’t even sprout your ninth leaf, let alone become a Venerable Master.”

Upon hearing this, Jiang Dongshan chuckled and said, "That's just a limit; it's not like the shackles of heaven and earth. The golden lotus domain's limit was nothing but a lack of lifespan to sprout the ninth leaf."

"That's right. How did you solve the problem?" Meng Changdong had a deep impression of this topic since he and Si Wuya had previously discussed it.

"Golden lotus cultivators didn't have enough lifespan to sprout the ninth leaf, and they called it the heaven and earth shackles. However, this problem could be easily solved with enough life hearts. It was only difficult to find life hearts because there were no fierce beasts in the golden lotus domain due to a lack of powerful cultivators. It then formed a vicious cycle. Hence... I found a second way."

Everyone looked at Jiang Dongshan curiously.

Jiang Dongshan said awkwardly, "Assimilation."

"Assimilation?"

"Back then, I mistakenly entered the Unknown Land and ended up in the black lotus domain. After assimilating with the people there, I managed to enter the Thousand Realms Whirling stage. Following that, I returned to the golden lotus domain to return to my original state," Jiang Dongshan explained.

Zhu Honggong's eyes widened as he said, "Amazing! Brother, even if my Seventh Senior Brother is still alive, I'm afraid he wouldn't be as smart as you! What an amazing move!"

Jiang Dongshan said in confusion.

"It's a personal habit. Don't mind it. It's a sign of friendship," Zhu Honggong said as he patted Jiang Dongshan's shoulder.

Jiang Dongshan's bizarre story surprised everyone. No one expected him to break the limit in such a way.

Lu Zhou asked, "How many people like you are there in the Unknown Land?"

"I've met many of them, but I didn't keep count. Alas, the Unknown Land is too vast. No matter how humans are here, they're but a drop in the ocean," Jiang Dongshan said before he sighed emotionally.

At this time, Lu Wu had already cleaned up the five silver-armored guards and returned to the front of the group.

Lu Zhou said, "Follow me."

Lu Zhou rode on Whizard and flew toward the entrance of the Pillar of Destruction.

Jiang Dongshan raised his hand and asked, "Senior, are you really going in?"

Lu Zhou did not turn around as he said, "There's nothing for you to do here. You can leave now."

Lu Zhou walked into the Pillar of Destruction without looking back.

The others turned to look at Jiang Dongshan. They did not stay for long and followed Lu Zhou inside.

Jiang Dongshan wanted to follow them in as well, but Lu Wu glared at him and said, "You can leave now."

Jiang Dongshan cupped his fists at Lu Wu as he said, "We're from the same hometown. There's no need to make things difficult for each other. I'll see everyone again."

With just a flash, Jiang Dongshan disappeared from sight.

The interior of the Pillar of Destruction at Ping Dan was similar to the one in Ji Ming. There was no difference except that the blue barrier here was a little faint. Someone must have broken in here and caused a fluctuation in the barrier.

"Master, that Jiang Dongshan doesn't seem to harbor ill intentions. Moreover, he came from the golden lotus domain as well. Why did you drive him away?" Yu Zhenghai asked.

"The human heart is unpredictable," Lu Zhou calmly replied, "Moreover, there are many loopholes in his story. We have to be careful."

"Loopholes?"

"He said he came from the golden lotus domain and entered the Unknown Land by mistake. Even Ye Tianxin had a difficult time in the Moonlight Woodland. How could he have entered the Unknown Land by mistake?" Lu Zhou asked.

Everyone nodded.

"Secondly, he's been in the Unknown Land for a long time. His clothes are tattered, but how's it possible for his face to remain so clean and delicate. He's clearly not someone who has been through a lot of difficulties," Lu Zhou said.

Zhu Honggong's eyes widened as he gave Lu Zhou a thumbs-up and said, "Master is amazing and so observant! If master didn't say this, I wouldn't have thought about this at all. He's a liar with ill intentions. I wonder what's his purpose?"

"Enough." Lu Zhou raised his hand and pointed at the barrier. "The silver-armored guards from the Great Void have already appeared. Time is limited. Try and obtain recognition from this pillar."

Upon hearing this, everyone's interest was piqued again and was eager to give it a try.

"Let's go."

Yu Zhenghai took the lead and was the first to walk toward the barrier.

Everyone walked forward one after another.

One after another, they were bounced off.

Compared to the Pillar of Destruction at Ji Ming, the force from this barrier was much gentler.

Those who were repelled could only reveal helpless, regretful, and disappointed expressions on their faces.

Mingshi Yin who had been silently observing said, "Old Eighth, it's your turn."

Fear still lingered in Zhu Honggong's heart from his experience in Ji Ming. He slowly approached the barrier and said, "If I get recognition from the pillar, my name will be read backward from now on!"

Swoosh!

Following that, Zhu Honggong stepped forward and entered the barrier.

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Zhu Honggong:

Zhu Honggong was most afraid of awkward silence. He thought he was hallucinating until he saw everyone's eyes on him. He shuddered as he waved his hand repeatedly and said, "Hallucination! I must be hallucinating! How could it be me?"

There was no mistake. Zhu Honggong had indeed entered the barrier. Those who did not receive the Pillar of Destruction's recognition stepped forward to congratulate him.

"Congratulations, Mr. Eighth!"

Mingshi Yin said with a grin, "Gonghong Zhu, congratulations on receiving the Pillar of Destruction's recognition."

Everyone burst into laughter upon hearing these words.

Zhu Honggong frowned and said, "Fourth Senior Brother, there's no need to change my name. I was just joking earlier."

"Hmm, Gonghong Zhu indeed sounds unpleasant to the ears. From now on, I'll call you Hong Zhu instead. Not only is it pleasant to the ears, it feels more intimate as well."

Lu Zhou did not expect the process of recognition this time would be so smooth.

All of a sudden, a ball of black energy rose from the Great Void seedling.

"Be careful!"

Everyone was shocked.

The black energy rose from the Great Void soil.

Swoosh!

"Don't panic." Lu Zhou mobilized the divine power and entered the barrier. Then, he pressed his hand down, pressing the black energy down as well. Then, he grabbed four pieces of soil before he threw them out and said, "Yan Zhenluo, Lu Li, Meng Changdong, Hua Yuexing..."

The four people were very excited. After catching the blue crystals, they said in unison, "Thank you, Pavilion Master."

Lu Li who had the lowest limit for Birth Charts was especially excited. The blue crystal meant a lot to him.

Rumble!

A huge rock dropped down from above.

"Someone must have been in the barrier..."

Logically speaking, taking this amount of soil should not have caused such a huge reaction. It stood to reason that someone had already taken the soil before their arrival.

"Someone who obtained the recognition of the pillar as well?"

"A supreme being?"

Since three people from the Evil Sky Pavilion had obtained recognition from the Pillars of Destruction, it was not too hard to believe that there was someone else who had also obtained recognition.

"Supreme beings have no need for the soil so it's unlikely. Besides, no one has seen a supreme being before. It's unlikely for a supreme being to personally come here just to collect the Great Void soil," Yan Zhenluo said, "Let's not worry about this for now. We have to leave as soon as possible."

Everyone nodded and agreed with Yan Zhenluo.

Zhu Honggong spread his arms and said, "I don't feel anything."

After gaining recognition from the Pillar of Destruction, should there not be a burst of power? Why was it different now?

"You don't feel anything?" Mingshi Yin looked at Zhu Honggong in confusion.

After receiving the recognition of the Pillar of Destruction, the Great Void Seed in Zhu Honggong's body should have been activated. How could there be no movement at all?

Kong Wen blindly speculated, "Perhaps, it has already recognized someone else?"

Zhu Honggong, who was originally very excited, felt as though he had fallen to the bottom in just an instant. He said, aggrieved, "How can this be?"

Rumble!

Another huge rock fell from above.

"Let's go."

Lu Zhou grabbed Zhu Honggong and flew out of the barrier.

Everyone flew out of the Pillar of Destruction together. When they arrived outside the pillar

Rumble!

A much louder rumbling noise that could shake heaven and earth rang in the air.

Everyone instinctively turned to look and saw a huge crack that started from the entrance on the pillar snaked up past the dark fog.

"This..."

Everyone was stunned speechless.

The four people who had just obtained the blue crystals suddenly felt as though they were holding onto hot potatoes. They felt rather conflicted.

"Is the sky going to collapse?"

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion looked at the sky.

Lu Wu stared at the crack as well.

Zhu Honggong said anxiously, "This is bad. We've gone too far this time."

"If the Pillars of Destruction are going to collapse just because we took some of the Great Void soil, then they're truly too weak," Mingshi Yin said.

"What do you mean, Mr. Fourth?"

"It's obvious that some greater force is at play. Otherwise, why would the silver-armored guards coincidentally be here? Don't tell me they have the power of foresight?" Mingshi Yin said.

"Mr. Fourth has a point."

Crack!

The earth, mountains, and forests trembled as the air stilled.

With Ping Dan in the center, the tremors spread in all directions from hundreds of miles to hundreds of thousands of miles.

On the tip of the conical barrier in Ji Ming.

Princess Mulberry turned slightly and looked at the ring-shaped lake.

A slight ripple could be seen on the surface of the lake.

She sighed. "If we survive the disaster, I hope what's in the sky will return to the world.

With that, she returned inside the ice barrier.

Blue electric bolts flashed around the Pillar of Destruction and repaired the crack in just a blink of an eye.

Everything returned to normal.

"This pillar... How can it be like this?"

"Is it even possible for humans to construct such a pillar?! I won't believe it even if you beat me to death!" Zhu Honggong exclaimed.

Yan Zhenluo chimed in, "It's indeed hard to believe."

No one saw anything except for the bolt of lightning.

At this moment, Lu Zhou looked at the sky and said, "It's time to go."

Lu Zhou rode on Whitzard and flew into the sky.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The others quickly followed suit.

After the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion left, a figure appeared in the sky near the Pillar of Apocalypse.

The person muttered, "Is it you?"

The person stared at the Pillar of Destruction for a long time, unable to come to a conclusion.

At this moment, a figure that seemed to be made from rippling water appeared.

The person, who was hovering in the air, said respectfully, "Master."

The figure asked, "Is it him?"

Jiang Dongshan replied, "I'm not sure. His attacks were ruthless and decisive. On the surface, he looks fierce, but in truth, he's restrained. However, he didn't attack me..." He shook his head and continued to say, "It doesn't seem like it's him..."

"Do you recognize the short and fat man who rode on Dang Kang?"

Jiang Dongshan shook his head and answered truthfully, "No."

"He has great potential since he was recognized by the pillar. Follow them, and report back to me," the figure said.

"But..." Jiang Dongshan hesitated.

"If you complete your task well, I'll give you a true body."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Dongshan was overjoyed. He nodded and said, "Yes."

When Jiang Dongshan flew away, the water-like figure vanished as well.

Under Kong Wen and Lu Wu's lead, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion flew for half a month before entering an ancient forest.

Having long been accustomed to the darkness, they were no longer skittish when they entered the ancient forest.

"Pavilion Master, we're flying in the right direction. If everything goes smoothly, we should arrive at the Pillar of Destruction in Shanyan in three months. Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction is also the one closest to the periphery," Kong Wen said.

"Alright." Lu Zhou nodded. Then, he swept his gaze past everyone as he said, "There's no rush to go to the Pillars of Destruction. I hope all of you will cultivate diligently during this period of time."

Now that they obtained so many life hearts, cultivation resources, and blue crystals, everyone naturally could not wait to cultivate.

Lu Zhou brought out the Pillar of Impermanence and pushed it into the ground. Now that its spirituality had been awakened, he could further increase the speed. He could increase it 10,000 times faster, but the others would not be able to withstand it, and it would be detrimental to them.

“Alright, all of you may leave.”

Everyone bowed and left to look for places to cultivate.

Those who obtained the blue crystals absorbed the Great Void energy, causing those who had yet to obtain a blue crystal to feel envious.

After everyone left, Lu Zhou sat down cross-legged and let out a long sigh. “I didn’t expect to waste more than half a year just to travel to two Pillars of Destruction.”

It seemed like Fan Zhong was not lying back then when he said it took more than five years for him to cross the Unknown Land.

‘What they were doing now was only flying in a straight line at the periphery of the Unknown Land. If they went deeper, the time would be much longer.

Lu Zhou sensed the Pillar of Impermanence underground and felt the surging vitality energy in it. After a brief moment, he exclaimed in surprise, “30,000 years?”

This was not counting the years that it already possessed beforehand. It obtained 30,000 years just from the Void Chest tribesmen alone.

Chapter 1437: Divine Power from the Thousand Realms Whirling Avatar; Activating the Upper Limit

30,000 years were not a small number.

The Pillar of Impermanence had been in the ruins of Transient City for tens of thousands of years, but it had only accumulated about 100,000 years of life. However, just the battle with the Void Chest tribe alone gave it 30,000 years of life. Naturally, there was some loss as well, which was only normal.

In comparison, the Green Cicada Jade, a sacred relic, could only store 10,000 years of life.

“Not bad.”

Lu Zhou had gained a lot in the past half a year.

Previously, Lu Zhou had picked out a few suitable life hearts and stored them in the Vast Sky Bag. Now was the right time to use them. However, after thinking about it, he decided to start with his blue avatar first.

After becoming a Great Venerable Master, he could keenly feel that the amount of divine power he had was no longer enough. The blue avatar was only a Seven Leaf Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar now, which was far from enough. If he had a blue Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, perhaps, he would

have an endless supply of divine power. With that, he would not have to be so passive.

Lu Zhou waved his hand and manifested the blue avatar.

The seven leaves around the blue lotus were as dazzling as the sky.

“Upgrade.”

Lu Zhou moved the blue avatar closer to the Pillar of Impermanence.

As the blue ring of light fell from the avatar, life force surged up from the ground into the blue avatar.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction as he watched the blue avatar enter the process of being upgraded. With his experience, it was easy to sprout another leaf.

Then, he called up the system interface to have a look.

Remaining lifespan: 13,647,389 (37,390 years)

He had about 30,000 years from the Pillar of Impermanence. It was more than enough for a few upgrades without touching his lifespan.

Then, he looked at his merit points.

Merit points: 1,493,680

He had earned and spent a lot of merit points so there was not much change to his merit points. After becoming a Great Venerable Master, the number of merit points he could earn was getting smaller and smaller. Merit points from killing those below the stage of a Venerable Master were also

insufficient. He thought perhaps, he should focus on obtaining merit points through other people worshipping him.

‘Is this the meaning of ‘merit’?’

With this, he thought about the merit stone he had seen in the Scripture of Sermons.

“Could it be that the merit stone is a source of power?” Lu Zhou muttered to himself. It was a hard-to-believe deduction, but he thought it was possible. He continued thinking but could not figure it out.

He rose to his feet and paced back and forth. He looked around and smelled the trees, flowers, and plants in the dark and ancient forest. Although it was dark and cold all year round, everything in the Unknown Land was still filled with vitality. It was a fierce kind of tenacity that was stronger than anything in the nine domains.

Lu Zhou sat down cross-legged again. After a moment, he heard a crip noise. He looked up and saw a new leaf on the lotus.

“The eighth leaf.” Lu Zhou was slightly moved. The sprouting of the eighth leaf was exceptionally smooth and was completed in less than the time it took to brew a pot of tea.

Lu Zhou looked at the leaves and nodded in satisfaction.

He was now a Great Venerable Master with 20 Birth Charts, but the blue avatar’s level was still very low and had a lot of room for improvement. However, just like a college student taking a primary school exam, it was very easy for him to upgrade it.

“Ding! Eight Leaf Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar. The next upgrade will cost 10,000 years of life.”

Fortunately, the lifespan needed to upgrade did not increase.

“Continue.”

Now that the Pillar of Impermanence had awakened its spirituality, he could now completely control it. Even if it had to give up all of its life force, it would not resist. However, there was no need to completely drain its life force.

Lu Zhou observed the blue avatar. The eighth leaf was important; it used to be the limit in the golden lotus domain, after all. However, it was really too weak compared to the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

Lu Zhou could clearly sense the life force in the Pillar of Impermanence decreasing. After the blue avatar had been upgraded, it was absorbing the life force much more swiftly than before.

After that, Lu Zhou closed his eyes and meditated on the Heavenly Writing while the blue avatar continued with its upgrade.

After meditating on the Heavenly Writing for half a day, he had already recovered all his divine power.

He opened his eyes and looked at the blue avatar. Perhaps, it was due to the psychological shadow of the past, he felt slightly nervous waiting for the ninth leaf.

Nonetheless, his worries were proved unfounded when he heard another crisp sound.

“Huh? It’s upgraded so quickly?” Lu Zhou frowned slightly. He felt uneasy again thinking about how it went too smoothly.

The height of the blue avatar had changed, and the lotus had grown bigger as well. Blue lightning bolts could be seen flashing around it as well.

“Ding! Nine Leaf Hundred Tribulations avatar. The next upgrade will cost 10,000 of life.”

Lu Zhou relaxed slightly as he looked at the ninth leaf. The limit had long been broken. Moreover, clearly, the blue avatar was not bound by the limit in the golden lotus domain.

“Continue!”

After sprouting the tenth leaf, he would activate a Birth Chart and turn the blue avatar into a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. At that time, his divine power would surely increase greatly.

Swoosh!

The blue avatar began to spin, forming a vortex at the bottom of the lotus. The vortex greedily absorbed the life force from the Pillar of Impermanence as the blue avatar kept growing bigger and bigger like a tree.

Divine power kept surging out of his Dantian’s sea of Qi.

“The limit has increased!” Lu Zhou could sense the limit of the divine power he had at one time had increased greatly.

For three days and three nights, the blue avatar continued spinning, absorbing the life force from the Pillar of Impermanence.

With the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence, three days were equivalent to 300 days.

The spinning of the blue avatar grew slower and slower, and when it came to a stop, a crisp noise rang in the air. The tenth leaf had sprouted. It looked a little weak in the beginning, but in just a moment, it looked sharp and deadly.

“Tenth leaf...” Lu Zhou found it slightly hard to believe that he had easily sprouted the tenth leaf. He waved his hand, bringing the blue avatar close to him so he could have a better look. It was indeed the tenth leaf.

Subsequently, Lu Zhou brought out the life heart of Xi Qu, a beast king, from the Vast Sky Bag. He thought the blue avatar would not have any special abilities. Instead, it would increase basic attributes such as defense, attack power, and agility.

Lu Zhou tried to make the blue avatar jump.

Whoosh!

The blue avatar left the lotus and jumped several feet into the air. At the same time, the blue lotus turned translucent. When it returned to the lotus, the lotus appeared again.

“Energy sword.” Lu Zhou lifted his hand as an energy sword appeared between two of his fingers.

The blue avatar mimicked him, and a blue energy sword appeared between its fingers.

The synchronization between Lu Zhou and the avatar’s movements was very smooth.

Lu Zhou flicked his wrist.

Bang!

The energy swords flew out.

The golden energy swords flew for a long time without dissipating. On the other hand, the blue energy sword dissipated after flying for about 100 meters.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. This could be considered a great improvement.

Following that, Lu Zhou did not hesitate and placed the life heart on his lotus seat.

With that, 36 distinct zones for the Birth Charts lit up at once.

“The upper limit of the Birth Palace is fully activated?!”

Chapter 1438: From a Free Man to a Venerable Master

Directly opening all 36 zones in his Birth Palace in one go had exceeded his expectation. After all, he had yet to open all 36 zones in his golden avatar’s Birth Palace.

For a brief moment, Lu Zhou thought his eyes were playing tricks on him. He looked again and confirmed that there were indeed 36 zones in Birth Palace to accommodate 36 life hearts.

At this time, the life heart was slowly sinking into the Birth Palace.

As expected, there was no problem with activating the first Birth Chart with a beast king's life heart.

In the future, he would have to think of a way to obtain better life hearts.

The area grew distinct in the Birth Chart, indicating that the process was well underway. A vortex appeared, absorbing his lifespan.

Lu Zhou looked at his lifespan on the system panel.

The full opening of the upper limit had greatly exceeded Lu Zhou's expectations.

His Golden Lotus Life Palace had yet to reach the talent of full opening, but his Blue Dharma body had already been fully opened.

Lu Zhou thought that his eyes were playing tricks on him. He opened his eyes slightly and looked again. The area of the Blue Lotus seat was enough to accommodate thirty-six life spans. Indeed, the upper limit was the biggest.

The Life Grid Heart was like a piece of rock candy, slowly melting in the life palace.

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-200

-300

His lifespan kept decreasing. Its frequency was the same as the speed of the churning vortex.

"It's the same as ordinary activation of Birth Charts?" Lu Zhou perked up. This was his first time activating Birth Charts with the blue avatar so he took it very seriously and did not dare to be careless.

He continued observing his decreasing lifespan.

There was no distinction between night and day in the Unknown Land since the black fog covered the sky. In such an environment, it was easy to forget the passage of time.

Occasionally, the birds flying back in the sky would chirp, waking everyone up.

As for Lu Zhou, he only realized he had been absent-minded for an entire day when he heard the little Fire Phoenix's cry.

He looked down at his Birth Palace.

'What a coincidence.'

Aight flashed from the distinct pattern on the Birth Palace as a crisp noise rang out.

The height of the blue avatar had doubled, and its size had grown larger as well. It was now a deep sky blue that was dotted with stars. It was like a blooming desert bluebell or dazzling blue ink, shining brightly.

Lu Zhou looked at his lifespan.

Remaining lifespan: 27,398 years.

He had lost 10,000 years.

Lu Zhou frowned. "Activating my Birth Chart doesn't give me more years of life?"

'When activating Birth Charts with the golden avatar, one would lose years, but after the completion of the activation, one would gain a certain number of years.

After becoming a Venerable Master, one would gain 10,000 years of life with every activated Birth Chart.

Lu Zhou was very unhappy that activating Birth Charts with his blue avatar not only did not give him years of life, but he also lost years of life.

It was unprecedented for cultivators to have two avatars so Lu Zhou was unsure.

If he only cultivated his blue avatar, it was tantamount to suicide. Not to mention the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, he would not even be able to sprout ten leaves before his years were all absorbed by the blue avatar.

'Is this an evil and unorthodox path? Lu Zhou shook his head. No, it was against the law of conservation.

Lu Zhou recalled the time he was in the black lotus domain and was mistaken for Lu Tiantong, the ancestor of the Lu clan.

In Lu Tiantong's Scripture of Sermons, he had heard accusations about the unorthodox method. Was it possible that someone had cultivated blue lotus in the past?

"Is that why everyone mistakes me for Lu Tiantong, appearance aside? Then, who's the Unholy One?"

After a long time, Lu Zhou shook his head. The truth would come to light in the end; there was no need to rush things. He was sure these questions will slowly be resolved once he arrived at the Great Void.

They had obtained recognition from three Pillars of Destruction. If everything went smoothly, his ten disciples would all become first-class experts.

The Great Void's silver-armored guards had already appeared. The Evil Sky Pavilion had to increase its overall strength as soon as possible.

After Lu Zhou gathered his thoughts, he looked at the blue avatar and muttered, "Time to upgrade it to a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar."

Lu Zhou pressed his hand down.

The lotus spun.

At the same time, it looked as though millions of knives were cutting the blue avatar. Soon enough, the appearance of the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar vanished.

"How fast!"

Forming the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar was like remolding the avatar's appearance completely. The entire process was usually long and painful.

In just a few breaths, Lu Zhou could already faintly see the appearance of a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. Then, the 36 zones lit up one after another in the Birth Palace before a blue astrolabe appeared at the back of the avatar, reflecting the lotus seat.

Inacertain place in the Great Void.

Jiang Wenxu paced back and forth.

At this moment, a subordinate walked in from outside and said with a bow, "Master, the 3,000 silver-armored guards have been dispatched. However, I received news that five are dead. All five were Venerable Masters. The whereabouts of the murdered is unknown. Apart from that, there is no news from

Jiang Dongshan who has gone to the Unknown Land."

"Five? In the nine domains, there are very few people capable of killing a silver-armored guard, let alone five," Jiang Wenxu said.

"What do you mean, Master?"

Jiang Wenxu did not reply to the question, Instead, he asked, "What's Lan Xihe been doing lately?"

"I don't know," the subordinate said as he shook his head.

"Send someone to investigate in secret. As for that Ouyang, since he likes to play games, I'll play with him," Jiang Wenxu said.

"Understood," the subordinate said before leaving.

Ten days later.

Early in the morning.

In a dark ancient forest in the Unknown Land.

Lu Zhou looked at the blue avatar in front of him. Then, he looked at the 36 distinct patterns on the astrolabe that flashed briefly before only one of them stayed lit up.

His blue avatar was now a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. This meant it could now unleash the power of the Birth Chart.

After admiring it for a while, Lu Zhou decided to test the blue avatar.

He lifted his hand and formed a crystal clear energy sword.

The blue avatar moved to form an energy sword as well. Its movements were smooth.

Following that, it changes into an energy saber, an energy spear, and all kinds of energy weapons. Finally, it pushed its hand out.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The energy seal was like a meteor as it pierced through the ancient trees.

Lu Zhou looked at the Blue Dharma body in front of him. The astrolabe had been formed. In the twelve regions, thirty-six triangles were stacked one after another, naturally rushing out of the Life Palace region.

Following that, a blue energy seal shot out, leaving holes in over 100 trees before it dissipated.

It was truly powerful.

Lu Zhou flashed, vanishing into thin air and reappearing high up in the sky. He surveyed his surroundings. It was dark and gloomy, perfect for testing out his strength.

In fact, although the environment was harsh, due to the rich Primal Qi here, it was extremely beneficial to cultivate here.

Lu Zhou looked at a mountain in the distance and nodded. "Alright, I choose you."

Then, he pushed his hand out.

The blue astrolabe was unique and dazzling as a beam of light shot out at lightning speed.

Whoosh!

Boom!

The beam of light pierced the mountain, leaving a circular hole on the mountain.

"This power..." Lu Zhou was surprised. The blue avatar that had just entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage with one Birth Chart was actually as powerful as his golden avatar that had 20 Birth Charts. How could he not be surprised?

Lu Zhou sensed his divine power. It had indeed consumed a lot of divine power, but it was still less than using the Heavenly Writing powers. The rate of consumption was sustainable. Apart from that, the limit of his divine power had also increased. He no longer had to scrimp and save like before as

though he was squeezing out toothpaste from an almost-empty tube.

Lu Zhou was extremely satisfied.

With just a flash, he returned to the ancient forest.

Over the next few days, Lu Zhou did not cultivate. Instead, he practiced and improved the sword control of the blue avatar and its basic movements.

He also used the leaves and the lotus separately.

Overall, he was satisfied.

After he was done, he finally remembered something.

"I forgot about my golden avatar..."

He had been engrossed with upgrading his blue Seven Lead Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar into a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar and had spent ten years under the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence to do so. It would likely take about the same amount of time to activate his 21st Birth Chart.

“Let’s see how much the others improved before I make a decision.”

Lu Zhou rose to his feet before he pointed at the ground.

Bang!

The Pillar of Impermanence emerged from the ground. Then, he cut off the effect of the pillar.

The others could naturally sense this. All of them opened their eyes and gathered from all directions. In the range of the Pillar of Impermanence, ten years passed in just a blink of an eye.

The first to appear was Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong. After ten years, both of them had grown a slight beard, making them look more domineering. Due to his appearance, Yu Shangrong still looked like a gentleman, just that he was more mature and steady now.

“Master!”

The duo bowed.

Following that,

Before long, Duanmu Sheng, Mingshi Yin, Zhu Honggong appeared one after another. Perhaps, due to their youth, their appearance did not change much. However, their auras were energetic. After obtaining recognition from the Pillars of Destruction and activating their Great Void Seeds, it was only natural that their rate of improvement was now the fastest in the Evil Sky Pavilion.

The four elders, the Guardians, the Left and Right Envoys, the Free Man, and the others appeared next.

Finally, Little Yuan’er and Conch arrived. The two of them had grown up, looking graceful and beautiful.

“Pavilion Master.”

“Master!”

After everyone greeted Lu Zhou, he nodded in satisfaction and asked, “Is everyone here?”

After Kong Wen finished counting, he said, “Apart from you, there are 28 people. Everyone’s present.”

Lu Zhou nodded and said as he swept his gaze past everyone, “Under the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence, ten years had passed. I assume all of you have improved greatly.”

Lu Zhou sensed the changes in his auras.

Apart from his disciples, those who had absorbed the Great Void energy from the blue crystals, especially the four elders, had made the greatest improvement. They were all talented and experienced. During these ten years, each of them had activated two Birth Charts.

Shen Xi, Li Xiaomo, and the others had yet to obtain the blue crystals so their progress was slower. Even then, they had all activated one Birth Chart.

Lu Zhou thought about testing their strengths but dismissed the idea since there were too many of them present. One's cultivation base was considered a private matter. Hence, he decided on a general and collective test. He said, "I want to test all of you."

Lu Zhou flipped his hand before he pushed it down.

A wave of energy with the force of a mountain sailed out immediately.

Everyone was caught off guard and was sent flying back at the same time.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were the first to react. They quickly stabilized themselves.

The others flew ten meters back before they landed on the ground one after another.

Lu Zhou nodded. Then, he increased his strength and launched another wave of energy.

Whoosh!

Energy like raging waves swept out. It did not hurt them, only pushing them back.

Yu Zhenghai was quick to react. He stabbed his large saber into the ground and held onto the handle, stabilizing himself.

Yu Shangrong held the sword with both hands as he stabbed it into an ancient tree and held his ground.

Qin Naihe was the steadiest. He was as steady as Mount Tai, and there was even a faint smile on his face.

Pan Zhong, Zhou Jifeng, Kong Wen, and his brothers were the first to be sent flying out since they had lower cultivation bases.

The four elders' performance was beyond Lu Zhou's expectations. Even if they had activated two Birth Charts, it was still not an easy feat for them to stand their ground like Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong.

"Watch out," Lu Zhou said as he unleashed another wave of energy seals.

All his disciples displayed their strength. They manifested energy weapons and used them to stand their ground. They also used energy seals to block the force blowing at them.

The wave of energy was like a gust of violent wind, making everyone feel uncomfortable.

At this time, Meng Changdong, Shen Xi, and Li Xiaomo lost their footing.

Then, Lu Zhou looked at those who managed to stand their ground and said, "I hope you'll be able to withstand the next wave."

Like light and shadow, permeating everywhere while staying still in Samadhi.

A blue lotus bloomed as another wave of energy swept out. This time, it was slightly damaging, unlike the previous waves. Despite the slight damage force, the surging force was beyond everyone's understanding.

Qin Naihe's expression changed slightly as he took a few steps back. He had no choice but to use an energy seal to stabilize himself.

Yu Zhenghai's saber flew out, and he manifested his astrolabe and held it in front of him.

Yu Shangrong flipped twice in the air before landing on the ground, piercing his sword into the ground.

The others were all sent flying; there was no suspense.

Finally, Lu Zhou withdrew his energy.

Everyone slumped to the ground one after another.

"Aiyo, master, how can we be a match for you?" Zhu Honggong said as he patted his butt.

Lu Zhou said with a hint of reproach, "You still dare to complain when you're not strong enough?"

"Lwas wrong," Zhu Honggong said, admitting his mistake immediately.

Little Yuan'er had been using the Nirvana Sash the entire time. Many of the ancient trees were tied up by the Nirvana Sash, and she had yet to completely extricate it. She said, slightly aggrieved, "Master, you attacked too quickly. I wasn't prepared."

No one said anything. They were all shocked by Lu Zhou's strength.

Lu Zhou looked at Little Yuan'er and asked, "Yuan'er, do you want to try again?"

Little Yuan'er hurriedly shook her head and waved her hands as she said, "No, no, I don't want to."

Zuo Yushu walked forward and stabbed her Coiling Dragon Staff into the ground before she said, "The little girl's cultivation has improved the most. It's a pity that she doesn't have enough skills and combat experience so she's in such a sorry state."

"Oh?" Lu Zhou looked at Little Yuan'er and asked, "Did you recklessly activate your Birth Charts again?"

"No." Little Yuan'er shook her head.

"How many Birth Charts?" Lu Zhou asked.

Little Yuan'er lifted her hand and raised her index finger before slightly hooking it as she said, "Only... nine, master."

"Hm?" Lu Zhou looked at Little Yuan'er.

Little Yuan'er straightened her back and lowered her head before answering, "I... I have ten."

Lu Zhou only looked at her quietly.

Little Yuan'er raised her head to peek at her master. When she saw her master looking at her, she said, "11... I'm telling the truth, master."

"Astrolabe," Lu Zhou said. Since it was not appropriate to look at her Birth Palace with so many people around, the astrolabe was a good and appropriate substitute.

Little Yuan'er manifested her astrolabe. The distinct zones lit up one after another.

"It's really 11 Birth Charts?"

"So she activated three Birth Charts in a row? No way!"

Everyone looked envious. Comparison was truly infuriating.

Before they began to cultivate, Little Yuan'er only had eight Birth Charts. Who knew she would activate three Birth Charts in ten years?

Lu Zhou asked, "If you're so capable, why didn't you continue to activate your 12th Birth Chart?"

Little Yuan lowered her head and said, "It hurts..."

Lu Zhou said with a hint of wryness, "So you still know how to feel pain."

"Maybe it's because I'm close to my second Birth Trial," Little Yuan'er mumbled.

"It's good that you know how to feel pain. You mustn't be impatient in the future."

"Understood."

"Ding! Obtained 500 merit points for educating Little Yuan'er."

This notification reminded Lu Zhou that he had yet to let Little Yuan'er and Conch complete their apprenticeship. After thinking about it for a moment, he thought now was not the time. Since he would be able to obtain a rare item card, it was not a bad idea to wait until the critical moment.

Little Yuan'er still remembered her promise so she said, slightly unwilling, "But I want to catch up to Second Senior Brother within five years."

Yu Shangrong smiled slightly and said, "I'm glad Ninth Junior Sister is using me to set your goal..."

Little Yuan'er ran over to Yu Shangrong and asked, "Second Senior Brother, what's your cultivation base?"

Yu Shangrong turned to look at Little Yuan'er and discovered Little Yuan'er's height had already reached the bridge of his nose. She was slender, graceful, and beautiful like the clear streams, beautiful clouds, and a gentle melody.

Yu Shangrong maintained the slight smile on his face as he softly said, "It's a secret."

Little Yuan'er lost interest immediately.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai asked, "Ninth Junior Sister, why don't you ask me?"

Upon hearing this, Little Yuan'er turned around and asked excitedly, "Eldest Senior Brother, what's your current cultivation base?"

Yu Zhenghai stepped forward and knocked Little Yuan'er's forehead gently as he said, "It's very impolite to randomly inquire about other people's cultivation bases."

Little Yuan'er stomped her feet and said, "Boring!"

Everyone laughed.

There were too many members of the Evil Sky Pavilion. It was not that everyone was not trustworthy. However, keeping one's cultivation base a secret could come in handy to protect oneself during a critical moment.

Lu Zhou looked at Qin Naihe and asked, "Venerable Master?"

Qin Naihe was different from the others. He nodded proudly. "Yes."

Upon hearing this, everyone congratulated Qin Naihe.

"Congratulations, Venerable Master Qin!"

Qin Naihe waved his hands, looking awkward. "It's better if you address me as before. Otherwise, it'd be awkward if Venerable Master Qin hears this."

It was not awkward to wear the same clothes, but it would be too awkward to share the same name.

"Our Evil Sky Pavilion has finally produced a second Venerable Master!"

Everyone sighed emotionally.

Qin Naihe humbly said, "Qin Naihe thanks the Pavilion Master. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Alright."

"All of your progress isn't bad. Since that's the case, we'll set off tomorrow morning for Shanyan."

"Understood."

The next morning.

After getting on their mounts, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion flew off to Shanyan, leaving the ancient forest.

Two months later.

In a desert in the Unknown Land.

Fierce wind raged, stirring up the sand and blowing against the protective energies of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

They came to a stop on the horizon of the desert.

"As it turns out, Shanyan is in a desert," Yan Zhenluo said.

They had flown in the desert for half a month. It seemed like there was no end to the desert.

From time to time, there would be sandstorms, obscuring their visions.

"Pavilion Master, the Pillar of Destruction is up ahead," Kong Wen said.

Lu Zhou nodded. "The Pillars of Destruction have always been dangerous. Be careful."

"Understood."

Lu Zhou took the lead and flew forward on Whizard's back.

Not long after, they saw the Pillar of Destruction standing between heaven and earth. It was the only building in the center of the boundless desert.

The strong wind stirred up the sand that swirled around the Pillar of Destruction.

Whoosh!

Lu Zhou came to a stop and looked down.

Something bulged under the sand and moved at an extremely fast speed in the distance.

"It's a fierce beast," Kong Wen said.

"What is it?"

"It's hiding under the sand so I can't tell..."

Everyone instinctively raised their altitude.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

All of a sudden, many bulges appeared on the ground, undulating under the sand. Their number was difficult to estimate.

Mingshi Yin felt chills running up his spine as he said, "This trip to the Unknown Land has truly broadened my horizons. What are these things! They're disgusting!"

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi barked, clearly wanting to rush down.

"Do you want to die? I don't want to die. I cultivate the Bluewood Heart Technique. There's not a single plant down there. I'm not going to send myself to death!" Mingshi Yin said as he shrugged.

Qin Naihe said helplessly, "Let me check it out."

Then, Qin Naihe pressed his hand down, launching a palm seal.

Boom!

Swoosh!

It stirred up the sand, revealing countless red and black scorpions on the ground. They scrambled and burrowed under the sand again, vanishing from sight in just a blink of an eye.

"Nine Immense Mountain Scorpions!"

"What?"

"These scorpions are very venomous. It's said that there's no antidote for their poison. They're vicious and live in groups. With so many small scorpions around, the Scorpion King must be nearby."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Clean them up."

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe rushed over first.

Energy sabers and energy swords sailed in the air in just an instant, killing all the scorpions.

Lu Wu's method was very simple and violent. It walked casually without looking at the ground, stomping the scorpions under the sand to death.

As they killed the scorpions, they continued to advance toward the Pillar of Destruction. When they were about a kilometer away from the pillar, the bulges on the ground became bigger.

"It seems like the earlier ones are just appetizers. These are the main dish," Kong Wen said, surprised, "Fortunately, Mr. First and Mr. Second are powerful so it's not a problem to deal with them."

The group continued to advance steadily until

Swoosh!

The desert ground bulged, forming a huge and long ridge.

Following that, a long brown tail that was 1,000 feet long pierced toward Lu Zhou.

Everyone dodged to the left and right.

The sharp stinger aimed for Lu Zhou's glabella without any deviation, but he remained calm and unmoved.

Bang!

The stinger hit Lu Zhou's protective energy that glowed with a faint blue light. The protective energy was a combination of the power from his golden and blue avatars.

The stinger could not advance and was kept firmly at bay.

"The Scorpion King!" Kong Wen exclaimed.

Lu Zhou raised his hand, launching the Fiend Monk's Hand Seal.

The hand seal clamped down on the huge tail immediately.

Lu Zhou flew off Whizard's back as he said, "Show yourself."

Swoosh!

Then, with his bare hands, Lu Zhou pulled the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King.

The huge creature was the size of a mountain, stirring up a sandstorm when it was pulled out..

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Everyone watched in shock and disbelief as Lu Zhou dragged the gigantic scorpion out of the ground. They quickly regained their senses and rushed in all directions.

Yu Zhenghai ordered, "Kill the small ones!"

Lu Wu and Cheng Huang that were gigantic in size easily dealt with the small scorpions with just one slap.

The others flew back and forth, displaying their respective abilities.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were highly skilled in controlling and attacking with their energy sabers and energy swords.

Qin Naihe, who had become a Venerable Master, flew everywhere among the crowd, killing as he went.

After confirming that everyone was able to cope with ease, the divine power burst forth from his hand as he grabbed the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King and dragged it higher up into the sky. He did not want the Scorpion King to injure his people, after all.

Boom!

With their king gone, the small scorpions fell into chaos immediately. They could not even withstand a single blow.

Soon enough, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion killed all of the small scorpions.

The scorpions' carcasses that littered the ground were a nauseating sight.

They were not even interested in the scorpions' life hearts. After traveling in the Unknown Land for such a long time, ordinary life hearts could no longer attract their attention. Even Kong Wen, who used to look at all life hearts with bright eyes, was not very interested in ordinary life hearts anymore. His taste and vision had long improved.

After clearing a small area of the battlefield, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion rested as they watched the battle in the sky.

It was unfortunate that the wind and sand obscured their vision. Moreover, the loud whistling of the wind also impaired their hearing. In the end, they could only vaguely see the battle.

At this time, Qin Naihe, who had the best eyesight among the group, saw the faint blue light on Lu Zhou's body and exclaimed in surprise, "What's that?"

Whoosh!

Once again, fierce wind stirred up the sand, obscuring the sky even more.

In the sky.

The Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King brandished its pincers and struggled with all its might, trying to sting and poison Lu Zhou.

Poisonous liquid shot out from the stinger in the air, but it could not get close to Lu Zhou at all, blocked by his robe.

Lu Zhou held the blue astrolabe with his left hand and struck with his right hand. Then, a beam of light shot out of the blue astrolabe.

Boom!

It accurately hit the vital point of the Scorpion King.

‘The Scorpion King writhed in pain. A bloody hole could be seen on its body.

“What a strong defense,” Lu Zhou said, filled with praise. Naturally, he did not expect the blue avatar that had just entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage with one Birth Chart to kill the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King with one move.

He only manifested the blue avatar to test it out. He was rather satisfied with it. If it had the same number of Birth Charts as his golden avatar, its strength would be unimaginable.

Boom!

The Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King plummeted to the ground.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

‘The Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King seemed to realize its opponent was very strong, and it began to burrow into the ground, pushing the sand aside with its pincers.

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion flew up into the air, reminding each other to be careful.

Lu Zhou flashed and appeared at a low altitude. He clasped his hands on his back as he looked down.

‘Dao gives birth to one; one gives birth to two; two give birth to three; three give birth to all things. All things have Yin and Yang, giving birth to harmonious qi.’

Unnamed launched a sky full of energy swords that stabbed into the ground one after another. They attacked in a circular formation, sealing off all routes of escape.

Lu Zhou said in a deep voice, “Come out!”

Everyone looked down and saw the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King that was riddled with holes being dragged out of the ground by a net that was weaved from energy swords.

Lu Zhou flicked his wrist.

Unnamed unleashed a 10,000-foot-long energy sword that descended from the sky and pierced the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King.

“Ding! Killed a target. Reward: 5,000 merit points.”

After the fight, it was time to call it a day!

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeves, and the energy swords dissipated.

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion descended and surrounded the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King’s body.

Kong Wen stepped forward and said, “Let me do it.”

Kong Wen led his brothers to dissect the carcass and harvest the life hearts.

Life hearts rolled out one after another.

'When Kong Wen was done, he said excitedly, "Not bad! We have four!"

Lu Zhou thought that the Scorpion King's defenses were not bad so he kept one of the life hearts in the Vast Sky Back first. Then, he said, "Keep them well."

Kong Wen carefully put the life hearts away.

During their time here, they had witnessed too many killing scenes like that and had grown slightly numb to them.

Everyone returned their attention to the Pillar of Destruction again. It stood unwavering between heaven and earth in the midst of the sandstorm.

"Is there a zombie king guarding Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction?" Mingshi Yin asked.

No one had the answer to this question.

Lu Zhou said, "Follow closely."

Everyone streaked across the sky, through the sandstorm, and approached the Pillar of Destruction. Just as they drew close, a golden astrolabe streaked across the sky.

"Watch out. Someone's here," Yu Zhenghai said.

Everyone descended. They raised their heads to look at the golden astrolabe in the sky.

"Golden lotus cultivator?"

"It's Jiang Dongshan," someone said.

Lu Zhou looked into the distance before he turned back and said, "Zhao Hongfu, construct a runic passage nearby. Since the wind is strong here, coupled with the sand, it'll be easy to hide the passage."

"Understood."

Shen Xi and Li Xiaomo volunteered to protect Zhao Hongfu as she looked for a place to construct the runic passage.

Lu Zhou led the ground and continued moving forward through the sandstorm. When they were almost at their destination, the golden astrolabe flew over.

Jiang Dongshan was in a sorry state; he was covered in blood. He looked completely different from their last meeting.

Lu Zhou raised his head. "Jiang Dongshan."

Jiang Dongshan landed. His eyes were wide as he said, "Let's go!"

"Hm?"

Everyone was confused.

Jiang Dongshan said, clearly panicked, "It's the black-armored guards from the Great Void's Xuanyi Palace. Let's go!"

"Black-armored guards?"

Jiang Dongshan was so anxious that his forehead was drenched in sweat as he continued to say, "There might be a Great Dao Saint among them!"

The people were shocked when they heard the three words 'Great Dao Saint'.

Let alone a Great Dao Saint, even ordinary saints were powerful enough.

Buzz!

'A jade-green avatar appeared in front of Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction. It was so tall that the top could not be seen at all. It stood in front of the pillar like a huge Buddha. Then, it flew out toward Lu Zhou and the others.

"It's coming!" Jiang Dongshan fell limply to the ground.

Everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion felt nervous, and an unprecedented pressure assaulted their hearts.

Lu Zhou's gaze was like that of a falcon as he pressed his hand down. The Hourglass of Time fell to the ground as his divine power surged.

"Freeze."

Electric arcs snaked out in all directions.

Even Zhao Hongfu and the others who were quite a distance away were frozen in time.

"With one's true body and wisdom in the heavenly arts, one can reveal one's vast strength. With the cloud medallion, one will be able to hide from sight and avoid detection through various heavenly arts. The power of concealment!"

Swoosh!

The divine power shrouded the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion immediately.

'As the huge jade-green avatar flew in the sky, hundreds of black-armored guards flew behind it.

A puzzled voice rang from the sky at this moment as the avatar came to a halt.

"Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King?"

Lu Zhou looked up and saw a figure hovering above the head of the jade-green avatar. The figure held a jade horsetail whisk and glowed with a green light. He looked like an immortal who had descended to the secular world.

'Is he the Great Dao Saint? He seems even stronger than Lan Xihe.'

Lu Zhou glanced at the Hourglass of Time. Three seconds had passed. The power of concealment could still hold on a little longer.

The person holding the jade horsetail whisk looked at the Scorpion King's carcass and shook his head as he said with a sigh, "The people of the Sacred Hall are too cunning..." Then, he looked up ahead and said, "I hope my old friend is still alive. Let's go."

Swoosh!

'The group disappeared in just a blink of an eye.

Lu Zhou did not cut off the power of concealment immediately. Instead, he looked at the Hourglass of Time.

The blue sand continued to drop. Soon after, the last grain of sand dropped to the bottom.

Perhaps, it was due to his blue Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, he could sense that the sand was falling at a much slower speed. This meant he could freeze time for much longer.

After another three seconds, the effect of the Hourglass of Time ended, and Lu Zhou withdrew his hand, cutting off the power of concealment.

Qin Naihe exclaimed instantly, "Pavilion Master has comprehended such a strong power of the Dao!"

Lu Zhou turned around and asked, "You can feel it?"

Qin Naihe nodded and said respectfully, "Pavilion Master's methods are truly amazing!"

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong looked at each other.

"I can feel it as well," Yu Zhenghai said.

Yu Shangrong nodded. "Me too."

To be able to feel the power of the Dao, one had to be a Venerable Master or close to becoming a Venerable Master. However, now was not the time to discuss this.

To the others, it seemed like no time had passed at all. They were confused when they listened to the conversation. What had happened?

'The most confused person was Jiang Dongshan. He rose to his feet and looked at the empty space in front of Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction, perplexed. "They're gone?"

"Who?" Zhu Honggong asked.

"The black-armored guards..."

"L knew you're not a good person when we met previously. I didn't expect you to be so bold as to follow us here," Zhu Honggong said before he asked, "What's your purpose?"

Jiang Dongshan shook his head and waved his hands. "It's a misunderstanding! A misunderstanding! I really didn't follow you. I came here directly from Ping Dan! I didn't expect to meet you here. It's, it's really fate..."

Jiang Dongshan forced a smile on his face at the end of his words. Faced with so many pairs of eyes, he could not help but feel guilty. He was nervous as well when he recalled Lu Zhou's strong control of the power of the Dao.

Lu Zhou stared at Jiang Dongshan and asked, "You know about the black-armored guards as well?"

"I've run into them twice during my time in the Unknown Land. They're from one of the forces in the Great Void. Every few hundred years, many heavenly and earthly resources will grow around the Pillars of Destruction. Forces from the Great Void will send their people to collect all these treasures. This is likely the reason they're here as well this time. I just didn't expect a Great Dao Saint would come as well," Jiang Dongshan said.

"The jade-green avatar belongs to a Great Dao Saint?" Lu Zhou asked.

"That's right!" Jiang Dongshan said.

Mingshi Yin glanced sideways at Jiang Dongshan and said, "So you're saying you saved us?"

"Uh... That's not what I mean," Jiang Dongshan said awkwardly.

Lu Zhou asked, "What's the connection between the black-armored guards and the silver-armored guards?"

At this moment, Qin Naihe said, "Based on your words, there's more than one force in the Great Void."

Everyone nodded.

"It's been 100,000 years. Even the strongest person in the past wouldn't be able to maintain absolute rule over the place. It's only natural there are different forces," Mingshi Yin said.

Lu Zhou glanced in the direction where the people from the Great Void had left in before he turned around and flew toward Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction on Whizard's back.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Everyone hurriedly followed suit.

Jiang Dongshan endured the pain and quickly followed the others as well.

'When they arrived right in front of Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction, everyone looked around in surprise.

Fierce beasts' carcasses littered the ground in front of the Pillar of Destruction. There were even human corpses.

"silver-armored guards!"

"They even killed the silver-armored guards?"

Mingshi Yin sighed. "Our ancestors didn't lie. Wherever there are people, there'll be conflicts."

Kong Wen and the others flew around to check the surroundings and soon returned.

Kong Wen bowed and said, "Pavilion Master, the area within a five-mile radius is filled with fierce beasts' carcasses and some human corpses. I found about 30 dead silver-armored guards and five black-armored guards. All the life hearts of the fierce beasts have been harvested."

Mingshi Yin asked curiously, "What were they doing here? This is a desert. Nothing grows here."

Everyone looked at the Pillar of Destruction.

"Only the people from the Great Void have the answer to this question. In any case, this is good. The fiercer they fight among themselves, the better it is for us," Lu Li said with a sigh. He was reminded of the Black Tower Council that fell into decline because of internal conflicts. Although the Black Lotus

Tower was still ranked very high in the black lotus domain, it was not as glorious as it used to be.

Lu Zhou said, "Stick to the plan."

"Yes."

Everyone followed Lu Zhou into the Pillar of Destruction.

With the previous experiences, they were familiar with the way. Once they entered, they began to try to obtain recognition from the Pillar of Destruction.

Dreams were beautiful, but reality was harsh.

Most of the people in the Evil Sky Pavilion were mercilessly rejected by the barrier in the Pillar of Destruction.

Zhu Honggong said before he walked toward the barrier, "I keep feeling like I didn't really obtain the recognition from the Pillar of Destruction in Ping Dan. I'm sure this is the one for me."

Soon enough, Zhu Honggong was sent flying back. He crashed against the wall and slid down to the ground.

"Aiyo!" Zhu Honggong cried out in pain, "How can this be?! Why are all of you fine? Why am I alone in so much pain?"

Mingshi Yin rolled his eyes. "That's because you've already received recognition from Ping Dan's Pillar of Destruction."

"Why don't I feel anything then?"

"You'll have to ask yourself that," Mingshi Yin said.

Lu Zhou walked to the edge of the barrier and gently touched it.

A buzzing noise rang in the air immediately.

'As soon as he mobilized the divine power, the noise vanished. Then, he easily stepped into the barrier again.

Jiang Dongshan exclaimed in shock, "H-how's this possible?!"

Everyone looked at Jiang Dongshan disdainfully. There was nothing to be surprised about, after all.

Lu Zhou observed the Great Void seedling. It looked healthy, and the soil looked untouched. Then, he casually grabbed four pieces of soil and tossed them out.

“Kong Wen, these are for you and your brothers.”

Kong Wen was overjoyed. ‘It’s finally our turn!’

Jiang Dongshan gulped before he said, “You came for the Great Void soil?”

“What do you think?”

Lu Zhou grabbed another piece of soil, keeping it for Zhao Hongfu. Then, he left the barrier and looked at the others as he said, “Don’t waste time. Obtain its recognition as soon as possible.”

Everyone nodded.

Jiang Dongshan frowned and asked, “You still want to gain its recognition?”

“Is there a problem?” Zhu Honggong asked.

“N-no problem,” Jiang Dongshan replied. He remembered Zhu Honggong. The master had asked him to observe Zhu Honggong after all. Not only did he have Dang Kang as a mount, but he also obtained recognition from Ping Dan’s Pillar of Destruction. Hence, he was sure Zhu Honggong would have great achievements in the future. He should try to get close to such a person. He thought to himself, ‘To be able to obtain recognition from the pillar, he’s one in 10,000. Even if he doesn’t become a supreme being, he will still become a Saint so...’

Buzz!

Zhao Yu stepped into the barrier and looked around blankly. Then, an expression of surprise and delight appeared on her face.

Jiang Dongshan:

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Jiang Dongshan stared blankly at Zhao Yue who had just stepped into the barrier. Confusion was written all over his face. He suddenly felt like the barrier was fake or that anyone could enter it. Perhaps, there was no such thing as obtaining recognition from the Pillars of Destruction. He thought he was

hallucinating so he rubbed his eyes before he took a look again.

Zhao Yue was in disbelief as well. She stepped out before stepping into the barrier again.

Jiang Dongshan walked over, driven by instinct. As soon as he touched the barrier, electric currents shocked him. He could not enter. The barrier was not fake.

At this moment, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion congratulated Zhao Yue one after another.

“Congratulations, junior sister.”

“Congratulations, senior sister.”

“Congratulations, Miss Fifth.”

Zhao Yue’s expression was one of joy as she thanked the people around her. Similar to Zhu Honggong, there was not much movement when she gained recognition from the Pillar of Destruction. Her Great Void Seed did not appear. She could only faintly see the energy in the barrier shrouding her.

Lu Zhou nodded slightly. Perhaps, with more Great Void Seeds being activated, the movement was no longer as great. As expected, he saw the Great Void seedling’s energy in the barrier change. He was the only one who noticed this. After activating the power of sight, he saw the seedling’s energy entering

Zhao Yue’s body. In her Dantian’s sea of Qi, the Great Void Seed was as bright as a full moon, absorbing the energy in the barrier and circulating through her Eight Extraordinary Meridians.

“The seed is activated...”

Lu Zhou looked at his disciples. The Great Void Seeds had been activated shone bright like the moon, but their colors were slightly different. He wondered if it indicated the difference in quality?

Looking at the endless supply of energy in the barrier, Lu Zhou sighed. Humans were born with emotions and desires. They were born with a clear distinction between love and hate, right and wrong, black and white, and friend and foes. What was the point of the Pillars of Destruction?

Time passed very quickly.

‘When Zhao Yue walked out of the barrier, Lu Zhou returned to his senses as well. He looked up and saw there was no movement. Then, he said, “Let’s go.”

Lu Zhou turned around and left.

The others hurriedly followed him.

The desert was really not suitable for cultivation and living for a long time. Nonetheless, after leaving Shanyan’s Pillar of Destruction, they spent another three days and only left after Zhao Hongfu finished constructing the runic passage.

It took them two weeks when they finally found an oasis and settled down to rest.

Everyone sat down and rested.

On the other hand, Kong Wen pointed at the map and said, “We’ve gone to all of the Pillars of Destruction in the outer area. There are still six more pillars left; five in the inner area, and the final one in the core area, the Great Offering Abyss. The nearest pillar in the inner area is at Zhixu. To go to Zhixu, we need to return to Yu Zhong.”

Upon hearing this, Mingshi Yin asked, “We need to return to Yu Zhong?”

“Yes.” Kong Wen nodded.

“We’re running back and forth, going around in circles. How long will it take until we visit all ten Pillars of Destruction?” Mingshi Yin asked.

If they split up, they would save a lot of time, but it would be very dangerous. Moreover, they did not know who would obtain the recognition of which Pillar of Destruction. The best way was still what they were currently doing. It was best that they traveled together to gain the recognition from the Pillars of Destruction.

At this time, Jiang Dongshan walked over and asked, "Senior, don't tell me you're going to go to every pillar?"

"Watch your words." Mingshi Yin glared at him.

Jiang Dongshan revealed an embarrassed expression before he said, "What I mean is that the inner area is very dangerous. The pillars there are even more dangerous. The Saints from the Great Void and the zombie kings aren't to be trifled with."

Lu Zhou looked at Jiang Dongshan and asked, "Do you know a lot about the Pillars of Destruction?"

"Just a little," Jiang Dongshan replied.

"I'm going to the pillars in the inner area. Do you have any advice?" Lu Zhou asked.

"My advice is that it's best not to go there," Jiang Dongshan said, "I know your cultivation is profound and that you're a Great Venerable Master. However, only Saints can survive in the inner area."

Mingshi Yin shook his head and said, "Fan Zhong, a Venerable Master from the green lotus domain, crossed the Unknown Land and even passed by the core area."

Jiang Dongshan said, "He was just very lucky. Senior, you already have two disciples who have been recognized by the Pillars of Destruction; their potential is limitless. Even if they can't become supreme beings, it won't be a problem for them to become Saints or Great Dao Saints. At that time, it won't be too late to go to the inner area."

"I'm asking for a good strategy to approach the Pillars of Destruction. I'm not asking you to dissuade me," Lu Zhou said.

Jiang Dongshan:

Zhu Honggong also felt that Jiang Dongshan was talking nonsense so he said, "If it's dangerous, everyone knows how to escape. We don't need you to teach us."

Jiang Dongshan said awkwardly, "If you insist on going, then I have a request."

"speak."

"I can take you there through a runic passage, but the Dark Prince is mine," Jiang Dongshan said.

"The Dark Prince?"

Jiang Dongshan explained, "The Dark Prince's name is Wang Hai. He's one of the ten zombie kings."

Lu Zhou asked suspiciously, "Why do you want a zombie king?"

The Evil Sky Pavilion had no interest in such things and was even a little disgusted.

Jiang Dongshan sighed. "The Unknown Land is too dangerous. I just want to have a way to save my life at the critical moment."

Seeing the suspicion and confusion on everyone's faces, Jiang Dongshan continued to say, "I have a way to control the zombie king, Senior, you don't have to worry about it. I'll deal with the Dark Prince, and you can deal with the fierce beasts. If you agree, I'll lead you there."

Everyone looked at Lu Zhou, waiting for his decision.

There was a moment of silence before Lu Zhou finally glanced at Jiang Dongshan and said, "Very well."

Jiang Dongshan nodded and gritted his teeth before he said, "Then I'll risk my life to accompany everyone to the end. I know of a runic passage that leads straight to Zhixu."

Mingshi Yin flashed forward and grabbed Jiang Dongshan's collar as he said, "Damn it! Why didn't you say earlier that you know of such a thing?"

Jiang Dongshan:

Zhu Honggong came to Mingshi Yin's side. Then, he cleared his throat and nudged Mingshi Yin with his elbow before he said in a low voice to Mingshi Yin, "He's a Venerable Master."

Mingshi Yin let go of his grip and quickly patted the dust off Jiang Dongshan's robe as he said, "Brother, this is the way we express friendship!"

Jiang Dongshan gave a hollow laugh before he said, "It's alright, it's alright. Can you please move aside?"

"As soon as I saw this brother, I really wanted to befriend him. Can we have a chat?" Jiang Dongshan said with a smile as he walked past Mingshi Yin toward Zhu Honggong.

Zhu Honggong shuddered and took a step back. "Go away."

Jiang Dongshan shook his head helplessly. Then, he turned around and walked toward Zhao Yue. He greeted her and said, "May I ask how I should address you, miss?"

"Tunderstand now! You're a snob. You only want to get close to those who've been recognized by the Pillars of Destruction," Kong Wen said directly.

Jiang Dongshan revealed an awkward and embarrassed expression on his face.

Kong Wen chuckled and said, "Let me tell you a secret. Mr. Fourth has also been recognized by the Pillar of Destruction."

"Mr. Fourth?"

Jiang Dongshan turned around and saw Mingshi Yin staring at him with a cunning smile and a hint of a disapproving expression on his face.

Kong Wen was going to continue bragging when Lu Zhou rose to his feet and waved his hand as he said, "Alright, lead the way."

Jiang Dongshan quickly bowed. "Yes."

After a short rest, Jiang Dongshan led the others southeast.

After traveling for about 300 miles, they landed in a wetland. A runic passage was hidden in the wetland.

“Wow, this runic passage is hidden so deeply?” Ming Shiyin asked.

Jiang Dongshan explained, “After the land just split, when the Great Void had just disappeared and the nine domains have yet to form, humans lived in the Unknown Land when it was still inhabitable. Hence, there are many formations and runic passages that are left behind.”

As Jiang Dongshan spoke, he cleared the rubbish in and around the runic passage.

Zhao Hongfu glanced at it and said, “It can only transport ten people at a time. This means we’ll have to travel in three groups.”

Jiang Dongshan looked at Zhao Hongfu in surprise. “You know about runic passages?”

“Just a little.”

Lu Zhou said, “Let’s go.”

Fortunately, the Evil Sky Pavilion’s members were experts at the Thousand Realms Whirling stage. They were familiar with runic passages and did not have any problem with it.

After three rounds of teleportation, everyone finally arrived at Zhixu.

They stood near a cliff, and the scene before their eyes shocked them.

In front of the cliff were all kinds of flying beasts and fierce beasts. There were goshawks, Luans, giant snakes, winged horses, and many other beasts.

In the distance where the beasts were gathered, they saw countless vines climbing up to the sky, covering the Pillar of Destruction.