

Disciples 1441

Chapter 1441: A Hundred Years of Spring and Autumn

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion felt as though they had entered a new world when they saw the various strange fierce beasts in front of them. All of them silently admired the sight before them.

Due to the high number of fierce beasts, even Kong Wen, who was the most knowledgeable about fierce beasts among them, had a hard time distinguishing them.

At this time, Jiang Dongshan said, "This place is very dangerous. The terrain is rough. Trees and vines grow wildly in this place. Apart from that, there are so many kinds of fierce beasts here that even experts in fierce beasts won't be able to identify all of them."

Little Yuan'er muttered under her breath, "You only say that because you've never met Seventh Senior Brother."

Jiang Dongxu looked at the beautiful Little Yuan'er and said with a smile, "And you only say that because you don't know much about Zhixu."

"There's no need for me to know Zhixu. All I know is my Seventh Senior Brother was the most knowledgeable," Little Yuan'er retorted.

Jiang Dongshan felt like there was no way to communicate with Little Yuan'er. Brain-dead fans were very unreasonable, after all. Naturally, he did not verbalize his thoughts. He looked at Lu Zhou, thinking that Lu Zhou would say something reasonable.

Contrary to Jiang Dongshan's expectations, Lu Zhou said with a nod, "Indeed. If Old Seventh were here, he'd be able to identify all the fierce beasts here."

Jiang Dongshan swallowed the words that hung at the tip of his tongue.

Meng Changdong let out a long sigh and said, "That's right. Not only was Mr. Seventh knowledgeable, but he even had a photographic memory. There's no doubt he's the most knowledgeable person I've met in my life. It's a pity that the heavens are jealous of the talented!"

Jiang Dongshan caught the meaning behind Meng Changdong's last sentence and did not dare to say anything.

'When everyone was still lamenting Si Wuya's early death, Lu Zhou said, "So Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction is completely covered in vines..."

"That's right. Across from the pillar, there's a cemetery that spans ten miles. That's where the Dark Prince is. It's said that he can control fierce beasts. To go to the pillar, we'll have to face him," Jiang Dongshan said.

"Have you been here before?" Lu Zhou asked.

Jiang Dongshan nodded.

Lu Zhou did not continue to ask questions. Instead, he called out, "Lu Wu."

Lu Wu flew out toward the fierce beasts.

In just a moment, countless fierce beasts scattered, fleeing.

Boom!

When Lu Wu landed on the ground, more than 100 fierce beasts fled again. Then, it raised its head to the sky and let out a thunderous roar.

Soundwaves swept out in all directions. The might of a beast emperor caused the other fierce beasts to turn tail and run.

"This..." Jiang Dongshan was stunned.

Before Jiang Dongshan could recover from his shock, Lu Zhou flew toward Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction with nimble movements.

The others followed suit immediately.

As they advanced, Lu Wu continued chasing the fierce beasts away.

All of a sudden, Ying Zhao let out a few panicked cries.

Zhao Yue patted Ying Zhao's head before she turned to Conch and asked in confusion, "What is it saying?"

Conch said, "It told us to not let our guards down. There might be divine ancient beasts from the Great Void."

Jiang Dongshan said, "There won't be divine ancient beasts, but there might be divine beasts."

Lu Zhou came to a halt. He looked at the vine-covered Pillar of Destruction and asked, "Why are you so sure?"

Jiang Dongshan said, "The Dark Prince's aura can control 10,000 fierce beasts. When he was alive, he was known as the God of 10,000 fierce beasts. After he died, he was buried in Zhixu. Divine ancient beasts will usually give this place a wide berth." Then, he looked at Lu Wu before he continued to say,

"It's just like how other fierce beasts will stay away from Lu Wu, a beast emperor. A mountain can't accommodate two tigers, after all."

Everyone nodded. The explanation was very reasonable.

Then, they began to move forward again.

Lush forests of ancient trees seemed to cover the ground.

When they descended and walked on foot through the forest, they saw some trees with leaves that were bigger than an adult human.

Whoosh!

At this moment, the vines on some ancient trees began to slither out like giant snakes.

“Damn it! The trees are about to come to life!” Mingshi Yin exclaimed as he pointed at the slithering vines.

No, it’s impossible for the trees to come to life. It’s just the effect of the formation,” Jiang Dongshan replied.

Lu Zhou flew off Whizard’s back and hovered above everyone. Then, he brought out the Golden Taixu Mirror and shone it in front of him.

“The Golden Taixu Mirror?” Jiang Dongshan exclaimed in surprise.

Lu Zhou looked down and asked, “You recognize the mirror?”

“The Golden Taixu Mirror belongs to the Great Void. It’s said to be an ordinary item, but your mirror is clearly extraordinary,” Jiang Dongshan said.

Lu Zhou thought to himself, “That’s only natural considering how many times it’s been upgraded.”

Then, Lu Zhou asked with a slight frown, “It belongs to the Great Void?”

Jiang Dongshan hastily said, “Obviously, it belongs to senior now. What I meant to say is that it came from the Great Void.”

Lu Zhou no longer responded to Jiang Dongshan.

Everyone continued to move at high speed. With the Golden Taixu Mirror, they easily avoided the traps and saw the formations.

Meng Changdong looked to the left and right before he said with a slight frown, “The formation is powered by the mountains and the rivers and created with the things here, how incredible. It’s like we’re walking in a huge formation.”

The golden light from the Golden Taixu mirror revealed the bones and muscles of the mountains and rivers.

Suddenly, Zhao Hongfu called out, “Pavilion Master!”

“speak.”

“Be careful of illusory formations,” Zhao Hongfu said.

Lu Zhou stopped moving and shone the Golden Taixu Mirror around.

With the Golden Taixu Mirror, everyone saw light blue mist swirling between the trees up ahead.

This reminded them of the barrier in the Evil Sky Pavilion. This illusory formation was like a barrier.

Everyone slowed down and moved through the forest carefully. They walked for a long time, but it seemed like they were not any closer to the Pillar of Destruction. It was as though they would never be able to leave the forest. When they flew up, the scenery was the same; the Pillar of Destruction stood

up ahead while the forest that seemed to stretch endlessly was below them. The blue mist swirling around the trees made the forest look out of this world.

“Stop.” Lu Zhou raised his hand.

“Master, what’s wrong?”

Lu Zhou looked at his system interface. His lifespan was decreasing. Initially, he thought it was the formation that was sucking his lifespan away. He checked the life force in the Pillar of Impermanence and found that it did not decrease.

Finally, Lu Zhou calmly said, “We’ve walked into an ancient time formation.”

Everyone was shocked.

Jiang Dongshan frowned. “An ancient time formation?”

Then, Jiang Dongshan flew up.

Upon seeing this, Mingshi Yin shouted, “You brought us into a trap, and yet, you still want to leave?!”

Whoosh!

Mingshi Yin chased after Jiang Dongshan on Qiong Qi’s back.

Jiang Dongshan turned around and said, “I’m just going to have a look at our surroundings. I’m not trying to leave.”

“I don’t believe you,” Mingshi Yin said.

Jiang Dongshan came to a stop and looked around.

They had been flying for a long time, but they had been circling the same place.

Jiang Dongshan lowered his altitude before he said with a solemn expression, “It’s not just an ancient time formation. We’re also in an ancient space formation.”

Meng Changdong exclaimed, “An ancient space formation?!”

Jiang Dongshan shook his head and said, “I told you not to come to this place.”

“In the end, didn’t you still agree to lead us here?” Mingshi Yin retorted with a frown on his face.

“L...” Jiang Dongshan wanted to explain but felt it was meaningless. In the end, he only said, “We have to find a way to leave this place.”

Mingshi Yin said helplessly, “Great. We managed to avoid the illusory formation, but we still couldn’t avoid the ancient formations.”

Seeing that Lu Zhou did not speak, looking as though he was deep in thought, everyone looked around.

Yu Zhenghai flew into the air on Bi An’s back to the left while Yu Shangrong flew to the right on Ji Liang’s back.

Lu Zhou looked at his lifespan again before he said, “The flow of time here is about 100 times faster.”

“100 times?”

“This is different from the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence. In other words, if we spend a year in here, when we leave, 100 years would have passed outside,” Lu Zhou said lightly.

Everyone was surprised. Let alone 100 years, things could change greatly in just ten years.

Little Yuan'er said, aggrieved, “Master, we have to find a way to leave this place. I don't want to grow old.”

Among the people present, Little Yuan'er had the least right to speak about this matter. Her cultivation improved the fastest, and she had the most lifespan. Even if all of them died of old age, it still would not be her turn yet.

Mingshi Yin turned around and grabbed Jiang Dongshan as he said, “It was you who led us here. Don't you have any idea?”

Jiang Dongshan said, “I'm also in the formation!”

Lu Zhou waved his hand and said, “Enough.”

Mingshi Yin let go of Jiang Dongshan.

Lu Zhou brought out the Golden Taixu Mirror again and imbued it with the divine power.

Buzz!

The golden light shone in all directions.

There were spider-like patterns on the forest, the mountains, the grounds, the trees, the vines, and in the air. Every leaf, flower, and blade of grass was inscribed with exquisite inscriptions.

Meng Changdong kept shaking his head when he saw this. “This formation is beyond my understanding...”

The Golden Taixu Mirror could only reveal the truth, it could not break formations.

At this moment, Yu Shangrong said with a faint smile, “It's precisely because of the ancient time and space formation that the vitality energy here is unprecedentedly rich. This is, in fact, a perfect place for cultivation.”

“That's right!” Zhu Honggong clapped his hands and said, “Cultivating here for a day is like cultivating for 100 days.”

Apart from being dark, the environment here was not too bad. It was much better than the desert and some of the dark and damp places they had been before.

Ye Tianxin looked up and asked, “Second Senior Brother, aren't you worried about your lifespan?”

Yu Shangrong gently patted Ji Liang's back before he leaped down.

Ji Liang neighed twice as he circled the air. Then, its body burst forth with light before vitality energy began to surge into Yu Shangrong's body.

This went on for about half an hour.

“W-what’s happening?” Zhu Honggong asked.

Kong Wen replied, “It’s replenishing Mr. Second’s lifespan.”

“Replenishing lifespan?”

“Every top fierce beast has a special ability. Humans harvest life hearts from them in order to obtain those abilities. Ji Liang’s ability is to replenish lifespan,” Kong Wen explained.

Yu Shangrong nodded. “That’s right.”

Each time Ji Liang replenished Yu Shangrong’s lifespan, he would have an additional 100 years of life.

The Noblemen had a short lifespan to begin with. Thinking about it, Yu Shangrong and Ji Liang were truly a perfect match.

Initially, everyone was filled with worries, but now, they were growing more and more excited.

Lu Zhou asked, “Do all of you want to cultivate here?”

“Master, we’ll leave the decision up to you,” Yu Zhenghai said.

Everyone looked at Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou nodded. “The combination of the ancient time and space formations is much stronger than the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence. This is indeed a rare opportunity. Nonetheless, we still have to think of a way to break the formations.”

“Pavilion Master is right. We can’t still stay here after 100 years have passed,” Meng Changdong said. Then, he looked at Zhao Hongfu before he continued to say, “Miss Zhao and I will study the formations.”

“Alright. No one’s allowed to wander too far away,” Lu Zhou said.

“Understood.”

Everyone bowed in unison.

Time flew by.

At this moment, a large number of silver-armored guards appeared on a mountain peak south of Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction.

“The fierce beasts have been disturbed near Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction. Someone must have broken in.”

“They must have broken into the ancient formations.”

“Should we get rid of them?”

“No need. Even the Dao Saints won’t be able to easily deal with the ancient formations. I’m afraid the trespassers won’t be able to leave for a long time. Report this to the hall. Moreover, we’re not 100%

certain that's the case. It's better to be careful. During the time of imbalance, we have to guard the Pillars

of Destruction well."

"Understood."

A period of peace dawned on the Unknown Land.

After the 3,000 silver-armored guards lost a group of people, they began to search everywhere.

The black-armored guards from the Xuanyi Palace also searched everywhere.

In order to protect the Pillars of Destruction, the cultivators of the Great Void had also formed a team to patrol the Unknown Land for ten years.

Ten years later.

In Xihe Hall.

Aray of sunlight and moonlight shot into the sky.

The Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel shone in the sky.

Many blue-clad female attendants rushed over from all directions and kneeled on the ground.

"Congratulations, master!"

"Congratulations, master, for becoming a Great Dao Saint."

Lan Xihe flashed and appeared in front of the hall. Her facial features were exquisite, and her expression was as cold as ever. She swept her gaze across the crowd before she said, "Rise."

Everyone rose to their feet.

'When the Sun, Moon, and Star Wheel flew back, a translucent figure with white air appeared in the sky.

"Xihe, you've finally become a Great Dao Saint. Congratulations," the old man said.

"Thank you, Mr. Ouyang," Lan Xihe said with a nod.

"You have to continue to cultivate diligently. You have the Great Void Seed and will definitely become a supreme being in the future. You mustn't waste your talent," Ouyang Ziyun said.

Lan Xihe nodded. She changed the topic and asked, "What's the situation like in the Unknown Land?"

Ouyang Ziyun said, "The imbalance is still ongoing. The Sacred Hall has sent 3,000 silver-armored guards, and the Xuanyi Palace has sent 3,000 black-armored guards to guard the Pillars of Destruction. So far, everything is rather peaceful."

At this time, a female attendant said, "Indeed, the past ten years have been, but... but..."

"speak."

"No one is in charge of the White Tower Council," the female attendant said.

Lan Xihe frowned slightly. "Ye Tianxin has yet to return?"

The female attendant nodded.

Lan Xihe thought about Lu Zhou and said, "Perhaps, Pavilion Master Lu is still holding a grudge over the matter with the Halcyon Bird."

The female attendant muttered, "It's said that women hold grudges over everything. However, it seems like men can hold a grudge for a longer time..."

Lu Zhou furrowed her brows and said with a sigh, "Ultimately, I'm responsible for the matter with the Halcyon Bird. Pavilion Master Lu lost a disciple because of that matter. It's natural that he dislikes me."

Then, she looked at Ouyang Ziyun and asked, "Mr. Ouyang, do you have any leads on Pavilion Master Lu?"

Ouyang Ziyun shook his head. "There's been no news for ten years."

Inwardly, he thought to himself, 'If this continues, it's best that no one, including that shameless Jie Jin'an, finds him.'

Ouyang Ziyun looked at Lan Xihe and said, interrupting her thoughts, "These matters will be handled by the Sacred Hall. There's no need to keep someone as insignificant as Ye Tianxin in your heart. You can just find another person to replace her. Moreover, I'm afraid the imbalance won't be ending any time soon."

Lan Xihe nodded. "Alright. I'll have to trouble Mr. Ouyang to help me to ask around."

"Okay."

"No, I don't think so..."

With a flash, Ouyang Ziyun vanished from sight.

Near Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction.

Inside the ancient formations.

Lu Zhou had chosen the Nine Immense Mountain Scorpion King's life heart to activate his 21st Birth Chart.

He sensed the Primal Qi in the air and smelled the fragrance of the flowers, plants, and trees in the surroundings as the sounds of a gurgling stream rang in the air. It was fleeting and moving. He felt the restlessness of his Eight Extraordinary Meridians as well.

Lu Zhou looked at his Birth Palace and chose to insert the life heart into the 'Mark of Respect position.

The life heart with sharp edges that was as luminescent like the pearl sunk into the Birth Palace.

Lu Zhou sat cross-legged and observed the changes in his Birth Palace.

The time seems to be faster than 100 times the normal speed. It was much stronger than the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence.

He felt a splitting pain as his blood began to surge..

Chapter 1442: Thirteen-Leaf Venerable Master

Perhaps, it was because Lu Zhou had a deeper comprehension of the law of time, he could clearly sense the dislocation of time.

‘Thope time doesn’t pass too quickly..:

Lu Zhou felt more so that he had made the right choice by leaving his one million merit points and tens of thousands of years of life alone.

The changes of the Birth Palace in two hours were much more than if he were outside for a day.

Lu Zhou wondered what kind of person could set up such a powerful formation.

Venerable Masters could comprehend the power of the Dao. Could one travel freely after becoming a supreme being? Would supreme beings be bound by such a formation?

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Lu Zhou had no answers to these questions for now.

Lu Zhou looked at the system interface and his merit points before he decided to try his luck with the lucky draw.

“Ding! Used 50 merit points. Thank you for your participation. Obtained: 1 luck point.”

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The next morning.

Lu Zhou had grown numb after participating in the lucky draw countless times. He had lost his confidence when he did not even draw anything significant once. Nonetheless, he had yet to stop.

He shook his head and sighed. “It’s true that the higher my cultivation base becomes, the chances of hitting the jackpot will decrease. In the past, I could still win Reversal Cards at the very least. Now, I don’t even have anything.”

“Ding! Used 50 merit points. Thank you for your participation. Obtained: 1 luck point.”

“Should I give up?”

Lu Zhou looked at the shop in the system. He could buy everything except for the Myriad Supreme that still had ‘???’ in place of the price.

Lu Zhou found it annoying that he still could not see the price after becoming a Great Venerable Master.

‘TI draw another time. If I still don’t win anything, I’m not going to touch the lucky draw again for the rest of my life!’

“Ding! Used 50 merit points. Thank you for your participation. Obtained: 1 luck point.”

Lu Zhou's eyelids twitched. His originally calm expression darkened. Then, he looked to the left and right sneakily as though he was making sure no one was around to hear his earlier words before he said, "Lucky draw."

"Ding! Used 50 merit points and 1,000 luck points. Obtained: Ji Tiandao's Peak Trial Card x1."

Although he had finally won something, he felt like he had been scammed. He promised himself again that he would not touch the lucky draw again for the rest of his life.

Not only did he spend 50,000 merit points in just a night on lucky draws, but what kind of reward was this? The Peak Trial Card would grant him Ji Tiandao's peak strength for a time. With his current cultivation base, he could kill a whole bunch of people with Ji Tiandao's peak strength with just a slap. What

was the point of the card?

To make sure there was no mistake and there was no bug in the system, Lu Zhou read the description of the Peak Trial Card.

'Ji Tiandao's Peak Trial Card: you'll be granted Ji Tiandao's peak strength for 30 minutes.'

"Useless." Lu Zhou shook his head. It was truly not worth it.

After a moment, he muttered to himself, 'Will it be useful if I synthesize it?'

He wondered what his cultivation would be like if he synthesized a high-grade enhanced Peak Trial Card. After a moment, he shook his head. He had no intention of testing it out. The most important thing was to increase his cultivation base and to grow stronger. He would be able to solve problems easily

once he walked to the end of the cultivation path. He had a feeling all the answers were in the Great Void.

Lu Zhou sighed.

The quiet environment in the ancient formations near Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction was truly suitable for cultivation where a day was equivalent to 100 days outside.

Yu Shangrong held the sheathed Longevity Sword as he hovered between two gigantic trees with his eyes closed.

The Longevity Sword kept buzzing in its scabbard as though it was trying to break free of the scabbard.

Yu Shangrong remained unmoved. Beads of sweat could be seen on his forehead, and a golden halo was faintly discernible at his back.

At this moment, Jiang Dongshan called out, "Mr. Second."

Yu Shangrong opened his eyes, and the Longevity Sword stopped vibrating immediately. He asked, "What's the matter?"

Jiang Dongshan said, 'I heard that Mr. Second's swordsmanship is peerless. If you have free time, I'd like to ask for some guidance.'

“Guidance?”

“Don’t misunderstand. I just want to spar; I have no other intentions. I hope I’m not disturbing you.”

Yu Shangrong could no longer remember when he sprouted his 12th leaf. He felt that a long time had passed. Whether it was when they were in the green lotus domain or golden lotus domain, there were no wind and waves. He felt dull.

He had absorbed many life hearts, and he could feel his cultivation increasing. Although the increase was not large, he was still satisfied.

When he was at the Qin clan’s southern training hall, he had planned to go to the Sky Hook Ropeway to challenge himself, but due to unexpected circumstances, he did not have a chance to go to the ropeway.

The cultivation path after severing the lotus was a lonely path. There was no Birth Trial. He wondered if sprouting his 11th and 12th leaves was like Birth Trials.

Without Birth Charts, he could absorb as many life hearts as he wanted. After absorbing it, the abilities would become one. He had forgotten how many life hearts he had absorbed.

In any case, the increase of his cultivation base, slight or not, made him confident even if Jiang Dongshan was a Venerable Master.

“You’re not disturbing me. If you want to spar, let’s spar,” Yu Shangrong said as he slowly turned around. Then, he extended his right hand and said with a faint smile, “Please.”

Jiang Dongshan manifested an energy sword in his hand and arrived in front of Yu Shangrong in just a blink of an eye. Then, he slashed 1,000 times with his sword in just a blink of an eye.

Yu Shangrong’s movements were agile. He retreated thousands of meters unscathed.

Jiang Dongshan stopped and reminded him with a smile, “Don’t go too far away.”

Yu Shangrong turned and said, “It’s not a big problem.”

“Again.” Jiang Dongshan’s energy sword changed its length as it flew out. It stabbed fiercely near Yu Shangrong’s face and flew back and forth in front of Yu Shangrong, it kept flashing and attacking within a radius of 1,000 meters.

It seemed like the duo had a tacit agreement not to touch the surrounding trees and plants when they sparred.

“Flowing water and rolling clouds.” Jiang Dongshan’s attack speed increased suddenly.

Clanking noises continued to ring in the air.

Yu Shangrong could sense a unique force, but he could not stop his body from slowing down by a beat. At this time, the Longevity Sword stabbed out.

Bang!

Yu Shangrong flipped backward and retreated 100 meters.

Jiang Dongshan said with a smile, "I really admire you."

It was unknown if Jiang Dongshan intended to mock with his words or if he was sincere.

Whoosh!

Yu Shangrong suddenly vanished into thin air before he reappeared in front of Jiang Dongshan in just a blink of an eye.

Jiang Dongshan's expression changed immediately. As he increased his speed, he saw that Yu Shangrong's movements had slowed down. He instinctively raised his energy sword and thrust it out.

Yu Shangrong did not move. When Jiang Dongshan's energy sword was about three feet away from Yu Shangrong, it was stopped with a loud noise.

'Huh? Jiang Dongshan found that his sword could not advance. When he looked up, he saw a golden avatar firmly grabbing his arms. At the same time, a golden leaf shot toward him with a loud whoosh.

Jiang Dongshan had no choice but to use his grand technique to dodge the golden leaf.

Bang!

When the duo's energy collided, they slid backward at the same time.

Jiang Dongshan was incredibly surprised, but he felt a little unwilling.

The duo no longer continued with their attacks.

The golden avatar only appeared for a moment before it disappeared.

Jiang Dongshan's energy sword had also disappeared.

"What was that move earlier?" Jiang Dongshan asked suspiciously.

Yu Shangrong did not answer. Instead, he said with a faint smile, "Thank you for letting me win."

Jiang Dongshan wanted to say Yu Shangrong did not win, but when he raised his hand, he noticed a tear on his sleeve. Surprise flashed in his eyes. "This... Are you a Venerable Master?"

"I don't think so," Yu Shangrong calmly replied.

"Then, how did your sword technique dodge my power of the Dao?" Jiang Dongshan asked.

"I'm sorry, I don't know what the power of the Dao is like. I only know the path of victory.." Yu Shangrong said.

Jiang Dongshan felt as though he had been dealt a critical blow. He wanted to say something to defend himself but felt it was pointless. In the end, he cupped his fists together and said before he left, "Thank you."

Yu Shangrong watched until he could no longer see Jiang Dongshan's back. Only then did he brush a lock of his hair that had been cut off.

Then, he manifested the golden halo and looked at the golden leaves that spun around as he silently counted, 'One, two, three.. eleven, twelve, thirteen..'

Jiang Dongshan came to a stop at a quiet place. Then, he suddenly turned around and punched the tree next to him.

Bang!

The leaves fell immediately.

Mingshi Yin, who was standing on a treetop, said, "Yo, I didn't now you're a sore loser!"

Jiang Dongshan was startled. "M-mr. Fourth?"

During this time, Jiang Dongshan had gained an understanding of the general situation of the Evil Sky Pavilion and its members.

Mingshi Yin smiled and said, "Look at you. You really can't bear to lose. Don't feel bad. There have been many people who have lost to my Second Senior Brother."

"Uh..." Jiang Dongshan forced a smile and said, 'Tm just a little annoyed. Mr. Fourth. Please forgive me.'

"My Second Senior Brother is known as the Sword Devil. He's the best sword cultivator in the world, and yet, you just have to compete with him in swordsmanship," Mingshi Yin said mercilessly.

"Let alone you, even I have no chance of defeating my Second Senior Brother," Mingshi Yin said.

These words sounded... wrong.

Jiang Dongshan said, slightly dissatisfied, "Mr. Fourth, do you think you can defeat me?*

Then, Jiang Dongshan manifested his astrolabe and held it up. 20 Birth Charts lit up one after another.

Mingshi Yin said indifferently, "I can't win."

Jiang Dongshan looked at Mingshi Yin suspiciously. 'Is he trying to deliberately provoke me? I can't respond to the provocation. After all, he's someone who's obtained recognition from the Pillar of Destruction.'

Jiang Dongshan put away his astrolabe and said, "Mr. Fourth, you're too humble. I still have something to do. Goodbye."

After appearing in an empty corner, Jiang Dongshan looked to the left and right before he sat down cross-legged. He thought to himself that he must avoid those who had already been recognized by the Pillars of Destruction.

'I must investigate everything clearly.'

Another three days passed in just a blink of an eye.

Lu Zhou's expression was a little stiff.

"Ding! Used 50 merit points. Thank you for your participation. Obtained: 1 luck point."

'The lucky draw was truly cruel and inhumane.

At this time, a crisp noise rang in the air.

"Hm? It's done?" Lu Zhou turned to look at his Birth Palace on the golden lotus.

While he was engrossed with the lucky draws, the 21st Birth Charts had been activated.

Perhaps, the numbness from being thanked for his participation in the lucky draws had made him forget about the pain from the activation of the Birth Chart. When he saw the smooth Birth Palace, his unhappiness was quickly swept away.

"As expected of the ancient formations. Everything went so smoothly."

However, he soon noticed a problem. His Birth Palace did not expand. This meant the number of Birth Charts he could activate did not increase. He quickly counted the remaining positions in his Birth Palace and found that he could only activate another five Birth Charts.

'Is my talent only that of a 26 Chart cultivator?'

His Birth Palace on the blue lotus had been fully opened. If the limit of his golden Birth Palace was only 26 Birth Charts, then it was truly unbalanced. It would be troublesome as well since it meant he would not have enough lifespan to support the growth of the blue avatar.

Lu Zhou immediately brought out the life heart of Fei Huang, a beast emperor, from the Vast Sky Bag. He could use it to activate any of his 22nd to his 24th Birth Chart.

Due to eagerness to expand his Birth Palace, he did not want to wait any longer and chose a position before pressing down the beast emperor's life heart into his Birth Palace to activate his 22nd Birth Chart. This life heart's ability strengthened his defenses as well so it was suitable to activate his 22nd Birth

Chart.

As soon as the life heart began to sink, Lu Zhou felt a piercing pain tear through his heart despite being a Great Venerable Master. He began to sweat profusely from the excruciating pain.

'It's so intense!'

Lu Zhou did not expect that activating another Birth Chart so quickly would result in such a huge backlash. However, since the life heart had begun to sink into his Birth Palace, there was nothing he could do but continue on. It was not his style to give up so quickly. Moreover, he could not waste Fei Huang's

life heart. Once the activation failed, the life heart would be instantly destroyed, after all.

Lu Zhou hurriedly activated the Purple Glazed Ceramic and meditated on the Heavenly Writing to counteract the pain and the time flow of the ancient formation.

The combination of the cold and burning sensation was truly uncomfortable.

After enduring for half a day, the pain still did not lessen. He only grew used to it.

'Twas too careless...'

Lu Zhou mobilized his Primal Qi to evaporate the sweat on his body.

At this moment, his robe began to rustle, suppressing a huge amount of his pain.

"Eh?"

Lu Zhou lowered his head slightly and saw that the long robe was suffused with a faint blue light. Up until now, he still did not know what material the divine mark robe was made of.

"Is this really left behind by the Unholy One as well?"

Lu Zhou sighed and shook his head as he thought of the person who was shunned by the world. He recalled the time when he had to face the ten great sects alone and sighed again.

After a moment...

"Lucky draw."

"Ding! Used 50 merit points and 9,999 luck points. Obtained: Reversal Card x50, Deadly Strike Card x1, Ji Tiandao's Peak Trial Card x1."

'When Lu Zhou saw the rewards, he knew that he had suffered a loss. He had already spent 500,000 merit points. Based on the trend, was he going to draw another Peak Trial Card after drawing 100,000 times?

"Forget it. I'll just leave it to fate."

He would save his remaining merit points for now and come back to the lucky draw in the future when he had nothing to do. He would also have to obtain another seven Peak Trial Card in order to synthesize a high-grade enhanced Peak Trial Card. Moreover, he had also grown tired of the lucky draw.

Lu Zhou closed his eyes and meditated to reduce the pain brought on by his Birth Palace.

It was best to cultivate. One day in the mountains was equivalent to 100 days, after all.

Xihe Hall.

Lan Xihe stood in front of the hall every day, enjoying the beautiful scenery. She waited every day for news from the Unknown Land, but none came.

At this moment, the blue-clad female attendant flew over from afar. She said with a bow, "Master, Ye Tianxin still hasn't returned to the White Tower Council, and there's no news of Pavilion Master Lu."

Lan Xihe said expressionlessly, "Continue to investigate."

Chapter 1443: Breaking the Formations

Lan Xihe had not been in the mood to cultivate for a long time now. She learned that many cultivators in the Great Void, especially the silver-armored guards and the black-armored guards, had gone to the Unknown Land. The guards were usually only dispatched when the imbalance had grown almost

uncontrollable.

She had inquired about many things but did not find out anything useful. The Hall Master did not seem to care about worldly affairs and Ouyang Ziyun did not have any important news either.

“What happened to the Pillars of Destruction?” Lan Xihe muttered to herself.

Time passed by quickly.

A flock of flying beasts flew past the sky above Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction.

In the ancient formations.

Lu Zhou heard a crisp noise.

Perhaps, not much time had passed, but Lu Zhou felt as though a lifetime had passed.

He looked at the floating Birth Palace in front of him. The activation of his 22nd Birth Chard was still not complete.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. “Something doesn’t feel right with the time flow.’

‘When he checked the system interface, he discovered that his lifespan was no longer decreasing.

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‘The time flow returned to normal?’

Lu Zhou stared unblinkingly at the system panel.

‘There had been no change for two hours. This meant there was something wrong with the ancient formation.

Lu Zhou rose to his feet and looked at the life heart that had almost completely sunk into his Birth Palace. He ignored the pain and shrunk his Birth Palace before hiding it in his sleeve.

Then, he flashed and appeared in the sky. He moved his hands and discovered the wind had stilled. Even the black fog seemed to have stilled. The few flying beasts were frozen as well.

Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction and the flying beasts in the sky above it was like a vivid oil painting. They had frozen as well.

Lu Zhou continued to raise his altitude, confused. When he reached a certain height, he heard the sound of energy resonance.

“It’s the formation barrier...”

Lu Zhou launched a palm seal, but the palm seal vanished harmlessly into the void.

‘Then, he flew forward at a high speed. However, no matter how fast he flew, he could not draw close to the flying beasts in the sky.

The feeling that something was wrong grew stronger and stronger.

Lu Zhou unleashed his grand technique and returned to the forest.

The forest was normal. Occasionally, he could see small animals flashed past from the corners of his eyes at lightning speed.

“What’s wrong?”

He looked up.

The wings of a huge flying beast twitched slightly. Its movement was rather stiff and slow.

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Lu Zhou stared at the huge beasts. After a long time, the wings finally reached down. It took an equally long time for it to flap it up again.

“Did time slow down?” Realization dawned on Lu Zhou.

In order to confirm his thoughts, he sat down cross-legged and looked at his lifespan.

Remaining lifespan: 17,259,929 (47,287 years)

He had gained another 10,000 years after activating his 21st Birth Chart after losing 100 years to the ancient formation.

Now that time slowed down, what would happen?

The next day, Lu Zhou looked at his lifespan again, but there was still no change.

“Time has indeed slowed down.”

Lu Zhou closed the system interface when he saw Meng Changdong and Zhao Hongfu rushing over from afar.

“Pavilion Master.”

“Speak.”

“The ancient time formation has changed. Now time has slowed down,” Meng Changdong reported.

Lu Zhou nodded. “How’s everyone?”

“Everyone’s fine. The only thing is the slow time flow. I’m afraid this will affect our cultivation,” Meng Changdong said.

Lu Zhou asked, “During this time, did you find a way to break the formation?”

Zhao Hongfu shook her head. “Forgive me for my incompetence. The ancient formations cover the entire place.”

“It’s not your fault.”

Lu Zhou observed the changes in the light and darkness around him before he brought out the Golden Taixu Mirror. After imbuing it with his divine power, he shone it everywhere.

The inscriptions on the flowers, plants, and trees had flipped. Indeed, the ancient formation had changed.

Lu Zhou launched a palm seal toward a nearby tree. It passed through the inscriptions harmlessly and disappeared into the void.

Meng Changdong and Zhao Hongfu were slightly worried they would be trapped here for the rest of their lives when they saw that even Lu Zhou was helpless against the ancient formations.

“What should we do now?”

“Inform the others that since time has slowed down, focus on stabilizing their cultivation base instead. I’ll try to break the formation.”

“Understood.”

‘When Meng Changdong and Zhao Hongtu raised their heads, Lu Zhou had already flashed away.

Lu Zhou flew around within the ancient formations on Whizard back. He planned to return to his original position after about two hours.

Ancient trees grew in all directions beneath the boundless sky as mist swirled in the surroundings, giving the place an air of mystery.

If it had just been an ancient time formation, it would not be a problem at all since they could just walk out of the formation. However, they were also trapped in the ancient space formation.

“What kind of person built these formations?” Lu Zhou wondered out loud as he walked.

When he finally returned to his original position, he shot up into the sky.

The space continued to lengthen and lengthen...

Lu Zhou brought out the Golden Taixu Mirror again.

Buzz!

‘The Golden Taixu Mirror was like the midday sun shining in the sky.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion flew into the sky immediately.

“Pavilion Master?”

“Master?”

All of them looked confused.

At this time, they saw golden and blue energies shrouding the trees, plants, air, and ground. It was as though everything was tinted in the two colors. At the same time, seals drifted slowly in the air. It was a dazzling sight.

“This...”

Suddenly, Lu Zhou tossed the Golden Taixu Mirror up into the air. Then, he joined his palm and silently recited the mantra for the power of infinite deduction.

'With infinite deductions, it's possible to know and not know and to see and not. There are all kinds of changes in the laws of nature that are known by all living beings in this world.'

Lu Zhou saw countless possibilities before him.

Figures flew back and forth in all directions, leaving afterimages in their wake. Some appeared in distant corners and some died.

Scenes after scenes of various possibilities continued to flash before his eyes.

Perhaps, Lu Zhou was using too much divine power, blue electric arcs flashed around his body as he stood majestically in the air.

Behind the group of people, Jiang Dongshan, who had grown a beard, widened his eyes as he exclaimed in shock, "It's you?!"

Jiang Dongshan gulped and instinctively took a step back.

At this time, Lu Zhou opened his eyes and used the power of sight. His eyes glowed blue immediately.

Upon seeing this, Jiang Dongshan took another step back.

Thump!

Jiang Dongshan crashed into a towering ancient tree, causing the leaves to fall. Then, he quickly returned to Mingshi Yin's side.

'Mingshi Yin glanced at Jiang Dongshan from the corners of his eyes as he said, "You look very nervous."

Jiang Dongshan was startled. He shook his head and hurriedly said, "No, no, no. I'm just a little surprised."

"You're surprised because time has slowed down?"

"Yes, yes, very sud... What? Time has slowed down?" Jiang Dongshan raised his head.

Indeed. The wings of the flying beasts in the sky were moving, but they moved at an incredibly slow speed. It was so slow that it was as though they had been frozen.

"Look at those stupid birds! I'm afraid they won't be able to fly away even after 100 years. Perhaps, to those who are looking at us from outside the formation, our movements are slower than tortoises."

"Uh, Mr. Fourth's analogy is quite accurate.." Jiang Dongshan said awkwardly.

Buzz!

Lu Zhou's towering golden avatar, imbued with the divine power, appeared. A dazzling but faint circle of light could be seen on the astrolabe as well.

"Pavilion Master is about to become a Saint?!" Qin Naihe exclaimed in shock.

"A Saint?"

“The circle of light on the astrolabe is a sign that one is about to become a Saint. If I’m not mistaken, this isn’t the true height of the avatar,” Qin Naihe said.

Jiang Dongshan frowned.

At this moment, the golden avatar spun around before a golden streak of light shot into the forest.

Following that, the Golden Taixu Mirror shone down.

At this time, Meng Changdong saw a path in the formation formed by seals. He exclaimed excitedly, “It’s the exit!”

“The exit?”

“As it turns out, the Pavilion Master was looking for the exit!” Meng Changdong said.

Zhao Hongfu was surprised and puzzled. “It’s indeed the exit. How did he find it?”

“How’s this possible?!” Jiang Dongshan said.

Whoosh!

After the golden avatar vanished, Lu Zhou put away the Golden Taixu Mirror and descended on the ground.

Everyone followed suit.

Lu Zhou stood with his hands on his back and said, “We’ve found the exit of the ancient formations. However, the time is not right for us to leave now.”

“Why?” Little Yuan’er asked curiously.

Lu Zhou looked at Little Yuan’er and said, “There are silver-armored guards, black-armored guards, and a divine beast.”

Then, Lu Zhou pointed at a huge flying beast that was moving incredibly slowly.

“Divine beast?”

Everyone instinctively turned to look at Kong Wen.

Kong Wen, who was like a walking encyclopedia of fierce beasts, stroked his chin as he looked at the beast. After a moment, he said, “I don’t recognize it. However, based on its characteristic and aura, it’s indeed a divine beast.”

With a divine beast, it was indeed very dangerous to leave.

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry, he swept his eyes past everyone as he said, “It’s a good thing that the time has slowed down...”

Everyone was confused. They did not know what Lu Zhou meant.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction as he said, “We’ll make plans after the divine beast leaves. As for now...”

Lu Zhou raised his hand, and the Purple Glazed Ceramic floated up, spinning rapidly.

“Let’s try to pass your Birth Trials..”

Creak!

Everyone, except for Qin Naihe and Jiang Dongshan who were Venerable Masters, was frozen.

Lu Zhou could sense the others had reached a bottleneck in their cultivation. Since they could not go to the Sky Hook Ropeway, he would use the Purple Glazed Ceramic to simulate a suitable environment. He would use this time to help them break past their respective bottlenecks.

“Keep watch,” Lu Zhou said.

“Yes,” Qin Naihe replied.

Jiang Dongshan nodded. “Don’t worry, senior. I’ll protect them.”

Then, Lu Zhou flashed away.

Lu Zhou flashed to the end of the lit-up path. Although he had found the exit through the power of infinite deduction, without confirming it, he was not very assured.

As long as he took another step forward, time would return to normal. However, there would be a problem: the time nodes for him and the others would be very different. If he walked out and walked in again, there was a possibility that everyone would have already died of old age in there.

Needless to say, Lu Zhou did not walk out. Instead, he leaned against a small tree trunk and sat cross-legged.

Then, he brought his Birth Palace out. The activation of his 22nd Birth Chart had been completed earlier.

Then, he brought out the Halcyon Bird’s life heart.

Whether it was 100 years or 1,000 years, it was said there that there was never enough time for cultivation.

Lu Zhou muttered softly to himself, “I’ll have to walk this path sooner or later. 23rd Birth Chart... No matter how painful it’ll be, it can’t compared to increasing our chances of survival.”

Lu Zhou decisively pressed the life heart into the ‘Immense Glory’ position in the earth region that neighbored the ‘Voracious Flame position.

After he activated his 23rd Birth Chart, he would call for the Fire Phoenix to borrow its life heart and activate his 24th Birth Chart.

‘The most important thing was not just the quality of the Birth Charts, but the suitability of the life hearts and the positions in the Birth Palace as well.

After the life heart began to sink into his Birth Palace, Lu Zhou closed his eyes and meditated on the Heavenly Writing.

Outside the ancient formations; around Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction.

More than 1,000 silver-armored guards flew back and forth.

“We didn’t find anything!”

“We didn’t find anything there either!”

“There’s energy fluctuations in the direction of the ancient formations. I’m afraid there’s a time displacement so we can’t rashly enter...”

At this time, one of the silver-armored guards flew to the back of a giant beast. He looked down at the mountain range and said, “Let’s go to the Great Abyss.”

“Understood!”

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Over 1,000 silver-armored guards flew onto their mounts’ backs and left Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction.

Not long after the silver-armored guards left.

In the distant sky above a mountain north of Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction, two rays of light shot up. When they converged, Lan Xihe appeared, standing against the wind.

The Sun, Star, and Moon Wheel circled her faintly-glowing body.

Lan Xihe looked around. In just a moment, she appeared near the cliff. She looked at the traces left behind near the cliff.

Lan Xihe looked at the ancient forest up ahead and said, “Pavilion Master Lu, since you’re here, why don’t you come out and meet me?”

Alas, there was no response.

Only silence could be heard on the mountain and in the forest crawling with vines.

“Pavilion Master Lu, please come out and meet me,” Lan Xihe said again. Her voice traveled even further this time.

She looked at the trees and grass in the forest

Swoosh!

At this moment, a small flying beast flew in front of her. The space rippled slightly before the flying beast vanished into thin air.

Lan Xihe frowned. “Ancient formations? So he’s really not here?”

Lan Xihe continued looking in the direction of the ancient formations.

Lan Xihe was afraid of missing any movement so she waited by the cliff for three days. Unfortunately, there was nothing.

She sighed. ‘It’s fate, I guess..’

As though she had turned into the sun and the moon, she flew into the sky and disappeared from sight.

In the ancient formations.

Lu Zhou felt like he had lost the concept of time, and his nerves had grown numb.

Once in a while, he would open his eyes to look at the sky and the exit.

He saw the silver-armored guards on their divine beasts moving even slower than a tortoise.

After a long time, when he opened his eyes again, he saw the silver-armored guards had finally left. He thought he could finally leave when he saw Lan Xihe appearing near the cliff.

Lan Xihe was like a statue as she stood by the cliff and stared in the direction of the ancient formations for a long time.

Lu Zhou could not tell if she was there for three days, three years, or 100 years.

After an unknown amount of time had passed...

A thunderous rumble rang from the mountain as cracks began to appear on the ground. They defied time and space, birds and beasts, the Pillar of Destruction, and all living things as they snaked hundreds of thousands of feet away, disturbing everything in its path.

Boom!

When Lu Zhou opened his eyes, he discovered Lan Xihe had disappeared. He was surrounded by yellow withered leaves.

The small tree he had leaned against had grown into a tall tree.

A deep gully about 1,000 meters wide appeared in front of him.

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeve.

His Birth Palace had long become smooth and flat.

At this time, the cracks moved again, showing signs that the ancient formations were breaking.

At this moment, an energy seal suddenly shot toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou shot to his feet and pushed his hand out, launching a huge palm seal that seemed as big as the sky.

Then, he said, "Everyone, gather!"

Chapter 1444: The Inevitable Battle of Destiny

It was not that Lu Zhou did not think of using an explosive method to break the formation, but with his strength as a Great Venerable Master, he knew it would not be enough. He did not know what could create such a deep gully, but the ancient formations were already shaken. This was extremely dangerous to everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Everyone rushed over.

Lu Zhou could feel everyone had gotten stronger again.

“Master.”

Yu Shangrong hovered in the air. He was somewhat surprised when he saw the scene in front of him.

Lu Zhou looked at Yu Shangrong from the corners of his eyes. It did not take long for him to sense a hint of strangeness. It was not because their master-disciple bond had weakened, but because Yu Shangrong seemed to have matured.

How could Yu Shangrong mature without experiencing the vicissitudes of life? How could he accumulate experience if he had not been sculpted by time?

Yu Zhenghai and Qin Naihe appeared on the left. The two of them frowned when they saw the deep gully before they bowed at Lu Zhou.

Just like Yu Shangrong, time had left traces on their faces.

Lu Zhou felt a little regretful. He regretted letting them cultivate under the effect of the Pillar of Impermanence. They were cultivators who possessed the Great Void Seed; even without the Pillar of Impermanence, it was only a matter of time before they became supreme beings. However, in order to go to

the Great Void, he had to use all kinds of methods to let them grow stronger, which resulted in them losing many years of their lives.

“Pavilion Master.”

“Master?”

Little Yuan'er and Conch were the last ones to arrive.

The two girls did not change much. The ancient formations were helpless against their long lifespan.

Lu Zhou dismissed his thoughts. He did not have time to inquire about their cultivation now. He said in a clear voice, “Let's go.”

At the same time, divine power surged out of Lu Zhou's hand.

“Let's go!” Yu Zhenghai called.

Everyone stepped on the lit path to leave the ancient formations.

Yu Zhenghai looked to the left and said, “Second Junior Brother, bring everyone away.”

Yu Shangrong nodded. “Alright.”

Yu Shangrong took the lead, and everyone followed closely behind.

“Why aren't you leaving?” Lu Zhou frowned.

“Master, you go first. I'll bring up the rear,” Yu Zhenghai said.

“The ancient formations are very dangerous. It's not safe for you to stay.”

“Master, I'm from the Wugi clan. I've died many times. I don't care about one more death!”

“Shut up!” Lu Zhou said grimly. The word ‘death’ was too heavy even if Yu Zhenghai was from the Wugi clan. He had died three times, and the final time, he had returned to his youth when he was resurrected. He was lucky he was even resurrected.

Lu Zhou only had two words for Yu Zhenghai: live well.

Yu Zhenghai paused for a moment before saying, “Okay.”

Then, Yu Zhenghai turned around and followed the others.

‘When everyone vanished from sight, Lu Zhou opened his hand.

Energy surged violently in the air. It was as though the sky was falling and the ground was splitting. It was like.. the end of the world.

“Boundless divine power!”

Under the lead of Yu Shangrong and Qin Naihe, everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion safely left the ancient formations.

A gentle breeze blew past, and it felt like the sky and earth had become wider in an instant.

Everyone exclaimed in shock when they saw the scene around them. They hovered above a valley. There was a seemingly bottomless and growing rift in the valley that seemed endless.

Gravel and soil kept tumbling into the rift. Even fierce beasts who could not fly or were too slow fell into the rift. There was no echo, apart from when they hit the cliff.

“What’s going on?”

They were puzzled and shocked.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai rushed out. He frowned when he saw the scene in front of him.

Qin Naihe said, “The land is splitting.”

“Why is it like this? Didn’t it split 100,000 years ago? Why is it splitting again?” Mingshi Yin asked.

Qin Naihe said, “The land has always been splitting. It’s just that the splitting from 100,000 years ago was on too large a scale. Over the past 100,000 years, the land has been splitting. Do you remember the rift we encountered during our journey to Ji Ming? That’s a result of the land splitting as well.”

Everyone recalled that the place was also where they had seen Princess Mulberry’s white cranes. They looked up at the fog-covered sky.

“Is the end of the world coming?”

Although they were cultivators with great strength whom ordinary people could not compare to, they were still powerless face with the end of the world.

Kong Wen and his brothers busied themselves, flying back and forth and studying their surroundings. They only returned after a long time.

“Don’t worry. The rift looks big and deep, but in fact, it’s nothing compared to the size of the Unknown Land. Its speed of growth is also slowing down,” Kong Wen said reassuringly.

Everyone sighed in relief when they heard this.

“According to historical records, 100,000 years ago, after the land split, people were plunged into misery and despair. The oceans rose, the sky fell, and the land split. It was many times more terrible than this...”

Yu Zhenghai raised his head and looked at the Pillar of Destruction. “There’s no movement at the pillar.”

“If there’s a problem there, those from the Great Void will be the more anxious,” Kong Wen said.

At this moment, Jiang Dongshan suddenly said, “Deal with the fierce beasts!”

Whoosh!

A huge number of fierce beasts appeared on both sides of the rift. There were also all kinds of flying beasts in the air looking at the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

On the left side of the Pillar of Destruction, a huge boulder cracked open, revealing a deformed and extremely tall human. He stared at them with a dark light in his eyes.

“Who’s that?” Yu Zhenghai hurriedly drew his Jasper Saber. Since his master was not here, as the Eldest Senior Brother, it was his responsibility to protect everyone.

Jiang Dongshan said, “I’ll deal with him. He’s the... Dark Prince.”

“The Dark Prince? The zombie king?!” Kong Wen exclaimed.

“That’s right,” Jiang Dongshan said before he flew forward, “The Dark Prince was once the supreme beast tamer in the Great Void. Later, because he coveted Emperor Shangzhang’s beautiful concubine, he was mutilated before he was sent to be imprisoned in the north.”

Everyone was stunned.

Mingshi Yin looked at Jiang Dongshan and said, “You know quite a lot for someone from the golden lotus domain.”

“If I told you the golden lotus domain has superior cultivation paths between heaven and earth, would you believe me?”

Mingshi Yin and the others were stunned.

Jiang Dongshan continued to say, “In any case, now’s not the time to discuss this. The Dark Prince is comparable to a Saint. I’ll deal with him.”

As soon as Jiang Dongshan’s voice fell, the Dark Prince let out a strange cry.

The flying beasts in the air began to flap their wings in a synchronized manner.

Rocks and pebbles shot toward the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion immediately.

Everyone activated their protective energies and used energy seals to block the flying rocks.

More and more fierce beasts appeared, covering the air and the ground.

At this time, it was not wise to rush out alone. As soon as one of them broke the rank, the fierce beasts would definitely attack the lone person.

“I do it! Cover me!”

Whoosh!

Hua Yuexing rose higher into the sky.

Hua Wudao stepped on the Square Box and rose into the sky as well. As the Square Box grew bigger, the Six Compatible Seals appeared, forming a temporary indestructible space.

Hua Yuexing released the string of her bow, launching an onslaught of arrows at the fierce beasts. In just a few breaths, the energy arrows that looked like shooting stars had taken down tens of thousands of weak fierce beasts.

Alas, there were too many of them, and there were also the powerful fierce beasts that were eyeing them.

“Mingshi Yin asked with a hint of urgency, “Jiang Dongshan, can you do it or not?”

“Buy me some time,” Jiang Dongshan said as he shot out.

“Cover him!” Yu Zhenghai brandished the Jasper Saber as a wave of energy sabers swept across the sky on the left side.

Yu Shangrong silently drew his Longevity Sword. Then, a wall of energy words rose up on the right side of the sky.

Jiang Dongshan flew out between the wave of energy sabers and the wall of energy swords.

Qin Naihe flew around, attacking from the left and right to protect Jiang Dongshan.

“Senior brother, you’ve made a breakthrough,” Yu Shangrong said with a smile.

“Likewise.”

The duo smiled.

Mingshi Yin rode on Qiong Qias he flew around, looking for an opportunity to strike. At the same time, he glanced in the direction of the ancient formations as he said anxiously, “Master, why aren’t you out yet?”

“The ancient formations have been affected by the splitting of the earth. He won’t be coming out so soon. Don’t worry. The Pavilion Master has amazing means; the ancient formations won’t be able to trap him,” Lu Li said.

“Give me a hand!” Hua Wudao shouted.

With that, the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion began to attack the fierce beasts from both sides.

Carcasses were piled on both sides of the cliff in just an instant. Some of it fell into the rift. Blood flowed down the rift like a waterfall.

“Watch out! There’s a beast king!”

A huge winged beast rushed down from above. Its 1,000-foot-long body was black, and its claws glinted coldly.

“Leave it to me!” Mingshi Yin leaped off Qiong Qi’s back and shot out like an arrow, tearing through the sky as the Separation Hook gleamed coldly in his hand.

Mingshi Yin left afterimages in his wake as he flew past the winged beast’s wing at a strange angle.

Whoosh!

The Separation Hook severed the huge winged beast’s wings.

When Mingshi Yin came to a stop, he turned back to take a look with a cold smile on his face. “Too weak.”

“Mr. Fourth is the best!”

Everyone gave Mingshi Yin a thumbs-up.

None of them thought about life hearts at this moment. They were all focused on solving the problem in front of them.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong focused on escorting Jiang Dongshan.

At this moment, Jiang Dongshan stopped and hovered in the air. He brought out rusty red talismans from his pocket. Upon closer inspection, the talismans were drenched in blood. Then, he joined his palms together, holding the talismans between his palms before he shot forward.

“Cover me,” Jiang Dongshan shouted.

“Just go!” Qin Naihe roared before he manifested his avatar.

The avatar’s lotus sent the fierce beasts flying immediately.

At the same time, Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai continued to attack as they flew around.

The three top experts of the Evil Sky Pavilion fought fiercely.

At this time, the Dark Prince, dressed in tattered clothes, raised his head. The dark light in his eyes grew brighter; they were a stark contrast to his pale and disfigured face. His mouth opened and closed as he made strange noises.

Whoosh!

Allofa sudden, the Dark Prince spat out a ray of black light.

“No!”

Jiang Dongshan, who was holding the talismans tightly with both hands, was about to be hit when a figure flashed in front of him, swinging his sword horizontally when he arrived.

Bang!

The person who blocked the ray of light was none other than Yu Shangrong, the Sword Devil. He flew back with a calm expression on his face when the ray of light hit the sword. He glanced at the Longevity Sword and saw a dent on its blade. He tightened his grip, causing the sword to thrum. After a moment, the red runes shot out, restoring the blade before dissipating. He frowned when he saw the red runes were gone. He was reminded of Si Wuya, his confident and arrogant junior brother who had spared no efforts helping him with the Longevity Sword.

Yu Shangrong suddenly flew up.

“Second Junior Brother, what are you doing?” Yu Zhenghai asked before he said, “I need you to preserve your strength!”

Yu Shangrong said tonelessly, “The sword is here, and I’m here.”

Yu Shangrong’s long robe fluttered in the wind as the Longevity Sword flew out.

Countless energy swords converged and tore through the sky toward the Dark Prince.

At the same time, the thirteen golden leaves hidden among the energy sword mercilessly slashed at the Dark Prince’s body.

Each time a golden leaf pierced the Dark Prince’s body, he would grunt and take three steps back. After the thirteen leaves pierced him, he had retreated 39 steps.

Subsequently, the energy swords flew back along with the Longevity Sword.

Jiang Dongshan glanced at Yu Shangrong and said, “Thank you.”

Jiang Dongshan no longer dared to waste time. He held the talismans and rushed up the Dark Prince who was pushed back. Then, he turned the talisman into fluorescent powder that fell on the Dark Prince.

“Argh!” The Dark Prince roared. Fear and nervousness could be seen in its eyes as it roared.

‘When the fluorescent powder landed on the Dark Prince’s body, they turned into a fog of blood energy that shrouded him.

“Blood energy?” Qin Naihe frowned.

The Dark Prince’s body began to tremble.

Yu Shangrong flew over, grabbed Jiang Dongshan’s shadow, and said, “Let’s go.”

Jiang Dongshan turned around and swatted Yu Shangrong’s hand away before he pushed his hand out.

Yu Shangrong’s movement was as light as a swallow as he flew back, avoiding the attack.

“Hm?”

Jiang Dongshan said, "Thank you for helping me, but the Dark Prince is no longer a threat."

"What do you mean?"

The Dark Prince's body was completely shrouded in blood energy at this moment. In fact, more and more blood energy seemed to be converging on him.

Jiang Dongshan said, "I've agreed to bring Pavilion Master Lu to Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction in exchange for the Dark Prince. Now, he's under my control."

"It's under your control?"

"Yes. I knew you'd find it hard to believe," Jiang Dongshan said. Then, he looked at the Dark Prince and called out, "Dark Prince."

The Dark Prince's eyes shone. Then, he rushed out toward Yu Shangrong with agile movements. His hands became a blur when he moved them.

Yu Shangrong flashed, retreating 1,000 feet.

Unexpectedly, the Dark Prince kept up with Yu Shangrong and punched Yu Shangrong's heart.

Bang!

Yu Shangrong's golden avatar appeared and merged with him, blocking the heavy punch.

The punch had been deadly. Yu Shangrong could see the space rippling in the wake of the Dark Prince's fist earlier. He frowned as he retreated another 1,000 feet. At the same time, his avatar disappeared.

Jiang Dongshan said, "I'm sorry. The Dark Prince lacks control over his strength. When he was alive, he was the supreme beast tamer, after all. After he died, his strength had been greatly reduced, but he still has the strength of a Great Dao Saint. It's only normal that you're no match for him."

Yu Shangrong, Yu Zhenghai, and Qin Naihe could clearly sense the change in Jiang Dongshan's speech and attitude.

Yu Zhenghai asked, "Were you using us?"

Jiang Dongshan said, "Mr. First, you misunderstand me. Dark Prince, recall the fierce beasts!"

The Dark Prince raised his head and roared.

With that, the fierce beasts retreated immediately, greatly reducing the pressure on the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Yu Zhenghai nodded and said, "That's good."

Then, Jiang Dongshan looked in the direction of the ancient formations and said, "Pavilion Master Lu won't be able to come out any time soon. Since I just took control of the Dark Prince, why don't you help me test out his strength?"

"You can test it yourself," Yu Zhenghai said in a deep voice.

“Don’t misunderstand me. I’ve known everyone for so long now. I have no ill intentions. I respect both Mr. First and Mr. Second. Both of you love sparring and fighting with experts. How can you miss such a good opportunity?” Jiang Dongshan said.

Qin Naihe interjected, “Now’s not the time to be testing the Dark Prince’s strength. The land has split, causing a great commotion. The silver-armored guards will surely return. We should work together and solve the problem in front of us first.”

“The problem has been solved,” Jiang Dongshan said confidently as he spread his arms, “Just three moves. After that, I’ll leave immediately.”

The fierce beasts completely retreated collectively.

The Dark Prince took a step forward. His gaze was locked on Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe..

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Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe could clearly feel the Dark Prince’s killing intent. It was as though all his years of pent-up emotions were about to explode.

At this time, the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion began to look over one after another with confused expressions on their faces.

Mingshi Yin flew over on Qiong Qi’s back and asked, “Jiang Dongshan, have you finally revealed your true colors?”

Jiang Dongshan raised his head and said, “Mr. Fourth, how can you say that? We’ve been together in the ancient formations for such a long time and have a good relationship. How could I harm my friends?”

Mingshi Yin smiled. “Spare me your words. I know what you were going to do from way before. You kept searching for opportunities to spar with everyone while we were in the ancient formations. Weren’t you just looking for a chance to launch a sneak attack? However, you knew that once you launch a sneak attack, you’ll definitely die so you chickened out.”

Jiang Dongshan waved his hand and said, “You wrongly accused me. With your strength, how could I have successfully launched a sneak attack?”

“Nonsense! You just didn’t dare to do so. That’s why you’ve been pretending to be a good man for so long. You deliberately led us into the ancient formations to trap us. A wise man once said that when a person lies, they’ll inadvertently look away. Look, you’re lying,” Mingshi Yin said.

“Tm not!” Jiang Dongshan denied vehemently.

“Then, tell the Dark Prince to get lost!” Mingshi Yin said in a deep voice.

Bang!

At this time, the Dark Prince, whose eyes glinted with a strange light, tore through the air toward Mingshi Yin.

“Dodge, Fourth Junior Brother!”

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong, one on the left and one on the right, unleashed thousands of energy sabers and energy swords.

The Dark Prince disregarded the onslaughts of energy sabers, energy swords, and energy seals. He moved so fast that it seemed like he had torn the void. In just a blink of an eye, he had arrived in front of Mingshi Yin. He did not waste time and punched Mingshi Yin.

Whoosh!

Unexpectedly, the Dark Prince’s fist only met the air.

Mingshi Yin and Qiong Qi had disappeared and reappeared in the air 100 meters above the Dark Prince, looking down at him.

Everyone was shocked.

“The power of the Dao? A Venerable Master?” Jiang Dongshan exclaimed in shock.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong, who were also surprised by Mingshi Yin’s performance, smiled.

“Old Fourth, not bad!”

“Eldest Senior Brother, Second Senior Brother, you’re overpraising me! In front of my two senior brothers, my skills are just fancy but impractical,” Mingshi Yin replied humbly.

Qin Naihe said, “You understand the law of space, that’s not impractical.”

Inwardly, Qin Naihe thought to himself, ‘You have the Great Void Seed. After staying in the ancient formation for 100 years, even if you become a Saint, there’s nothing strange about it.’”

Moreover, before meeting the Emperor of Qin, Mingshi Yin could already kill Xi Qishu.

Jiang Dongshan smiled. “Alright, then I’ll have to let the Dark Prince experience your strength.”

Now that the Dark Prince received his order, he raised his head and rushed out again toward Mingshi Yin. He arrived in front of Mingshi Yin at lightning speed and punched out again with his powerful arm.

Bang!

Mingshi Yin and Qiong Qi were sent flying 100 meters back. When Mingshi Yin stabilized his footing, he said before flying off Qiong Qi’s back, “Doggy, look after yourself!”

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Mingshi Yin vanished into thin air.

On both sides of the rift, all kinds of things were growing. Towering trees grew one after another as vines as thick as giant pythons snaked out, swiftly covering an area of 1,000 meters.

“Bluewood Heart Technique” Jiang Dongshan said, “Dark Prince, don’t hold back.”

The Dark Prince made strange noises again as he waved his hand. Then, black energy burst forth from its body.

“Dodge! It’s the corrosive energy!”

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe flashed in three different directions.

At this moment, a roar rang in the air as Lu Wu swooped down from the sky.

Duanmu Sheng stood on Lu Wu’s head. The purple dragons twined around his arms as he held the Overlord Spear that had grown to several thousand feet long. As he spun the Overlord Spear with both hands, the purple dragons spun as well, blocking the corrosive energy. With that, only a small amount of the energy landed on the plants, causing them to wither.

Jiang Dongshan looked at Duanmu Sheng and the purple dragons as he said, “Mr. Third, isn’t this inappropriate?”

“Thate despicable people like you the most!” Duanmu Sheng said bluntly. Then, he leaped off Lu Wu’s head, bypassing the Dark Prince and shot toward Jiang Dongshan.

“Dark Prince!” Jiang Dongshan called out.

The Dark Prince’s arms trembled briefly before they shot out of their sockets!

Swoosh!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Duanmu Sheng spun around and swept his Overlord Spear out horizontally. Black and purple energy swirled around him along with the purple dragons as he was pushed back.

“What’s this move?” Mingshi Yin watched through the gaps of the Bluewood.

Qin Naihe said, “As expected of the zombie king, the Dark Prince. I’m afraid it’s not weaker than the zombie king, Ying Gou.”

Jiang Dongshan flew up into the air and spread his arms out, holding his astrolabe to guard against sneak attacks. He swept his gaze past everyone as he laughed and said, “I didn’t expect most of you to have the strength of a Venerable Master. I really didn’t expect the ancient formations to help you.”

“As expected, there’s something wrong with you,” Yu Zhenghai said.

“No, no, no,” Jiang Dongshan continued to deny, I really admire all of you. I even wanted to join the Evil Sky Pavilion. I’ve expressed my intentions many times when we were in the ancient formations. After all, we’re all from the golden lotus domain.”

Jiang Dongshan looked in the direction of the ancient formations. He knew he could not afford to waste time so he flicked a red talisman out.

When the red talisman landed on the Dark Prince, the Dark Prince’s eyes dimmed.

Then, Jiang Dongshan said, “To show my sincerity, I’ll stop now. The deal between us is over. Take care.”

Then, the blood energy on the Dark Prince's body shrouded Jiang Dongshan before Jiang Dongshan flew toward the rift.

Yu Zhenghai pushed his hand out, launching an energy saber.

"Sovereign Descent!"

Jiang Dongshan raised his head and used the astrolabe to block the attack. He was not weak, after all; he had 20 Birth Charts.

Yu Zhenghai hovered above the energy saber and said icily, "It's too late for you to leave now."

"Mr. First, what do you mean?" Jiang Dongshan asked.

"You can leave as long as my master agrees to it. However, before he agrees, you can't leave," Yu Zhenghai said as he drew the Jasper Saber and held it in front of him horizontally.

Bang!

A 1,000-foot-long energy saber appeared around the Jasper Saber immediately.

"You!"

"Eldest Senior Brother is right." At this time, Yu Shangrong unsheathed his Longevity Sword. It circled him immediately.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Following that, Qin Naihe, Mingshi Yin, and Duanmu Sheng flashed appeared in three different directions.

All five of them surrounded Jiang Dongshan.

"It seems like all of you underestimate the Dark Prince."

The Dark Prince looked up, revealing his dark eyes that had now turned blood-red.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The Dark Prince's arms and legs flew out in all directions, independent of his body.

The five experts of the Evil Sky Pavilion began to fight fiercely with the zombie king's limbs.

Lu Wu turned to look at the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion and said, "Retreat."

Yuan Lang hurriedly relayed the order. "Retreat!"

Following that, the 49 Swordsmen got into formation in the air.

Countless fierce beasts charged out like a tide from both sides of the rift and began to attack.

Swoosh!

Lu Wu raised his head to look at the sky before he shot up and its eight tails fanned out. With that, an extremely cold energy spread out.

'The surrounding greenery within ten miles near the Pillar of Destruction was instantly frozen.

The fierce beasts were also frozen into ice sculptures by Lu Wu. Then, it roared thunderously.

'With Lu Wu in the center, soundwaves swept out in all directions, covering the sky and the earth.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The ice sculptures shattered into shards of ice immediately.

With just one move, Lu Wu killed over 10,000 fierce beasts.

At this time, the surviving beast kings attacked the other members of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

'The four elders who were experienced did not panic in the face of danger.

"Block them."

Bang! Bang! Bang!

'The Square Box flew out, hitting the beast kings.

Hua Yuexing began to release energy arrows in a frenzy.

The valley and the rift turned chaotic and bloody in just a blink of an eye.

Zhu Honggong sat on Dang Kang's back and attacked with his fists as he said, "There are too many of them! We have to kill the Dark Prince!"

"The Dark Prince is now controlled by Jiang Dongshan," Yan Zhenluo said.

"Well, we can only leave it up to Eldest Senior Brother and the others then," Zhu Honggong said.

Meanwhile, the five experts of the Evil Sky Pavilion continued to fight with the Dark Prince.

'The Dark Prince was so strong that he was not at a disadvantage at all despite the difference in number.

The battle of the Venerable Masters had turned the area into ruins in just a moment. For this reason, the other members of Evil Sky Pavilion retreated ten miles, leaving the frozen ruins.

At this time, vines shot out from both sides like giant snakes.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The 49 Swordsmen did their best to chop off the vines with their energy swords.

"So annoying!"

"Little Fire Phoenix!" Little Yuan'er used the Seven Stars Cloud Treading Steps as she moved.

The little Fire Phoenix grew to about 30 feet tall and carried Little Yuan'er up into the sky. The Nirvana Sash shot out in the air like a scarlet dragon, cutting the vines.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

'The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and opened its beaks, spitting out flames to the left and right.

The vines retreated immediately, clearly afraid of the fire.

This provided the others with some respite.

Zhu Honggon did not forget to say, "Ninth Junior Sister, you're amazing! I'm impressed."

Little Yuan'er and the little Fire Phoenix swooped back down, joining the others.

"The vines are afraid of fire. Little Junior Sister, it's your turn," Ye Tianxin said as she tossed out two orbs of greenish-golden karmic fire.

The effect was rather good.

"Alright! Elder Hua, borrow me your Square Box!" Conch said as she leaped onto the Square Box.

"Use it however you like!" Hua Wudao said, pushing his hand out to stabilize the Square Box. At the same time, the Six Compatible Seal flashed brilliantly.

Conch flicked her sleeve, bringing out the Nine String Zither. As her fingers danced across the energy, soundwaves swept out in all directions.

Red karmic fire mercilessly burned the vines and the fierce beasts on both sides of the rift.

'The Square Box was like a small boat now, carrying everyone as it flew in the air.

'The red energy and the blazing flames turned Zhixu into a living hell.

The melody from the Nine String Zither was like Grim Reaper's scythe to the fierce beasts. It killed everything in its path, washing the mountain and rivers with blood.

'When Conch's right hand pressed down on the zither, the melody came to an abrupt stop.

Silence returned to Zhixu.

At this time, the 49 Swordsmen closed their formation as well.

'The pressure on everyone was greatly relieved. Nevertheless, they looked around warily.

"It's best to be on guard," Ye Tianxin said as she patted Cheng Huang's back.

Cheng Huang lowered its head and let out a cry. Then, it stomped its four hooves before it rose higher into the sky with movements as light as a swallow. Its long tail fluttered in the wind as it circled the sky. Then, its body suddenly grew swiftly.

"Cheng Huang has grown stronger!"

Everyone sighed emotionally.

"Cheng Huang was originally a 10,000-year-old beast. In order to stay in the golden lotus domain, it forcefully destroyed a little of its life force," Ye Tianxin explained.

"see."

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

From afar, what looked like a flurry of black tornado and five avatars that towered into the sky fought viciously.

“Eldest Senior Brother, Second Senior Brother...”

Everyone watched anxiously as the black tornado sent the five avatars flying back.

The Dark Prince alone could defeat the five avatars.

Upon seeing this, Jiang Dongshan laughed happily.

Ye Tianxin asked, “Hongfu, is there a way to bring master out faster?”

Zhao Hongfu shook her head and said, “The ancient formations are beyond my understanding.”

At this moment, Yan Zhenluo said, “Since the land splitting managed to shake the formations, why don’t we let the land continue to split?”

“You’re right!”

“Let’s do it together!”

The Square Box flew toward the rift immediately.

10,000-foot-long energy seals landed on the sides of the rift one after another.

“Go down! It’d be more useful for us to attack deeper into the rift since it’s narrower!”

The Square Box descended as everyone released energy seals in a frenzy trying to shake the earth.

They kept descending and attacking. They did not know long they had been descending until it was completely dark. Even then, it seemed like their attacks had no effect at all.

Humans were too weak, after all. How could an ant shake a tree? How could humans shake heaven or earth?

They were about to continue when suddenly...

Boom!

A bolt of lightning struck down from the top of the Pillar of Destruction. Electric arcs flashed and spread from the top to the bottom of the pillars and continued to spread out, covering a radius of 100 kilometers.

Boom!

“Quick! Go up!”

It seemed like the rift was being mended by the electric arcs, and it was closing up.

Hua Wudao was shocked. He hurriedly flew below the Square Machine and raised his hands to push it up as he roared, “Rise!”

Hua Wudao’s face flushed red as he used all his strength to lift everyone up. They could have flown, but it would have been too chaotic and slow. Suddenly, he spat out a mouthful of blood.

“Hua Wudao, you’re crazy!!”

Swoosh!

The Square Box suddenly flew up at a speed beyond comprehension.

At this time, Zhu Honggong flew down and lifted the Square Box with both his hands.

Hua Wudao wiped the blood off his lips and said, “Don’t worry. It’s nothing.”

Bang!

“I’ll show you what Old Eighth can do!” Zhu Honggong said as his boxing gloves exploded with energy. Energy fists as huge as a mountain appeared along with his avatar.

Zhu Honggong and Hua Wudao pushed the Square Box up with all their might. When they saw the light, the rift was about to close.

“Faster!”

“Don’t worry!”

Zhu Honggong gritted his teeth, giving a hard push. He successfully pushed the Square Box and the others out of the rift, but at this moment, the rift was about to close on him and his avatar.

An expression of despair appeared on Zhu Honggong’s face as he said, “It’s over! I played too big a hand this time!”

At this time...

“Freeze.”

A soft voice rang in the air.

Electric arcs flashed on the earth, mountains, the Square Box, and the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Everything froze in just an instant.

Lu Zhou’s expression was calm as he flashed and appeared next to Zhu Honggong. Then, with a hand that felt as though it could hold up the sky, he pulled Zhu Honggong up.

Then, Lu Zhou waved his left hand, bringing the Hourglass of Time back to his hand. Then, he looked at the black tornado and the five avatars.

Whoosh!

“The Dark Prince?” Lu Zhou said in a deep voice as he flashed above the black tornado.

The Dark Prince had freed itself two seconds earlier from the effect of the Hourglass of Time. His eyes flashed with a dark light before his four limbs reattached themselves to his body again.

Lu Zhou pushed his hand down and imbued it with the divine power.

Flawed Perfection!

Boom!

Flawed Perfection pressed down on the Dark Prince's head and pressed him down to the ground.

The black tornado dissipated immediately.

At this time, Zhu Honggong, who had been saved, looked around in confusion. He looked at his fists, his intact avatar, and the mended rift before he said as he laughed, "F*ck! I'm so powerful?! I'm so f*cking powerful?!"

Little Yuan'er said, "Shut up. Master has come out."

"L.." Zhu Honggong pointed at himself and was about to brag when he saw his master standing majestically and looking down at the Dark Prince who had been pressed down into the ground.

'When Yu Zhenghai saw his master, he finally calmed down. Then, he said, "Jiang Dongshan used us to gain control of the Dark Prince. Everything is a part of his scheme."

Lu Zhou nodded, unsurprised. He looked around and said, "Jiang Dongshan, come out now!"

The surroundings were silent.

No one responded.

"Do you think that I'm unaware that you work for the Great Void?"

Everyone was slightly surprised.

Lu Zhou flashed. Ten Lu Zhou's appeared and landed in ten different directions.

Lu Zhou activated the power of smell and the power of hearing.

'The Dark Prince did not move at all, looking like a real corpse now.

Lu Zhou and his nine clones stepped out, expanding the range of the Heavenly Writing powers. Then, the nine clones merged back into his body.

""T found you."

Bang!

Jiang Dongshan flew into the sky and shouted, "Dark Prince!"

'The Dark Prince's eyes opened. He moved stiffly before he pounced at Lu Zhou.

Jiang Dongshan was trying to block Lu Zhou by using the Dark Prince.

However, Yu Zhenghai appeared in front of Jiang Dongshan and said, "You were tricked out just like that?"

"You!"

"Oh, I forgot to tell you that Bi An's sense of smell is unparalleled."

Bi An glared at Jiang Dongshan with anger brewing its eyes.

Yu Zhenghai wielded the Jasper Saber with both hands and brought them down at Jiang Dongshan. "You can't escape!"

Boom!

Jiang Dongshan held up his astrolabe and was sent flying back.

"Without the Dark Prince, you can't defeat any of us," Mingshi Yin, who had appeared behind Jiang Dongshan said. His lips were curled up into a sneer as he held the Separation Hook that glinted coldly.

Jiang Dongshan's mood fell immediately. He had been hiding all this time to gain control over the Dark Prince. Initially, his strength could be ranked at the top, but he did not expect that after the time in the ancient formations, he was actually left so far behind.

"There's no reason for all of their strength to be so exaggerated! Does it have something to do with the Great Void Seeds?"

Bang!

Jiang Dongshan spat out a mouthful of blood. He felt as though his chest had just been struck by lightning. Then, he looked back at the Dark Prince, filled with unwillingness, before he said through gritted teeth, "I'll take my leave first!"

Then, Jiang Dongshan crashed the jade talisman in his hand.

At the same moment, the jade talisman shattered, a voice rang by Jiang Dongshan's ears.

"Set."

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Jiang Dongshan lost his initiative immediately.

Following the word 'freeze', electric arc spread everywhere and to everyone, including the Dark Prince. Although he was a zombie king, he was still frozen by the Hourglass of time.

At this time, Lu Zhou had already arrived in front of Jiang Dongshan. His hand was like death itself as it moved toward Jiang Dongshan's chest.

At this time, the Dark Prince, who managed to free himself first, flashed to Lu Zhou's side. corrosive energy rolled out toward Lu Zhou immediately.

Lu Zhou silently recited the mantra for the Heavenly Writing Power. At the same time, he imbued his divine mark robe with his divine power. The corrosive energy was instantly repelled by the divine mark robe.

"The Dark Prince roared as though he had lost his mind before he attacked Lu Zhou.

"Great Dao Saint? Zombie kings are really powerful."

Boom!

Time began to flow again.

For Jiang Dongshan, he had only heard the word 'freeze' before his chest was heavily hit. He threw up blood immediately. His eyes widened as he looked at Lu Zhou who was covered in blue electric arcs. He tried his best to protect his life force as he crashed heavily to the ground. The chaotic Primal Qi in his body wreaked havoc in his body, bringing with it excruciating pain.

At this moment, Jiang Dongshan felt that his mind was confused. Strange images appeared in his mind one after another. Each image was slightly similar to the blue electric arcs. An indescribable and complex feeling welled up in his heart immediately.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Jiang Dongshan hurriedly sealed his Eight Extraordinary Meridians. He watched as the Dark Prince's limbs detached from his body and attacked Lu Zhou. At the same time, he treated his injuries as best as he could and tried to suppress the surging qi. At the same time, he alternated between calling 'Dark Prince' and 'Wang Hai' over and over again.

'The Dark Prince was completely dominated by Jiang Dongshan's strong emotions. His attacks grew quicker and fiercer. Then, he managed to seal Lu Zhou in a space, making it impossible for Lu Zhou to attack him.

Jiang Dongshan shook his head, trying to get rid of the chaotic images in his mind before he said, "Kill."

Once again, the black tornado appeared in the air.

At the same time, a tearing force appeared in front of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, preventing them from approaching so they could only watch from afar.

Lu Zhou's divine mark robe was incredibly amazing. No matter how much corrosive energy the Dark Prince released, it could not get close to Lu Zhou at all. After a moment, he felt the pressure from the surrounding space. At this level, punches, kicks, and energy seals had lost their meanings. Only the laws could determine the outcome.

Lu Zhou sensed the law of space. Then, he could feel a spatial tearing force that only Dao Saints could use. It felt like countless black tentacles were grabbing him from all directions, trying to drag him into the dark void.

"Avatar!"

'As soon as Lu Zhou's avatar appeared, Lu Zhou's power exploded in all directions.

The corrosive energy retreated, but in just a moment, it swept toward Lu Zhou again.

'Blue avatar!"

Buzz!

Boom!

The golden avatar, which seemed to have been boosted by the blue avatar, suddenly exploded with strength. It shattered the spatial prison, and the black tentacle recoiled immediately.

The Dark Prince's eyes dimmed slightly as he was sent flying back the powers of the golden and blue avatars.

The two avatars appeared only for a moment, looking like powerful immortals who were looking down on all creations.

Jiang Dongshan inhaled sharply. His eyes looked as though they were going to pop out of their sockets as he said tremblingly, "T-the Unholy One!"

In Jiang Dongshan's mind, the golden avatar that was like the sun and the divine mark robe that glowed blue with electric arcs flashing around it overlapped with the image of the emperor in his mind.

"Argh! Jiang Dongshan could no longer suppress his surging qi and blood. Coupled with his strong emotions and the violent beating of his heart, his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar appeared before it disappeared again.

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 1,000 merit points."

Jiang Dongshan cried out in fear.

After the Dark Prince was sent flying, Lu Zhou landed on the ground. He stood with his hands on his back as he looked down at Jiang Dongshan expressionlessly.

"Dark Prince! Dark Prince!" Jiang Dongshan called out repeatedly. He began to panic even more when the Dark Prince did not appear. Losing a Birth Chart had dealt a huge enough blow to him.

Jiang Dongshan struggled to his feet and stomped his feet. Just as he was about to fly away, Yu Zhenghai and Bi An swooped down.

Boom!

Jiang Dongshan was pushed back to the ground and grunted in pain. His strong survival instinct pushed him to flash in another direction.

Yu Shangrong flashed, blocking Jiang Dongshan's path. Thirteen golden leaves followed in the Longevity Sword as it circled him.

Before Jiang Dongshan turned around, Qin Naihe appeared and blocked his path as well.

Lu Zhou continued to watch Jiang Dongshan expressionlessly with his hands on his back.

Finally, Jiang Dongshan sat on the ground limply. He seemed to have calmed down slightly. "You already knew?"

In his mind, Jiang Dongshan kept telling himself it was impossible that the person in front of him was the Unholy One. He repeated it over and over again in his mind until he calmed down completely.

"Do you think your petty tricks can fool me?" Lu Zhou asked indifferently before he said, "I knew you were up to no good the first day I saw you."

Jiang Dongshan asked skeptically, "Then, why didn't you expose me?"

"I gave you a chance, but you didn't cherish it and even dared to follow me to Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction," Lu Zhou said.

After all, how could there be such a coincidence in the world? If there was, it was definitely a lie.

"But I really came from the golden lotus domain," Jiang Dongshan tried to explain.

"It's true that you came from the golden lotus domain, but didn't anyone tell you it's impossible to assimilate once you entered the Thousand Realms Whirling stage?"

Jiang Dongshan: * ...

Indeed, if it could be assimilated, then there should be only one color in the Great Void.

Jiang Dongshan wilted, unable to refute Lu Zhou's words.

Lu Zhou said, "I only kept you around because I wanted to see what you're up to."

"Aren't you afraid I'd kill them? Their cultivation bases aren't as high as mine," Jiang Dongshan asked.

Boom!

Lu Wu landed at the side. It looked down at Jiang Dongshan and said in a low voice, "The Pavilion Master had already informed me to keep an eye on you, and if there are any unusual movements, I can eat you. I've been watching you over the past 100 years."

Jiang Dongshan: * ...

Lu Wu said disapprovingly, "The funny thing is, from the beginning until the end, you didn't put me in your eyes."

Indeed. Jiang Dongshan had been dismissive of Lu Wu. He felt ridiculous. Lu Wu was so huge and lying at the side all day, but he really ignored it.

At this moment, Duanmu Sheng interjected, "Lu Wu, why don't I know about this?"

"Uh... Young Master, I had to keep it a secret," Lu Wu said.

Duanmu Sheng held the Overlord Spear upside down before he stabbed into the ground and said, "Well, it's not that I look down on him, but even if master doesn't watch over us, I don't think he can harm any of us."

Whoosh!

Duanmu Sheng pointed the Overlord Spear at Jiang Dongshan and asked, "Are you unconvinced?"

As the saying went, 'The winner takes all'. It was pointless to say anything. Jiang Dongshan only chuckled.

"What's your purpose?" Lu Zhou asked.

Jiang Dongshan shook his head. "It's useless to say anything now."

“Speak!” Duanmu Sheng said angrily.

“I was ordered to investigate the golden lotus domain, but later, I changed my mind and only wanted to control the Dark Prince for protection. It’s up to you to believe it or not,” Jiang Dongshan said.

“You only want to control the Dark Prince to protect yourself? You’re a Venerable Master, after all. I’m afraid it’s not that simple, right?” Yu Zhenghai said.

Jiang Dongshan’s eyes burned as he said through gritted teeth, “It’s because I want... a real body!”

Everyone was confused by these words.

“What do you mean?”

“You won’t understand even if I tell you,” Jiang Dongshan said. Then, he punched his fist fiercely on the ground and called out, “Dark Prince, come here!”

Boom! Boom! Boom!

Jiang Dongshan punched the ground thrice.

No one knew where the Dark Prince was hiding, but he refused to show himself.

Jiang Dongshan sat down in despair as his body trembled. He said, “The Dark Prince coveted Emperor Shangzhang’s concubine and was dismembered by the emperor before he was buried under Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction. Over time, his body was refined until it’s no weaker than a divine weapon. Only his body can give me rebirth!”

Jiang Dongshan’s voice grew louder and louder toward the end.

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‘Another madman!’

Lu Zhou frowned and said, “Emperor Shangzhang?”

Jiang Dongshan suddenly fell to the ground and joined his palms together as he said incoherently and fearfully, “I didn’t do it on purpose. I don’t dare to be disrespectful to the supreme being. I don’t dare! I don’t dare!”

‘It seems like he’s completely lost it!’

Yu Zhenghai asked, “You’re alive and well. Why do you still want to be reborn?”

Jiang Dongshan did not speak and refused to answer this question.

Lu Zhou recalled Ying Gou’s fear of the Unholy One and asked, “Is Emperor Shangzhang the legendary Unholy One?”

Jiang Dongshan shook his head.

“Who’s the Unholy One?”

“You can’t mention him! It’s a taboo! It’s a taboo!” Jiang Dongshan muttered.

Lu Zhou asked, "Who ordered you to approach the Evil Sky Pavilion?"

"I don't know." Jiang Dongshan shook his head.

Lu Zhou pressed his hand down.

Jiang Dongshan leaped up and tried to dodge, but Lu Zhou accurately caught him and said, "You better answer me honestly."

Jiang Dongshan frowned as beads of sweat rolled down his face. He looked like he was in excruciating pain and could not say the name. At this time, fine jade-green cracks began to appear on his arms and face. Then, he cried out.

"What's going on?" Yu Zhenghai asked.

Lu Zhou let go of his grip.

Jiang Dongshan floated in the air as he kept struggling and waving his hand around. His eyes were wide open, and his mouth closed and opened as though he was trying to speak, but his throat was blocked by some invisible force. Soon enough, the jade-green cracks spread all over his body.

Bang!

Jiang Dongshan shattered just like glass and turned into specks of light that disappeared in the air.

"A projection?" Lu Zhou frowned. He had fought Lan Xihe before and recognized the projection immediately.

"He's a projection?" Yu Zhenghai tightened his grip around his Jasper Saber. "What kind of despicable person is he!"

Mingshi Yin stroked his chin and said, "This projection is interesting. He actually wanted to control the Dark Prince so he could have a real body. The red talisman and blood energy likely isn't just a simple controlling technique but a parasitic technique as well."

After meeting Lord Zhennan who turned into a tree, they no longer found anything strange.

This reminded Yu Zhenghai of his last clansman from the Wugu clan. He sighed as he said, "People are really strange. Why can't they be themselves? No matter how good the disguise is, it's always temporary."

Pan Litian, who was standing on the Square Box, poked Leng Luo and said, "Old Leng, he's talking about you."

Leng Luo shed his usually cold expression and cursed in low voice, "Go to hell!"

Mingshi Yin asked curiously, "This projection technique is really profound. How is done? Does anyone know?"

Everyone shook their heads.

Ye Tianxin stood on top of Cheng Huang's head and said, "Lan Xihe used her projection to guard the White Tower Council for many years. There was a mistake when she activated her 13th Birth Chart."

Based on this, it can be seen that projections aren't connected to the consciousness of the original body."

"In Lan Xihe's case, it's possible that she deliberately removed the connection to her consciousness. However, Jiang Dongshan clearly approached us with a purpose."

Lu Zhou paced back and forth as he said, "The consciousness shouldn't be connected. Otherwise, they can just control their projections and send them out to maintain the balance. The projection should have its own will to a certain extent. If I'm not mistaken, the original must be protecting his mind from the influence of his projection."

Qin Naihe nodded. "Pavilion Master has a point. Otherwise, if there are too many consciousnesses, it's very easy to form a proverbial demon in one's heart. There are rules. Those who don't abide by the rules will suffer a powerful backlash..."

Everyone nodded.

"Master, I'm afraid the land splitting earlier might attract the attention of the people from the Great Void. Let's enter the pillar as soon as possible, shall we?" Mingshi Yin asked.

"Alright," Lu Zhou said before he led everyone to Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction.

In a hall in the Great Void.

Jiang Wenxu, who was sitting cross-legged, suddenly opened his eyes. He extended his left hand, and a life stone flew into his hand. The life stone had dimmed and cracks had begun to form on it. With just a gentle grip, it shattered.

"Dead?"

Jiang Wenxu rose to his feet before he paced back and forth with a frown on his face.

After thinking for a long time, he still could not figure out what happened.

"Trash! He couldn't even retain his memories!" Jiang Wenxu cursed. Then, he hurriedly spat when he realized he had accidentally cursed himself.

Inside Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction.

Everyone was in a daze as they looked at Conch standing in the barrier.

Zhu Honggong was the first to clap and say, "What are all of you waiting for? Hurry up and give my junior sister a round of applause!"

With that, everyone regained their senses.

"Congratulations, Miss Tenth."

"Congratulations, junior sister."

Conch did not expect she would be recognized by Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction as well.

At this time, Yan Zhenluo asked, "If each of the ten Pillars of Destruction represents a quality, then what does Zhixu's pillar represent?"

Qin Naihe thought about it for a moment before he said, "This is the land of fierce beasts. Conch is gifted with the beast tongue. Perhaps, that's why. It might also be due to her naivety?"

"Nonsense! The naive one is Ninth Junior Sister." Zhu Honggong quickly refuted Qin Naihe's words.

Lu Li smiled and said, "Perhaps, it's because she's understanding?"

"Understanding?"

Boom!

A thunderous rang from outside followed Lu Wu's angry and earth-shaking roar. "Scram!"

"Understanding or not, all I know is we have to go now!" Mingshi Yin flew out on Qiong Qi's back.

Lu Zhou appeared outside in a flash.

'When they looked up, they saw the silver-armored guards.

An armored black winged dragon flapped its wings, looking down at the Pillar of Destruction.

They had finally come..

Chapter 1447: Confronting the Sky Again

'The huge beast was the same one they had seen when they were in the ancient formations previously. Now that they were at a closer range, they could see its ink-colored skin was like the bark of a tree under its iron armor. Its aura was quite similar to the Nine-clawed Black Dragon, but appearance-wise, it looked fiercer.

Lu Zhou found it hard to describe the huge beast. Its head was big, and its tail was small. It was like a bat, but it was also like an owl.

The 3,000 silver-armored guards hovered behind the huge beast menacingly. To be precise, there were less than 3,000 of them left; there were only a little over 2,000 of them. During the time they were patrolling the Unknown Land, many had lost their lives. Some lost their lives during their skirmishes with the Xuanyi Palace; some lost their lives to the ancient divine beast in the core area.

Finally, the captain of the silver-armored guard, who was standing on the iron-armored dragon, broke the silence first. He calmly said, "Those of you who want to destroy the Pillars of Destruction, step forward now."

'The captain of the silver-armored guards was certain that the appearance of so many silver-armored guards would certainly intimidate the group of weak people before him.

No one responded to the captain's words.

Upon seeing this, the captain shook his head. Then, a golden energy saber appeared in his hand before he launched it downward.

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion remained unmoved. It seemed like they did not care at all.

‘As the golden energy saber fell, the captain of the silver-armored guards said indifferently, “I hope you in your next lives, you won’t harbor any unnecessary thoughts about the Pillars of Destruction.”

Boom!

‘The energy saber shot through Lu Zhou, leaving a long and narrow gully behind. However, Lu Zhou was completely harmed; he did not even move from his original position. He continued to look at the silver-armored guards expressionlessly with his hands on his back.

“Huh?” The captain of the silver-armored guards frowned slightly before he struck with another energy saber again. This time, the energy saber was at least 1,000 feet long and several feet thick, and it was aimed at Lu Zhou.

Boom!

Just like before, the energy saber harmlessly shot through Lu Zhou, only causing a slight ripple on his person before it shot into the ground, causing the gully to become deeper and wider.

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‘The expression of the captain of the silver-armored guard turned slightly unnatural. How could the person in front of him remain unharmed? How could a cultivator who was capable of withstanding two moves from him be simple?

Finally, the captain said, “I’m under the orders of the Great Void to maintain the balance between heaven and earth and to protect the Pillars of Destruction. Your attempts to destroy the pillars are a capital crime and can’t be forgiven!”

Lu Zhou asked tonelessly, “Why are you so sure that I want to destroy the pillars?”

‘The captain of the silver-armored guards said righteously, “Humans are greedy to begin with. Aren’t you going to all the pillars because you covet the Great Void soil?”

“since when did the Pillars of Destruction belong to the Great Void? As a matter of fact, since when did the seeds and the soil belong to the Great Void? Show me the evidence that the Great Void owns them,” Lu Zhou said as he shook his head. When he finished speaking, he extended his hand to the captain.

The captain’s expression turned unsightly. The fact that he failed to kill the person in front of him after attacking twice was already a humiliation, to begin with. He felt further humiliated when he was unable to refute Lu Zhou’s words. In the end, he only said in a deep voice, “The Great Void Seeds have always belonged to the Great Void. This is the consensus.”

“Well, I disagree,” Lu Zhou said.

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Lu Zhou continued to say, “The heavens and earth gave birth to all things. The air you breathe, the flowers, the trees, the sun that gives warmth, and everything else are birthed by the heavens and earth. However, if we follow your logic, then does the air belong to the Great Void as well?”

“Preposterous!” The captain of the silver-armored guards pointed his halberd at Lu Zhou and said, “For 100,000 years, the Great Void has guarded the balance between heaven and earth, stabilizing the world. If there were no Great Void, you wouldn’t have even existed after the land split. How dare you spout nonsense here?!” Then, he waved his hand and said thunderously to his subordinates, “Take them down!”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Five silver-armored guards swooped down from the sky immediately.

Based on the other party’s words and actions, it seemed like the Great Void was unaware of Lu Zhou’s identity. These people only treated him as someone who wanted to destroy the Great Void. In fact, this was what Lu Zhou was trying to confirm as well.

‘When the five silver-armored guards flew over, Lu Zhou shattered a Concealment Card hidden in his hand. After that, he quickly ignited a feather.

As soon as the feather was ignited, it turned into a streak of flame and shot away into the sky.

Needless to say, none of the silver-armored guards understood what Lu Zhou was trying to do and disregarded it. They continued to advance in the air. In their minds, enemies of the Great Void only deserved death

Judging from the other party’s words, the people of Great Void did not recognize him at all. They were only treating the Devil Sky Pavilion as a stronger force.

This was also what Lu Zhou wanted to see.

‘When the five silver-armored guards flew over, Lu Zhou crushed a hidden card in his palm. At the same time, he crossed his fingers and the feathers of the fire phoenix burned, turning into a streak of flame that drifted into the air.

The silver-armored guards could not understand Lu Zhou’s operation and continued to attack.

In their opinion, no matter who it was, anyone who was an enemy of great void deserved to die.

Boom!

Energy burst forth from Lu Zhou’s body.

The five silver-armored guards could not even get close to Lu Zhou before they were sent flying.

Upon seeing this, the captain of the silver-armored guards frowned. Then, he said, “Set up the formation.”

The five silver-armored guards flashed and returned to their positions in the sky.

The silver-armored guards wielded their halberds and began to move in five different directions.

“Five Elements Sky Formation!”

The already-dark sky turned even darker after it was covered by the silver-armored guards’ formation.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Following that, golden meteors tore through the sky toward the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

“Defend.”

Hua Wudao brought the Square Box and used it to cover everyone. However, it was clear that his strength was not enough to withstand such a large-scale attack.

The others rushed to Hua Wudao and helped Hu Wudao immediately.

At this time, Lu Zhou pointed at the roughly 2,000 silver-armored guards and called out, “Lu Wu.”

“Just in time. I almost couldn’t restrain myself anymore.”

Boom!

Lu Wu stomped his four paws and leaped up into the sky. Its eight tails fanned out, stirring up the air and the fog covering the sky.

A freezing energy spread to the surroundings immediately.

The silver-armored guards were shocked by Lu Wu’s killing technique. All of them hurriedly activated their protective energies to resist the freezing energy.

The silver-armored guards were indeed worthy of being a patrol team in the Unknown Land. Even the weakest among them had the cultivation base of a Free Man. When they were in formation, their overall strength was no weaker than a Great Venerable Master.

The silver-armored guards swung their halberds, forming golden energy that resisted the chill. The golden light their bodies emitted made them look like brightly-lit lanterns in the sky.

At this time, a sharp screech rang from the Square Box.

Then, butterfly-like energy seals fluttered up in the air toward the silver-armored guards. The Amorous Hoop shot out as well, hidden among the energy seals, with the force of a tidal wave.

“How dare you!” the captain of the silver-armored guards said in a dark voice, “Show them how powerful the Great Void is!”

“Yes!”

Over 100 silver-armored guards brandished their halberd, launching golden meteors that destroyed Ye Tianxin’s Butterfly Love Flower.

The silver-armored guards’ attacks suddenly grew fiercer.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

The attacks continued to hit the Square Box.

At this time, Lu Zhou asked in a loud and clear voice, "Aren't you going to show me your strength after 100 years have passed?"

"Yes!"

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Mingshi Yin, and Qin Naihe moved out immediately.

With this, the battle at Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction finally began.

Lu Zhou knew Yu Zhenghai and the others' strength was about the level of a Venerable Master. He knew they would be able to protect themselves against the silver-armored guards, but it was unrealistic to expect them to be able to defeat the silver-armored guards.

Lu Zhou knew he had to be wary of the captain of the silver-armored guards and the iron-armored dragon. Moreover, he had to guard against the possibility of the appearance of a Saint or a Dao Saint.

The captain of the silver-armored guards glared at Lu Zhou and said, "I'll personally take you down!"

The captain left the back of the iron-armored beast and shot through the sky, arriving in front of Lu Zhou at lightning speed. Then, he struck using his hand that seemed to carry the force of a mountain.

The captain's hand was about to land on Lu Zhou's chest when Lu Zhou turned slightly to the side and dodged it.

"Oh?" The captain raised his head to look at Lu Zhou with slight disdain. At this time, Lu Zhou's golden palm seal was already close to him.

"Just a little Saint..."

Boom!

The captain of the silver-armored guards felt pain when the palm seal landed. He flipped in the air before seemingly vanishing into thin air.

Lu Zhou hovered in the air and looked at Yu Zhenghai and the others from the corners of his eyes.

Under the assault of the silver-armored guards, Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Qin Naihe, and the others were faced with huge pressure.

Lu Zhou silently chanted the mantra for the power of smell and the power of hearing. He sensed the changes in his surroundings before he suddenly pushed his hand out to the right side.

The Fiend Monk's Hand Seal tore through space and grabbed the captain of the silver-armored guard who had suddenly disappeared earlier.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The expression of the captain of the silver-armored guards changed slightly. Energy burst forth from his body before he broke free of the Fiend Monk's Hand Seal grip and disappeared again.

"You managed to break free from my Fiend Monk's Hand Seal?"

Lu Zhou walked in the air with his hands on his back. He had always been paying attention to the other silver-armored guards and the safety of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. At this time, he saw Qin Naihe and Duanmu Sheng being sent flying back, injured.

On the other hand, Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong seemed very experienced as they shot in and out of the crowd as they attacked.

“Unnamed.” Lu Zhou raised his hand. “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 unleashed a sky full of energy swords that shot toward the silver-armored guards like a tsunami.

At this time, the captain of the silver-armored guards reappeared next to Lu Zhou. His body was like a sword as he tore through the air. “Hit!”

“Astrolabe!”

Boom!

The captain’s sneak attack landed on Lu Zhou’s astrolabe, causing it to creak.

On the other side, the 2,000 silver-armored guards were not having an easy time. Their faces flushed red as they resisted Lu Zhou’s tsunami-like energy swords with their astrolabes.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were extremely experienced in battle and were interspersed in the crowd.

“Nameless.”

Lu Zhou raised his palm.

“Dao gives birth to one, one gives birth to two, three gives birth to all things, all things negative yin and embracing Yang!”

The nameless sword turned into a sky full of sword beams and shot towards the silver-armored guards like a storm.

At this moment, the leader of the silver-armored guards suddenly appeared at his side. His body was like a sword as he tore through the air, “Hit!”

“Astrolabe!”

Boom!

The sneak attack of the leader of the silver-armored guards landed on Lu Zhou’s astrolabe.

The astrolabe creaked.

However, the 2,000 silver-armored guards were extremely uncomfortable. After being baptized by the sword aura of the Daoist master, their faces and ears turned red as they blocked Lu Zhou’s sword rain with their astrolabe.

“Thunderblast!”

A palm seal with the script for lightning appeared.

Upon seeing this, the captain of the silver-armored guards frowned when suddenly.

Boom!

A huge bolt of lightning struck the captain and sent him flying. He felt as though his internal organs had shattered as he spat out blood. The lightning bolt seemed to have paralyzed his Eight Extraordinary Meridians; they had stopped circulating Primal Qi in his body. Hence, he could not stabilize himself.

Lu Zhou shook his head. He felt that recently the Thunderblast Card had not been giving him much face.

‘Saint? A word appeared in the captain’s mind at this time. After all, only a Saint would have such combat power. Moreover, the other party could even use the law of space to accurately track his location.

At this moment, the captain raised his head and called out, “Demonic dragon!”

The iron-armored demonic dragon opened its eyes in the dark sky.

“Divine beasts?”

The iron-armored demonic dragon roared angrily before spitting out a golden orb toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. He could sense the danger behind this attack. He hurriedly turned Unnamed into a shield and held it up in front of him.

Bang!

The golden orb that was like the sun sent Lu Zhou flying back.

Lu Zhou had once thought he would be able to hold his ground against divine beasts and ordinary Saints. He had experienced fighting Yue Qi, a lesser Saint. Moreover, he had spent 100 years in the ancient formation, activating three Birth Charts and upgrading his blue avatar to the Thousand Realms

Whirling stage. With all this, logically speaking, he should have no problem dealing with lesser Saints. It was beyond his expectation that just a golden orb from a divine beast was so strong.

When Lu Zhou felt like Unnamed was about to cave in, he erupted with the divine power.

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

With the boost from the divine power, Unnamed repelled the golden orb.

The iron-armored huge beast flapped its wings and looked at everyone indifferently before it spat out another golden orb in the direction of the Square Box. That was not the end. It then turned slightly to the side and spat out five consecutive golden orbs at Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Lu Wu, Qin Naihe, and Cheng Huang.

“Enjoy the attacks of this divine beast. It’ll show you that the status of the Great Void is inviolable,” the captain of the silver-armored guards said. He had returned to the sky at some point. His expression was frosty as he held the halberd and looked down at everyone.

Bang!

‘The Square Box was sent flying.

Hua Wudao and the others were also sent flying, looking like kites with broken strings.

The others who were hit by the golden orbs fell to the ground as well.

“Continue,” the silver-armored guards said. Inwardly, he was surprised that none of them had lost their lives to the attacks.

‘The iron-armored huge beast flapped its wings harder than before.

A fierce wind raged, sending stones and rocks flying.

Then, the iron-armored huge beast spat out ten golden orbs!

Upon seeing this, Lu Zhou glanced at the Hourglass of Time in his hand before he tossed it out.

“Freeze!”

‘The Hourglass of Time exploded with power before electric arcs swept out in the air and on the ground.

Everything and everyone froze.

Lu Zhou’s figure flashed everywhere.

‘The Fiend Monk’s Hand Seal grabbed Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe before throwing them in Lu Wu and Cheng Huang’s direction.

‘Then, Lu Zhou spun around before he appeared above Lu Wu to block the incoming attack.

“Flawed Perfection.”

Time resumed.

The other golden orbs hit the air while the Golden Buddha’s Body blocked the remaining two golden orbs.

Instead of retreating, Lu Zhou advanced with his Golden Buddha’s Body toward the iron-armored huge beast.

“Kill him!”

The other silver-armored guards acted decisively and tossed their halberds out.

The halberds tore through the sky and landed harmlessly on the Golden Buddha’s Body.

‘The terrifying defense of the Golden Buddha’s Body made the silver-armored guards frown.

At this time, Lu Zhou arrived in front of the iron-armored guards. With the might of the ocean, he pushed his hand out.

All of Lu Zhou's divine power burst forth.

"Flawed Perfection!"

The iron-armored huge beast tucked its wings as it was sent flying back 100 meters. Then, the palm seal traveled through space and arrived in front of it. Before it could react, the palm seal hit its chest. This time, the attack left a bloody hole on its body.

The iron-armored huge beast roared in pain and anger as it flapped its wings in a frenzy. The more it moved, the more blood gushed out from the wound.

The eyes of the captain of the silver-armored guards widened as he exclaimed, "You managed to hurt the divine beast?!"

Lu Zhou ignored the captain.

At this time, Whizard appeared high up in the sky. Then, auspicious Qi began to rain down.

The formation that the silver-armored guards set up earlier was actually dispelled by Whizard's auspicious Qi.

Meanwhile, the auspicious Qi also healed the injured members of the Evil Sky Pavilion at a speed visible to the naked eye. Not only that, but they could feel that their combat strength had increased greatly as well.

Needless to say, Lu Zhou's divine power was also fully restored by Whizards' auspicious Qi.

At this time, the captain of the silver-armored guards roared, "What are you waiting for? Show them what the silver-armored guards are capable of!"

"Yes!" the silver-armored guards replied in unison.

At this time, Lu Zhou had already arrived in front of the captain of the silver-armored guards. His eyes seemed to burn with flames as he said, "Your performance ends here."

The captain was about to move when he discovered the space seemed to be sealed. Subsequently, when he looked ahead, he saw the palm seal shooting toward him.

Boom!

"Ding! Divine Soul Pearl's status: damaged."

"argh!" The captain of the silver-armored guards let out an anguished cry. Then, he hurriedly flew toward the iron-armored huge beast.

"Divine Soul Pearl? Is it the fourth Birth Trial ability?"

After becoming a Saint, one could refine and gather all the force of one's Birth Charts to form a Divine Soul Pearl. Apart from greatly improving one's strength, it was also a means to protect one's Birth Charts.

Meanwhile, the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion who had been healed of their injuries began to fight fiercely with the silver-armored guards again.

With that, the battle started from the beginning again.

Lu Wu and Cheng Huang did not use their ultimate abilities. Instead, they leaped around, trampling the enemies. With each leap, they sent a huge number of people flying.

“Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 1,000 merit points.”

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Due to Whizard’s help, the strength of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion had increased greatly. As a result, some of the silver-armored guards began to lose their Birth Charts.

Primal Qi storm began to brew in the sky at this moment.

Meanwhile, the captain of the silver-armored guards was very cunning and slippery. He and the iron-armored huge beast deliberately maintained a distance from Lu Zhou. Unlike before, fear could be seen in his eyes; he was no longer arrogant like before.

“Set up the Five Elements Sky Formation again!” the captain of the silver-armored guards said with a grim expression on his face, “Everything in the world exists for a reason. The Dao is great; the heaven is great; the earth is great; mankind is great. Of the four great things, mankind is the least of them.

Mankind is ruled by the earth; the earth is ruled by the heavens; the heavens are ruled by the Dao. Like the Dao, the Great Void rules over everything!”

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Following that, the captain of the silver-armored guards began to swing his halberd.

With the iron-armored huge beast in the center, a strange energy spread out between heaven and earth..

Chapter 1448: Prairie Fire

Over 1,000 silver-armored guards manifested their avatars with heights over 1,000 feet. They stood side by side, forming a strong line of defense.

At the same time, the formation appeared again, covering the sky. It was even darker than before.

The halberds in the silver-armored guards’ hands burst forth with a beam of light, continuously attacking the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Meanwhile, now that Whizard completed its task, it cleverly retreated and hid itself.

Although Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong’s injuries had been healed and their strength had been boosted by Whizard, they still felt pressured as they resisted the beams of light.

At this time, Lu Zhou flew toward the captain of the silver-armored guards before he said, "A formation that enables one to continuously release Birth Chart power?"

The captain of the silver-armored guards smiled and said, "Even if you're a Saint, you'll have to obediently surrender today. This Five Elements Sky Formation can gather the purest vitality energy in the world, constantly replenishing the silver-armored guards so they can unleash an endless onslaught of attacks on you."

Then, the captain looked at the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion who were resisting with all their might. Despite himself, he thought their efforts were rather admirable. Hence, he said, "If you surrender, I'll ask the Great Void to spare your lives and let all of you join the ranks of the silver-armored guards."

The captain of the silver-armored guards thought his team was rather strong. They might not be comparable to Saints, but they were still a force to be reckoned with. The Sacred Hall often sent them to the Unknown Land to carry out missions, showing their weight. He thought that the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion had high potential and were even stronger than his subordinates, and thus, would make a good addition to the team.

The battle was incredibly intense now. With the Five Elements Sky Formation, the silver-armored guards had the upper hand. After all, they had an endless supply of vitality energy.

The captain of the silver-armored guards was still lost in his fantasy of his team growing stronger when he heard a low voice by his ears.

"Did you forget what I said?"

"Hm? What?"

Swoosh!

All of a sudden, Lu Zhou appeared very close to the captain of the silver-armored guards and iron-armored huge beast.

"Ah?" The captain of the silver-armored guards' expression changed drastically, and he hurriedly unleashed a palm seal. However, the palm seal passed through Lu Zhou harmlessly.

"What's going on?" The captain of the silver-armored guards was perplexed. He looked around and saw nine figures surrounding him. He could not tell which was real and which was fake so he hurriedly controlled the iron-armored huge beast.

The iron-armored huge beast roared before spitting out an orb again.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just like before, the attack passed through Lu Zhou harmlessly.

"A projection?" The captain of the silver-armored guards frowned.

As soon as his voice fell, a big and wizened hand fell on his shoulder.

“You’re wrong.”

The captain of the silver-armored guards shuddered despite himself and instinctively activated his protective energy.

However, Lu Zhou’s hand seemed to contain the force of a mountain; it was immovable. It continued holding onto the captain’s shoulder.

With half of the divine power, Lu Zhou yanked his hand back.

The sound of flesh tearing and bone breaking rang in the air as the captain’s arm that had been severed by Lu Zhou’s bare hand flew into the distance!

“My arm!”

The captain of the silver-armored guards hurriedly flew off on the iron-armored huge beast’s back, widening the distance between him and Lu Zhou.

The divine beast continued to spit out orb after orb. Due to its size, it was not easy for it to escape, and it was not also not easy for it to pin down Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou followed closely behind wherever the divine beast flew. Nonetheless, he did not let his guard down; he would not make the rookie mistake of underestimating his enemies, especially when his enemy now was a divine beast. However, if there was no divine beast, even if there were more silver-armored guards, they still would not be his match.

The iron-armored huge beast circled Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction, evading Lu Zhou. Clearly, the captain of the silver-armored guards was stalling for time. In his opinion, once his subordinates were done with dealing with the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, they would be able to rush over and besiege Lu Zhou. At that time, their victory would be guaranteed.

Lu Zhou used the power of the Dao as he unleashed a palm seal.

Boom!

A palm seal hit the iron-armored huge beast.

The iron-armored huge beast roared, sending soundwaves rippling out to the surroundings. Then, it stopped roaring abruptly before it swept its wings that glinted with cold light out.

This scene reminded him of when he fought the Nine-clawed Black Dragon in the black fog, and he was slightly startled. He raised his shield and hurriedly blocked the attack.

Bang!

Unnamed in the form of a shield caved in.

Lu Zhou felt as though he had been struck by lightning. His blood and qi roiled violently, and it felt as though his body was being torn apart.

“As expected of a divine beast!” Lu Zhou cast the power of the Dao again.

Time stood still.

The divine beast seemed to sense the slowing of the time and flapped its wings to rise higher into the sky.

Just as Lu Zhou arrived near the iron-armored huge beast, the time flowed normally again.

The divine beast brought the captain of the silver-armored guards and flew up along Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction, rushing into the black fog.

Whoosh!

"So fast?!" Lu Zhou was astonished. Before he could even make a move, the iron-armored huge beast had already disappeared.

At this time, the furious roar of the iron-armored huge beast resounded from within the black fog.

Lu Zhou frowned. 'Is it calling for reinforcements?'

Lu Zhou turned to look at the Five Elements Sky Formation.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and the others were still resisting the beams of light with all their might. They were very tenacious. If other Venerable Masters were in their shoes at this moment, they would have long been pierced by the beams of light, and their bodies would be riddled with holes.

Lu Zhou scoffed coldly and decided to deal with those silver-armored guards first.

Swoosh!

Due to his speed, when Lu Zhou moved, he generated an ear-piercing sonic boom. He appeared at the Five Elements Sky Formation and unleashed palm seal after palm seal. Each of the palm seals dealt with a beam of light.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

After palm seals pushed the beams of light back, they landed on the silver-armored guards. The palm seals hit their targets one after another.

One by one, silver-armored guards plummeted from the sky.

"Surround him!"

Dozens of silver-armored guards swooped down from the sky and surrounded Lu Zhou before they stabbed at him with their halberds.

In a battle at this level, they could not see Lu Zhou's figure at all. They could only rely on their senses and the... power of the Dao!

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Nonetheless, it was still not enough. With that, another dozen or so silver-armored guards joined the fray.

Lu Zhou was surrounded by his enemies that were like schools of fishes that were waiting to take a bite out of their prey.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

More and more silver-armored guards joined in, unleashing energy seals and beams of light to suppress Lu Zhou.

'When Lu Zhou was about to be pushed down, he called out in a deep voice, "Pillar of Impermanence!"

Buzz!

The Pillar of Impermanence grew 1,000 times and 10,000 times in diameter. It went from having a diameter of 100 meters to a diameter of 1,000 meters. It sent the silver-armored guards flying immediately.

Under Lu Zhou's control, the Pillar of Impermanence swept out horizontally.

Hundreds of silver-armored guards spat out blood immediately as the sound of screaming rang in the air.

Lu Zhou controlled the Pillar of Impermanence and hovered in the sky.

At this time, a five-colored light orb flew over from the side at a speed beyond imagination.

Upon seeing this, the captain of the silver-armored guards, who was holding onto his right shoulder, shouted excitedly,

"s over for you!"

Lu Zhou shattered a Deadly Strike Card and rose up to the sky. His target was the iron-armored huge beast.

Currently, the iron-armored huge beast was the most uncertain factor. Coupled with the over 2,000 silver-armored guards, the commotion would definitely bring reinforcements.

Lu Zhou chose the most simple and violent method to deal with the most uncertain factor first.

The palm seal was like a mountain as it flew toward the iron-armored huge beast.

Lu Zhou no longer paid attention to the iron-armored huge beast. The Deadly Strike Card's palm seal that had been imbued with the divine power would definitely destroy one of its hearts.

At this time, a silver-armored guard found an opening and arrived at Lu Zhou's side, stabbing his halberd at Lu Zhou's vital point.

Lu Zhou calmly struck out with his hand.

Bang!

The palm seal knocked the silver-armored guard away. Its strength was vicious and fierce.

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 1,000 merit points."

A silver-armored guard attacked from the right.

Lu Zhou unleashed another palm seal at the other party's abdomen.

Blood gushed out violently from the silver-armored guard's abdomen.

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Charts. Reward: 1,000 merit points."

At the same time, the Deadly Strike Card's palm seal forcefully blocked five orbs from the iron-armored beast. When it arrived in front of the iron-armored beast, it suddenly grew 100 times bigger.

Boom!

The captain of the silver-armored guards was shocked. He was forced to leap off the iron-armored huge beast's back.

The palm seal that was dazzling as a firework destroyed one of the iron-armored huge beast's hearts, causing it to plummet from the sky.

"Y-you... You're really going to oppose the Great Void?" The captain of the silver-armored guards looked at Lu Zhou in disbelief.

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeves and shot down another silver-armored guard before he said, "I want to kill you. Why are you opposing me?"

The captain of the silver-armored guard was speechless.

Swoosh!

Lu Zhou arrived in front of the captain in just a blink of an eye and struck with his hand again.

Boom!

The captain pushed his hand out as well. Alas, he was no match for Lu Zhou and was sent flying back.

"The Great Void wants to kill so I naturally will oppose it. Just like how I want to kill you, you'll also oppose me. Don't tell me the Great Void expects people not to resist and obediently let themselves be killed?"

The captain of the silver-armored guards endured the pain and stabilize himself before he looked at the Five Elements Sky Formation. The formation was still stable. However, the iron-armored huge beast had suffered a fatal blow and could not be used for now.

With this, the captain ordered decisively, "Team One, return to the Great Void to request for reinforcement!"

"Understood!"

About 50 silver-armored guards put away their avatars and halberds before they gathered and flew away.

There were too many silver-armored guards; it was impossible to stop all of them from leaving.

Lu Zhou unleashed his grand technique and chased after them with his astrolabe in hand. The astrolabe buzzed before it released a huge beam of light.

“Block!”

In the Five Elements Sky Formation, over 100 silver-armored guards brought out their astrolabes to help their comrades block Lu Zhou’s attack.

How could Lu Zhou let them leave?

“Very well. I’ll start a massacre!”

Lu Zhou manifested his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

Everyone, including those from the Evil Sky Pavilion, was shocked and dumbfounded when they saw the avatar and the astrolabe.

“One Birth Chart Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?”

“It’s... so short?!”

The captain of the silver-armored guards looked at the avatar in bewilderment. The opponent he had been struggling against for so long only had one Birth Chart? Was his opponent deliberately hiding his strength? It did not make sense. This was not the time to hide one’s strength, after all. Moreover,

his opponent had already shown his dominating strength earlier; what was the point of pretending or hiding now?

Naturally, only Lu Zhou knew the avatar was actually the blue avatar. He had used the Concealment Card earlier, after all.

Lu Zhou brought up his astrolabe again. 36 lights flashed before leaving only one dazzling light flashing.

‘There’s no doubt there’s only one Birth Chart!’

The astrolabe was aimed at the small team of silver-armored guards who were getting further and further away.

‘The expressions of the 50 silver-armored guards changed drastically when they saw the astrolabe shooting out four beams of light.

“Block it!”

10 silver-armored guards spun around and held up their astrolabes to resist the attack.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The beams of light easily pierced through the astrolabes.

“Ding! Destroyed one Birth Charts. Reward: 1,000 merit points.”

Lu Zhou received ten of the same notifications from the system.

With this, Lu Zhou had used up the power of Birth Chart from the blue avatar. It had only one Birth Chart, after all. Hence, he dismissed the avatar.

At this time, the captain of the silver-armored guards flew over with his subordinates.

“Kill,” Lu Zhou said.

The five experts of the Evil Sky Pavilion and the two beast emperors began their counterattack. Influenced by Lu Zhou, their fighting spirit rose.

Lu Zhou was about to use Unnamed to shoot down the stragglers that were still trying to return to the Great Void to request reinforcements when he saw a stream of flames that spanned thousands of feet in the air, lighting up the entire sky.

Following that, a long cry shook the heavens and earth.

“The Divine Fire Phoenix?!” The captain of the silver-armored guards looked at the Fire Phoenix that had suddenly appeared in shock.

The Fire Phoenix easily caught to the silver-armored guards who were leaving before flapping its wings, drowning the silver-armored guards in a sea of fire.

Then, the Fire Phoenix flew toward the Five Elements Sky Formation, and its wingspan expanded, spanning tens of thousands of feet.

With just a look, it looked as though hell had descended on earth. The entire place for as far as the eyes could see burned in a sea of fire.

The Divine Fire Phoenix hovered near the Five Elements Sky Formation and looked down at everyone.

The captain of the silver-armored guards glared at the Fire Phoenix and said, “I’m Liu Chengzi, the captain of the Great Void Silver Guards. I can represent the Great Void and give you a chance to enter the Great Void.”

The sudden arrival of the Fire Phoenix had halted the battle.

The silver-armored guards looked at the Fire Phoenix warily.

Meanwhile, those from the Evil Sky Pavilion who had seen the Fire Phoenix previously could tell that the Fire Phoenix had grown stronger again.

The Fire Phoenix looked at Liu Chengzi suspiciously.

Liu Chengzi continued to say in a deep voice, “Although you killed my men, I can represent the Great Void and grant you amnesty if you atone for your mistake by killing them!”

Then, Liu Chengzi turned around and pointed at Lu Zhou and the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

The Fire Phoenix continued to look at Liu Chengzi with burning eyes as it opened its beak.

Upon seeing this, Liu Chengzi did not wait and immediately said, satisfied, “Very good!”

At this time, Lu Zhou asked tonelessly, "Fire Phoenix, I've been waiting for you for a long time? Why are you hovering in the air doing nothing?"

"Huh?"

At the same time, a stream of fire shot out from the Fire Phoenix's mouth toward Liu Chengzi.

"ah! Why?!"

True fire burned Liu Chengzi immediately, causing him to plummet to the ground immediately. No matter how strong the Divine Soul Bead was, it could not withstand the continuous burning of the true fire.

With a heart filled with doubts and confusion, the charred Liu Chengzi fell to the ground, screaming shrilly.

'As the saying went, 'When the tree falls, the monkeys will scatter'.

With their captain defeated, the Silver Guards broke rank, breaking the Five Elements Sky Formation as they scattered.

This was not the time to consider merit points, but Lu Zhou waved his sleeve and said, "No one can leave!"

With these words, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion flew in all directions.

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 1,000 merit points."

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 500 merit points."

Lu Zhou received ten notifications that notified him he had been rewarded with 500 merit points.

At this time, to stop the silver-armored guards from escaping, Lu Wu leaped into the air and cast Ice Seal again while Yu Zhenghai cast the Great Dark Heaven Memorial and Yu Shangrong used the Guiyuan Sword Technique, using energy sabers and energy swords to block all paths of retreat.

Following that

"Ding! Destroyed one Birth Chart. Reward: 1,000 merit points."

This notification rang consecutively 1,001 times.

At this time, the Fire Phoenix rose higher into the sky. It spread flapped its wings, raining down fire.

A prairie fire started immediately.

"Damn, so decisive and merciless!"

Mingshi Yin rode on Qiong Qi and flew toward Lu Zhou.

The others had to fly back to avoid the fire, using their astrolabes and protecting energies to keep the fire at bay.

Buzz!

“Pavilion Master!” Someone called for help.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were not impervious to fire, after all.

Upon hearing the call of help, Lu Zhou called out, “You can stop now.”

With this, the Fire Phoenix tucked its wings and returned to its original size. Its flames disappeared, revealing the dazzling and vivid fiery-red feathers underneath. However, when it saw the iron-armored huge beast on the ground, it opened its beaks and shot out a stream of flames again.

‘The flames devoured the iron-armored huge beast as it rampaged and struggled. This went on for a while before it finally stilled.

Everyone was in disbelief.

‘Aren’t they both divine beasts?’

The Fire Phoenix looked around, clearly pleased with itself, before its gaze finally rested on Lu Zhou.

“Go and check the situation out,” Lu Zhou said with a flick of his sleeve.

“Yes.” Yu Zhenghai cupped his fists together. He thought that his master was still the best.

Although the Fire Phoenix was powerful, the Silver Guard was still a force from the Great Void and could not be underestimated. The finishing blow was powerful, but it was still best to make sure there were no stragglers left.

‘The experts of the Evil Sky Pavilion flew around, quickly sweeping the area.

As for the others, they stared at the Fire Phoenix in a daze.

The four elders were greatly impressed, but they were worried the Fire Phoenix would attack Lu Zhou. They hoped Lu Zhou would show some respect to the divine beast.

As soon as the thought of Lu Zhou showing a modicum of respect to the Fire Phoenix appeared in the four elders’ minds, Lu Zhou looked at the Fire Phoenix and extended his hand before he said, “Life heart..”

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‘The expressions of the four elders were slightly unnatural. In the end, they were of the same generation as Lu Zhou. They could be considered experienced and capable. No matter how old they were, all of them were respectful of the strong. Perhaps, only Lu Zhou was not like that.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion looked at the Fire Phoenix and its fiery-red feathers in a daze. Its graceful and elegant appearance was magnified when the light from the fire above and below shone on it. Its feathers were dazzling as well. It was a rare sight.

Nonetheless, they were still afraid it would attack. Some of them still vividly remembered their two previous encounters with the Fire Phoenix. They knew it was not easy to kill the Fire Phoenix. Moreover, it possessed the ability to be reborn.

Everything in the world had a weakness, but no one knew what Fire Phoenix's weakness was. They only knew it was the weakest when it was in the process of rebirth.

Those who had seen the rebirth of the Fire Phoenix before it turned into a divine beast in the Unknown Land were filled with nothing but respect for it.

At this time, the Fire Phoenix lowered its head slightly and looked at Lu Zhou's outstretched hand. It was not a fool; how could it easily hand over its life heart. It let out a few cries.

Before Conch could translate, the little Fire Phoenix next to Little Yuan'er could no longer hold back. It flapped its plump wings and flew up.

No one stopped the little Fire Phoenix as it flew to its mother.

'The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings happily in front of its mother and circled its mother a few times as it chirped excitedly. From time to time, even spat out flames as though it was showing off its abilities.

'When the little Fire Phoenix stopped moving around and hovered next to the Fire Phoenix, the Fire Phoenix brought it under its wings, looking as though it was going to leave.

Lu Zhou frowned. "Are you going to renege on your promise?"

The Fire Phoenix let out a few cries.

Everyone turned to look at Conch in unison.

Conch stammered, "I-it... It, it said yes.

'Mingshi Yin flew over on Qiong Qi's back and said, "Are you kidding me? You're a divine beast, and yet, you're going to renege on your promise? Can you be a little more virtuous?"

After the Fire Phoenix cried out, Conch said in a voice like that of a mosquito, "It said that a lowly human isn't worthy of talking to

Mingshi Yin pointed at the Fire Phoenix and said, "Very good, Fire Phoenix! To think that my Ninth Junior Sister raised your child until it's so healthy, plump, and full of sh*t! How dare you be so ungrateful!"

Little Fire Phoenix: "???"

Little Yuan'er: "???"

The Fire Phoenix flapped its wings slightly. It raised its head and looked at the sky with an even more arrogant expression as though it was saying, "So what? What can you do to me?"

True enough, Conch said, "It said so what?"

They had seen the Divine Fire Phoenix's strength. If it truly wanted to renege on its promise, they truly could not do anything, However, they thought since Lu Zhou had dealt with it twice, Lu Zhou might have the means to deal with it again.

Everyone looked at Lu Zhou silently.

Lu Zhou kept his hand outstretched as he asked, "Are you sure you want to go back on your words?"

'The Fire Phoenix lowered its head and stared at Lu Zhou unblinkingly.

Lu Zhou's expression remained the same. No ripples or fluctuations could be seen at all.

'The Fire Phoenix did not make a sound. It looked to the left and right before it looked at Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction.

The land continued to burn.

The Fire Phoenix still did not make a sound and continued to look around. Clearly, it was determined to renege on its promise. Its life heart was like its life. Lending its life heart was no different from lending its life. Not to mention divine beasts, even humans would not easily lend their lives. Moreover, it

always had a bad impression of humans and saw them as lowly reptiles and ants.

Lu Zhou calmly withdrew his hand. He did not say anything unnecessary and only tonelessly said, "Take care."

Then, Lu Zhou turned around and walked in the air. When Whizard flew over, he leaped onto Whizard's back.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion exchanged a look. Although it was good to respect the strong, to be tricked by a fierce beast and leaving like that was a humiliation.

However, seeing that Lu Zhou did not intend on taking action or reasoning with the Fire Phoenix, there was nothing they could do or say.

"Let's go," Lu Zhou called out.

"Where are we going, master?"

"Dunzang's Pillar of Destruction."

"Yes."

Everyone bowed before rushing back to their mounts.

At this time, Kong Wen said, "Pavilion Master, please wait for a moment. I'll come after I harvest the life hearts."

Kong Wen rushed down and harvested the life hearts of the iron-armored huge beast. It took him a great deal of effort just to harvest the life hearts.

After a while, Kong Wen exclaimed in delight, "There are six!"

Then, Kong Wen held the life hearts and respectfully presented it to Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou glanced at them. Then, he took one before he said, "Some life hearts can't be obtained by force. However, even if the iron-armored huge beast was a divine beast, if I wanted its life hearts, it would still have to give them to me."

Fire Phoenix:

Everyone nodded.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "However, these 2,000 silver-armored guards lost their lives in a sea of fire, the Great Void definitely won't let the matter go. However, there's no need for all of you to worry. With me around, all of you will be safe and sound."

Fire Phoenix:

After that, Lu Zhou patted Whizard softly.

Whizard let out a small cry before it flew away, shrouded by auspicious Qi.

Lu Wu and Cheng Huang, one on the left and one on the right, looked at the big Fire Phoenix and the little Fire Phoenix. They did not say anything and turned around.

At this time, the Fire Phoenix turned to look at Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction. It was fine if it did not look, but now that it took a look, it saw a figure hiding behind the pillar.

'The figure belonged to the zombie king, the Dark Prince, who guarded Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction.

There was no fierce beast that had never heard of the Dark Prince. He was once a supreme beast tamer. Although he had turned into a zombie, he still had the power to intimidate fierce beasts and make them submit.

All of a sudden.

"Wait! Wait!"

For the first time, the Fire Phoenix spoke in the human language.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were surprised, but outwardly, they looked calm as they followed Lu Zhou.

The Fire Phoenix spread its wings as flames started to burn and shroud the little Fire Phoenix.

Lu Zhou ignored the Fire Phoenix and said to the others, "We don't have much time. The people of the Great Void should be here soon."

"Master is right. We have to leave as soon as possible."

Everyone nodded.

The Fire Phoenix spread its wings and flew out before it came to a stop in front of Lu Zhou at lightning speed.

"Lend... Lend you..." the Fire Phoenix said.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion

Lu Zhou asked expressionlessly, "You changed your mind?"

"I-I didn't change it... in the first place!" the Fire Phoenix said.

"You can speak the human language. It's not appropriate for you to blame my junior sister for mistranslation, right?" Mingshi Yin said.

The Fire Phoenix looked at everyone arrogantly and said, "Believe... don't believe... Up to you."

The Fire Phoenix's words were stilted and disjointed. It was difficult to understand if one did not slowly connect its words.

"You're quite arrogant. Anyway, don't be all talk and no action. Hurry up and hand over your life heart," Mingshi Yin said as he flew over. There were some things that were not suitable for his master to do so he, as a disciple, would have to help his master. Besides, he had no use for things like pride and dignity.

The Fire Phoenix hesitated for a moment before it let out a few cries again.

Everyone turned to look at Conch.

Mingshi Yin did not wait for Conch and asked, "It's going back on its words again and scolding me, right?"

Conch:

Mingshi Yin continued to say as he stared at the Fire Phoenix, "It's okay. Just tell me! I can tell it's scolding me!"

Conch shook her head and said, "It said that it's willing to lend its life heart, but it's worried master won't return its life heart after using it."

Lu Zhou said indifferently, "I'm not like you. I keep my words."

Little Yuan'er finally could no longer endure it. She had been wanting to speak earlier, but her Sixth Senior Sister had held her back. This time, she flew out and pointed at the little Fire Phoenix and scolded, "It's a waste of time raising you! How dare you and your mother ganged up on my master?! I saved

your life and even used the Great Void Seed to nourish you! Don't tell me your life can't even compare to one life heart? Oh, now that you've grown up, you think you're great, is that it?"

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Everyone was speechless.

Little Yuan'er was a beauty that could move one's heart. She was graceful and elegant. However, when she was scolding the little Fire Phoenix, she was really like those middle-aged aunties at the market. Nevertheless, there was not an ounce of lie in her words.

The little Fire Phoenix felt embarrassed when it heard Little Yuan'er's words. It had a good relationship with Little Yuan'er, after all. It was already separated from its mother when it hatched. The kindness of Little Yuan'er raising it was immeasurable. Not to mention one life heart, even a few life hearts could not make up for that kindness.

'The little Fire Phoenix suddenly flapped its wings and broke away from its mother's protection. It circled Little Yuan'er as its body grew smaller. When the flames around it vanished, it perched on her shoulder before calling out to its mother.

Fire Phoenix:

Everyone was dumbfounded.

On the contrary, Conch could not help but cover her face and laugh.

The Fire Phoenix looked stunned. It looked at the sky, the ground, the Pillar of Destruction, and the Dark Prince who was hiding and cowering behind the pillar. Then, it nodded. After that, its abdomen moved slightly, and it opened its mouth, spitting out two shining fiery-red life hearts that looked like dragon fruits.

"Two?" Lu Zhou was puzzled, but he did not reject them.

The Fire Phoenix inhaled deeply before it extinguished its flames. After returning to its original appearance, its expression looked slightly dispirited after losing two life hearts.

Lu Zhou patted Whizard, and Whizard bleated. As Lu Zhou's mount, it had quite the temper as well.

The Divine Fire Phoenix looked at Whizard with a slightly embarrassed expression. In terms of status, Whizard was not inferior to it, after all. It felt slightly uncomfortable because of Whizard's indifference. Finally, it let out a few cries.

Conch said, "One is for master, and one is for Ninth Senior Sister as a reward for raising the little Fire Phoenix. However, I hope you can return its life hearts as soon as possible. If the life hearts leave its body for too long, they'll lose their energy."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Alright. However, this isn't the place to activate Birth Charts."

Conch said again, "It says it can bring us to Dunzang."

"You?" Lu Zhou looked at the Fire Phoenix, puzzled.

'The Divine Fire Phoenix spread its wings and flapped them. Unlike before, there were no flames. Its wings spanned thousands of feet, covering the sky.

"Alright. Go with the Fire Phoenix," Lu Zhou said as he looked at everyone.

"Understood."

Ye Tianxin said, "Master, I'll go with Cheng Huang. Cheng Huang has already become a beast emperor. Although it's not as powerful as a divine beast, the Fire Phoenix won't be able to carry Cheng Huang."

Duanmu Sheng chimed in, "Me too."

Lu Zhou thought about it for a moment before he said, "Alright, but the journey will be fraught with danger."

“Don’t worry, master. Third Senior Brother and I will look out for each other, and we will avoid confrontations,” Ye Tianxin said.

“alright.” Lu Zhou brought out a jade talisman from his sleeve and tossed it over as he said, “This is a Collective Teleportation Jade Talisman. Keep it well.”

Ye Tianxin’s heart skipped a beat. Then, she stood on Cheng Huang’s back and bowed respectfully. “Farewell, master.”

Duanmu Sheng bowed as well.

The others, including Lu Zhou and Whizard, leaped onto the Fire Phoenix’s back.

The Fire Phoenix was so big that the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion only took up a small space on its back.

Swoosh!

The Divine Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and rose up. With just a flap of its wings, it covered 90,000 miles, riding the wind into the clouds. In just a blink of an eye, it vanished from sight along with everyone’s exclamations of awe.

Then, Ye Tianxin sat on Cheng Huang’s back and said, “Let’s go, Third Senior Brother, Lu Wu.”

“Let’s go!”

The two beast emperors leaped 10,000 feet up into the air and flew away.

Silence returned to Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction.

The originally lush and verdant scenery was charred black.

At this moment, the Dark Prince crawled out from behind the pillar. He spread his arms and looked at the sky with his eyes that were rimmed with dark circles as he made babbling noises. Then, it ran into a cave like a madman.

After that, the Dark Prince did not come out for a very long time.

It did not take long for news of the incident at Zhixu’s Pillar of Destruction to reach Jiang Wenxu’s ears.

He was enraged after listening to his subordinates report. He bellowed, “What do you mean by all 3,000 silver-armored guards are gone!?”

“Master, please calm down! The main culprit is the Divine Fire Phoenix. There’s nothing we can do about it.”

Jiang Wenxu’s anger did not abate. “The Silver Guards brought the Demonic Dragon, a divine beast! Even if they could not defeat their opponents, they shouldn’t have been completely annihilated!”

There were so many people, it did not make sense that not even one person escaped. Not only that, but even his projection that was created with a high-grade sacred relic had died. He was bewildered.

“What about Jiang Dongshan?” Jiang Wenxu asked.

If he could find Jiang Dongshan's corpse, perhaps, he could extract Jiang Dongshan's memories with a sacred relic and find out what happened.

The subordinate replied, "There's no trace of Jiang Dongshan. However, I received news that the Xuanyi Palace's Dark Guards had a skirmish with a golden lotus cultivator called Jiang Dongshan. I heard a few black-armored guards from the Dark Guards went to the Sacred Hall to demand an explanation.

However, I didn't hear about the result."

"The Dark Guards..." Jiang Wenxu grew angry again at the mention of the Dark Guards. He said, "I haven't settled the score with them yet. They killed hundreds of my Silver Guards at Shanyan's Pillar of Destruction, but they dare to look for the Hall Master to demand an explanation?"

After a moment, Jiang Wenxu said, "I'm going to the Sacred Hall."

At the same time.

The incident at Zhixu's Pillar of Destruction had also spread to Xihe Hall.

Lan Xihe was bewildered.

"I've only returned to Xihe Hall a while ago from that place. It was normal at that time. Why did the land suddenly split?"

"This is the result of the Sacred Hall's investigation so there shouldn't be any mistake. I heard that all 3,000 silver-armored guards are gone."

"Jiang Wenxu has always been arrogant. Even after suffering a great loss in the golden lotus back then, he's still the same..." Lan Xihe said.

"Master is right."

A smile suddenly appeared on Lan Xihe's face before she said, "Now that 3,000 of the Silver Guards are dead, he won't be able to sit still and will surely look for the Hall Master. Stay here. I'll be right back."

"Yes."

With that, Lan Xihe vanished into thin air.

A moment later.

In the Sacred Hall.

The Scales of Justice was further tilted. Once in a while, it would rise and fall again. There was no balance at all.