

Disciples 1451

Chapter 1451: Take Care

“It seems like the effect of staying in the ancient formations is better than I imagined.”

Lu Zhou thought the time spent in the ancient formations would affect his subsequent cultivation. He did not expect that not only did the ancient formations not affect him, but it even stabilized his cultivation base greatly.

After all, accelerated cultivation was like a seedling that was pulled out to help it grow. Although it was fast, it would be extremely unstable. However, that was clearly not the case with his time in the ancient formations. When the time slowed down, it canceled out all the negative effects of the accelerated time in the beginning.

Lu Zhou put away the Fire Phoenix’s life heart before he looked at his Birth Palace. After confirming there were no abnormalities, he brought the Pillar of Impermanence out. He stabbed it into the ground in front of him.

Lu Zhou could not help but laugh when he saw the Pillar of Impermanence resembled the golden cudgel of the mythical Monkey King from earth. Unfortunately, his days on earth were nothing more than memories now.

Lu Zhou waved his hand, bringing out the blue avatar.

Its strength was very good considering it only had one Birth Chart now.

Lu Zhou did not lack life hearts. During their time in the Unknown Land, he had accumulated too many life hearts. What he lacked was lifespan.

Each activation of Birth Chart would cost 10,000 years. If he wanted to activate all 36 Birth Charts, he would need 360,000 years of life. This was not a small number. Fortunately, he had the Pillar of Impermanence so he could slowly store lifespan and life force in there.

Lu Zhou flicked his wrist, bringing the lotus to him so he could look at the Birth Palace.

He brought a life heart out from the Vast Sky Bag and embedded it into the Birth Palace.

With his experience with the golden avatar, he had an easier time with the blue avatar. Unlike the Fire Phoenix’s life heart, he was not going to pull out the life heart for the blue avatar. After all, the cost of that was more years of his life.

After that, he shrunk the two avatars until they were small enough to be kept in his sleeve before he closed his eyes and meditated on the Heavenly Writing.

Time flew by quickly.

Five days later, early in the morning.

With just Purple Glazed Ceramic, Lu Zhou had fully restored his divine power.

At some point, Duanmu Sheng and Ye Tianxin had arrived as well.

Based on Lu Zhou's past experience, after he successfully activated the blue avatar's second Birth Chart, the limit of his divine power would rise again.

He was just about to bring out his two avatars to have a look at them when he heard movements from the blue avatar.

He brought the blue avatar out with a flick of his sleeve.

"The activation of the second Birth Chart is complete?"

'When he sensed the Pillar of Impermanence, he found that the life force had decreased by 10,000 years. There were still about 60,000 years left in it.

Since he had activated the second Birth Chart for the blue avatar so quickly, how could he let go of the opportunity to activate another one? Moreover, after looking at his golden avatar's Birth Palace, he knew the activation of the 24th Birth Chart would not be completed so soon. It was not realistic to complete the activation of the 24th Birth Chart in a short time.

"again!"

Lu Zhou brought out another life heart from the Vast Sky Bag and decisively pressed it into his Birth Palace.

All he had to do was wait now.

'With nothing else to do for now, his gaze wandered to Whitzard that was lying on the ground. He decided to feed it a beast essence.

Lu Zhou opened his system interface.

Merit points: 2,933,680

He had close to three million merit points. Previously, he had spent more than 500,000 merit points obtaining the Peak Trial Cards from the lucky draws. He did not expect to gain so much from killing the silver-armored guards; he had gained more than two million merit points from them. He felt very comfortable and satisfied when he looked at the merit points he had.

"I'll buy ten beast essences."

Lu Zhou decided to increase the strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion's mounts. He did not need to worry about his disciples since they had the Great Void Seeds. If the mounts did not get stronger, it would be problematic.

"Ding! Used 1,000,000 merit points. Obtained: 10 beast essences."

Then, he suddenly remembered that the little Fire Phoenix was not a mount of the Evil Sky Pavilion. However, when he thought about how the Fire Phoenix had lent two life hearts to him and Little Yuan'er and the little Fire Phoenix's mediation and help, he decided to give them a beast essence.

“Old Fourth,” Lu Zhou called out.

Mingshi Yin, who was resting on a treetop 1,000 meters away, rushed over immediately.

“Master, are you looking for me?”

“This is the beast essence. There’s one for each of you. Give it to the mounts,” Lu Zhou said, tossing nine beast essences out.

‘When Mingshi Yin caught beast essences, he could feel their surging energies and exclaimed in surprise, “These are great stuff! Master, where did you get them?”

“Just use them. No need to ask so many questions,” Lu Zhou said.

“Yes, yes, yes,” Mingshi Yin put away the beast essences and respectfully said, “Thank you, master.”

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi rushed over from afar at this moment. It was wagging its tails so hard that it looked as though it was going to fall off.

Mingshi Yi rolled his eyes and said, “You really have a keen nose!”

Then, Mingshi Yi casually tossed one beast essence out.

Qiong Qi had been drooling over the beast essence for a long time. It caught it in its mouth and swallowed it whole.

Mingshi Yin: “..”

Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof! Woof!

After swallowing it with one bite. Qiong Qi looked at Mingshi Yin and continued to bark.

‘Mingshi Yin was fair and well-behaved. Whenever he kept the resources, he would never take what did not belong to him. This time was no different. He said, “The other beast essences are for the others. You can’t monopolize all of them! Your appetite is really big.”

Woo!

Qiong Qi let out a mournful howl before it lowered its head and growled. Then, it bared its fangs as though it was going to attack Mingshi Yin.

Mingshi Yin waved his hand.

Bam!

A palm seal flew out, sending Qiong Qi flying back.

“Do you think I can deal with you?”

With this palm seal, Qiong Qi became obedient. It showed an aggrieved expression as it trotted to Mingshi Yin and rubbed its head against the side of its leg.

Then, Mingshi Yin turned to bow and Lu Zhou before he left.

'When Mingshi Yin was nearing the edge of the cliff, he saw Yu Zhenghai practicing with his Jasper Saber. He called out, "Eldest Senior Brother, catch!"

Yu Zhenghai spun around and caught the beast essence before he asked, "What's this?"

"Beast essence. Master said to give it to Bi An. It's a treasure!" Mingshi Yin said with a smile.

Yu Zhenghai sensed the energy in the beast essence and nodded. He said with a sigh, "Master treats the mounts really well..."

"Isn't it good for you as well if Bi An grows stronger?" Mingshi Yin said.

"You're right." Yu Zhenghai put the beast essence away before he brandished his Jasper Saber and said, "I came up with a new move recently. Fourth Junior Brother, stay and practice with me..."

"Uh..." Mingshi Yin said before he hurriedly left, "I still have matters to attend to! Goodbye, Eldest Senior Brother!"

Swoosh!

Mingshi Yin vanished in a blink of an eye.

Yu Zhenghai shook his head and said with a sigh, "Old Fourth is exceptionally talented. His cultivation is quite close to mine, but his character is slightly crooked. What a pity, what a pity. Back then, I should've brought him with me to the Nether Sect. Cultivators should have an indomitable spirit. He

hides in the dark all the time, wasting his talent..."

Achoo!

Mingshi Yin sneezed.

On the southern side of the ruins, Yu Shangrong flew back and forth on his Longevity Sword 1,000 meters away from Mingshi Yin.

Upon seeing Yu Shangrong, Mingshi Yin said, "Second Senior Brother's swordsmanship has improved again!"

Swoosh!

Yu Shangrong smiled and sheathed the Longevity Sword.

"Old Fourth, why do you look so happy like you just gained something? Do you want to spar with me?" Yu Shangrong asked.

"No, no, no, it's nothing like that," Mingshi Yin said as he tossed a beast essence out, "This beast essence is for Ji Liang."

Yu Shangrong nodded as he easily caught the beast essence. "Beast essence?"

"I still have matters to attend to so I'll take my leave first," Mingshi Yin said. He did not give Yu Shangrong a chance to continue speaking and quickly vanished without a trace.

Yu Shangrong: "???"

Mingshi Yin had an easier time delivering the beast essences to the others.

Even Lu Wa, the beast emperor, drooled when it saw the beast essence.

With this, one could tell how extraordinary the beast essences were.

Zhao Yue, Ye Tianxin, Zhu Honggong, Little Yuan'er, and Conch fed their mounts the beast essences as well.

In the ruins.

Ten days later.

Lu Zhou was woken up from his cultivation by a crisp noise.

He opened his eyes and waved his hand.

The golden avatar appeared on the left, and the blue avatar appeared on the right.

Lu Zhou looked at the golden avatar's Birth Palace first. The 24th Birth Chart flashed brilliantly.

Unfortunately, his golden avatar's Birth Palace did not expand.

"Can I really only activate 26 Birth Charts?" Lu Zhou was slightly worried. It would be difficult for him to confront the Great Void with 26 Birth Charts.

Lu Zhou frowned. "There are only two Birth Charts left before I reach my limit. If the Birth Palace doesn't expand, I'll be in trouble."

Lu Zhou shook his head. For now, he had to think about how to pass the fourth Birth Trial. Even if he could only activate 26 Birth Charts, he would continue to advance; retreating was not an option.

Fortunately, the blue avatar's Birth Palace had been completely expanded. That gave him enough confidence.

However, activating three Birth Charts so quickly had left traces on the Birth Palace as well. It was not completely smooth and was slightly uneven. He would need time to stabilize his cultivation base.

After withdrawing the two avatars, Lu Zhou rose to his feet. With just a flash, he arrived at the foot of a mountain near the ruins. He saw Little Yuan'er talking to the little Fire Phoenix and Conch.

"You must remember not to be heartless. My master even gave you a beast essence!" Little Yuan'er said.

The little Fire Phoenix chirped twice and flapped its wings as though it was expressing its gratitude.

"Yuan'er," Lu Zhou called out.

"Master?"

When Little Yuan'er and Conch saw Lu Zhou, they bowed and greeted him.

"Are you done with the Fire Phoenix's life heart?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Yes. I used it the day we arrived. I've already returned it to the Fire Phoenix," Little Yuan'er replied.

Lu Zhou was speechless. After a while, he said, "Alright."

At this moment, the Fire Phoenix looked over from afar and saw Lu Zhou.

The little Fire Phoenix flew to the top of its mother's head and cried out excitedly.

Seeing that the little Fire Phoenix's size had increased a little, it seemed very satisfied.

Lu Zhou said, "I'm returning you your life heart."

Swoosh!

Lu Zhou tossed the life heart to the Fire Phoenix.

The Fire Phoenix opened its beaks, and the life heart entered them. Its abdomen moved a few times before the life heart finally returned to its original position. Now that it had all its life hearts again, its energy and aura grew stronger again. Its body burned with flames as although it was going to explode at any moment. Then, it rose to its feet and let out a long cry at the sky before it flew up.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion rushed over one after another and greeted Lu Zhou.

"Master!"

"Pavilion Master!"

Conch said, "Master, it said that you're the first human it finds pleasing to the eye."

The others laughed upon hearing this.

Lu Zhou asked, "Do you dislike the people from the Great Void?"

The Fire Phoenix let out a sonorous cry.

Conch translated. "It said that not only does it dislike the people from the Great Void, but it hates them!"

"Why?" Lu Zhou asked.

The Fire Phoenix lowered its head and did not reply for a moment. Then, it said in human language, "Humans... there are some things... best that you don't know... The Great Void is... very powerful... We will meet... again..."

Then, the Fire Phoenix swept one wing out toward the little Fire Phoenix, but the little Fire Phoenix dodged the wing and flew to Little Yuan'er. After it perched on Little Yuan'er's shoulder, it chirped a few times.

"You really... want to stay?" the Fire Phoenix asked.

The little Fire Phoenix nodded.

The Fire Phoenix: "..."

For a moment, the Fire Phoenix wondered if the little Fire Phoenix was really its child.

Then, the Fire Phoenix said, slightly stilted, "There's a problem with... Pillars of Destruction. Landis... splitting... Sky... about to collapse. The Unknown Land will become... hell... This place is... very dangerous."

The little Fire Phoenix shook its head and hid behind Little Yuan'er.

Little Yuan'er said, "It's the safest with me. You're big so it's very easy for others to notice you. Even if the sky collapses, my master will deal with it! That's what he said before! Right, master?"

Lu Zhou:

'Little girl, I did say that, but you can't drag me into a ditch for no reason... Bragging can't be counted as truth...'

Nonetheless, Lu Zhou raised his head and said with a straight face, "It's a great opportunity for the little Fire Phoenix to stay with Yuan'er. If it follows you, it'll be targeted by the Great Void. Of course, I won't stop you if you insist on bringing it with you. Yuan'er, stand aside."

Little Yuan'er obediently stepped aside.

Unexpectedly, the little Fire Phoenix moved along with her, still hiding behind her.

Little Yuan'er moved again, and the little Fire Phoenix moved again.

The Fire Phoenix was a highly intelligent divine beast. How could it not understand this logic? It was its maternal instinct that made it want to bring its child away, but rationally, it knew that it would be dangerous for its child to follow it when the land was splitting and chaotic. It recalled the time before it became a divine beast. If it had failed to become a divine beast that time, it would have fallen prey to the humans.

The Fire did not speak or make any sound. Instead, it silently turned around and plucked a feather before tossing it to Lu Zhou. Then, it walked into the distance; it did not fly.

Everyone sighed when they looked at the back of the Fire Phoenix.

The little Fire Phoenix finally stopped hiding. It looked at the Fire Phoenix that was getting further and further away before it let out a few cries.

The Fire Phoenix stopped in its tracks.

"Take care."

Swoosh!

With a flap of its wings, flames burned around the Fire Phoenix. Then, it shot up to the sky and flew into the distance.

The little Fire Phoenix flapped its wings and flew up as well. It flew swiftly and skillfully, and small flames burned around it. However, how could it catch up to a divine beast?

In just a blink of an eye, the Fire Phoenix had already vanished from their sight.

It was unknown when the mother and child would meet again.

In truth, there was no right or wrong. Even if it was difficult and dangerous, there was no wrong for a mother to be with her child. However, how could mothers bear putting their children in danger? No matter which choice it was, as a mother, it would feel sad either way..

Chapter 1452: Is the Great Saint From the Great Void a Friend or Foe?

After an unknown amount of time, the little Fire Phoenix finally returned to Little Yuan'er's side.

Lu Wu lowered its head and said, "The Fire Phoenix is skilled at flying. It's indeed a good choice for it to head to the Endless Ocean. The unlucky ones are the creatures on earth..."

"What do you mean?" Duanmu Sheng asked.

"Unlike humans, fierce beasts have a keen sense of danger. Whenever there's an imbalance, fierce beasts will migrate to avoid the danger. If the sky really collapses, I'm afraid all the living things in the Unknown Land and the nine domains will suffer the most."

Mingshi Yin asked, "Is this part of a purging plan?"

Yan Zhenluo shook his head. "The purging plan was just for the Black Tower Council to monopolize the red lotus domain. It was also, accidentally or not, a way to maintain the balance. However, when the imbalance first appeared, the Great Void did not do anything about it and decided to let it run its

course. To a certain extent, they're hoping to wait out the unstable factors. However, now, the imbalance has worsened beyond the Great Void's expectations. The land is splitting, and the sky is collapsing. In the end, the Great Void is the first to suffer, not us."

Lu Zhou said, "There's no need to think too much. When the time comes, we'll naturally have a solution. I have always believed that men can conquer the heavens!"

Everyone was instantly influenced by Lu Zhou's confidence.

The little Fire Phoenix that had been looking a little sad earlier after returning to Little Yuan'er's side looked as though its mood had improved. Then, it began to chirp happily around Little Yuan'er and Conch.

At this time, Lu Zhou asked Kong Wen, "During this time, were there any strange movements at Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction?"

"It's been very quiet, Pavilion Master."

"Alright, then let's go."

"Yes."

The members of the Evil Sky Pavilion set off immediately. It would not take long to cover the distance of 100 miles.

The journey was smooth so far, and they did not encounter any powerful fierce beasts.

“Kong Wen, didn’t you say there are many powerful fierce beasts in the inner area?” Mingshi Yin asked.

Kong Wen nodded. “Yes. However, perhaps, they migrated due to the imbalance.”

Lu Zhou looked up at the sky.

As usual, the dark fog covered the sky. It was dark and gloomy. The damp and oppressive environment remained constant. There were many fierce beasts passing by, but none of them approached the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. Even if there were, they were only low-level fierce beasts. As soon as they saw Lu Wu and Cheng Huang, they would turn tail and flee.

After a while, Dunzhang’s Pillar of Destruction appeared before everyone’s eyes.

From the ruins to Dunzhang’s Pillar of Destruction, the journey was exceptionally smooth. They did not run into any cultivators at all. However, the smoother the journey was, the more Lu Zhou felt that something was amiss.

They had been to five Pillars of Destruction so far. Based on his experience, it was truly abnormal for their journey to be so smooth. The Great Void highly valued the Pillars of Destruction. Now that the 3,000 silver-armored guards had died, logically, they would send stronger cultivators to protect the

Pillars of Destruction. Unless there was something wrong with the mind of the person in charge, there was no reason for them not to send new people here.

“Stop.” Lu Zhou raised his hand. After observing the surroundings, he used the power of hearing. He heard the whispering wind and rustling from blades of grass before he heard a heavy thump near Dunzhang’s Pillar of Destruction as though something had fallen from a table.

“There’s movement.”

After Lu Zhou cut off his power of hearing, he said, “Those who haven’t been recognized by the pillars, come with me. The rest of you, stand by.”

“Master, are you worried there might be a trap?” Mingshi Yin asked.

Lu Zhou nodded.

“Then, apart from the disciples, there’s no need for the elders and the others to go to the pillar...” Mingshi Yin said.

“Why?” Little Yuan’er was puzzled.

“Do you want to know why?” Mingshi Yin asked as he swept his gaze across everyone.

Qin Naihe said, curious, “Mr. Fourth, please tell us the reason.”

They were all members of the Evil Sky Pavilion, after all. They should all have equal chances to be recognized by the Pillars of Destruction.

Mingshi Yin looked at Lu Zhou, seeking approval.

Lu Zhou nodded slightly.

Mingshi Yin placed his hand on his Dantian's sea of Qi. A ball of light flashed in his abdomen before it disappeared.

Qin Naihe smiled. "We all know that Mr. Fourth has the Great Void Seed."

Qin Naihe was rather speechless and confused inwardly. He did not understand why Mingshi Yin finally wanted to show off after such a long time had passed.

Following that, Duanmu Sheng did the same thing, showing his Great Void Seed.

Everyone was calm; they knew about this as well.

Subsequently, Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Zhao Yue, Ye Tianxin, Zhu Honggong, Little Yuan'er, and Conch did the same time.

With this, those who were not in the know were so shocked that they could not even close their mouths.

"This..."

They thought it was already impressive that a few disciples possessed the Great Void Seeds. Who could bear the shock of seeing nine Great Void Seeds consecutively?

As cultivators, how could they know about how amazing the Great Void Seeds were? Since ancient times, countless cultivators, including Saints, had sacrificed their lives just to obtain the Great Void Seeds.

Let alone nine, even one Great Void Seed was enough to start a war in the cultivation world.

"N-nine... Nine Great Void Seeds?!" Yuan Lang rubbed his temples, feeling a little dizzy. He felt like he was dreaming.

"To be precise, it used to be ten seeds," Mingshi Yin said.

Qin Naihe asked, "How's this possible?!"

"Nothing's impossible," Mingshi Yin replied.

"Ten Great Void Seeds were born at the ten Pillars of Destruction. More than 400 years ago, the cultivation world was in a bloody mess. The nine domains came up with all kinds of plans to go to the pillars. Let alone a cultivator, even the strongest force would have a hard time traveling to all ten pillars and collecting all ten seeds," Yuan Lang said in a daze.

This was simply too difficult to accept.

It would take many years to travel to all the ten Pillars of Destruction. By the time one arrived at the next pillar, the Great Void Seed would likely have been taken away.

No one could figure out how Lu Zhou alone managed to collect all ten Great Void Seeds. In their minds, there was only one word: impossible!

After a while, Yuan Lang suppressed the shock in his heart and said, "I understand Mr. Fourth's meaning. You're trying to say the biggest factor in obtaining the pillar's recognition is the Great Void Seeds, right?"

"More or less. That's not to say the special quality isn't important," Mingshi Yin said as he flicked his hair, "For example, I'm honest and kind so I easily obtained the pillar's recognition. In fact, if you ask me, I think the Great Void Seed only played a small part when I was recognized."

"Uh..." Yuan Lang averted his eyes. Nonetheless, the person in front of him was a future supreme being so he said, "Mr. Fourth is right."

Lu Wu remained calm. It had known about this for a while now. It sat on its haunches and said, "Stay by my side. I'll protect everyone."

What Lu Wu really meant to say was that those without the Great Void Seeds should not simply interfere since it was dangerous up ahead. It would be better to let the future supreme beings, who had yet to be recognized by Pillars of Destruction, explore the path ahead.

Everyone quickly put away their shocked expressions and bowed to Lu Zhou.

"Don't bring your mounts."

"Understood."

Lu Zhou flew into the air, and Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, Ye Tianxin, and Little Yuan'er followed closely behind.

As they flew over a forest, Little Yuan'er asked in a low voice, "Master, what if Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction belongs to Seventh Senior Brother?"

Lu Zhou was constantly on guard while they were flying. He said, "Then, we'll leave."

"Oh."

Only Little Yuan'er alone dared to bring up this topic.

Yu Zhenghai said to his fellow disciples, "When we're there, let's hurry up. Don't waste time."

"Alright." Little Yuan'er nodded.

After a while, they finally arrived at Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction.

It was peaceful. There were no formations, fierce beasts, or cultivators.

Blood ginseng and mystic life grass grew everywhere.

Yu Shangrong drew the Longevity Sword and said, "This feels like the calm before the storm. Junior sisters, stay behind me. If anything happens, I'll do my best to protect you."

"Thank you, Second Senior Brother."

Little Yuan'er and Ye Tianxin really moved to stand behind Yu Shangrong.

Yu Zhenghai:

They continued forward.

"We're at the entrance of the pillar," Yu Zhenghai said.

Lu Zhou took the lead and landed on the ground as the others followed closely behind him.

They walked over step by step.

With each step Lu Zhou took, drawing closer and closer to Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction, the sense of unease grew stronger.

'When they were about 100 meters away from the entrance, a voice rang from the jungle to the left.

"Friends, please come over here so we can have a chat."

Lu Zhou stopped in his tracks.

Being in the Unknown Land for so many years had made everyone very calm.

"Who are you?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I'm the guardian of the Pillar of Destruction. You're not the first group of guests nor will you be the last. If you're pleasing to the eyes, perhaps, I'll let you enter the pillar to look at the seed to satisfy your curiosity and greed. However, that's all I'll allow."

The voice was gentle and did not hold any hostility at all.

Lu Zhou walked over.

As expected, there were no traps at all.

'When Lu Zhou entered the forest, he saw a unique courtyard. It was not big. It looked like a cozy family house deep in the forest or mountains.

Aman who looked like he was in his 60s sat on a rocking chair in the courtyard. His eyes were closed as he rocked back and forth on the chair.

Lu Zhou flashed and appeared in front of the man.

The old man did not look at Lu Zhou as he said, "You're here."

"Are you a cultivator sent by the Great Void to protect the pillar?" Lu Zhou asked without beating around the bush.

"You can think that. I've been here for many years. Every time a guest comes, I'll persuade them to leave," the old man said.

"why?"

"It's understandable for humans to covet the Great Void Seed or the Great Void soil. However, these things will only bring disaster. Moreover, I don't like bloodshed. Saving a life is better than killing. If it were any guardian, you would've long fallen," the old man said.

Yu Zhenghai scoffed coldly before he said, "The people of the Great Void are all pretentious. Do all of you think you're invincible?"

The old man said, "The Great Void is indeed invincible."

"Take this!" Yu Zhenghai said as he released an energy saber.

The old man continued to rock the chair. Without even looking, he said, "Interesting. It's been a while since a Venerable Master came."

Swoosh!

The old man flicked his sleeve lazily.

Yu Zhenghai's energy saber vanished into thin air just like that.

"You're a Saint?" Lu Zhou asked.

"You have a good eye," the old man said as he continued rocking the chair, "Those who are anyone are all Saints. Those below the level of Saints are just ants. You can leave now. Remember not to go near the pillars in the future. At the very least, don't go near Dunzhang's pillar."

"Why?" Lu Zhou continued to probe.

The old man pointed at the tombstone on the right and said, "If you approach it for the second time, you can only stay here with me forever."

Lu Zhou nodded slightly and said, "I won't leave so there's no second time. I'll give you a piece of advice."

Creak! Creak! Cre-

The rocking came to an abrupt stop.

"It's best if you don't try to stop me," Lu Zhou said before he turned around with a flick of his sleeve.

At this time, the old man finally opened his eyes. "I have no choice but to get rid of those who refuse to listen to my advice."

Whoosh!

The old man disappeared from the rocking chair. In just a moment, he arrived next to Lu Zhou and pushed his hand out.

Lu Zhou had expected this so he took a step back and vanished into thin air, perfectly avoiding the attack.

The old man frowned. The man finally looked at Lu Zhou's face, and he exclaimed, "It's you?!"

However, Lu Zhou had already sent a palm seal toward the old man.

Boom!

The old man pushed his hand out.

Boom!

'When the two palm seals collided, the backlash rippled to the north and south, spanning thousands of feet. It cut down everything that stood in its path.

The others from the Evil Sky Pavilion who were waiting in the distance rose to their feet one after another when they saw the commotion from the backlash. Their expressions turned grave immediately.

"Be on guard. The Pavilion Master must've encountered an enemy," Yan Zhenluo said.

Everyone nodded as they looked at Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction.

The old man flipped back and did not continue to attack after he landed on his feet.

However, Lu Zhou flashed toward the old man and lifted his hand again.

"Wait," the old man said.

"Even the Great Dao Saint Lan Xihe is respectful to me when she sees me. How dare you act impudently in front of me?" Another palm seal was already beginning to form on Lu Zhou's hand.

"Lu Tiantong, that's enough!" the old man said, annoyed,

"Hm?" Lu Zhou was briefly stunned. When he recovered, he said, "You recognized the wrong person."

Then, a palm seal shot out. It was like a mountain and was imbued with the divine power.

Lu Zhou already had 24 Birth Charms now. As long as he passed his fourth Birth Trial, he would be a genuine Saint.

The old man did not expect his opponent to be so strong. He joined his palms together, and the space froze. Then, it was as though he forcefully tore a rift in the space as the palm seal suddenly vanished into thin air.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou's four disciples watched in confusion. They did not know what had happened.

"Great Saint?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Would I be so confident if I'm not a Great Saint?" the old man grumbled, "That's enough! Old geezer, I didn't expect you to survive! Back then, when I dominated the black lotus domain, only you alone could suppress me. Have you forgotten?"

"Who are you?" Lu Zhou asked.

The old man:

The old man inhaled deeply before he walked in front of Lu Zhou. After studying Lu Zhou for a while, he said with a sigh, "I wasn't mistaken. You're Lu Tiantong."

The old man raised his hand and was about to hug Lu Zhou when.

Lu Zhou retreated ten meters back and lifted his hand. "How can a Great Saint be so despicable? Take this!"

Whoosh!

A golden palm seal flew out.

At this moment, realization finally dawned on the old man. He frowned.. “Why is it golden?”

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The old man’s face was filled with doubts. After taking another look, he confirmed it was indeed a golden palm seal. He was confused. Lu Tiantong was a peerless expert who had dominated the black lotus domain, when did Lu Tiantong become a golden lotus cultivator? He began to wonder if he really mistook someone else for Lu Tiantong and doubted himself.

While the old man was lost in his thoughts, the golden palm seal had already arrived in front of him. The power of the Dao burst forth.

Just as a spatial tear was about to appear, Lu Zhou said in a low voice, “Freeze.”

Electric arcs appeared on the ground in just an instant, freezing everyone and everything in their paths.

Boom!

The golden palm seal landed on the old man’s chest. So what if he comprehended the law of space from the power of the Dao? He would still have to take a beating faced with the law of time.

‘When time resumed, the old man flew backward.

At this time, Lu Zhou could see the power of a Great Saint. He had thought the old man would definitely be at a disadvantage after all these moves, but the old man suddenly vanished into thin air when the old man was flying back.

The old man seemed to have traveled through space. When he reappeared in front of Lu Zhou, he struck with his palm.

Once again, the two opponents’ palms collided.

Boom!

Another 10,000-foot-long energy seal rippled out as a result of the collision. It created a long and narrow ditch when it hit the ground.

The two opponents retreated at the same time and faced each other from afar.

Lu Zhou’s palm felt numb. He was slightly surprised by the Great Saint’s strength.

In general, Great Saints had a deep comprehension of the Dao and the laws of time and space. They could control time and space within a certain range and to a certain extent. These two laws were the highest laws in the power of the Dao.

Lu Zhou had a feeling the person in front of him had comprehended other laws as well. He stared at the old man unblinkingly. Fortunately, the Great Void had only sent a Great Saint here. He could still teach a Great Saint a lesson with a few Deadly Strike Cards even if the Great Saint had already formed a

Divine Soul Pearl. After dealing with his opponent, it would not be a problem to enter the Pillar of Destruction.

If the Great Void had sent a Dao Saint or a Great Dao Saint here, then he could only use the Hourglass of Time and the Collective Teleportation Jade Talisman to escape with his disciples.

The old man looked at Lu Zhou in surprise as well. After a long silence, he asked, "Are you done fighting?"

"ym?"

"Old Lu, when you used the golden palm seal, I really thought I had mistaken someone else for you. However, the power contained in your palm seal can't deceive me! You're Lu Tiangtong! If you continue to pretend not to know me, I won't let you enter the pillar!" the old man said.

Lu Zhou removed his protective energy. Since the other party was so insistent, he would just play along. There was no need to fight if it was not necessary. Moreover, based on the old man's words, it seemed like the old man was going to let him enter the Pillar of Destruction without making a fuss.

Lu Zhou asked, "Who are you exactly?"

The old man smiled and said, "More than 30,000 years ago, who else apart from me, Venerable Master Duanmu, could be a match for you in the black lotus domain? However, I'm not Great Saint Duanmu! My cultivation base is already higher than yours! Old Lu, don't say that I bullied you. If you didn't ambush me earlier, you'd definitely be the one to suffer."

"You're Duanmu Dian?" Lu Zhou asked in surprise.

"You finally remember!" Duanmu Dian walked over to Lu Zhou. After so many years, the friendship did not fade. They had fought side by side and gone through life-and-death situations together, after all. All kinds of memories from the past appeared in his mind at this moment.

When Duanmu Dian arrived in front of Lu Zhou, he patted Lu Zhou's shoulder. In fact, he really wanted to hug Lu Zhou. However, seeing Lu Zhou's resistance, he decided against it. Then, he asked, "You didn't die?"

Lu Zhou asked, "Do you really want me to be dead?"

"Of course, not!" Duanmu Dian sighed as he said, "Back then, we worked together to suppress the black lotus domain. It was an era of peace and prosperity. We were respected by everyone. Who knew the Great Void would come to take us away? I still don't understand why you suddenly disappeared after that."

"Disappeared?" Lu Zhou naturally did not know anything about this since he was not Lu Tiantong.

Duanmu Dian said skeptically, "We entered the Great Void at the same time and had a bright future ahead of us. Who knew why you would suddenly disappear? Did you forget about this as well?"

Lu Zhou nodded slightly, indicating he did not remember.

Duanmu Dian sized Lu Zhou up again. He circled Lu Zhou before he looked at Lu Zhou's disciples and asked, "These are?"

"My disciples," Lu Zhou replied.

Duanmu Dian said with a sigh, "So you're going to pass down your cultivation path? In the end, you got what you wanted..."

These words reminded Lu Zhou of the Scripture of Sermons. Did Lu Tiantong plan to accept disciples after obtaining the Unholy One's Scripture of Sermons?

Lu Zhou calmly said, "It's been a long time. I've forgotten many things."

"It's good that you've forgotten," Duanmu Dian said before he stepped forward and patted Lu Zhou's arm again. Then, he pulled Lu Zhou into the courtyard and said, "Your cultivation has improved as well. It's a good time for you to return to the Great Void with me to meet the Hall Master."

Lu Zhou waved his hand and said, "I'm not in a rush to return to the Great Void."

"What do you mean?"

"The people from the Great Void want to harm me. How can I allow them to do as they wish?" Lu Zhou said.

Upon hearing this, a genuine look of surprise appeared on Duanmu Dian's face. "Did you suddenly vanish because the people from the Great Void wanted to kill you?"

Duanmu Dian's expression darkened as he launched a palm seal.

Boom!

The palm seal reduced the rocking chair into dust immediately.

"This is outrageous! They told me you went out to the Endless Ocean to maintain the balance and fought with the Kun!" Duanmu Dian said indignantly.

Lu Zhou scoffed. "With my cultivation base, how could I be a match for the Kun?"

Duanmu Dian nodded. "Now that I think about it, you're right. It was an oversight on my part. I was actually deceived by the villains! Who plotted against you? Tell me! I'll complain to the Hall Master!"

Initially, Lu Zhou thought Duanmu Dian was a little smart unlike his descendant, Duanmu Sheng, who was very direct and a little slow. However, now, it seemed like apart from speaking a little faster, Duanmu Dian's brain was no different from Duanmu Sheng's. There was no doubt that the duo was related!

Outwardly, Lu Zhou said, "This matter isn't that simple. Have you ever thought about what would happen if the person who plotted against me is the Hall Master?"

*... Duanmu Dian was stunned. Then, he shook his head and said, "Impossible!"

"How can you be so sure?" Lu Zhou asked.

"The Hall Master is responsible for maintaining the balance in all the world. He possesses the Scales of Justice. He's the most respected person in the Great Void. You were just a mere Venerable Master at that time. Why would he be bothered with a Venerable Master? Since the land split, more than 100,000 years have passed. The Great Void has taken in countless experts. Why would he make things difficult for you alone?" Duanmu Dian asked.

Lu Zhou thought to himself, 'I can't really say you're slow-witted when you can make such a sound analysis.

Nonetheless, Lu Zhou did not explain himself. After all, he was not Lu Tiantong, and he did not have a deep understanding of Lu Tiantong's affairs. He only said, "The more impossible it is, the more likely it is..."

Duanmu Dian was at a loss for words.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "If you really think I'm Lu Tiantong, then you should keep this matter today a secret."

Duanmu Dian remained silent.

At this moment, Ye Tianxin, who had long understood the duo's conversation, said with a smile, "My master and senior are old friends who haven't seen each other for tens of thousands of years. If there's nothing wrong, how could my master not return to the Great Void?"

"You have a point." Duanmu Dian nodded.

"Senior, although you've been away from the black lotus for such a long time, I'm sure you must have heard of my master..." Ye Tianxin said.

"Hmm?" Duanmu Dian's expression grew a little unnatural. He thought to himself, 'Lu Tiantong, you're really shameless! You still want to show off in front of me at Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction?"

Nevertheless, thinking of their relationship as old friends, Duanmu Dian was very cooperative. He said with a sigh, "Back then, your master was truly famous. He was a respected Venerable Master. There's no need to talk about this

Ye Tianxin:

"What I meant to say is that my master had fought with the people from the Great Void a few times now," Ye Tianxin said.

Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Zhou in shock as he asked, "Are you planning to rebel?"

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“Rebel?” Lu Zhou frowned before he scoffed. Then, he clasped his hands on his back and said, “I’ve never been a member of the Great Void so how can I rebel?”

Duanmu Dian nodded slightly and said, “You’re right. You were really unruly and stubborn back then. It was really difficult for people to talk sense into you.”

Lu Zhou asked, “So all cultivators from the Great Void come from the nine domains?”

Duanmu Dian shook his head and said, “There were many cultivators from the time before the land split. The nine domains were born later. After 100,000 years, there are some changes, but most cultivators were born and raised in the Great Void.”

Lu Zhou took the opportunity to ask, “There are many things I can’t remember clearly. What does the Great Void look like?”

Duanmu Dian sighed and looked at the dark fog covering the sky before he said, “If you remove the fog, the sun will shine down on this land again. Once light is restored, the birds will sing and the flowers will bloom. The world will be prosperous and peaceful. That’s what the Great Void is like...”

Yu Zhenghai and the others were surprised. Now that there was a Great Void person in front of him, Yu Zhenghai asked, “Then, how do we get to the Great Void?”

“The Great Void has special teleportation jade talismans and passages,” Duanmu Sheng said as he brought a jade talisman out of his pocket and said, “I see that your cultivation isn’t bad. If possible, you should come to the Great Void with me. I’ll recommend you to the Hall Master, and he’ll surely give you an important position.”

Lu Zhou frowned. “Do you really trust the Hall Master so much?”

“Of course!”

Lu Zhou looked at Duanmu Dian warily and said, “In that case, it’s very likely that you’ll betray me.”

Lu Zhou thought it was a pity that he did not have Jie Jin’an’s ability to make Duanmu Dian forget about him.

Upon hearing Lu Zhou’s words, Duanmu Dian said loudly, “You’re thinking too much! If I wanted to betray you, I would’ve done it a long time ago! Why would I tell you so many things? Don’t worry! Even if you didn’t say anything, I would’ve kept this matter a secret. Now that I think about it, there were a lot of things that didn’t seem right now in hindsight.”

Duanmu Dian was quite smart.

Lu Zhou said, “I can see that you’re sincerely working for the Great Void...”

“If I’m not a part of it, I wouldn’t care about it. However, since I’ve become part of it, I should do my best,” Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Zhou asked, "You've been guarding this place for so many years. Have you ever returned to the black lotus domain to have a look?"

Duanmu Dian sighed. "It's not that easy. Once you join the Great Void, there are many things you have to let go of. You have to sever all ties..."

Lu Zhou nodded slightly before he asked again, "How did you avoid my earlier palm strike?"

Duanmu Dian laughed and said, "I didn't expect there would be a day when Lu Tiantong asks me for advice! Heh, this is something I comprehended when I dominated the purple lotus domain! It's a secret!" Then, he suddenly stopped laughing and took a step back before he said guardedly, "Don't think about messy things. You have to admit defeat if you lose."

"Lose?" Lu Zhou was puzzled.

"Earlier, you were clearly at a disadvantage..." Duanmu Dian said proudly.

Lu Zhou was even more puzzled.

"Where does your confidence come from? When was I at a disadvantage?"

"Well, I wouldn't have said this if you didn't bring it up, but I only used 10% of strength earlier," Lu Zhou said. He was telling the truth. Apart from the divine power, he also did not use his item cards. The palm seals earlier were really not worth mentioning compared to the ones that were imbued with his divine power.

Duanmu Dian was slightly skeptical. Then, he said, "Since you're still alive, let's have a good chat. It just so happens that I'm really bored after staying in the Unknown Land for so long. Stay and spar with me."

It took a lot of effort for Duanmu Dian to become a Great Saint. Now that he was one, he wanted to spar with the opponent he had frequently lost to 30,000 years ago.

However, Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "I don't have so much time to waste. Since you're the one guarding the Pillar of Destruction at Dunzhang, I won't beat around the bush. I want to bring them inside the pillar to have a look. Do you have any objections?"

There was no time to reminisce about the past. Lu Zhou had to prioritize other matters for now. It was important to enter Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction first before he did anything else.

Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Zhou's four disciples again before he said, "Sure, you can go in, but you can't touch the things inside."

Lu Zhou said, "I'm not interested in the things inside."

Duanmu Dian said disapprovingly, "You should know what's inside. There's no one in this world who doesn't want the thing inside."

Lu Zhou could not be bothered with Duanmu Dian. He turned around and walked out of the courtyard, followed by Yu Zhenghai and the other three.

Duanmu Dian flashed and appeared in front of them again. He said, "Come with me. I'll show you around. None else has received such a treatment."

Ye Tianxin asked in confusion, "Didn't you say earlier that you allow those you found pleasing to the eyes to enter the pillar to have a look?"

After so many years, there must be quite a number of people who received such treatment.

"Well, isn't it a coincidence that I didn't find anyone pleasing to the eyes up until now?" Duanmu Dian said before he vanished into thin air and reappeared at the entrance of the Pillar of Destruction.

Lu Zhou did not stand on ceremony with Duanmu Dian and entered the Pillar of Destruction with his four disciples.

'When they saw the blue barrier, they were no longer excited. They were calm and slightly expectant.

Duanmu Dian looked at the five of them but did not see any greed. Then, he said, "This is the Great Void Seed!"

No one responded.

The four disciples only looked at the barrier silently, waiting for their master to speak.

"I said, this is the Great Void Seed," Duanmu Dian said again.

"know," Lu Zhou calmly said.

"You're not tempted?" Duanmu Dian was puzzled. Even he, who guarded Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction for many years, was slightly tempted when he saw the Great Void Seed.

All of a sudden, Lu Zhou asked, "How long have you guarded the Pillar of Destruction at Dunzhang?"

"More than 10,000 years," Duanmu Dian replied.

"More than 400 years ago, someone stole the Great Void Seeds. Do you know anything about that?" Lu Zhou asked.

Duanmu Sheng's expression turned unsightly upon hearing these words, clearly angry. He raised his hand and struck the wall of the pillar before he said, "Of course, I know! It was because of that matter that I was punished to guard the pillar for an extra 5,000 years! Damn it! If I know which bastard stole the seed from Dunzhang, I'll definitely tear him into pieces!"

Lu Zhou:

Just when the atmosphere turned slightly awkward, Ye Tianxin hurriedly said, "Recently, there were many great movements at the other Pillars of Destruction. Don't you know about that, senior?"

"Of course, I know, but it has nothing to do with me," Duanmu Dian's anger gradually subsided as he said, "I'm only responsible for guarding the pillar at Dunzhang. Even if the other pillar collapses, it has nothing to do with me."

"Then, senior, have you heard about the Evil Sky Pavilion?" Ye Tianxin asked.

"I've never heard of it," Duanmu Dian shook his head and said, "In the nine domains, apart from Chen Fu and his ten disciples, who are from the twin green lotus domain, the others aren't worth mentioning."

Although the words sounded awkward to listen to, it was the truth. It was as difficult as ascending to the heavens for an ant to shake a tree, after all. Sometimes, one could not even see the ant after one lowered one's head to take a look.

Lu Zhou glanced at Duanmu Dian before he asked, "Aren't you afraid that the Great Void will find out that you let me in?"

"You're only here to take a look. Moreover, the Great Void is strong, but it's not omnipotent," Duanmu Dian said as he placed his hand on his back. Then, he let out a long sigh before he continued to say, "The Great Void is filled with experts, but even the best of them know nothing about the origins of the shackles of heaven and earth or attaining immortality."

"So you think humans can't attain immortality?" Lu Zhou asked.

Duanmu Dian shook his head and said, "That's not what I mean. When I was in the Great Void, I heard that about 100,000 years ago, a peerless figure found the secret to immortality and broke the shackles of heaven and earth. Unfortunately, he died early..."

"Your words are really contradictory."

Lu Zhou no longer wanted to discuss this topic. He felt like he was talking to a bull. Moreover, he was not familiar with Duanmu Dian so he had to be wary.

"Alright," Duanmu Dian said with a sigh, "You've already seen the inside of the pillar. It's time to leave."

"Wait a moment," Lu Zhou said.

"What do you want to do?" Duanmu Dian asked suspiciously.

"My disciples need to be recognized by the pillar. It won't take long," Lu Zhou said.

Upon hearing this, Duanmu Dian laughed. Then, he looked at Lu Zhou and said, "You were bent on preaching to the world in the past, and I'd always felt that your idea was too unrealistic. After so many years, you're still the same."

Lu Zhou: "???"

Lu Zhou frowned. 'If it weren't for Old Third, I would've taught you a lesson.'

Duanmu Dian stopped laughing. His expression turned serious as he said, "It's difficult to be recognized by the pillar. You have to have a rare quality. More than 4,000 years ago, the black lotus domain, the white lotus domain, and the red lotus domain came up with many plans to seize the Great Void Seeds.

In the end, they suffered heavy casualties. After so long, only a few people had been recognized by the pillars."

Lu Zhou said, "However, in the end, the ten seeds were still stolen

Duanmu Dian:

‘Can you not mention this matter again?’

Lu Zhou ignored the change in Duanmu Dian’s expression and waved his sleeve.

The four disciples stepped forward immediately.

As long as Dunzhang’s Pillar of Apocalypse did not correspond to Si Wuya’s Great Void Seed, there should not be any problem.

Duanmu Dian did not stop them from what he perceived to be a foolish action. Over the years, he had tried to enter the barrier countless times. No matter how hard or how many times he tried, he had always failed. The barrier could not be broken by force. It was the kind of thing that would become even stronger when met with a strong opponent.

As expected

Little Yuan’er was the first to be sent flying back.

Fortunately, the force of the rebound was not strong and did not cause much damage.

Little Yuan’er pouted and stomped her feet before she gave up on trying.

“Little girl, your master has always been like this. You’ll get used to it in the future,” Duanmu Dian said.

Little Yuan’er did not respond and retreated to the side.

The second to be sent flying was Ye Tianxin. She sighed helplessly and shook her head, feeling somewhat disappointed. Moreover, she was not completely certain the main requirement to be recognized was the Great Void Seed. After all, everyone said that one had to possess a certain rare quality.

However, it was really too coincidental that those who had been recognized so far possessed the Great Void Seeds.

The third person to be sent flying was Yu Shangrong.

Duanmu Dian laughed out loud before he said, “This is to be expected. Old Lu, give up. I also want to remind you not to make an enemy out of the Great Void. I’ll take responsibility for what happened today.”

Lu Zhou stared unblinkingly at Yu Zhenghai.

Yu Zhenghai’s face was flushed as he continued to walk forward. Then, as though he was met with an invisible resistance, he stopped. It was as though he was at a stalemate with the invisible force.

Whoosh!

As though the force had suddenly given up, Yu Zhenghai stumbled forward and entered the barrier. With that, the barrier quickly closed up again.

Duanmu Dian:

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. He did not plan to collect any more Great Void soil. First, it was due to Duanmu Dian's special identity. Second, doing so might attract people from the Great Void. Moreover, at this point, most people from the Evil Sky Pavilion already received the soil.

Duanmu Dian exclaimed in surprise, "How's this possible?!"

At this time, Yu Zhenghai looked around himself excitedly before he laughed and said, "Second Junior Brother, it's finally my turn."

Yu Shangrong was not bothered at all. He said, "It's just obtaining the pillar's recognition. If Eldest Senior Brother thinks this is something worth showing off, then perhaps, Eldest Senior Brother might lose his position in the Evil Sky Pavilion.

"Well, it's still better than those who aren't recognized.

The duo was always at loggerheads as usual.

Duanmu Dian frowned. "What's going on? This doesn't make sense. It doesn't make sense at all!"

At this moment, Lu Zhou saw a faintly discernible energy entering Yu Zhenghai's body. Perhaps, he was the only one who could see it.

When Yu Zhenghai was almost done, before Lu Zhou turned around and walked out, he said, "My disciples are all one in a million."

Duanmu Dian followed Lu Zhou out. Feeling uneasy, he turned to look at Yu Zhenghai.

Yu Zhenghai said with a smile, "My master and I are people who keep our promises. We won't touch the thing inside."

With that, Duanmu Dian walked out.

After a short moment, the four disciples walked out of Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction as well.

The inside and outside of Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction were as calm as ever.

Their journey to the inside of Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction was unexpectedly smooth.

After returning to the front of the small courtyard, Duanmu Dian finally accepted the reality. Then, he asked, "Did you bring them here just to be recognized by the pillar?"

"Yes," Lu Zhou replied tonelessly.

After a short moment, Duanmu Dian asked, "Why?"

"To improve their strength and talent," Lu Zhou replied truthfully.

"That's all?"

Lu Zhou looked at Duanmu Dian and said, "I still need to go to another four pillars to obtain their recognition. So, I need you to lead the way."

Duanmu Dian suddenly realized that he seemed to have been fooled by the sly old fox in front of him.

During this time, the Great Void had been paying close attention to the Unknown Land. This included the Hall Master and the experts of the ten halls.

In addition to the worsening imbalance, the migration of the fierce beasts, the annihilation of the 3,000 Silver Guards, the land splitting, the Great Void had been paying more attention to the movements at the Pillars of Destruction.

Duanmu Dian asked, "Don't tell me the movements at the other Pillar of Destruction were caused by their recognition of your disciples?"

"Yes." Lu Zhou was very calm when he spoke.

Upon hearing this, Duanmu Dian's eyes widened, and he jumped back a few meters as he exclaimed, "You b*stard! You want to scheme against me and drag me into your mess!"

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Lu Zhou looked at Duanmu Dian, puzzled. "Scheme against you?"

Duanmu Dian said a little angrily, "How dare you go against the Great Void? No wonder they told me to be careful and even sent more people out to protect the Pillars of Destruction! No, no, no, you have to follow me back to see the Hall Master today. This way, you have a chance of saving your life!"

In Duanmu Dian's eyes, the Great Void was like an elephant, and the nine domains were like ants. In the past, when they were both invited to the Great Void, they had a bright future ahead of them. However, Lu Tiantong was rebellious and unruly so things were not easy for him.

Lu Zhou frowned as he looked at Duanmu Dian. "You're really as loyal as a dog."

Upon hearing this, Duanmu Dian said angrily, "Are you scolding me?"

"So what if I scolded you?" Lu Zhou scoffed lightly as he placed his hands on his back and said, "The Great Void claims to maintain the balance of the world and peace in the nine domains. However, have they ever asked for the opinion of the people from the nine domains?"

"This..." Duanmu Dian was rendered speechless by these words.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "Ever since the imbalance began, the people have been suffering, Fierce beasts preyed on humans everywhere. Is this what the Great Void's idea of maintaining peace is?"

Lu Zhou did not have any ideas of becoming the world's savior nor did he think he was particularly kind. However, he was greatly displeased by the Great Void's actions.

Duanmu Dian seemed surprised. "Is that so?"

Ye Tianxin said, "Senior, you've been guarding Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction for a long time so you're not aware of this. If you don't believe my master, you can go to any of the domains and see for yourself."

Duanmu Dian's expression turned grim immediately.

Lu Zhou saw that Duanmu Dian was lost in his thoughts and no longer wanted to waste time. They still had to go to the other Pillars of Destruction. Based on what he had seen, it did not seem realistic to expect help from Duanmu Dian. Hence, he said in a deep voice, "Everyone has their own aspirations, I won't force you."

Then, Lu Zhou called out to his disciples, "Let's go."

"Yes."

The four disciples flew up, following Lu Zhou. They flew toward the place where the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion were waiting.

After flying for about 300 meters, Lu Zhou turned around and saw Duanmu Dian was still in a daze.

Yu Zhenghai asked, puzzled, "Master, why didn't you mention Third Junior Brother?"

No matter what, Duanmu Sheng was Duanmu Dian's descendant, after all. Perhaps, Duanmu Dian might be willing to help them considering his relationship with Duanmu Sheng.

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "The time is not ripe yet."

Lu Zhou had not completely figured out the situation between Lu Tiantong and Duanmu Dian. Something might go wrong if Duanmu Dian were to meet Duanmu Sheng. In any case, the most important thing now was to let the Pillars of Destruction recognize his disciples.

Just as they were about to fly again, Duanmu Dian called out, "Wait!"

Lu Zhou frowned. He turned around and saw Duanmu Dian flying toward them at lightning speed. He asked, puzzled, "What do you want?"

Duanmu Dian raised his voice and said with a chuckle, "I haven't won yet so how can you just leave?"

"Huh?"

Duanmu Dian laughed. "Lu Tiantong, I'll let you have a taste of being bullied today!"

Then, Duanmu Dian raised his hand and sent a black palm seal toward Lu Zhou.

In the center of the black palm seal, a bolt of lightning struck at Lu Zhou. Its force seemed as though it could rip the very fabric of space. There was no doubt this was the power of a Great Saint.

Lu Zhou mobilized the divine power and launched a palm seal of his own.

Boom!

An energy seal rippled out from the collision.

Duanmu Dian's eyes were filled with excitement as he pushed his hand out again. A buzzing noise rang in the air as when his hand burst forth with energy. His fighting spirit was thoroughly stimulated at this moment.

"Amazing! You're very strong, but you're not as overbearing as you used to be!"

Then, Duanmu Dian pushed Lu Zhou and flew five kilometers away in just a blink of an eye.

The four disciples hurriedly followed after the duo, surprised by the sudden development.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly as he asked, "Do you want to beat me so badly?"

"Of course!" Duanmu Dian grinned. "Is too much just for me to beat you once?"

Lu Zhou maintained the use of his divine power. Fortunately, his blue avatar already had three Birth Charts. Otherwise, it would be difficult for him to keep up with this level of consumption.

"You're a Great Saint. You shouldn't bully the weak. Even if you win, the victory won't mean anything since the fight isn't fair," Lu Zhou said. He did not want to spar with Duanmu Dian. All his item cards were deadly, after all. If he did not use his item cards, it would be impossible for him to defeat a Great Saint.

Duanmu Dian laughed before he said, "Oh, why didn't you say this back then? Old Lu, you always said that there's no such thing as fairness in the cultivation world! Again!"

Duanmu Dian increased the strength of his attack.

A rumbling noise rang in the air as a surging power burst forth from Duanmu Dian's hand again.

Boom!

Lu Zhou flashed back. He used the Concealment Card to hide his divine power before he mobilized more of his divine power around his body. With that, his entire body glowed with a golden light. Coupled with the divine mark robe, he successfully blocked the attack.

"Hm?" Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Zhou suspiciously. "You're not affected by the attack at all?"

Lu Zhou said, "If this is all you have, you're still far from being able to defeat me."

"I don't believe this! Again!" Duanmu Dian said.

Swoosh!

Duanmu Dian vanished into thin air immediately.

Lu Zhou joined his palms together and closed his eyes. His body was shrouded with the divine power as he chanted the mantra for the power of infinite deduction.

Images appeared in Lu Zhou's mind one after another. They were all possibilities of where Duanmu Dian might reappear. When the images finally stopped, he suddenly pushed his hand out toward an empty spot and released the Fiend Monk's Hand seal.

Boom!

Duanmu Dian reappeared in the spot when Lu Zhou had released the palm seal, but he managed to dodge the palm seal by manipulating the fabric of space. He asked incredulously, "You managed to guess my position?"

"Guess?"

“There’s no way you could’ve found my position unless you’re making a wild guess,” Duanmu Dian said.

“You can continue trying then,” Lu Zhou said.

“Alright!” Duanmu Dian, who was unconvinced, vanished into thin air again, causing the space to ripple.

Lu Zhou repeated the same trick. After two breaths, he struck at another empty spot.

When Duanmu Dian reappeared, he saw the palm seal flying toward him. He exclaimed, “So accurate? This is strange!”

Whoosh!

Duanmu Dian vanished into thin air again, avoiding Lu Zhou’s palm seal.

Soon after, Lu Zhou released a palm seal to his left. The palm seal barely contained any power; it was just to show Duanmu Dian he knew where he was.

As expected, Duanmu Dian appeared and saw the palm seal heading his way again. Then, he vanished again to avoid the palm seal. Although the palm seal would not even leave a scratch on him, he refused to let the palm seal touch him. Otherwise, it would be really embarrassing.

Following that, Duanmu Dian kept appearing and disappearing, leaving afterimages in his wake. Alas, no matter where he appeared, Lu Zhou would accurately guess his location before he even appeared.

After five consecutive attempts, Duanmu Dian stopped moving. He looked at Lu Zhou in surprise as he asked, “You’ve comprehended the greater law of space?”

“The greater law of space?” Lu Zhou asked in confusion.

“The laws come from the power of the Dao. The more profound your comprehension of the law is, the greater the law will be. Since you can accurately predict my locations, you must have comprehended the greater law of space,” Duanmu Dian explained. Then, he shook his head and said, “However, you have to be a Dao Saint at least to be able to use the greater law of space.”

“I have to be a Dao Saint at least?”

“The power of the Dao comprehended by Venerable Masters is but a drop of water in the ocean. The power of the Dao of Saints is naturally stronger than Venerable Masters. As for Dao Saints or those who are stronger, their powers of the Dao are naturally stronger, and the laws they comprehended at that level are called greater laws. It’s said only Great Dao Saints can comprehend more than three greater laws. Hey, Old Lu, don’t tell you were bored so you pretend to be weak to trick me!”

“I didn’t expect that after so many years, you’re still so overbearing! Not only that, but you’ve even become so despicable!” Duanmu Dian said angrily, “Alright. I really wanted to experience the greater law once!”

Lu Zhou was truly speechless.

‘From the beginning until now, I didn’t say anything at all. How can you unilaterally blame me for everything’

Whoosh!

Duanmu Dian flashed, leaving afterimages in the sky.

Lu Zhou used the power of infinite deduction again. However, this time, he discovered he could not deduce where Duanmu Dian was going to reappear next. He found this rather strange. However, time did not allow him to think too much. When he sensed a powerful aura approaching, he mobilized his divine power.

“Golden Buddha’s Body!”

Buzz!

‘With Lu Zhou in the center, the Golden Buddha’s Body grew swiftly.

Afterimages continued to appear in the sky as Duanmu Dian pounced on the Golden Buddha’s Body. When he discovered his attacks were useless, he flipped and flew 100 meters back before he looked at the Golden Buddha’s Body in shock and asked, “What technique is this? What a powerful defense!”

Lu Zhou put away his Golden Buddha’s Body and looked at Duanmu Dian.

Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Zhou with a complex expression as he said, “Old Lu, when did you cultivate the golden lotus?”

“Why can’t I cultivate the golden lotus?” Lu Zhou asked.

“We were both black lotus cultivators,” Duanmu Dian said. After thinking about it for a moment, he added, “Moreover, at that time, you were much darker than I was

Duanmu Dian asked again, “How did you manage to assimilate even after entering the Thousand Realms Whirling stage?”

“It’s a secret,” Lu Zhou replied with a straight face.

“After I left the black lotus domain for the purple lotus domain, I heard you went to the Unknown Land in search of the Great Dao?” Duanmu Dian asked.

“I don’t remember.”

“I heard that when you returned, you even created the Nine Twists Illusory Formation and left your cultivation experience in there, right?” Duanmu Dian asked.

“Why do you ask if you already know?” Lu Zhou asked curiously.

“Very good, very good. I didn’t expect to still be inferior to you even after I became a Great Saint,” Duanmu Dian said listlessly as he shook his head.

“I already said you’re still far from it even if you’ve become a Great Saint,” Lu Zhou said. He was not being pretentious. His item cards and treasures were all deadly. If it were not for Duanmu Dian’s special identity, how could Duanmu Dian still stand and speak? If it were someone else, they would have long fallen.

Duanmu Dian sighed and no longer said anything.

At this moment.

Figures rushed over from afar. They were the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. When they saw the intense battle from afar, they could no longer hold back and rushed over.

“Which fool dares to make a move against my master?”

The Overlord Spear pierced through the sky toward Duanmu Dian.

Duanmu Dian frowned as he looked at the golden spear flying toward him. He flicked his sleeve.

Bang!

The Overlord Spear was repelled and fell harmlessly to the ground.

“How dare you!” Duanmu Dian said in a deep voice.

Duanmu Sheng flew toward the Overlord Spear. Then, he looked up at Lu Zhou and asked, “Master, are you alright?”

Lu Zhou: “..”

“What must happen has happened at last...”

Lu Zhou nodded to show that he was fine.

Duanmu Dian frowned and complained to Lu Zhou, “Old Lu, I can understand your desire to preach and teach, but you have to be more discerning when choosing disciples.”

Lu Zhou:

Duanmu Sheng raised his hand, and the Overlord Spear flew into his hand. Then, he pointed the spear at Duanmu Dian and scolded, “Old bast*rd! How dare you scold me?”

“So what if I scold you?”

“Well, I can tolerate it!”

Swoosh!

Duanmu Sheng flew over with his Overlord Spear in hand. He brandished his spear, launching tens of thousands of energy spears at Duanmu Dian.

‘The wind whistled loudly in the air as Duanmu Dian leisurely dodged the energy spears. Then, he asked with a smile, “Is this all you got? It’s not different from playing with a child.”

Duanmu Sheng was someone with a one-track mind. Upon hearing these words, he swung his spear angrily and attacked even more rapidly.

Duanmu Dian said, “Well, this time, you’re a little better. You have the might of a Venerable Master.”

Bang!

Duanmu Dian pushed his hand out. His absolute power sent Duanmu Sheng flying back immediately.

Duanmu Dian smiled and said, "You're still far from enough. Old Lu, your taste is really bad!"

Lu Zhou: "???"

Yu Zhenghai said, "This is my Third Junior Brother. He's actually not bad. You'll understand after listening to my explanation."

"There's no need to explain," Duanmu Dian said, refusing to listen, "No matter what, he's bad!"

'It's bad enough that I can't bully your master, if I can't even bully you, how am I going to survive in the future as a Great Saint?

Duanmu Dian had already thought things through. No matter how much the others praised that brat, he was determined to step on that brat.

Yu Zhenghai was speechless.

At this time, Duanmu Sheng attacked again. He held the Overlord Spear with both hands as the purple dragons burst forth from his arms, swimming left and right. With this, his strength increased by several times.

Duanmu Dian exclaimed in surprise, "Corrosive energy?!"

"Old bast*rd, even if I'm weak now, I'm still 100 times better than you!"

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

The purple dragons spun around swiftly as energy spears sailed in the air.

Duanmu Dian did not allow Duanmu Sheng to have his way. He pushed both his hands out. "Immovable Mountain!"

Faced with absolute power, the purple dragons and energy spears vanished when they collided with the palm seal.

At this moment, Lu Zhou finally said, "He's a Great Saint."

Duanmu Sheng was shocked and hurriedly flew back. No matter how rash he was, he was still aware of the difference in their strengths.

At this moment, a huge head descended from the sky. "Young Master."

Duanmu Sheng did not raise his head. He only pointed at Duanmu Dian and said, "Lu Wu, freeze him!"

Lu Wu raised its head. Its eyes lit up as bright as the sun, moon, and stars and its ears pricked up when he saw Duanmu Dian. "Master?"

Duanmu Dian:

"Lu Wu, what are you doing?" Duanmu Sheng frowned.

Lu Wu leaped forward and rushed toward Duanmu Dian.

Lu Wu exclaimed in surprise, "Lu Wu?!"

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Lu Wu leaped over and landed in front of Duanmu Dian. It landed at a height where it could look at Duanmu Dian. Then, it lowered its head and called out in a low voice, "Master."

The others from the Evil Sky Pavilion were shocked and at a loss when they saw this.

Duanmu Sheng was the most confused. He could not understand Lu Wu's behavior or the way it addressed Duanmu Dian. His mood gradually turned slightly strange.

Duanmu Dian's eyes reddened slightly. A man should not cry easily, but how many people were lucky enough to meet their companion who had accompanied them and fought side by side with them for over 10,000 years? When they had parted in the past, both of them were reluctant. He recalled when he first met Lu Wu, the times when they cultivated together, and the blood and tears they had shed to kill their enemies.

Duanmu Dian, who was not good at expressing his feelings, flew over. His wizened hand trembled slightly as it landed on Lu Wu's head. It was just like in the past when he would stroke Lu Wu's head. The past seemed to have come to life at this moment.

Lu Wu asked in a low voice, "Why?"

Duanmu Dian suppressed the emotions in his heart. He patted Lu Wu's head before he sighed and said, "When the Great Void invites you over, you don't have the right to refuse."

Lu Wu's expression was a little lonely as it sat down and said, "You're in the Unknown Land all this time..."

"I'm under the Great Void's order to protect Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction. I heard about you when I came here. I really wanted to look for you, but I couldn't leave the pillar," Duanmu Dian said as his expression grew gloomy.

Lu Wu shook his head and said, "The Unknown Land is too vast. I wandered for ages, thinking I could find the Great Void."

"I'm sorry," Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Wu was silent.

Duanmu Dian said, laden with guilt, "I shouldn't have left you and went to the Great Void alone."

Lu Wu still did not say anything.

On the other side, the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion sighed when they overheard the conversation.

The man and the beast reminisced for a long time before their emotions finally calmed down.

Duanmu Dian forced a smile on his face and said, "No matter what, we're lucky to be able to meet again. This is fate. From now on, we'll continue to fight together!"

As soon as Duanmu Dian's voice fell, a stern voice rang out. "No!"

Everyone turned to look at the source of the voice.

It was Duanmu Sheng.

Duanmu Dian looked at Duanmu Sheng strangely. What did their conversation have to do with an outsider? He did not have a good impression of the rash young man, to begin with. Hence, he said, "Old Lu."

In other words, the words 'Old Lu' meant that Lu Zhou should take care of his disciple.

Duanmu Dian did not expect Lu Zhou would pretend to be deaf and only clasped his hands on his back.

Bang!

"I say no, it means no!"

Duanmu Sheng flew out with his Overlord Spear again. His attacks were swifter than before. Not only that, but they were also deadly.

Duanmu Dian frowned and flicked his sleeve, sending Duanmu Sheng flying back.

Faced with a Great Saint, Duanmu Sheng had no chance of winning. If not for Lu Zhou's sake, Duanmu Dian would have already severely injured Duanmu Sheng with one move. How could even give Duanmu Sheng a chance to attack if it were not for Lu Zhou?

As expected, Duanmu Sheng did not give up. He gritted his teeth and attacked again. His expression was one of fury.

"Third Senior Brother!"

"Mr. Third!"

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion exclaimed one after another, trying to stop Duanmu Sheng.

The purple dragons shone even brighter than before as the corrosive energy surged. They grew to 1,000 feet long as they circled the sky. Then, they shot toward Duanmu Dian at lightning speed.

Duanmu Dian felt as though time had slowed down before he felt a dangerous aura. Hence, he activated his protective energy.

Bang!

The purple dragons collided with Duanmu Dian's protective energy with a loud bang.

Duanmu Dian used his grand technique and moved backward. Needless to say, his comprehension of the law of space was much more profound than Duanmu Sheng's. He frowned and said, "Brat, for Old Lu's sake, I won't stoop to your level. However, it doesn't mean that I'll always be patient with you."

"I don't need you to be patient with me!" Duanmu Sheng said as he flew out again. His eyes were dark as black and purple energy surged from his body.

Then, the purple dragons grew bigger again.

"Third Senior Brother has become stronger!"

"When did this happen?"

"Mtr, Third possesses the corrosive energy, the Great Void Seed, and has been recognized by the Pillar of Destruction, after all. Moreover, he has deviated from the normal cultivation path. Hence, you can't measure his strength by Birth Charts or golden lotus leaves."

"Evil?" Duanmu Dian looked at the purple dragons and the corrosive power with a frown. Then, he turned to look at Lu Zhou and said with a hint of disapproval, "Old Lu, you actually accepted a disciple who has entered the evil state?"

Whoosh!

Duanmu Sheng flew over. However, before he could draw any closer, Lu W raised its head and spat out white mist.

Creak!

In just a moment, Duanmu Sheng was turned into an ice sculpture.

Boom!

Duanmu Sheng fell down.

Then, Lu Wu said in a deep voice, "Enough."

Duanmu Dian chuckled and said, "Kid, you won't be able to defeat an old man like me. You should return and play with the children."

Then, Lu Wu spat out a cloud of mist at Duanmu Dian.

Duanmu Dian had never thought about guarding against Lu Wu so he was caught off guard and was frozen into an ice sculpture as well. Nonetheless, he was a Great Saint, after all. Before he fell to the ground, he had already broken free. Then, he glared at Lu Wu and asked, "What are you doing?"

Lu Wu said, "Although the Young Master is reckless, you should be responsible."

"222"

Duanmu Dian frowned. His expression turned into one of disbelief as he looked at the frozen Duanmu Sheng. Then, he said, "What did you say? Young Master?"

Lu Wu said tonelessly, "He's your descendant. His name is Duanmu Sheng."

Duanmu Dian felt his mouth go dry. Then, he spun around to look at Lu Zhou in disbelief.

Lu Zhou nodded. "What Lu Wu said is true."

Duanmu Dian:

Bang!

At this time, Duanmu Sheng broke free of the ice and shot up to the sky with his spear like a dragon. He arrived in front of Duanmu Dian at lightning speed.

Duanmu Dian flashed as he continuously dodged the attack.

"Let's see how long you can run!" Duanmu Sheng chased after Duanmu Dian.

After learning the truth, Duanmu Dian no longer attacked. In fact, he was dodging very carefully, worried he would injure Duanmu Sheng.

Duanmu Sheng's attainment in the spear techniques was very high. Coupled with the purple dragons, he was stronger than ordinary Venerable Masters. After obtaining recognition from the Pillar of Destruction, he had grown even stronger.

The purple dragons that were 1,000 feet long shot out.

The entire sky seemed to be filled with the purple dragons and energy spears.

Most of the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion had to retreat. Only those who were experts stayed to watch.

Duanmu Dian continued to dodge, cleverly avoiding Duanmu Sheng's attacks. He laughed and said, "Kid, your attacks aren't bad."

Duanmu Sheng said angrily, "I have even better moves coming up!"

"Thousand Waves! Scorching Field Hundred Strikes!"

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Duanmu Sheng's speed when wielding the Overlord Spear was so fast that it almost looked as though he was going to tear a hole in the fabric of space, which was surprising.

"Very good! Your innate talent and strength are quite good. To think that you can even burst forth with such strength!" Duanmu Dian did not fight back. Instead, he kept praising Duanmu Sheng.

Everyone felt embarrassed when they heard Duanmu Dian's words.

Lu Zhou shook his head and asked, "Duanmu Dian, why don't you fight back?"

"There's no need for that," Duanmu Dian said.

"Don't tell me you can't beat my disciple?"

"What a joke. I'm a Great Saint. How can I be unable to defeat him?" Duanmu Dian asked.

"I've only seen you in a disadvantageous position all this time. You were forced by him to dodge," Lu Zhou said.

Duanmu Dian felt embarrassed upon hearing this. He said, "Don't bother provoking me. This kid is very talented and strong. He's undoubtedly a rare talent!"

"This old man is really giving it his all to praise his descendant

However, the more Duanmu Sheng listened, the angrier he became. Soon enough, his fury burst forth, giving birth to more power.

Buzz!

Duanmu Sheng's golden avatar appeared. The twelve leaves and the purple dragons circled around it, generating a powerful force that pushed Duanmu Dian back.

Duanmu Dian came to a stop in the sky. A frown could be seen on his face when he looked at Duanmu Sheng. "The Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar? Wait, a golden avatar?"

Duanmu Sheng glared at Duanmu Dian and said, "It doesn't matter what avatar it is as long as it's an avatar that can defeat the opponent."

Boom!

The wind whistled as the purple dragons flew out again.

Duanmu Dian could feel the joy of meeting his descendant cooling down as he looked at the corrosive energy around Duanmu Sheng's body. His expression turned solemn as he pushed his palm down and said, "Enough!"

The entire place froze.

The strength of a Great Saint was on full display at this time.

Duanmu Dian's voice was like thunder, shocking everyone.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, who were not in range of the freeze, were shocked and horrified.

Following that, Duanmu Dian's palm seal fell on the purple dragons. The black energy around the purple dragons seemed to struggle for a moment before it was dispelled.

Boom!

Following that, the palm seal landed on Duanmu Sheng's chest and knocked him down.

With that, the battle was over.

As soon as the Great Saint made a move, the outcome of the battle was instantly decided. After all, the difference between them was like the cloud in the sky and the mud on the ground.

Although everyone knew the outcome would be like this, they were still shocked.

Duanmu Dian turned to Lu Zhou and said, "Old Lu, if you don't give a reasonable explanation, don't even think about leaving this place today."

Lu Zhou's expression was unyielding as he firmly said, "I accepted him as a disciple, single-handedly raised him, and taught him life-saving skills. Even if he dies, you don't have the right to tell me what to do."

"You!"

"am I wrong?" Lu Zhou continued to say, "He followed me since he was young and went through a lot of hardships. After you became a Venerable Master, you left for the Great Void. Did it cross your mind that the Duanmu clan would suffer as a result?"

Duanmu Dian was stunned. For cultivators, severing these ties was necessary on the path of cultivation. It seemed heartless, but it was the truth.

At this time, Duanmu Sheng spat out a mouthful of blood. Then, after he struggled to stand up, he looked up and said, "You're not worthy!"

Duanmu Dian looked at the furious Duanmu Sheng. He wanted to say something, but he did not know what to say.

Duanmu Sheng continued to say, "What right do you have to criticize my master? Unworthy is already a very kind word to describe you!"

At this time, Lu Zhou lowered his voice and said to Duanmu Sheng, "There's an order in seniority. He's your ancestor no matter what. You can't be too rude."

After all, one had to know one's limit and not go too far.

Duanmu Dian remained silent.

Upon hearing his master's words, Duanmu Sheng lowered his head and said, "Yes."

At this time, Duanmu Dian sighed and said, "I was rude."

Indeed, Lu Zhou was the one who had taken care of Duanmu Sheng like a parent. Duanmu Dian knew he did not have the right to criticize Lu Zhou.

Then, Duanmu Dian looked at Duanmu Sheng and said, "Kid, I didn't hit you too hard earlier. Don't pretend like you're seriously injured. Those who don't know will think I'm cruel and heartless."

Duanmu Sheng rubbed his chest and looked to the side without saying anything.

Duanmu Dian sighed heavily before he said, "It's understandable that you're angry. After leaving the Duanmu clan, I went to the purple lotus domain. I wanted to quell the chaos there. However, when I returned, the Duanmu clan was no longer around. I asked around and found that the 3,000 members of the clan had either fled or died. I couldn't find anyone. I didn't expect that as well. When I was in the purple lotus domain, I tamed Lu Wu and my cultivation improved greatly, but I was not happy at all."

Duanmu Dian paused for a moment before he looked at Duanmu Sheng and said, "You have the blood of the Duanmu clan. Your strength is overbearing and fierce. Whether you acknowledge me or not, this is something that won't change."

Everyone sighed.

They were all pitiful people. Since things had passed the point of no return, there was no point in causing any more hurt.

After listening to these words, Duanmu Sheng felt complicated. He looked at Lu Zhou hesitantly, unsure of how to face the situation in front of him. He could only ask his master for help.

How could Lu Zhou not know what Duanmu Sheng was thinking? He sighed and said, "Duanmu Dian is indeed your ancestor. This can't be changed."

Duanmu Dian cupped his fists together and Lu Zhou said, "No matter what, I'll remember this favor."

Lu Zhou said, "These are trivial matters. Although Duanmu Sheng is my disciple, it's up to him to acknowledge you or not. I won't force him."

"What do you mean?"

"The human heart is made of flesh. Have you thought about making up to him?" Lu Zhou asked.

Duanmu Dian flashed and appeared in front of Lu Zhou. Then, he erected a barrier to prevent others from listening in before he said, "How? That kid is even more stubborn than an ox. I'm afraid he won't acknowledge me."

"That's simple."

"Brother Lu, please enlighten me."

"Wow, look at his sudden change in behavior..."

Lu Zhou said, "There are two ways. First, join the Evil Sky Pavilion. Second, lead me to the remaining Pillars of Destruction."

Duanmu Dian waved his hand and said, "Absolutely not! You know the rules of the Great Void better than I do!"

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeve and removed the barrier. Then, he said, "From now on, I'll sever all ties with you!"

Then, Lu Zhou turned around and leaped on Whitard's back.

Everyone was stunned.

Duanmu Dian was also stunned. "He's really ruthless!"

Lu Zhou frowned slightly when he saw everyone looking at him in a daze. He said in a dignified tone, "Are all of you deaf?"

"No, Pavilion Master!"

"No, master!"

Then, everyone flew up one after another to Lu Zhou.

Duanmu Sheng hesitated for a moment before he flew up as well.

“Lu Wu,” Lu Zhou called out.

Lu Wu: ”

Lu Wu was unable to express emotions. He felt that humans were really troublesome.

“I’ll give you one last chance,” Lu Zhou said, raising his voice slightly.

Lu Wu glanced at Duanmu Dian before it stood up.

“You!” Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Wu.

‘So friendship will disappear as well?’

“Wait!” Duanmu Dian hurriedly said, “I didn’t say no!”

Little Yuan’er muttered under her breath, “You clearly said no earlier...”

“Did I? No, little girl, it’s not good to lie. A Great Saint like me is a man of his word. How can you talk nonsense?” Duanmu Dian said with a straight face..

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Little Yuan’er scratched her head and looked at Duanmu Dian innocently. No matter what he said now, his image had fallen rock bottom in her heart.

‘Is it really okay to lie through teeth like that?’

The others from the Evil Sky Pavilion came to a stop and looked at Lu Zhou, waiting for his response.

Alas, Lu Zhou continued to fly forward. His speed was not very fast so the others caught up to him easily.

Duanmu Dian was a Great Saint. It was not difficult for him to catch up to them. However, if they left the range of Dunzhang, it would be troublesome for him to chase after them. Hence, he unleashed his grand technique and appeared a few meters in front of Lu Zhou in just a blink of an eye. Then, he

said with a smile, “Old Lu, I was just joking. Why did you take it to heart?”

“Joking?”

“That’s right. How long have we been friends now? How can I lie to you?” Duanmu Dian said righteously.

Lu Zhou said, “For Duanmu Sheng’s sake, I’ll give you another chance.”

Duanmu Dian nodded. “I’ll lead you to the Pillars of Destruction.”

“Very good,” Lu Zhou said, satisfied with this outcome. Then, he turned around and said to everyone, “From today onward, Duanmu Dian is the first Great Saint of the Evil Sky Pavilion. All of you, hurry up and bow to him.”

Duanmu Di.

Everyone bowed.

“Greetings, Great Saint.”

Duanmu Dian asked innocently, “Old Lu, what do you mean by this?”

“Hm?” Lu Zhou furrowed his brows. “Are you going to go back on your words again?”

“No. Didn’t you say I have two choices? Either join the Evil Sky Pavilion or lead you to the Pillars of Destruction? I said I’ll lead you to the Pillars of Destruction,” Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Zhou nodded. “It’s true that there are two choices, but I didn’t say you can only pick one out of the two choices.”

Lu Zhou turned around to look at Dunzhang’s Pillar of Destruction before he calmly said, “Old Third, you’ll explain the rules of the Evil Sky Pavilion to the Great Saint.”

Duanmu Sheng bowed. “Yes.”

Duanmu Dian:

‘It’s f*cking over!’

Duanmu Dian wanted to curse at the sly old fox in front of him, but when he saw the look in Duanmu Sheng’s eyes, he had no choice but to suppress that urge.

Duanmu Sheng came up to Duanmu Dian and asked expressionlessly, “Do you need me to explain the rules to you?”

Upon hearing this, Duanmu Dian nodded decisively and said, “Yes, of course, I do! Without rules, there’ll be chaos, after all!”

Duanmu Sheng cleared his throat before he said, “The first rule is that the disciples and members of the Evil Sky Pavilion are prohibited from killing each other. Second is to respect the Pavilion Master.”

Upon hearing the second rule, Duanmu Dian interjected, “Wait, wait, wait. Is there really such a rule?”

“When did this old fox become so narcissistic? Even the Hall Master of the Great Void’s Sacred Hall doesn’t have such a rule!

Duanmu Sheng continued to say as though he did not hear Duanmu Dian, “Third is to sever ties with the past.”

“Fourth...”

Duanmu Dian raised his hand and interjected again, “Wait.”

“Wait for what?” Duanmu Sheng looked at Duanmu Dian and said, “Do you think you’ll get preferential treatment because you’re a Great Saint? My Eldest Senior Brother is the Sect Leader of the Nether Sect, and he commands hundreds of thousands of men. My Second Senior Brother is a rare sword expert

known as the Sword Devil. All of the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion are famous in their own right, but they still have to abide by the rules of the Evil Sky Pavilion.”

Everyone nodded in agreement.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong, in particular, looked slightly pleased. They did not care for flattery, but somehow, they felt very comfortable listening to their Third Junior Brother's praises today.

Duanmu Dian swept his eyes across the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. It was at this moment that he discovered the extraordinary auras of the people in the group. All of them were obviously talented. Hence, he nodded before he asked, "Then, are you known as the Spear God?"

Duanmu Sheng frowned slightly. He was slightly bewildered. Why did he feel that the ancestor of the Duanmu clan was not mature or steady at all? After a moment, he coughed and said, "The rules..."

Duanmu Dian cleared his throat and said, "Naturally, rules are meant to be followed. I'm no exception."
"That's good," Lu Zhou said.

Then, everyone formally greeted Duanmu Dian.

With this, the Evil Sky Pavilion had officially gained a Great Saint.

In Duanmu Dian's courtyard in Dunzhang.

The environment of Dunzhang's Pillar of Destruction was peaceful. There were no fierce beasts or cultivators. If not for the black fog in the sky, this place would be like a paradise. It was very suitable for living.

At this moment, Duanmu Dian let out a long sigh after hearing Lu Zhou's account of Duanmu Sheng's life and experience.

When Duanmu Sheng was young, his family was destroyed. His suffering was not any less than Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong. Soon after that, he joined the Evil Sky Pavilion and cultivated with Lu Zhou. He lived in the golden lotus domain's Evil Sky Pavilion for a long time.

Lu Zhou told Duanmu Dian that Duanmu Sheng was very diligent in cultivating and never complained. He told Duanmu Dian about how Duanmu Sheng obtained the corrosive energy from the Lili, and how he had persevered to defend the land despite being on the brink of death. He told Duanmu Dian

about how Duanmu Sheng went to the Unknown Land to cultivate with Lu Wu as well.

Those who heard the story could not help but feel sad.

"If [hadn't gone to the purple lotus domain, none of this would've happened. Old Lu, it's all thanks to you this time," Duanmu Dian said with a sigh.

"I's nothing."

"Understand why Duanmu Sheng has a golden lotus, but Old Lu, how did you do it?" Duanmu Dian asked, puzzled.

Lu Zhou was speechless. Seeing that Duanmu Dian was determined to get to the bottom of this matter, he knew if he did not give Duanmu Dian an explanation, it was likely that he would not be able to sleep in the future. Hence, he said, "It's nothing special. It's just a secret technique."

“What kind of strange secret technique can do such a thing?” Duanmu Dian asked curiously.

Lu Zhou extended his hand as he said tonelessly, “Please have a look.”

A golden lotus bloomed on Lu Zhou’s palm. Following that, the color of the golden lotus began to change one after another. It changed from gold to red to purple to black to white and finally to green.

Duanmu Dian was surprised. He pointed at the lotus in Lu Zhou’s hand and said, “How can this be? What kind of technique is this? Old Lu, hurry up and teach me!”

Lu Zhou:” ...”

Those from the Evil Sky Pavilion who had witnessed this technique were not surprised. Those who had yet to witness it were shocked like Duanmu Dian. Even Qin Naihe, a Venerable Master, was dumbfounded.

Lu Zhou said expressionlessly, “If you want to learn, you’ll have to acknowledge me as your master.”

“Acknowledge you as my master?” Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Zhou hesitantly, considering the idea. He was rather envious of this particular skill, after all.

Seeing that Duanmu Dian was actually considering the preposterous suggestion he had simply thrown out, Lu Zhou hurriedly said, “If you acknowledge me as your master, you have to bow three times before kneeling and kowtowing nine times to me. After that, you’ll be accepted as my 11th disciple. Just

to remind you, Duanmu Sheng is my third disciple. The Evil Sky Pavilion is rather strict about seniority.”

Duanmu Dian coughed before he said with a straight face, “What are you thinking? It’s impossible for me to acknowledge you as my master.”

After that, Duanmu Dian moved to stand in front of Duanmu Sheng and patted Duanmu Sheng’s shoulder before he said, “It’s been hard on you all these years.”

Duanmu Sheng turned to look away. He did not have any feelings for the person in front of him. After all, they had just met today.

Duanmu Dian was an elder. He naturally would not be petty with the younger generation.

Upon seeing this scene, Lu Zhou called out in a deep voice, “Old Third.”

Duanmu Sheng hurriedly responded, “Yes, master.”

“Kneel..”

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“Huh?”

“I said, ‘kneel’,” Lu Zhou said tonelessly.

Duanmu Sheng felt rather reluctant to kneel, but when he saw his master’s stern expression, he fell to his knees immediately.

Lu Zhou said again, "Kowtow."

Duanmu Sheng kowtowed to Duanmu Dian.

Duanmu Dian was moved upon seeing this. Although Duanmu Sheng's face carried the traces of the vicissitudes of life and time, in Duanmu Dian's eyes, Duanmu Sheng was like a child who had yet to grow up. No matter how much times had changed or how much time had passed, there was no denying they had the same blood coursing through their veins.

Ancient people said that men had gold under their knees and that they were only to kneel in front of their parents.

As such, how could Duanmu Dian remain unmoved?

After living for tens of thousands of years, Duanmu Dian had long been numbed by time. There were no fluctuations in his emotions for the longest time now. However, the sight of Duanmu Sheng kneeling and kowtowing to him almost brought out the tears in his eyes.

After Duanmu Dian calmed his surging emotions, he stepped forward and helped Duanmu Sheng to his feet as he said, "It's alright..."

Duanmu Dian felt slightly awkward. He did not know what to say. After all, he had never been good at expressing his feelings.

At this time, Lu Zhou said, "He's your ancestor. Without him, there'd be no you. Moreover, there are many things you don't understand in the cultivation world."

Duanmu Sheng remained silent.

Duanmu Dian smiled and said, "It doesn't matter; it's just a trivial matter. As the saying goes, 'As distance tests a horse's strength, time will reveal a person's heart'."

Lu Zhou nodded before he asked, "Let's go back to the main point. How much do you know about the Great Void?"

Duanmu Dian said, "I only have a general understanding of it. For example, the Great Void is divided into ten halls. After the land split, the Sacred Hall was founded to maintain the balance of the world. It's one of the ten halls, and the most powerful hall."

"Ten halls..." Lu Zhou did not expect there would be so many of them.

"The ten halls were originally named after the Heavenly Stems, which are also the aliases of the Ten Great Supreme Beings. The twelve Great Dao Saints occupied the 12 Earthly Stems and belong to the ten halls. Among them, the Sacred Hall is located in the position of the Great Yuanxian."

Qin Naihe asked, "That's to say it's above Ren Ding?"

"That's right," Duanmu Dian said, "The 12 locations in the Unknown Land named after the ancient system of time are precisely the 12 Earthly Branches. However, the 12 Earthly Branches were later pushed up into the sky by the Pillars of Destruction."

Everyone was thoroughly shocked by Duanmu Dian's words.

"It's so high up in the sky so the air and the vitality energy are thin. How do the people there survive and cultivate?" Yan Zhenluo asked.

Duanmu Dian replied, "The Pillars of Destruction endlessly supply a lot of vitality energy. Moreover, the vitality energy from the pillars is richer and purer than the Unknown Land. After all, the vitality energy has been nourished by the Great Void soil."

Upon seeing the confused expressions on everyone's faces, Duanmu Dian explained, "Alright, think of the ten pillars as ten bottomless wells filled with vitality energy."

'He's quite good at describing...'

"So it's like this!" Lu Li exclaimed, amazed, "It's like, it's like..."

"It's like what?" Yan Zhenluo interjected.

Lu Li brought out a piece of paper from his sleeve and spread it out in front of him before he said, "This is the final picture drawn by Mr. Seventh based on the ancient sheepskin map. Please have a look."

Everyone gathered to have a look.

After taking a look at it, Duanmu Dian exclaimed, "That kid has been to the Great Void?"

Lu Li shook his head and said, "No, he had never been to the Great Void."

Duanmu Dian was surprised by this answer. "He's never been there, but he managed to draw such detailed maps of the Great Void and the nine domains. What a rare talent!"

"Old Seventh was the master of the Darknet. In the past, he assisted Eldest Senior Brother to conquer the Divine Capital and unified the golden lotus domain," Duanmu Sheng said proudly, trying to prove his earlier point that the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion were amazing in their own right. He was also trying to say that despite being a Great Saint, it was not a loss for Duanmu Dian to join the Evil Sky Pavilion.

Unexpectedly, Duanmu Dian asked, "Where's he?"

Duanmu Sheng fell silent.

Everyone sighed.

Lu Zhou calmly replied, "Dead."

Duanmu Dian frowned. "My condolences."

When Duanmu Dian saw the gloomy expressions on everyone's faces, he lowered his voice and asked Lu Zhou, "Can you tell me who did it?"

"The Great Void, the beast tamer; Yue Qi, and the Halcyon Bird," Lu Zhou replied.

Duanmu Dian was stunned. He did not know what else to say. He could understand the meaning behind these words; there was a blood debt between the Evil Sky Pavilion and the Great Void, and their differences could not be reconciled.

Lu Zhou added, "Yue Qi and the Halcyon Bird are dead."

Duanmu Dian sighed.

Lu Li was annoyed with himself for inadvertently leading the topic to Si Wuya. Hence, he swiftly changed the topic and said, "Senior, if the ten Pillars of Destruction are like ten wells, if the supply is cut off from below, won't it be over for the Great Void?"

Duanmu Dian nodded. "You're right. However, it's almost impossible to do so. First of all, the structure of the pillars is so complex that even Great Dao Saints can't shake the pillars. Second, the pillars have strong repairing abilities. If a crack appears, it'll burst forth with the power of heaven and earth to repair the crack. Finally, due to their importance, the Great Void has people guarding it all year round. Keep in mind that anyone who shows any potential is taken away by the Great Void so you can just imagine how strong the people there are. With all these factors, let me ask you, who can destroy the pillars?"

Lu Li nodded. "The pillars are truly powerful..."

Duanmu Dian said, "There's only one thing that might affect the pillars. Those who are recognized by the pillars can enter the barrier and take away the soil. If too much soil is taken away, it'll damage the pillars."

"No wonder rocks tumbled down from pillars before this!" Zhu Honggong said as he nodded.

Duanmu Dian: "?"

Upon seeing the expression on Duanmu Dian's face, Zhu Honggong hurriedly said, "Don't misunderstand. It's not what you think. I mean, the Great Void..." After a pause, he said, "Forget it! I won't pretend. Indeed, we took a lot of Great Void soil, but the pillars didn't collapse. In fact, it even repaired itself!"

Duanmu Dian turned to look at Lu Zhou immediately and said, "Old Lu, you're really walking on the edge of a knife!"

"So what?" Lu Zhou said nonchalantly.

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Duanmu Dian sighed. "The Pillars of Destruction can't be destroyed so easily. If the soil is lost, the seedlings will die. Then, the next cycle will just begin again."

"Then, how do we destroy the pillars?" Lu Li asked curiously.

Duanmu Dian looked at everyone with a complex gaze, wondering what kind of group he had joined. Why did it feel like everyone was a lunatic?

Finally, Duanmu Dian said, "I don't know. All I know is that the pillars are indestructible." Lu Zhou said, disagreeing, "There's nothing indestructible in the world." "Old Lu, I agreed to lead you to the other pillars, but I didn't agree to help you destroy the pillars!" Duanmu Dian said, clearly anxious. "Don't worry, I'm not that stupid," Lu Zhou said.

“Good. That’s for the best.” Lu Zhou did not respond. Instead, he asked, “Since you’re leading us to the pillars, what are you going to do about the pillar here at Dunzhang?” Duanmu Dian looked at Lu Wu and said, “Let Lu Wu guard it on my behalf. Moreover, I know about the passages that lead to the other pillars so it won’t take long.”

Everyone was overjoyed upon hearing these words. Although the harvest had been great in the Unknown Land, after such a long time, they would inevitably feel tired. It would take a long time to travel to all ten Pillars of Destruction, after all. Previously, just thinking about it made them feel tired. If there were shortcuts, it would be the best..

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Lu Zhou nodded, satisfied with Duanmu Dian’s arrangement. Then, he looked at Kong Wen and asked, “What pillars are left?”

Kong Wen bowed and said, “There are the pillars at Xieqia, Huantan, Zuo’e, and Ren Ding, Out of the 12 places in the Unknown Land, two of them, Kundun and Yanmao, don’t have the pillars. Ren Ding’s Pillar of Destruction is at the core of the Unknown Land; it’s also the biggest pillar among the ten pillars.”

Duanmu Dian was slightly surprised. “You’ve already been to six pillars and received their recognition?”

“That’s right.” Lu Zhou did not hesitate to admit this.

After a moment, Duanmu Dian chuckled before he asked, “You’re joking, right?”

“Do I look like I’m joking?” Lu Zhou asked with a solemn expression that clearly showed he was not joking.

‘When Lu Zhou saw the skeptical expression on Duanmu Dian’s face, he pointed at Duanmu Sheng and said, “Duanmu Sheng is one of those who had been recognized.”

Duanmu Dian was briefly stunned. When he regained his senses, he said happily, “Really?”

‘Then, Duanmu Dian flashed and appeared in front of Duanmu Sheng. With just a thought, a unique energy surrounded Duanmu Sheng immediately.

‘When Duanmu Sheng felt the energy trying to probe his Eight Extraordinary Meridians, he instinctively tried to mobilize his Primal Qi to resist.

“Don’t move,” Duanmu Dian said.

Duanmu Sheng could not even move even if he wanted to. How could he resist a Great Saint? He could only sense the unique energy probing him.

After the inspection, Duanmu Dian took a step back with a surprised expression on his face. He said, “Old Lu, it’s not just as simple as obtaining the pillar’s recognition...”

Lu Zhou nodded and calmly said, “You’re right. Duanmu Sheng has the Great Void Seed.”

Duanmu Dian laughed happily and patted Duanmu Sheng's shoulder. "Good, very good! Our Duanmu clan will finally have a supreme being in the future!"

Although everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion already knew Duanmu Sheng possessed the Great Void Seed, they could not help but feel envious again when Duanmu Dian mentioned the words 'supreme being'. Nonetheless, they were slowly getting used to this feeling.

Duanmu Dian suppressed the excitement in his heart and returned to Lu Zhou's side before he asked, "Old Lu, where did you get the Great Void Seed?"

"I was just lucky. It's not worth mentioning," Lu Zhou said.

"No matter what, it's a show of great favor that you gave such a precious thing to Duanmu Sheng. I'll remember this favor!" Duanmu Dian said.

Duanmu Dian had been lonely all his life. Now that he was reunited with his descendant, he was truly happy.

Lu Zhou walked out of the courtyard as he said, "Now's the time for you to return the favor. Lead the way."

Although Duanmu Dian did not approve of Lu Zhou's plan, he could only nod and say, "Okay, follow me."

'When they were outside the courtyard, Duanmu Dian asked, "Old Lu, let Lu Wu guard this place for a while, okay?"

Since Duanmu Dian found out Lu Wu had joined the Evil Sky Pavilion, he naturally asked for Lu Zhou's opinion regarding Lu Wu.

Lu Zhou said, "I have no opinion about that, but you have to ensure its safety."

"Of course. I care about it more than you do!" Duanmu Dian was not stingy and tossed a jade talisman to Lu Wu.

Lu Wu caught it in its mouth and hid it there. Clearly, it was not the first time they had worked together.

"If you encounter any danger, just bite it into pieces," Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Wu nodded.

With that, Duanmu Dian turned around and walked toward the nearby mountain. Each step of his covered 1,000 feet.

Everyone quickly followed after him, and it did not take long before they arrived at an extremely hidden place.

Zhao Hongfu was the first to rush over. She studied it carefully. The more she looked, the more surprised she was. "This is the passage to the other pillars?"

"That's right," Duanmu Dian said, "In order to ensure the safety of the ten Pillars of Destruction, the Great Void has constructed enough runic passages near each of the pillars."

"This runic passage is the most exquisite and power runic passage I've ever seen in my life," Zhao Hongfu said with a hint of awe as she touched the inscriptions and patterns on it. She was clearly mesmerized by the runic passage. As expected, how could a runic passage constructed by a genius runemaster

be ordinary?

Duanmu Dian laughed and said, "This runic passage is from the Great Void. It represents the might of the Great Void. The ten Pillars of the Destruction are important to the Great Void, how could they not send their best remaster to construct the runic passages near the pillars? I didn't expect you to have such a discerning eye!"

Lu Li said, "Miss Zhao is the youngest talented runemaster of the Evil Sky Pavilion. She has just had a breakthrough recently. Moreover, she has only begun to study runes not too long ago."

Duanmu Dian nodded before he asked, "Can you draw a formation of runes on the spot?"

"Draw a formation of runes on the spot?" Zhao Hongfu asked.

"A runemaster draws the formation for the runic passage with a brush. When a runemaster reaches a certain level, they can quickly form a formation of runes to enhance their combat strength," Duanmu Dian explained.

"This..." Zhao Hongfu said sheepishly, "I can only draw normal formations and construct runic passages."

"In fact, being able to master the construction of runic passages to perfection is even better than comprehending the greater laws," Duanmu Dian said.

"So powerful?!" Zhao Hongfu exclaimed in surprise.

"Of course," Duanmu Dian looked at the sky and said, "There are powerful runemasters who can travel freely between the heavens and earth. They can go wherever they please. What a truly carefree and happy life."

"Doesn't that mean they're invincible?" Zhao Hongfu asked excitedly.

"No, no, no," Duanmu Dian explained, "In general, runemasters' combat strengths aren't strong. Not everyone can be omnipotent. When cultivators reach a certain level, it's not impossible for them to kill enemies from thousands of miles away."

Everyone nodded. There were advantages and disadvantages to everything.

Zhao Hongtu said, "In any case, I'm satisfied with being able to travel freely everywhere. Thank you, senior, for enlightening me."

"Alright. Let's go."

Duanmu Dian flashed and appeared in the runic passage.

Lu Zhou followed suit.

With that, everyone stepped into the runic passage one after another.

Duanmu Dian said, "The Great Void's runic passage can transport more than 1,000 people so don't worry."

After everyone steadied themselves, Duanmu Dian pushed his palm down, and a light flashed up. It was as though they had entered a transparent tunnel.

In less than the time it took to brew a cup of tea, they appeared in an unfamiliar forest.

Duanmu Dian flew out of the runic passage and hovered in the air.

Lu Zhou led everyone up into the sky.

In the sky, they saw the Pillar of Destruction towering past the dark fog.

"So fast," Zhao Hongfu said, filled with praise.

Duanmu Dian said, "This is Xieqia's Pillar of Destruction. The person guarding this place is stronger than me. However, my relationship with him isn't bad. When we're there, let me speak. Don't interrupt me."

Then, Duanmu Dian flew out. Clearly, it was not his first time here. He seemed very familiar with the place and bypassed many traps and formations.

The fierce beasts they encountered turned tail and ran as soon as they saw Duanmu Dian. Clearly, they did not intend to fight him.

In just a moment, they landed on a mountain that was not very wide. There was a 10,000-foot-long single-plank bridge that connected the mountain to the Pillar of Destruction.

Clouds of mist swirled below, obscuring everyone's vision.

Duanmu Dian said, "There you have it: Xieqia's Pillar of Destruction."

Everyone was amazed.

Lu Zhou stood with his hands on his back and looked at the scenery around him before he asked, "Why don't we go down?"

"There are dangerous traps down there. Even a Venerable Master would have a difficult time with them," Duanmu Dian replied. Then, he grumbled again, "I wonder who it was that stole the previous batch of seeds!"

"Perhaps, that person has an amazing cultivation base," Lu Zhou said with a straight face.

"Impossible! My friend's name is Yan Mohui. He's a true Dao Saint. He has been guarding Xieqia's Pillar of Destruction for a long time now. Moreover, if there was a Dao Saint in the nine domains, the Scales of Justice would've warned everyone of it a long time ago," Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Zhou was too lazy to respond.

After a moment, a lazy and low voice rang in the air.

"What brings you here?"

Duanmu Dian replied with a smile, "Brother Yan, I've been really bored so I came to chat with you."

"It's not like you don't know the rules of the Great Void. Hurry up and return to your post." the voice said.

"I'm already here anyway. If I return now, won't it be a wasted trip?" Duanmu Dian asked before he said, "Apart from that, I also have a personal request."

At this moment, a figure appeared up above. The person's hair fluttered in the wind, making him look like a madman. His gaze was as sharp as a knife, making the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion feel uneasy.

"You brought people with you?" the person asked.

"Brother Yan, these are my friends. After entering the Great Void, I haven't seen them at all. Since I finally met them, I decided to bring them along to broaden their horizons," Duanmu Dian replied.

Yan Mohui had a one-track mind. He was rather stubborn when doing things. Once he had made up his mind, it was almost impossible to change it.

Duanmu Dian was well aware of this so he took the initiative to say, "They just want to see the pillar. I hope Brother Yan will allow this."

Duanmu Dian knew if the other person disagreed, things would be difficult.

As expected, a hesitant expression appeared on Yan Mohui's face as he said, "The Great Void has given a death order not long ago. No one's allowed to come close to the pillars at all. If it were in the past, I would've allowed it. However, now... it's a little difficult."

Duanmu Dian said, "The Great Void is just afraid of people stealing the Great Void Seeds and damaging the pillars. With an expert like you guarding it, who dares to come near Xiegia's Pillar of Destruction? Moreover, I promise you that they won't touch anything in the pillar."

Yan Mohui swept his gaze across everyone upon hearing Duanmu Dian's words. Sensing the group's auras, he frowned slightly as he said, "There are quite a number of Venerable Masters here."

In the nine lotus domains, whenever a Venerable Master appeared, the Great Void would send someone to investigate.

Even the huge green lotus domain only had four Venerable Masters. How could Yan Mohui not be wary when he saw so many Venerable Masters now? After a moment, he cupped his fists together at Duanmu Dian and said, "Forget it. There are too many people. It's inevitable that something will go wrong.

Please leave."

This meant that it was the end of the discussion.

At this time, Lu Zhou called out, "Wait."

Yan Mohui completely ignored Lu Zhou. He turned around indifferently and flew up again. Clearly, he did not care about Duanmu Dian's friends at all.

Lu Zhou scoffed. "This is your friend?"

"Yes."

"It's just an empty title," Lu Zhou said.

As soon as Lu Zhou's voice fell.

Whoosh!

Yan Mohui appeared in front of everyone in just a blink of an eye. He hovered ten meters away from them and looked at them with a hint of coldness in his eyes. He asked, "What did you say?"

Duanmu Dian hastily said to smooth things over, "Brother Yan, this is a misunderstanding. It's a joke. Don't take it seriously."

Lu Zhou ignored Duanmu Dian's attempt to maintain the peace and said tonelessly, "I said, 'It's just an empty title.'"

"Since you're Brother Duanmu's friend, I'll give you a chance to speak. If you can't give me a perfect explanation, you'll have to bear the consequences," Yan Mohui said.

"Even if you're a Dao Saint, you're just a fox borrowing the might of a tiger, relying on the Great Void. In the end, just a casual order from the Great Void is enough to scare you into absolute obedience. Is what I said reasonable?" Lu Zhou said.

Upon seeing the anger on Yan Mohui's face, Lu Zhou added, "The angrier you are, the more it proves that what I said is true."

Yan Mohui was rendered speechless. After a moment, he retorted, "In this world, no matter who it is, they'd have to submit to the Great Void. I'm not the only one."

"No," Lu Zhou shook his head and looked at the sky with hands resting on his back as he said, "I won't submit to the Great Void."

Yan Mohui

Yan Mohui frowned. His first thought was that the person in front of him was crazy.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "The Great Void doesn't allow people to get close to the pillars, but I will."

'The atmosphere turned tense immediately.

Yan Mohui looked at Lu Zhou, sizing Lu Zhou up and trying to sense Lu Zhou's cultivation base. No matter how hard he tried, he could not sense Lu Zhou's cultivation base.

Lu Zhou suddenly asked, "Trying to sense my cultivation base?"

Yan Mohui looked away. "You're not simple."

"It's not worth mentioning," Lu Zhou said.

"Excessive pride will only harm you. The Great Void's strength is beyond your imagination," Yan Mohui said.

Meanwhile, Duanmu Dian had been looking for an opportunity to smooth things over, but he realized he could not get a word in edgewise.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "What does the Great Void have to do with me? No matter what happens in the future, I'll never join the Great Void."

"Are you really not afraid of the Great Void dealing with you?" Yan Mohui frowned.

"Afraid?" Lu Zhou let out a deep laugh before he said, "If I were afraid, I wouldn't have come here."

Yan Mohui was slightly startled.

At this time, Duanmu Dian hurriedly seized the chance and said, "My friend's temper has always been like this. Back then, he was unwilling to join the Great Void so he went to the Endless Ocean. When he heard that the imbalance is getting worse, he finally returned."

Yan Mohui stared at Lu Zhou for about 15 minutes. No one knew what he was thinking at this moment. During this time, many images of freedom and the future flashed in his mind. After such a long time of cultivating, there was not much he could not do. The world was vast. Everyone could come and go as they pleased and do whatever they wanted. However, only he had to stay at Xieqia his whole life, guarding the Pillar of Destruction.

Lu Zhou was not afraid at all. He met Yan Mohui's gaze with a calm and indifferent gaze.

Finally, Yan Mohui broke the silence first. He cupped his fists at Lu Zhou and said, "Please!"

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Duanmu Di

'That's it?!'

Duanmu Dian was a little confused. As a friend, Yan Mohui had refused him. However, Lu Zhou had argued with Yan Mohui, but Yan Mohui acquiesced to Lu Zhou?

Yan Mohui said, "In my life, there aren't many whom I admire. What I admire the most is someone with unyielding pride. Although I'm a Dao Saint, I'm someone who's very flexible and open-minded. I admit that I'm not as good as you."

Duanmu Dian:

Lu Zhou said, "Then, I won't stand on ceremony."

Although Yan Mohui allowed them to enter the Pillar of Destruction, it did not mean he had good intentions.

Just as Lu Zhou flew out, Yan Mohui called out, "Only you are allowed to enter."

Lu Zhou ignored Yan Mohui and called out, "Yu Shangrong, Ye Tianxin, Yuan'er."

The three disciples bowed in unison. "Yes."

"Follow me. The rest of you, wait here," Lu Zhou said without turning around. Instead, he looked at Yan Mohui and said, "What about five people?"

Yan Mohui's expression turned frosty. He placed his hands on his back and did not say anything.

At this time, Duanmu Dian said, "For my sake, just allow it. If anything happens, I'll bear all the consequences."

Yan Mohui said, "I really don't understand all of you. What's there to see? I'll only give you 15 minutes. After that, let's treat it as though we've never met each other."

Then, Yan Mohui vanished into thin air.

With that, Lu Zhou and Duanmu Dian took the lead to fly over the 10,000-foot-long single-plank bridge.

Yu Shangrong, Ye Tianxin, and Little Yuan'er followed closely behind.

Just when they arrived at the middle of the single-plank bridge, huge logs suddenly appeared on both sides at the same time. They were densely covered with inscriptions and patterns, forming an inescapable net between heaven and earth.

Duanmu Dian frowned. "Brother Yan, what are you doing?"

No one replied.

"Brother Yan?"

"I'm not here. Don't ask me."

At this time, the logs began to attack.

Lu Zhou leaped up, pushing his hands to the left and the right, unleashing palm seals that had been imbued with the divine power.

The palm seals shook the heavens and earth, tearing the space apart.

Boom!

The logs were sent flying immediately. However, the attacks seemed to cause an even bigger backlash, and the logs were much stronger when they returned.

"This is the Sky Sealing Formation! It's powered by the power of heaven and earth! Don't try to break the formation. Follow me!" Duanmu Dian said.

As everyone quickly moved forward on the single-plank bridge, the logs returned with an even greater strength.

Duanmu Dian crouched, avoiding the logs.

Yu Shangrong, Ye Tianxin, and Little Yuan'er dodged as well.

However, Lu Zhou stood straight, facing the four to five logs alone.

"Old Lu!" Duanmu Dian shouted.

At this time, Lu Zhou shattered five Thunderblast Cards consecutively.

"Thunderblast!"

The golden palm seals from Thunderblast shone dazzlingly and hit the five logs accurately.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

One of the Thunderblast managed to shatter the log.

Boom!

“Huh?” Yan Mohui’s surprised voice rang from above.

Lu Zhou continued to move forward as he said, “Follow me.”

“This..” Duanmu Dian looked back at the logs. When he turned back to the front, he saw Lu Zhou and his disciples had already entered the Pillar of Destruction. Then, he looked up and asked, “Brother Yan, didn’t you say that even you can’t break the Sky Sealing Formation?”

There was only silence. No one responded to Duanmu Dian.

“Brother Yan?”

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There was no response at all.

Duanmu Dian nodded before he flew over and entered the Pillar of Destruction.

“Hm?” After Duanmu Dian landed, he saw three disciples from the Evil Sky Pavilion walking toward the barrier. He asked, “What are you doing?”

“calm down,” Lu Zhou said.

Duanmu Dian was extremely nervous as he looked around the interior of the Pillar of Destruction. It was dark and gloomy as though they had entered a subterranean chamber. There were exquisitely carved mysterious and ancient patterns on the wall.

Until now, no one had found out who had constructed the Pillars of Destruction. The more they learned about the pillars, the more they felt that humans were truly insignificant.

Duanmu Dian had been in the Great Void for many years, but he had not learned any secrets. He had tried asking the seniors in the Great Void, but they all were careful and avoided talking about it. As time passed, it became an unwritten rule in the Great Void not to ask too many questions. As long as the common people in the Great Void lived well and the world was peaceful, there was no need to care too much.

Buzz!

Duanmu Dian was still deep in his thoughts when he heard the unique sound of energy resonance. When he looked up, he was surprised to see that Ye Tianxin was already standing inside the barrier of Xieqia’s Pillar of Destruction.

Swoosh!

A figure appeared next to Duanmu Dian soon after.

Yan Mohui swept his hair off his face and looked at the barrier as he exclaimed in surprise, "H-how's this possible?!"

Duanmu Dian was no less surprised than Yan Mohui. However, when he saw Yan Mohui, he asked, "Brother Yan, you're still here? I thought you left."

Yan Mohui:

Yan Mohui's expression was slightly unnatural. He did not look at Duanmu Dian and continued to look at Ye Tianxin who was standing in the barrier.

The duo watched as the special energy in the barrier converged and flowed into Ye Tianxin's body was like a stream before it gradually disappeared.

Yan Mohui said in a low voice, "She actually obtained recognition from the pillar..."

Duanmu Dian nodded as he said, "I don't understand this as well..."

At this time, Little Yuan'er, who had retreated to the side, said, slightly aggrieved, "Why isn't it me?"

Lu Zhou glanced at Little Yuan'er and said, "What's the hurry?"

Yu Shangrong nodded and said, "That's right. Ninth Junior Sister, you'll obtain recognition from the Pillar of Destruction sooner or later. There's no rush."

"Oh," Little Yuan'er said, "I know that, but I still can't wait."

Yan Mohui:

'Are the Pillars of Destructions' recognition so easily obtainable now?"

Duanmu Dian laughed unnaturally before he explained, "My friends are like this. They usually like to talk nonsense."

Yan Mohui's eyes were still trained on Ye Tianxin as he shook his head and said, "I don't think so."

"Hm? What do you think then, Brother Yan?" Duanmu Dian asked.

"For someone to be recognized by the Pillar of Destruction, at the very least, they would become a Dao Saint in the future. It's not impossible to become a supreme being, No wonder your friend wants to enter the pillar. His disciple is indeed a rare talent," Yan Mohui said.

Duanmu Dian:

Duanmu Dian really wanted to say something, but in the end, he swallowed the words on the tip of his tongue.

After a while, Yan Mohui asked, "Brother Duanmu, aren't you afraid the Great Void will punish you for leaving your post without permission?"

Duanmu Dian replied, "This friend of mine experienced great hardships and lived a miserable life. Previously, I thought he had died and was depressed for a long time. You should know me. I don't have many friends in the cultivation world, and he can be considered my life-and-death friend. If I can fulfill

his wish, being punished is nothing.”

Yan Mohui nodded. “This group of people’s cultivation talent is quite good, and they’ll only grow stronger and stronger. You should understand the Great Void’s style of doing things. Your friend’s attitude will definitely clash with the Great Void.”

“can only take it one step at a time and go with the flow,” Duanmu Dian said. He naturally did not say his friend was Lu Tiantong.

Meanwhile, Ye Tianxin was filled with joy as she left the barrier and flew toward Lu Zhou and the others.

Upon seeing this, Duanmu Dian turned to the side to thank Yan Mohui but discovered that Yan Mohui had already left at some point.

Lu Zhou looked around one more time before he said, “Let’s go.”

They returned to the single-plank bridge, crossing it to return to the others.

The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion greeted Lu Zhou when they saw him.

“Pavilion Master.”

Conch said, “I’m guessing Ninth Senior Sister has been recognized by Xieqia’s Pillar of Destruction.”

Little Yuan’er:

Finally, Little Yuan’er said, “Sixth Senior Sister was recognized by this pillar.”

Someone chimed in to dispel the awkward atmosphere, “Regardless of who was recognized here, in the end, the disciples of the Evil Sky Pavilion will be recognized by the pillars.”

At this moment, a stern voice rang from the sky.

“Who else dares to trespass into Xieqia’s Pillar of Destruction? Hurry up and leave!”

Lu Zhou said, “Let’s go.”

Since the other party was rather accommodating, Lu Zhou naturally would return the favor.

With that, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion hurriedly left Xieqia’s Pillar of Destruction under Lu Zhou and Duanmu Dian’ lead.

After they left, Yan Mohui hovered in the sky and muttered to himself with a smile on his face, “If people respect me, I’ll return the favor!

With that, the people of the demon Sky Pavilion quickly left the negotiation under the leadership of Lu Zhou and Duanmu Dian.

After they left, Yan Mohui floated in the sky and looked into the distance. He smiled and said, “I hope you’ll become a supreme being in the future.”

Duanmu Dian did not waste time and led the others to another runic passage.

“Huantan’s Pillar of Destruction is the only pillar that sits on a peak. Ciyun Ridge is its foundation. I don’t know who the Great Void sent to protect the pillar there,” Duanmu Dian said.

Lu Zhou nodded. “Alright, you don’t have to come with us.”

“Ciyun Ridge is just 30 miles ahead. I’ll wait for you here..”