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Chapter 1561 The Beginning of the Ascension to the Sky (2)

There was a pavilion by the foot of the mountain. At this moment, a voice rang from the pavilion.

"I've been waiting for everyone for a long time. Everyone, please come in and have a chat with me."

The four elders surrounded Little Yuan'er immediately. Their expressions changed as they spoke among themselves in lowered voices.

"Old Hua, bring the girl away first."

"Alright." Hua Wudao did not refuse and agreed immediately. The other three elders stood in front as Primal Qi surged.

At this time, a graceful man wearing a light red mask walked out of the pavilion. When his gaze landed on the five people, he said, "You can't escape."

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The five people were surprised by these very familiar words.

"You're the one behind that?"

The man bowed to the five of them and said, "I'm Qi Sheng. I've been waiting for you for a long time. Please come in and have a chat."

Qi Sheng turned to the side slightly and made an inviting gesture.

At the same time, more than ten figures appeared, surrounding the five people.

At this moment, Little Yuan'er walked forward. She looked at Qi Sheng and said, "You're so annoying."

Qi Sheng was not angry. "Annoying?"

"You left that message everywhere, and you were even waiting for us here. How did you do it?" Little Yuan'er felt that the Evil Sky Pavilion's plan was very good. During this period of time, they had been constantly on the move to avoid being found. However, they still ran into the person in front of them. How could there be such a coincidence?

Qi Sheng said, "A new sacred relic has appeared in the Great Void. It can track Saints. No matter where you run, it'll be able to find you. However, I disdain using such an object."

Little Yuan'er felt speechless. After a moment, she asked, "Then, what do you

use?"

Qi Sheng pointed at his head.

Pan Litian did not believe it. The routes were ever-changing. How could the person in front of them accurately predict their routes?

Little Yuan'er rolled her eyes and said, "Look at what you're saying. You think you're very smart, but you're still far from being comparable to my Seventh Junior Brother!"

Qi Sheng was still not angry. He said with a smile, "Alright. I'll be honest. I have a sacred relic that's even more accurate than the Great Void's sacred relic."

"In fact, I could've met all of you earlier, but I was held back," Qi Sheng said as he let out a long sigh, "There are many things that require me to take the lead."

The five people were confused by these words.

Finally, Little Yuan'er said irritably, "You want to bring me back to the Great Void, right? Who are you?"

"I'm Qi Sheng," Qi Sheng said. Pan Litian asked, "You're from the Great Void?"

At this time, a silver-armored guard from the Silver Guards said, "The person standing in front of you is the new commander of the Tu Wei Hall, Master Qi Sheng."

"Tu Wei Hall?!"

The five of them retreated at the same time as though they were facing a great enemy.

"Don't be nervous. I mean no harm."

"The cultivators in Tu Wei Hall are all either stupid or bad! Let's go!"

Swoosh!

The Nirvana Sash wrapped around the five of them.

Saint Light glowed on Little Yuan'er's body as she used the Seven Stars Cloud Treading Steps. In just a moment, she brought the four elders away into the distance.

Not only was Qi Sheng not anxious, but he even said praisingly, "What a young Saint. I'm afraid there was no one like her in the past and that there won't be anyone like her in the future."

"Commander, aren't we going to chase after them?" one of the Silver Guards asked in confusion.

"They'll come back."

Qi Sheng sat down while the other Silver Guards scratched their heads in confusion. After sitting down on the stone bench, he unrolled a piece of paper on the stone table and began to draw on it.

Qi Sheng had drawn a map of the black lotus domain, and the black dot on it represented their location.

After about 15 minutes...

Little Yuan'er and the four elders returned. However, in addition to the five of them, there was also a fierce beast that glowed with a strange light.

The eyes of the fierce beasts flashed with lightning bolts, and its fur was standing on end. It looked like a slender red tiger.

"A Saint slayer from the Great Void!"

The Silver Guards were shocked.

The four elders' expressions were quite unsightly. It was obvious that they had suffered a loss.

Buzz!

At this moment, a figure appeared above the red tiger.

Qi Sheng rose to his feet immediately and said, "Greetings, Emperor Shang Zhang."

The Silver Guards bowed and said in unison, "Greetings, Emperor Shang Zhang."

The four elders were stunned.

The person in front of them dressed in a long red robe was Emperor Shang Zhang of Shang Zhang Hall. His eyes were bright, and he had a slight beard. He had the air of an emperor about him.

One person and one fierce beast stood there. There was no one else.

Shang Zhang looked at the crowd before he said, "Qi Sheng, I've already done what I promised you."

"Thank you for showing mercy, Emperor Shang Zhang," Qi Sheng said. Then, he pointed at Little Yuan'er, who was surrounded by the four elders, and said, "This little girl possesses one of the Great Void Seeds. As for her talent, there's no need for me to say anything. You'll see soon enough."

Shang Zhang looked at Little Yuan'er and nodded. "Little girl, the entire world is looking for you. You can only protect yourself if you follow me. You have no other choice."

"What do you want?" Little Yuan'er asked as she glared at Shang Zhang.

"If you're worthy, I'll accept you as my disciple," Shang Zhang said.

"Don't even think about it!"

Boom!

Little Yuan'er stomped on the ground and flew up.

"Little girl!"

The four elders followed suit and flew up as well.

Four avatars appeared in the air, protecting Little Yuan'er like mountains on all sides.

Shang Zhang pressed his hand down. His hand was like a mountain as he waved at the four avatars.

Without any suspense, the four elders were sent flying, unable to withstand even a single blow.

"Elders!" Little Yuan'er's heart sank.

"Go!" Zuo Yushu signaled for Little Yuan'er to crush the jade talisman. At the same time, the Coiling Dragon Staff flew out.

Seals after seals appeared in the sky.

Qi Sheng shook his head and said. "It's useless."

Shang Zhang waved his sleeve, and the four elders were sent flying again. Their blood and qi surged chaotically in their bodies.

Little Yuan'er charged at Shang Zhang as her body glowed and her avatar towered into the sky.

"A Saint!" Shang Zhang's eyes lit up immediately.

The four elders rushed over without caring for their lives.

Shang Zhang waved his sleeve and sent them flying again. He scoffed and said tonelessly, "If it weren't because I've given my word, you would've long died. How dare you act presumptuously in front of me?"

The four elders felt despair overwhelm their hearts. The person in front of them was a divine emperor. How could they be a match for a divine emperor? When they landed, they watched helplessly as Shang Zhang tossed out a ring of light to bind Little Yuan'er.

"Let me go! Let me go!" Little Yuan'er struggled with all her might.

Qi Sheng said at this moment, "Little girl, listen to me. Instead of falling into the hands of wicked people, why don't you follow Emperor Shang Zhang? Remember what I said: you can't escape."

After Shang Zhang bound Little Yuan'er to the red tiger's back, he asked, "There's only one person. Where's the other one?"

Qi Sheng replied, "The red lotus domain."

"You!"

Pan Litian glared at Qi Sheng. He suddenly felt that the young man in front of them was very terrifying

Qi Sheng said, "Emperor Shang Zhang spared your lives. Aren't you going to thank him?"

Pan Litian laughed mockingly before he said, "Look at how talented you are. Why did you become a lackey of the Great Void?"

Qi Sheng only glanced at Pan Litian before walking out of the pavilion.

Shang Zhang said, "My time is limited."

"Give me some time," Qi Sheng said. Then, he slowly walked toward the four elders with his hands on his back. He looked at the four people on the ground and asked, "We're the same, after all. We're all like dogs..."

"We? Who do you think you are? Don't lump yourself in with us," Zuo Yushu scolded.

Qi Sheng smiled. "You're full of pride. You're brave enough to face death. Remember my name: Qi Sheng. I'm the seventh son in my family."

After saying that, Qi Sheng pressed his hand lightly on Pan Litian's shoulder.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Pan Litian was sent flying, breaking all the trees he came in contact with.

"Old Pan!"

The other three elders' eyes reddened. They wanted to get up but were unable to do so.

Qi Sheng straightened his back and placed his hands on his back again before he turned around and said, "Let's go."

"Understood!" the Silver Guards replied and bowed in unison.

Shang Zhang's expression remained indifferent. He did not move, but a huge runic passage appeared in the sky as a burst of light illuminated all directions. Following that, he flew up after he patted the red tiger lightly on the head.

Qi Sheng and the Silver Guards flew up as well.

"Little girl!" the four elders shouted.

Little Yuan'er was so tightly restrained that she could not even struggle. She could only watch in despair as she was brought away.

Silence descended on the jungle.

The elders sat on the ground with ashen faces as they looked at the empty sky in a daze.

After an unknown amount of time had passed, Leng Luo called out, "Old Pan!"

Pan Litian stood up and touched his shoulders, chest, and body. Then, he exclaimed in surprise, "Could it be that my cultivation has improved so greatly over the years and I accidentally cultivated an invincible body? I'm completely unharmed by that palm strike!"

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Leng Luo naturally did not believe Pan Litian. He rose to his feet and carefully examined Pan Litian. Indeed, Pan Litian was uninjured.

The four elders were confused.

"That Qi Sheng is a newcomer in Tu Wei Hall. Isn't Emperor Tu Wei the enemy that Pavilion Master Lu fought in Luo Yang?" Pan Litian frowned.

Leng Luo said, "Logically speaking, Qi Sheng should hate us. He should be eager to kill us to avenge Emperor Tu Wei."

Zuo Yushu nodded. "Something's amiss."

Hua Wudao analyzed the situation and said, "Perhaps, he was oppressed by the higher-ups in Tu Wei Hall before this. Perhaps, he's grateful that Pavilion Master Lu killed Emperor Tu Wei so he showed us mercy?"

Zuo Yushu felt rather speechless by this analysis. Then, she said, "Your imagination is really good."

Pan Litian said, "I think Elder Hua's analysis makes sense."

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Leng Luo frowned. "Now's not the time to talk about this. The little girl has been taken away. How are we going to explain this to the others?"

The four elders' expressions were very unsightly at this moment. "Before that person left, didn't he indicate he's going to the red lotus domain?"

"Let's return to the Evil Sky Pavilion for now. The most important thing now is to warn Conch!"

The four elders glanced at the empty sky again with a helpless expression.

In the sky above the capital in the red lotus domain.

A flying chariot that was hundreds of feet long hovered in the air. The cultivators hovering around the flying chariot all possessed extraordinary auras.

The cultivators in the capital felt as though they were facing a great enemy. It was as though the end of the world had arrived.

For many years, the Great Void had concealed its existence. However, the Great Void Seeds were of great importance so many rules had to be disregarded. Moreover, the existence of the Great Void Seeds had also long become public knowledge in the nine domains.

At this time, a voice rang from the sky above Great Tang. "Surrender and hand over the owner of the Great Void Seed." "The Great Void Seed?"

The cultivators in Great Tang were shocked.

"Why did the Great Void come with such fanfare just to search for the Great Void Seed this time?"

"The seeds were theirs to begin with. They were lost more than 500 years ago."

"How are we going to find them? Although the nine domains aren't as vast as the Great Void, it'd be like searching for a needle in a haystack..."

"I heard that the Great Void has a sacred relic that can track the Great Void Seeds..."

At this time, a golden circle with strange and mysterious runes appeared on the flying chariot. Then, it flew toward the east of the capital.

Following that, a large number of cultivators from the Great Void flew east. At the same time, avatars appeared one after another in the sky, shocking everyone.

At the same time, Zhang Hongfu and Conch who were flying east saw this scene. Their expressions changed drastically in just an instant.

Zhao Hongfu raised her Magistrate Brush, intending to open up a runic passage to leave. However, due to time constraints, it was difficult. She said hopelessly, "It's all my fault for not learning well! Otherwise, they wouldn't be able to catch us."

Conch grabbed Zhao Hongfu and said, "There's no need to blame yourself. There's a runic passage 30 miles to the east."

"Alright."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The cultivators flew quickly in the sky.

Conch looked at them with a complex gaze. She had not even become a Saint yet so how was it that they found her location so easily?

At this time, one of the cultivators saw a burst of light in the direction where two figures were flying. Then, he exclaimed in joy, "Found them! His Majesty's Compass of Conservation is truly useful!"

Cultivators flew over from all directions, stopping Conch and Zhao Hongfu from leaving

"One of them must be the owner of the Great Void Seed," one cultivator said.

"No matter who it is, we'll know when the emperor arrives."

The cultivators of the Great Void were overjoyed at having made such a great contribution.

Zhao Hongfu stood in front of Conch and said in a hushed voice, "Quickly crush the jade talisman."

"Don't waste the jade talisman. Perhaps, it's useful against Venerable Masters and the likes, but it's useless in front of divine kings. You'd only be seeking death," one of the cultivators advised.

Zhao Hongfu frowned. "A divine king?"

Buzz!

A figure with an extraordinary aura that was six and a half feet tall appeared. He wore a gold brocade robe, setting him apart from everyone else. His long hair was tied up, and his eyes were bright and spirited.

The cultivators bowed in unison. "Greetings, Divine King Zhu Yong."

Zhu Yong looked at Zhao Hongfu and Conch as he tonelessly asked, "Where's the Great Void Seed?"

"Divine King Zhu Yong, the Compass of Conservation led us to these two. There's no one else but them within a radius of 50 miles. There's no mistake about this."

"Very good." Zhu Yong looked at the two women and calmly asked, "Who has the Great Void Seed?"

Zhu Yong did not take action, but asked first.

Without waiting for Conch to speak, Zhao Hongfu bravely stepped forward and said, "I didn't expect you to find me."

"I admire your courage. Since you've obtained the Great Void Seed, this is your fate. You have two options: one, accept me as your master; two, die," Zhu Yong said.

Zhu Yong continued to say, "If you disagree, I'll try my best to extract the Great Void Seed from your body. Without the seed, you will surely die."

Faced with such a domineering attitude, what else could be done?

Zhao Hongfu said, "I'll go with you, but this has nothing to do with my friend. Let her go."

Zhao Hongfu clearly intended to sacrifice herself to save Conch.

Unexpectedly, Zhu Yong shook his head and said, "I'm afraid I can't agree to this. If you live, she must die."

At this time, Conch pulled Zhao Hongfu back and shook her head. "Forget it."

"No, I promised everyone that I'll protect you well!"

"You've done enough," Conch said.

"But..."

"Sister Hongfu, to be honest, I've always had an idea in my mind. I didn't mention this to master or anyone else. In fact, I've always wanted to go to the Great Void to have a look," Conch said slowly.

Zhao Hongfu was stunned.

Conch smiled as she continued to say, "Over the past 100 years, I've been dreaming every day about where I came from and who heartlessly abandoned me. I want to meet that person and see what he or she is like."

Zhu Yong sneered upon hearing the duo's conversation. "So you're the one who owns the Great Void Seed? Did you think you'd be able to trick me?"

Even if Conch did not say anything, they still would have verified Zhao Hongfu's claims.

"I'll go with you. Let her go," Conch said.

Zhu Yong said, "The punishment for lying to me is death."

"You!"

"You have no choice." Zhu Yong waved his sleeve and said, "Restrain her and kill the other one."

"Understood."

At this critical moment, an even more majestic voice rang from the sky. "You're quite impressive..."

Then, a huge runic passage appeared in the sky, illuminating everything.

The cultivators looked up and saw a red tiger slowly emerging from the runic passage.

Shang Zhang stood above the red tiger, looking down on all beings.

Several cultivators followed closely behind Shang Zhang. One of them was Qi Sheng, the new Hall Commander of Tu Wei Hall.

Zhu Yong frowned. "Emperor Shang Zhang."

The other cultivators bowed immediately. "Greetings, Emperor Shang Zhang."

Shang Zhang said, "Zhu Yong, the Great Void has prohibited needless killings. As a divine king, how could you have forgotten the rules of the Great Void?"

How could Zhu Yong not know that Shang Zhang was here to snatch the target away from him? He said, "Under special circumstances, we naturally can make exceptions."

Shang Zhang asked, "Special circumstances? You mean you're using all means to obtain the Great Void Seed."

"Emperor Shang Zhang is now a divine emperor. Don't tell me you plan to rob the target away from me?"

"Rob?"

Zhu Yong said, "The ten halls are told to look for the Great Void Seeds. The Sacred Temple forged the Compass of Conservation to assist us. Whoever finds the target first will get to keep the target."

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Shang Zhang only smiled faintly as he said arrogantly, "Even if I rob the target from you, what can you do?"

"You!" Zhu Yong was naturally furious, but he suppressed his fury. Then, he asked coldly, "You're going to bully me with your strength?"

"I naturally would rather not do that. However, if you insist on being difficult, what other choice do I have?" Shang Zhang said. Then, he pointed at Conch before he continued to say, "Why don't you ask her who she's willing to follow?"

Zhu Yong did not like this. After all, Great Void had always done things without considering the opinions of ants. However, when he thought about how the ant in front of him would grow into an elephant in the future, he agreed readily, "Alright."

Shang Zhang and Zhu Yong looked at Conch in unison.

Shang Zhang said with a smile, "Girl, there's a difference between a divine emperor and a divine king. Are you willing to follow me?"

Shang Zhang's words were direct and blunt.

Anyone with a rational mind would definitely choose to follow a divine emperor, who was stronger than a divine king. How could Zhu Yong not know this?

Zhu Yong was furious, but he did not show it on his face. Instead, he said, "Girl, if you follow me, the position of the Master of Zhu Yong Hall will eventually be given to you!" Then, as though he was afraid it

was not enough, he added, "Although I'm a little harsh, I only had a sharp tongue. In fact, I have a soft heart. If you follow him, I'm afraid you won't have a good ending."

Shang Zhang only glanced at Zhu Yong before he said, "If you follow me, I'll give you the position of Master of Shang Zhang Hall."

The Great Void's cultivators were shocked. It was clear how important the Great Void Seed was.

Many years ago, before the land split, there was a huge internal strife in the Great Void. The competition between the ten halls was very intense. Moreover, Ming Xin had founded the Sacred Temple, unwilling to stay in any of the ten halls because he wanted to be above everyone else. He did not interfere with the conflicts between the ten halls to keep the balance. It was also a way to retain his position and control.

For example, when a huge number of Silver Guards of Tu Wei Hall was killed by Xuanyi Hall's Dark Guards, Ming Xin did not care either.

Needless to say, the competition between the ten halls extended to the Great Void Seeds. After all, the owner of the Great Void Seed would undoubtedly become a supreme being. Such a person would be a great help to any of the halls.

Everyone looked at Conch, waiting for her answer.

Conch bluntly said, "I won't follow anyone."

Zhu Yong smiled. "Very good. Then, we'll do it according to the original rule: finders keepers."

Conch was speechless. "Who do you think you are? Why should I go with you?"

Zhu Yong said, "You have no other choice."

Conch widened her eyes in anger. Her expression was like that of Little Yuan'er's as she said, "Despicable!"

At this moment, Qi Sheng, who had been hovering silently for a long time, finally said, "Miss, can you listen to me?"

Zhu Yong looked over and said, "It's not your place to intervene in the matters between the ten halls."

Shang Zhang seized the chance and said, "How can you talk down to the new Hall Commander of Tu Wei Hall and the future Master of the Tu Wei Hall?"

Zhu Yong was slightly surprised by this. He said, "As it turns out, you're Qi Sheng."

Qi Sheng ignored Zhu Yong. Instead, he looked at Conch and said, "You have nowhere to run. I can promise you that no one will harm your friend or your life. If you refuse, I'll respect your decision. However, you'll have to think about the consequences of doing

so."

Shang Zhang and Zhu Yong were slightly startled by Qi Sheng's words. With these words, they naturally knew what choice Conch would make. With their wisdom and experience, it was in fact not difficult for them to think of this method to deal with Conch. However, they had been in high positions for a long time and had forgotten how to think from the perspective of an ant. No human had ever thought about the life and death of an ant.

Qi Sheng's method was undoubtedly the best method.

As expected, Conch was moved. She was not stupid. She knew she could not escape today. Finally, she asked Qi Sheng, "How can I trust

you?"

Qi Sheng glanced at Shang Zhang before he said, "The Great Void has always valued promises. Moreover, how could an emperor renege on his promise?"

Shang Zhang cooperated with Qi Sheng and added, "That's right. I'm a man of my word."

Zhu Yong, who could tell the situation was not favorable to him, called out, "Wait."

"Do you have a problem?" "Emperor Shang Zhang, I found her first. Isn't it inappropriate for you to do this?" Zhu Yong asked.

Without waiting for Shang Zhang to speak, Qi Sheng said, "King Zhu Yong, you're wrong." "Hm?"

"I'd like to ask why you want her?" Qi Sheng asked.

"Of course, it's for my use!" Zhu Yong replied.

"Is this your attitude when recruiting talents? Put this girl aside, I think whoever you're trying to recruit will refuse you when you try to kill their friends in front of them. You're not recruiting talents; you're making enemies."

"How dare you!" Zhu Yong said.

"You're not interested in her. You just want to seize the Great Void Seed. However, you're already a supreme being. You have no use for the seed, right?" Qi Sheng said.

Everyone was stunned by Qi Sheng's words before they turned to look at Zhu Yong.

Some things could not stand being scrutinized. After being scrutinized, many problems would surface.

How could a person like Zhu Yong not know the way to recruit talents? However, he openly showed his vile attitude and completely disregarded Conch's wish. It was obvious he had other plans that had nothing to do with recruiting Conch as a talent.

At this time, Shang Zhang said, "If you want to become a divine emperor, you have to rely on your talent and comprehension skills, not the Great Void Seed. Zhu Yong, with your state of mind, you're destined never to become a divine emperor."

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These words were not just a slap to Zhu Yong's face, but they were tantamount to a punch to his face.

Zhu Yong asked, "Since when did Tu Wei Hall ally with Shang Zhang Hall?"

"Impudent!" Shang Zhang roared, sending a powerful soundwave out. It was thunderous and earpiercing

Zhu Yong did not want to fight Shang Zhang so he lowered his head and said, "Girl, there are people who are outwardly kind, but they're vicious and merciless in truth. They can even strangle their daughters to death. Think carefully about your decision."

Shang Zhang could not hold back anymore.

Buzz!

A towering avatar appeared, flying toward Zhu Yong

Qi Sheng nodded slightly with a smile as he looked at the two supreme beings.

Zhu Yong did not want to be outdone so he brought his avatar out as well.

Boom!

The two avatars collided.

The wind and the clouds stirred, and the earth shook.

They flew 100 miles away in the sky.

In a short while, a thunderous explosion reverberated in the air.

At the same time, Zhu Yong fell from the sky. He quickly stabilized himself. His face was pale, and his body was shaking.

In just a blink of an eye, Shang Zhang returned to stand on the top of the red tiger's head with his hands on his back. He said calmly, "A divine king is just a divine king, after all. For Ming Xin's sake, I won't argue with you."

Zhu Yong looked at Shang Zhang unwillingly before he finally spat out, "Let's go!"

With that, Zhu Yong flew away with his subordinates.

Qi Sheng clapped his hands. "As expected of Emperor Shang Zhang. You're truly worthy of being a divine emperor. You defeated King Zhu Yong so easily."

"Although Zhu Yong is just a divine king, he has many tricks up his sleeve. I merely took advantage of the difference in our cultivation bases," Shang Zhang said. After that, he flicked his sleeve, bringing Conch to the red tiger's back.

It was only at this time that Conch noticed there was another person on the red tiger's back.

"Nine..."

Little Yuan'er shook her head, gesturing for Conch to stop speaking.

Conch fell silent immediately.

Shang Zhang said, "There are seven more seeds."

Qi Sheng said, "Your Majesty, you have two more now. I'm afraid that any more than these won't do."

"Hm?" Shang Zhang was puzzled.

Humans were all greedy, and Shang Zhang was no exception. Before finding the Great Void Seeds, he thought finding one would be enough. Now that he had two, he wanted more. Moreover, he did not expect to obtain them so easily.

Qi Sheng said, "The White Emperor had done me a favor so I have to send two to him. Before leaving the Lost Island, I made him a promise. Great Void Emperor Ming Xin had also agreed to this."

"Then, there are still another five," Shang Zhang said, undeterred.

"I've received news that the Azure Emperor already has two of them," Qi Sheng said. "The Azure Emperor? Ling Weiyang? That old man is very cunning," Shang Zhang said. After that, he added, "Even then, there are still another three."

Qi Sheng said again, "The Black Emperor took another two."

"That old man Zhi Guangji has long stopped asking about the affairs of the Great Void. He's really shameless. However, I don't want to provoke him. What about the final seed?"

"I'm afraid it's gone as well."

"Why?"

"Great Void Emperor Ming Xin wants the last one," Qi Sheng said.

Seeing that Shang Zhang remained silent, Qi Sheng asked, "Are you still going to continue?"

Shang Zhang looked at Qi Sheng meaningfully and only said, "Qi Sheng, you're really talented. When you have the time, come and visit my hall."

Then, Shang Zhang patted the red tiger lightly before he leaped into the air.

"I will." Qi Sheng bowed. After Shang Zhang left, he added softly, "But it won't be to see you."

Then, Qi Sheng turned around to look at Zhao Hongfu, who was on the ground. He said, "I know your origin and capability. Since Emperor Shang Zhang spared your life, why didn't you run away?" Zhao Hongfu said through gritted teeth, "I'll remember you."

Then, Zhao Hongfu turned around and left.

One of the Silver Guards scoffed before he asked "Commander, why did you let the tiger return to the mountain?"

"I have to keep my words, after all. If I did something to her, do you think that girl would willingly leave with Emperor Shang Zhang? Not only do we have to let her go, but we have to protect her as well. The hearts of the people are won not by intimidation," Qi Sheng said.

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"Commander, you're wise. I'm enlightened," the Silver Guard said.

"Very well. Then, you have to ensure her safety. Remember that those who possess the Great Void Seeds are all future supreme beings. You can't offend them," Qi Sheng said.

The Silver Guards' eyes widened slightly upon hearing this word. Although they knew this, they did not think much about it before. With Qi Sheng's reminder, it was like they were jolted awake. Following that, all of them bowed in unison. "As you command!"

"Return to the Great Void."

"Yes."

With that Qi Sheng led everyone back to the Great Void.

Back in the Sacred Temple.

Ming Xin paced back and forth. It was as though he already knew the outcome as he nodded in satisfaction and said, "Shang Zhang has told me about what happened. You did a good job."

Qi Sheng bowed. "It's my duty."

"I'm very curious. You didn't have the Compass of Conservation so how did you find them?" Ming Xin asked.

"A sacred relic," Qi Sheng replied honestly.

"A sacred relic? What kind of sacred relic is even better than the Compass of Conservation?" Ming Xin asked, "I have countless treasures in my hand so I won't covet your treasure."

Qi Sheng said, "Please have a look, Your Majesty."

Then, Qi Sheng waved his hand.

A goatskin ancient map appeared in the air. The nine domains and the Unknown Land were clearly mapped out on the ancient goatskin map.

Upon seeing this, Ming Xin's voice darkened as he said, "You actually possess the Unholy One's Skynet Map?".

Qi Sheng nodded. "That's right."

Ming Xin asked solemnly, "Do you know what the word 'the Unholy One' means?"

"I'll be honest. I know these words are taboo in the Great Void so I didn't mention this item. However, in my opinion, this item is just something to be used," Qi Sheng said. "Where did you find it?" Ming Xin asked.

Qi Sheng replied, "At the bottom of the Endless Ocean."

Ming Xin remained quiet. He paced with his hands on his back as he looked outside the hall. Then, he let out a long sigh and said, "It's fate..."

Qi Sheng said without hesitation, "I'm willing to give this to Your Majesty."

Ming Xin looked at Qi Sheng and said, "Since you found it, it belongs to you."

"Thank you, Your Majesty," Qi Sheng said before putting the Skynet Map away. He knew Ming Xin would not want the Skynet Map.

At this time, Wen Ruqing walked in and said directly, "Your Majesty, I've concluded my investigation."

"How's it?" Ming Xin asked.

Wen Ruqing did not reply. Instead, he looked at Qi Sheng Upon seeing this, Ming Xin said, "It's fine. Speak." Wen Ruqing said, "The Unholy One fell into the abyss. He'll definitely be refined by the power of the earth in the abyss within 100 years. From now on, the Unholy One will no longer exist in the world." Upon hearing this, a strange light flashed in Ming Xin's eyes.

Meanwhile, Qi Sheng frowned slightly before his expression quickly returned to normal.

Ming Xin said in a deep voice, "Announce the death of the Unholy One to everyone in the Great Void!"

"Understood!"

Just as Wen Ruqing was about to leave, Qi Sheng suddenly called out, "Brother Wen, please wait."

"What is it?" Wen Ruqing asked.

Qi Sheng looked at Ming Xin before he said, "I have a personal question to ask you, Brother Wen."

Ming Xin waved his hand, allowing the duo to leave together.

After Qi Sheng followed Wen Ruqing out of the Sacred Temple, Wen Ruqing said, "Speak."

Qi Sheng asked in a low voice, "Is the Unholy One really dead?"

Wen Ruging nodded.

Qi Sheng frowned again. Then, he asked in a strange tone, "Brother Wen, you were once the Unholy One's subordinate, right?"

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"Impudent!" Wen Ruqing said angrily as he raised his voice, "Don't think that you can act as you please just because you found the Great Void Seeds."

Qi Sheng said, "I'm sorry. I was rude."

With that, Wen Ruqing turned around and left with an unsightly expression on his face.

Soon after, the Great Void announced the death of the Unholy One to the world.

At night.

In the abyss.

Spots of light still drifted in the darkness of the abyss.

Lu Zhou's eyes were closed. At this time, strange voices crying rang in his mind.

"Why did you leave just like that? You died so miserably!"

"You said you'd come back! How can you die before coming back?"

"You're the Unholy One! So many people are waiting for your return! How much longer do you want us to wait?"

Cries after cries appeared in Lu Zhou's mind.

Lu Zhou's eyes remained closed. It was as though he was dreaming.

The dream lasted for a long time. Every day, different voices would appear. Some cursed at him, some cried, and some laughed.

Chapter 1565 Everyone's Captured

Time passed quickly.

Lu Zhou was so immersed in his cultivation of the Heavenly Writing that he did not realize his Birth Chart had been successfully activated.

The golden lotus hovered in front of him, constantly spinning like a compass.

The abyss was like the vast galaxy. The faint energy from the spots of light entered his Dantian's sea of Qi slowly.

His body was glowing faintly. His senses had all shut down so his perception of the outside world was almost non-existent.

Perhaps, due to the power of the earth, he was able to occasionally hear voices above the abyss that came and went.

"Back then, the Unholy One was unrivaled. The Great Void lost four supreme beings and many people were injured before they finally managed to take him down. This time, he died after his battle with Emperor Tu Wei. Great Void Emperor Ming Xin had verified this a few times. What a shame! The Unholy One devoted his life to breakingthe shackles of heaven and earth and researching the resurrection method."

"It's only normal that he verified it multiple times. After all, the Unholy One suddenly returned after 100,000 years. Ming Xin's afraid that he wouldn't die so easily. I wonder what Ming Xin's plan is after announcing the death of the Unholy One."

"Humans are really complex. They say one thing, but they mean another thing."

"What do you mean?"

"Despite his words, Ming Xin also wants to live forever."

Over the next half a month.

The ten halls of the Great Void continued searching for the remaining owners of the Great Void Seeds. With the help of the Compass of Conservation, it was easy to find Saints' locations.

With Tu Wei Hall's Qi Sheng's secret plan, many of the halls did not find the owners of the Great Void Seed even with the help of the Compass of Conservation. In fact, among the ten halls, only Shang Zhang Hall found two owners of the Great Void Seed.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were marked by the Azure Emperor so they were naturally taken away by him.

Duanmu Sheng and Mingshi Yin were taken by the Scarlet Emperor while Zhao Yue and Ye Tianxin were taken by the White Emperor. Finally, Zhu Honggong was directly captured by Qi Sheng and brought back to the Great Void.

After an unknown amount of time.

In the abyss.

A female voice rang in Lu Zhou's ears.

"His Majesty, the Azure Emperor, went to the twin lotus domains and found two owners of the Great Void Seeds. One's a swordsman, and the other is a saber user. How lucky!"

"The Azure Emperor has always had a keen perception. However, I heard the White Emperor, the Red Emperor, and the Black Emperor each have two people as well."

"There's a new commander in Tu Wei Hall. He's a brilliant strategist and has a deep insight. He's now Ming Xin's right-hand man. He's the one who helped Ming Xin find the Great Void Seeds."

"Each of the Five Emperors has two people. It's really balanced."

After a sigh, someone said, "The Great Void Seeds are mysterious and precious. I wonder why the Unholy One never took interest in them?" "The Unholy One obtained four Great Void Seeds in the ancient times, but he gave them to his subordinates. He wasn't interested at all. Perhaps, he did not need the seeds for his cultivation path."

"The Unholy One was truly formidable, but he was a failure in managing people. Look at Ming Xin now. Ming Xin's like a sun in the sky, like a fish in the water, commanding the Great Void. Who dares to disobey him?"

In the Sacred Temple.

Ming Xin looked at Qi Sheng, who was standing calmly, and Zhu Honggong, who looked rather wretched. After a long silence, he asked, "How do you plan to explain this to me?"

Qi Sheng bowed and said, "The White Emperor gave me a second chance at life. I gave him two owners of the Great Void Seeds as repayment. Moreover, based on my relationship with the White Emperor, those two will be like our people as well."

"As for the Black Emperor and the Green Emperor, they don't care about the Great Void. They're more focused on the conflict between them than their conflict with the Great Void. Giving them the seeds will not only ease their conflict with the Great Void, but it'll intensify the conflict between them as well."

"Shang Zhang Hall is the only hall out of the ten halls to obtain the seeds. If the other nine halls have the seeds as well, it won't be good. Imagine if the ten halls possess all ten seeds, the Black Emperor, the Red Emperor, and the Azure Emperor will definitely target the Great Void."

At this moment, Wen Ruqing said, "The Black Emperor doesn't have any of the seeds."

"Although what the world needs is balance, what we need is imbalance. Do you understand what I'm saying?"

Wen Ruqing: "..."

Wen Ruqing really did not like the way Qi Sheng spoke.

At this moment, Ming Xin asked in a faint voice, "You want to subdue the enemy without a fight. However, don't you think the price is too high?"

Qi Sheng said confidently, "Nothing is set in stone even if they have the Great Void Seeds. Even if the Great Void has all ten seeds, it means nothing if we can't win the hearts of the people. Moreover, the owners of the seeds won't be able to become supreme beings in a short time. It's too late to wait for another 100 years." "I disagree with you. Although you have a point, it's still better to have all the seeds in our hands," Wen Ruqing said.

Qi Sheng said, "Just wait and see."

As soon as Qi Sheng's voice fell, Hua Zhenghong flew in and landed in the hall. Then, she said to Ming Xin, "Your Majesty, there's news from the Endless Ocean. The Azure Emperor and the Black Emperor are fighting in the east of the Endless Ocean."

Wen Ruging: "..."

Ming Xin asked, "What's the result?"

"There's no winner yet. After all, their cultivations are about the same. However, if they fight, both of them would definitely be injured," Hua Zhenghong said.

Ming Xin nodded. Then, he looked at Qi Sheng and asked, "Qi Sheng, how should I reward you?" Qi Sheng said, "I don't dare to take credit for this."

Then, Ming Xin suddenly said sternly, "I'll punish you by locking you in the dark room for three months. Take him away." A hint of doubt flashed in Qi Sheng's eyes, but he quickly calmed down and said, "I made my own decisions without consulting Your Majesty. I deserve to be punished."

Wen Ruqing chimed in, fanning the fire, "You're not a divine emperor, and yet, you dare to act on your own accord. Who do you think you are?"

As soon as Wen Ruqing finished speaking, Ming Xin said tonelessly, "Wen Ruqing, you'll accompany him in the dark room for three months."

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After Wen Ruqing and Qi Sheng left, Ming Xin looked at Zhu Honggong, who was cowering silently. Then, he asked, "What's your name?"

Ever since Zhu Honggong was captured, his head had been buzzing, and he had yet to recover from his shock.

"You, you... Y-you're the Great, Great... Great Void, Void Emperor?" Zhu Honggong said incoherently.

Ming Xin smiled faintly as he asked, "Where did you get the Great Void Seed?"

"What Great Void Seed?" Zhu Honggong scratched his head.

"Your talent was originally terrible, and you weren't suited for cultivating. However, you're now a Saint. This is the power of the Great Void Seed," Ming Xin said.

"Is that so?" Zhu Honggong asked in confusion, "Where is this place? Why am I here? Why did you capture me?"

Ming Xin sighed. "Guan Jiu, bring him away until he calms down."

"Understood."

A figure appeared.

Before Zhu Honggong could react, he was grabbed and taken out of the Sacred Temple.

Chapter 1566 Comprehending the Great Dao (1)

After Guan Jiu took Zhu Honggong away, Ming Xin asked, "Hua Zhenghong, I asked you to visit Shang Zhang. What was the result?"

Hua Zhenghong replied, "I visited Emperor Shang Zhang the day before yesterday and asked to meet the two owners of the Great Void Seeds. They are two girls are rather young. One of them has the highest talent I've ever seen."

Ming Xin nodded. "Continue."

"Based on their words and actions, they're smart but naive. In my opinion, it won't be difficult to make them submit to the Great Void. I've asked around about the other owners of the seeds, and all of them are much more difficult to deal with compared to the two girls."

After all, the younger they were, the easier it would be to indoctrinate them.

Since ancient times, human traffickers preferred to abduct and sell young children. There was a reason for that.

Ming Xin asked tonelessly, "What do you think about the person Qi Sheng brought back?"

Hua Zhenghong shook her head. "His thoughts are transparent, and his words and actions are rather silly..."

Ming Xin asked, "Even you think he's not worthy?"

"I dare not," Hua Zhenghong said with a slight bow.

After all, Zhu Honggong was brought back by Qi Sheng. In the future, Qi Sheng would be taught and tamed to become one of Ming Xin's hands.

Hua Zhenghong added, "It's not bad to be a little silly. Hall Commander Qi Sheng also possesses the Great Void Seed. Compared to that person..."

Hua Zhenghong could not finish her words.

"Speak freely," Ming Xin said.

"I always feel that it's hard to see through Commander Qi Sheng's thoughts. He's too cunning, and people like him are the hardest to control."

No matter which emperor it was, they all liked their subordinate to be obedient. Hence, Hua Zhenghong thought Ming Xin should be the same. For 100,000 years at least, those in the Great Void who were disobedient ended up in a miserable state.

Ming Xin said, "You don't need to care about his matters. Just mind your own business from now on."

Hua Zhenghong was inwardly surprised. She did not expect Ming Xin to be so partial toward Qi Sheng. After all, Qi Sheng had only joined the Great Void about 30 years ago. How did Qi Sheng bewitch Ming Xi?

Outwardly, Hua Zhenghong bowed and said, "Understood."

"I'm going to visit Shang Zhang. I'll leave this place to you," Ming Xin said.

"Farewell, Your Majesty." With that, Ming Xin vanished from sight.

Shang Zhang Hall.

It was a place filled with treasure and outstanding talents. It was also the most beautiful place in the west of the Great Void.

When Ming Xin appeared in front of the main hall, he called out softly, "Shang Zhang."

As expected, Shang Zhang appeared in front of the main hall in just a blink of an eye. He smiled faintly. "Great Emperor Ming Xin?"

Ming Xin glanced at Shang Zhang before he raised his head to look at the majestic and towering Shang Zhang Hall before he said, "500 years passed in just a blink of an eye. I came to see you today."

"Came to see me?" Shang Zhang smiled knowingly. "I'm afraid that's not the reason for your visit, right?"

How could Ming Xin visit for such a reason? Shang Zhang knew Ming Xin very well, after all.

Ming Xin did not beat around the bush. He said bluntly, "I want to see them."

Shang Zhang was not a fool. He understood Ming Xin's intention as soon as he heard those words. He waved his hand and said with a smile, "I'm afraid that's not possible."

Ming Xin frowned slightly.

Shang Zhang said, "The Great Void already has two Great Void Seeds. Whether it's the Sacred Temple or Shang Zhang Hall, it doesn't matter who has them, right?"

"You're overthinking," Ming Xin said expressionlessly.

"If I want to take the Great Void Seeds, who dares to stop me?" Ming Xin said confidently.

Indeed, it was the truth.

Moreover, Ming Xi was the one who promoted Qi Sheng in Tu Wei Hall. If Ming Xi wanted the Great Void Seeds, he could have just asked Qi Sheng to bring the owners of the Great Void Seeds to him. If Ming Xin had spoken, Qi Sheng would not have helped Shang Zhang.

After a moment, Shang Zhang asked, puzzled, "What are Qi Sheng's intentions in doing all those things?"

Ming Xin did not reply.

Shang Zhang did not push for an answer. Instead, he moved to the side and made an inviting gesture. "Please."

It did not take long before Ming Xin saw Little Yuan'er and Conch. They were held in a quiet and remote place with a powerful formation.

Shang Zhang said, "Pay your respect to the Temple Master?"

Little Yuan'er glanced at Ming Xin and asked, "Who's the Temple Master?"

"Don't be rude," Shang Zhang said.

"You're really unreasonable. Just because I don't know who's the Temple Master, you called me rude. You're too fierce," Little Yuan'er grumbled.

Ming Xin was unbothered. He raised his hand to stop Shang Zhang from reprimanding her and asked, "What's your name?"

Little Yuan'er laughed and said mischievously, "I'll tell you if you let me go."

Ming Xin said, "Countless people can only dream about joining the Great Void, but you want to leave?"

"I don't like this place," Little Yuan'er said honestly.

Ming Xin did not continue on that topic. He said, "Show me your lotus seat." "No." Little Yuan'er refused Ming Xin decisively.

Shang Zhang felt that the little girl was seriously ill with the 'Princess Disease'. How dare she act so audaciously and impudently in front of Ming Xin?

Ming Xin did not bother with Little Yuan'er. He turned to Conch and asked, "What's your name?"

"Conch," Conch replied honestly.

"What's your cultivation base?"

"That of a Venerable Master."

Ming Xin nodded. Although he only had a short conversation with the two girls, he was able to understand their temperaments and personalities. He thought that Hua Zhenghong was right. Finally, he said, "You'll grow to like the Great Void."

With that, Ming Xin turned around and left.

Little Yuan'er muttered under her breath, "He's so weird!"

Chapter 1567 Comprehending the Great Dao (2)

Shang Zhang glanced at the two girls before he accompanied Ming Xin out.

When they were outside, Shang Zhang asked with a smile, "What do you think?"

"Whether or not they'll be a great help to the Great Void will depend on you," Ming Xin said.

"Yes," Shang Zhang said before he sighed and added, "They're young and ignorant. They're just newborn calves unafraid of the tiger. They often talk back to me, but for some reason, I'm not angry at all."

Ming Xin remained silent.

Upon seeing this, Shang Zhang sighed again and continued to say, "If my poor daughter were still around, she'd be around their age now."

Ming Xin's expression changed slightly as he said solemnly, "There are some things in the past that you shouldn't talk about."

Shang Zhang only looked into the distance.

Ming Xin did not know what Shang Zhang was thinking, and he only said, "If you want to blame someone, blame the person who stole the Great Void Seeds."

"I only blame myself," Shang Zhang said.

Ming Xin was silent.

Shang Zhang sighed. "Forget it." He changed the topic and asked, "Is the Unholy One really dead?"

Ming Xin said expressionlessly, "I don't know."

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"Are you afraid of him?" Ming Xin asked.

Shang Zhang scoffed. "Why would I be afraid of him? I'm not an idiot like Tu Wei."

"I hope so."

With that, Ming Xin vanished into thin air.

Shang Zhang flashed and returned to the area near Little Yuan'er and Conch. He looked at them from afar and wondered inwardly, 'They're still there. What's Ming Xin, that old fox, up to? Qi Sheng is his man. Could they be working together to manipulate me?'

Shang Zhang felt that something was amiss. He walked over and sensed Little Yuan'er and Conch; they were the same as before.

When Little Yuan'er and Conch saw Shang Zhang, Little Yuan'er said, "Here we go again."

Shang Zhang smiled and said, "Little girl, you just came to the Great Void not long ago. Do you want to go out and take a look?"

"Can I?" Little Yuan'er was slightly surprised.

"Of course."

Children were children, after all. There was nothing wrong with coaxing them once in a while.

"Let's bring Conch along as well," Little Yuan'er said. She knew Conch was from the Great Void, after all.

Since Conch was captured, she had been wanting to go out and have a look. However, she clearly did not have the qualifications nor was she in the condition to do so.

Shang Zhang looked at Conch. To be honest, he preferred and valued Little Yuan'er more. When he heard Little Yuan'er wanted Conch to come along, his interest was immediately dampened.

Conch asked very politely, "Emperor Shang Zhang, can you bring me out to have a look as well?"

Shang Zhang's expression was clearly not as good as before.

Upon seeing this, Little Yuan'er said, "If you don't want to, then forget it."

Shang Zhang said, "I'm a man of my word."

With a wave of his hand, energy shrouded the two girls.

Following that, the three of them looked like shooting stars as they shot out into the sky.

The sky was blue, and there were no clouds in the sky. The mountains and rivers were beautiful and magnificent. The plants and trees were lush. It was as though they had entered a spring painting with mysterious valleys and forests where mountains and rivers intersected. There was a vast and endless ancient road, and a sky-high platform.

"What do you think?" Shang Zhang was usually busy. Now that he was touring his territory, he discovered how beautiful and refreshing his territory was.

Little Yuan'er, who was affected by the beautiful scenery, could not help but nod and say, "It's really beautiful."

However, as soon as Little Yuan'er finished speaking, she seemed to realize she had misspoken. She quickly shook her head and said, "It's just average. It can't compare to my hometown at all."

At this time, Conch pointed to a platform in the sky and asked, "What's that?"

"That's the Chao Tian Platform. It's used as a sacrificial altar to worship the heavens and earth," Shang Zhang replied.

Conch nodded before she pointed at a lake in the distance and asked, "What's that place?"

"That's the Heavenly Jade Lake. It's as vast as the sky, and clear as crystal," Shang Zhang said. Inwardly, he thought to himself, 'I'm a divine emperor, but now, I've been reduced to a tour guide for two hostages...'

Shang Zhang suppressed his displeasure. However, when he looked at the innocent and pretty girls, he felt his anger disappear again.

Subsequently, the trio flew into a strange forest. There was a mound in the forest.

Little Yuan'er pointed at it and asked, "What's

that?"

Shang Zhang frowned. "Don't ask."

"It's fine if you don't tell me. My master will tell me in the future," Little Yuan'er said.

Shang Zhang: "?"

'Does this mean she's willing to accept a master?'

Shang Zhang's frown eased, but his expression was still a little solemn. Then, he said lightly, "That's a grave."

"Whose?" Little Yuan'er asked, slightly surprised.

Shang Zhang calmly replied, "My daughter's."

Little Yuan'er muttered, "I didn't ask on purpose..."

Shang Zhang let out a long sigh. "If she were still around, she'd be around the same age as you." He no longer wanted to talk about this so he changed the topic and said, "I have a Dao hall in the southeast. If you're willing, you can cultivate there. I can satisfy all of your requests, but I have one condition: both of you must be loyal to me from now on."

Little Yuan'er rolled her eyes before she said, "I'll think about it."

"I have plenty of time."

Then, three of them flew in the southeastern direction like shooting stars.

In just a blink of an eye, another ten years passed.

In the abyss.

The power of the earth continued to grow.

When one looked down from above, one would see what looked like a dark sky filled with stars. Among the stars, there was one that was particularly bright and dazzling. Not only that, but energy was gathering from all directions toward the bright star.

Buzz! Buzz!

The star hummed before it suddenly shot out like a shooting star and flew in the abyss. It lasted for about 15 minutes before it returned to its original position.

Boom!

With the star in the center, a vast energy swept out in the abyss. Following that, a beam of light shot up.

Rumble!

Rocks fell into the abyss without stopping.

At this moment, Lu Zhou suddenly opened his eyes. "What is space? What is time? Why am I here?"

Realization suddenly dawned on Lu Zhou. He sensed the energy in the abyss; it felt like seawater. He lifted his hand and tried to feel them. Every time he moved his hand, the space would ripple and distort.

Lu Zhou felt as though he had been dreaming for a very long time.

It took a while before Lu Zhou finally recovered his senses. He sighed. "I'm still in the abyss."

He looked at the system interface and found that it was still upgrading.

Previously, this did not happen. He did not know why he would suddenly wake up before the upgrading process was completed.

Seeing that he was awake, he took the chance and brought out Gou Chen's life heart to activate another Birth Chart. After embedding it into his Birth Palace, he meditated on the Heavenly Writing.

In less than 15 minutes, he was immersed in his meditative state again and lost all his senses again.

At the same time.

Dunzang began to shake violently. It took a while before it gradually calmed down.

Coincidentally, Dunzang corresponded with Shang Zhang Hall in the Great Void.

Shang Zhang frowned as he looked at the mountains and rivers, not knowing what happened.

Little Yuan'er asked fearfully, "There are earthquakes in the Great Void as well?"

Conch said, "Maybe..."

"It's so dangerous here! I felt like I was going to fall earlier," Little Yuan'er said.

"Don't talk nonsense!" Shang Zhang said reproachfully.

At this time, five figures appeared in front of Shang Zhang and bowed.

"Your Majesty, we found out that the tremors came from Dunzang." "Dunzang?"

"The Pillar of Destruction in Dunzang has already collapsed. An energy storm has appeared in the abyss. It's possible... It's possible that the storm caused a spatial tear that affected the Great Void."

Upon hearing this, Little Yuan'er asked, horrified, "Is the sky going to fall?"

"With me around, the sky won't collapse." "I don't want the sky to collapse..." Little Yuan'er muttered.

Upon hearing this, Shang Zhang asked, "Why?"

"My master once said that if the sky collapses, he'll hold it up. I don't want my master to carry such a burden," Little Yuan'er said.

"You have a master?"

"Yes."

"Where's he?"

Upon hearing this, Little Yuan'er began to cry softly. With tears in her eyes, she said, "He fell into an abyss... and died."

Shang Zhang did not know if he was happy or sad. He only said, "I'm sorry for your loss, but the dead can't be brought back to life."

Shang Zhang thought to himself, 'Tu Wei and the Unholy One are to blame for this matter. Countless lives were lost due to their battle.'

Little Yuan'er wiped her tears away and said, "I want to go to Dunzang to have a look."

Shang Zhang nodded. "Your filial piety is commendable. I'll grant you your wish."

Chapter 1568 Master's Beloved Disciple

Shang Zhang had been in frequent contact with the two girls during this period of time He found that they did not dislike the Great Void and were not as conflicted as he had imagined. Compared to the other owners of the Great Void Seeds, the two young and innocent children were more likable.

"Conch, you should come with us as well," Little Yuan'er said.

Originally, Shang Zhang only wanted to bring Little Yuan'er along. However, since she had said such words, he could only bring two of them with him. In any case, Conch also possessed the Great Void Seed. Conch's performance was only slightly worse, but it was not bad.

Conch nodded.

Then, Little Yuan'er looked up at Shang Zhang and asked, "You won't refuse, right?"

"Of course not." Shang Zhang revealed what he thought was a friendly expression. He was so used to keeping a straight face all year round that he had to force himself to smile.

Most people in high positions had this problem. It was quite difficult for them to be approachable and less arrogant. This was especially true for those who had been in high positions for a long time. It was something that developed over time, and it was so ingrained that it could not be changed overnight.

"Let's go." Shang Zang raised his hand and drew a circle in the air.

A brief moment later, a small runic passage appeared.

The trio stepped into the runic passage and vanished in just a blink of an eye.

It did not take long before a bright runic passage appeared in the eastern sky of the Unknown Land before Shang Zhang, Little Yuan'er, and Conch descended from the sky.

"Eh? I thought we'd arrive directly in Dunzang?" Little Yuan'er asked, puzzled.

Shang Zhang smiled and explained, "No cultivator is capable of doing something like that. I'm skilled in runes and can go wherever I want; even then, I can only use the runic passage that was left here."

"It's impossible even for divine emperors?" Little Yuan'er was surprised.

"Divine emperors are also humans. The powers of humans are limited," Shang Zhang said.

"Humans can definitely defy the heavens!" Little Yuan'er said confidently.

Shang Zhang did not disabuse her of that notion. Since Little Yuan'er was young, she was energetic and optimistic about the future. This was normal and something she should experience and learn from.

After that, the trio flew toward Dunzang's Pillar of Destruction. After 15 minutes, they hovered above the abyss.

Shang Zhang pointed at the abyss and said, "We're here."

Little Yuan'er nodded before she asked, "Can I go down and take a look?"

"Yes," Shang Zhang said.

Little Yuan'er flew down and landed by the entrance of the abyss. When she looked into the abyss, she felt that it was extremely beautiful just like the magnificent and mysterious galaxy. The darkness and the spots of light were just like the beautiful starry sky she had seen when she was young.

"Conch! It's so beautiful! Come and have a look!" Little Yuan'er said excitedly.

Conch flew over and landed next to Little Yuan'er. She was also shocked by the sight of the abyss.

Shang Zhang looked at the abyss as well, but he still could not figure out what was going on in there.

Little Yuan'er was originally very happy, but soon, she said in a low voice, "Did master die here?"

"Maybe. They said that the Unholy One also fell into the abyss."

Little Yuan'er nodded and said, "The Unholy One must be a big villain. He and Tu Wei must have taken advantage of the situation and launched a sneak attack on master!"

Shang Zhang, who was hovering above Little Yuan'er, smiled and said, "You said the Unholy One is a big villain; I agree. However, he and Emperor Tu Wei were both supreme beings. Why would they attack your master?"

Little Yuan'er said, "I don't know. Tell me. Is the Unholy One particularly sinister and cunning?"

Shang Zhang was about to agree with Little Yuan'er, but when he recalled what he knew about the Unholy One, he could not find a derogatory term to describe the Unholy One. After thinking about it for a moment, he said, "In my opinion, the Unholy One could be considered straightforward and upright. He's the first person to have opened up a new and unique cultivation path. He could be considered an important figure."

"Was he very powerful?" Little Yuan'er asked.

"There's only one person in the world who's a match for him..." Shang Zhang said.

Before Shang Zhang could finish his sentence, Little Yuan'er interjected, "My master?"

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Shang Zhang frowned slightly before he corrected her, "Great Void Emperor Ming Xin."

"Then, why did all of you treat him this way?" Little Yuan'er asked.

Shang Zhang said with a sigh, "You're still so young so there are many things you don't understand. You'll naturally understand in the future."

Little Yuan'er looked into the abyss again. She descended a little, flying to the left and right, but she did not see anyone. When she descended a little more, she felt her heart tighten when she saw the Confinement Seal wedged in the crack. She flew over immediately.

Upon seeing this, Shang Zhang reminded Little Yuan'er, "Don't go too deep." "Don't worry." Little Yuan'er landed on the Confinement Seal. After carefully studying it, she confirmed it was her master's Confinement Seal. She could sense the remnant of her master's aura in it. Following that, she activated the Supreme Purity Jade, and she began to glow with the Saint Light. She did not know why, but she felt that her master was right below her.

"Master..."

Little Yuan'er leaped down without hesitation and descended deeper.

Upon seeing this, Conch exclaimed, "Don't go down!"

Little Yuan'er did not feel the danger. She continued to descend, and when she was about 3,000 feet deep, she felt a vast power coming up from the bottom of the abyss. With that, she did not dare to go deepe

It was also at this moment that Shang Zhang flashed, tearing through space, and arrived at Little Yuan'er's side. He admonished her seriously, "Do you want to die?"

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"The power in the abyss isn't something humans can resist. Don't go down anymore," Shang Zhang said.

Little Yuan'er nodded. Then, she asked, "Can I kowtow and pay respect to my master?"

"Yes." Shang Zhang agreed. He thought the young girl was so filial that she really could not turn out to be bad. She was truly worth nurturing

Little Yuan'er hovered above the abyss and kneeled in the air.

Shang Zhang had never seen Little Yuan'er so serious before. From the looks of it, she was truly affected by her master's death. He could not help but wonder if his daughter was still alive, would his daughter be like Little Yuan'er.

Parents' hearts were always soft toward their children. No matter how many years had passed, time had failed to numb Shang Zhang. Whenever he thought about the past, he would still feel at a loss, and his emotions would fluctuate. At this moment, he decided to properly nurture Little Yuan'er and... to treat her as his daughter.

Little Yuan'er kowtowed three times in the

air.

Shang Zhang remarked, "Your master can rest in peace with a disciple like you."

"My master won't rest in peace." "Hm?"

Little Yuan'er looked up and asked, "Will the Unholy One come back to life?"

"Who knows?" Shang Zhang said.

Then, Little Yuan'er said fiercely, "I swear I'll kill the Unholy One to avenge my master!"

Shang Zhang nodded. "Very good. You're very ambitious."

At this moment, Conch drew level with Little Yuan'er. Then, she wordlessly kneeled and kowtowed three times after glancing at Little Yuan'er.

Shang Zhang was unaware of the relationship between Little Yuan'er and Conch. When he saw Conch's action, he assumed Conch was affected by Little Yuan'er's feelings due to their good relationship and was only showing respect to Conch's master.

At this time, Little Yuan'er pointed at an extremely bright spot of light at the bottom of the abyss that was clearly different from the others and asked, "What's that?"

Shang Zhang glanced at it before he said, "The power of the earth." "It's like a star. It's so dazzling," Little Yuan'er said.

"Is that so?" Shang Zhang flicked his sleeve. His eyes glowed, and his vision improved greatly.

The spots of light in the abyss seemed to be connected as energy surged and swirled like auroras. Suddenly, a surge of power tore through space, but in just a second, the space returned to normal.

Shang Zhang frowned. This was beyond his understanding.

Little Yuan'er, who had been observing from the side, asked, "What exactly is it?"

"It might be an unstable energy that can explode at any moment. I'm afraid this place is extremely dangerous," Shang Zhang said. "I just want to know that if a person falls into the abyss, is it possible to survive?"

Shang Zhang said, "I can't answer your question with 100% certainty. However, in my opinion, it's highly likely that they'll die."

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Upon hearing Shang Zhang's words, Little Yuan'er was visibly depressed. She did not want to believe that her master was dead. After seeing the Confinement Seal, her intuition told her that her master was alive. Even if everyone said her master was gone, she refused to believe it. Finally, she asked, "Can I visit my master often in the future?"

Shang Zhang nodded. "Of course."

Shang Zhang naturally did not refuse Little Yuan'er's request. He was very satisfied with her. He knew that Ming Xin also had two owners of the Great Void Seeds by his side; one of them was Qi Sheng. Although Qi Sheng had helped him to find Little Yuan'er and Conch, he did not like Qi Sheng. As for the other person, he had heard that he was rather silly. Strength and cultivation were important, but if that person was too silly, it was better not to have such a person by his side. In conclusion, he was very satisfied with Little Yuan'er and Conch.

The trio stayed near the abyss for a little longer before they finally returned to the Great Void.

After an unknown amount of time.

A figure appeared near the abyss.

"Hello, Brother Lu. I heard that you were affected by the battle between two supreme beings. Why did you go and join the battle?" As the figure spoke, he erected a tombstone next to the abyss. He carefully carved a few words on the tombstone. It read: The tomb of my good friend, Lu Tiantong.

"I was guarding the pillar at that time. I couldn't even protect myself; how could I have saved you? Moreover, I didn't even know you were there."

Then, the figure brought out a stack of incense paper to be used as burnt offerings and lit them up next to the tombstone as he said, "This is all I can do for you. You're the first person to make me sad twice. Don't worry. I'll think of a way to look after your disciple."

"After a period of time, I'll return to the Great Void. In a way, your disciples are really lucky they didn't fall into the hands of Yan Feng Hall and Xuan Meng Halls."

"You have lived a life worthy of respect for nurturing so many Saints. It's enough for your name to be immortalized."

"Rest in peace."

The last words were spoken slowly.

The figure rose to his feet and stared at the words on the tombstone quietly.

When the incense paper was completely burnt, a gust of wind blew the ashes away. Sparks mixed with ashes danced in the air amidst the green smoke.

A month passed in just a blink of an eye.

In the Sacred Temple.

Zhu Honggong was once again brought to the Sacred Temple to meet Ming Xin. At this time, Ming Xin had been staring at him wordlessly for a full 15 minutes. With this, his hair stood on end, and his body trembled.

Ming Xin thought that the person in front of him, the owner of a Great Void Seed, did not change at all even though a month had passed.

Ming Xin did not speak, and Zhu Honggong did not speak either.

Ming Xin continued to look at Zhu Honggong. He thought the other party definitely would not be able to remain silent for long. However, contrary to his expectations, the other party really did not speak even after a long time had passed. Finally, he broke the silence and asked, "Have you gotten used to the Great Void?"

"Yes, yes. I adapt very easily. As long as there's food and drinks, I'll be fine! The wine here is really good, and there's the top-grade tiger meat as well! It's really delicious," Zhu Honggong said praisingly without holding back.

Upon seeing the unnatural expression on Ming Xin's face, Zhu Honggong hurriedly switched the topic and said, "The Great Void is truly vast and filled with resources. It's even more vast than the Unknown Land. Then ten halls are all powerhouses in their own right. How admirable! As the one above the ten halls, you're even more admirable!"

Ming Xin remained unmoved by the flattering words. Instead, he said, "You should know why you were brought to the Great Void."

"I know," Zhu Honggong said, "It's because I have the Great Void Seed, and I'll become a supreme being in the future. If I can become a divine supreme being like you, I'd be satisfied."

Ming Xin said, "Talent is the foundation to become a divine supreme being. However, hard work and opportunity are equally as important."

Zhu Honggong said, "Listening to your words is even more beneficial than studying for ten years. From now on, I'll work hard to cultivate!"

Ming Xin fell silent again.

The silence seemed even more pronounced in the sizable Sacred Temple.

After a moment, Ming Xin said, "I'll give you a chance."

"Please speak."

"From now on, as long as you serve the Sacred Temple faithfully, I won't mistreat you. The Great Void has lost many talents over the years and lacks manpower," Ming Xin said calmly. He did not give Zhu Honggong a chance to speak as he continued to say, "You have to think this through. I'll give you three days to think about it. Remember that a wise man submits to circumstances."

As soon as Ming Xin finished speaking...

Thud!

Zhu Honggong fell on one knee and said solemnly, "I'm willing to serve the Sacred Temple. Thank you, Your Majesty, for giving me this opportunity!"

'He agreed just like that?' Ming Xin frowned slightly. Although this was what he wanted, he felt that it was... a little too easy. Things that were easily obtained did not feel valuable. Moreover, it was impossible for him to judge if the person in front of him was sincere.

"Where did you get the Great Void Seed?" Ming Xin asked.

Zhu Honggong replied honestly, "My master gave it to me."

"Your master?"

Zhu Honggong's expression changed, and his eyes reddened as he said, "Unfortunately, my master is no longer around. If only he were still around, how good would it be?" "Your master has been to the Unknown Land?"

"Yes," Zhu Honggong replied.

"What's his cultivation level?"

After thinking about it for a moment, Zhu Honggong said, "My master is invincible!"

"Invincible?" Ming Xin's frown deepened.

"That's right. Invincible!" However, when Zhu Honggong raised his head and saw that Ming Xin's expression did not look right, he quickly amended his words. "Uh, you're ranked first. My master... is ranked second."

At this time, an indignant voice rang from the side.

"Impudent! How can someone from the nine domains be compared to the Great Emperor?"

Zhu Honggong said immediately, "You're right, you're right. I was unaware of the Great Void's existence in the past so I didn't know there are so many experts in the Great Void."

"Since you said your master is invincible, how did he die?" Ming Xin asked.

"This..." Zhu Honggong scratched his head, thinking of a way to answer this problematic question. After thinking for a while, he finally said, "Survival isn't guaranteed when you walk on the edge of a knife all year round."

Ming Xin no longer asked about Zhu Honggong's master. Instead, he said, "Since you swore loyalty to the Sacred Temple, you have to become a supreme being as soon as possible."

Zhu Honggong said loudly, "I'll cultivate diligently and live up to Your Majesty's expectations. If you tell me to go east, I will never go west! If you tell me to go west, I will never go east!"

"Leave," Ming Xin said as he waved his hand with an unpleasant expression on his face.

Zhu Honggong said, "Your Majesty, since I have nothing better to do, why don't I stay and chat with you? If you're free, you can teach me a few moves or some meditation mantra?"

Wen Ruqing could not hold back any longer and said, "Leave when you're told to leave. There's no need to spout so much nonsense!"

Zhu Honggong nodded. "Alright, alright. I'll leave now."

Without saying another word, Zhu Honggong turned to leave. As he walked out, he muttered under his breath, "As I really want to talk nonsense with all of you..."

After Zhu Honggong left, Ming Xin asked, "Nothing changed during this month?"

"No. He's exactly the same as when he arrived. He's only good at flattery. I don't know what kind of dogsh*t luck he had for the Great Void Seed to fall into his hands," Wen Ruging said.

"There's no point in talking about that now," Ming Xin said tonelessly.

"I'm afraid we can't entrust important tasks to such a person," Wen Ruqing said.

Ming Xin shook his head and said, "I have plenty of time to educate this person. If he can become a Dao Saint within 100 years, I'll make further plans."

"Understood," Wen Ruqing said. Despite his words, a frown could be seen on his face.

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Wen Ruqing disliked people like Zhu Honggong who was simple and stupid. However, when he thought about Qi Sheng who was cunning, he felt a stronger wave of disgust. In the end, he thought he preferred Zhu Honggong more compared to Qi Sheng. After all, it was hard to control someone like Qi Sheng. As for Zhu Honggong, even if Zhu Honggong was incompetent, at least, Zhu Honggong would be easily controlled.

After Wen Ruqing left the Sacred Temple, Ming Xin looked in another direction and asked, "How are the Pillars of Destruction?"

"Your Majesty," Hua Zhenghong replied, "Apart from the occasional strange movements at Dunzang, the nine Pillars of Destruction are stable. However..."

After a brief pause, Hua Zhenghong continued to say, "The pillars are getting older and older, and the restorative effect from the power of the earth is getting weaker. At this rate, the Great Void will only remain in the sky for another 200 years at most."

Ming Xin nodded and sighed. He was not surprised by this.

At the same time, Zhu Honggong returned to his own residence after leaving the Sacred Temple.

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As soon as Zhu Honggong returned, he saw Qi Sheng standing in the hall with his hands on his back as he looked at the patterns on the wall.

"What are you doing here?" Zhu Honggong did not have a good impression of the person in front of him.

Qi Sheng asked, "You don't welcome me?"

Zhu Honggong scoffed and asked, "Is there a reason for me to welcome you?"

"You have the Great Void Seed. If you stay in the nine domains, it'll be dangerous. You must know that the most dangerous place is the safest place. In this world, there's no place safer than the Sacred Temple."

"Whatever. Keep bragging if you want," Zhu Honggong said as he rolled his eyes.

"This is also the best place to cultivate. You have to cultivate well. Don't disappoint..." Qi Sheng paused briefly before he finally said, "Don't disappoint the Great Emperor."

"Mind your own business," Zhu Honggong said.

Qi Sheng slowly raised his hand. Following that, a ball of golden flames blossomed into a red streak of light that shot toward Zhu Honggong like a dragon.

Zhu Honggong turned pale with fright and retreated in the air. A golden shield appeared as he blocked the attack with his upper arm. Then, he landed on the ground and retreated a few dozen yards, barely stabilizing himself. He rubbed his arms that stung from the burning flames and asked, "What do you think you're doing?"

"We're both owners of the Great Void Seeds, but you're far behind me," Qi Sheng said tonelessly as he lowered his hand. After placing his hands on his back, he continued to say, "The Sacred Temple doesn't raise trash. Even if you have the Great Void Seed, if you're trash, the Sacred Temple won't hesitate to get rid of you."

Zhu Honggong exclaimed in surprise, "You have the Great Void Seed as well?"

"Didn't I just say so?" Qi Sheng chuckled.

Zhu Honggong looked at Qi Sheng and said, "Ten Great Void Seeds mature once every 30,000 years. The last ten seeds were..." He coughed, stopping himself from speaking. Then, he said, "Your seed is from the batch before the latest matured batch, right? It's only natural that you're stronger than me."

Since Qi Sheng looked young, Zhu Honggong did not expect him to be an old antique. The people in the Great Void were all eccentric, he really had to be more cautious.

Qi Sheng was too lazy to explain. He only said, "That's not my point."

"Aren't you just trying to scare me? How can the Sacred Temple get rid of a future supreme being?" Zhu Honggong said as he patted his chest, "I, Zhu Honggong, will definitely make everyone look at me in a new light!"

"I'm not trying to scare you," Qi Sheng suddenly became very serious as he said with burning eyes, "The pillars are collapsing, and the Great Void is likely to fall within 200 years. At that time, chaos will descend on the world, and countless lives will be lost. Only the strong will be able to protect themselves."

Zhu Honggong was stunned. He felt like his throat was a little dry. He had always been timid. He liked peace and did not like taking risks.

Qi Sheng was good at reading people's expressions. When he saw Zhu Honggong's expression, he laughed and said, "You have the Great Void Seed. As long as you work hard, you'll definitely be safe."

"You... You..." Zhu Honggong stutterd.

"What about me?" Qi Sheng asked in confusion.

"You sound just like my Seventh Senior Brother!" Zhu Honggong said with a frown. Then, he said irritably, "Whatever. I don't believe you! Leave. I don't welcome you here."

Qi Sheng turned around and left with a smile on his face.

After Qi Sheng left, Wen Ruqing appeared nearby. It was not until Qi Sheng completely disappeared from sight that he walked into the hall. As soon as he entered the hall, he said in a low voice, "From today onward, I'll personally supervise you. Within 200 years, you must become a Great Dao Saint."

Zhu Honggong: "..."

Zhu Honggong truly hated this place. Everyone here was a scoundrel, and their words were really unpleasant. Regardless of his feelings, he was no longer as rash as he was in the past. Hence, he forced a smile on his face and said with a bow, "I'll definitely live up to senior and the Great Emperor's expectations!"

The Lost Land at the southern region of the Endless Ocean.

A huge palace stood at the peak of Lost Island. Red maple trees grew on the mountains and plains.

A man dressed in fine robes bowed and reported to the Scarlet Emperor. "Your Majesty, during this period of time, I've been observing the two owners of the Great Void Seeds. The spear wielder is very hardworking. He's straightforward and a little stubborn. As for the other person..."

"Speak," the Scarlet Emperor said when he sensed his subordinate's hesitation.

"The other person only sleeps all day. He doesn't do anything at all. Moreover, I'm afraid there's something wrong with his character," the finely-dressed man said.

"What do you mean?" The Scarlet Emperor frowned.

"He's quite cunning. He likes to hide his thoughts and has no principles."

"He's still quite young, after all. Keep an eye on him and teach him when he needed," the Scarlet Emperor said.

"This..." The man looked troubled. It was not that he never tried educating the other party before, but it was useless. Finally, he said, "I'm afraid I'm not capable of educating him."

The Scarlet Emperor's expression stiffened as he said, "Try harder."

"Understood." The man no longer dared to complain.

The Scarlet Emperor sighed. "The imbalance is worsening. If the Great Void really collapses, the southern region won't be able to escape unscathed."

"Your Majesty, I've been too shortsighted. I'll do my best with those two people. I'll try to get them to comprehend the Great Dao within 100 years."

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Similar situations were happening in the other Lost Land of the Azure Emperor and the Lost Island of the White Emperor.

There were more and more signs that pointed to an unprecedented disaster in the cultivation world.

At the Great Abyss Land.

In the Pillar of Destruction guarded by the Feather tribe and the Deformed tribes.

Emperor Yu had announced he was going into seclusion to cultivate in order to become a divine emperor.

The death of Ming Ban, the divine lord, and Ming De was temporarily put on the backburner.

Among the Five Emperors, only the Black Emperor did not obtain the Great Void Seeds. Hence, he often provoked the Azure Emperor, the Scarlet Emperor, and the Great Emperor. With this, the Great Void was granted temporary peace.

For a while, nothing special happened in the Great Void.

Duanmu Dian chose to return to the Great Void and frequently visited Shang Zhang Hall and the Sacred Temple.

Another 70 years passed by in just a blink of an eye.

Time was meaningless in the cultivation world.

Shang Zhang Hall in the Great Void.

A graceful girl in red and a cute bright-eyed girl walked together to see Shang Zhang.

Over the past 70 years, the two girls' relationships with the people of Shang Zhang Hall had been quite harmonious. Apart from cultivating every day, there were also teachers who taught them many things. Although there were people from other halls who warned them that Shang Zhang Hall was trying to brainwash and fool them, they did not take those words to heart.

In the main hall.

"Why do you want to see me?" Shang Zhang asked. When he looked at the two girls, he felt like he had watched his own children grow up. He had been very partial to them over the years.

Little Yuan'er said, "Master died 100 years ago. I want to go and pay my respect to my master."

In the beginning, Shang Zhang would accompany them during their visits. However, as time passed, he became too lazy to do so. He would usually send someone to escort them to Dunzang on the anniversary of Little Yuan'er's master death.

"Apart from this, I have another matter that I hope Your Majesty will agree to," Little Yuan'er said.

Upon hearing this, Shang Zhang said, "Little girl, you're becoming more and more brazen. Tell me, what is it?"

Little Yuan'er smiled. "I want to meet my senior brothers and senior sisters."

"Senior brothers and senior sisters?" Shang Zhang nodded. Since she had a master, it was not surprising that she had fellow disciples. "You've been in the Great Void for 100 years, and yet, you still remember your fellow disciples. Very well. I'll allow it."

Shang Zhang waved his hand.

A figure appeared and cupped his fists at Little Yuan'er before he said, "I'll bring them to the Great Void, and they can stay a few days."

Little Yuan'er asked, "Can you do it?"

The figure said, "There's nothing in the world that His Majesty cannot do in the mortal world."