

## Disciples 1591

### Chapter 1591: A Traitorous Disciple? (3)

"Azure Emperor? They're going to the Great Void?" Lu Zhou took the opportunity to ask, "Where's the Azure Emperor?"

"Grandpa Weiyang is in the east, not far from Grandpa Zhaokuai, the White Emperor," Princess Mulberry replied. Then, she hurriedly added, "Don't tell me you're going to look for trouble with Grandpa Weiyang as well?! He's a good person!"

"A good person?" Lu Zhou frowned. 'How could a good person kidnap my disciples?'

In any case, Lu Zhou did not show his displeasure. He continued to ask, "Why is the Scarlet Emperor going to the Great Void?"

The time was not ripe yet. It would be troublesome for Lu Zhou to go to the Great Void now.

Princess Mulberry shook her head, indicating she did not know. Then, she asked curiously, "Your cultivation has improved so much. You should be able to go to the Great Void, right?"

Perhaps, Princess Mulberry had not seen humans for a long time so she was very lonely. She liked talking to people very much. Sometimes, her mentality would be twisted, and she would trap humans in the ring-shaped lake. Those who could not endure naturally died.

Lu Zhou thought about it for a moment before he asked, "How do I go to the Great Void?"

Princess Mulberry sized Lu Zhou up for a moment before she said, "With your ability, it's more than enough to go to the Great Void." ". I heard from Grandpa Weiyang that the Great Void lacks manpower and is recruiting talents from the nine domains. Hence, you should be welcomed there..." After a pause, she said, "However, the Great Void is really boring. Why don't you stay and accompany me?"

"I can't stay. I still have matters to attend to," Lu Zhou said.

Upon hearing this, Princess Mulberry said dejectedly, "You humans are really strange. Why do you have to go to the Great Void?"

"You humans? You're obviously alive. Why do you speak as though you're not human?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I'm alive..." Princess Mulberry said. She paused briefly before she continued to say, "But my heart is dead."

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Lu Zhou extended his senses. Indeed, Princess Mulberry did not have a heartbeat.

When Princess Mulberry spoke about this, her sadness was obvious. What greater sorrow was there than a dead heart. Moreover, when she said her heart was dead, it was also likely a euphemism for how her father, the Scarlet Emperor, had caused the death of her heart by forcing her to stay here.

"Where's the Southern Flaming Sea?" Lu Zhou asked.

“Naturally, it’s the southernmost part of the Endless Ocean. It’s very, very, very far away. It’s very difficult to find as well,” Princess Mulberry said.

Lu Zhou’s goal was to find his disciples. He wanted to confirm their safety and bring them back to his side. However, he was not in a hurry. After all, 100 years had passed. What could and should happen, had already happened.

Lu Zhou thought about it and felt that it was a little unrealistic to go to the Southern Flaming Sea to look for the Scarlet Emperor now. After a while, he muttered to himself, “In that case, let’s ascend to the sky.”

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At the same time.

At the south of the Endless Ocean.

On the peak of a mountain.

Mingshi Yin was admiring the scenery of the Endless Ocean. He could not help but shake his head.

At this time, a person appeared nearby and bowed. “Mr. Ri, the Scarlet Emperor has ordered for you to speed up your cultivation.”

“I’ve been cultivating all this time.”

“The Scarlet Emperor said you still need to raise the level of your cultivation. Only then will you be able to win the competition for the position of the master of the hall,” the person said before adding, “I’ll be monitoring your progress.”

“Heh, do you not understand human language? I said, I’ve been cultivating all this time,” Mingshi Yin said.

“...”

“The Scarlet Emperor also said that you’re now a member of the Southern Flaming Sea. If there’s no need, please don’t contact your master from the golden lotus domain in the future,” the person said.

“Master? What master? I don’t have a master,” Mingshi Yin said.

The person nodded. “Then, I won’t bother Mr. Ri anymore.”

The person flashed and disappeared.

Mingshi Yin rolled his eyes. Then, he looked ahead and muttered to himself, “I don’t have a master.”

### **Chapter 1592: Meng Zhang’s Promise**

Not long after, Mingshi Yin rushed into the forest to cultivate.

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The next morning.

Before Mingshi Yin was fully awake, he felt someone appear next to him. He jolted awake and sat up immediately. Then, he saw Duanmu Sheng holding the Overlord Spear.

Mingshi Yin said, "Third Senior Brother, you almost scared me to death? Why aren't you cultivating?"

Duanmu Sheng looked ahead and asked, "Old Fourth, is this really okay?"

"There's nothing wrong with it. I'll remind you again that you can't talk about him here," Mingshi Yin said.

"You're really ungrateful! How can you betray your elder?" Duanmu Sheng said as he stabbed the Overlord Spear into the ground.

Boom!

Mingshi Yin pointed at the Crimson Sky Palace, where the Scarlet Emperor was staying, and said, "You have to use your brains, not just brute force. If you want to kill master then you go ahead and speak to the Scarlet Emperor! I won't stop you!"

Duanmu Sheng wilted immediately. How could he have the courage? Then, he said, "Promise me that he's fine."

Upon hearing this, Mingshi Yin looked to the left and right warily after he shushed Duanmu Sheng. Then, he pulled Duanmu Sheng to a corner and said, "I suspect someone has been watching us in the dark. We have to be careful."

"Do you have so little confidence in master?" Duanmu Sheng asked.

"I don't doubt master," Mingshi Yin said with a sigh, "Although master is powerful, there are some things that we have to solve on our own."

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"Really?"

"Third Senior Brother, you're so smart. How can I deceive you?" Mingshi Yin asked.

"You're right."

"..."

Then, Duanmu Sheng scratched his head and said, "No, that's not right. You're still deceiving your master and betraying your elder."

"..."

Mingshi Yin was rendered speechless by Duanmu Sheng.

Duanmu Sheng said, "Master's cultivation isn't low. With his strength, it's very easy for him to gain a foothold in the Great Void. Why don't we return to master and enjoy our lives together?"

"Third Senior Brother, master's identity isn't simple. He has too many enemies in the Great Void," Mingshi Yin said, "I'm not saying master isn't capable; I'm saying we might be a burden to him."

"A burden?" Duanmu Sheng frowned.

"Think about it. Master has so many enemies. Once a fight starts, everyone will shed all pretense of cordiality. If the enemies can't defeat master, they'll definitely attack us instead. We've already experienced this several times," Mingshi Yin explained, enlightening Duanmu Sheng.

"You have a point," Duanmu Sheng said, looking embarrassed.

Mingshi Yin continued to say, "Hence, we have to listen to the Scarlet Emperor. From now on, we won't acknowledge our master."

"Won't acknowledge master?!" Duanmu Sheng's eyes widened as he stared at Mingshi Yin. "Have you forgotten how you were beaten up back then?"

Mingshi Yin shuddered. Then, he hurriedly explained, "This is part of the plan. We have to protect ourselves first so that we don't drag master down. Also, be careful of that person called Qi Sheng."

"Qi Sheng? The commander of Tu Wei Hall?" Duanmu Sheng frowned.

"He's been here a few times. I saw him," Mingshi Yin said.

Duanmu Sheng said, "I've interacted with him a few times. Based on his words and actions, it doesn't seem like he harbors ill intentions toward us."

"He's pretending! On the surface, it seems like he's trying to protect us, but who knows what kind of insidious plan he has?" Mingshi Yin said, "Moreover, he's been hinting, whether intentionally or not, trying to make us think that he's Old Seventh. I think he's trying to mislead us!"

Duanmu Sheng's eyes widened in anger upon hearing this.

Mingshi Yin raised his head and said confidently, "He thought his act was flawless. Alas, he was too obvious!"

Then, Duanmu Sheng asked in a deep voice, "Who is he exactly?"

Mingshi Yin shushed him again before he said in a hushed tone, "I don't know who he is nor do I know what his purpose is. Let's just pretend we don't know anything and watch him act."

Duanmu Sheng nodded as he said, "Qi Sheng is right."

"What?"

"He said that you'll definitely doubt him," Duanmu Sheng said.

"???"

'He predicted my prediction?'

Duanmu Sheng said solemnly, "Old Fourth, believe me. He's really Old Seventh."

Mingshi Yin felt rather speechless. After a moment, he asked, "Uh, Third Senior Brother, how did you ascertain he's Old Seventh?"

"Intuition."

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Huantan's Pillar of Destruction.

“Pavillon Master, we've arrived.”

Lu Zhou had led everyone here because this was also one of the locations marked on the simple map. He needed to retrieve what belonged to him.

“Wait here.”

“Understood.”

This was their second time at Huan Tan's Pillar of Destruction. They could not help but feel emotional when they saw this place again. At this time, their attention was not on the Pillar of Destruction. Instead, they were all looking at the sky above the Pillar of Destruction where Meng Zhang, the Azure Dragon, was.

Just as Lu Zhou drew close to the Pillar of Destruction, two moon-like orbs appeared high in the sky. A shadow could be vaguely seen moving in the black fog.

Lu Zhou hovered in the air and looked up as he said, “Meng Zhang, long time no see. You're still the same.”

The shadow in the dark fog stopped moving. Then, the moon-like orbs vanished before the shadow twisted in the dark fog. Soon enough, a human figure descended from the dark fog.

“It's you? You know humans aren't allowed to approach the Pillar of Destruction,” Meng Zhang said.

“I'm here to retrieve my thing,” Lu Zhou said.

“Your thing?”

“It's been too long. I can't remember many things clearly,” Lu Zhou said confidently, “As one of the Four Divinities of Heaven, you've existed since ancient times. You should know.”

Meng Zhang said in a low voice, “Human, you overestimate yourself.”

Swoosh!

Meng Zhang flew back into the dark fog and seemed to have reverted to his immense form. Then, he exhaled and a frosty wind swept out as lightning bolts struck down.

The lightning bolts were stronger than before, seemingly capable of splitting heaven and earth.

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At the same time, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion who had long been on guard brought out their astrolabes and activated their protective energies. Since they were quite far away, it was not difficult for them to resist the residual power.

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“Hourglass of Time.” Lu Zhou’s voice was calm.

The Hourglass of Time was imbued with a small amount of the divine Dao power and a large amount of divine power as it quickly froze everything.

Then, Lu Zhou flashed and appeared next to the Pillar of Destruction before he retrieved the Hourglass of Time.

When time resumed, all of Meng Zhang’s attacks missed.

“Hm?” Meng Zhang was puzzled. “You managed to become a supreme being in 100 years?”

“I was just lucky,” Lu Zhou replied indifferently.

Meng Zhang did not continue to attack. With just a move, he was able to determine Lu Zhou’s strength. Following that, he assumed his human form. After a long time, he finally said, “You... finally returned.”

Lu Zhou understood the meaning behind those words. He extended his hand and said, “It belongs to me.”

Meng Zhang was silent. Since his figure was quite translucent, it was rather difficult to see his expression and figure out what he was thinking.

Lu Zhou did not yield. The memory could not be wrong, and the simple map could not be wrong.

After a while, Meng Zhang sighed and said, “You old thing... Meeting you is the greatest misfortune of my life!”

Following that, Meng Zhang moved and an orb of light flew out.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and caught the orb of light. When he took a look, he was shocked.

‘The item was Meng Zhang’s divine soul pearl?!’

### **Chapter 1593: Plans to Ascend to the Sky (1)**

The memories Lu Zhou obtained were fragmented. Perhaps, the Unholy One did not have enough power nearing the end of his life so it affected the memories he left behind. After all, it seemed like the Unholy One was so weakened at that time that he only left a few words in the letter; it would be even more difficult to include a lifetime of memories into the memory crystal.

For this reason, Lu Zhou did not know what items were left behind in the locations marked on the simple map.

After listening to Meng Zhang, Lu Zhou understood that Meng Zhang had stayed here because of his promise to the Unholy One.

Lu Zhou looked at the divine soul pearl and adjusted his expression. Then, he asked, “Aren’t you afraid I’d run away with it?”

Meng Zhang said, “We’ve both always kept our promises. Since I kept my promise so will you.”

Lu Zhou nodded. He sensed the energy in the divine soul pearl and confirmed that it was real. Then, he said, "Give me three days."

Meng Zhang said tonelessly, "I'll give you ten years. The price is that you have to guard the pillar in my place for ten years."

Meng Zhang did not think a human would be able to use the energy of a divine lord's divine soul pearl in three days.

Humans stood above all living creatures. They had an extremely high innate talent for cultivation and had the highest chances of breaking the limit of the world. The reason fierce beasts could stand on equal footing with humans was due to their long lifespan. Humans used cultivation to exchange for time while fierce beasts used time to exchange for cultivation. This was the way it had been since ancient times.

Lu Zhou said confidently, "If I said three days, then I only need three days."

Meng Zhang completely ignored Lu Zhou's words and said, "After ten years, wake me up. During this time, if anything happens to Huantan's Pillar of Destruction, I'll kill you."

Lu Zhou really wanted to ask Meng Zhang why he was persistent about guarding the Pillar of Destruction. However, he gave up when he saw Meng Zhang had returned into the dark fog.

Obsessions were not easy to get rid of. Perhaps, in the future, Meng Zhang would understand that what he was guarding

Some obsessions could not be changed in a moment, so he might as well let it be. Perhaps in the future, he would understand that what he was guarding was not as important as he thought it was.

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After Lu Zhou returned to the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, they sighed in relief.

"Meng Zhang didn't seem as fierce as before," Pan Zhong muttered.

"Isn't it because the Pavilion Master managed to best him?"

They still remembered the battle between Lu Zhou and Meng Zhang in the past. After 100 years, Lu Zhou's cultivation had improved so greatly that Meng Zhang had to yield now.

"We'll rest for three days," Lu Zhou said.

"Understood."

After Lu Zhou found a quiet place, he brought his lotus out and inserted the divine soul pearl into his Birth Palace.

The reason he was confident he would be able to return the divine soul pearl to Meng Zhang in three days was due to his experience with Fei Dan's divine soul pearl. The process was very smooth at that time and only took a night.

This time was no exception. The process was still exceptionally smooth.

After a while, three distinct areas began to flash.

“Three Birth Charts at the same time?” Lu Zhou was somewhat surprised.

Fei Dan was a lesser divine king while Meng Zhang was only a divine lord. Logically speaking, Meng Zhang’s divine soul pearl should not have a better effect. Moreover, it should be more difficult to activate Birth Charts as his cultivation continued to improve.

Just as the divine soul pearl was about to sink into the Birth Palace completely, Lu Zhou took it out.

Clack!

A crisp noise rang in the air.

With that, the three Birth Chart zones smoothened out before they buzzed, entering the second phase.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction as he put away Meng Zhang’s divine soul pearl.

Just as expected, the activation of the Birth Chart was very smooth.

‘3 Birth Charts. It’s more than I expected...’

Following that, Lu Zhou decided to meditate on the Heavenly Writing. At the same time, he recalled the Heaven Scroll.

After the time he spent comprehending the Heaven Scroll, he only had a shallow understanding of it. For some reason, every time he comprehended it, scenes of the merit stones, life, death, and rebirth would appear in his mind.

He saw the death of cultivators, enemies and the innocent alike. There were also deaths of ordinary people from sickness and old age. There were too many ways to die.

“Could it be that the core meaning of the Heaven Scroll is life and death?” Lu Zhou muttered to himself. Suddenly, he felt that the power from the Resurrection Scroll was only a small amount compared to what was contained in the Heaven Scroll. When he comprehended the Heaven Scroll, he could sense a vast and limitless energy that would transform into the divine Dao power. He could not describe the divine Dao power, but he instinctively knew it contained a large number of laws.

In the past, Venerable Masters and those with a higher cultivation base could control one or two kinds of laws such as the law of space, the law of time, the law of stillness, and so on. However, the divine Dao power clearly contained many laws.

As he continued to comprehend the Heaven Scroll, the number of laws would increase. There was the law of life, the law of death, and the law of reincarnation.

“Let’s just continue.”

Lu Zhou dismissed his thoughts. No matter what, it was indisputable that the Heavenly Writing and its scrolls brought power to him. As long as he continued to meditate and comprehend, he would be able to obtain the answers he sought.

Lu Zhou closed his eyes.



One script after another appeared in his mind and kept moving around. He saw a few familiar scripts and weaved them together into a sentence: Everything has a beginning and an end. They have an origin and a destination. The reincarnation of the Great Dao is endless.

This sentence kept echoing in his mind. He lost track of the number of times it kept repeating. This continued until he lost all track of time.

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Lu Zhou slowly opened his eyes.

Unknowingly, three days had passed.

He lowered his head and looked at his lotus seat. Just as he had expected, the Birth Charts had been successfully activated. The Birth Chart flashed brilliantly.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction. Now, he had successfully activated 32 Birth Charts. However, he did not feel a very significant increase in his strength. Perhaps, it was because he already had the power of a supreme being. The activation of the golden avatar's Birth Charts was just like a formality.

Lu Zhou rose to his feet. When he saw everyone had gathered and was looking at Huantan's Pillar of Destruction, he walked over.

Everyone bowed upon seeing him. "Greetings, Pavilion Master."

Following that, Lu Zhou nodded in response and flew away without another word.

Everyone did not move and just watched.

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Lu Zhou activated the seal that Meng Zhang left behind, and it flew into the sky.

Then, the dark fog began to surge.

When Meng Zhang opened his eyes, two moon-like orbs appeared, illuminating the area below. Following that, a human figure appeared in front of Lu Zhou.

Meng Zhang sighed and said, "Ten years passed by so quickly..."

Lu Zhou said, "Only three days have passed, not ten years."

"..."

Meng Zhang said, "You don't have to lie to me."

Lu Zhou felt speechless. He tossed the divine soul pearl over and said, "It's up to you to believe it or not."

Then, Lu Zhou turned around and flew back toward the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. When he arrived, he said to the others, "Let's go."

"Yes!"

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Everyone flew into the sky and disappeared in a blink of an eye.

Meanwhile, Meng Zhang cast a small technique before he exclaimed, "Only three days have passed?!"

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Lu Zhou had visited all the marked locations on the map. There was no need to visit the other Pillars of Destruction.

Lu Zhou returned to the Evil Sky Pavilion through the runic passage at Ji Ming's Pillar of Destruction.

As soon as he returned, he thought about how to ascend to the sky.

Based on the current situation, there was now one way to go to the Great Void. It was to do it with force. Since the ten Pillars of Destruction supported the Great Void, it meant they were connected to the Great Void. However, forcefully going there was too ostentatious. After all, it was not time to openly declare war on the Great Void. Since that was the case, he had to think of another way.

When he thought about all these matters, he could not help but think about his seventh disciple again. If his seventh disciple was around, he would be able to think of many ways to enter the Great Void.

After that, Lu Zhou summoned the four elders, the guardians, the Left and Right Envoys, the Free Man, and the others to discuss ways to enter the Great Void.

"Pavilion Master, since we can't forcefully enter the Great Void, why don't we split up and infiltrate it silently?" Zhou Jifeng asked.

"We'll be discovered anyhow. Do you think the experts in the Great Void are fools?"

At this moment, Lu Li bowed and said, "Pavilion Master, I have a brilliant idea, but I'm afraid you may not like it."

"Speak freely," Lu Zhou said with a wave of his sleeve.

"Yes." Lu Li turned around to face everyone as he said, "There are rumors that the Great Void is recruiting talents. After 100 years have passed, no one knows the status of the Evil Sky Pavilion. In fact, rumors are rife in the cultivation world that the Evil Sky Pavilion has disbanded. Since Li Chun from Xuanyi Hall is still trying to recruit talents to join the Dark Guards, why don't we seize the chance and enter the Great Void by joining the Dark Guards?"

Silence descended on the place immediately.

Everyone looked at Lu Li. Some looked at him in disdain, and some looked speechless. After all, the Pavilion Master of the Evil Sky Pavilion was high and mighty; how could he agree to such a method?

Lu Li sensed everyone's strange gazes so he smiled awkwardly and said, "It's just a suggestion. It's a stupid idea. Please don't take offense."

Contrary to everyone's expectations, Lu Zhou said, "It's a good idea."

Everyone: "???"

Lu Zhou rose to his feet, put his hands on his back, and walked down the stairs. He said confidently, "Although strength is important, it's foolish to rely on it all the time."

"The Pavilion Master is right."

"The Pavilion Master is wise. When dealing with such matters, it's best to use our wits."

Lu Li: "..."

At this time, Yan Zhenluo said, "The collective strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion is not bad, but there are too many of us. Won't this arouse suspicion?"

There were very few talents, to begin with. People would definitely be suspicious if a group of them suddenly appeared.

"That's indeed a problem," Lu Li said.

Meng Changdong shook his head. "I don't think it's a problem."

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

Meng Changdong replied, "Ever since I received the Great Void soil from Pavilion Master Lu, I've been nourished by the Great Void energy. As such, my cultivation has improved by leaps and bounds. However, no matter how much I cultivate, I still can't catch up to the four elders. Even Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng are about to catch up with me."

"What are you trying to say?"

"Everyone knows that there was a restriction on the cultivation in the golden lotus domain. The problem was later solved by severing the lotus. In the past, I studied the cultivation of the golden lotus domain with Mr. Seventh, and we made a shocking discovery..." Meng Changdong said slowly. He was really keeping everyone in suspense.

## **Chapter 1594: Plans to Ascend to the Sky (2)**

"What discovery?"

Everyone's attention was focused on Meng Changdong.

Meng Changdong said, "The golden lotus is weak because of its restraints, but it's also strong because of its restraints. Over the past 100 years, I haven't been idle. After studying the cultivation speed of the red lotus domain and the golden lotus domain, I discovered that the golden lotus domain's cultivation speed surpasses that of the red lotus domain. Now that several hundred years have passed, the golden lotus domain's overall strength isn't any weaker than that of the red lotus domain!"

Everyone was surprised upon hearing this.

"It's so fast?"

Although the red lotus domain was weak as well, it was still much stronger than the golden lotus domain in the past before the nine domains began to interact with each other. Back then, there was not a single

person in the golden lotus domain who possessed nine leaves whereas there was already a small number of people in the red lotus domain who possessed ten leaves.

Meng Changdong continued to say, "That's not all. The golden avatars have a higher degree of mobility. In terms of cultivation, the golden lotus domain's potential and future far surpasses that of the red lotus domains. It's only a matter of time before the golden lotus domain catches up to the black lotus domain."

Then, after a brief pause, Meng Changdong said, "Hence, it's not surprising for there to be new geniuses to appear in the golden lotus domain."

Lu Li nodded. "No wonder I feel like I can't catch up to the four elders' speed."

In the past, Lu Li and Yan Zhenluo's cultivations were far higher than the four elders'. After more than 200 years, the four elders were not any weaker than the duo.

Just as Meng Changdong had said, the gap between the golden lotus domain and the black lotus domain would only become smaller and smaller.

"Alright, that explains the golden cultivators. However, what about the rest of us from the black lotus domain, the red lotus domain, and the green lotus domain? We can't all be geniuses, after all."

Meng Changdong said, "The cultivation of the green lotus domain is a little higher so there's no need to explain anything. As for the others, I remember the Pavilion Master annihilated the monster hunting squad in the Unknown Land in the past. We can enter the Great Void as members of the squad."

Everyone nodded upon hearing this. In the past, the monster hunting squad was indeed one of the best teams that roamed the Unknown Land. All of them possessed extraordinary abilities. Now that such a long time had passed, if they were still alive, it was not surprising if they had made great progress.

Yan Zhenluo asked again, "What if they get suspicious?"

"It's normal for them to be suspicious. How's it possible for them to trust us unconditionally right from the start? Do you think the people from the Great Void are fools?" Lu Li said with a smile, "All we need to do now is enter the Great Void. They will naturally test us later. The Dark Guards have a grudge against the Silver Guards. We'll join the Dark Guards to work together for our shared interest."

"Envoy Lu, I agree with you."

"I agree as well."

Everyone raised their hands to vote before they looked to Lu Zhou for the final decision.

"Alright, let's do it this way," Lu Zhou said.

"Yes."

Lu Li said, "The Autumn Dew Mountain has a way to contact Xuanyi Palace's Li Chun. However..." He paused and looked at Lu Zhou.

"Speak," Lu Zhou said.

“Li Chun has met the Pavilion Master and some of us before. If he recognizes us, it might be troublesome,” Lu Li said.

Meng Changdong said, “It’s not a big deal. Li Chun’s original intention was to recruit talents. Saint Chen has passed away. When Li Chun meets the Pavilion Master, we can just seize the chance and agree to go with him.”

“You have a point. I’ll try to contact him then,” Lu Li said.

To carry out the plan, Lu Zhou led the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion to the other green lotus domain’s Autumn Dew Mountain.

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The next day at Autumn Dew Mountain.

Lu Zhou sighed as he looked at Chen Fu’s portrait that was hung on the wall.

‘The past is the past...’ Lu Zhou sighed again and put away his thoughts.

At the same time, Lu Li hurried in and bowed before he said, “Pavilion Master, I’ve contacted Li Chun. He’ll be here soon.”

Lu Zhou nodded. He sat down and continued to wait.

The others from the Evil Sky Pavilion came over to wait with Lu Zhou as well when they heard the news.

About 15 minutes later, a burst of hearty laughter rang in the air followed by a voice that said, “A wise man submits to circumstances. I admire such people the most.”

Everyone looked in the direction of the voice.

Li Chun, the Dao Saint of Xuanyi Palace, walked in with his hands clasped on his back. When he walked into the training hall and saw Lu Zhou and the others, he said with a smile, “It’s been a while. I didn’t expect your cultivation to improve so quickly.”

“I’m just lucky,” Lu Zhou replied.

Li Chun said, “Then, you’re really lucky.”

“Sit,” Lu Zhou said as he pointed at the seat next to him.

Li Chun sat down without hesitation and said, “I know what you’re thinking. I’ll say it again. If you’re willing to join the Dark Guards, I’ll welcome you at any time.”

Lu Li said, “The Pavilion Master has thought about this matter. After all, one should always strive for improvement. I hope Dao Saint Li is willing to help...”

Li Chun had been searching for talents over the past 100 years. He had gathered quite a number of cultivators from the nine domains. However, there were still not enough people. Otherwise, he would not have tried to recruit them the last time they met. The competition from the other nine halls made the task even more difficult.

Li Chun smiled and said, "That's not a problem. Once you join the Dark Guards, we'll be a family."

At this moment, Lu Zhou interjected, "I invited you here today to discuss the matter. I don't have to necessarily join the Dark Guards or Xuanyi Palace."

Upon hearing this, Li Chun frowned. 'Are you trying to play with me?'

Lu Zhou continued to say, "After all, there are ten halls in the Great Void."

"..."

In other words, Xuanyi Palace was not the only choice.

Li Chun, who was slightly frightened by these words, said with a smile, "How can it be the same? Xuanyi Palace has high status. Apart from the Sacred Temple, we don't have to care about the other nine halls at all. If you join the other halls, it might not be the same." After a pause, he added, "Not everyone can join Xuanyi Palace. It's best if you think this through."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "If you want me to join Xuanyi Palace, you have to agree to one condition."

"Speak," Li Chun said. His attitude was very different from before.

"Everyone here is my old friends. I hope they'll be able to share my fate," Lu Zhou said.

Li Chun swept his gaze across everyone and nodded. He thought that this was truly a case of a group of people riding on one person's success. He briefly sensed their cultivation and thought it was not bad. Although some of them did not meet the standards, it was not impossible to accept them for Lu Zhou's sake. Since he lacked manpower at this time, he had to lower his standards.

Li Chun sized them up for a moment before he suddenly asked with a strange expression, "I remember you have a few disciples with rather good cultivation. Where are they now?"

Upon hearing this, Lu Zhou knew there were quite a number of things Li Chun was not privy to. It was not surprising. After all, his disciples were the owners of the Great Void Seeds and had been taken away by five supreme beings. It was likely as difficult as ascending to the heavens just to meet his disciples or learn anything about them. Even Shang Zhang, who was in the Great Void, had people constantly watching over Little Yuan'er and Conch, let alone the others who were in the Lost Lands.

Lu Zhou replied honestly, "I don't know where they went."

"What a pity," Li Chun said. Then, after glancing at Chen Fu's portrait, he asked, "Chen Fu's time should have arrived a long time ago. Where are his disciples?"

Everyone was speechless. Clearly, Li Chun was desperate to recruit talents.

Lu Zhou sighed inwardly when he was reminded of Chen Fu's death. He did not want the Great Void to disturb Chen Fu's disciples so he said, "They had long left to live in seclusion."

Li Chun revealed a regretful expression as he said, "What a pity. Chen Fu's disciples are quite talented. With a little nurturing, they'd be good cultivators in the future. Alas, it's too late for regret..."

After a moment, Li Chun said, "I can agree to your condition, but..." He paused for a moment before he continued to say, "Once you enter the Great Void, you have to abide by the rules of the Great Void."

Before Lu Zhou could reply, Lu Li said, "Of course."

No matter what, they had to enter the Great Void first. They could afford to take things slowly. If they could not enter the Great Void, it would be useless to say or do anything else.

"Alright!" Li Chun was exceptionally excited. He rose to his feet and continued to say, "I, Li Chun, will congratulate everyone first! From now on, you're all people above many others. After three days, I'll bring you up to the sky with me!"

### **Chapter 1595: Going to the Great Void (1)**

In Li Chun's opinion, as long as they could strengthen Xuanyi Palace's power, it did not matter what backgrounds they had. In the past years, he had recruited all kinds of talents, and they were all powerful figures from various forces. Hence, he did not care about Lu Zhou's attitude or air. After entering the Great Void, one would still have to crouch them when one was among dragons and tigers. None of the cultivators from the nine domains dared to stand out. This had been proven over the past 100,000 years.

As for the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, the problem they were worried about did not happen. They did not know what Li Chun was thinking nor did they know much about the Great Void. To them, the most important thing was going to the Great Void.

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At night.

Lu Zhou sat cross-legged, immersed in comprehending the Heaven Scroll. As soon as he started, that familiar feeling appeared again.

'Everything has a beginning and an end. They have an origin and a destination. The reincarnation of the Great Dao is endless.'

His consciousness seemed to have been pulled into a vortex; nothing was important at the moment. It was as though he had entered a dream. In the dream, his power disappeared. When he encountered fierce beasts, he could not fly and could not leave. The cycle repeated itself over and over again; it was endless.

Occasionally, he would dream about the merit stone. It was engraved with strange and mysterious symbols, and it emitted a dazzling golden light.

After an unknown amount of time, he heard a voice.

"Pavilion Master. Pavilion Master?"

He felt as though his consciousness was rising from the bottom sea. With each call, his consciousness rose and broke free of the endless darkness. When his consciousness returned to his body, and he finally opened his eyes, he felt like he had just awoken from a long dream.

The sky outside the window was not very bright. Everything in the hall was still the same.

Lu Zhou exhaled and thought to himself, 'What kind of power is in the Heaven Scroll? Everything is still a mess, and I have no clue at all.'

At this time, the voice called out again, "Pavilion Master, Dao Saint Li has been waiting for you for a long time."

"Alright," Lu Zhou replied. When he was comprehending the Heaven Scroll, he would lose all his senses and lose track of time. As his comprehension deepened, the state of immersion would no longer be as deep. This time, he could feel the state of immersion was not as deep before, which meant his comprehension had improved. It was a good thing.

Lu Zhou rose to his feet and walked toward the door. Before leaving, he turned and looked at the tables, chairs, and things in the training hall. The world, people, and things had changed; things would never be the same again. Perhaps, he would not return to this place again in the future.

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The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion had already gathered.

Li Chun paced back and forth, waiting for Lu Zhou's arrival.

Meng Changdong said with a smile, "Dao Saint Li, please wait for a while. The Pavilion Master will be here soon."

Li Chun said with a smile, "No rush, no rush. Talented people are worth waiting for. I've already waited for 100 years; waiting for a little longer isn't a problem."

These words were only perfunctory. In fact, Li Chun was already feeling very anxious inwardly.

At this moment, Lu Zhou walked over from afar with his hands on his back. His aura did not change and he said with an air of superiority, "Sorry for the wait. Let's go."

To be honest, Li Chun felt a little strange. He thought for a while before he said in a low voice, "Brother Lu, I have a small suggestion."

"Speak."

"After you enter the Great Void, it's best to put away your airs," Li Chun said, "I'm only saying this for your good. The Great Void isn't like the nine domains."

In fact, in the past, Li Chun often said these words: You might be high and mighty in the nine domains, but you're nothing in the Great Void. A rookie has to have the awareness and attitude of a rookie.

However, since the person in front of him was a little special, Li Chun was more tactful with his words this time.

Lu Zhou said, "I know what to do."

Li Chun: "..."



'Forget it, forget it. In any case, my mission has been completed. After entering the Great Void, he'll be on his own. Even if he offends the big boss, I won't have anything to do with it.'

Finally, Li Chun said before flying north, "Since that's the case, let's go."

Previously, Lu Zhou briefly thought about bringing his mounts, but he knew it would be too conspicuous. Hence, he let them stay in the Evil Sky Pavilion for the time being.

Under Lu Zhou's lead, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion followed Li Chun and flew north. Soon after, they flew straight up into the sky.

"It's in the sky?" Meng Changdong did not expect the passage leading to the Great Void would be high up in the sky.

Li Chun said with a smile, "It's different for all ten halls. For me, I prefer the passages to be in the sky."

Everyone flew past the clouds and saw a mountain peak.

At this time, Li Chun pushed his hand out and said loudly, "It's up ahead. Follow closely."

Then, a ray of light shot toward the mountain peak. A buzzing noise rang out as soon as it touched the mountain peak. Following that, a huge runic circle lit up, revealing the complex and dense runes within the circle.

Upon seeing this, Zhao Hongfu exclaimed in admiration, "I've never seen such marvelous runes!"

Li Chun seemed used to this reaction. He said, "It's only natural you've never seen anything like them. These can only be carved by supreme beings."

When the runes lit up completely, Li Chun said, "Everyone, hold on!"

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Li Chun was the first to fly into the runic passage followed by Lu Zhou before the others flew in one after another.

In just a blink of an eye, everyone entered the runic passage.

Upon seeing this, Li Chun shouted, "Go!"

A beam of dazzling light soared up into the sky as energy resonated fiercely.

They felt dizzy as they traveled through the runic passage; the ride was rather bumpy.

## **Chapter 1596: Going to the Great Void (2)**

Li Chun said with a smile, "You'll all feel a little comfortable the first time traveling through the core passage. Just bear with it for a little while."

The others nodded.

In fact, the core passage was no different from an ordinary passage; it was just that it contained more energy.

15 minutes passed in just a blink of an eye.

When the light dissipated, they found themselves at the top of a mountain peak.

The clouds floated lazily in the blue sky. The wind was gentle, and the sun was bright.

There was a 30,000-mile river that led to the sea in the east, and a 5,000-foot-tall mountain that towered in the sky. This was the scene that greeted them.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were in a daze. They had been living in the imbalance for so long now. For 200 years, they had not seen a clear sky or a blazing sun. They had all imagined the beautiful scenery, the life, and the environment in the Great Void, and they thought it would definitely be better than any places in the nine domains. However, what they were seeing now still exceeded their expectations. To say that the Great Void was like paradise on earth was still not doing it justice.

"This, this is the Great Void?" Pan Zhong's mouth was agape, and his expression was one of shock.

In the past, the nine domains did not lack beautiful sceneries. However, they all paled in comparison to the Great Void.

Li Chun stood his hands on his back and said with a smile, "Everyone, welcome! This is the Great Void that everyone yearns for."

"Is the Great Void really in the sky?"

"The Great Void has always been above everything. This isn't a height ordinary humans can reach," Li Chun said.

Meng Changdong said, filled with praise, "How can something like this be created by humans?"

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"I really don't know about this. However, if you're interested in this, there are many experts in the Great Void. You can speak to them," Li Chun said. Ever since he joined the Great Void, he never gave much thought to this matter.

There were also many natives of Great Void, born and raised here, who did not care about or know about this matter as well.

At this time, Lu Zhou said, "The earth gave birth to the ten Pillars of Destruction. In one night, they lifted the Great Void."

Li Chun glanced at Lu Zhou and asked, "Brother Lu, how do you know?"

"I've seen it in my dreams," Lu Zhou said expressionlessly.

"..."

'Your joke isn't funny at all...'

Everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery in the Great Void for a while. They enjoyed the rich vitality energy and the faint Great Void energy that permeated the air. For a moment, they were all in a daze.

“From what I know, only the soil from the Great Void and the Great Void Seeds emit Great Void energy. Why is the Great Void energy so rich here? Even the air is permeated by the energy...”

With this, it was no wonder that the cultivators of the Great Void were powerful. With such natural advantage, it was enough to crush the nine domains.

“The ten Pillars of Destruction that lead to the Great Void are like a well of water,” Li Chun said with a smile before he reminded them, “Don’t openly talk or ask about this matter. We all know this, but we don’t speak about it. Moreover, there are other taboos here that I have to tell you about.”

Lu Li said, “Please tell us, Dao Saint Li.”

“First, don’t talk about whether or not the sky will collapse. It’s none of our business. Second, the Sacred Temple is in charge of everything related to the balance of heaven and earth. Third, don’t talk of the Unholy One no matter how curious you are. Fourth, don’t wander around the Great Void especially when you’re new to it. Xuanyi Palace corresponds with Huantan’s Pillar of Destruction and occupies an unknown amount of space. It’s rather big, but you can still accidentally wander to any of the nine halls,” Li Chun said.

Then, Li Chun pointed up ahead before he continued to say, “There’s a passage over there that leads to Xuanyi Palace.”

Everyone followed Li Chun as he flew. It did not take long for them to arrive by the side of the passage.

Li Chun pointed to the west and said, “There are quite a lot of divine beasts in the Great Void, and we have beast tamers to tame them. If you wander around and encounter one you can’t deal with, I won’t be responsible for it.”

Meng Changdong said, “Don’t worry, Dao Saint Li.”

Then, everyone followed Li Chun and entered the passage.

Swoosh!

The passage lit up. This time, the journey was much smoother than the one before. In just a moment, they arrived at the square in front of a towering hall.

A three-legged cauldron stood in the middle of the square.

“The main hall is also the great hall of Xuanyi Palace. The Dark Guards are mostly situated in the side halls,” Li Chun said.

As they admired the architecture of the buildings in Xuanyi Palace. From time to time, they would meet curious cultivators along the way.

When the curious cultivators saw them, they would smile and say, “There are finally newcomers in Xuanyi Palace.”

Lu Zhou ignored these people and led Lu Zhou and the others to the base of the Dark Guards. He said, "This is the Dark Guard's base. According to the old rules, you'll be grouped into a team of newcomers. Brother Lu, you'll be the leader of the team. I'll take my leave now to report to the hall. When the time is right, I'll bring you to meet the emperor."

Meng Changdong cupped his fists together and said, "Thank you."

Li Chun looked at Lu Zhou and thought to himself helplessly, 'This fellow still can't put down his pride... Forget it.'

Following that, Li Chun flew toward the main hall.

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It did not take long before Li Chun arrived at the main hall of Xuanyi Palace, one of the ten great halls. As soon as he entered the hall, he became respectful, and his expression turned solemn. He said, "Greetings, Your Majesty. Greetings, Commander Zhang."

Xuanyi, the Master of Xuanyi Palace, and Zhang He, the Commander of Xuanyi Palace, turned around and looked at Li Chun at the same time.

Xuan Yi said, "No need for formalities."

Li Chun straightened his back before he said with a smile, "This time, I managed to recruit 19 people to join the Dark Guards."

Zhang He looked surprised. "19? You managed to recruit quite a lot of people this time."

"Since Xuanyi Palace is lacking manpower, I'm doing my best to recruit people," Li Chun replied.

"How are these people's cultivation and talent?" Zhang He asked.

Li Chun said, "Overall, they're good. However, some are more talented than others. I'm sure Commander Zhang will be satisfied with them. Although some are slightly lacking, since they know each other, I made the decision to bring all of them here."

Zhang He nodded. "Well done. Did you tell them about the rules of the Great Void?"

"I did. All they have to do now is to adapt to life in the Great Void," Li Chun replied.

Zhang He said, "The competition for the commanders is drawing near. I hope these people can adapt before then..."

"Commander Zhang, don't worry. These people definitely won't disappoint you," Li Chun said.

At this moment, Xuanyi said, "All cultivators above the Dao Saint state can challenge any of the ten halls in the once-in-100-year competition for the position of commander. Zhang He, don't disappoint me."

Zhang He bowed and said, "Don't worry, Your Majesty. I'll do all I can to protect the position of Commander of Xuanyi Palace."

The once-in-a-hundred-year competition for the position of commander in the ten halls was something the Sacred Temple came up with 100,000 years ago. It was a way to give lower-level cultivators to

advance, but it was also a way to keep the ten halls in check. As long as the competition existed, the commanders of the ten halls would be changed, and the Hall Masters of the ten halls would not be able to easily cultivate trusted aides.

“Do you know who your opponent is?”

“I received a letter from the Azure Emperor. If there aren’t any unforeseen circumstances, my opponent should be a cultivator by his side,” Zhang He said.

“The Azure Emperor...” Xuanyi sighed softly before he said, “He left the Great Void so long ago and lived in seclusion in the Lost Land. Now that the Great Void is safe and sound, he wants to return....”

Zhang He said confidently, “If the Azure Emperor wants to return, he’d have to see what the Sacred Temple thinks about it.”

“You have a point. I don’t believe Ming Xin will watch idly if the masters of the ten halls are replaced by those supreme beings whose loyalty isn’t with the Great Void,” Xuanyi said.

Zhang He nodded.

At this time, Li Chun said, “There aren’t many experts around the Azure Emperor. He doesn’t have many Dao Saints around him, and he doesn’t have a single Great Dao Saint around him. Don’t tell me he plans to personally challenge Commander Zhang?”

After all, it would be beneath the Azure Emperor to challenge Zhang He for his position.

Zhang He said, “100 years ago, the Azure Emperor found two owners of the Great Void Seeds. It’s said they’re Dao Saints or have the strength of one at least.”

“The owners of the Great Void Seeds?”

“I learned about their existence about 70 years ago. One of them is skilled in saber and loves the saber like he loves his life. Similarly, the other is a skilled swordsman and treats the sword like his life. Although they’re talented, they’re still far from being able to defeat me,” Zhang He said.

“Don’t underestimate your opponents,” Xuanyi said.

“Understood,” Zhang He said before he straightened his back and looked at Li Chun and said, “Dao Saint Li, I’m very interested in the 19 people you brought back. Bring me to meet them.”

Li Chun could not wait to do so. After all, it was not his job to educate the newcomers or correct their attitudes. He moved to the side and made an inviting gesture as he said, “Please, Commander Zhang.”

### **Chapter 1597: Maintaining His Arrogance; A New Beginning in the Great Void**

Zhang He placed great importance on the Dark Guards. Due to the battle with the Silver Guards, the Dark Guards had suffered many casualties. During the battle at Shanyan’s Pillar of Destruction, the Dark Guards had expended a lot of effort.

Li Chun and Zhang He quickly arrived at the Dark Hall, the base of the Dark Guards.

At this moment, the other Dark Guards were giving explanations to the newcomers. When they saw the duo approaching, they bowed and called out, "Greetings, Commander Zhang."

Zhang He, as the Commander of Xuanyi Palace, was also the leader of the Dark Guards. He had the highest authority in the Dark Hall, and Li Chun helped him to manage the Dark Hall.

Li Chun's role was more logistical in the Dark Hall.

Usually, missions were all issued by Zhang He.

Zhang He stood with his hands on his back as swept his gaze across the Dark Guards and said, "No need for formalities."

Li Chun pointed at the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, who were standing at the side, and said, "They're the new Dark Guards."

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion nodded at Zhang He.

Zhang He asked, "Have you selected the captain for the team of newcomers?"

"Yes. It's him," Li Chun said as he gestured at Lu Zhou.

Zhang He sized Lu Zhou up.

Lu Zhou looked mature and steady; his aura and bearing were extraordinary as well. His air was one that belonged to those who had been in a high position for a long time. With one hand hanging by his side and the other placed on his back, he looked ahead with the attitude of someone looking down on the world from high above. In the eyes of the people from the Great Void, this kind of posture was clearly one that asked for a beating.

Lu Zhou maintained this posture because it was not only natural to him but also because of... other reasons.

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Zhang He did not seem to care. Instead, he asked, "How should I address you?"

Lu Zhou met Zhang He's gaze and replied, "My surname is Lu."

"From now on, you're the captain of the newcomers. Are you willing?" Zhang He asked.

Instead of replying, Lu Zhou asked, "Are you the Commander of Xuanyi Palace?"

"That's right," Zhang He replied.

At this moment, Li Chun hurriedly reminded Lu Zhou, "Brother Lu, when you face Commander Zhang, you have to be more polite."

Zhang He raised his hand and said, "This is a small matter. As long as you can contribute to Xuanyi Palace, nothing is important."

Li Chun smiled and said, "As expected of the Commander of our Xuanyi Palace. You're so magnanimous that it's admirable."

After that, Lu Zhou pointed at the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion and said, "These people naturally belong to me."

Without missing a beat, Zhang He smiled and said, "And you... belong to me."

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion: "..."

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion looked at Lu Zhou worriedly. If they were in any of the nine domains, they would be the first to rush up and kill Zhang He. After all, how could Zhang He speak to their Pavilion Master in such a manner? Alas, they were in the Great Void now; they had to keep a low profile and could not be too ostentatious. In any case, whether or not to tolerate Zhang He, it all depended on the Pavilion Master in the end.

However, was tolerance something the Evil Sky Pavilion practiced? Of course, not!

Lu Zhou had kept a low profile earlier in order to enter the Great Void. Now, his goal had been achieved. The Great Void was so big; it was not necessary for him to stay in Xuanyi Palace. Why should he care about Zhang He? Hence, he placed his hands on his back and asked expressionlessly, "Are you worthy?"

Li Chun: "?"

Zhang He frowned.

The temperature in the surroundings plummeted immediately.

Li Chun's eyes widened slightly in surprise as he thought to himself, 'It seems like my reminders are useless! You're still putting on airs. Can you survive in the Great Void this way?'

Zhang He called out, "Li Chun."

"What are your orders, Commander Zhang?"

"Teach him the rules of Xuanyi Palace," Zhang He said with a scoff. Then, with his hands on his back, he turned to leave. He had just taken two steps when he suddenly turned and said, "During my next visit, I hope he'll behave appropriately."

Li Chun: "???"

'Why is this on me now?!'

Lu Zhou looked at Li Chun and asked expressionlessly, "Do you think you're capable of teaching me?"

"This..." Li Chun really did not want to fight. He knew that Lu Zhou's cultivation was not low, but if he did not do something, he would definitely offend Zhang He.

Before Li Chun could act, Zhang He scoffed and flashed. His speed was so fast that the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion could not react at all.

Although Zhang He's control over time and space was better than the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, it was still lower than Lu Zhou's. In Lu Zhou's eyes, Zhang He's speed was normal; there was not much change at all. He could even clearly see the angry expression on Zhang He's face. Just when Zhang He arrived in front of him, he suddenly attacked.

When their attacks collided, the tyrannical power of the Dao rippled out. At the same time, space began to ripple in the sky above the Dark Hall.

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At the same time, Emperor Xuanyi, who was resting in the distant great hall, frowned slightly and looked outside.

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Zhang He, who thought he could teach Lu Zhou a lesson with just a move, looked at Lu Zhou in shock after he felt the surging power of Lu Zhou's attack. He asked, "You managed to block my attack?"

"Why not?" Lu Zhou said nonchalantly.

"Do you know that you're in Xuanyi Palace's Dark Hall?" Zhang He reminded Lu Zhou solemnly. Would Xuanyi Palace have any dignity left if a newcomer was allowed to behave so impudently?

"Where's Xuanyi?" Lu Zhou forgo any title and directly called out Xuanyi's name.

Li Chun was shocked; he did not expect this at all. He thought that Lu Zhou's arrogance truly knew no bounds.

"You'll have to see if you're worthy of meeting His Majesty! You..."

Bang!

Before Zhang He could finish his sentence, a surging power swept out. Following that, he was pushed almost 40 feet back. He looked at Lu Zhou, who was standing calmly, in shock. He asked, uncertain, "Are you a Great Dao Saint?"

Zhang He had only intended to discipline the newcomer so he did not use his full strength. Nonetheless, he was surprised the newcomer's attack caused his arm to feel a little numb. Based on the attack, the newcomer was at least a Great Dao Saint.

At this moment, a figure appeared in the sky.

"Zhang He, Li Chun."

Zhang He and Li Chun raised their heads at the same time. When they saw Xuanyi, they bowed immediately. "Greetings, Your Majesty."

The Dark Guards bowed as well.

"What's the commotion all about?" Xuanyi asked as he looked around.

"It's just a small matter. The newcomers had just arrived so they need time to adapt to the rules here," Zhang He replied.

Xuanyi nodded before he looked at the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. Finally, his gaze rested on Lu Zhou, who possessed the most extraordinary aura.



Lu Zhou looked at Xuanyi as well. There were reasons Lu Zhou previously decided to join Xuanyi Palace, but the others were unaware of them. He was too lazy to explain. There were many things that he could only think about and do on his own. He stared at Xuanyi unblinkingly as he said indifferently, "After 100,000 years, you finally fulfilled your wish and managed to become a divine king."

"Hm?"

Lu Zhou continued to say, "After 100,000 years, you're no longer the crying child you once were. I'm very pleased."

Li Chun felt truly speechless at this moment. He had no words to describe Lu Zhou's arrogance. To speak to the Master of Xuanyi Palace in such a manner, Lu Zhou was the most arrogant newcomer he had ever met in his life. He remained quiet and did not intend to interfere. With Xuanyi here, the newcomer would naturally suffer for his arrogance.

Zhang He, unlike Li Chun who decided to remain invisible, said in a deep voice, "Impudent."

Buzz!

Zhang He struck again.

The space rippled.

Zhang He thought that Lu Zhou had made a move when the space rippled above him. However, he watched in shock as his attack was easily neutralized by the force from above.

Boom!

Following that, Zhang He was sent flying by a powerful spatial power. While he was sent flying, his mind was blank. Only one word appeared in his mind: why?

The Dark Guards were also confused. They wondered if Xuan Yi had mistakenly attacked the wrong person.

"Your Majesty?!" Zhang He, who finally regained his footing, looked at Xuanyi in confusion. He suppressed the surging qi and blood in his body and asked, "Why?"

Xuanyi's expression was only slightly unnatural as he said, "Fights are forbidden among the Dark Guards. I'll punish you to reflect on your mistakes for three days."

"Huh?" Zhang He was truly confused. However, seeing the solemn expression on Xuanyi's face, he could only say in a low voice, "Yes, Your Majesty."

At the same time, Zhang He thought to himself, 'Even I was punished. This newcomer would have a broken leg at least.'

Xuanyi turned to Lu Zhou before he continued to say, "Your cultivation is not bad. I have always appreciated talents. Would you like to chat with me at the great hall?"

Zhang He: "???"

Li Chun: "???"

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion: “???”

The Dark Guards: “???”

### **Chapter 1598: The Pavilion Master is Really Awesome (1)**

Faced with such a situation, not only was everyone shocked, but they were confused as well.

Previously, Li Chun admired Lu Zhou and felt that Lu Zhou should be a Dao Saint at the very least. After witnessing Lu Zhou’s exchange with Zhang He, he was even more certain that Lu Zhou’s cultivation was quite high. However, it was not to the extent that the dignified Master of Xuanyi Palace would take a liking to Lu Zhou and forsake his loyal subordinate, right? Not only that, but Xuanyi even punished Zhang He.

Zhang He was confused as well. He bowed and asked, “Your Majesty, why?”

It was fine if Zhang He had remained silent, but Xuanyi frowned as soon as Zhang He spoke. He said, “Zhang He, are my words meaningless to you?”

With these words, Zhang He was further shocked and no longer dared to say anything. He bowed and said, “I’ll carry out my punishment now.”

After saying that, Zhang He glanced at Lu Zhou and the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion before he turned around and left.

Li Chun hurriedly said, “Brother Zhang, Brother Zhang, please calm down.”

Xuanyi looked at Li Chun and asked, “Why? Do you want to be punished along with him?”

Li Chun hastily bowed and said, “I don’t dare.”

“All of you are dismissed.”

“Understood.”

With that, Xuanyi flashed and appeared a few feet in front of Lu Zhou. Then, he said with a smile, “Please.”

Following that, Xuanyi and Lu Zhou vanished at almost the same time.

Everyone was shocked again.

“If I’m not mistaken, I heard His Majesty use the word ‘please’.”

“You must have heard wrongly. No matter how powerful the newcomer is, there’s no way His Majesty would say ‘please’ to him.”

“Fine. Even if I misheard, I definitely didn’t see wrongly. I saw His Majesty smiling at him!”

“...”

At this moment, Li Chun said in a dark voice, “Don’t you have anything better to do?”

With this, the Dark Guards quickly dispersed.

Li Chun was smart. He knew sometimes it was useful to use his status to pressure others, but he also knew it depended on the person. When he first went to Autumn Dew Mountain, he had known Lu Zhou was not simple. He recalled the White Emperor's token and thought it was not too surprising that Lu Zhou was invited over for a chat. With that, he left the Dark Hall with a smile on his face.

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In the great hall of Xuanyi Palace, Xuanyi Hall.

The hall was magnificent.

When they arrived, Xuanyi looked at Lu Zhou and asked tentatively, "Do you know me?"

Lu Zhou smiled faintly and pointed at the throne in the hall before he said, "I left a word on that throne."

Then, Lu Zhou drew in the air with a finger.

An energy seal with the word 'Stillness' swept over to the throne, causing it to thrum slightly.

Xuanyi was shocked upon seeing this. Apart from him, only one person knew about the word 'Stillness' on his throne. He exclaimed, "Unholy... So it's you!"

Lu Zhou nodded slightly.

Xuanyi, who found this hard to believe, trembled slightly. After an unknown amount of time, he finally said, "This, how's this possible? The Great Void said that you're..."

"Dead?" Lu Zhou turned around with his hands on his back and looked outside the hall as he said, "I've mastered the resurrection technique."

Upon hearing this, Xuanyi discarded his pride and fell to his knees. Then, he bowed respectfully to Lu Zhou and said, "Greetings..."

One second ago, Xuanyi was the dignified Master of Xuanyi Palace, but now, he was just like a polite child. After all, he had already confirmed the identity of the person in front of him.

At this moment, Xuanyi was a little at a loss after saying the word 'Greetings'. He did not know how to address the person in front of him. The entire Great Void referred to him as the Unholy One, but with their relationship, it seemed a little disrespectful to call him the Unholy One.

Lu Zhou sighed emotionally. "In ancient times, humans and fierce beasts were indistinguishable. Humans also didn't have so many rules at that time. 100,000 years passed in just a blink of an eye. Everything changed too quickly."

"You're right."

Lu Zhou said with a straight face, "You can just address me as Pavilion Master Lu just like the others."

"This..." Xuanyi thought about it for a moment. Then, he shook his head and said, "Back then, you gave me some pointers. If it's possible, I'd like to address you as teacher."

“Forget about that,” Lu Zhou shook his head as well and said, “The pointers were nothing. In the end, you still depended on yourself to achieve what you have now.”

At this time, Xuanyi sighed and said, “Regarding your matter at that time, there was nothing I could do.”

In the current world, it was not difficult to completely erase a person from the history books. If one felt that something was wrong, one could take a pen and rewrite it. At the very most, one only needed to expend a little more effort to be thorough with the erasure.

How could Xuanyi not understand this? However, back then, he had wondered why the elder he had respected had suddenly become the fearsome Unholy One in the world.

Xuanyi waved his hand, activating the isolation formation to prevent people from eavesdropping.

At the same time, a dazzling light lit up the outside of Xuanyi Hall, indicating that Xuanyi was not to be disturbed.

Xuanyi did not beat around the bush and asked, “What happened?”

Lu Zhou sighed again and said, “I can’t remember many things.”

A regretful expression appeared on Xuanyi’s face upon hearing this. Then, he said, “I heard that you and Tu Wei fought fiercely, and both of you fell into the abyss after being severely injured.”

Lu Zhou scoffed. “Is Tu Wei worthy to be mentioned in the same sentence as me?”

“...”

Xuanyi nodded. “You’re right.”

Lu Zhou walked to the side and looked at the murals on the wall before he asked, “It’s been 100,000 years, and you still keep these?”

“Back then, you said that as long as I meditated and studied the murals every day, I would definitely gain something. Over the past 100,000 years, I haven’t stopped,” Xuanyi replied.

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“The murals are real, but the words might not be completely accurate,” Lu Zhou said.

Xuanyi did not understand, but it did not matter at this moment. He said, “You returned to the Great Void this time...”

“To look for someone...” Lu Zhou said.

“To look for someone?” Xuanyi asked in disbelief.

“That’s right,” Lu Zhou said.

Xuanyi’s expression turned solemn, and his tone turned dignified again as he said, “Don’t worry. If you need help, I’ll help you.”

Lu Zhou turned to look at Xuanyi silently. After a long while, he shook his head and said, "100,000 years have passed, and I'm no longer the same as before. I only returned to the Great Void to look for someone."

Xuanyi no longer insisted. He was aware of how the Unholy One who dominated the Great Void for 100,000 years fell from his high position. Finally, he said, "I understand if you don't trust me. However, since you're in the Great Void now, I hope you'll stay in Xuanyi Palace."

Lu Zhou thought about it for a moment before he shook his head and asked, "My identity is special. Aren't you worried about being implicated?"

"If I'm afraid, I wouldn't have been able to become the Master of Xuanyi Palace. Moreover, not many know about your true identity. If anyone dares to leak it out, I'll kill them immediately," Xuanyi said in a low voice.

Lu Zhou looked as though he was still hesitating.

Upon seeing this, Xuanyi bowed and said, "I hope teacher will agree!"

"Back then, although I did give you some pointers, I'm far from being worthy of you calling me teacher. I can't accept this title," Lu Zhou said with a wave of his sleeve. Then, he turned to leave.

Upon seeing this, Xuanyi hastily said, "I just wanted to express my respect. After thinking about it, I thought it's the only suitable form of address. If you don't think it's suitable, then forget it."

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Lu Zhou stopped in his tracks and turned to look at Xuanyi with a satisfied expression. Then, he said, "You're still a child that can be taught."

With that, Xuanyi hurriedly stepped forward and grabbed Lu Zhou's arm. Then, he said, "Today, I'm going to have a good chat with teach... Pavilion Master Lu. We won't go to bed until we're drunk! There are still a few things I don't understand about the things you said to me back then..." Then, he looked outside before he raised his voice and said, "Prepare the wine!"

At the same time, the female attendant outside Xuanyi Hall looked at the brightly lit hall in confusion. She thought Xuanyi must have been busy recently and wanted to drink to ease his worries. Then, she hurriedly replied, "Understood."

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Li Chun flew about 100 miles east and arrived at the training hall where Zhang He was.

The hall was close to the mountains and the rivers. The vitality energy and the Great Void energy were rich. It was far superior to any training halls in the nine domains.

Li Chun flashed inside and asked with a smile, "Commander Zhang, are you really facing the wall to reflect on your mistake?"

At this moment, Zhang He sat cross-legged with his eyes closed, facing a wall. When he heard Li Chun's voice, he opened his eyes and said, "It's my duty to obey His Majesty's orders."

Li Chun nodded. "Yes. With Commander Zhang around, His Majesty won't need to worry."

Zhang He scoffed. "Don't flatter me. You brought that person here, didn't you?"

Li Chun sighed and said, "You're too rash today. His background isn't simple."

"He's just a cultivator from the nine domains. What kind of background can he have?" Zhang He asked, puzzled.

"He's one of the White Emperor's men," Li Chun replied.

Upon hearing this, a surprised expression appeared on Zhang He's face. Then, realization dawned on him. "No wonder! Why didn't you say so earlier?"

Instead of directly replying to the question, Li Chun said, "Previously, the White Emperor obtained two owners of the Great Void Seeds. They're also the most likely candidates to participate in the competition for the positions of Commanders of the ten halls. Since that person took the initiative to contact me, I suspect he's an expert sent by the White Emperor to investigate the situation. I didn't say anything earlier because I didn't want to alert the enemy."

Zhang He nodded. "The White Emperor really has no intention of giving up."

"Qi Sheng, the new Commander of Tu Wei Hall, is also someone from the White Emperor's side. He also has a good relationship with the Sacred Temple. We, from Xuanyi Palace, have to better understand the situation before we determine if someone's a friend or foe," Li Chun said.

Zhang He said, still surprised, "Then, perhaps, the person with the surname Lu isn't exactly an enemy of ours."

Li Chun smiled. "That's right! That's why I brought him to Xuanyi Palace."

Zhang He thought about it for a moment before he said, "Wait. How did you know he's one of the White Emperor's men?"

"He had the White Emperor's token. He showed it to me."

"Something's not right. He knows you've seen the token, and yet, he still brazenly followed you here? It doesn't make sense," Zhang He said.

"Well, we can only obtain the answers from him, and isn't His Majesty chatting with him now?" Li Chun asked with a smile.

Realization dawned on Zhang He again. "His Majesty is truly wise!"

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In just a blink of an eye, three days had passed.

Zhang He and Li Chun appeared near Xuanyi Hall.

Li Chun said, "When we enter the hall, remember to act like nothing happened. After all, he's one of the White Emperor's men."

“Don’t worry. I know what to do,” Zhang He replied.

Li Chun nodded before he bowed in the direction of Xuanyi Hall. “Li Chun requests an audience with Emperor Xuanyi.”

Following that, the doors of Xuanyi Hall slowly swung open.

“Enter.”

The duo walked in at the same time. When they saw Lu Zhou and Xuanyi smiling and chatting happily, they were momentarily stunned.

At this time, Xuanyi looked at Zhang He and asked, “Why aren’t you apologizing to Pavilion Master Lu?” Before Zhang He responded, he added in a deep voice, “You must obey my orders.”

Zhang He bowed and said, “Pavilion Master Lu, please forgive me for my previous offense.”

“Forget about it.” Lu Zhou waved his sleeve, indicating he would not stoop to Zhang He’s level.

Xuanyi nodded in satisfaction. Zhang He was usually hot-tempered, but he was surprised that Zhang He managed to reign in his temper today. Zhang He had truly improved a lot. Initially, he had planned to say a few words of reproach, but now, it seemed like they were not needed.

In the end, Xuanyi only said, “Pavilion Master Lu is tired. Both of you, send Pavilion Master Lu back to rest.”

“Understood.”

Lu Zhou did not stand on ceremony and left, accompanied by Zhang He and Li Chun.

After the trio left, Xuanyi waved his sleeve immediately.

The doors to Xuanyi Hall closed, and its outside lit up again.

Then, he flashed to the murals and stared at them intently as he muttered to himself, “One flower, one world, one leaf, one awareness. All things in the world have a beginning and an end... They form an endless cycle...”

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At the Dark Hall.

The Dark Guards were busy attending to their tasks at this time. However, when they saw Zhang He, Li Chun, and Lu Zhou, they straightened their backs and greeted them.

Zhang He was very polite as he said, “Pavilion Master Lu, it’s an honor that you joined the Dark Guards. Previously, I failed to recognize you. Please don’t take it to heart.”

Lu Zhou replied, “Knowing one’s mistake is also a huge improvement.”

Zhang He: “...”

‘You’re really shameless. If it weren’t for the White Emperor, who would care about you?!’

Li Chun smiled and said, "Pavilion Master Lu, you're different from the others. In the future, there's no need for you to do anything. If you need anything, please feel free to tell me. For example, if you need suggestions about delicious food and fun things to do. As long as you ask, there's nothing I can't do!"

"Very well."

"Then, we won't disturb you any further, Pavilion Master Lu. Please rest well."

Li Chun and Zhang He cupped their fists together at Lu Zhou before they turned around and left.

The Dark Guards: "???"

The Dark Guards were confused. Only three days had passed, but the world had changed. Why was their commander bowing and kowtowing to a newcomer? It did not make sense at all.

Meng Changdong and Lu Li were stunned. They scratched their heads and looked at the sky in confusion. They really could not figure it out. In the end, only a sentence appeared in their mind: the Pavilion Master is really awesome!

### **Chapter 1600: I'll Beat Them to the Ground**

Due to Xuanyi, Zhang He and Li Chun's attitudes had changed greatly.

With this, the Dark Guards were also more polite when faced with the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion. They did not dare to ask the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion to do menial tasks as well.

As for the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, they were rather tactful. They helped without being asked to show their worth. Needless to say, it was impossible for their Pavilion Master to do such a thing.

It was known where the rumors came from, but rumors had been swirling around about how Lu Zhou, the captain of the new Dark Guards, and Xuanyi had chatted happily at night. The duo was said to be discussing the Dao, and they benefited from each other. Most shockingly, they heard Xuanyi had even gained some insight from Lu Zhou.

These rumors made the Dark Guards even more polite to Lu Zhou.

In the following period of time, Lu Zhou spent some time exploring the place. With Xuanyi's appreciation for him, and his 'identity' as the White Emperor's subordinate, as long as it was not a forbidden area, he could travel rather freely.

Lu Zhou found some places familiar and unfamiliar. Naturally, these familiar places were only because of the memories from 100,000 years ago that he obtained.

Lu Zhou also went to Xuanyi Palace's Rune Hall, Formation Hall, and training halls. Sometimes, he could not help but say a few words from the side.

Those who were able to join any of the ten halls in the Great Void were all elites, whether they were natives to the Great Void or nine domains. However, those from the nine domains were easier to teach. All in all, everyone learned a thing or two from Lu Zhou.

Following that, it did not take long for these people to hear about how that highly talented person was from the Dark Guards in Xuanyi Palace and had caught Xuanyi's eye, and it caused another stir.



When Lu Zhou learned about the matter, he said, "I was only casually making a few words of enlightenment. It's not so exaggerated."

Meng Changdong said, "Pavilion Master is right. When one becomes a supreme being, one's cultivation depends more on one's state of mind. It'd be strange to improve by leaps and bounds with just a few words."

At this time, Yan Zhenluo walked in from outside. "Greetings, Pavilion Master."

"Where are the others?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Since we can wander relatively freely in Xuanyi Palace, the others have gone to different places to learn new things. There are many places to learn from here such as the Rune Hall, Forging Hall, the Formation Hall, and the library. The library here has many books about Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism techniques. They are much more comprehensive than any in the nine domains," Yan Zhenluo replied.

Lu Zhou nodded. "That's good."

Yan Zhenluo smiled and said, "It's a pity that Pavilion Master Lu is busy. Otherwise, we'd gain more from Pavilion Master Lu's guidance."

This could be seen from Lu Zhou's ten disciples. It was a pity such an encounter was fated and could not be sought.

After Yan Zhenluo finished speaking, Li Chun walked in from outside with a smile on his face.

"Dao Saint Li is here as well," Yan Zhenluo said.

Li Chun cupped his fists together at Lu Zhou and said, "Brother Lu, it's only been a few days since we last met, but you look radiant."

Lu Zhou asked, "What's the matter?"

"I heard that Brother Lu has been doing well during this period of time in the Great Void. Many of our Dark Guards have also received pointers from you. I was just a little curious so I came to visit you," Li Chun replied. Inwardly, he was still wondering why the White Emperor sent Lu Zhou here.

Lu Zhou, as the White Emperor's subordinate, was so high profile. This meant that the White Emperor did not care about hiding his intentions. Was the White Emperor truly planning to return to the Great Void?

Lu Zhou shook his head. "It's just nonsense. How can it be called guidance?"

"It's not nonsense. Yesterday, I went to see His Majesty. His Majesty has been studying the murals and muttering to himself. Those murals have always been mysterious. They must have helped him to further comprehend the path of cultivation."

Lu Zhou said, "The murals were created by Great Master Wu Shengzi in ancient times. They're just ordinary paintings."

Li Chun said, puzzled, "How can they be ordinary? I clearly sensed a mysterious power from them."

Lu Zhou said, "If they're truly mysterious, do you think you'd be able to sense it?"

Li Chun nodded. "That's true."

After all, if it was so profound, it would not be easy to sense.

Buzz!

At this moment, the distinct sound of energy resonance rang from the direction of Xuanyi Hall.

Li Chun went outside to have a look and saw a huge halo above Xuanyi Hall.

The halo was green and was bigger than Xuanyi Hall.

The Dark Guards rushed out one after another with expressions of reverence on their faces when they saw the green halo.

It did not take long before the cultivator of Xuanyi Palace came out and bowed in the direction of Xuanyi Hall.

"Congratulations on becoming a great divine king!"

Similar cries rang from all over Xuanyi Palace.

Li Chun revealed an expression of surprise before he also said, "Congratulations, Your Majesty, on becoming a great divine king!"

Everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion exchanged a look.

'He became a great divine king just like that?!

Li Chun returned to Lu Zhou and said, "Brother Lu, you really hid yourself too deeply. You've truly broadened my horizons!"

Lu Zhou: "???"

"His Majesty's cultivation had stagnated for 30,000 years. I didn't expect that with your guidance, he immediately broke through! To think you said the murals are only ordinary. Brother Lu, let's drink till we get drunk today! We can drink at my place!" Li Chun said as he stepped forward to grab Lu Zhou's arm.

Lu Zhou frowned and shook Li Chun's hand away before he said, "Xuanyi was about to advance because of his own luck. While his cultivation stagnated at that of a divine king, he continued to accumulate experience and cultivate, which resulted in today's breakthrough. I didn't enlighten him."

"Brother Lu, just keep on bluffing."

Lu Zhou's expression turned solemn as he said, "You're a Dao Saint, after all. You've cultivated for many years and listened to many sages. How many of them managed to enlighten you?"

Upon hearing this, Li Chun was slightly startled. Then, he nodded and said, "I'm just joking, Brother Lu. Please don't take it to heart."

Swoosh!

At this moment, a figure appeared above the Dark Hall.

The Dark Guards bowed and said, "Greetings, Your Majesty."

Li Chun also turned around and said, "Greetings, Your Majesty."

Xuanyi, the new great divine king, ignored everyone. Instead, he flashed and appeared in front of Lu Zhou before he said with a smile, "It's all thanks to Pavilion Master Lu's words of enlightenment that I was able to break through."

Li Chun: "???"

Li Chun thought that this time Lu Zhou would not be able to wash himself clean of this even if he jumped into the ocean.

In fact, Li Chun was also confused by Xuanyi's treatment of Lu Zhou. Even if Lu Zhou was a subordinate of the White Emperor, the treatment should be so good to this extent. No matter what, Xuanyi was the Master of Xuanyi Hall. In terms of status, Xuanyi was not inferior to the White Emperor.

How could Li Chun know that in the eyes of Xuanyi, Lu Zhou was someone whose existence was far superior to everyone, not just the White Emperor?

At this moment, Xuanyi seemed to realize his actions would attract unwanted attention so he cleared his throat and straightened his back, regaining his dignity. Then, he asked in a domineering tone, "Dao Saint Li, why are you here?"

Li Chun smiled. "I heard that Brother Lu has cultivation insights so I came to ask for advice."

Xuanyi frowned. "Are you worthy?"

"Huh?" Li Chun was puzzled.

Xuanyi once again realized his mistake. He cleared his throat and said, "You have to accompany Pavilion Master Lu more often and help him familiarize himself with Xuanyi Palace as soon as possible."

"Rest assured, Your Majesty," Li Chun said.

Xuanyi nodded in satisfaction. Then, he turned to Lu Zhou and said, "I've been invited to Southern Split Mountain to discuss the Dao. If Pavilion Master Lu has the time, why don't you come with me?"

"Southern Split Mountain?" Li Chun asked.

"The Scarlet Emperor invited me there so it's difficult to refuse his invitation," Xuanyi said.

Upon hearing this, Li Chun said, "I'm free! I'm free!"

Xuanyi frowned and said, "There are still many matters to deal with in the Dark Hall. Dao Saint Li, you should stay back."

"Ah?"

'Didn't he tell me to accompany Brother Lu?'

Xuanyi said, "This matter concerns the competition for the commanders. Zhang He will come with me."

Realization dawned on Li Chun. If he left as well, there would be no one left to handle the matters in the Dark Hall.

Xuanyi turned back to Lu Zhou and asked, "Pavilion Master Lu, are you willing to come with me?"

Li Chun: "..."

'This treatment is really too much!'

Lu Zhou said indifferently, "Very well. I'll go and have a look."

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At the same time.

Southern Split Mountain in the south of the Great Void near Xuanyi Palace.

There was an independent Dao hall here. It was guarded by Nan Li, a divine king.

There were more than a dozen floating platforms and buildings in the sky. It was truly a spectacular sight.

The Southern Split Mountain did not compete with the ten halls and was friends with everyone. It also steered clear of worldly affairs.

Nan Li, the divine lord, was a native of the Great Void.

At this moment, a cultivator appeared outside of Nan Li's hall and said, "Divine lord, the Crimson Emperor's people are here."

Nan Li nodded and appeared outside the hall. As the light around his body dissipated, he asked, "Has the Scarlet Emperor arrived?"

"He has yet to arrive. We might have to wait for a while before he arrives since he's coming from the Flaming Seas. Mr. Ri and Mr. Duanmu, along with the Flaming Sea's Four Vajras, are here."

Nan Li said, "I've long heard that those two are extraordinarily talented and possessed the Great Void Seeds. Over the past 100 years, their cultivation has increased by leaps and bounds. They're likely going to fight for the positions of commanders of the ten halls as well."

"Do you want to meet them?"

"Of course. I want to see what kind of people are worthy of the Great Void Seeds," Nan Li replied.

At this time, another cultivator appeared outside of Nan Li's hall. He bowed and said, "Divine lord, Emperor Xuanyi has arrived."

Nan Li shook his head and said with a helpless expression, "He came uninvited?"

"It's said that he was invited by the Scarlet Emperor."

Nan Li chuckled. "Is the Scarlet Emperor eyeing the Xuanyi Hall? Is he trying to snatch the position of the Commander of Xuanyi Hall? Anyway, a guest is a guest. Welcome him."

“Understood.”

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On the eastern horizon of Southern Split Mountain.

In a brown flying chariot.

Mingshi Yin said, “Why did he choose this place? He could’ve just gone to the other party’s territory. Why must he find a neutral ground?”

“Mr. Ri, this is done in consideration of the Scarlet Emperor’s relationship with the ten halls and the Sacred Temple. Divine Lord Nan Li has never interfered in worldly affairs so this is the best place,” one of the Vajras said.

“Hypocrite,” Mingshi Yin said.

Duanmu Sheng asked, “Old Fourth, are you confident?”

“Of course,” Mingshi Yin said with a smile, “Just you wait and see. I’ll beat the entire Xuanyi Palace to the ground!”

At this moment, the Vajra standing behind Mingshi Yin said, “Don’t underestimate the Commander of Xuanyi Palace. His cultivation is quite profound. Apart from that, Xuanyi Palace has also recruited a few new Dark Guards. Among them, it’s said one of them is a Dao expert. Even Emperor Xuanyi treats him with respect.”

At this moment, Mingshi Yin thought about his Second Senior Brother. His aura changed immediately as he shifted and stood with his hands on his back. He emulated his Second Senior Brother as he said confidently, “Don’t worry. It’s all the same. I’ll beat them all to the ground.”