

Disciples 851

Chapter 851: Thousand Realms Whirling (2)

The cultivators in the vicinity who were healing their injuries widened their eyes when they saw the black avatar that emerged out of the depths of the Sky Wheel Rift Valley.

Under the setting sun, the black light was dazzling. It covered the sun like how dark clouds covered the sun.

“It’s a Thousand Realms Whirling avatar! It’s a Thousand Whirling Realm avatar! Hurry! Retreat!”

The cultivators did not have time to dwell on the shock nor did they have time to continue healing their injuries. All of them hastened to retreat at this moment.

Compared to the Thousand Whirling Realm avatar, they were like flies.

When the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar broke out from the depth of the valley, it caused the lava to overflow out. Just like that, the lava destroyed all the trees within a radius of a few kilometers. The valley was instantly turned into a sea fire.

“It’s a black lotus Thousand Realms Whirling avatar! It’s over for our red lotus domain!”

The cultivators fell into despair when they witnessed this scene. They acutely felt their insignificance and helplessness.

At this moment, there were a few observant cultivators who saw an avatar and the Golden Buddha Body standing on the palm of the Thousand Realms Whirling Avatar. From afar, it looked like Buddha was holding the Golden Jade Bottle in his palm.

Someone cried out, “Hey, it’s that elite who defeated Yu Chenshu!”

“I can’t believe he survived an encounter with the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar!”

“It doesn’t matter. Now that the black lotus Thousand Realms Whirling avatar is here, disaster is bound to befall him.”

After a while, the cultivators were surprised to discover the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar paid no attention to them. Instead, it kept flying in the sky toward the east. In just a blink of an eye, it disappeared into the horizon.

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Meanwhile, Lu Zhou suppressed the shock in his heart and looked at the refined man who was currently hovering in the middle of the black lotus avatar’s forehead.

The scholarly man turned and looked at Lu Zhou before he shifted his attention to Lu Zhou’s stack of defenses and Yu Chenshu.

Before Lu Zhou could speak, the scholarly man looked ahead and said with a sigh, "Humans... In the end, humans are just like animals who fight among themselves... When can we stop such useless acts? You have to think ahead..."

Lu Zhou frowned slightly as he checked the time he had left from the Peak Trial Card; he had only three minutes left. Then, as he looked at the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar that was flying, he asked skeptically, "Where are we going?"

"The Endless Ocean."

"Why are we going there?" Lu Zhou asked.

The scholarly man looked at Lu Zhou again and said indifferently, "Is this how you talk to your savior?"

Lu Zhou reflected on his behavior. He could not help it. Perhaps, it was because he had been acting this way for a long time now that it was now ingrained. No matter who he faced, his attitude could not be changed. "My savior?"

"Forget it... Perhaps, you were strong enough to escape on your own," the scholarly man said as he waved his arm, withdrawing his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

With this, Lu Zhou was left hovering in the air.

There was also the unconscious Yu Chenshu.

The scholarly man said, "If you can catch up to me, I'll answer your questions."

"Okay." Lu Zhou nodded.

The scholarly man shook his head and sighed again. "The weaker you are, the more conceited you are..."

Buzz!

Just like that, the scholarly man disappeared into thin air.

'So fast?' In any case, Lu Zhou was not in a rush to catch up. At this time, the last three minutes flashed incessantly on the system panel. Moreover, he could tell the elite with the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar had no intention of killing him. Otherwise, the man would not have saved him. Needless to say, even if the man did not save him, he was certain he could have escaped unscathed.

Apart from that, that man's appearance confirmed his speculation that the depth of the Sky Wheel Rift Valley was similar to the bottomless abyss in the golden lotus domain in that they were passages to a different world.

If the man with the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar intended to kill him... There was only one thing left for him to do; he would have to exchange all his accumulated merit points for the Deadly Strike Cards and hope for the best.

Fortunately, the man had no intention of killing him.

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By the beach, after some time had passed.

The sunlight sparkled on the surface of the calm sea.

Buzz!

A black avatar appeared in the sky before disappearing again.

The refined man seemed to have appeared out of thin air before he slowly descended from where his avatar had appeared earlier.

The gentle breeze blew on his face as he descended. When he finally landed on the beach, he walked like a mortal, choosing not to fly.

At this moment, he seemed to be in a daze, mesmerized by the vast sea and the beauty of the setting sun. However, after a moment, he let out a long sigh as a melancholic expression appeared on his face. It made one feel as though he was reluctant to leave this beautiful place.

He continued looking at the setting sun when...

Buzz!

The sound of resonance rang in his ears.

He turned slightly to have a look. "Hmm?"

A shining golden avatar appeared in his sight before it disappeared.

The fact was Lu Zhou had depleted all his energy, forcing him to descend earlier than he had expected.

Soon enough, the scholarly man recovered from the shock of Lu Zhou's success in catching up to him. He rose to his feet and rested his hands on his back as he continued to look at the endless sea and asked, "How did you catch up to me?"

The Peak Trial Card was no longer in effect. In fact, his last two moves were from his own cultivation base. He really did not expect the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar to be so powerful.

"It's nothing worth mentioning." After Lu Zhou sorted his thoughts out, he moved to stand next to the man on the beach.

Then, the refined man said, "My name's Lu Li."

Lu Zhou was slightly taken aback when he heard Lu Li's name. He had intended to introduce himself as Ji Tiandao, but when he discovered they shared the same surname, there was an inexplicable sense of kinship. Humans were strange creatures. Sometimes, all it took was one or two sentences to feel connected to someone. He felt that the distance between them had lessened just because of their shared surname. In the end, he said, "My name is Lu Zhou."

"Oh?" A hint of surprise flitted past Lu Li's face when he heard Lu Zhou's name. Then, he said, "You're the strongest person I've met below the Thousand Realms Whirling stage."

"What does it matter even if I'm the strongest person you've met below the Thousand Realms Whirling stage? I couldn't even take the little life of that Birth Chart Beast," Lu Zhou said with a sigh as he shook his head.

As soon as Lu Zhou finished speaking, Lu Li brought a fiery-red life heart out from his sleeve and casually tossed it over to Lu Zhou before he said, "It's nothing but a ferocious beast. I'll give this to you."

Lu Zhou instinctively caught the life heart, surprised.

Lu Li smiled. He looked at the setting sun and said, "I have activated enough Birth Charts. Life hearts are no longer useful to me."

"Birth Charts?" Lu Zhou asked.

"After activating the first Birth Chart, one can manifest the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar and enter the Mystic Sky realm. Everyone has a different number of Birth Charts. As for me, I can only activate five Birth Charts," Lu Li explained. After a beat, he continued to say, "There's no need for you to ask me about activating the Birth Charts. There should be information about that in the red lotus domain. You should ask me something else. Once the sun sets, I won't answer any more questions."

At this moment, the sun was about to set completely. With the time left, there were not many questions Lu Zhou could ask. After a while, he asked, "Does the black lotus domain exist?"

"Yes."

"Since time immemorial, the strong prey on the weak. Not only did you not kill us, but you saved us. What's your purpose?" Lu Zhou asked.

Lu Li sighed again before he said, "I used to kill without thinking much about it... However, I later discovered it's meaningless... Humans should stop fighting among themselves. Perhaps, only by being united can we conquer everything and control fate."

"Conquer everything?" Lu Zhou asked in confusion.

"For example, the shackles of heaven and earth, the ferocious beasts, and the unknown..."

Lu Zhou asked again, "Why did you come to the red lotus domain?"

"I'm here on a mission," Lu Li answered honestly.

"What mission?"

"To kill a sea beast... Of course, there's the possibility that I might be killed instead. So this might be the last time we see each other."

The sun continued to set.

Lu Zhou recalled the behemoth he encountered in the Endless Ocean and asked, "What sea beast?"

"A behemoth that's beyond your imagination. There's still no need for you to worry about these things for now," Lu Li said.

At this moment, only an afterglow could be seen on the horizon. The sun had disappeared.

Lu Li sighed again. "Time's up."

Although the sun had set, Lu Zhou still asked, "Why don't you stay? Perhaps, I might be able to help you?"

Lu Li shook his head and said with a hint of helplessness, "Your cultivation base is too weak for you to help much. Fortunately, you encountered me. If it were someone else, perhaps, you might have been killed with just one move."

Lu Zhou shook his head as well, "Fortunately, you have no intention of killing me. Otherwise, I might have killed you with one move..."

"..."

The evening breeze blew against the duo, causing the robes to flutter in the air.

Lu Li turned around slowly and looked at the 'middle-aged man' with the surname Lu.

At this moment, Lu Zhou canceled the effect of the Disguise Card and resumed his original appearance. Naturally, his bearing and aura remained the same. His youth was fleeting and ended with just a snap of his fingers.

Once again, a hint of surprise flashed in Lu Li's eyes.

Chapter 852: Thirty Six Birth Charts

Lu Li was surprised by Lu Zhou's ability to disguise himself. A cultivator who had not activated his Birth Charts or formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar managed to fool his eyes. In fact, when the old man in front of him reverted to his original appearance, he even felt a sense of danger from the old man. This was an instinct he had honed to become an elite.

"You seem surprised," Lu Zhou said. As he spoke, the Deadly Strike Card hidden in his hand vanished into thin air. In fact, when he canceled the effect of the Disguise Card, he had brought out the Deadly Strike Card. After all, powerful elites could be whimsical and unpredictable. What if Lu Li had gotten angry because of his deception?

Humans had always been unpredictable. There were many who died without knowing why because they were not careful.

After Lu Li regained his composure, he looked at the sea again and said, "I suddenly remember an old friend..."

"An old friend?" Lu Zhou asked in confusion.

Lu Zhou was about to speak when Lu Li shook his head and said with a sigh, "It doesn't matter. It's better if you don't ask. Otherwise, you might get bored of listening to me talk..."

"..."

'Hey, you should talk about it. I won't get bored listening!'

In the end, Lu Zhou said, "I have plenty of time. You can say whatever you want..."

Lu Li shook his head and said with a forlorn expression, "My time is limited... Our meeting is a fateful one. Farewell."

"Wait!" Lu Zhou called out before he said, "Since you saved me, let me tell you something. If you're really going to the Endless Ocean to kill the 10,000-foot behemoth, I advise you to give up. You're not a match for it."

Lu Li exclaimed in surprise, "You've seen the sea beast?"

"I've seen it in the Endless Ocean. I knew at that time I couldn't defeat it, let alone kill it," Lu Zhou replied honestly.

"..." Lu Li looked at Lu Zhou in a daze. He did not understand why the old man who had not even formed the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar or activated his Birth Chart emitted such an immense pressure and sense of danger. In the end, he replied, "I'm not dealing with that sea beast you mentioned. It's another sea beast."

"Oh?"

"However, I appreciate your reminder. I can see endless potential in you. Perhaps, one day you'll understand... Farewell." Lu Li walked away and walked on the sea's surface without getting a single drop of water on him.

"Wait," Lu Zhou called out again. Then, he asked, "Yu Chenshu is the Court Master of the Sky Martial Court. He's not a good person. Why did you save him?"

"I don't know if he's good or evil. If you think he's an eyesore, then just kill him," Lu Li replied.

Lu Zhou asked again, "If you truly want humans to unite and help each other, why don't you help the red lotus domain?"

Lu Zhou truly did not understand. Lu Li was incredibly strong; he was a Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator. Moreover, Lu Li had also activated five Birth Charts. With Lu Li's strength, he could do as he pleased in the red lotus domain. If Lu Li took action, it would be easy for him to bring peace to or improve the golden lotus domain and the red lotus domain.

Upon hearing Lu Zhou's question, Lu Li regarded Lu Zhou with a complex gaze.

At this moment, the afterglow from the sunset was fading away, and it would not long before darkness fell.

In the end, Lu Li did not answer Lu Zhou's question. Instead, he took something out of his sleeve and tossed it over to Lu Zhou before he said, "This map will help you with the Thousand Realms Whirling. I hope it'll be helpful to your journey to the Thousand Realms Whirling stage..."

Just as Lu Zhou caught the object...

Buzz!

The Thousand Realms Whirling avatar appeared in front of Lu Zhou.

All the fishes and beasts in the sea swam away in a hurry, and the birds and the beasts on the coastline fled in fear.

Lu Zhou looked at the huge black lotus again. He looked at the astrolabe behind the avatar's head and saw five spots of light and some faintly discernible patterns on it. The astrolabe was huge and round. It was, naturally, black. It was more eye-catching than the patterns in the middle of the lotus.

At this moment, the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar suddenly disappeared as though it had never been there.

With that, normalcy slowly returned to the sea.

"..." Lu Zhou really could not figure out why Lu Li was in such a hurry to leave. However, he had no way to make Lu Li stay. Perhaps, Lu Li's mission had a time limit. It was unfortunate that his time with Lu Li was so short and the information he obtained was limited. Nevertheless, he was greatly invigorated. After all, he had been given a peek into a new world.

Lu Zhou looked around for a moment to confirm that Lu Li had really left. Then, he looked at the thing that Lu Li had given him. It was a unique piece of cloth. It felt soft to the touch, but it was rather heavy. After that, he looked at the content on the cloth. He saw a pattern formed from 36 triangles. All the centers of the triangles overlapped, and the triangles were arranged in a clockwise position. The pattern was simple yet complicated. With just a quick glance, it resembled a blooming flower. Apart from that, each of the 36 corners was marked with names.

Lu Zhou muttered to himself, "The Stars Align the Pen and Sword, Hidden Jade in the Stone, Moonlight Shines on the Calm Sea..." He could not understand what he was reading at all. It felt even more difficult to understand than the Heavenly Writing.

Apart from all these things, there was nothing else that stood out to him.

He wondered to himself, "Does this have something to do with the Birth Charts?"

Lu Zhou decided to put the cloth away; the more he looked at it, the more confused he became. Then, he looked at the boundless ocean again. As expected, Lu Li was nowhere to be seen.

After a short moment, Lu Zhou decided to leave and returned using the same path he came. After flying for a moment, he picked up an unconscious Yu Chenshu and flew toward the horizon.

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Darkness descended.

It was not known how much time had passed but the Sky Wheel Rift Valley was like a sea of fire now.

The cultivators from the True Kunlun Sect and the Void Sect finally recovered some of their vitality energy. They tried to move closer to have a look at what was going on but were repelled by the uncomfortable scorching heat. In the end, they did not dare to go any closer.

No one knew what happened between Lu Zhou and Yu Chenshu under the valley; no one knew why a mighty Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator appeared in the Sky Wheel Rift Valley.

"If I knew this was going to happen, I wouldn't have come! Why did I even come in the first place?" Xuan Chengzi said regretfully as he looked at the Sky Wheel Rift Valley.

"It's useless to regret. We're already here anyway..." Mo Xinglu said.

Xuan Chengxi looked at the corpses strewn everywhere as he shook his head helplessly. In the end, he said, "Retreat."

Fear lingered in the hearts of the members of the two sects even after they left. The lava, the karmic fires left a lasting impression on them.

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Four hours after the two sects left, Lu Zhou and Yu Chenshu appeared from the eastern horizon and came to a stop above the Sky Wheel Mountain Range.

Lit by the moonlight, Lu Zhou shook his head as he looked at the valley.

At this moment, Yu Chen suddenly gasped and coughed before he opened his eyes. He looked around in a daze. A shocked expression appeared on his face. He, who had been paralyzed by the pain earlier, had expected to die after all.

"You're finally awake," Lu Zhou said, but he did not look at Yu Chenshu. He looked at the corpses on the ground, the collapsed mountains, and the sea of fire in the Sky Wheel Rift Valley.

Yu Chenshu was filled with disbelief when he surveyed his surroundings. It took a while before he regained his composure and accepted the scene before his eyes. In the end, he asked, "Why did you save me?"

Lu Zhou still did not look at Yu Chenshu as he replied, "Do you think I'd save you?"

"..."

Lu Zhou finally turned around.

Under the moonlight, Yu Chenshu who finally saw Lu Zhou's elderly and sage-like appearance could not help but cry out, "Who are you?"

Lu Zhou looked at Yu Chenshu as though Yu Chenshu was an idiot. Then, he asked, "Where's Luo Xuan?"

Upon hearing this question, realization finally dawned on Yu Chenshu. Suddenly, he began to cough violently again due to his injuries. It was difficult for him to breathe as well. After a while, he even began to cough out blood. He had been grievously wounded twice in the chest, after all. It was a miracle that he was even alive; he did not expect to be in the pink of health.

"The winner is the king. You can kill me or do whatever you want with me..." Yu Chenshu no longer put up a fight.

"Didn't you think you're invincible?"

"..." Yu Chenshu lowered his head. His reasons and opinions were weak when faced with facts.

Lu Zhou said, "You saw the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar... In those people's eyes, the red lotus domain is as insignificant as an ant... Moreover, do you think if you refuse to talk, I won't be able to find Luo Xuan?"

Chapter 853: Foolishly Choosing Death

When Lu Zhou brought Yu Chenshu here, he had sensed Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong through the marks he left on them. Both of them did not remove the marks. Both of them had also confirmed Yu Chenshu was not in the Sky Martial Court. However, both of them were still somewhere in the Guannei Circuit and had not returned.

Meanwhile, upon hearing Lu Zhou's words, Yu Chenshu realized he was left with no choice. Just as Lu Zhou had said, even if he did not talk, Lu Zhou would still be able to find answers through other means.

"The puppet is dead so I have nothing left to live for." Yu Chenshu sat cross-legged and placed his hands on his Dantian's sea of Qi. He used whatever little Primal Qi he managed to gather with great difficulty to stay in the air. "I don't need your sympathy."

Lu Zhou sneered. "You think too highly of yourself. If it weren't for the sake of the Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator, I would have slapped you to death a long time ago. Do you think I'd allow you to continue barking like that?"

"..."

Lu Zhou withdrew Primal Qi completely from Yu Chenshu.

Yu Chenshu swayed, barely able to maintain his flight in the air. He looked at the moon and the sea of fire in the Sky Wheel Rift Valley as he said, "I'm the Court Master of the Sky Martial Court. This will never change."

Then, Yu Chenshu began to pat the dust off his robes with his bare hands and tidied himself as much as he could. Unfortunately, the blood that stained his skin was difficult to get rid of. Following that, he lifted his hand and smoothed his unkempt hair. Finally, he inhaled deeply.

After a moment, perhaps, Yu Chenshu was still dissatisfied with his current appearance so he looked up at Lu Zhou and asked, "Can you give me a piece of clothing?"

Lu Zhou ignored Yu Chenshu. How could Yu Chenshu care about these things at this time?

Yu Chenshu sighed and flew toward the back of the mountain range before he landed among the rubble and debris. He pulled out a long robe from somewhere and found a bottle of water. Then, he proceeded to wipe himself clean with the water before he put on the long robes.

Naturally, Lu Zhou was not afraid Yu Chenshu would escape. Yu Chenshu no longer had the puppet and was seriously injured. Moreover, he could transform Unnamed into a bow and arrows.

Nonetheless, Lu Zhou found it strange. What was Yu Chenshu trying to do?

After a while, when Yu Chenshu was done, he flew weakly into the air and returned to his original position.

Lu Zhou glanced at Yu Chenshu and shook his head. "Is this so important?"

"It's more important than life and death," Yu Chenshu replied.

"There's a saying that humans are no different from animals who fight among themselves..." Lu Zhou suddenly said.

"Humans are vulgar creatures to begin with," Yu Chenshu replied.

Lu Zhou asked threateningly, "Do you really think I won't kill you?"

"It's human instinct to fight to stay alive. However, what happens when we return?" Yu Chenshu could not accept his failure. As the master of the puppet that he was so proud of and a Ten-leaf karmic fire user, he could not tolerate failure.

Lu Zhou remained silent.

Yu Chenshu continued to say, "There are more than 100 cultivators imprisoned under the Sky Martial Court's Literary Star Gate. They're mostly members of the Sky Research Court. The Sky Martial Court only came this far because of their undeniable efforts, but..." He paused briefly and sighed as he shook his head before he continued, "There are no two people who are similar in the world. Even if all of them loved seeking truths, exploring the unknown, and shared the same interest, it's impossible to make all of them listen to me. Humans can be kind, but they can also be evil. Some are kinder than others, and some are eviler. However, most people hover somewhere in the middle. These people... they were destined for great things. I have no choice but to imprison them..."

After Yu Chenshu finished speaking, he began to cough again.

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "Jiang Wenxu of the Flying Star House stayed in the golden lotus domain for more than 300 years. He was even more extreme and nastier than you. In the end, he still could not stop the tide of times. Do you still think you did the right thing?"

Yu Chenshu said loudly, "He's not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath as me. I just think people should be more obedient. It was never my intention to hinder the progress of mankind!"

"In my eyes, both of you are no different," Lu Zhou said tonelessly.

"..." Yu Chenshu felt stifled by Lu Zhou's words. He said, "Everyone wants to be stronger and stand at the top. There's nothing wrong with what I did since I possessed the capability!"

"Alright." Lu Zhou rested his hands on his back and shook his head expressionlessly, "Save your words for other people."

"Wait." Yu Chenshu raised his hand. His expression was unnatural as he said, "I have only one request; don't let those people out." Then, he inhaled deeply before he regarded Lu Zhou with a complex gaze and said before closing eyes, "You can do it now."

There was no change in Lu Zhou's expression. He did not even look at Yu Chenshu as he paced in the air and said, "After I see Luo Xuan and Sikong Beichen, I will send you to your death..."

“Unfortunately, I can’t return.” As soon as Yu Chenshu finished speaking, he suddenly turned around and pushed his hand out toward Lu Zhou with all the Primal Qi he had left!

Lu Zhou frowned and turned around to launch a palm strike. “Are you seeking death?”

The golden Abandon Wisdom shot toward Yu Chenshu.

At this moment, Yu Chenshu swiftly withdrew his hands to the sides, allowing the palm seal to strike his chest.

Bang!

Yu Chenshu was sent flying back. A muffled groan rang in the air before he spat out a mouthful of blood in the air. Despite that, a faint smile could be seen on his face as he said, “Thank you.”

As expected, the impact from Abandon Wisdom pushed Yu Chenshu into the sea of fire in the Sky Wheel Rift Valley.

After a moment, Lu Zhou received a notification.

“Ding! Killed a target. Obtained 6,000 merit points. Obtained domain bonus 1,500 merit points.”

Lu Zhou shook his head and sighed. “How foolish.”

Most people think the common folks were stupid. However, the rules and order of the world were established because of them. There was wisdom behind their stupidity. For example, a beggar on the streets disregarded his dignity and pride to survive. However, Yu Chenshu could not even endure a moment of failure and chose to die instead. He was much worse than a beggar.

Following that, Lu Zhou turned around to leave. As he was flying away, he received a notification.

“Ding! Found the flood-grade weapon, the Confinement Seal. Do you want to retrieve it?”

“Retrieve it.” Lu Zhou raised his hand and the Confinement Seal flew up into his palm. It was like a steel paperweight now.

At a glance, the Confinement Seal’s current appearance somewhat resembled the Square Box. However, it was very clear that the Confinement Seal was much more powerful than the Square Box. Its abilities were better as well.

“Obtained the Confinement Seal. Grade: flood-grade. Owner: Yu Chenshu. Requires refining before it can be used again.”

At this moment, Lu Zhou recalled the Life-Siphoning Technique and the flag. He quickly flew to the place he had last seen it only to discover it had been long reduced to ashes. He did not think it was a pity that the flag was destroyed. In fact, he thought the thing was disgusting.

After that, he flew to the place where the Black Dragon Spear had fallen.

“Ding! Found the Black Dragon Spear. Weapon is damaged and cannot be repaired. Do you want to retrieve it?”

What a pity that it could not be repaired. Nevertheless, he still chose to retrieve it. After all, it might be able to be used to repair the Longevity Sword.

Lu Zhou looked at the spear and confirmed it was completely damaged. However, he found a fire spirit stone.

“Ding! Obtained fire spirit stone x1.”

This was not a bad gain.

Lu Zhou flew around mountains filled with corpses. Who knew if he might find some better weapons? Unfortunately, most of the weapons were earth-grade weapons or not even worth mentioning.

Subsequently, Lu Zhou made his way back to Cloud Mountain.

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In a hall on the third peak of Cloud Mountain.

Before dawn, Lu Zhou opened the system and checked his merit points, item cards, and weapons.

Merit points: 517,390

Items: Deadly Strike Card x1, Impeccable Card x1, Critical Block Card x58(passive), Disguise Card x1, Golden Taixu Mirror, Appearance Alteration Card x3, Shining Stone x1, Refining Talisman x1, Reversal Card x57, Fire Spirit Stone x1

Weapon: Unnamed(unknown), Jade Horsetail Whisk(heaven-grade), Magistrate Brush(super heaven-grade), Nine String Zither(unknown), Square Box(basic desolate-grade), Purple Glazed Ceramic(intermediate desolate-grade), Cold Wind Trident(basic desolate-grade), Confinement Seal(intermediate flood-grade), Dragon Eagle’s Fury(intermediate desolate-grade), Flash Hook(intermediate desolate-grade)

Chapter 854: Panic Descends on the Red Lotus Domain

When Lu Zhou saw he had more than 500,000 merit points, his first thought was he finally had enough money to buy the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. He was already sick of using the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar, especially after he had seen the astrolabe and Lu Li’s Thousand Realms Whirling avatar with his own eyes. There was no doubt it gave it an air of mystery and made people yearn for it. How could he not yearn for it? If the black Thousand Realms Whirling avatar was already so stunning, how stunning would his golden Thousand Realms Whirling avatar be?

Lu Zhou opened the system panel.

“Purchase the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.”

“Ding! You’ve used 500,000 merit points to obtain the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar!”

“Ding! The Thousand Realms Whirling avatar requires the activation of the first Birth Chart.”

“...”

Previously, Lu Li had told Lu Zhou that he needed to activate the Birth Chart before he could manifest the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. However, he did not expect that to really be the case.

“Birth Palace?”

Lu Zhou placed the piece of cloth Lu Li gave him in front of him.

The 36 triangles were arranged in a clockwise order. They formed a pattern that looked like a blooming flower. Right in the middle of the pattern were the words ‘Birth Palace’.

On the other hand, the points of the 36 triangles were called Birth Disks.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly. He did not have any experience at all in this area. It was akin to him flying blindly like a headless fly. He knew there was no rushing this matter.

Lu Zhou no longer dwelled on that matter. In fact, when he saw he still had 17,390 merit points, he was in a rather good mood. At least, he had already obtained the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. He would not need to go through obstacles and cultivate like other cultivators.

Subsequently, he looked at his weapons.

He had gained a lot this time. His biggest gain was undoubtedly Yu Chenshu’s flood-grade Confinement Seal. He had experienced the power of this weapon during his fight with Yu Chenshu; how much more powerful would it be if he wielded it himself?

With that thought in mind, he brought out his last refining talisman and tossed the Confinement Seal into the flames.

As for the other weapons, it would depend on who needed them in the future. If there were no use for them, he would find a blacksmith to take weapons apart to be used as materials before giving them to his disciples.

Then, he looked at his favorite weapon, Unnamed. He was very satisfied that Unnamed’s strength clearly surpassed that of a flood-grade weapon. “I really wonder what grade Unnamed belongs to...”

When he recalled how he had obtained Unnamed in the very beginning, he felt extremely lucky; all the good things were given to him. However, the system had become very stingy now. Even after drawing the lucky draw for half a day, at most, he had obtained a Reversal Card.

After he looked through the things he obtained today, he closed the system panel. Then, he began to meditate on the Heavenly Writing using the Purple Glazed Ceramic.

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The sun rose in the east.

In the Guannei Circuit’s Sky Martial Court.

“Elder Qiu, I can’t endure it anymore! That two little thieves are really bullying us too much! Not only that, but they’re causing trouble in our Sky Martial Court! I suggest we use the Formation to take them down!”

"I agree. I don't know where those two thieves came from, but they dare to provoke the Sky Martial Court! If we don't get rid of them, the pride of the Sky Martial Court would be trampled on!"

"Don't be anxious. We'll wait for the court master to return before we make any plans. Those two have extraordinary cultivation bases and are extremely cunning. They're definitely not ordinary Nine-leaf cultivators."

Everyone was still engaged in a heated discussion when a core disciple broke into the hall and collapsed on the ground immediately. Sweat was dripping down his face, his eyes were widened, and his entire body was shaking. He stammered, "T-this... No, t-this is bad! Court M-master, Elder Mo... E-elder Jian... T-their... t-their... Their life stones have s... shattered!"

"..."

Silence descended immediately in the hall. The atmosphere was tense.

It felt as though they had been splashed with a bucket of ice water; they were trembling all over.

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In one of the relay stations in the capital.

It was incredibly lively today. The cultivators were busy exchanging information and knowledge with each other.

"I heard something big happened in the Sky Wheel Mountain Range yesterday. The entire valley turned into a sea of fire. Many people were killed and injured."

"It seems like the True Kunlun Sect and the Void Sect fought with the Sky Martial Court! Later, I heard a golden lotus cultivator single-handedly fought against 10,000 people. The fight was so intense that the ground quaked and the sky turned dark. Those who were watching from afar said they couldn't see anything due to the terrible visibility. They didn't know who won or lost..."

"A golden lotus cultivator? This foreign tribesman is really bold; he dares to behave so audaciously in our red lotus domain! The court master would definitely crush him!"

Upon hearing these words, a man sitting in the middle said with a sigh, "I'm afraid that the court master is doomed!"

Everyone turned to look at the man in unison.

"What do you mean?"

"I heard that the golden lotus cultivator likes killing elites. Up until now, he has never failed."

"..."

"You're lying! My friend was there, watching from afar. Guess what he saw?"

"What?"

“He saw a black lotus avatar appearing out of nowhere, and it crushed the golden lotus cultivator to death using its hand. We’re really unlucky. Who knows if we’ll live to see the sunrise tomorrow now that a black lotus cultivator has appeared!”

Someone clicked their tongue before saying, “Your lie is even more exaggerated than his!”

Regardless of what everyone’s opinions were, they did not doubt that the Sky Wheel Mountain Range had collapsed.

Soon enough, the deaths of Yu Chenshu, Mo Buyan, Jian Tingzhong were also confirmed.

With this, the people in Great Tang’s cultivation world began to panic.

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Meanwhile, on Cloud Mountain.

When Lu Zhou opened his eyes, he had already replenished one-third of his extraordinary power. He was also feeling much better mentally.

Following that, he ordered someone to invite Nie Qingyun over.

When Nie Qingyun heard that Lu Zhou had invited him over, he rushed over immediately. As soon as he entered the room, he hurriedly asked, “Senior Lu, did you go to the Sky Wheel Mountain Range?”

Lu Zhou did not deny it. He nodded and asked, “You’ve heard the news?”

Only a night and half a day had passed, but the news spread so quickly?

“Yes. News of this is spreading like a wildfire. Moreover, it’s said that a black lotus cultivator has appeared, and disaster is imminent. I thought...” Nie Qingyun suddenly stopped speaking. An embarrassed expression appeared on his face.

Lu Zhou was too busy to explain himself to Nie Qingyun. In any case, Nie Qingyun would learn the truth sooner or later. Therefore, he asked, “Does Cloud Mountain have any books about activating Birth Charts?”

“This...” An awkward expression appeared on Nie Qingyun’s face. “I think we might have them, but the chances are low... His Majesty seems very knowledgeable about this. Perhaps, you can speak to him about this, Senior Lu.”

Li Yunzheng was well-read. He spent most of the time in the palace reading. The library in the Imperial palace was naturally superior to the libraries available to ordinary people.

Lu Zhou nodded and said, “Invite him over.”

“Alright.” Nie Qingyun left the third peak and returned to the main peak to bring Li Yunzheng to Lu Zhou’s courtyard.

Li Yunzheng was confused at the sudden invitation. However, he still greeted Lu Zhou politely when he saw Lu Zhou. “Grandmaster.”

“Sit.” Lu Zhou pointed to the spot across from him.

Li Yunzheng obediently sat down.

After Lu Zhou glanced at Nie Qingyun, Nie Qingyun tactfully left them alone.

After Nie Qingyun left, Lu Zhou stroked his beard and asked, "You said you read a lot. Do you know much about Birth Charts?"

"I've read many books about Birth Charts. However, since I'm not a cultivator, I don't really understand them completely. If it's possible, I'd like to seize this opportunity to discuss this with you, grandmaster," Li Yunzheng said.

"Very well. Go ahead."

"In the ancient books, it's said the way to activate a Birth Chart is to put the life heart of a Birth Chart Beast into a specific position in one's lotus. At that time, the unique properties of the life heart would trigger the activation of a Birth Chart. The process would drain the vitality energy from the life heart. Apparently, once the vitality from the life heart has been completely absorbed, the Birth Chart would be activated. However, I'm curious as to how cultivators chose the positions..."

"I'm even more curious," Lu Zhou said calmly. "The Star Aligns the Pen and Sword, the Hidden Jade in the Stone, Moonlight Shines on the Calm Sea... Every Birth Disk has a name..."

Li Yunzheng was delighted when he heard Lu Zhou's words. He exclaimed, "Grandmaster, you're really knowledgeable! I have read about the Star Aligns the Pen and Sword, but I've never come across the last two. What do they mean, grandmaster?"

"..."

Lu Zhou stroked his beard and said with a straight face, "When you start cultivating, your master will tell you all about it. Let me ask you, how many Birth Charts can a person activate?"

Li Yunzheng replied with a confused expression, "I'm confused about this as well. Different books say different things. Some said a cultivator could activate up to six Birth Charts while some said a cultivator could activate up to eight Birth Charts. There are even books that said one could activate twelve Birth Charts! How can the numbers be so different?"

"There's no need to be surprised. Ancient books aren't always accurate," Lu Zhou said.

"You're right, grandmaster. How interesting that there's a name for every position. Alas, the ancient books I read have very limited information."

"Tell me what you know."

Li Yunzheng nodded and began to talk non-stop

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About two hours later.

Lu Zhou finally had a basic understanding of Birth Charts. Naturally, it was based on Li Yunzheng's words. He would still need to determine for himself to see if the information was accurate.

Based on what Li Yunzheng said, it was clear there were no records of any cultivators activating 36 Birth Charts.

However, he could confirm that the Birth Charts were neatly arranged in the Birth Palace, which is the center of the lotus. As for the Birth Disk, it would probably trigger a skill once one's Birth Chart had reached a certain number. The Birth Disk would also likely boost the strength of the astrolabe of one's Thousand Realms Whirling Avatar.

After speaking for such a long time, Li Yunzheng was not tired at all. In fact, he was still very energetic and excited. He asked, "Grandmaster, I heard you've already activated your Birth Chart. Can I... Can I..."

"No." Lu Zhou rejected Li Yunzheng ruthlessly before Li Yunzheng could even finish speaking. He shook his head and said, "It's true you've read many books. However, you're not very focused. You haven't even started cultivating yet. If you try to understand things that are beyond your depth, it'll only deal a blow to your confidence..."

"Oh." A disappointed expression appeared on Li Yunzheng's face immediately.

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Lu Zhou sighed when he saw the eager expression on Li Yunzheng's face. Then, he said, "I'll look at the ancient books you mentioned earlier when I have the time..."

Li Yunzheng nodded.

Lu Zhou continued to say, "What you mentioned about the Birth Charts has some inaccuracies. For example, the number of Birth Charts a cultivator can activate is at most around 12 isn't accurate."

"Really?" Li Yunzheng exclaimed in surprise. He was like a child who was fascinated by listening to mythical and legendary stories. He was always excited about obtaining new knowledge.

"I'm not certain exactly how many Birth Charts one can activate, but I'm certain it's more than twelve," Lu Zhou said as he stroked his beard, "The Birth Palace should refer to the center of the lotus, and Birth Charts are in the Birth Palace. The positions of the Birth Charts also most likely have rules of their own. Each Birth Chart will grant a cultivator with a different ability."

Lu Zhou continued to say, "For example, defensive Birth Charts will greatly boost one's defenses, and offensive Birth Charts will greatly boost one's offenses. All Birth Charts are likely this way. Do you understand?"

In the past, Li Yunzheng could only read books to gain knowledge. Moreover, he had to rely on himself, fumbling to understand the knowledge he obtained. Now that he had the guidance of a great master, he, naturally, did not doubt Lu Zhou's words. He nodded solemnly and said, "I understand. Granddisciple still has one more question to ask..."

"Speak." Although Lu Zhou possessed 1,000 years of experience from Ji Tiandao's memories, it was inevitable that there were things he did not know. He really did not know much about Birth Charts. What he knew now was based on his experience and some of Li Yunzheng's knowledge.

“Grandmaster, are you capable of defeating Yu Chenshu?” Li Yunzheng asked curiously as he looked at Lu Zhou with wide and bright eyes.

This reminded Lu Zhou of the inexperienced little, Little Yuan’er, in the past. However, as time passed, she was no longer the little girl she used to be.

However, the emperor was still innocent and child-like.

Lu Zhou answered honestly, “I’ve already killed him...”

“...” Li Yunzheng was shocked. Then, an expression of disbelief appeared on his face as he thought to himself, ‘I understand if you care about your reputation and pride, and it’s understandable if you want to brag occasionally...’

“You don’t believe me?”

Li Yunzheng shook his head and hurriedly said, “No, no, I believe you!”

The duo continued chatting harmoniously when Nie Qingyun’s voice rang from outside the room.

“Senior Lu, I found some ancient books about Birth Charts.”

“Come in.”

After entering the room, Nie Qingyun placed a few ancient books in front of Lu Zhou before he respectfully said, “I asked my disciple to search through the library, and these are the only books they found. It was not easy to find them.”

“Very good.” Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction.

Li Yunzheng glanced at the ancient books a few times before he said, “Grandmaster, I’ve said this earlier. Half of the information about Birth Charts is nonsense. Like you said, even the number of Birth Charts one can activate is inaccurate. Perhaps, there are only one or two things that are accurate...”

“Are you done?” Lu Zhou stared at Li Yunzheng expressionlessly.

Lu Zhou stared at Li Yunzheng without blinking.

“...” Li Yunzheng smiled sheepishly with an awkward expression on his face. He just realized he had been showing off in front of an expert.

Finally, Lu Zhou said, “If there’s nothing else, you may both leave.”

“Yes.”

Nie Qingyun and Li Yunzheng left the room together.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou looked at the stack of ancient books in front of him. He, naturally, wanted to read these books. One could not be careless in regard to cultivation. Moreover, Li Yunzheng was still young; there might be some mistakes even if he was well-read.

In the end, Lu Zhou spent an hour reading two of the ancient books.

Compared to what he knew and what Li Yunzheng had told him, the information about Birth Chart in the books seemed more comprehensive.

Lu Zhou muttered to himself, "The orders of Birth Charts aren't fixed. It's best to choose the position, or the Birth Disk, based on the life heart's attributes. Birth Charts are divided into three categories: heaven, earth, and human. One can embed a life heart into the Star Aligns the Pen and Sword position..."

"For example, it's best to embed a life heart with offensive attributes in the position of the Seven Killing Techniques in the Birth Palace."

The books contained six positions, or Birth Disks, in the Birth Palace, and the types of life hearts that were suitable to be embedded into these six positions.

Indeed, the information was very limited.

Lu Zhou brought the piece of cloth that was given to him by Lu Li and found the six Birth Disks mentioned in the books were indeed on the piece of cloth.

Lu Zhou wondered out loud, "Does this mean the 36 points in this pattern represent the complete positions in the Birth Palace?"

In any case, Lu Zhou confirmed that the life heart of a Birth Chart Beast was also called the Birth Chart Heart. He also confirmed that the Birth Chart Hearts were to be embedded into the Birth Disks in the Birth Palace. If it was embedded in an unsuitable Birth Disk, one would not be able to obtain the life heart's attributes.

Lu Zhou put the books down and studied the Birth Chart map in front of him. Then, he flipped his hand.

Buzz!

The Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar appeared in front of Lu Zhou. He increased the size of the avatar as much as he could. Then, he moved the avatar until the lotus was in front of him. He looked at the center of the lotus that was like a round table surrounded by ten golden leaves. At this moment, the center of the lotus, or the lotus seat, was completely empty.

Lu Zhou frowned as a thought suddenly appeared in his mind. If the Birth Palace and the Birth Disks were in the lotus seat, what would Yu Shangrong do in the future?

"..."

Lu Zhou felt as though he had harmed his own disciple.

Even if Yu Shangrong made his own decision to sever his lotus and had nothing to do with Lu Zhou, what about Zhu Honggong, Zhao Yue, Duanmu Sheng, and the four elders? It... It was his idea that led them to sever their lotuses!

There were probably no cultivators who severed their lotuses in other places except for the golden lotus domain...

Lu Zhou shook his head and cast away the unpleasant thoughts in his mind. His eyes fell on the lotus seat again.

After making sure his avatar was facing forward and the Birth Palace was in place, Lu Zhou looked at the Birth Chart map and compared it to the lotus seat. He muttered to himself, “The Star Aligns the Pen and Sword is here...”

Then, he brought the Yong’s life heart out. He inhaled deeply before he pushed the life heart onto the lotus seat. It fell on the lotus seat like a magical object floating in a sea of golden liquid.

The instant the life heart touched the lotus seat, a clearly defined polygonal pattern appeared on the surface of the lotus seat.

A humming sound rang in the air as the lotus seat began to spin. At the same time, wisps of energy surged out of the life heart and surged into the lotus seat.

The lotus seat was absorbing the life span from the Yong’s life heart, looking like a vortex that was pulling all the vitality energy into it.

Lu Zhou felt his heart stir as he watched this scene with unblinking eyes.

“Is this the activation of a Birth Chart?” It was not as difficult as Lu Zhou had imagined. It was true that the process of activating a Birth Chart was not complex. The difficult part was finding a Birth Chart Beast, defeating it, and obtaining its life heart.

The lotus seat continued to spin at an increasing speed. At this moment, the ‘vortex’ emitted a golden light as it continued to absorb the life span from the life heart.

Soon enough, the life heart began to shrink. It was as though one was watching a cube of ice melting. On the other hand, there was no change to the pattern that appeared earlier.

‘1,500 years of life... if I use the Reversal Cards to provide it with years of life instead, will I be able to save the life heart?’ In any case, this was just an idea for now. Lu Zhou had no plan of trying it now. At this moment, he did not have enough Reversal Cards, after all. He could only use the life heart.

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After an unknown amount of time had passed...

At this moment, the life heart had completely disappeared, melting into the golden lotus seat. The lotus seat had stopped spinning as well.

Lu Zhou carefully studied the lotus seat. The place where the life heart was placed earlier seemed to have been filled up. Meanwhile, the polygon pattern on the lotus seat would light up from time to time.

This reminded him of Lu Li’s Birth Chart. The only difference was Lu Zhou’s Birth Chart was golden.

“So I’ve successfully activated my golden Birth Chart?”

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Lu Zhou looked at the defined pattern on the lotus seat. The entire process of activating his first Birth Chart was exceptionally smooth.

While Lu Zhou was still mulling over the matter, the Birth Disk on the lotus seat suddenly grew bigger.

The familiar sound of resonance between energies rang in the air, and Lu Zhou's avatar began to increase in size.

Upon seeing this, Lu Zhou hurriedly controlled his vitality energy and his avatar. However, the speed at which his avatar was growing was incredibly quick. In just a moment, it broke the room open.

Boom!

The avatar grew to 200 feet and showed no sign of stopping.

210 feet.

220 feet.

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The thunderous commotion naturally attracted the Cloud Mountain disciples.

At this time, Nie Qingyun was accompanying Li Yunzheng on the cloud platform, chatting and enjoying the scenery when they heard the commotion as well. Both of them instinctively turned to look in the direction of the commotion.

"Senior Lu's avatar!"

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Boom!

The avatar and lotus seat had completely demolished the room.

Lu Zhou looked at the lotus seat in front of him with a frown. Logically, as long as he controlled it with his energy, the avatar would be able to pass through the building without causing any damage. Why did it suddenly expand and go out of control? What went wrong?

230 feet.

The height of the avatar continued to increase.

Lu Zhou knew this was the sign of the avatar becoming stronger. However, it should not be out of his control.

He looked at the lotus seat again. At this moment, it was the size of a small pond.

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Meanwhile, Li Yunzheng who saw this scene could not help but say emotionally, "Grandmaster is really good to me! He actually personally did a live demonstration of the activation of a Birth Chart for me and showed me his Birth Chart..."

Nie Qingyun asked in surprise, "The Birth Chart?"

"Look! In the middle of the lotus, the lotus seat, there's a distinct pattern that flashes with light every once in a while. That's his Birth Chart!" Li Yunzheng was filled with awe. He had read about many things,

but he had never had a chance to witness the things he read about. How could he not be filled with awe and excitement when he was able to witness something he had only read about?

“Men,” Nie Qingyun called out.

Two disciples appeared immediately.

“Pass down my order. The Cloud Mountain disciples are prohibited from approaching the third peak in order not to disturb Senior Lu’s cultivation. Apart from that, clean up the main hall.”

“Understood.”

With this order in place, the curious Cloud Mountain disciples could only stay away from Lu Zhou’s place.

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Meanwhile, Lu Zhou was focused on watching the changes of his lotus seat that he did not pay any attention to the Cloud Mountain disciples at all.

240 feet.

At this moment, the Star Aligns the Pen and Sword shot out a beam of light straight up to the sky.

This reminded him of the scene in the Sky Wheel Rift Valley when the Heavenly Fire Sect’s Feng Zihe activated the power from the Yong’s life heart.

Lu Zhou glanced at the Confinement Seal in the distance and quickly put it away before he flew up to his avatar.

“Hmm, the lotus seat is not absorbing vitality energy now?”

Lu Zhou was pondering on this when Conch appeared and pointed at the beam of light as she said, “Master, stop it! Make it stop!”

Despite her words, she was clapping as though she was watching a firework display.

“Stop it?”

Lu Zhou flew to the top of the beam of light and pressed it down with his palm. He was shocked by the powerful vitality from the beam of light. Fortunately, the beam of light did not attack him. It only felt like it was trying to stop him. Soon after, he successfully stopped the beam of light, causing the vitality energy to surge back into the lotus seat.

With this, the avatar finally stopped growing when it reached 250 feet.

Meanwhile, the polygonal pattern on the lotus seat flashed in a frenzy for a moment before it returned to normal.

At this moment, Lu Zhou could sense the avatar was not under his control again. He quickly withdrew his avatar.

After he landed on the ground, he placed his hands on his back and walked to Conch before he asked, "Conch, where's your senior sister?"

Conch replied, "Senior sister is still sleeping. I heard a big commotion so I came to have a look."

Lu Zhou thought to himself that the little girl was too lazy. After a while, he asked Conch, perplexed, "You know about Birth Charts?"

Conch seemed to be in a daze as she replied, "Yes, I think I've seen it before..."

If this was true, Conch's background had just gotten more complicated.

In the red lotus domain, there was no one who managed to successfully activate their Birth Charts in the past 2,000 years! Where or when could Conch have seen it?

However, Lu Zhou only said, "You may leave now and continue with your cultivation."

"Yes."

Lu Zhou turned around and surveyed the room and the side hall. Unfortunately, it was completely destroyed. With this, he could only make his way to the main hall. Fortunately, the main hall had already been repaired.

When he arrived at the main hall, he saw a few disciples tidying the main hall.

The disciples bowed one after another before one of them said, "The sect master said Senior Lu should rest in the main hall."

"You may leave."

"Understood." The Cloud Mountain disciples left the main hall immediately.

As soon as Lu Zhou entered the main hall, he manifested his avatar. Apart from the increase in height, the lotus seat had expanded as well. This could be seen even though it was in its miniature size now.

Lu Zhou increased its size.

On the lotus seat, in the Birth Palace, the pattern of the Birth Chart could be clearly seen. It seemed like as long as even the smallest thought of controlling it appeared in his mind, the pattern would flash with light.

Apart from that, the avatar seemed more solid as well. If previously it was only golden in color, currently, it looked like it was made of pure gold.

"So activating one Birth Chart increased its height by 50 feet..."

"Lu Li has activated five Birth Charts so his avatar should be about 450 feet tall?" However, when he recalled Lu Li's Thousand Realms Whirling avatar, it seemed like it was much taller than if he had just activated five Birth Charts. Naturally, this was just his speculation. There was a possibility that one's avatar would gain additional height as well after forming the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar for the first time.

After a moment, Lu Zhou opened the system panel and looked at the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar he had purchased.

The system notification he received at this moment was different from the one he received the night before.

“Ding! Would you like to use the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?”

Previously, the system had notified him that he had to activate a Birth Chart first before he could use the avatar. He had finally fulfilled the requirement.

Lu Zhou could not help but sigh emotionally. His speed was too incredible! It had not been that long since he had reached the Ten-leaf stage after all.

Everyone had assumed that he had been a Ten-leaf elite for a long time and had also activated his Birth Chart.

Although his speed was incredible, it was really difficult to accumulate 500,000 merit points.

Yu Chenshu alone had given him a headache and killing Yu Chenshu did not give him nearly enough merit points. Moreover, he did not expect the True Kunlun Sect and the Void Sect would stay out of the fight. If Yu Chenshu did as he had expected and did not bring anyone with him, it would have been impossible for him to accumulate 500,000 merit points.

Fortunately, it was Lu Li who appeared. After all, if it was another Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator, he or she would probably be ruthless. At that time, Lu Zhou would have no choice but to use his merit points to buy a Deadly Strike Card. Moreover, a Thousand Realms Whirling cultivator definitely had many life-saving techniques. This meant that he would probably have to purchase more than one Deadly Strike Cards or other item cards.

Lu Zhou looked at the main hall thoughtfully for a moment. ‘The Thousand Realms Whirling avatar won’t destroy the main hall, right?’

He shook his head. ‘It can’t be helped. This is an important matter.’

“Use it.”

The Thousand Realms Whirling vanished from the system panel and spots of starlight like fireflies appeared around his avatar.

Primal Qi began to surge as the sky changed color and the clouds were stirred by the violent wind.

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The Cloud Mountain disciples did not think much of the change in the weather and dismissed it as bad weather.

Meanwhile, Nie Qingyun and Li Yunzheng looked at the sky suspiciously.

Li Yunzheng asked curiously, “What kind of weather is this?”

Nie Qingyun only said, “Your Majesty, it’s time for you to return and rest.”

“No, Sect Master Nie, look!” Li Yuncheng saw the large amount of Primal Qi above the main hall in the peak that looked like dark clouds. Soon after, the Primal Qi shot down into the main hall.

“This...” Nie Qingyun frowned. “Is Senior Lu uncomfortable living on Cloud Mountain? Is that why he’s destroying the courtyards here?”

Lu Yunzheng suggested, “Why don’t we give my courtyard to grandmaster?”

“Is... Is this appropriate?”

“There’s nothing appropriate or inappropriate about it. Although I’m the ruler of the country, it’s just an empty title. Let’s just give my place to grandmaster. Look, the main hall is about to be destroyed again! Let me tell you; grandmaster’s temper isn’t as good as you think it is!” Li Yunzheng said.

“Your Majesty is magnanimous and admirable,” Nie Qingyun said. Then, he shuddered as the scene of Lu Zhou beating up Ye Zhen appeared in his mind unbidden. Bad temper... felt like an understatement. Lu Zhou had slapped someone to death just because of a single word of disagreement. Indeed, one should not provoke Birth Chart masters.

Chapter 857: The Golden Astrolabe on Cloud Mountain

Lu Zhou felt relieved when he saw the Primal Qi surging into his avatar and there were no signs of it absorbing vitality energy.

“It looks like only the golden lotus has a shackle at the ninth leaf...”

Advancing to the tenth leaf did not require one’s lifespan. Meanwhile, activating the Birth Chart only required the life span from the Birth Chart Heart so one did not have to one’s lifespan. Apart from that, forming the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar also did not consume one’s lifespan.

Lu Zhou continued to look at the converging Primal Qi that was surging into his avatar in satisfaction. He watched the entire process attentively with a solemn expression on his face.

The avatar had absorbed a large amount of Primal Qi and had not stopped yet. Fortunately, he was on Cloud Mountain. The environment here was excellent, and it was most suitable for making a breakthrough in one’s cultivation.

As the Primal Qi continued to surge into the avatar, the avatar increased in size as well.

After learning from his previous mistake, Lu Zhou did not want to lose control of his avatar again. Therefore, every time his avatar grew, he would suppress a part of it. As a result, the avatar’s size remained about the same as his size.

Usually, when cultivators wanted to have a look at their avatars, they would manifest a miniature version of their avatars on their palms. However, in order to observe the changes on the lotus seat, Lu Zhou deliberately increased its size a little.

At this moment, the pattern in the Birth Palace did not have any significant change. Every time Primal Qi gathered and surged in, it would flash with light once in a while.

As time passed, the avatar continued to absorb the Primal Qi.

Lu Zhou could not help but wonder inwardly, 'Will this attract powerful huge beasts similar to when one's attempting the Nine-leaf stage?'

A cultivator sprouting the ninth leaf was like a piece of juicy meat for the beasts. How could it not attract the attention of huge and fierce beasts? Based on this, sprouting the tenth leaf or forming the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar should be an even bigger piece of juicy meat to the beasts.

However, he knew that when Nie Qingyun and the others sprouted the tenth leaf, they did not attract any fierce beasts. However, when he sprouted the tenth leaf, he had attracted a Birth Chart Beast! Would he attract an even more powerful Birth Chart Beast this time?

Lu Zhou shook his head, dismissing these thoughts. There was no point dwelling on them. It was better for him to concentrate on forming his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

However, soon enough, his mind began to wander again.

Yu Chenshu had died. According to him, Sikong Beicheng was imprisoned under the Literary Star Gate in the Sky Martial Court.

If he could enter the Mystic Sky realm, he would be much more confident going to the Sky Martial Court.

Meanwhile, the Primal Qi in the sky grew denser and denser, and it continued to gather in this manner for an hour.

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On a towering tree near Cloud Mountain.

"Second Junior Brother, I really didn't know that your escape technique is so brilliant," Yu Zhenghai said.

"The same can be said about you. Eldest Senior Brother, you're far better than me in this regard. I have no choice but to admit defeat," Yu Shangrong said before he tapped his feet lightly and jumped to another towering tree.

"Do you believe the rumors from the relay station in the capital?" Yu Zhenghai asked, catching up to Yu Shangrong in just a flash.

"Of course." Yu Shangrong smiled faintly. "This has always been the way that master does things. If Yu Chenshu really set a trap in the Sky Wheel Range Mountain, it's tantamount to seeking death."

"However, Yu Chenshu's cultivation base is unfathomable. Moreover, he has the support of the Sky Martial Court. Although he wasn't at the Sky Martial Court, both of us still could not get close to it. This just shows that Yu Chenshu is not a simple person," Yu Zhenghai said.

"Have you forgotten that Ye Zhen was a Ten-leaf karmic fire user with many lives before he died? Even Chen Beizheng, the Great General of the North, couldn't withstand one palm strike from master."

Yu Zhenghai nodded. "I've always been curious about how high master's cultivation base is..."

At this moment, the duo stood side by side. They recalled the chaotic battle between them and their master back then. At that time, both of them only had eight leaves.

At that time, Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai had thought eight leaves was the limit of leaves one could sprout. However, even when the two of them worked together to fight their master, they were still defeated and injured.

In any case, the past should stay in the past.

Currently, their master could kill a Ten-leaf elite in just a blink of an eye. The speed at which their master's cultivation base was rising was truly shocking.

"Back when the seven great sects besieged the Evil Sky Pavilion, master already possessed a Nine-leaf golden lotus. Just a few years have passed, but so many things have changed. We know now there's the tenth leaf and also the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar," Yu Zhenghai said.

Yu Shangrong remained silent. His body seemed as light as a swallow as he flew into the sky. After a moment, he landed on the top of a tree and pointed at Cloud Mountain. "Eldest Senior Brother! He's here!"

Yu Zhenghai arrived next to Yu Shangrong in just a flash and looked up.

Both of them saw a shocking scene.

On the third peak of Cloud Mountain, there was a golden astrolabe.

There were several circles on the astrolabe. Upon a closer look, it seemed like the inner and outer circles were intersected. At the same time, the circles were rotating as well. Apart from that, golden words could be vaguely seen on the astrolabe.

Due to the dense Primal Qi and the bad weather, the duo could only vaguely see the astrolabe.

"The Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?" Yu Zhenghai exclaimed in surprise.

"This is the astrolabe from the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar?" Yu Shangrong was equally as surprised.

"When I was a guest in the Ninth Temple, I remember seeing a drawing of the astrolabe on the wall. However, that astrolabe was red. This is a golden astrolabe," Yu Zhenghai said.

Yu Shangrong smiled indifferently. "As expected, master has been a Mystic Sky Realm cultivator for a long time now..."

"No wonder, no wonder..." Yu Zhenghai sighed emotionally. "No wonder master was able to easily deal with those arrogant Ten-leaf cultivators with just one move. As it turns out, master has been hiding his strength for so long. Master really hid his strength well!"

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Even on Cloud Mountain, one could only vaguely see the astrolabe.

Nie Qingyun and Li Yunzheng had returned to the main peak due to the violent wind so they missed this magnificent sight.

On the other hand, the Cloud Mountain disciples had low cultivation bases so they were unable to enjoy this amazing sight.

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The astrolabe that was shrouded in fog floated on the third peak like a golden sun with characters and circles on it.

In the main hall, Lu Zhou was unaware of this. He was still staring at the avatar and lotus seat in front of him.

"Hm?" He discovered a new pattern had appeared in the Birth Palace on the lotus seat.

"The Birth Disk has appeared..."

"The Birth Palace contains the Birth Charts. Meanwhile, the 36 Birth Charts should be arranged according to the pattern on the piece of cloth. The Birth Disk is like the foundation that guides the astrolabe. Does it mean that once the astrolabe appears, the forming of the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar is complete?"

Lu Zhou looked at the head of his avatar; there was no astrolabe behind it.

"Is it because I suppress its size?"

In just a flash, Lu Zhou withdrew his avatar and left the main hall.

The bad weather was beyond Lu Zhou's expectations, but he did not pay attention to it. He quickly manifested his avatar.

Buzz!

A 250-foot avatar appeared in the sky before it began to increase in height.

260 feet.

270 feet.

In just a flash, it grew to 300 feet tall!

Lu Zhou flew up to the head of his avatar to have a look. He saw a huge golden astrolabe that was much bigger than his avatar's head.

"This..." Lu Zhou inhaled sharply. He felt goosebumps erupting on his skin.

How could it be possible for him not to feel excited?

He flew to the front of the astrolabe. He saw four concentric circles on the surface of the golden astrolabe. The largest circle was about four times bigger than his avatar's head. It formed a golden ring with the second circle. On the ring, there were 12 lines that were spaced apart exactly,

"A clock?" This was Lu Zhou's first thought when he saw the twelve lines. There was a symbol in the space between each line.

Meanwhile, the second and third circles formed another circle, and the third and fourth circles formed a ring.

All in all, the four concentric circles formed three golden rings.

The Birth Palace was in the center of the astrolabe. 36 triangles arranged in clockwise position could be seen in the Birth Palace. He could also faintly see one faintly discernible Birth Chart.

From afar, it looked like a huge golden orb of light.

After he was done studying the astrolabe, Lu Zhou flew to the front of his avatar.

"Let's see... The power of the Birth Chart," Lu Zhou murmured to himself as he tried to use the Birth Chart's power.

As soon as this thought appeared in his mind, the Birth Chart on the astrolabe lit up before it shot out a powerful beam of energy light.

Since Lu Zhou was in its path, he hurriedly moved away.

Bang!

At this moment, the golden beam of light shone down, piercing the top of the main hall.

"..."

Chapter 858: The Astrolabe's Power

Lu Zhou, who was hovering in the air above the main hall, felt a little awkward when he saw the hole. At the same time, he was puzzled as well.

"The life heart's attributes correspond to the beast it belongs to. The Yong should provide defensive power, right? What's with this offensive power?"

Lu Zhou looked at his avatar again. The golden color of his avatar had grown incredibly vivid.

"Since the power of the Birth Chart depends on the Birth Chart Heart, have my avatar's defenses increased?" He tried to sense his avatar's defenses and discovered it had indeed increased tremendously.

Normally, activating a Birth Chart itself would give one basic boost in power. However, placed in the right position, the life heart should grant one with a specific ability that corresponded to the beast it belonged to.

Soon enough, another thought appeared in Lu Zhou's mind. The destructive power of the Birth Chart was so strong, how many times would he be able to use it?

He looked away from the hole in the main hall as he shook his head. There was no helping it. He could only let Nie Qingyun repair it again.

Finally, Lu Zhou withdrew his avatar. He flashed twice away from Cloud Mountain. When he turned back, only the top of Cloud Mountain could be seen. The distance between the flashes was three to four times wider compared to when he had the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar. He also discovered the

energy consumption was about the same. In any case, he was not particularly bothered. Although this was a skill that could have an unexpected effect in a fight, in a close combat fight, the distance of the flashes was not very significant. It was more effective to use it during a sneak attack or dodging attacks. For him, it was useful to travel or run away.

Previously, Lu Zhou needed the effect of the Peak Trial Card in order to catch up to Lu Li, who had activated five Birth Charts, and his Thousand Realms Whirling avatar. It was clear to him that a Birth Chart improved one's strength greatly.

At this moment, Lu Zhou manifested his avatar again.

Buzz!

The sound of energy surging and resonating rang in the air.

A 300-foot avatar appeared behind Lu Zhou. Its golden color and its lotus were both impressive.

Meanwhile, the huge astrolabe hovering at the avatar's back was connected to the Birth Disk in his Birth Palace on the lotus seat.

"Karmic fire."

Swoosh!

Golden karmic fire began to surge immediately. The golden karmic fire burned around the Ten-leaf lotus as well. Soon enough, his avatar was bathed in the golden karmic fire.

"Lu Li doesn't have the karmic fire. In this aspect, I'm better than him." Lu Zhou nodded to himself in satisfaction.

It was easy for him to control the karmic fire now. He channeled his vitality energy, and the karmic fire disappeared immediately. He had to keep a low profile.

Lu Zhou surveyed his surroundings before he looked down. Then, he looked at a mountain not far away and said, "I guess it has to be you..."

Lu Zhou had learned from his previous mistake. He had intentionally come here to test his new strength.

Lu Zhou moved to his avatar's dantian. Then, a golden beam of energy light shot out from the Birth Chart on the astrolabe.

Boom!

The beam of energy light landed on the mountain, causing huge rocks to roll down.

"Again."

A beam of energy light shot out again.

More and more rocks rolled down before the mountain collapsed.

“This...” Lu Zhou was surprised by the Birth Chart’s power. This power was from the life heart of a defensive-type Birth Chart Beast. The strength of his attack would probably be even more exaggerated if activated a Birth Chart with the life heart of an offensive-type beast, right?

All of a sudden, he recalled Yu Chenshu. No wonder Yu Chenshu was not afraid even if Lu Zhou was a Birth Chart master. After all, even if he and the puppet were injured, they could recover by absorbing others’ lives and vitality energy. Moreover, he had the flood-grade Confinement Seal at that time.

Nonetheless, even without the Birth Chart, just the power from the Thousand Realms Whirling was still amazing!

Lu Zhou unleashed the power from the Birth Chart again. This time, its strength was much weaker. With this, he confirmed he could only use the Birth Chart’s power three or four times. This was acceptable to him.

An idea appeared in his head now that he had verified the power of the astrolabe.

It consumed a lot of Primal Qi to control the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

“Hundred Tribulations Insight!”

Lu Zhou’s Thousand Realms Whirling avatar really shrank! The astrolabe vanished into thin air as well. Soon enough, it resumed the appearance of a Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar.

“...” Lu Zhou felt like a frog in the well. It was similar to when he first realized the difference in strength between having nine leaves and ten leaves. At this time, he really felt the Hundred Tribulations Insight avatar was really ugly compared to the Thousand Realms Whirling avatar.

Following that, Lu Zhou withdrew his avatar. He planned to fly back to Cloud Mountain instead of flashing back.

As soon as he left, a cultivator with disheveled hair and a dirty face flew out of the rubble of the collapsed mountain. His body trembled as he looked around his surroundings. A frightened expression could be seen on his face as he said, “God, I won’t swear in your name anymore! Please stop striking me! I know I was wrong!”

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On Cloud Mountain.

The weather had returned to normal.

Nie Qingyun and Li Yunzheng looked at the hole in the main hall blankly as their hearts raced in their chests.

“Your Majesty, since you’re Senior Lu’s grand disciple, can you put in a good word for me later?” Nie Qingyun asked in slight embarrassment as he looked at the main hall.

“It’s too late! It seems like grandmaster has been dissatisfied with this place for a long time now. To be honest, although the palace is boring and my freedom is restricted, the conditions are a lot better than

this palace,” Li Yunzheng said. Then, he hurriedly added, “I’m not belittling this place. I like Cloud Mountain a lot!”

“Fine! We’ll change it. I’ll give up the courtyard in the main peak! I’ll arrange for ten female disciples to serve Senior Lu all the time! Your Majesty, do you think this is satisfactory?” Nie Qingyun asked.

“It’s not bad. However, I have a dozen palace maids serving me in the palace,” Li Yunzheng said, “Master is older than me; he’s elderly. You’ll have to double the number of disciples serving him.”

“Alright.” With that, Nie Qingyun quickly ordered his men to tidy up the courtyard in the main peak.

Following that, Nie Qingyun selected the most beautiful female disciples in Cloud Mountain and gathered them in the main hall of the second peak.

Hearing the commotion, Xia Changqiu, Meng Changdong, and the others rushed over curiously.

At this moment, Little Yuan ‘er’s voice rang in the air. “Eldest Senior Brother! Second Senior Brother! You’ve returned!”

Yu Shangrong and Yu Zhenghai descended from the sky. Both of them greeted Little Yuan’er and Conch. “Greetings, Ninth Junior Sister, Little Junior Sister.”

Conch quickly responded to her senior brothers’ greetings.

At this moment, everyone bowed and greeted Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong. “Mister First. Mister Second.”

Yu Zhenghai asked in confusion, “Where’s master?”

A guilty expression appeared on Nie Qingyun’s face as he said, “It’s all my fault. The conditions of this place are too poor. I’ve already ordered people to speed up the repairs. Moreover, I have vacated the main peak and selected more than twenty of the most beautiful female disciples on Cloud Mountain to serve Senior Lu!”

Yu Zhenghai briefly glanced at the row of female disciples with a confused expression before he finally said, “You’re too kind...”

“It’s a small matter. It’s not worth mentioning.”

While everyone was chatting, Lu Zho finally returned.

Little Yuan ‘er hurriedly ran up and called out, “Master!”

Yu Shangrong, Yu Zhenghai, and the others greeted Lu Zhou as well.

After landing, Lu Zhou looked at the scene in front of him and asked, “What’s this for? What’s happening?”

Li Yunzheng said, “Grandmaster, these are the female disciples that Sect Leader Nie has personally chosen to serve you. They will serve you well from now on. Moreover, the main hall in the third peak is being repaired, and the main peak has been vacated for grandmaster.”

Nie Qingyun thought to himself, ‘This time, Senior Lu should be happy, right?’

Lu Zhou's expression turned stern immediately. "B*stard, if you have so much energy and free time, wouldn't it be better to cultivate? Everyone, scram!"

Li Yunzheng and Nie Qingyun. "..."

Everyone hurriedly left.

Lu Zhou said, "Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, both of you stay back."

"Yes, master."

After everyone left, Lu Zhou asked about the situation in the Sky Martial Court while they were there.

The duo recounted everything to their master, including the things they had seen and heard in the capital. At the same time, they also reported that they had completed the mission as their master had instructed them to.

Then, Yu Zhenghai asked curiously, "Master, there's a rumor that you killed Yu Chenshu. Is it true?"

There was no need for Lu Zhou to deny this so he said, "That's right. I killed Yu Chenshu."

"..."

A nosy expression appeared on Yu Zhenghai's face as he continued to ask, "I also heard that the Sky Wheel Range Mountain collapsed, a black lotus cultivator appeared, and disaster is about to fall. Are all these also true?"

"A black lotus cultivator did appear, but there will be no disaster because of that. Both of you have completed the mission well..." Lu Zhou said.

"Thank you for your praise, master."

Following that, Lu Zhou looked at Yu Shangrong and said, "Show me your avatar."

Although Yu Shangrong was confused, he still manifested his avatar. A miniature Nine-leaf golden avatar without a lotus appeared on his palm.

Lu Zhou studied Yu Shangrong's avatar carefully. The absence of a lotus made the avatar look less cluttered. However, without a lotus and a lotus seat, how was Yu Shangrong going to activate his Birth Chart?

Prior to coming to the red lotus domain, Lu Zhou was not aware of the existence of Birth Charts, after all.

Upon seeing the contemplative expression on his master's face, Yu Shangrong asked curiously, "Master, is something the matter?"

"I'm just checking your cultivation. Both of you have to work harder."

"I'll definitely work hard. I won't disappoint you."

Lu Zhou nodded. "After two days, follow me to the Sky Martial Court."

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Meanwhile, in the southern pavilion of the Evil Sky Pavilion in the golden lotus domain.

Zhou Jifeng looked at the flying letter in his hand and said, "Another two Nine-leaf cultivators have appeared in the Divine Capital. The Island Master of Penglai Island has also sprouted the ninth leaf. The cities in the nine provinces have already completed the new Formations. Currently, in Great Yan, apart from some insignificant sea beasts, it's relatively peaceful."

'Sea beasts?' Si Wuya was puzzled. However, he did not dwell on it. He nodded and said, "I called you here today to discuss an important matter."

At this moment, Mingshi Yin who was leaning against a chair said lazily, "What do you want to discuss? You can make the decisions..."

Woof! Woof!

Qiong Qi barked twice and pawed Mingshi Yin's leg.

"See... Even my dog agrees."

"..." Si Wuya ignored Mingshi Yin and said straightforwardly, "We have dealt with Great Yan's Nine Provinces... However, master is still in danger. Now that the red lotus domain's Sky Shuttle had been repaired, and we have even built a few more..."

"Wait!" Mingshi Yin interjected and rose to his feet immediately. "Don't tell me you want to go to the red lotus domain?"

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The four elders and disciples of the Devil Sky Pavilion all stood up and looked at Si Wuya.

Si Wuya did not hesitate and nodded:

"That's right."

"I object!" Ming Shiyin was the first to raise his hand.

"Fourth senior brother... you just said that you want me to make the decision, but now..." si wuya frowned.

"Just now was just now, now is now."

Ming Shiyin said, "Based on the current situation, Red Lotus has ten leaves holding down the fort, and they're all in a mess. We only have nine leaves. It's not safe enough. If Red Lotus takes the opportunity to invade, wouldn't we be finished? "We should stay and guard Great Yan until Master returns. This is the way of the King! "There's no need to worry for master. If anything happens to all of you, nothing will happen to master..."

Si Wuya said,

"Your worries are unnecessary. "Master has already stabilized his foothold in red lotus and Red Lotus doesn't dare to invade again. Moreover, with sixth senior sister and Cheng Huang guarding it, even if ten

leaves were to come personally, she might not be Cheng Huang's match. "I've observed Cheng Huang and he's still recovering. He's more than twice as strong as when he first came to Great Yan."

Everyone was surprised.

"Mr. Seven is right. If we go to Red Lotus, I'm willing to go," Pan Litian said.

"How can I Be Left Behind?"

"I agree."

Hua Wudao glanced at the three of them and said a little awkwardly, "Then... I'll go with the seniors."

"You have to work hard. Nine leaves will be the last to enter. Miss Yuexing will catch up to you," Zuo Yushu said with a smile.

Hua Wudao's old face turned red. "Definitely, Definitely."

Si Wuya looked at Duanmu Sheng and said, "Third senior brother?"

Duanmu Sheng rubbed the overlord spear while exhaling and said, "It's up to you."

"Sixth senior sister?"

Ye Tianxin, who was dressed in white, said with a faint smile, "I believe in your judgment."

"Eighth junior brother?"

Zhu Honggong hurriedly stood up from the chair and rubbed his eyes. "Seventh senior brother, you called for me?"

Si Wuya shook his head.

Ming Shiyin waved his hand and said, "All of you can go. I'll stay at the Devil Sky Pavilion alone... a bunch of lunatics. They stay in Great Flame, wake up after eating, and walk the dog every day. Aren't they comfortable?"

At this moment, a voice came from outside the South Pavilion

"I agree to go over."

Everyone looked toward the voice.

"Jiang Aijian?" Si Wuya looked at this person in confusion.

Jiang Aijian nodded and bowed as he walked toward the south pavilion with a flattering smile on his face.

"Hello, long time no see, Hello... Mr. Six is even more beautiful than before, Mr. Eight is really getting more and more elegant, Mr. Four..."

Woof Woof Woof... Woo —

"Damn, where did this dog come from?" Jiang Aijian flashed and left the South Pavilion.

Everyone:” ...”

Ming shiyin patted qiong qi and said, “Calm down.”

Qiong Qi continued to lie on the ground, squinting as he went to sleep.

After a while, Jiang Aijian returned from outside and greeted everyone again. Everyone was speechless.

Si Wuya looked at Jiang Aijian and said, “Why are you here?”

Jiang Aijian went straight to the point, “There are more sea beasts.”

“Sea Beasts?” Everyone was puzzled.

“The beasts on land are expelled by humans, but the beasts in the sea can not be expelled. Penglai Island has been attacked by many sea beasts recently. Fortunately, my master managed to repel the sea beasts.”. “Red Lotus has TIANWU Academy to do research on it. Perhaps there is a way to solve it, or we can work with Red Lotus to repel the sea beasts together,” Jiang Aijian said seriously.

“Can’t we just move them onto land?” Zhu Hongtong asked doubtfully.

“That’s just a temporary solution... some sea beasts will climb onto land!” Jiang Aijian said, “The sea beasts are far stronger than those on land. If we go to Red Lotus earlier, with your wisdom, you might be able to help senior ji persuade Red Lotus to work with Golden Lotus.”

Si Wuya sat down and fell into deep thought.

Ming shiyin also frowned and said, “If that’s the case, we’ll be in trouble...”

Anyone with common sense knew that the number and strength of the sea beasts far surpassed that of humans.

“Mr. Seven, you make the decision.”

“Yes, you make the decision. We believe in you.”

Everyone looked at Si Wuya.

Si Wuya nodded and stood up. He cupped his hands and bowed:

“Thank you for believing in me, everyone.”

He paused and continued, “The Great Yan world can not be without the Devil Sky Pavilion. Although the world is already set, sixth senior sister and Cheng Huang will stay behind to guard the Devil Sky Pavilion. Senior Sister Zhaoyue will guard Shen ‘Du, and I will send a letter to her. Sixth senior sister, what do you think?”

Everyone nodded and looked at ye tianxin.

Ye tianxin smiled and said, “It’s good. I will stay behind.”

She really didn’t want to leave. After all, Chenghuang couldn’t cross the endless sea. Although the empty carriage was big, it wasn’t even one-fifth of Chenghuang’s size. She wouldn’t be willing to stay behind Chenghuang and head to the Red Lotus.

“Zhou Jifeng and Pan Zhong’s cultivation levels are still shallow. Stay in the Devil Sky Pavilion and cultivate well. Miss Yue Xing is a first-class sharpshooter. She stands guard in the city and also stays behind. Do the three of you have any questions?”

The three of them bowed. “We will obey Mr. Seven’s orders.”

“The rest of you will gather in three days and head to Red Lotus together,” Si Wuya said.

Ming shiyin spread his hands and sighed. “I am indeed a capable person who works hard. As master’s proudest and most assured disciple, I am truly helpless.”

“...”

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Early the next morning.

Cries could be heard coming from the sky above the Devil Sky Pavilion’s South Pavilion.

“Quick, quick, quick! The Fierce Beast has invaded! Bring it down!”

Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng flew around in the sky, continuously attacking the fierce beast.

The fierce beast looked like a pig. It was six feet long and four feet tall. Its entire body was green. It had two big ears and four long tusks protruded out of its mouth. It was like an elephant tusk, hugging it outside.

It hummed and hummed as it dodged the attacks of the two people.

“A little wild boar dares to run to the Devil Sky Pavilion. It’s really tired of living! I must cut it into pieces and roast it to eat!” Pan Zhong kept throwing his palms into the air. The three Yin palms and six Yang palms hit it so hard that it fled everywhere.

Puff —

The boar-like ferocious beast suddenly dove down at an extremely fast speed.

“Mr. Eight, hide quickly!” Just then, Zhu Hong walked out of the room, stretched his body and yawned.

It was destined.

Zhu Honggong’s eyes opened, and he was shocked. “Oh my God... how did he get in here? is the barrier made of paper?”

He immediately used his great ability to dodge the Beast’s attack.

The Beast landed on the ground.

It groaned at Zhu Honggong and fell to the ground.

“Beast! How dare you hurt Mr. Ba? You’re courting death!” Pan Zhong held the life-severing sword with both hands, and the blade energy burst out, slashing at the back of the Beast.

Bang!

At this moment, the back of the ferocious beast actually flashed with a ray of light and sent the life-severing saber flying.

It shook Pan Zhong's arm until it became numb.

"It's so sturdy! ?"

Zhou Jifeng and Pan Zhong looked at the ferocious beast in astonishment.

Only a white scar appeared on the back of the ferocious beast.

Immediately after, it ran towards Zhu Honggong as if it knew that old eight would protect it. It prostrated on the ground with its four hooves and let out a humming sound.

"..."

Zhu Hong Gong was dumbfounded.

Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng were also puzzled.

"What do you mean... this beast is mocking the Devil Sky Pavilion for not being able to cut it down?" Pan Zhong was not convinced. He grabbed with his hand and the life-slaying saber flew back.

"Stop."

A voice came.

Si Wuya held the peacock plume in his hand and walked over gracefully.

His eyes swept over the fierce beast and said, "This beast is called Dang Kang. It is an auspicious sign from heaven. It is a first-class fierce beast recorded in ancient books. It is said that when Dang Kang calls itself, it will make the world a great place. It is very suitable to be used as a mount."

Zhu Hong swallowed his saliva and walked over, saying, "Seventh brother, why do I feel that it is more suitable to be roasted and eaten?"

Si Wuya rolled his eyes at him and said, "You are such a good-for-nothing. Any legendary beast is more or less predestined. I think this beast is predestined to you. Maybe you can tame it."

"Come on, seventh brother, I think it's better baked!" Zhu Hong looked at Dang Kang and drooled.

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Dang Kang grunted, sounding very much like a wild boar. It was rather difficult to imagine it was an auspicious beast.

Si Wuya said, "It easily breached the barrier; this proves its strength. It could also block Pan Zhong's Life Cutter without suffering any injuries. Its defenses are definitely above the Nascent Divinity Tribulation Realm. Based on its physique, it should still be in its teens. Are you really going to roast it and eat it?"

Zhu Hong Gong scratched his head as he studied Dang Kang that was lying on the ground. It really resembled a wild boar, but there was no denying it really blocked Life Cutter. How could ordinary beasts be capable of such a feat? In the end, he asked, "Is it really that powerful?"

Si Wuya asked, slowly guiding Zhu Honggong in the direction he wanted, "If you can tame it, it's equivalent to having an extra helper. Do you still remember master's mount? Aren't you tempted at all?"

"You're right," Zhu Honggong nodded and said, "After listening to Seventh Senior Brother, I suddenly feel like this wild boar... No, I mean Dang Kang... looks pretty good. Very elegant and beautiful!"

"..."

Si Wuya coughed twice into his fist and said unnaturally, "You're right."

"Okay, I'll listen to Seventh Senior Brother!"

"Go..." Si Wuya patted Zhu Honggong's shoulder and turned to leave after he finished speaking.

Following that, Zhu Honggong tried to approach Dang Kang.

It was a surprise that Dang Kang did not attack Zhu Honggong. Instead, it lay obediently on the ground just like how Qiong Qi behaved around Mingshi Yin.

The people present on the scene were shocked.

Pan Zhong, who still held Life Cutter in his hand, looked at Dang Kang in confusion and muttered, "Is it really... fate?"

Was it not said that taming legendary beasts was incredibly difficult? Why did it seem like it was not difficult at all?

Pan Zhong tossed Life Cutter to the side and walked toward Dang Kang with a smile. Perhaps, he might have fate with Dang Kang?

Alas, as soon as Pan Zhong drew close, Dang Kang suddenly rose up and bared its fangs immediately! It pawed its hoof on the ground and growled, looking as though it was going to attack.

Pan Zhong hurriedly pulled Life Cutter to him with his energy and disappeared without a trace.

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Meanwhile, Si Wuya returned to the southern pavilion.

Using the Formation array he had prepared beforehand, he lit up talisman papers to communicate with those from the red lotus domain.

When the projection appeared, Si Wuya saw Meng Changdong and greeted him. "Greetings, Guardian Meng."

Meng Changdong waved his hand repeatedly and said, "There's no need to be so polite, Mister Seven. Wait a moment, I'll go look for the pavilion master immediately."

As time passed, Meng Changdong had gotten used to and adapted to his new identity and status as a guardian. During the times he communicated with Si Wuya, he had also gained a basic understanding of the Evil Sky Pavilion and began to address Lu Zhou as Pavilion Master.

“Thank you.”

Soon after, there was movement in the projection again.

Si Wuya immediately bowed. “This disciple greets master.”

At this moment, Lu Zhou said with his back straight on a futon. His palms were placed on his lap as he opened his eyes slightly and asked, “What’s the matter?”

Si Wuya reported the situation in the Nine Provinces and the recent incidents on Penglai Island.

Upon hearing this, Lu Zhou frowned slightly.

At this moment, Meng Changdong said, “1,000 years ago, the red lotus domain suffered a large-scale attack from sea beasts. At that time, the sea raged and swallowed the land. Humans suffered great casualties; many Nine-leaf cultivators died in the mouths of the sea beasts. Will the golden lotus domain also suffer such a disaster?”

Si Wuya said, “This is precisely what I’m worried about. Moreover, the red lotus domain’s ambition to invade the golden lotus domain will never die. Although the golden lotus domain will be safe for a time, it’s possible that it will face a crisis in the future.”

Lu Zhou nodded upon hearing Si Wuya’s words.

Based on the golden lotus domain’s current state, it seems to be walking down the same path the red lotus domain did in the past.

If the golden lotus domain wanted to avoid this disaster, the cultivators had to increase their cultivation speed.

“How’s the situation in the Divine Capital?” Lu Zhou asked.

“I went to the Divine Capital five days ago; everything is stable. However, Fifth Senior Sister’s cultivation progress is very slow. It may be because she’s busy with political affairs.”

Busy with political affairs? This should not be the reason for a slow cultivation progress.

With the Great Void Seed, even Duanmu Sheng who was the slowest, had also sprouted the eighth leaf. Zhao Yue should have progressed much faster.

“There are no other abnormalities?”

“No.” Si Wuya shook his head.

“Continue to pay attention and inform her about this method of communication.”

“Understood.” Si Wuya bowed before he looked up again. “About the matter of the Evil Sky Pavilion coming to the red lotus...”

“We will do as you say.”

“This disciple obeys master’s orders...”

Lu Zhou was strong enough to conquer the red lotus domain. However, it would be better if the golden lotus domain and the red lotus domain could work together and stabilize the situation in the red lotus domain. There was no need to use force all the time. Moreover, Li Yunzheng, the ruler of this country, needed Si Wuya's guidance.

It was a situation of the right people being at the right place and the right time.

In Lu Zhou's opinion, the golden lotus domain and the red lotus domain could be considered to be one except for the Endless Ocean separating them. The two domains should work together to fight the sea beasts... and the black lotus domain that could invade at any time.

It was as Lu Li had said; humans liked to fight among themselves. Although Lu Li was not hostile, who could guarantee the other black lotus cultivators would not have sinister ideas?

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Two days later. Early in the morning.

On Cloud Mountain in the red lotus domain's Great Tang.

Ever since Lu Zhou had familiarized himself with the power of the astrolabe, he had planned to use the Zheng's life heart to activate his second Birth Chart. However, it was recorded in the ancient books that it was not good to rush in regard to activating Birth Charts. Therefore, he planned to wait for his condition to stabilize before he activated his second Birth Chart.

Over the past two days, Lu Zhou had fully replenished his extraordinary power, and his Birth Chart power had also recovered. He discovered that the recovery speed of extraordinary power and the Birth Chart power was about the same. Naturally, this was all thanks to the speed-increasing effect of the Purple Glazed Ceramic.

"The effect of the desolate-grade Purple Glazed Ceramic is so good. How much better would it be if it's upgraded to the flood grade?"

To upgrade from desolate to flood grade, he needed three fire spirit stones, a few forging materials, and an extremely skilled forger.

He had given the other fire spirit stone to Yu Shangrong. Yu Shangrong's Longevity Sword was only at the heaven-grade, and it was damaged. Yu Shangrong definitely needed fire spirit stone more than he did.

Lu Zhou shook his head when he thought about this.

It was time to visit the Sky Martial Court. The Sky Martial Court had a strong foundation, perhaps, they had forging materials there?

"Men."

"Senior Lu, your orders?."

"Pass down the message that we're leaving for Sky Martial Court."

"Understood."

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Late in the afternoon.

A huge flying carriage rose from Cloud Mountain, carrying all the relevant people as it flew toward the capital.

When they were halfway there, Nie Qingyun said sincerely, "Brother Yu's helming skill is really at the peak of perfection. I really admit defeat!"

Yu Zhenghai said with a smile, "You're a sect master and have probably never taken the helm of a flying chariot before. It's understandable that you're not familiar with the trick and techniques of flying a chariot."

Meng Changdong looked up and said, "Why don't I take the helm?" Although he was a guardian of the Evil Sky Pavilion, it did not feel right to let the eldest disciple of the pavilion to take the helm of the flying chariot.

How could Meng Changdong survive for so long with Ye Zhen around in the Flying Star House if he was not astute and tactful? He had long noticed that in the Evil Sky Pavilion, Little Yuan'er and Conch were like little ancestors who can't be ordered around. Although Yu Shangrong was humble and amiable, he was a lone wolf. It was even more impossible for Yu Shangrong to let others help him. After thinking about all these things, he felt he should be the one at the helm.

However, Yu Zhenghai glanced at Meng Changdong and said, "There's no need for Guardian Meng to worry. Sit tight... I'm going to increase the speed."

After Yu Zhenghai finished speaking, he pushed a hand out. Intense Primal Qi surged out and enveloped the entire flying chariot immediately. The Primal Qi shrouded the flying chariot in the form of a cone seal that shot through the clouds like a bullet.

Meanwhile, Li Yunzheng, Little Yuan'er, Conch, and the others enjoyed the scenery at the deck.

Inside the chariot.

Lu Zhou looked at Wang Shizhong and asked, "Why? Are you resentful?"

Wang Shizhong, whose face was now haggard, said, "I'm already a prisoner. Why must you mock me so?"

"Do you know why I didn't kill You?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Isn't it because you're afraid of the Imperial Court?" Wang Shizhong asked.

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "If I want to, I can flatten the entire red lotus domain."

"..." Wang Shizhong turned away. In his opinion, Lu Zhou was just bragging.

The winner takes all, after all. Bickering would only make one look more foolish. Therefore, Wang Shizhong simply turned and looked away.

"You don't believe me?"

“So what if I believe you and so what if I don’t?” Wang Shizhong asked, somewhat helplessly.

“Don’t think too highly of yourself. Do you think I spared your life to threaten the Sky Martial Court or the Imperial Court? Moreover, In their eyes, you’re worthless,” Lu Zhou said indifferently as he stroked his beard.

“...” Wang Shizhong looked at Li Yunzheng, who was standing proudly on the deck and overlooking the magnificent landscape, as if he had understood something.

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When the sun was finally setting in the west, the huge flying chariot appeared at the pass near Sky Martial Mountain.

At this moment, the inside and outside of the Sky Martial Court’s Sacred Rites Hall were in chaos.

“Elder Qiu, something bad has happened! The people from Cloud Mountain are here!”

The expressions of Elder Qiu and the other elders changed drastically; they rose to their feet immediately.

“Elder Qiu... I suggest that we activate the Sky Martial Heavenly Formation. Now that something has happened to Court Master Yu, Cloud Mountain must have come to take advantage of the situation. We can’t allow them to succeed. Otherwise, they’ll think our Sky Martial Court can be trampled upon.”

Yu Chenshu was not the only reason the Sky Martial Court had such a high status in Great Tang, after all.

Elder Qiu shook his head and said, “Men.”

“Here.”

“Inform the five Grand Dukes and the Chief Commander about this.”

“Yes.”

“The others will come with me to welcome them. Without my permission, no one’s allowed to use force,” Elder Qiu said.