

## L. Wyatt 1701

### Chapter 1701: Soul Gathering

The Storage Ring requires blood recognition to master it and control the space inside to store items.

A master-recognized Storage Ring cannot be opened by others unless the master voluntarily relinquishes it or the master dies.

Yet now, Wyatt Barnes cannot open the Storage Ring that originally belonged to the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Peace Adams'.

Thus, there's only one possibility.

Peace Adams is not dead!

"Impossible!"

However, as soon as this thought arose, Wyatt Barnes felt it was impossible.

On that day, when he killed Peace Adams, he used the myriad sword domain to form a sword light, combined with the second realm of the Supreme Heart Sword, 'Sword Shadow at Will', and the formidable power of his physical body, to execute the strongest sword strike, piercing directly through Peace Adams's brow.

The brow and the heart are the death points of humans.

The heart controls the body, and the brow governs the soul.

Piercing the brow is equivalent to destroying the soul, which is the safest means of a kill.

Attacking the heart brings certain risks, as some people have misaligned hearts.

Given the situation at the time, if Wyatt Barnes couldn't deliver a one-hit kill, Peace Adams would surely surrender immediately upon coming to.

Thus, he didn't target Peace Adams's heart because he wouldn't gamble.

That's why he chose the safest method — one sword through Peace Adams's brow, crushing Peace Adams's soul.

"Back then, I extended my Divine Sense to investigate... Peace Adams's soul was clearly dispersing as his corpse fell. According to common sense, once the soul begins to disperse, there's no chance of survival... But, why can't his Storage Ring recognize a master?"

Wyatt Barnes's face turned a bit unsightly.

Maybe there were quite a few good things inside Peace Adams's Storage Ring, along with the Storage Rings of Monk Flower, Silent Void, and Gully Ashton Chapman, yet Wyatt Barnes wasn't thinking about retrieving the items, but pondering why the Storage Ring failed to recognize a master.

Thinking it over and over, there's only one possibility:

Peace Adams is not dead!

"Elder Fire."

Unwilling to believe Peace Adams is dead, Wyatt Barnes immediately contacted Elder Fire inside the Seven Treasure Jewel Tower, seeking the reason.

Elder Fire, at his peak, was a powerful being in the heavenly planes, perhaps capable of shedding some light on the matter.

As Wyatt Barnes recounted the events, Elder Fire pondered for a moment and asked, "You said he was a Demon Cultivator?"

"Yes."

Wyatt Barnes nodded, then added, "According to others, Peace Adams was not a Demon Cultivator a year ago and was only at the early stage of Middle Saint Realm... A year later, he appeared again, not only as a Demon Cultivator but having advanced to the 'Middle Saint Realm peak'!"

Frankly, Wyatt Barnes was astonished by Peace Adams's progress.

To know that even with the assistance of the Seven Treasure Jewel Tower, where five days inside equaled one day outside, Wyatt Barnes couldn't guarantee advancing from early Middle Saint Realm to the peak within a year outside.

Like before the Overleaping Rankings started, he stayed on the third level of the Seven Treasure Jewel Tower for nearly four years, spending a part of the time understanding the Supreme Heart Sword, but primarily focusing on upgrading his cultivation level, only stabilizing at the early stage of Little Saint Realm and breaking through to the middle stage of Little Saint Realm.

Now, Wyatt Barnes, although in the middle stage of Little Saint Realm, is infinitely close to the late stage of Little Saint Realm.

Additionally, his battle power is comparable to that of a typical Middle Saint Realm peak!

This is evident from his ability to kill Peace Adams.

"To gain such improvements in such a short period, and also become a Demon Cultivator... I reckon his Devil Path cultivation method must record the technique of 'Soul Gathering'."

Elder Fire's voice quickly transmitted.

"Soul Gathering?"

Wyatt Barnes's eyes shrank, revealing horror; it was his first time hearing this term.

"Yes, it's Soul Gathering."

Elder Fire responded, "Some advanced Devil Path cultivation methods and Taoist Immortal Methods record the 'Soul Gathering' technique... Soul Gathering refers to the ability to consolidate the soul anew within the period when the soul is shattered. Of course, even if consolidated, it takes some time to fully recover."

"So, could he possibly come back from the dead?"

Wyatt Barnes took a sharp gasp.

"You could say that."

Elder Fire responded again.

Upon hearing this, Wyatt Barnes's face turned extremely unsightly, "So Peace Adams not only survived but could use the 'Soul Gathering' technique to reconsolidate his shattered soul, resurrecting?"

"How can this be!"

The murmuring deepened, and Wyatt Barnes's face twitched slightly.

He traveled thousands of miles to the Sky-scraping Mansion territory, to partake in the Overleaping Rankings position battle, precisely to kill Peace Adams and relieve Julia.

He originally thought he killed Peace Adams, but didn't anticipate this outcome.

"Now, Uncle Hanson also believes Peace Adams is dead... If he finds out Peace Adams survived, who knows how disheartened he'd be!"

As time passes, Wyatt Barnes's expression becomes increasingly grim.

Intending to report the good news to Karina Hanson, Wyatt Barnes, upon thinking that Peace Adams survived, decided not to seek Karina Hanson but left the Blue Wave Hanson Mansion on his own.

He needs to calm down now.

"Elder Fire, you just mentioned that even with the use of the Soul Gathering technique, it requires a period of time to restore the soul... Specifically, how long would it take?"

Wyatt Barnes asked Elder Fire again.

"The specific time needed still depends on how well the Soul Gathering technique is mastered. The technique itself is tiered... However, even with the best Soul Gathering method I know, to restore a soul at the peak of the Middle Saint Realm and allow it to reincarnate, it would take at least a year and a half."

Elder Fire replied.

"A year and a half?"

Upon hearing this, Wyatt Barnes let out a sigh of relief.

Earlier, his biggest concern was that Peace Adams might recover immediately, and then his marriage contract with Karina could proceed as planned.

But now it seems, in the short term, there's no chance of fulfilling this marriage contract.

Wyatt Barnes temporarily set his heart at ease.

"A year and a half... and that's with the best Soul Gathering method Elder Fire has seen! The technique that Peace Adams has mastered shouldn't be that strong; it would take at least two to three years."

At this thought, Wyatt Barnes felt even more at ease.

However, his gaze gradually became sharp, "Peace Adams, I never thought you'd survive... But if I can kill you once, I can naturally kill you a second time! In two or three years, killing you will be as easy as killing a dog!"

Wyatt Barnes was filled with confidence about this.

Two or three years later, even if Peace Adams fully restores his soul and reincarnates, his cultivation would at most remain at the same peak level as before.

Right now, Wyatt Barnes could kill him.

After two or three years, facing a Peace Adams whose cultivation hasn't changed, it would be even easier for Wyatt Barnes to kill him.

"At that time, I can just use the identity of Eden Lee to find an excuse to target him... saying I'm unwilling that I didn't kill him during the Overleaping Rankings, creating a devil's obstacle in my Heart Sword, obstructing my path in Martial Dao, and using his life to eliminate all barriers... This way, it won't implicate the Bibo Hanson House."

With this idea in mind, Wyatt Barnes completely put his heart at ease.

The Sky-scraping Mansion, regardless, wouldn't link 'Eden Lee' with the Bibo Hanson House.

Therefore, there's no worry about implicating the Bibo Hanson House.

"In a month's time, it's the day the Sky-scraping Mansion comes to seek marriage... but now that Peace Adams' soul is shattered and he's unconscious, it's impossible for him to marry Julia. For the next two to three years, Julia is safe."

With this thought, Wyatt Barnes breathed a sigh of relief.

In this light, his trip to the Sky-scraping Mansion's region wasn't in vain.

After sorting this out, Wyatt Barnes went to find Karina Hanson.

"Brother Leandro!"

Seeing Wyatt Barnes appear again, Karina Hanson was naturally very surprised, a gloomy face blossoming into a smile.

However, this smile appeared rather bitter.

"Brother Leandro, where have you been this past year?"

Karina Hanson continued to ask without waiting for Wyatt Barnes to respond.

"I went to the Sky-scraping Mansion region."

Wyatt Barnes smiled and said.

"Went to the Sky-scraping Mansion region?"

Hearing this, Karina Hanson's smile froze; the words 'Sky-scraping Mansion' were no less than a curse to her.

In a month's time, she was destined to marry into the Sky-scraping Mansion, to that playboy.

Seeing Julia's face freeze, and the pain reflected in her eyes, Wyatt Barnes immediately dismissed the thought of teasing her and straightforwardly said: "Julia, don't worry, a month from now, the Sky-scraping Mansion likely won't come for marriage... the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, is dead, having perished in the Overleaping Rankings."

At the moment Wyatt Barnes' words fell, Karina Hanson was stunned, completely stunned.

The Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, dead?

Dead in the Overleaping Rankings?

This news was no less than a bombshell for Karina Hanson, causing her mind to jumble.

She certainly wouldn't doubt Brother Leandro's words.

Although she didn't know who killed Peace Adams, the surprise indeed came too swiftly!

Wyatt Barnes calmly watched Karina Hanson, her facial changes were entirely in his eyes.

At first stunned, then disbelief, and finally joy.

Wyatt Barnes sighed inwardly, deciding not to reveal to Karina Hanson that the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, was actually not dead yet.

After all, the immediate crisis was temporarily averted.

"Brother Leandro, his death... is related to you, isn't it?"

Although Karina Hanson felt her thought sounded a bit far-fetched, she had a strong intuition that the death of the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, Peace Adams, was ten to one related to her Brother Leandro.

Judging by the timing, the Overleaping Rankings had just ended recently.

"Yes."

With Karina Hanson, Wyatt Barnes naturally had nothing to hide, nodding, "A year ago, I left the Bibo Hanson House, went to that Sky-scraping Mansion region under the alias 'Eden Lee', and participated in the Overleaping Rankings... during the rankings, I killed him! Thus, his death naturally wouldn't be linked back to the Bibo Hanson House by the Sky-scraping Mansion."

Chapter 1702: My Condolences, Grand Elder!

Even though Karina Hanson was already mentally prepared, her heart was still filled with shock after confirming the matter from her Brother Wyatt's mouth.

Originally, she thought this matter was related to her Brother Wyatt, but never considered that it was her Brother Wyatt who acted himself.



But now, hearing her Brother Wyatt say that he acted personally?

How could she not feel shocked?

"Brother Wyatt, your strength..."

Karina looked at Wyatt Barnes woodenly, her face full of horror and disbelief.

Others may not understand Wyatt Barnes, but Karina knows best; although Wyatt has good talent, she subconsciously doesn't believe he could kill Peace Adams.

Peace Adams, the Junior House Master of Sky-scraping Mansion, a year ago, was at the initial stage of the Middle Saint Realm.

After a year, with the resources tilted towards him from Sky-scraping Mansion, breaking through to the 'middle stage of Middle Saint Realm' wasn't out of reach.

And her Brother Wyatt, actually killed Peace Adams?

Doesn't that mean her Brother Wyatt has strength above the middle stage of the Middle Saint Realm?

"My cultivation is only at the middle stage of the Little Saint Realm... but, because my True Origin is quite special, it allows me to fight across a major realm."

Wyatt Barnes smiled.

The middle stage of Little Saint Realm?

Hearing Wyatt Barnes' words, Karina breathed a sigh of relief. Compared to a cultivation above the middle stage of the Middle Saint Realm, this cultivation was more acceptable.

However, when she realized and remembered the latter half of Wyatt's sentence, she couldn't help but cry out in surprise, "Cross...cross a major realm to fight?"

At this moment, Karina looked at Wyatt with eyes as if she had seen a ghost.

Is there truly such a True Origin in the world?

"Yes."

Wyatt nodded with a smile, "If not for this, I wouldn't be a match for Peace Adams... However, Julia, I only told you about this matter. To Uncle Hanson, I said I asked a friend from a quasi third-rate power to act, and that friend is called 'Eden Lee'."

"If father knew it was you, Brother Wyatt, acting personally, he would definitely be stunned!"

Knowing Peace Adams was dead, Karina swept away the earlier gloom and seemed to return to her usual quirky self.

Seeing this, Wyatt was also quite pleased, as this was the outcome he desired.

Of course, saying 'outcome' at this time is a bit premature.

"That Peace Adams won't recover in two or three years... So, it doesn't affect my plans to go to the quasi third-rate power, 'Mysterious Void House'."

Wyatt thought to himself.

That day, it was precisely because he learned about Mysterious Void House recruiting 'Saint Realm talents' under the age of forty in a year that he postponed his plans with Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins and returned early to the Jade Wave Hanson House.

Mysterious Void House isn't only an excellent 'springboard' in his eyes, but he's also quite curious about the 'Saint Martial Secret Realm' they will open in a year.

But, despite planning to go to Mysterious Void House, Wyatt isn't in a hurry.

"I'll wait another month. If no one from Sky-scraping Mansion comes, I'll take a trip back to Fletcher Kingdom to visit my senior brother and Uncle Romero... When I left, I didn't say goodbye to Winnie; I don't even know if she's upset."

Murmuring to himself, Wyatt let out a bitter smile.

"By the way, Brother Wyatt, shortly after you left, Sister Winnie came looking for you."

As Wyatt was thinking of Winnie Romero and showing a bitter smile, Karina suddenly remembered something and timely spoke.

"Winnie? Came looking for me?"

Wyatt was also surprised upon hearing this.

"Yes."

Karina nodded, "Originally, I planned to keep Sister Winnie here at Jade Wave Hanson House to wait for you... But she didn't wait long before leaving, because even I couldn't be sure you'd return."

Speaking of this, Karina looked somewhat awkward.

"Winnie actually found Jade Wave Hanson House?"

Wyatt took a while to recover from his shock, meanwhile feeling deeply moved, "Winnie must have broken through to the 'Little Saint Realm' since she left Floating Flame Sect... I wonder where she went after leaving Jade Wave Hanson House. No matter, when I get to that quasi third-rate power, 'Mysterious Void House,' as long as I make the name 'Wyatt' famous, Winnie will surely guess it's me."

The Martial Dao Sacred Land, although just the 'Lower Domain,' is still extraordinarily vast.

Thus, Wyatt can't search for Winnie without any leads, as it would be like finding a needle in a haystack.

Nonetheless, although Winnie left the Fletcher Kingdom within Ridge South's territory, Wyatt hasn't given up on the thought of returning to Fletcher Kingdom.

There are many people he cares for there.

Not only his elders but also his senior brother and friends.

Of course, Wyatt has considered bringing Trevor Baillie, Taoi Romero, and others to Jade Wave Hanson House, but doing so would undoubtedly announce to everyone that Wyatt Barnes is connected to Jade Wave Hanson House.

At this moment, the name 'Wyatt Barnes' has already spread throughout the entire Lower Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land.

In the Lower Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land, except for a few ignorant people, almost everyone knows Wyatt Barnes.

Perhaps, Wyatt's talent and strength have not garnered much attention, but the 'Demon Sealing Monument' in his possession is a focus of interest for everyone in the Lower Domain of the Martial Dao Sacred Land.

The Demon Sealing Monument, one of the top ten super sacred artifacts on the Top Ten Sacred Artifact List, would even stir greed among those from quasi-third-rate powers.

Because of this, Wyatt Barnes found it inconvenient to reveal his true identity until he had enough power.

For the time being in the coming period, he went by the name 'Wyatt.'

It was also the name from his past life.

Wyatt Barnes easily guessed that the Fletcher Kingdom must now be under the watchful eyes of many, with his group of friends and relatives being the first targets.

If he were to bring them here now, it would certainly implicate Karina Hanson's mansion, which was something he did not want to see.

Therefore, in his view, leaving them in the Fletcher Kingdom was undoubtedly the best choice.

After greeting Karina Hanson and asking her to say farewell to House Master 'Politi Hanson' on his behalf, Wyatt Barnes left the Hanson Mansion location under Karina Hanson's reluctant gaze.

As for Little Black, Little White, and Little Gold, they had not yet finished their seclusion, so Wyatt Barnes did not meet them either.

After leaving the Hanson Mansion, Wyatt Barnes headed straight towards the Anderson Manor region in Ridge South.

While Wyatt Barnes was returning to the Fletcher Kingdom, in the distant Sky-scraping Mansion region, the fourth-rate power 'Sky-scraping Mansion' was also embroiled in a storm.

After the Overleaping Rankings competition ended, the Grand Elder of the Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Serene Adams,' did not rush back. Instead, after notifying a Vice House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion who was in a nearby city, the two led a team to conduct a carpet search with Jewel Valley at the center, searching for the whereabouts of Wyatt Barnes, who had used the alias 'Eden Lee.'

The Vice House Master, skilled in concealment methods, even boldly tailed Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins after the Overleaping Rankings competition, tracking them over a hundred miles west of Jewel Valley to the Transverse Mountain Range.

At the Transverse Mountain Range, he found that Donovan Tasker and Castiel Mullins both looked very displeased.

At that moment, even though he was a distance away, he could hear the discussions of people from the Sky-over Mansion and the Surge Mansion.

The content of their discussions was nothing other than cursing Eden Lee, saying Eden Lee had stood them up!

Seeing the angry departure of people from the Sky-over Mansion and the Surge Mansion, the Vice House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion regrouped with the Grand Elder 'Serene Adams' to continue searching in all directions.

Despite searching for many days, they still could not find any trace of Eden Lee.

At this point, Serene Adams could only return to the Sky-scraping Mansion location dispirited, knowing that he would surely face the wrath of the high-level leaders of the Sky-scraping Mansion.

That three disciples of the Sky-scraping Mansion, including his grandson, had died was already bad enough.

Among the three, his grandson was the most outstanding, and although his grandson's death was also a significant blow to the Sky-scraping Mansion, because he was Serene Adams' grandson, none of the high-level leaders would blame him; they would instead console him.

However, apart from the three disciples, including his grandson, someone else also died.

That person held extraordinary significance for the Sky-scraping Mansion!

Peace Adams was not only the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, but he also showcased extraordinary talent during the Overleaping Rankings, indicating that his future growth would undeniably make him a pillar of the Sky-scraping Mansion.

Leading the Sky-scraping Mansion to become a quasi-third-rate power was not out of the question.

"Now, the House Master must have already learned of the Junior House Master's death through the shattered Soul Bead..."

Thinking of this, beads of cold sweat appeared on Serene Adams' forehead.

Although this incident didn't have much to do with him, as the leader this time, he could not escape the blame for failing to protect the younger disciples.

Though not to the point of being executed, he would definitely be punished by being made to meditate in solitude for years.

Therefore, as he walked into the Sky-scraping Mansion location, Serene Adams felt incredibly apprehensive.

His gaze occasionally shifted to the back.

There, a hunchbacked youth was carrying a corpse, which was none other than the Junior House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion, 'Peace Adams.'

"Hmm?"

Suddenly, Serene Adams seemed to have sensed something and abruptly stopped in his tracks.

At a glance, he saw that a group led by their House Master was approaching through the air, mighty and imposing.

This kind of display made his heart flutter with unease.

However, what happened next left him stunned.

"Grand Elder, my condolences!"

"Condolences, Grand Elder!"

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As the House Master of the Sky-scraping Mansion and other high-level leaders appeared before Serene Adams, they each softly offered their condolences to him, clearly aware of the death of his grandson 'Shane Adams.'

In the Sky-scraping Mansion location, there was Shane Adams' Soul Bead.

Therefore, when Shane Adams' Soul Bead shattered, everyone in the Sky-scraping Mansion knew Shane Adams had died.

"Heaven truly envies the talented! If Shane Adams hadn't met with misfortune, he could have been a formidable contender against the Junior House Master in the future... Becoming a future House Master was not impossible either."

Several high-level figures of the Sky-scraping Mansion sighed.

"You..."

Seeing the group before him, including their House Master, only mentioning the death of his grandson 'Shane Adams' while not mentioning the Junior House Master 'Peace Adams' at all, Serene Adams was taken aback and felt that something was amiss.

His grandson, though his past showcased talent comparable to Peace Adams, could not match the status of Junior House Master 'Peace Adams' within the Sky-scraping Mansion.