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Chapter 171 True Meaning

Deacon Huang arrived with several other people that Yi Tianyun assumed was from Star Pavilion too, sadly, Zhu Yuxuan wasn't here.

"Why are you here?" Yi Tianyun asked directly.

Deacon Huang who didn't know the teenager in front of him, was frowning his face from the teenager's rudeness. But he couldn't do anything as this was not his territory, "I am a deacon of Star Pavilion from Heavenly Border Continent, can I have a talk with one of your elders?" he said politely.

Yi Tianyun was a little bit surprised that Deacon Huang didn't remember him until he remembered that he used a thousand faces mask earlier in the Heavenly Border Continent. But Yi Tianyun could somehow guess their reason for coming this far.

"I am an elder here on Jade Sect! just state your business to me." Yi Tianyun said casually.

"You are an elder here? and you said Jade Sect?" Deacon Huang said, surprised. All he knew that this place was called Jade Palace, renaming it to Jade Sect that meant that the Faction has recently ranked up somehow. Was that the reason why they were able to annihilate Profound Azure Mansion? Deacon Huang thought to himself.

"Yes, is there any problem with that?" Yi Tianyun said while raising one of his eyebrows.

"Cut the bullshit, kid! There was no way you become an elder at such a young age!" one of the people that come with Deacon Huang said angrily.

"Did you question our Elder Yi? Are you prepared for the consequences for disrespecting our elder!" One of the guards of Jade Sect that stationed nearby who was also following their conversation from the beginning barged in from irritation, thinking that a stranger dared to disrespect his elder.

People from Star Pavilion became speechless, seeing the genuine anger the guard was showing. Deacon Huang immediately raised his hand, indicating to his man to stay quiet. He didn't know the power of Jade Sect. All he knew was the fact that they recently destroyed Profound Azure Mansion single-handedly!

"Sorry for disrespecting you, we were surprised to see an elder at such a young age. We are here searching one of our people, by the name of Zhu Yuwei, did you ever hear of her by any chance? That's all we're here for." Deacon Huang said politely.

"We didn't have any person by that name here in Jade Sect!" Yi Tianyun said indifferently. But in a way, he was telling the truth. Only a few people in Jade Sect knew the real name of Zi Yuwei.

"If that's the case, then we would take our leave, thank you for your time Elder Yi. If, somehow, you heard the news of the Zhu Yuwei, please let us know. We will reward you greatly for it." Deacon Huang said while smiling.

Yi Tianyun only waved his hand and turned back, he wasn't interested in the slightest about their proposal. Any reward from Star Pavilion wouldn't be good enough for him, Yi Tianyun thought to himself. Not far from the gate, Yi Tianyun encountered Zhu Yuwei, who stood behind the gate.

"Elder Yi, that is Star Pavilion, isn't it? Did my sister come too?" Zhu Yuwei said worriedly.

"Relax, the only one with high status among them is only Deacon Huang. Your sister isn't there with them." Yi Tianyun said calmly.

"You want to go out there and take a look at them? I can help you if you want." Yi Tianyun said casually.

"There is no need for that, Elder Yi. We still have much more to do here in Heaven Immersing Ancient Ruins before it stabilizes." Zhu Yuwei said casually, but the look in her eyes said otherwise. She absolutely missed her sister.

"There is no need to lie to yourself, you know. I will be with you if you want, there is no way that I would let you face them by yourself. In fact, I would be going to Heavenly Border Continent in a few days. You could come with me if you are ready to meet them." Yi Tianyun said seriously. He didn't say that just so

Zhu Yuwei would tag along as well, no. He really needed to go there to find a way to cultivate his Divine Rune Mastery! He intended to go to Heaven's Top Mansion to see if there by any chance they would become allies. Even if Heaven's Top Mansion's reputation was currently in the mud, they still had some connection to Jade Sect.

"Old Xuan, besides the Great Array of Fortification, what other great array is there that needs to be fixed?" Yi Tianyun asked in advance to prepare himself.

"Hmmm, there is the Great Array of Flight, but it is currently broken. I don't really know the actual condition of that array. All that I know is that the previous master brings back a Divine Rune Master with him to fix that array, and they failed to fix it. In fact, it has been already broken when the previous owner inherited the status." Old Xuan said, contemplating his memory.

Yi Tianyun's eyes were bulging from surprise.

"There is a Great Array of Flight in here!" Yi Tianyun said in a complete surprise.

"Well yeah, but I don't know the necessary Divine Rune Mastery required to fix it, like I said, even a Divine Rune Master failed to fix it." Old Xuan said in reluctance.

"It was covered in moss and dust over time, no one pays attention to that array afterward." Old Xuan added.

Yi Tianyun became silent, he contemplated the integrity of the quest. He didn't have to leave the Heaven Immersing Ancient Ruins, because he needed to move the Heaven Immersing Ancient Ruin itself. Directly controlling the Heavens Immersing Ancient Ruins to fly over to Heavenly Border Continent, this place is a flying fortress!

"If that was the case, that's more reason I need to go to Heaven's Top Mansion!" Yi Tianyun said nervously. He knew that Spirit King Xuan Tian, who was the first owner of this place, came from Heaven's Top Mansion, so there was a chance that they might have some clue about it.

He was a bit relieved that Heaven's Top Mansion is in bad condition too right now. If the Heaven's Top Mansion was still in its prime condition, there was no way that they would consider Yi Tianyun's offer.

Chapter 172 Coming Back

After Yi Tianyun understood the meaning behind the steps of the Main Quest, he stopped complaining. He finally understood the meaning behind the word 'everything has its meaning' to the heart.

After a few days, Yi Tianyun finally cleared all his schedule for a couple of weeks. He also prepared some material if, by some chance, he needed it in the Heavenly Border Continent.

"It seems that I need to go by myself, Heaven's Top Mansion here I come!" Yi Tianyun said sarcastically. He immediately walks out of his room to announce his departure to Shi Xueyun, but Zhu Yuwei was already waiting outside of his room, looking nervous and worried.

"Have you made up your mind?" Yi Tianyun asked.

"Yes! There is no more Profound Azure Mansion, so there is no more marriage. If so, then there is no more reason for them to force me into anything. I also miss my sister, I wanna see my family too." Zhu Yuwei said boldly.

Yi Tianyun only nodded and said, "That's good, now prepare yourself. Bring anything you need for a few nights. Meanwhile, I will announce our departure to Sect Lord Shi." Yi Tianyun said casually.

Zhu Yuwei nodded and immediately left to prepare for the departure. Yi Tianyun goes to find Shi Xueyun, and once he found her, he immediately explained to her the reason he was going back to Heavenly Border Continent.

"Aunt, I am going to Heavenly Border Continent, and I am bringing Elder Zhu with me. I need to go to Heaven's Top Mansion, this place originally belonged to one of their masters. So I hope that somehow we can become an ally or better yet merge together. And Elder Zhu wanted to check her family's well being in the Heavenly Border Continent too, so I will bring her with me." Yi Tianyun said, explaining all his plans to Shi Xueyun.

"Sounds good. Heaven's Top Mansion wasn't weak, if somehow they really want to join us, then there is nothing wrong with it." Shi Xueyun said seriously, and she immediately changed her expression as she

said, "You need to be careful out there, there is no need to force yourself into anything. And always remember that I will be waiting here for your return."

"I will always remember that aunt. In fact, all that I have been doing up until now is for you. You already helped me a lot in the past, so I will help what is dear to you now. In all due respect, I strengthen this faction only for you, aunt. If by any chance you no longer cared about this faction anymore, then so do I!" Yi Tianyun said boldly.

"I also use this place to carve your future, Yi Tianyun. Without this, I doubt that you could get any chance to become stronger." Shi Xueyun said while smiling warmly.

Hearing Shi Xueyun's reason, Yi Tianyun immediately hugged her and said his thanks for her unwavering support to him.

"Now go, don't let Elder Zhu wait too long!" Shi Xueyun said warmly. Yi Tianyun only nodded and immediately left the room.

When he made his way outside, he saw Elder Zhu has been waiting for him there. They nodded to each other, and they both climbed into the black dragon's back and took their leave to the Heavenly Border Continent.

When they left, Shi Xueyun also came to see Yi Tianyun off.

"Yi Tianyun, you've become much stronger than me. I need to become stronger so that I can continue to protect you in the future." Shi Xueyun said steadily. She immediately went back inside the Heaven Immersing Ancient Ruins.

With the Black Dragon as their mount, they reached the Heavenly New City in no time. They quickly landed as they got close enough to the city gate. However, Zhu Yuwei became more and more nervous as they got closer to the city.

When she ran away from the star pavilion, she wanted to come back as soon as she became powerful and can protect herself.

Now, instead of becoming independent like she said she would, she became dependent on Yi Tianyun instead. She was a little bit embarrassed about that fact, and because of that, she became more nervous as they got closer to Star Pavilion.

“Let’s go!” Yi Tianyun said with a smile while grabbing Zhu Yuwei’s hands to the gate of the city. As they passed the gate, Yi Tianyun noticed that some man was eyeing Zhu Yuwei and immediately ran off somewhere. Yi Tianyun knew that this was a spy or at least, someone who worked for them.

Sure enough, as they walked through the city to reach Star Pavilion, they immediately stopped midway. Fortunately, one of the people who stopped them is none other than Zhu Yuxuan, who immediately shouted Zhu Yuwei’s name loud enough and hugged her immediately.

Zhu Yuwei did almost the same thing, as they cried in each other’s arms. This was reasonable, as they didn’t see each other for a long time. They didn’t exchange many words, as crying and hugging was the only thing they do.

“Aren’t you the elder of Jade Sect?” suddenly Deacon Huang broke the not so silent atmosphere with a smile on his face, looking a little bit surprised too.

From Deacon Huang’s looks, he already figured out that Yi Tianyun was secretly hiding Zhu Yuwei inside Jade Sect as he already flashed the picture of Zhu Yuwei around Wind City and the only info that he managed to get was that Zhu Yuwei was missing after going to help Jade Sect.

At first, he was a little bit surprised about how easy it was to gain information about Zhu Yuwei. And the next moment, he realized that somehow Zhu Yuxuan must have clouded this information from Star Pavilion. But he couldn’t blame her as she only did this thing because she really loved her sister.

Furthermore, he couldn’t reprimand Zhu Yuwei or Zhu Yuxuan casually. As Zhu Yuwei was under the protection of Jade Sect, who was capable of destroying Profound Azure Mansion into nothing.

“Yes, I come back here with Elder Zhu, She has officially become an Elder of Jade Sect. She said that she wants to come with me here to Heavenly Border Continent to take a look and visit her family.” Yi Tianyun said boldly.

The reason that Yi Tianyun was emphasizing that Zhu Yuwei was one of Jade Sect Elder was to make it known that she was under the protection of Jade Sect!

Chapter 173: Discontented

“So, Little Yuwei already became Heavenly Jade Sect’s Elder. That is good, thank you for taking care of our Little Yuwei!” Deacon Huang said eagerly. Yi Tianyun knew that the deacon’s enthusiasm came from Jade Sect’s power.

If it wasn’t strong enough, Deacon Huang would surely take Zhu Yuwei away.

“Sure, we would take care of our own. Elder Zhu is a great addition to our Jade Sect, she can manage the sect very well. She had told me everything about herself, I know that Star Pavilion has a good influence but surely Star Pavilion isn’t that strong.” Yi Tianyun said condescendingly. His word strike some nerve on the other deacon of Star Pavilion.

“So arrogant! You are a merely Second Level Faction, don’t get ahead of yourself just because you already destroyed Profound Azure Mansion. You are still nothing to us!” Deacon Liu said irritatingly.

“So you are saying that you are better than Profound Azure Mansion? So how come you want to marry one of your own to them desperately?” Yi Tianyun said while raising one of his eyebrows challengingly. Deacon Huang however immediately stopped Deacon Liu from saying another word.

“Elder Yi, I’m very sorry about our deacon behavior. I hope this wouldn’t happen again.” Deacon Huang said apologetically.

“I’ll let it slide for now, but because Zhu Yuwei is our elder, mind your attitude toward her!” Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

“Of course, we would treat her with our absolute respect. Now come, let us come inside.” Deacon Huang said with a smile.

Once they were lead to the VIP room inside the Star Pavilion, Deacon Huang excused himself for a little while. Once he got out of the room however, he was immediately pulled to the side by Deacon Liu.

“Deacon Huang, why did you stop me? That brat need to be put in his place for acting so arrogant! If it was not because the mysterious expert in the Jade Sect, I doubt that they could destroy Profound Azure Mansion!” Deacon Liu said furiously.

“That’s the thing here. we don’t know anything about this mysterious expert, and you decide to make yourself their enemy?” Deacon Huang said solemnly.

“That has nothing to do with him! I don’t believe he is that strong, he is still a kid! Zhu Family needs help right now, and I don’t think a 2nd Grade Faction could help us with that!” Deacon Liu said uttering his dissatisfaction.

“You mean that we should marry her with other strong faction?” Deacon Huang asked solemnly.

“I’m not that sure, unless this mysterious expert from Jade Sect help us there is no reason to let them have Zhu Yuwei!” Deacon Liu said with a serious face.

“Aren’t we going to lose face if we go back on our words?” Deacon Huang said, unsure about Deacon Liu’s way of thinking.

“No, it’s a fair demand. Zhu Family has spent so much to train her, by her running away doesn’t mean that she completely broke off her responsibility towards us.” Deacon Liu said solemnly.

Deacon Huang became silent, contemplating Deacon Liu’s words, he knew that Deacon Liu was right, Zhu Yuwei was needed by Zhu Family, otherwise Zhu Family could be destroyed.

“I think that we could let Zhu Yuwei become their elder with some demands. If there really is a strong expert in Jade Sect, he would have to come to help his elder.” Deacon Huang said excitedly.

“I would go inside and tell him this demand now!” Deacon Huang said while turning around toward the VIP room door.

“Wait, I am coming with you!” Deacon Liu said while quickly catching up with deacon Huang. They pushed the VIP room door at the same time, showing their determined faces.

Yi Tianyun who was drinking tea peacefully, put down the cup slowly.

“What is it now? Is there anything else that you need?” Yi Tianyun said unbothered.

“Yes, we in need of something. You know that our Zhu Family is in rather difficult situation here. by letting Zhu Yuwei become your elder, aren’t we losing a fortune with that?” Deacon Liu said challengingly.

“So, you need some type of compensation, is that it? So let’s hear what you have in mind.” Yi Tianyun said casually.

“I’m glad that you catch on quick. Our demand is simple enough, we would host a Divine Rune Competition soon. There would be division in that competition, since that is the case. We would like you to join this tournament with at least a 4th Grade Divine Rune Master and that you have to at least achieve the top three position. If you succeed we will let you keep Zhu Yuwei.” Deacon Liu said with a serious face.

Zhu Yuxuan’s face become pale, she hurriedly stood up and say “Aren’t you demanding too much? Even if Yuwei married to the Profound Azure Mansion, the best they could give is just a 3rd Grade Divine Rune Master. Let alone become top 3, finishing within the top 10 is already great enough!”

“Yuxuan! whose side are you on!” Deacon Liu reprimanded Zhu Yuxuan.

Zhu Yuwei became even more uncomfortable about the situation. She chose to stay silent and let Yi Tianyun say something first. No wonder Yuxuan didn’t want her to go back, these people still intend to sell her to gain reputation!

Yi Tianyun however, still smiled to the two Deacon, unbothered by the demands.

Chapter 174: Eat the Table

Zhu Yuxuan seen bothered by the two deacon's attitude, she could bare it before but after seeing her own sister in front of her threatened like a piece of goods, she couldn't just stand aside anymore. Zhu Yuwei the other hand really become furious by their word.

"Sure, I was trained by the Zhu Family. But what has you done for us exactly? You gave me the worst training so that you don't lose money! Than what you did to my sister after? Even so she got the normal training like everyone else, you still sold her off to some faction and abandon her!"

Deacon Liu face become red from anger, he wants to say something to Zhu Yuwei but Yi Tianyun quickly blocks him with saying that he would agree to their condition.

The two deacon was clearly surprised to see Yi Tianyun agreed to their condition, they knew this condition wasn't an easy one.

"You really agreed to our condition?" Deacon Liu said, slightly trembling from excitement. If they could win this game, their Zhu Family wouldn't be abandoned by the Star Pavilion!

"Yes I will! But I have some condition myself." Yi Tianyun said calmly.

"What is your condition? As long as it is reasonable I will try to abide." Deacon Liu said excitedly.

"It's a simple one, if I successfully gave what you want, I want the two Zhu Sister to become part of my Jade Sect! and sever your connection with them, I want you to leave them alone in the future!" Yi Tianyun said while sitting back down and drank his tea.

"Sure, you can have them both if you win the top three!" Deacon Liu said without hesitation.

Zhu Yuxuan was saddened a little by the fact that Deacon Liu didn't even consider her feelings and just agreed to sell her off again. But she knew that it is for her best interest to leave this place.

However, Zhu Yuwei didn't hold her anger one bit.

"How can you agree to it so quickly? My sister has done many things for you in the past!" she said furiously.

"Stop whining! If it's in the Zhu Family's best interest we have to do it." Deacon Liu said, silencing Zhu Yuwei immediately.

Yi Tianyun immediately realized that the two Zhu Sister wasn't actually born in the Zhu Family. They must have been adopted from some point. There is no way that an original family member would be sold off like this without even having a slight consideration whatsoever!

"Can I add one more condition to that?" Yi Tianyun said with a smirk.

"Yes, as long as it is reasonable than that is okay." Deacon Liu said.

"It is also a very simple demand. In the end of the tournament, if I win I want your life!" Yi Tianyun said while smirking to Deacon Liu.

"What the fuck did you say!" Deacon Liu said while punching the table next to him and broke the table completely.

Seeing the deacon was angered by his demand, Yi Tianyun just laughed it off. Deacon Liu on the other hand felt like a fool, he just realized that Yi Tianyun was only joking.

"You are so easy to provoke, why would I want a senile old man's life?" Yi Tianyun said while smiling.

Zhu Yuwei chuckled a little, she found Yi Tianyun's way of thinking was very hilarious.

"Sister, he will provoke Deacon Liu at this rate." Zhu Yuxuan said, with a face full of worry.

"It's okay sister, everyone who becomes his enemy will not end well." Zhu Yuwei said, calming her sister a little bit.

"Those condition is unacceptable. But you could have them both no problem, if you could find a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master and win in the top three of the tournament!" Deacon Li said while calming himself.

"No problem. Top 3 is easy!" Yi Tianyun said casually. He was confident on his own ability, and with the help of Heavenly Eyes' power he doubted that he could lose to another Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master.

"We will arrange the condition for the Divine Rune Master arrival, when will he come?" Deacon Liu said calmly.

"There is no need to arrange anything. The Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master is me!" Yi Tianyun said casually.

Everyone was shocked by Yi Tianyun's word, not even Zhu Yuwei knew about this fact.

"Stop joking kid! You are too young to be a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master!" Deacon Liu said irritated by Yi Tianyun's avowal.

"Do you think I am joking? What would you do if I am really a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master?" Yi Tianyun said challengingly.

"If you really are a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master, I will eat this table!" Deacon Liu shouted as he pointed his finger to the broken table.

"Nice, don't you go back on your word later!" Yi Tianyun said while quickly took a piece of paper and the Divine Rune Stroke. He quickly drew a rune on the paper and a Spiritual Power was gradually concentrated in the room. After he was done drawing the Divine Rune, he quickly handed it over to Deacon Liu.

“Now, swallow that table like you said you would!” Yi Tianyun said while smirking.

The two deacon looked at the divine rune Yi Tianyun made carefully and was dumbfounded by the truth. It really was a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master! Deacon Liu’s face turned pale as he looked at Yi Tianyun. He didn’t expect Yi Tianyun to be a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master. Now, how will he get out of his predicament.

Chapter 175: Two Sisters

Yi Tianyun drew the simplest rune that he could, but as simple as it was, it was still a Fourth Grade Divine Rune and cultivator above Spirit Refinement surely will be able to distinguish the level of the rune. To fix the Great Array of Flight in the Heaven Immersing Ancient Ruin, Yi Tianyun had to become a top-grade Divine Rune Master! Or so Old Xuan said anyway.

Deacon Liu was extremely embarrassed right now. He really didn’t want to eat a table!

“I am horribly sorry for ever doubting you. Please forgive me! I would send you a gift as my apology later, but please don’t make me eat a table!” Deacon Liu said while bowing his head.

“Eat the table!” Yi Tianyun said with a low voice.

“There is a word that you can’t go back on after you said it. This is, after all, for your Zhu Family, isn’t it? Or did you want me to change my mind about the deal too?” Yi Tianyun added.

Deacon Liu was panicked a little bit, if Yi Tianyun changed his mind to help them, Zhu Family would be destroyed! After losing so many times to other families, their influence in Star Pavilion would dwindle exponentially!

“Elder Yi, please let this slide for once. Deacon Liu doesn’t mean what he said. He simply thinks that you are too young to reach a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master.” Deacon Huang said, trying to persuade Yi Tianyun to forgive Deacon Liu.

Now, after they know Yi Tianyun has some worth, they began to sugarcoat their word!

Yi Tianyun was just not having it, he didn't care about anyone who hurt people he cares about, and clearly, they already hurt Zhu Yuwei.

"This is not my problem! This is your own fault for looking down on me. I have said that I am a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master and you thought that I am joking? Did you think that I would make light of Elder Zhu's freedoms? Any other Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master would have turned their back on you right now!" Yi Tianyun said solemnly.

Deacon Liu became silent, he seemed to be thinking about the words from Yi Tianyun just now.

"Okay, okay! I will eat the table!" Deacon Liu said while picking a piece of wood. He released his aura of Core Condensation to strengthen his teeth and organs to chew and swallow the woods. He felt humiliated for doing this, even if there are just small amounts of onlookers, but he couldn't help but felt incredibly embarrassed.

Zhu Yuwei and Zhu Yuxuan that stood beside Yi Tianyun, couldn't help but laugh, as they couldn't stand it anymore. They thought Deacon Liu deserved this as he was too arrogant for his own good.

"I am done, can I leave now?" Deacon Liu said as he was finally done eating the piece of wood from the wooden table.

"Yes, now go and prepare anything that I need for the tournament. Let me know when you are done!" Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

"Yes, of course." Deacon Liu said while clenching his teeth and immediately left the room with Deacon Huang following him.

'Ding'

'Received a side quest [Win the Divine Rune Tournament – Save the Two Sisters!]

'Reward: 1.000.000 Exp, 1x Enhanced Lottery Roulette Tickets, 5.000 Divine Rune Proficiency Mastery, 100 favorability for Zhu Yuwei and Zhu Yuxuan.'

Yi Tianyun felt a wave of excitement, he didn't expect to find a side quest here in the Star Pavilion.

"You two wait here for a while, I want to check something." Yi Tianyun said while quickly left the room, leaving Zhu Yuwei and Zhu Yuxuan for themselves.

When he was convinced that he was far enough from Yi Tianyun's Room, Deacon Liu angrily said, "That son of a bitch really made me eat the wooden table! If he is not the Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master, I would've hung his head right now!"

"No wonder he becomes an elder for Heavenly Jade Sect, it looks like the Jade Sect is a real deal! Having a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master as one of the elder clearly suggests that they are strong!" Deacon Huang said.

"But how come they suddenly become powerful?" Deacon Huang added while wondering about Jade Sect's power.

"It's better if he doesn't win the top three later in the tournament, I think. If he doesn't win, he has no choice but to help us on, and the two sisters can't escape our clutch!" Deacon Liu said, dissatisfied by Yi Tianyun's arrogant act.

"That's true, I'm with you on that one! A Second Grade Faction dares to be that arrogant towards us, they need to be put into their places!" Deacon Huang said, clearly unhappy with Yi Tianyun's act.

A dark figure looming in the corner quickly left the premise after hearing the two talked. Immediately returned to Yi Tianyun's room.

"Elder Yi, where have you been?" Zhu Yuwei wondered as Yi Tianyun came in.

"Just a random stroll, looking for anything that interests me." Yi Tianyun said, hiding the truth from the two for now.

Yi Tianyun knew that even if he lost the tournament, Zhu family would still be here, maybe Star Pavilion voice their dissatisfaction toward them, if Zhu Family really acquired a young Divine Rune Master, they would have to support them by any means as to not embarrass themselves for turning down a child prodigy.

Yi Tianyun also didn't want to put a spotlight into Jade Sect, for now, he needed to prepare things first. Jade Sect wasn't ready for any disturbance yet!

"Elder Yi, thank you so much for helping us, as long as I can get my freedom back, I don't need anything else. If you don't really mean for me to be part of Jade Sect, it's okay for me. I would serve you for a lifetime as my gratitude!" Zhu Yuxuan said while kneeling in front of Yi Tianyun. Zhu Yuwei soon also followed her example and also kneeling in front of Yi Tianyun.

"Like I said before, I really want you to join Jade Sect. You two are really capable if you didn't join us, that would be our loss! There is no need to worry, I will win the top three of the tournaments and free you from this pavilion." Yi Tianyun said with a smile.

The two sister's eyes shone from the unshed tears. They truly felt grateful for meeting Yi Tianyun, they were loyal people but, the Star Pavilion is the one who took them for granted. After a while, they looked at each other and nodded.

"We two sisters promise to serve Elder Yi with our heart and only listen to Elder Yi order, we will give everything to Elder Yi with no regrets!"

Their words extremely surprised Yi Tianyun as he never expected them to form this pact!

Chapter 176: Zhu Family Lord

The two sisters' resolve really became somewhat of a shock to Yi Tianyun. He knew that the two really meant every single word that they said. Their favorability to Yi Tianyun was already raised beyond 200 points. This fact alone makes the quest he just got became irrelevant!

"That is not necessary, I never want you two to go that far!" Yi Tianyun said while smiling and feeling very embarrassed.

“No, this is our will, you help us out from this horrible place. So, our loyalties are yours.” Zhu Yuxian said sincerely.

“We believe that you would lead us to a better path!”

“You should rest for now. We will wait for the tournament together before you go off saying stuff.” Yi Tianyun said while smiling.

“Okay, I believe that you would be able to solve anything thrown at you.” Zhu Yuwei said, smiling. Yi Tianyun only shook his head from Zhu Yuwei’s word But didn’t refute anything for now.

After moving to a private room, arranged by Zhu Family for this tournament. For the time being, while waiting for the tournament, Yi Tianyun asked for some materials to practice his Divine Rune skills and leveled up while he can.

Soon, a sound of door knock was heard on Yi Tianyun’s room door, signaling that it was already time for the Divine Rune Tournament. As Soon as Yi Tianyun walks out of his room, he was welcomed by the two sisters.

“Are you ready for the tournament, Elder Yi? Did you need anything else for the tournament?” Zhu Yuwei asked.

“No, I am ready! Let’s go!” Yi Tianyun said with a serious face. Zhu Yuwei just nodded and followed Yi Tianyun from behind with her elder sister. They walked outside of the Pavilion to be met with several feather cars and Deacon Huang who was already waiting for them. They nodded to each other and proceed to enter the car and drive to Pavilion Chief of Star Pavilion’s place.

This tournament venue was a place that couldn’t be entered by normal people even from the branch family. It required an invitation to enter this place!

When Yi Tianyun arrived at the place, he was immediately welcomed by many onlookers outside of the place. Even if they couldn’t enter the place to watch the match, they were still curious about the people participating in the tournament.

As Yi Tianyun looked around, he noticed that many carriages that seemed to be owned by a Family in Star Pavilion were decorated luxuriously, and he noticed that one of them was from the Zhu Family, indicating that the Zhu Family's head was here already.

As Yi Tianyun, Deacon Huang, and the two sisters made their way inside, they stopped in front of a middle-aged man that exerted power! He looked at them indifferently, and soon enough, his eyes landed on Yi Tianyun.

"This is the Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master that you talk about? I don't believe you, he seems too young to be a Fourth Grade Divine Rune Master." The middle-aged man said to Deacon Huang.

"Forgive me for being rude, young man, I am the Zhu Family's Head and if you could really deliver like he said you would, I would gladly give you what you want, but if you don't, then we will never meet each other again!" the middle-aged man said to Yi Tianyun.

"Rest assured, I won't go back on my words! I am definitely will finish in the top three positions." Yi Tianyun said indifferently.

"If that's the case, go! I will make sure there is no one stopping you. I am sorry for the two sisters' dilemma, but there must be a sacrifice for the greater good of the family if you win they will answer to you like our deal. And I will make sure that I will punish Deacon Liu for harassing you." Zhu Tianhong, the middle-aged man said sincerely to Yi Tianyun.

Yi Tianyun couldn't find any negative emotion from Zhu Tianhong, but his behavior was just downright rude, and Yi Tianyun didn't like it.

Yi Tianyun understood this behavior was because of the need to protect his family. And in such a big family, a sacrifice was necessary once in a while.

"I understand! Compared to those two in the Pavilion, knowing that you are more honest that you could betray me is better." Yi Tianyun said while smiling.

"I, Zhu Tianhong, promise that I would be fair to my family. You could dislike me, but this is my way of survival! I will not betray you as long as you still have value for me. We are not friends, there is no need for you to come to me if it doesn't suit your interest, the same can be said for me too. But I can promise that I will not provoke you in any way." Zhu Tianhong said indifferently.

"After all, even if you're done cooperating with me, there is no saying that we will not cooperate in the future. Because of that, I dislike provoking anyone and making enemy. I am sorry if my word came off rude to you, but this is the truth!" Zhu Tianhong said indifferently.

"It's okay, I prefer that way." Yi Tianyun said casually. Even if Zhu Tianhong was rude, at least Yi Tianyun knew that for now, he could be trusted. This person can't be befriended, there is no telling where anyone's value would end!

Chapter 177: The Competition Rewards

At the same time, someone approached Zhu Tianhong and said, "Zhu Family Head, long time no see! How many people did you bring this time? if you did not bring that many, that's fine."

"Wang Family Head, don't you worry, we bring some with us today." Zhu Tianhong said with an indifferent attitude.

"I hope you can win some of the game. Who is that little boy? Don't tell me he is the one you brought today. Hmm, he has a fine physique, must be Second Grade Divine Rune Master, not bad!" the old man who said that was known to be Wang Family Head.

Yi Tianyun immediately realized the Wang Family Head has many sin points judging from how easy it was to hate him.

"You don't need to know his rank." Zhu Tianhong said while keeping his cold attitude.

"Zhu Family Head, there is no need to be so cold. I know that the previous aid you brought isn't that good. If by any chance, Zhu Family lacks some manpower, I can help you with that! I can send you some of my men to help out." Wang Family Lord said while smirking to Zhu Tianhong.

“There is no need for you to help, we have everything under control.” Zhu Tianhong said while still on his cold attitude.

“Haha, sure! Keep telling yourself that line. Let’s go in. They would begin shortly!” Wang Family Lord said while smirking.

Zhu Tianhong only nodded his head and started to walk in, Yi Tianyun followed from behind. He now knew that the Star Pavilion really had a bad relationship with their family.

Inside the venue, Yi Tianyun looked around and saw many people that was divided into several areas. He noticed that inside each square, consisted of a small number of people, not more than five.

It seems that one area is for one family, and they could contribute up to five participants for the tournament. He noticed that the age gap wasn’t too big. The youngest was around 23 – 24 years old, and the oldest at 30 years old.

“This is for your family token, it represents our Zhu Family.” Zhu Tianhong said while giving Yi Tianyun a token that has the word Zhu engraved in the middle of it.

This tournament was organized by the Main Lord of Star Pavilion. He personally checked the level of all branches and conduct the judging himself. With his cultivation level at Second Level Core Transformation, there was no doubt that he was qualified to become the judges of the match.

Yi Tianyun was a little surprised, this is the power of Third Grade Faction. There was no doubt that they were more powerful than the Profound Azure Mansion. Yi Tianyun took the token from Zhu Tianhong’s hand and asked, “What is this tournament about?”

“No one knows except for the Main Lord of Star Pavilion, he is the one who designs the tournament each year.” Zhu Tianhong said solemnly.

Soon enough, an old man walked into the stage, followed by several middle-aged men, and everyone became silent at their presence. This old man was the Main Lord of Star Pavilion with the name of Li Tianlong, and his followers were the Main Pavilion’s Deacon.

Li Tianlong stood on the high platform and glanced all over his Pavilion Branch. His gaze held authorities that made some people tremble! "This tournament will begin soon, and here is the reward for the top three winners!" He said solemnly.

"The first place reward is Heavenly Spiritual Jade Pond five days cultivation time!"

"The second place reward is my Divine Rune Cultivator Experience!"

"The third place is Divine Rune Stroke for Soul Tool!"

The reward was undoubtedly attractive, the Heavenly Spiritual Jade Pond was a cultivation place with a high concentration of Spirit Power. It would be good if he could get his hand on that!

Yi Tianyun thought to himself. The second prize was not that bad either, with his Divine Rune Master Cultivator Experience. Yi Tianyun believed that his own Divine Rune Proficiency would improve significantly. And the final reward was good too, Divine Rune Stroke of Soul Tool was an expensive item that Yi Tianyun still didn't know how to forge. With it, the success rate of his Divine Rune Proficiency would be significantly increased!

However, after a while, Yi Tianyun didn't think the second reward was that good anymore. His Heavenly Eyes given by Ye Qingxuan was far stronger than any Divine Rune Cultivator Experience, and plus the memories of Ye Qingxuan could be said as the essence of Divine Rune Cultivation! There was no way that the old man's experience would be any good for him.

"I need to get my hand on the number one prize! With five days of cultivation time in that place, I am sure I would be able to absorb many Spirit Power!" Yi Tianyun said to himself.

Most of the participants couldn't wait for the tournament to begin, they seemed to be aiming for the top three rewards too! There was no doubt that the family that didn't get the top three positions will receive some sort of reward too, but it will be an internal reward that wouldn't be any good to Yi Tianyun!

Li Tianlong on the high platform seemed satisfied with the excitement of the contestant. Although he thought that the reward wasn't that good, apparently the contestant didn't feel that way!

Chapter 178 – Taunt

“This reward is good.” Zhu Tianhong said to Yi Tianyun, “As we agreed upon, if you achieve the top three, you could keep the reward to yourself. I will not touch any of it.”

Yi Tianyun nodded and proceeded to prepare himself as the tournament was about to begin.

“Now, for the first stage of the tournament, the Strength Stage! You will draw a divine rune on top of armor or shield to increase its defense. At the end of the time limit, I will send some cultivators to test out your Divine Rune Strength. There is no rank limitation on the Divine Rune, as the strength is the only aspect that will be judged in this stage.” Li Tianhong said excitedly. “The time limit is one hour, and those who couldn’t finish until the time limit would be disqualified immediately. And the time start now!” he shouted as he signaled one of the deacons to flip the sand clock to indicate the time limit.

‘Ding’

‘Random Quest [Complete the first stage of the tournament] is now accepted!’

‘Reward: 500.000 Exp, 1.000 Divine Rune Proficiency Mastery Point.’

With the surprising new side quest, Yi Tianyun became more excited. Not only he had the top three reward as his goal, now he could get an additional reward from his quest too!

“The first stage is a strength test. Could you do it?” Zhu Tianhong asked solemnly to Yi Tianyun.

“No problem, this will be a walk in the park!” Yi Tianyun said confidently.

Zhu Tianhong only nodded his head and left Yi Tianyun to concentrate on his own.

Soon all of the contestants were faced with a rack of armor and shield. They could choose what equipment they prefer to draw on.

Most of the contestants chose a shield, as it is relatively good equipment to draw Divine rune on, but Yi Tianyun chose armor on this stage.

Even if the rank of the Divine Rune wouldn't be judged, Yi Tianyun knows that to make a strong defensive rune, the higher the rank, the stronger the equipment will be.

Every contestant immediately pulled out their Divine Rune Stroke and immediately began to draw the divine rune on their equipment.

According to the tournament's rule, you could fail once, and more than that, you will be disqualified from the tournament.

So, he couldn't afford any mistakes now!

On the spectator side, people began to talk among themselves.

"Zhu Family Head, did you invite many helpers this time?" Wang Family Head said to Zhu Tianhong. "I heard that you bring two good Divine Rune Master this time, is that true?"

"Yes, it's true! Is there a problem?" Zhu Tianhong said indifferently.

"No, there is no problem. I invited two Divine Rune Master on my own. Unfortunately, only one could perform now. Even from the number alone, I'm already at a disadvantage here!" Wang Family Lord said mockingly.

Another Family Lord come along and started to talk to them too, "Wang Family Lord, you really have a nasty personality! Even if you only brought one person, but that person is from the Divine Runes Mansion! You can't compare him to the ones Zhu Family Lord brought! No one knows where he came from!"

"Zhu Family must be able to find someone that meets their standard! Look at the boy he brought! So young, yet he already had the guts to participate in the tournament! He must be a genius, right?" Wang Family Lord said mockingly.

“Wang Family Lord, I dare to say that if such a genius really exists, we would’ve heard about him already. There is no way he is a genius!” Another Family Lord said mockingly.

This mockery was really getting to Zhu Tianhong. He was so embarrassed that he couldn’t speak up because he didn’t know the extent of Yi Tianyun’s capabilities himself.

“Wang Family Lord, are you saying that you already won?” Zhu Tianhong said coldly.

“No, I never said that! But my chances of winning are good. I don’t know about you, but I feel that I would get first place on several stages.” Wang Family said confidently.

“I don’t know, but I am sure that we would accomplish better than your Wang Family.” Zhu Tianhong said coldly.

“Well, we should see what happened in the future. just wait and see!” Wang Family Lord said, still in mocking tone.

This mockery to Zhu Family was already happening long Zhu Sister’s problem. Their declining power only made it worse.

However, Yi Tianyun on the tournament sites had a light but serious expression on his face. This tournament was just another quest for him. Also, a quest that would give him many good rewards!

Chapter 179: Comedy

While everyone was busy talking to each other, the time passed quickly and soon enough, someone already finished drawing his Divine Rune. It is none other than Lin Li the genius brought by Wang Family Head from Divine Rune Mansion.

“Wang Family Lord, the one you brought here this time really has an outstanding skill!” The Family Head around Wang Family Lord complimented him.

“Sure! Who doesn’t know about the skill of Divine Rune Mansion! They really live up to their name! a true Third Grade Faction!” Wang Family Head said while blinking to Zhu Family Head. Zhu Family Lord face became gloomy, he hoped that Yi Tianyun also finished soon.

Lin Li, who happened to be right beside Yi Tianyun this entire time, looked at Yi Tianyun with a mocking face “What family is desperate enough to send a boy up here? I guess he is good enough to be a Second Grade Divine Rune Master to be up here.” he said to himself. But as the time goes, he couldn’t help but laugh, seeing that Yi Tianyun was too slow to draw the Divine Rune, moreover, he was laughing when he saw the First Grade Rune that Yi Tianyun drew.

Yi Tianyun didn’t pay attention to Lin Li at all, he continued to draw his Divine Rune even after almost all contestant already finished their works.

This situation made Zhu Tianhong frowns, he got really curious about what was Yi Tianyun doing. With his level of skill, Yi Tianyun was supposed to be finished already. Even the contestant that he brought here personally already finished!

“Weird, what is that brat doing now?” Deacon Liu said, couldn’t help but worry a little bit. But deep down, he was still hoping that Yi Tianyun lost and failed to get the top three finish.

“What is Elder Yi doing? This is not supposed to be that hard!” Zhu Yuxuan said as she became worried over time.

“Relax, there must be a reason why Elder Yi chose to be slow.” Zhu Yuwei said, completely trusting Yi Tianyun.

Finally, Yi Tianyun finished his last stroke and put away his Divine Rune Stroke. He looked completely satisfied by his own works. Soon after he finished, the hourglass showed that the time was finally over. As Yi Tianyun looked around, he noticed that everybody finished their works somehow.

The Deacon that came at the same time as Star Pavilion Lord Li Tianlong began to call the contestant’s name one by one, starting from the fastest to finish their works. It means that Lin Li got to go first.

“Third Grade Divine Rune.” Said the Deacon as he examined Lin Li’s work. He proceeds to punch the armor starting from the First Level Body Refinement, and gradually increased until the armor broke. Lin Li’s armor broke at Seventh Level Spirit Refinement! Which was high according to the tournament’s standard amazed all spectator.

Soon everyone else went through the same process to determine their tournament rank, some went through as high as Fifth Level Spirit Refinement, and some got really low as Eighth Level Body Refinement, but nobody beat Lin Li so far!

“This is the power of Divine Rune Mansion’s Disciple! He is so much better than other contestant!” several Family Heads said to Wang Family Head, bringing up his ego some more.

Wang Family Head couldn’t help but look at Zhu Family Head with a sarcastic look on his eyes. Zhu Family Head couldn’t help but stay silent, he couldn’t refute anything as Yi Tianyun’s works wasn’t assessed yet. As his other contestant was at Second Grade Divine Rune Master which was not giving any spectacular result.

“Zhu Family Head, there is no doubt that the people you brought with you today is very high leveled!” Wang Family Head said sarcastically to Zhu Family Head. Zhu Family Lord just remained silent as he didn’t know how to refute the ridicule pointed at him.

As it came to Yi Tianyun moment to be graded, the Zhu Family Head and Wang Family Head watched silently.

“First Grade Divine Rune?” said the deacon confusedly.

First Grade Rune was not particularly surprising but it was mostly used as a last resort by the people who kept failing to draw any higher-grade Divine Rune. The thing that the Judge was lost about Yi Tianyun’s Divine Rune was that he didn’t fail anything and he drew the Divine Rune rather slow for it to be a mere First Grade Divine Rune.

Wang Family Head at the side was laughing so hard to Zhu Family Head’s face. He couldn’t help it, as he thought that there was no way Yi Tianyun would beat his Lin Li now! Zhu family Head felt the same way as his face turned a little bit pale.

Yi Tianyun noticed that almost everyone laughed and ridiculed him for his low-grade Divine Rune, but he didn't care.

"Please test it to your heart content!" Yi Tianyun said confidently.

Chapter 180: Scared

People laughed because of the anticipation that Yi Tianyun gave off as he drew his Divine Rune slowly. As the judge said, it was just a First Grade Divine Rune. The spectators couldn't contain their laughter anymore.

"Please test it!" Yi Tianyun said to the judge confidently. The judge just shook his head after seeing that Yi Tianyun still felt confident after drawing such a low-grade Divine Rune.

"Alright! I will start at Fifth Level Body Refinement." The judge said, and he proceeded to make a stance and punched the armor Yi Tianyun used as the media to his Divine Rune. Yi Tianyun smirked a little bit after seeing that his armor didn't receive any damage.

"What the? How can it not receive any damage?" The judge said, feeling a little astounded. A First Grade Divine Rune should at least receive some damage if not broken after receiving an attack at this level.

"He used advanced Divine Rune Strokes! It must be at the Spirit Tool Rank at the very least!" someone shouted from the crowds stand.

Everyone began to murmur about how wasteful it is to have someone with a low graded Divine Rune Mastery to hold such a high-grade tool. Moreover, they began to degrade Zhu Family Head for giving a low-grade Divine Rune Master such a high-grade tool.

"Okay, I will increase my power by one level." Said the judge to Yi Tianyun. Yi Tianyun only nodded and let the judge punched it once more.

After the judge punched the armor, it still didn't receive any damage. The judge gradually increasing his power by one level each time, and the armor still didn't break even until the First Level Spirit

Refinement. Everyone became shocked by the fact that Yi Tianyun's First Grade Divine Rune could withstand that level of power easily.

"There's no way that kid's Divine Rune is at First Grade Divine rune! At least it must be Second Grade Divine Rune or above!" a man from the crowds shouted to the arena. Followed by several others that agreed with him.

The deacon who served as the judge was overwhelmed in no time by the noise that the crowds made accusing him of assessing Yi Tianyun's Divine Rune incorrectly.

Li Tianlong immediately walks down to the arena, silencing everyone else and asked the judge about what is the problem.

"Pavilion Lord Li, I am very sure that this is a First Grade Divine Rune, but I can't break it even a First Level Spirit Refinement power!" The deacon said worriedly.

Li Tianlong immediately took a look at Yi Tianyun's work, and he went quiet for several seconds, shocked by what his eyes saw in front of him.

"This Divine Rune is a work of art! It is indeed a First Grade Divine Rune, but it is three-layered First Grade Divine rune, making it equal or more powerful than a peak Third Grade Divine Rune! This is a very peculiar Divine Rune. There is no way a normal attack would break it!" Li Tianlong said, voicing his excitement.

Everyone was dumbfounded after hearing Li Tianlong's explanation, Zhu Tianhong just stared at Yi Tianyun and Li Tianlong with a wide eye. Nobody expected Yi Tianyun to use such a complicated Rune! In fact, nobody would make such a risky Divine Rune, because if you fail at the second or third layer of the Divine Rune, the previous layer would be destroyed! Leaving a huge mess behind, making it almost impossible to fix.

The most important thing is that the complicated Divine Rune was drawn by none other than Yi Tianyun, who previously get ridiculed and laughed at!

Now everybody was speechless, they couldn't say anything as they felt some sort of shame for ridiculing such genius!

"You fail to notice this complicated Divine Rune? It seems that you are not that qualified to become a judge!" Li Tianlong said as they almost made a serious mistake for lowly grading this Divine Rune.

"There's no need to test this Divine Rune any further, by my authority as Star Pavilion Lord, I granted this Divine Rune a perfect score! Forgive my deacon's mistake for not noticing the grade of this Divine Rune!" Li Tianlong said solemnly to Yi Tianyun.

"You are a contestant from Zhu Family, right? Great, I would like some time to catch up with Zhu Family Head later!" Li Tianlong said excitedly.

Everyone became more shocked as a result was given by Li Tianlong in person, and mostly from the grade of the Divine Rune that required a high innate ability to draw successfully!

Lin Li, however, became furious! Yi Tianyun completely stole his thunder, he thought that Yi Tianyun was going for a First Grade Divine Rune, and suddenly he drew a three-layered Divine Rune! What a joke!