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Chapter 0851: Competing for the Dragon's Head

"What do you think? Are you confident?" the Respected Elder asked Li Luo with a smile after revealing his request.

After pondering for a moment, Li Luo asked, "What's the benefit of obtaining the Tri-Radiance Glass?"

Back in the Xia Kingdom, there was no mention of the Tri-Radiance Glass at all. After all, one was already the cream of the crop in their generation if they managed to reach the Glass Fiend Tier. No one really took notice of how many colors were present in the protective light.

Perhaps the requirements to achieve the Tri-Radiance Glass was too harsh, so it was naturally ignored.

The outer divine continent had less resources than the inner divine continent after all.

For instance, a rare treasure like the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold was probably only seen in the entirety of the Xia Kingdom once every few dozen years.

"Not only can the Tri-Radiance Glass increase your defensive capabilities, it can also improve one's tempering of the physical body. Of course, these are just temporary benefits. The real significance lies in setting an invincible foundation to prepare for the Duke or King Stages in the future," Li Jingzhe slowly explained.

At this point, he paused for a moment before he continued calmly, "When I say the Duke or King Stages... I am referring to Transcendent Dukes and the Heavenly Emperor Stage, of course."

When he finished his sentence, Li Luo and the other two stared at him with eyes wide open.

Li Luo was dumbfounded for a whole moment before he said, "Aren't you thinking too far ahead? Grandpa, such high expectations put me under a lot of pressure from you."

The so-called Transcendent Dukes were Dukes with the power to rival King Stage opponents. Such battle strength could only be achieved by the very best in each generation. As for the Heavenly Emperor... there was no need to explain further.

Li Luo truly had not expected Li Jingzhe to have such high expectations of him.

In response, Li Jingzhe slowly explained, "It's not that my expectations are too high. Rather, you will need to push yourself to the limit at every stage if you have such aspirations for the future. Whether it's the Tri-Radiance Glass or attaining nine pearls in the Heavenly Dipper General Stage... This is all to push your own potential to the limit and setting up an impeccable foundation for the future. Only by doing so can you stand a better chance when you try to break into the stages ordinary people can only dream of. Are you interested now?" He continued to stare at Li Luo.

For a moment, Li Luo was at a loss for words. It would be hypocritical if he had said he was uninterested.

"I got it." Li Luo nodded in the end. He reached out for the purple jade box as he said, "I'll do my best."

Li Jingzhe nodded firmly and replied, "The foundational requirements for the Tri-Radiance Glass are extremely high. You do not have to attain it in one shot. Rather, you can make use of the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold to progress step by step."

Li Luo agreed with his suggestion.

Moving on, Li Jingzhe's tone changed a little as he continued, "In addition, the distribution method for the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus has been decided."

Hearing this, Li Luo took a deep breath and stared intently at Li Jingzhe. He was clearly more nervous now than when he obtained the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold.

After all, this matter was related to Jiang Qing'e's injury.

"I have discussed it with the other Lineage Chiefs for the past two days. The meeting was pretty intense. Like I told you earlier, the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus is an extremely valuable item to Dukes. The Hall Masters all have their own views on this, especially the ones from the Dragon's Blood Lineage."

Li Luo grew even more anxious when he heard about this. It seemed like obtaining the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus was trickier than he had imagined.

"I offered three hundred million skygold to bring it back to the Dragon's Fang Lineage," Li Jingzhe continued calmly.

At this moment, Li Luo took a deep breath. The Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus was worth three hundred million?!

Clearly, he realized that he did not know much about the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus at all.

Li Jingzhe took a look at him as he said, "The Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus is a top-tier treasure. It's considered one of the most valuable items in the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages treasure vault. If a Duke utilized it for cultivation, there is a chance they would overcome the resonant power barrier and breakthrough again. As such, it's a priceless treasure beyond comprehension. Naturally, the price that I have offered requires a premium."

Hearing this, Li Luo broke out in cold sweat. He felt kind of guilty that the Dragon's Fang Lineage had to pay such a high price for his request.

"Did they agree to it?" Li Luo asked carefully.

Li Jingzhe shook his head. He continued, "They didn't agree to it. There was no objection from the other Lineage Chiefs except for Li Tianji. I know what he's plotting. He wants to reserve this treasure for Li Jiluo from the Dragon's Blood Lineage's Gold Blood Hall. That man is Li Qingfeng's father, an eighth-grade Duke. He may be able to break into the ninth-grade with the assistance of the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus."

When he heard the explanation, Li Luo did not know if he should heave a sigh of relief or feel disappointed.

"In the end, it was decided that the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus shall be given to the Dragon's Head of your generation. In other words, this treasure will be given to whoever becomes the Dragon's Head in the Twenty Banners. Hehe, that old man Li Tianji sure thought it through," Li Jingzhe said.

Hearing this, Li Luo was stunned for a few seconds before he slapped his hands together and exclaimed in surprise, "Won't that save us three hundred million skygold?!"

Li Jingtao and Li Fengyi looked at him silently.

If he wasn't their Third Brother, they would have shouted back. This little boy was too crazy—why was he acting like he was already the Dragon's Head?

Obviously, the Lineage Chief of the Dragon's Blood Lineage had planned it in such a way so that Li Qingfeng could obtain the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus.

At this moment, a smile surfaced on Li Jingzhe's cold and solemn face. He said, "If they had suggested such a distribution method before the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool battle, I might not have agreed to it."

Undoubtedly, he felt that this method might be an opportunity after witnessing Li Luo's fight a few days prior.

Li Fengyi reminded them from the side, "The Dragon's Head Competition relies on one's individual strength. We are not allowed to use Harmony."

Although Li Luo's performance had been spectacular and he had even escaped from the grasp of Qin Yi, it was all thanks to the state of Harmony closing the gap between his power and that of the other Banner Leaders. If they counted solely on their individual strength, Li Luo would not even be one of the top five Banner Leaders, let alone hold his ground against Qin Yi or Li Qingfeng.

Li Luo smiled and nodded. "I may not be able to do it now, but there's still time, right?"

Once he broke into the Glass Fiend Tier successfully, he estimated that he would be able to squeeze into the top few ranks among the twenty Banner Leaders.

Standing by his side, Li Jingtao also smiled and said, "With Third Brother's talent, he may really just pull it off. If you become the Dragon's Head, the commotion will surely be many times larger than it has been recently.

Li Fengyi agreed with him and said, "After all, everyone knows about all the years Third Brother has wasted in the outer divine continent. Yet he was able to catch up in such a short amount of time. His talent is clearly remarkable.

"The upcoming competition for the Dragon's Head will definitely be the toughest one in the entire history of our bloodline."

"Let's hope your well wishes come true, Eldest Brother and Second Sister," Li Luo said jokingly. He was actually not very interested in the position of the Dragon's Head. After all, he was one who focused on more practical gains. However, if he could obtain the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus by merely becoming the Dragon's Head, he would just have to do it.

Originally, he just wanted to cultivate quietly. Why was he being forced to become the Dragon's Head now?

Chapter 0852: Dark Domain

Li Jingzhe truly admired Li Luo's courage to fight. Undaunted by strong opponents and a spirit to never give up, this was exactly the type of personality that the Dragon's Fang Lineage, famous for their offense, needed. Oddballs like Li Jingtao were few and far between.

Li Jingzhe pondered for a moment and said, "Since you feel so confident about it, let's give it a try and see if you can obtain the Dragon's Head position. If you fail, I will try some other way to get that Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus for you. At most, I will just have to pay more for it."

He knew the importance of the Nine Marks Sacred Heart Lotus to Li Luo. As such, he did not plan to hand it over to the Dragon's Blood Lineage even if Li Luo failed to become the Dragon's Head.

After all, his grandson had spent so many tough years in the outer divine continent. He was feeling a little remorseful deep in his heart and would try to fulfill Li Luo's requests as best as he could. The competition for the Dragon's Head position was merely a means to train Li Luo up so he would have more ambitions.

Li Luo was a little touched after hearing this, so he replied, "Thank you, Grandfather."

With that, Li Jingzhe waved his hand and changed the conversation topic. "There's another matter to discuss. I have gotten some leads in allowing Ox Biaobiao to recover."

Li Luo was overjoyed to hear this. Ox Biaobiao's injuries had always been a thorn in his heart as they were a result of him protecting Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan when they left the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent. Furthermore, he had stayed at House Luolan and protected Jiang Qing'e and him for all these years. Therefore, Li Luo owed him a huge debt. If not for a Duke like Ox Biaobiao standing guard at House Luolan, the other forces would have surely preyed upon them whilst Li Taixuan and Tan Tailan were gone. There wouldn't have been any time for Li Luo and Jiang Qing'e to grow up and develop at all.

In the past, there was nothing he could do about it. However, since he had returned to the Dragon's Fang Lineage, Li Luo hoped that he could cure Ox Biaobiao's injuries as soon as possible. Once Ox Biaobiao recovered and became a Hall Master in Green Nether Hall, he would assist Li Luo in gaining control over the hall in the future.

when he saw the ecstatic look on Li Luo's face, Li Jingzhe said, "Don't get your hopes up yet. Ox Biaobiao's injuries are very serious. Having one's Duke Bergfrieds destroyed is considered a grave injury to a Duke. Luckily, the Dragon's Fang Lineage has a strong foundation. We are not short of mysterious ways to recover them. There is an ancient method left by the Ancestor, but it requires a lot of preparation. I am already in the midst of preparing for it. However, there is one crucial item that we will need. Is it known as the Sacred Infant Fruit, and it has the magical ability to repair one's foundation, making it the most suitable item for our needs. Unfortunately, this is the item we are currently lacking."

Li Luo was stunned for a moment before he smiled back wryly. The Sacred Infant Fruit had to be a really rare treasure. He had not even heard about it before.

"How can we get a Sacred Infant Fruit?" Li Luo asked. As it was to help Ox Biaobiao, he felt like he should contribute if possible, rather than just rely on Li Jingzhe.

Li Fengyi chimed in from the side at this point. "If I remember correctly, the Sacred Infant Fruit can be found in a Dark Domain around the northern parts of the Dragon's Fang Lineage's western region."

"Dark Domain?" Li Luo looked at Li Fengyi with eyes full of queries.

Seeing this, Li Fengyi explained, "Dark Domains are cracks in the world. These cracks are connected to the shadow world, so Others are constantly crawling out of them. Dark Domains sometimes explode, causing a large number of Others to emerge and resulting in a disaster. As a result, Dark Domains are generally monitored at all times. The Dark Domain that I mentioned is the one that is watched over by the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Although Dark Domains are dangerous, they are also a special environment that can easily cause worldly natural energy to condense. As such, they are prone to producing many mythical treasures, and the Sacred Infant Fruit is one of the treasures produced."

Hearing this, Li Luo suddenly came to a realization. Wasn't she referring to the Umbra Cave... It was just that in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent, the forces were more powerful and there was no need to seal up the cracks like the college had. Instead, they kept them under close observation whilst they enjoyed the various cultivation resources they produced.

"The number of Sacred Infant Fruits is very low. In the past, it was instantly divided up as soon as one was discovered. As such, you'll have to head over to the Dark Domain if you would like to help heal Ox Biaobiao's injuries," Li Jingzhe told them.

"However, there are many people eyeing the Sacred Infant Fruit. There is always a fierce competition for it every time one appears. Moreover, the western domain of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li is at our border. It's extremely close to the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao's domain, and they frequently send people into the Dark Domain to scout for resources. On top of that, we have been at odds with them for a long time. If we meet outside, we might barely be able to restrain ourselves. But if we cross paths in the Dark Domain... Who knows how many people have been killed on the other side?" Li Fengyi said.

"The Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao..." Li Luo's eyes lit up. There were four bloodlines in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent. Apart from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li and the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing, there were the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao and the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhu. Among the four bloodlines, the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li had the worst relationship with the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao. It was not an exaggeration to say the two were enemies. Due to their shared borders, there were frequent conflicts between them.

Perhaps that was one of the reasons why the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li wanted to get closer to the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing through marriage back in the day.

Li Luo pondered for a moment. As much as he wanted to visit the Dark Domain and obtain a Sacred Infant Fruit for Ox Biao Biao, his strength was truly lacking right now. Even if he broke into the Fiend Body Tier, he would likely be of little use in such a place.

Having to deal with Others alone would give him a headache, and he would have to worry about the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao at all times as well.

After all, he had already experienced Others once in the Umbra Cave below the Astral Sage College. The Others in the inner divine continent would surely be even stronger.

Unless... he was able to mobilize the Green Nether Banner.

However, the Green Nether Banner was not his personal army. Although he was the Banner Leader, he could not mobilize it just with his will alone. This was like how a general could not mobilize the troops of a nation privately without instructions from the top.

While Li Luo was lost in thought, Li Jingzhe lightly tapped his fingers on the table and asked, "The mission period for the Twenty Banners should be coming soon, right?"

Hearing this, Li Fengyi and Li Jingtao nodded.

The mission period referred to the period of time every year where the Twenty Banners would be given a mission to clear. This might include going out to suppress or even slaughter a powerful beast.

After all, the Twenty Banners consisted of the best talents in the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages. Each of the lineages had invested a huge amount of resources on them. Hence, it was only natural that the Twenty Banners made themselves useful and contributed back. It was too impractical to be solely expending resources and spending their time cultivating all day.

Therefore, the Twenty Banners needed to fulfill missions every year. If they failed to accomplish the mission, their cultivation resources in the following year would be reduced. This ensured that the banners treated the missions seriously.

After Li Jingzhe gave it some thought, he said, "When the time comes, I will issue a mission task for the Dark Domain in the western region. This will be considered the mission assessment for the four banners of the Dragon's Fang Lineage this year."

At this point, he looked at Li Luo and asked, "Are you willing to help Ox Biaobiao obtain a Sacred Infant Fruit?"

Li Luo couldn't help but let out a sigh of relief after hearing this.

Not only could he bring the Green Nether Banner out on mission officially, he had even gained three more helpers with these words from Li Jingzhe.

At this moment, he understood a simple truth.

In this day and age, no matter how hard one could punch, no one could beat a strong background.

Chapter 0853: Skipping Stages

On the day after the gathering in the bamboo forest, Li Luo felt like his body was in perfect condition. Without any further hesitation, he started to cultivate the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths.

Li Luo was in the cultivation chamber at the top floor of his pavilion.

Sitting in the lotus position, there were five jade bottles in front of him. Each of them was filled with a strand of golden Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

His face was serious as he stared at the jade bottles. When he focused his thoughts, his resonant power surged. The jade bottles shattered, and the five strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath swam out as if they were trying to escape.

However, Li Luo had prepared for this. A strand of resonant power flowed out from his mouth and gathered up the five strands. In the next moment, he swallowed them.

Slowly, he shut both of his eyes and started channeling his Draconic Breath Fiend Art.

Shortly later, he felt a shocking and enormous energy force rising within his body. It was so strong that his flesh and veins started feeling some pain.

However, Li Luo did not panic. He guided the huge and pure energy in an orderly manner around his body, fully utilizing all his cultivation techniques to start refining them quickly.

As expected from the refining process, Li Luo could observe strand after strand of abstruse fiend light forming repeatedly at an amazing speed.

This pace far exceeded what he could achieve in an ordinary day of cultivation.

Li Luo felt really pleased in his heart as he watched the abstruse fiend lights flow into his resonant palaces.

All of a sudden, the three resonant palaces became lively when the abstruse fiend lights entered and danced around together.

He grew more and more satisfied as he watched more and more abstruse fiend lights enter his resonant palaces.

This cultivation process went on for a whole day.

When the morning sunlight pierced through the clouds on the second day, Li Luo slowly opened his eyes in the cultivation chamber. There was a dazzling, golden light flowing within his pupils at first, but it gradually retracted.

A strong torrent of energy rose in his body like waves, and his heartbeat accelerated.

At this moment, he could sense the three resonant palaces in his body radiating with brilliance, and a faint sense of swelling emanated from them.

This was because all three resonant palaces had finally reached their full capacity.

There were a total of thirty-five thousand abstruse fiend lights within his resonant palaces at this time!

It was a truly amazing feat.

Under normal circumstances, even a ninth-grade talent at the peak of the Greater Fiend Palace Tier would not have more than twenty thousand abstruse fiend lights.

Yet Li Luo, with his benefit of three resonant palaces, had attained thirty-five thousand.

Although Li Luo dared not say there was no such person in the past or there will be no such person in the future, there was definitely no one he knew of that was stronger than him in this regard, right?

"Finally, it's full."

Li Luo let out a heavy breath, and his voice was filled with relief. He had waited so long for this day.

Although the three resonant palaces were his edge, they had also brought him considerable stress. After all, he was in a special situation. Time was the most precious thing to him. Yet that was exactly what was required to fill up his three resonant palaces completely.

Fortunately, he had the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths.

At this moment, Li Luo felt like it was a truly wise decision to leave the Xia Kingdom and come to the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent. He would never have obtained such a rare opportunity like the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths back in his homeland.

It was great that this moment had finally arrived.

Thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light dancing in his three resonant palaces like lively birds was a majestic sight to behold. Subsequently, Li Luo would utilize them to aim for a breakthrough that skipped stages.

Li Luo formed the necessary hand seals with both of his hands, then the thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend lights made their way out of the resonant palaces in a mighty manner. It was like there were three huge, roaring tsunamis raging in one place.

At this point, Li Luo's blood, flesh, and bones started vibrating. It was as if they were cheering in celebration because the abstruse fiend lights were a feast to them.

This was the first time his physical body would be tempered in his cultivation journey!

Strand after strand of abstruse fiend light fused into his flesh and bones. After they passed through, his flesh and bones turned scorching hot.

It was as if boundless vitality was gushing out of his flesh and bones like an overflowing tide.

Blood filled with impurities began to seep out from his pores. As this process continued, his eyebrows tightened with a look of pain from time to time.

This was pain that naturally came with body tempering. However, Li Luo was determined and would not waver. As the thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light flowed through his body, his flesh and blood were tempered repeatedly.

Time passed rapidly as he underwent this process.

Before he knew it, another day passed by.

Li Luo continued to be immersed in tempering his body. At this point, the blood filled with impurities that had accumulated on his skin had coagulated into blood clots, covering him in patches.

All until a certain moment.

Suddenly, a thunderous sound came out of his body. The worldly natural energy around him seemed to start boiling at this time. It seemed to be attracted to some kind of strong force, and it rushed into his body in an unceasing flow.

All the blood clots covering Li Luo started shattering at this point, and a silver light flowed beneath his skin.

His flesh and blood throbbed slowly, exuding a tyrannical strength.

The breakthrough into Fiend Body Tier had gone better than he had expected.

However, this was not surprising at all. After all, his foundation was impeccable with the assistance of thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light. This was something others in the Greater Fiend Palace Tier could not even dream about.

With such a strong foundation backing him, it was only natural that he would reach the Fiend Body Tier without any difficulties.

Li Luo had already reached the Silver Fiend Tier, visualized by the silver glow flowing around his body.

However, that was not his goal.

Inside his physical body, the abstruse fiend lights continued to temper his flesh.

Li Luo was still moving ahead, with the Gold Fiend Tier as his next target.

At this moment, wisps of blue smoke rose up from his head. If one were to touch his body at this time, they would find that his body temperature was extremely high. This was caused by the tempering of his physical body.

Just like this, time continued to tick by. Soon, more than half a day had passed.

No one knew exactly when, but the silver glow flowing underneath his skin suddenly became thicker. At some point, fine, golden light threads started to appear within the silver glow.

The golden threads flowed steadily between his flesh and blood, growing brighter and brighter.

At one point, Li Luo spat out a breath of fiery air from his mouth.

Boom!

A roar echoed throughout the inside of his body.

The strands of golden thread gushed out of his body as if to dye him completely gold.

With another leap, he reached the Gold Fiend Tier.

Li Luo opened his eyes at this moment. However, he did not relax just yet. Instead, he slid his hands past his pocket sphere, and a purple jade box appeared.

The Nine Aperture Rock of Gold slowly floated up.

Without blinking, he cradled the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold with his hands. An enormous power was summoned from his body, and he used it to crush the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold into golden powder. Li Luo took a deep breath with his mouth and swallowed up all of the mysterious, golden powder.

Now that he had reached the Gold Fiend Tier, it was time for him to use the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold as medium and attempt to break into the third tier of the Fiend Body Tier... the Glass Fiend Tier! After such a long period of accumulation, Li Luo was attempting to reach the sky in a single step.

Chapter 0854: Semi-completed Grade

Three days later.

Li Luo's breakthrough attempt finally concluded.

As he slowly opened his eyes within the cultivation chamber, the torrents of resonant power around him gradually subsided. In the end, it all returned into his body.

When he looked down, he extended both of his arms forward and started to channel his resonant power.

At this moment, a golden light flowed between his flesh and blood, dyeing his skin in a faint, golden glow, making it seem indestructible.

Li Luo continued to channel his resonant power, and the golden glow became more and more distinct. Finally, faint, glazed patterns appeared on it.

The glazed patterns were crystal clear as they flowed between his flesh and blood.

When Li Luo examined them, a smile appeared on the edge of his mouth. After his breakthrough to the Gold Fiend Tier, he had used all the remaining strands of abstruse fiend light together with the Nine Aperture Rock of Gold to temper his body in an attempt to reach the Glass Fiend Tier.

Unfortunately, he did not manage to completely break into the Glass Fiend Tier in the end.

That being said, he could be considered to be touching upon that realm. Strictly speaking, the emergence of the glazed patterns meant that he was halfway into the Glass Fiend Tier.

Oddly enough, this actually worked out well for him as he had previously promised Li Jingzhe to attain the Tri-Radiance Glass.

That was the highest peak in the Glass Fiend Tier. However, he was unable to attain it with his current foundation.

Looking at his current state, he could carefully continue to cultivate and aim to completely reach the highest point of the Glass Fiend Tier once another opportunity arose.

"This is really an unprecedented breakthrough," Li Luo said with a face full of joy as this breakthrough was the fastest since he had started his cultivation journey.

His starting point was the Greater Fiend Palace Tier, and he had zoomed past the Silver Fiend and Gold Fiend Tiers. In the end, he had landed halfway into the Glass Fiend Tier directly.

Anyone would be shocked to hear about how many tiers he had skipped.

He had spent great amounts of time and effort in preparation for this breakthrough, and he had managed to maximize the benefits of his triple resonances.

It was fortunate that all his hard work had paid off in the end. Based on his own estimate, Li Luo felt that he should be around the level of the Two Star Hall seniors in the Astral Sage College with his current strength.

Two Star Hall students were mostly comparable to people at the Glass Fiend Tier.

If he had shown such progress back in the Astral Sage College, it would surely have caused a huge commotion. He dared to say that he would have been the first one to progress so quickly since the Astral Sage College was formed.

Ordinarily speaking, such a cultivation level was something only the elite students in the Three Star Hall could reach.

However, that was just a hypothetical comparison. After all, Li Luo was in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent now. He had all the support and resources from the Dragon's Fang Lineage. It was no surprise that his cultivation progress would be record-breaking compared to the students of the Astral Sage College. If he really wanted to compare, he should do so with the various top talents in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent.

Regardless, skipping tiers had really helped to narrow the gap in strength between him and the other top talents like Li Qingfeng, Lu Qingmei, and Deng Fengxian.

"Looking at things now, it seems like life in the outer divine continent was really a waste of time."

Li Luo sighed as he thought about it. It was not due to his lack of talent that he had fallen behind so much compared to Li Qingfeng and the rest. It was simply because they had much more cultivation resources available to them.

For example, rare opportunities like the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool... There was nothing even remotely similar in the Xia Kingdom.

At this moment, Li Luo stood up with his fists tightly clenched. He could clearly sense that his body was filled with enormous power now. Based on his own estimate, he was no less powerful than the Two Sonic Pulse level achieved with his Thunderpeal Avatar.

If he combined these two together, his physical strength would surely reach an amazing height. However... it would still pale in comparison to Qin Yi and her Invincible Water Jade Armor. Hers was a Soul Ascension-grade body-tempering Duke Art after all.

Unless he was able to cultivate his Thunderpeal Avatar to the highest level, Five Sonic Pulses, it would likely reach Qin Yi's level.

There was no other choice. Such was a limitation due to the different grades of cultivation arts.

After Li Luo clenched his fingers tightly into a fist, he punched out speedily to the front. His fist left an afterimage, and the air exploded with a low, ringing sound.

He was very pleased with the result. This breakthrough had really strengthened him a lot. It was worth the pain and effort he had taken to accumulate thirty-five thousand strands of abstruse fiend light. After he was done, he did not hang around any longer. He walked straight out of the cultivation chamber, and the maids were all ready with food prepared. He gobbled down the meal after starving for the past three days.

After he was satiated, one of the maids came forward and told him that the Third Hall Master had come to visit.

"Aunt Yun?"

As soon as Li Luo heard about it, he dashed down to receive her personally.

Li Rouyun was surprised as soon as she saw Li Luo. "Looks like you have broken through successfully," she said,

"Judging by the golden glow around your body, coupled with the blood and muscles filled with vitality, I assume you have reached the Gold Fiend Tier," she stated.

Li Rouyun was a Duke after all. She could easily determine this from the resonant power that still lingered in Li Luo's body and had not completely died down yet.

"Just by a stroke of luck."

Li Luo answered humbly as he guided Li Rouyun to her seat.

Li Rouyun was not too surprised about it. She knew that Li Luo had won a total of seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath. That was more than sufficient for him to achieve the breakthrough.

"What's brought you here today, Aunt Yun?" Li Luo asked after they had chatted for a while.

Li Rouyun nodded a little before she replied, "I heard that the four banners will be heading out to the Dark Domain in the western region."

It seemed like the mission for the four banners had been announced while Li Luo was shut in for his breakthrough for the past few days.

Li Luo nodded in response.

"I have not been to the western region in a long time," Li Rouyun said with a sigh.

"Aunt Yun, you used to live in the western region?" Li Luo asked curiously.

"The Li clan that I belonged to is an indirect bloodline. The western region is our home. However, I've rarely had the time to go back ever since I was placed in charge of the Green Nether Hall."

Li Rouyun smiled and took out a jade box from her pocket sphere. She passed it over to Li Luo and said, "If you're going to the western region for the mission, you can reach out to the Li clan if you require any help. In addition, can you help me pass these pills to my little niece, please?"

Hearing this, Li Luo's heart twitched a little. He remembered the first time he met Li Rouyun. On that day, he needed to alleviate the Sacrificial Ignition of Jiang Qing'e's Heart of Light. Li Rouyun had taken

out a rare treasure, which he could tell from the words of Li Zhiqiu from the Dragon's Blood Lineage, that was originally meant for her niece.

"Sure, Aunt Yun. Don't worry, it's not a big deal."

Li Luo nodded and continued, "What's the name of this sister cousin of mine? What's her injury? If you need my help, feel free to ask, Aunt Yun."

Hearing this, Li Rouyun sighed and then replied, "That little girl is named Li Lingjing. She was the pride of our clan. If not for her accident, she would surely have been chosen to enter the four banners of the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Her future was just as bright as mine."

"What happened?" Li Luo asked.

With a bitter look on her face, Li Rouyun continued, "A few years ago, she went to the Dark Domain for training. She got injured by the Others there, and her foundation was damaged. Her cultivation progress has been really slow ever since. Over the years, the reputation of a former genius has become her burden, and many people that were jealous of her talent openly mock her these days for wasting all the resources the family has spent on her."

Hearing this, Li Luo opened his mouth wide. A former genius that became trash. He was familiar with this story. This cousin of his was not in a simple situation.

Chapter 0855: Four Banners Assembled

Li Luo accepted Li Rouyun's request without any hesitation. He was very interested in meeting his cousin when he went over to the western region.

For the remainder of the day, he took a good rest before he headed over to the Green Nether drill grounds.

When he arrived, many of the banner members greeted him respectfully. Their eyes were full of admiration.

In the short span of a few months, the Green Nether Banner had completely transformed under Li Luo's leadership. Their remarkable achievements had made the Green Nether Banner famous amongst the Twenty Banners.

They were now eligible to be considered one of the top banners. Such accomplishments were totally different compared to half a year ago.

All of this was thanks to Li Luo.

Of course, the foundation of the Green Nether Banner was pretty decent. Strictly speaking, none of the Twenty Banners could be considered shabby. Additionally, the eight thousand banner members were all elites selected from the Dragon's Fang Domain. They were all considered geniuses where they came from.

Nonetheless, an excellent leader was required for the pack of wolves to demonstrate their exceptional strength. This was exactly what the Green Nether Banner had been lacking all this while.

And that role was filled by Li Luo.

As such, his reputation in the Green Nether Banner could be said to have reached the peak.

While he walked into the Green Nether drill grounds, he looked for Zhao Yanzhi, Li Shi, Mu Bi, and the rest.

"Leader, has your breakthrough... succeeded?"

Li Shi's face changed a little when he first saw Li Luo. Although he was currently a Gold Fiend, he could sense an indescribable pressure coming from Li Luo when they met.

Even though Li Luo had already displayed shocking strength to compete with someone at the Glass Fiend Tier back when he was just at the Greater Fiend Palace Tier, it was ultimately due to the many tricks and means he had utilized to attain victory. Now, Li Luo was truly exuding an oppressive resonant power pressure.

It was clear that his resonant power had exceeded that of Li Shi.

"Mhm. I have reached the Gold Fiend Tier with the help of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths," Li Luo said with a smile.

Strictly speaking, he was actually half a grade higher than a Gold Fiend currently. After all, he was halfway into the Glass Fiend Tier. However, there was no need for him to go into the details with them.

Zhao Yanzhi, Mu Bi, and the rest present were shocked when they heard about this. Li Luo had managed to catch up with them in the short span of a few months. Such talent was truly stunning.

"It seems like we had great foresight and caught onto the right thigh," Zhao Yanzhi said with a charming smile.

Zhou Shanhe from the first division smiled and replied to Zhao Yanzhi with a voice full of envy, "There's no doubt about Sister Zhao's foresight. Honestly, no one expected the Green Nether Banner to improve so much when the Banner Leader first arrived."

His envy was not fake at all. After all, everyone in the Green Nether Banner knew that Zhao Yanzhi, Li Shi, and Mu Bi were Li Luo's confidants. They were the ones who had been following Li Luo since his days at the fifth division.

Now that Li Luo was on the rise, the Green Nether Banner would surely be brought to greater heights under his leadership. In fact, his reputation and standing in the Dragon's Fang Lineage would definitely be exceptional in the future.

With such a strong backing, Zhao Yanzhi and the rest naturally had a bright future in the Dragon's Fang Domain too.

As for Zhou Shanhe, he knew that he was not comparable to Zhao Yanzhi and friends even though he had pledged his loyalty to Li Luo too.

Li Luo simply smiled. With a wave of his hand, he told them, "I've summoned you guys today to discuss the next mission."

"The one regarding the Dark Domain in the western region?" Mu Bi asked in a loud voice. The news of the mission had spread throughout the four banners over the past few days. All of them were already aware of it.

After thinking for a moment, Zhao Yanzhi replied, "The Dark Domain in the western region is rather unique. It is located outside the western region, so strictly speaking, it's not fully under the jurisdiction of the Dragon's Fang Lineage. In addition, the location is at the border between the Dragon's Fang Domain and the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao. We have been at odds with each other all this time, so there's no real overseer. As a result, many unsavory characters have gathered around the area, and its depths are murky."

Hearing this, Li Luo nodded and responded, "Which is why I hope that you all can investigate the situation there as soon as possible, including the Others in the Dark Domain."

"In addition, the Dark Domain itself is exceptionally dangerous. On top of the Others, there's also the threat from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao. If we're not alert, we'll definitely pay a heavy price for it. Please remind the other banner members to treat this seriously and be vigilant at all times. I do not wish to see more than half of our banner members injured after our expedition." Li Luo finished off with a serious look on his face.

Although he had not been to any of the Dark Domains in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent, he knew that the Others he would soon encounter would be no weaker than the ones he had seen in the Umbra Cave. Moreover, Others were really strange. If they were careless just once, there would be no medicine for their regret.

The Green Nether Banner was a huge force he was responsible for now, and he did not want to see his army weakened. Furthermore, that would bear badly on his reputation as well.

When Li Shi and Zhou Shanhe heard his instructions, they agreed respectfully.

After giving a few more instructions, Li Luo left for the lakeside pavilion at the west side of the drill grounds. He was expecting a few more guests today.

Around two hours later, three figures emerged.

"Little Brother, are you done with your breakthrough?" A rather shocked but familiar voice came from the back. It was none other than Li Fengyi.

On her side were Li Jingtao and Deng Fengxian, the Banner Leader of the Gold Light Banner.

The four Banner Leaders of the Dragon's Fang Lineage had gathered here today under the invitation from Li Luo.

Firstly, Li Luo smiled a little at Li Fengyi. Nodding, he answered, "I've managed to reach the Gold Fiend Tier thanks to the help of the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreaths."

Li Fengyi coughed a little as she said, "A breakthrough that skipped tiers? You've built up a strong and solid foundation."

At the same time, Li Jingtao nodded and praised, "Third Brother, you are exceptionally gifted. If you had grown up in the Dragon's Fang Lineage, there would surely be no one on par with you in our generation."

Deng Fengxian, who was usually very charismatic, also took another look at Li Luo. However, he was not too surprised at his breakthrough. After all, he already knew that the result would be extraordinary from the moment Li Luo had gotten seven strands of Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath.

At this moment, Li Luo looked over to Deng Fengxian and said with a smile, "I assumed you wouldn't come, Banner Leader Deng."

Deng Fengxian calmly replied, "The expedition to the Dark Domain in the western region is a mission for all four banners. Since that is the topic of this meeting, there's no reason for me not to turn up, Banner Leader Li Luo."

In response, Li Luo nodded and said, "Speaking of which, I've not thanked you for your help in the Mystical Yellow Dragonbreath Pool a few days ago."

Back then, Deng Fengxian had reached out a helping hand. Although he was interrupted in the end, his actions had made Li Luo look at him differently.

After all, the reputation of the Green Nether Banner would soar once Li Luo obtained the Golden Dragon Pillar. That would be detrimental to the Gold Light Banner's standing in the Dragon's Fang Lineage. However, Deng Fengxian had not stood aside and ignored Li Luo's struggle just because of this. Instead, he had taken the Dragon's Fang Lineage's reputation into consideration. This really highlighted his extraordinary charisma and open-mindedness.

Of course, this act had made Li Luo view him more favorably too.

Deng Fengxian calmly responded, "There's no need to thank me. The Gold Light Banner is also a part of the Dragon's Fang Lineage, and I would not do anything that is detrimental to our lineage."

"Who knew that someone like you, Deng Fengxian, could say something so humane?" Li Fengyi chimed in from the side.

Deng Fengxian stared at Li Fengyi for a moment before he replied, "It's not like I am inhumane. You just have too many misgivings about me, so you never listened."

"Why should I listen to you?" Li Fengyi responded arrogantly with a cold snort.

The corners of Deng Fengxian's eyes twitched slightly. In the end, he was at a loss for words and simply sat down at the stone table. He had known Li Fengyi for several years, and he knew how fierce this young lady's temper could be. "Deng Fengxian, let me tell you this. Li Luo will be our leader when the four banners set off for the mission. The Gold Light Banner is no longer the only one among the four banners now." Li Fengyi continued to taunt him with no intention of letting him off.

In response, Deng Fengxian lowered his eyes a little and said, "Our four banners will remain independent. We can simply cooperate with each other to complete the mission."

Hearing this, Li Fengyi glared at him fiercely and said, "Do you think the Gold Light Banner can win against our three banners? Do you think the three of us aren't willing to beat you up right now?"

Before Li Luo's return, the Gold Light Banner had always been the leader among the four banners. They were far ahead of the other three banners. As a result, Li Fengyi had challenged Deng Fengxian multiple times as she was unhappy to be led by an outsider. However, she was always defeated due to the difference in strength.

Thus, Li Fengyi saw an opportunity now that the Green Nether Banner led by Li Luo was up and coming. Coupled with the hidden skill that Li Jingtao had just revealed, she was determined to use this chance to get back at him.

On the other hand, Li Jingtao sat quietly at the side with a good-natured smile and a totally harmless face. He dared not interrupt Li Fengyi when she was on a rampage either.

Only Li Luo comforted her with a smile, saying, "Second Sister, calm down. The Dark Domain is extremely dangerous, and the four banners will need to work earnestly together to minimize our casualties as much as possible. It does not matter whether I'm the leader or not. If anything happens, the four of us can discuss things before making a decision. In that case, the four of us can share the blame together if something really goes wrong."

When he finished speaking, Li Fengyi couldn't help but reveal a smile on her beautiful face. She rolled her eyes at Li Luo before she gave Deng Fengxian a cold snort and stopped her attacks.

At the same moment, Li Luo could sense that the emotionless Deng Fengxian had secretly heaved a sigh of relief. Seeing this, Li Luo nearly couldn't stop himself from bursting out in laughter.

It seemed Li Fengyi was actually the true bully in the four banners of the Dragon's Fang Lineage.

Chapter 0856: Western Region

After their discussion, Li Luo, Li Fengyi, Li Jingtao, and Deng Fengxian all agreed that the four banners would set off to the western region in three days.

During these three days, Li Luo did not slack off. He devoted all his time and energy into cultivating his Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation, wholeheartedly comprehending his Cosmic Sword Intent, and collecting even more of it.

After all, the sword intent was the strongest move in his arsenal currently.

He had already seen its power for himself when he fought against Qin Yi. Fragile yet domineering, it was really unique.

It was fragile because it did not possess a physical body. There was not much destructive power or effect if he utilized it on its own.

However, if he combined the sword intent with his other Duke Arts, the offensive power of his Duke Art would be raised to the next level.

Previously, he had fused it into a ball of lightning from his Lightning Twister Plantain Fan. It grew strong enough to overwhelm Qin Yi's Invincible Water Jade Armor and injured her.

Although there were some limitations to the sword intent, Li Luo was very satisfied with it. After all, it was just a by-product of cultivating the Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation.

What he was really after was the Dragon Fang Sword forged from this Duke Art.

Unfortunately, creating a Dragon Fang Sword with the Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation was an arduous task. He was merely starting out. For one, he would still need to collect more Cosmic Sword Intent along with Dragon Fang Essence to forge a Dragon Fang Sword.

As for the Dragon Fang Essence itself, each one cost thirty million skygold. There was nothing Li Luo could do now except endure and persevere.

The three days flew by as Li Luo lost himself in collecting sword intent. Sadly, he did not manage to achieve anything of significance. It seemed like the collection of sword intent was really a test of one's luck. He could only console himself by reminding himself that it was a Transcendent Duke Art.

Fortunately, the journey to the western region would take a few days. He could continue his cultivation then.

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In the front district of the Dragon's Fang Mountain Range.

There were numerous giant boats waiting quietly on a majestic mountain that had been flattened to form a huge square.

Golden dragon runes that seemed to be swallowing up surrounding worldly natural energy covered the exterior of the boats.

On the front of each boat was a dragon's head that was a few feet wide. The heads appeared mighty and ferocious, and their maws automatically opened and closed very slowly, emitting shocking energy pulses.

These were known as Dragon Vessels. They were used by the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages for moving troops. As Li Luo and the rest would be moving off with thousands of banner members, they did not want to cause a commotion during their journey. Naturally, they had decided to use the boats.

These vessels were fast and stable, one of the favorite forms of transportation in the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent.

With eight thousand banner members under their lead each, Li Luo, Li Fengyi, Li Jingtao, and Deng Fengxian had congregated on the square. It was a truly impressive sight to behold.

With over thirty thousand soldiers from the four banners, it was, frankly, a shocking gathering. In fact, they could probably eliminate a small country with their sheer power.

At this moment, Li Luo looked up to check the sky. He said with a smile, "It's about time. Shall we go?"

There was no objection from the other three. They each looked at their respective eight thousand banner members and signaled with a wave of their hands.

In the next moment, a huge torrent of resonant power surged up from the banner members. Their resonant power covered up the whole sky, flowed into the four Dragon Vessels, and activated them.

Soon, the banner members were all ready in the four Dragon Vessels.

Li Luo and the other three Banner Leaders' figures flashed, and they also hopped onto their respective vessels.

The loud and low-pitched sound of the horns resounded at this moment. The dragon runes engraved on the four vessels glowed brightly, and enormous energy ripples pulsed along with them.

In the next moment, the four vessels gradually floated into the air. With a roar, they turned into four beams of light, shooting through the clouds and speeding away into the distance.

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The Dragon's Fang Domain had twelve regions under its jurisdiction. Each region was greater than the Xia Kingdom. Most importantly, the Dragon's Fang Domain was only one of the five domains under the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li.

Evidently, the foundation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li was frighteningly huge, far beyond what Li Luo could have imagined.

The power of a Heavenly Emperor was truly magnificent. This western region was located on the western side of the Dragon's Fang Lineage, one of the borders of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li's domain. The land beyond that border belonged to the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao, another Heavenly Emperor power.

However, the two forces' borders did not meet directly. Perhaps this was to prevent any direct confrontation or escalation between the two. There was a buffer zone that belonged to no one between the two Heavenly Emperor forces. That was where the Dark Domain that Li Luo and the rest were heading to was located.

Based on the speed of the vessels, it would take roughly six to seven days for them to arrive at the western region.

Li Luo did not step out of his room during this time. He continued to focus all his energy on collecting Cosmic Sword Intent.

Their mission was extremely dangerous after all. Hence, he felt that he had to be as prepared as he could.

He spent the trip cultivating nonstop, not even taking breaks to eat or sleep. This made time pass very quickly, and before he knew it, the vessel arrived at the western region. Finally, he got what he had wished for and obtained another strand of Cosmic Sword Intent successfully.

The capital of the western region was Western City. It was not in the hinterland but located beside the border. This was a strategic spot acting as the first layer of protection in case there were any unusual movements from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao.

When the four Dragon Vessels arrived at Western City, Li Luo stood on his vessel and looked down at the world beneath him. He could see an awe-inspiring fortress standing on the vast plain, like a giant, ancient beast that was stationed there to guard the border.

On top of the fortress was a huge torrent of energy that loomed into the sky above. Upon closer look, one could tell that it was actually a very wide defensive ward.

When the Dragon Vessels approached it, beams of light shot out from the heads on each vessel. There were winding, draconic runes within the beams, and when they came into contact with the defensive ward, the energy on the ward gave way temporarily and a passable hole was formed.

The vessels slowly made their way in.

When the vessels entered the sky above the fortress, dozens of lights and silhouettes flashed by on the ground below. All of a sudden, there were dozens of people below, each one at the Duke Stage and exuding really strong energy pulses.

"I am Li Feng, the City Lord of Western City. I welcome the talented individuals from the four banners of the Dragon's Fang Lineage."

An old man with white hair greeted them politely as he looked at the four Dragon Vessels. Although he was both a Duke and the City Lord of Western City, there were three distinguished guests from the direct bloodline of the Dragon's Fang Lineage among the four banner leaders. With such noble status, he dared not treat them lightly.

At the same moment, Li Luo and the other three came down from their vessels and greeted the old man.

"Nice to meet you, City Lord Li Feng. Aunt Yun has specially asked me to send her regards to you," Li Luo said with a smile.

Apart from being the City Lord of Western City, Li Feng was also the Patriarch of the Li Clan, Li Rouyun's clan.

Li Feng took a look at Li Luo before he replied with a warm smile, "You must be Banner Leader Li Luo, who has risen in fame within the Heavenly Dragon's Five Lineages recently."

Although Western City was far away from the Dragon's Fang Mountain Range, he had been well informed of all the happenings there. After all, the Dragon's Fang Mountain Range was the central region of the Dragon's Fang Domain. It was only normal that Li Feng, a City Lord on the border, would be concerned about the happenings there.

Anything that happened there could significantly affect their standing here.

Hearing his words, Li Luo nodded lightly.

In response, Li Feng's expression became more serious immediately. Although Li Luo had just returned not long ago, news of him had spread all across the Dragon's Fang Domain to the various City Lords.

His father, Li Taixuan, was a legend in the Dragon's Fang Lineage after all.

Li Luo was his only son and was well liked by the Lineage Chief. In the future, his standing within the Dragon's Fang Lineage would definitely be extraordinary. Perhaps he could even become the Main Hall Master of the Green Nether Hall.

Thus, his status was extremely exceptional.

Li Feng gave a friendly smile as he said, "It's been a long journey for the four of you. Shall we enter the city and take a rest?"

At this moment, Li Luo recalled the request from Li Rouyun earlier. He looked towards the other three and exchanged glances with them. As there was no objection from them, he smiled and nodded in response.

"We'll be in your care, City Lord."

Chapter 0857: Intel

Western City, Li Clan's ancestral manor

Li Luo and the other three were currently seated in the hall as guests. Li Feng was the host, and on top of being the head of a side branch of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li, he had ruled over Western City for many years. The position of City Lord had always been occupied by a member of their clan, and in recent years, they had produced a genius like Li Rouyun, who had entered the Dragon's Fang Lineage directly as the Third Hall Master of the Green Nether Hall. This had caused the Li Clan's reputation to soar by leaps and bounds.

Li Feng thus treated Li Luo with utmost politeness and enthusiasm. At the same time, he had also gotten some of the talented youths of the same generation to interact with them.

The fact that the four of them were able to become Banner Leaders demonstrated their immense talent and strength. There was a high chance that they would become Dukes in the future, as well as foundational pillars in the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li, capable of wielding immense influence and might.

Of course, this was not enough to make Li Feng bend over backwards. More importantly, Li Luo, Li Fengyi, and Li Jingtao all possessed a unique position.

In mortal terms, if the Dragon's Fang Lineage were a dynasty, then the three were respected princes and a princess with lofty backgrounds.

During this enthusiastic reception, Li Luo swept his gaze over the youths that had come over to greet them. Although he had never met Li Lingjing, he could vaguely feel that she was not within this group.

However, he did not ask further, only turning towards Li Feng. "Patriarch Li Feng, we have come to Western City in order to complete a mission in the Dark Domain. We know that it is a place rife with danger, so might you be able to share any information with us?"

This was his true goal after all. The Western Region's Li Clan had controlled Western City for countless years and had become deeply entrenched and intertwined with the happenings here. Thus, they would naturally have the best intel.

After hearing Li Luo's words, Li Feng smiled. "Banner Leader Li Luo, I suppose your mission is to obtain a Sacred Infant Fruit?"

Li Luo nodded in response.

"The Sacred Infant Fruit is the Western Region's Dark Domain's most precious natural treasure. They are found in the depths of the Dark Domain, and whenever one is birthed, it attracts strife and conflict. It is for this treasure that the fiercest battles between the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li and the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao erupt over. Normally speaking, this happens once every three years due to the time needed for one of these treasures to be born in the inner region. The Sacred Infant Fruit there is of the highest quality, and the ones found in the outer regions are a bit lacking in comparison. Your arrival is a little early, as the Sacred Infant Fruits are not yet fully ripe. The inner regions are hard to penetrate and thus only an outer region Sacred Infant Fruit would be obtainable for you. As a result, it should not cause a significant uproar," Li Feng said with much experience.

Li Luo was not surprised by this. Li Jingzhe had already mentioned to him that the quality of the Sacred Infant Fruit was not too important.

Deng Fengxian then piped up. "Greetings, City Lord. I would also like to inquire about the situation of the Others in the Dark Domain."

"The Western Region's Dark Domain can only be considered a smaller sized Dark Domain, so there aren't many True Devil Others," Li Feng replied.

Li Luo had done some research on his own, so he knew that True Devil Others were what they called Catastrophe-class Others back in the Xia Kingdom.

Eroding class, Catastrophe class, Disaster class, and Other Kings were the rankings in terms of ascending strength levels.

The Catastrophe-class Others were capable of contending against Dukes and possessed terrifying strength. As a result, they were known as True Devils in the inner divine continent.

Li Feng waved his hand, and four maids respectfully delivered a scroll to each of the four. When the scrolls were unraveled, one could see an in-depth map of the Western Region's Dark Domain. On the map were several scarlet districts, with some areas having been marked with a blood-red skull, giving them a sense of peril.

"The locations of the True Devil Others are marked on this map. If you wish to enter the areas where Sacred Infant Fruits can be found, it is best to avoid them," Li Feng explained.

The four nodded. These maps would allow them to identify and avoid most of the dangers, and even if they were to encounter the attacks of any True Devil Others, they would be more prepared and aware.

"Additionally, this particular Dark Domain is only suitable for second-grade Dukes and below to enter. If one is stronger than that, they would be blocked from entering," Li Feng told them.

"There is a restriction on one's strength here?" Li Luo asked in surprise.

"Haha. This Dark Domain's seal was established by both the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li and the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao. The restriction is to prevent extraordinary experts from other powers or rogue cultivators from entering."

Li Luo was a little taken aback. This seal was a collaborative effort between two Heavenly Emperor powers... However, it did make sense. Neither party wanted exceptional experts to intrude upon the Dark Domain and pillage the resources here completely.

They were basically trying to raise a tiger. Alas, Li Luo was extremely clear on how frightening the Others were, and the memory of the devastated Xia City was still fresh in his mind. The peace and tranquility that they once had was now a fleeting memory, and even the environment was being defiled.

Thus, it was likely that only a Heavenly Emperor power would dare to do such a perilous thing.

If something truly did happen, they would also use their full force to suppress and crush any uprising of Others.

At the same time, this seal was beneficial to them. Each of the four had a banner supporting them, and with the aid of Harmony, they were like four first-grade Dukes. This sort of formation should deter anyone from daring to cause trouble with them.

"Normally speaking, rogue cultivators and other powers would not dare to show any sort of bad intentions towards the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li. However, the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao, on the other hand... Our relationship has never been harmonious, but being openly hostile might be a little too much. Still, our two sides have confronted each other numerous times in the Dark Domain over the years for the sake of resources. Both parties have lost countless experts to each other."

Li Feng sighed deeply as he looked towards Li Luo. "Banner Leader Li Luo, you must be wary of this."

"What do you mean?" Li Luo felt taken aback by this sudden warning, and he frowned. "Is the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao targeting me?"

Li Feng slowly enunciated, "From the news I have heard, after it was heard that you would receive a mission in the Western Region's Dark Domain, Zhao Jingyu from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao immediately rushed over."

"Zhao Jingyu? Who is that?" Li Luo asked blankly.

"The Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao has Twenty Divisions, the equivalent of our Twenty Banners. The Twenty Divisions are named after beasts. Zhao Jingyu is the Tiger Division's leader and a genius of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao's younger generation. Currently, he ranks second," Li Fengyi explained as her face turned into a frown.

She continued coldly, "Zhao Jingyu is extremely domineering and vicious. Does he have nothing better to do, trying to target Li Luo?"

Li Feng's pale, old visage formed a helpless smile. "Youths love to fight. If it means they can leave a positive impression on the woman they like, they would naturally do some hot-blooded acts."

"A female he likes?" Li Luo's face turned blank. Just who the heck was this woman he liked?

When Li Fengyi thought about it, her expression turned a little strange. "Could it be Qin Yi?"

Li Feng nodded. "From what I know, Zhao Jingyu adores Qin Yi immensely. He must have heard about what happened at the Dragon's Blood Lineage and, as a result, set his sights upon Banner Leader Li Luo."

He even announced that he wished to gift Li Luo's arm to Qin Yi. However, if you look at things more deeply, it might be that the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao is trying to borrow the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Qing's issues to send a message." As a patriarch of a side branch family, his thoughts ran deep when he considered the possible implications of this challenge.

Li Luo was dumbfounded. He finally understood just what sort of reputation Qin Yi possessed in the younger generation of the Heavenly Origin Divine Continent. That wench was clearly trying to cause trouble at the dragonbreath pool, and when news of it spread, he had become the common enemy?

The saying that a beautiful woman brought about calamities was not wrong.

However, Zhao Jingyu was truly a tyrant. He actually dared to speak such vicious words like severing his arm off. Li Luo could only helplessly smile as he evaluated that madman in his mind.

"That fellow is truly a wood-brained idiot."

Chapter 0858: Li Lingjing

Li Luo had not expected to learn so much from talking to Li Feng. Although he had called Zhao Jingyu a wood-brained idiot, he had made a note deep in his heart on how dangerous that guy could actually be.

He had to be one of the more powerful idiots if he was able to squeeze into the position of rank two amongst the younger generation of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao... right? Li Luo was never one to underestimate his opponents. If they encountered each other in the Dark Domain later on, he would definitely spare no mercy. Moreover, the two of them were already in opposing camps, so there was no need to worry about further repercussions.

At this moment, Li Feng gave it some thought before he said with a smile, "Banner Leader Li Luo, I am afraid that many Dukes from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao might come along with Zhao Jingyu. For your safety, please let me accompany you all safely into the Dark Domain. After which, I'll wait outside the seal for you all to return."

Hearing this, Li Luo asked in response, "City lord Li Feng, are you worried that the Dukes from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao will attack us? Are they that unruly?"

"It's mainly because of Zhao Jingyu's infamous reputation for being vicious and dominant. I am afraid that when he goes crazy, he'll order the Dukes to attack you all. Although it's indeed a shameless act that will attract criticism, there's no harm in playing it safe here," Li Feng explained.

At this point, Li Feng smiled helplessly and continued, "Besides, if anything were to happen to the three of you in this western region, my head would roll for sure."

Li Luo took a look at Li Fengyi and the rest before he nodded. "We'll be in your care then, City Lord Li Feng."

Since the other party had said it like this, they did not raise any objections. Besides, Li Feng was only escorting them to the entrance of the Dark Domain's seal. He would not help them directly in completing the task, so it would not be considered a violation of rules.

At the next moment, Li Feng changed the conversation topic, sharing details about the local culture in the western region. The atmosphere became more and more lively as the hosts and guests enjoyed their time.

When the banquet came to an end, Li Luo took the chance to ask, "May I trouble you for a moment, City Lord? Aunt Yun has actually asked me to pay Cousin Li Lingjing a visit."

Li Feng was taken aback when he heard this. With a bitter smile, he replied, "Rouyun is still worried about that little girl."

He stood up from his seat and continued, "In that case, please come with me, Banner Leader Li Luo. That little girl changed completely after the incident years ago. She no longer accepts any outside visitors, so we did not ask her along for this occasion."

Li Luo nodded and informed Li Fengyi and the gang before he followed Li Feng into the backyard.

As the two of them strolled along in the hallway, Li Luo said in a curious tone, "I heard that Cousin Li Lingjing used to be a gifted child."

Li Feng nodded and responded with a sigh, "Indeed, Li Clan hasn't seen a remarkable genius like Lingjing in centuries. She's only slightly older than you. If not for the incident, she'd definitely have made it into the Twenty Banners in the previous selection. Furthermore, she may even have been pulled into the Green Nether Banner considering her close ties to Rouyun. If that had been the case, I am confident that Lingjing would be a potential candidate for the Dragon's Head in the last batch of the Twenty Banners!"

Li Luo was a little surprised when he heard this. This cousin of his nearly got into the Green Nether Banner too? If Li Feng was not exaggerating, the Green Nether Banner would have made their comeback in the previous generation. There would have been no need to wait until his return at all.

It seemed that things always turned out in unexpected ways.

At this moment, Li Feng's old face turned a little gloomy as he continued, "What a pity... That little girl was once so lively and high-spirited, but she encountered a True Devil Other in the Dark Domain. Although she managed to stay alive in the end, her mental state and foundation were severely damaged and corrupted. Even after we purified the corruption within her later on, her mind and fighting spirit were already lost. Her cultivation progress has been extremely slow since then. Those who used to be far behind her have caught up and overtaken her during these years."

Li Feng looked rather bitter as he recalled that young, sword-wielding girl that once shocked Western City. She was so close to becoming the new dazzling star of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li.

"Due to all this, Lingjing's personality became a lot more withdrawn. She has alienated herself from even the people who used to be close to her. As a result, some of them inevitably hold some resentment towards her. Moreover, the rumors going around have made her even more unwilling to interact with anyone.

"That child used to have a very close relationship with Rouyun. After Rouyun took charge of matters in the Dragon Tooth Mountain Range, she's been collecting rare materials for her, hoping to cure her injuries. Sadly, nothing has had much of an effect. It is almost as if that True Devil Other permanently eroded her mental state back then."

When he heard about this, Li Luo also felt sad for her. It was an extremely unfortunate thing for a genius of the generation to turn into such a total wreck.

As the two continued speaking, Li Feng started to slow down. Li Luo could see a quiet courtyard in front of him, filled with weeds and dead leaves on the ground. There was an air of decay and abandon surrounding it, followed by a seemingly cold and spooky gust.

When the two of them walked into the courtyard, Li Luo spotted a wheelchair in a stone pavilion covered with dead leaves. On the wheelchair was a girl dressed in white.

There was no makeup on the girl's face, but her fair skin and facial features were extremely beautiful. Yet her eyes seemed empty as they stared blankly at the dead leaves falling down. There was an eerily cold air blowing around her from time to time, keeping people from approaching her.

When Li Feng brought Li Luo into the stone pavilion, there was no reaction from the girl.

"Lingjing." Li Feng called out to her in a soft voice. "This is Li Luo, Banner Leader of the Green Nether Banner. Rouyun has entrusted him to pay you a visit."

Initially, there was totally no reaction from the white-dressed girl. However, her empty eyes wavered a little as soon as she heard the word "Rouyun." She said in a really soft voice, "A... Aunt."

She slowly raised her pale face and took a look at Li Luo.

In response, Li Luo gave her a warm and friendly smile as he swiped his pocket sphere. He took out the pills and medicinal ingredients that Li Rouyun had entrusted to him and placed them in front of her.

Li Lingjing stared blankly at the pills and medicinal ingredients, but she did not say anything. Her pathetic appearance was truly a sight that made people sigh.

This was an unbearable sight for Li Feng. His old face was filled with sadness as he waved to Li Luo before turning around and walking out of the courtyard.

At this moment, Li Luo took a seat at the side. He empathized with Li Lingjing's encounter. Moreover, Li Rouyun had used a precious treasure that was originally meant for her to help alleviate the Sacrificial Ignition of Jiang Qing'e's Heart of Light. Hence, he was also really grateful to Li Lingjing.

"Sister Lingjing, don't be filled with despair. There is a solution to every problem," Li Luo told her in a warm tone.

Li Lingjing did not say anything in response—she merely continued staring blankly into the air.

Li Luo continued speaking to himself. "Let me share something with you. In the past, I was someone with a blank palace with no way to cultivate. I felt hopeless just like you. However, I still found a solution in the end."

Hearing this, Li Lingjing took another look at him before she finally opened her mouth. There was little fluctuation in her tone, but she said, "It's useless. Half of my spirit was eaten up by the Other. I'm just a useless person with no chance to progress anymore."

"Other? Was it a True Devil?" Li Luo asked.

Li Lingjing kept quiet for another moment before she said, "It was the Soul Eater True Devil. If you're going into the Dark Domain in the Western Region, you should be careful. This True Devil Other loves talented individuals the most."

Li Luo frowned a little when he heard about this. Was this True Devil Other really that weird? It would purposely go for opponents that were strong and talented?

"If this Other is so powerful, we should send our elites to annihilate it," Li Luo said.

In response, Li Lingjing shook her head slowly and explained, "It's different from the common True Devil Others. It's really intelligent. The Patriarch and the others tried to surround and annihilate it before, but they couldn't find any traces of it. It can be considered the most mysterious Other in this Western Region's Dark Domain."

Hearing this, Li Luo pondered for a moment and said, "If we annihilate this True Devil Other, will you be able to recover?"

Li Lingjing paused for a moment before she replied, "I don't know. It might have digested the eaten half of my spirit, turning it into corruption."

Li Luo sighed in his heart. If that was indeed the case, it would be really troublesome.

"Sister Lingjing, after I'm done with my mission, you can follow me back to the Dragon's Fang Mountain Range. I'll ask the Respected Elder to examine you and see if there's any solution to your issue," Li Luo told her after giving it some thought.

"The Lineage Chief...." Li Lingjing whispered in reply before she shook her head.

Seeing this, Li Luo was a little puzzled.

However, Li Lingjing did not speak any further. She simply stared at the pills and medicinal ingredients on the stone table before she took out a jade ornament and handed it to Li Luo.

"Please help me pass this jade ornament to my aunt. Tell her that there's no need to help me search for all these pills and medicinal ingredients anymore." When she finished her sentence, she closed her eyes and did not say more.

"Go ahead. Be careful in the Dark Domain."

Li Luo accepted the jade ornament as he stared at Li Lingjing, who refused to communicate any further. He let out a sigh in his heart before he turned around and left.

Chapter 0859: Dark Cloud Conclave

Li Luo and the rest spent a day in Western City and then set off on the second day. Under the lead of Li Feng and two of his powerful Dukes, they headed towards the Dark Domain that was thousands of miles away. The vast Dark Domain of the Western Region was located between the borders of the two Heavenly Emperor forces. In order to avoid any direct conflicts, the two giant forces had demarcated this area as a neutral buffer zone. Neither side had ever intervened with the affairs here. They would only look into it when there were any movements from the Dark Domain. As a result, there were many rogue cultivators that had gathered around here. Many cities and small powers were born as a result.

Out of these, the biggest city was known as the Dark Cloud Conclave. It was controlled by a force known as the Dark Cloud Hall, which was led by a fourth-grade Duke that was considered one of the most powerful in this region.

Of course, a fourth-grade Duke was nothing worth mentioning when compared to a huge force like the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li.

As such, the Dark Cloud Conclave did not make any noise or chase them away when the four Dragon Vessels carrying Li Luo and the rest arrived in the vicinity of their the city. They simply turned a blind eye to the vessels hovering near them.

Riding the Dragon Vessel at the front, Li Feng smiled at Li Luo and the rest as he said, "The Dark Cloud Conclave is the closest city to the Dark Domain of the Western Region. There are many rogue cultivators gathered here. As there's still some time before the seal of the Dark Domain is lifted, you guys may want to check out Dark Cloud Square. There are many unique treasures traded over there, and something special occasionally pops up."

Li Fengyi was very excited when she heard these words. Looking at her, Li Luo and the others couldn't turn down the opportunity, so they got off the vessel and went straight into the city.

It turned out that there were actually guards at the entrance. Originally, anyone who entered the city would have to pay an entrance fee. However, Li Luo and the rest walked in smoothly without facing any obstructions. Clearly, the guards had been alerted of their arrival beforehand. "Haha. Brother Li Feng, what brings you to the Dark Cloud Conclave today? This place pales in comparison to Western City." As soon as they stepped into the city, a clear laughter came from the front. When Li Luo looked up, he saw a huge group of people coming towards them with a middle-aged man dressed in black in the middle. He appeared rather dominating as he walked towards them, with a faint feeling of ferocity hidden within his expression.

"Hall Master Liang Xiong, the Dark Cloud Conclave is doing better and better." Li Feng smiled lightly as he watched the guy approach them.

"Let me introduce him. This is Liang Xiong, the Hall Master of the Dark Cloud Hall."

At this moment, the burly Liang Xiong turned his attention towards Li Luo and the rest. Despite their young looks, Liang Xiong could tell from Li Feng's attitude that these four were nobles from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li.

However, he did not probe any further. He simply displayed a friendlier smile on his ferocious-looking face.

Li Luo and the rest did not put on airs. They put their hands together and greeted him. Following this, Liang Xiong led the way and brought them around the city while he chatted with Li Feng. Finally, they arrived at Dark Cloud Square.

The place was lively and bustling with people.

When Li Luo and the rest took a quick glance around, they saw that Dark Cloud Square was separated into different zones by light curtains drawn from light beads floating in the air. Each area was filled with the silhouettes of many.

These were all miniature auction houses, with people coming on stage repeatedly to display their treasures for auction.

Although the venue was a bit lacking, the atmosphere was extremely lively.

This piqued the interest of Li Luo and the rest. It was no surprise that the Dark Cloud Conclave was one of the busiest and most developed cities in this region.

As they were casually shopping around, only Li Fengyi participated in some of the auctions. Li Luo and the rest were not interested, as they had seen many treasures before. Ordinary items simply did not attract their attention. However, an idea flashed across Li Luo's mind as he witnessed the dozens of items on auction. "Hall Master Liang Xiong, may I check if they have Dragon Fang Essence on auction here?" Li Luo asked.

He was still thinking of the Myriad Resonances Dragon Fang Sword Formation that he was cultivating. Essences were exceptionally rare and expensive. He was just wondering if he would get lucky over here.

Liang Xiong thought about it for a moment before he replied with a smile, "That's an extraordinary item you just described, Little Brother Li Luo. Dragon Fang Essences are extremely rare and seldom appear here. Besides, with each drop being worth tens of millions of skygold, most people would not find it safe to auction one here."

Hearing this, Li Luo appeared a little disappointed.

"But..."

Liang Xiong's tone changed suddenly before he continued, "We do have dragon fangs on auction here. You may be able to extract Dragon Fang Essence from dragon fangs. Besides, dragon fangs are much cheaper than Dragon Fang Essence that has already been extracted."

Li Luo was taken aback when he heard those words. He immediately grew very interested and asked, "Can you bring me over to take a look?"

Dragon Fang Essence had always been extracted from dragon fangs. If he wasn't able to get any Dragon Fang Essence, it would be good to get his hands on dragon fangs at least.

Most importantly, they were cheaper!

Liang Xiong nodded as he replied, "Sure, Little Brother Li Luo. Just a reminder though, you may not always succeed in extracting Dragon Fang Essence from dragon fangs. In fact, failure to do so is quite common."

After he finished his sentence, he led the way. A few minutes later, he turned into a well-lit area and passed instructions to someone at the side. Soon, a person appeared on the stage.

"Hello, everyone. I am auctioning five dragon fangs today. With their ability to cause dragonfear and unparalleled sharpness, these fangs can be used to craft treasured artifacts. Furthermore, they can be added to pills and medicinal ingredients. Most importantly, refining a dragon fang might result in a Dragon Fang Essence. A drop of it is worth thirty million skygold. This item is definitely worth your money," a lean man shouted on the stage before he took out five long, jade boxes. When the boxes

were opened, five dragon fangs with some mottled marks emerged. There seemed to be a cold air flowing around them, as well an inexplicable sharpness.

"Each dragon fang's starting price is three million skygold."

When he finished his sentence, the crowd started whispering to each other. However, there were not many who bid. After all, only the first two of the three advantages listed were common. It was not worth such a high price, as they were only acting as supplementary materials. The last part did seem very attractive, but the crowd present knew very well that it was not always that one could extract Dragon Fang Essence from the dragon fangs.

If they spent fifteen million skygold on these five dragon fangs just to fail in the extraction process, they would be left with nothing of value.

Li Luo waited for a while and noticed that no bid was made. However, he did not question if this was specially arranged by Liang Xiong. Instead, he turned over to Li Fengyi and asked with a smile, "Second Sister, my pocket is shy of the sum. May I borrow some money?"

To be honest, he had only been at the Dragon's Fang Lineage for a few months. With all his resources spent on cultivation, it was really challenging for him to fork out more than ten million skygold right now. When Li Fengyi heard his request, she replied, "Do you want to buy all five dragon fangs? For cultivating the Duke Art of the Dragon's Fang Lineage? No problem, just treat these as a gift from your Second Sister."

As the only daughter in the family, Li Jinpan really doted on Li Fengyi. When it came to wealth, not even Li Jingtao could match up to her.

Before Li Luo could say anything more, she shouted out, "Three million skygold each, I'll take all five dragon fangs."

The guy on the stage was elated to hear this. Although this was only his starting bid, it was still a blessing for him to sell all of his goods.

"Deal!" he shouted back loudly, about to announce the conclusion of the auction.

However, surprises always occurred at the last minute.

A slow voice with an unconcealable, domineering air sounded out at this moment, interrupting the auctioneer who was about to yell the result.

"Four million skygold each. Who dares to fight with me over what I fancy today?"

Li Luo was stunned by this sudden development. Li Fengyi, however, was pissed off. She turned around to see where the voice had come from, and she saw a group of imposing figures cut through the crowd and make their way to the front of the auction table.

Li Fengyi's eyes froze immediately when she saw the leading figure in the group.

"Zhao Jingyu, do you have nothing better to do?"

Chapter 0860: Zhao Jingyu

When Li Fengyi's cold voice rang out, Li Luo stared at the leader of the group of men too. He was a tall young man dressed in black, with scarlet tiger stripes tattooed over half of his face. When he grinned, his white teeth gave off a ferocious look as if he was a savage wild beast.

This guy was the Tiger Division's leader from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao, Zhao Jingyu?

No one had thought that they would encounter each other here.

When he heard Li Fengyi's words, his face grew vicious as he stared at her, and he said with a sinister smile, "What's the matter? Only you, Li Fengyi, can bid? I can't? Has the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li stopped paying their members?"

Afterwards, he turned towards Liang Xiong at the side and said, "Hall Master Liang Xiong, are you saying I can't bid for anything here?"

Hearing this, Liang Xiong replied with an embarrassed face, "Of course you can. Dark Cloud Square has always been an auction ground for trades and business. Anyone is welcome to make a bid."

As a member of the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao, Zhao Jingyu was not someone Liang Xiong would dare to offend.

Zhao Jingyu laughed in response and then turned his gaze towards Li Luo, who was standing at the side without speaking a single word all this while. He told Li Luo, "I heard that there is a country bumpkin from an outer divine continent that has just returned to the Dragon's Fang Lineage. Is that you?"

His unreasonable and domineering temperament was fully revealed through his words.

"I heard that a wood-brained idiot from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao wants my arm. Could it be you?" Li Luo replied with a light smile.

Zhao Jingyu's face turned ugly immediately. With eyes like those of a wild beast, he glared at Li Luo and said, "Country bumpkin, do you want to die?"

Bang!

As soon as he finished speaking, Li Fengyi's brows stood on end and the resonant power in her body surged up. At the next moment, a spear emitting a rainbow gradient flew out of her hand in a flash towards Zhao Jingyu directly.

But Zhao Jingyu was unfazed by Li Fengyi's attack. He waved his hand and signaled to the Dukes at his side that there was no need for them to make a move. Following this, he clenched his fingers and punched out.

Roar!

A fist of light flew out with the roar of a tiger. It was ferocious like the claws of a giant tiger, and it clashed head-on with the spear.

The energy from the two attacks exploded upon collision. However, it was kept within a small area as the Dukes from both sides contained the damage.

Clearly, Zhao Jingyu had the upper hand when the two clashed. He had barely moved from his original position, while Li Fengyi's delicate body was trembling and she had taken half a step back. Her expression turned even colder.

"I seek your kind understanding, my two distinguished guests. Please do not fight here," Liang Xiong said with a bitter face at this moment. If it were other Earth Fiend small fries, he would have sent them flying out of this place straight away. However, he dared not offend Zhao Jingyu and Li Fengyi.

Besides, a clash between these two was not an issue. He was afraid the Dukes that were with them would get dragged into the fighting as well. The damages and consequences would be unimaginable then.

Zhao Jingyu grinned and said, "You are still so unruly, Li Fengyi. Getting violent at the slightest disagreement. Are you the only one that can bid for anything in this world? Others cannot outbid you?"

At this point, Li Fengyi's eyes were ice-cold. "I'll pay five million skygold for each," she said as she looked at the auctioneer.

The guy was overjoyed when he heard this, and he shouted, "Okay!"

"Then I will pay six million skygold for each," Zhao Jingyu said with a smile.

Li Fengyi was about to shout another offer before Li Luo stopped her and said, "Second Sister, there is no need to get too emotional over this. This is the price of a fool. Although our family business is huge and rich, there's no need to waste it and compete with this wastrel.

"At six million skygold each, it'll cost a total of thirty million skygold for five. Even if we're lucky enough to get a drop of Dragon Fang Essence from them, we'd only break even. This is not worth it anymore."

Li Fengyi did not want to listen to any reasoning at first, but she was ultimately convinced by Li Luo's sly words. Her anger died down a little, then she told Zhao Jingyu sarcastically, "Fool, I'll give it to you if you want it so much."

Zhao Jingyu was extremely disappointed when he saw this. He took another glare at Li Luo and said, "You really get on my nerves."

Hearing this, Li Luo shrugged and replied, "Come and bite me, then."

Zhao Jingyu simply grinned and responded, "No hurries, there'll be a chance. So many people have died in the Dark Domain over the years that it's nothing out of the ordinary anymore. When that time comes, there's nothing that the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Li will be able to do about it. After all, so many people from both sides have died of unknown causes over the years."

In response, Li Luo answered, "In that case, won't I earn five dragon fangs for free?"

Zhao Jingyu was startled for a moment before his eyes became darker and fiercer. What Li Luo meant was that the five dragon fangs Zhao Jingyu had just bought would be taken by this country bumpkin after he died.

"If you really want these five dragon fangs, it's simple. Just lower your head and apologize to Lady Qin Yi now and I'll let you have them," Zhao Jingyu said sarcastically.

Li Luo shook his head and turned down the offer. "No hurry, we can leave them with you for a little longer."

At this moment, Zhao Jingyu laughed angrily as he stared ferociously at Li Luo. "Even Li Qingfeng doesn't dare to speak to me in this manner. Who do you think you are?"

Li Luo simply replied, "Could it be that he simply didn't want to talk nonsense with you?"

Hearing this, Li Fengyi could not help but snort in amusement. Li Luo's way with words was truly masterful.

Zhao Jingyu must have been fuming with anger after hearing Li Luo's taunt. However, he did not lose control of himself. He simply grinned and stared at Li Luo for a moment. Next, he waved his hand and completed the dragon fang auction before walking off with his guys without muttering another word.

"Zhao Jingyu is known for being vengeful and ruthless. With your provocations, there will surely be a fight to the death waiting for you in the Dark Domain," Deng Fengxian said from the side.

Anyone could tell that Zhao Jingyu had not admitted defeat in the end. He simply put his murderous intent and thoughts of revenge in his heart.

"That guy is insane. It is said that he never, ever holds back when he fights. He's extremely cruel, and even his peers from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao have been seriously injured by him during competitions," Li Fengyi said.

"Don't worry. We have the Undefeated Venerable. No matter how crazy Zhao Jingyu gets, we will not be defeated," Li Luo said with a slap on Li Jingtao's back.

"Huh?" Li Jingtao said with a flustered face when he heard this.

Li Fengyi rolled her eyes at him.

Li Luo laughed in response as he continued, "I saw three young guys following Zhao Jingyu earlier. Those should be the other three division leaders. In that case, they should have four division leaders entering the Dark Domain as well, right?"

Li Luo turned to Li Feng. "Will there be other Dukes from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao coming along with them?"

Li Feng shook his head and explained, "Although we have many disputes with the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao, we're both huge and respectable forces of power. There are some unspoken rules between us to ensure that things don't get too ugly between both sides. Amongst them, one of the most obvious rules is not to fight across generations. As such, their Dukes will not attack our younger generation under ordinary circumstances."

Hearing this, Li Luo nodded. This was good. There was nothing for his side to be afraid of if their only enemies were the four division leaders from the Bloodline of Heavenly Emperor Zhao.

"Let's get moving too."

Li Luo had lost interest in the Dark Cloud Conclave after the dragon fangs were intercepted. After a discussion with everyone, he said goodbye to Hall Master Liang Xiong, boarded the Dragon Vessel, and headed straight out into the distance.

This went on for about ten minutes.

As Li Luo stood on the vessel, he squinted and looked at the land far ahead. He could spot some black stone pillars rising from the ground. Many ancient and obscure runes were engraved on them. The worldly natural energy in the area was constantly gathering and flowing into the stone pillars.

There was a long stone ladder in the center of the countless pillars. It extended upwards and ended at a very high platform.

Traces of tears in the void were seen around the platform. Most glaringly, there was a black crack that was several meters in length floating in the air, looking like a huge gate leading to hell.

From time to time, shadows of people were seen passing by the huge gates.

When Li Luo looked at the black crack, he knew what it was in his heart immediately. This was where they were headed to.

The Dark Domain of the Western Region.