

## Sect Master 711

Chapter 711: Discussed with

Demon Wind Gobi fell into a strange silence.

Meng Zhang's strength grew stronger every day, and he had become increasingly familiar with various methods of the Primordial Spirit stage. Among the Taiyi Sect, there was a Fourth Rank magic tool known as the Void Cauldron. The tool spirit of the Void Cauldron was very proud and had never given face to anyone in the sect, including Meng Zhang, the Sect Master. Nevertheless, as a Fourth Rank magic tool, the Void Cauldron possessed extraordinary power. Its capabilities were so impressive that any sect would treat it as a deadly weapon.

Even before reaching the Primordial Spirit stage, Meng Zhang had harbored a grudge and decided that after achieving the Primordial Spirit stage, he would refine the Void Cauldron and see how the tool spirit would react. Now that he had become a Primordial Spirit cultivator, his strength seemed to be sufficient. However, he prudently sought the opinion of Extreme Sword Spirit General beforehand.

Though the Extreme Sword Spirit General's strength was far inferior to that of the Void Cauldron, he had a wealth of knowledge and experience. He warned Meng Zhang that the Void Cauldron was difficult to refine, and its tool spirit was rebellious. To have a better chance of success, Meng Zhang should further enhance his strength before attempting to refine it. If he rushed the process and failed, it would become even more difficult to refine the Void Cauldron in the future.

Despite Meng Zhang's Cultivation Base far surpassing the Extreme Sword Spirit General, he acknowledged the wisdom of the advice and decided not to rush refining the Void Cauldron. Instead, he saw it as an opportunity to further improve his cultivation. He believed that once his Cultivation Base advanced enough, he would have a greater chance of success. In the meantime, even without the Void Cauldron, he had numerous means to deal with his enemies.

Meanwhile, in the New Beast King Mountain, a decision had been made. Lu Haosheng, a senior elder of the Lu Family, a Gold Core stage cultivator, and a prominent figure in the Great Wind City, paid a visit to the Taiyi Sect's mountain gate. In the past, someone like him would have been personally received by Meng Zhang. However, due to the recent advancement of Meng Zhang to the Primordial Spirit stage, Niu Dawei, his senior disciple, warmly welcomed the esteemed guest.

After some pleasantries, Lu Haosheng explained the purpose of his visit. New Beast King Mountain, which was on friendly terms with the Taiyi Sect, had sought the assistance of the Lu Family to mediate between the two factions. Lu Family, despite being a Gold Core family, was

under the protection of True Monarch Azure Mist from the Azure Origin Sect, making them not easily oppressed by ordinary Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

The New Beast King Mountain expressed some willingness for peace, but their sincerity seemed doubtful to Niu Dawei. They congratulated Meng Zhang on achieving the Primordial Spirit True Monarch stage but conveniently omitted mentioning the conflicts between the two sects and the territory currently occupied by the New Beast King Mountain.

Niu Dawei maintained a courteous demeanor but inwardly found amusement in Lu Haosheng's words. He didn't commit to anything, and instead, feigned helplessness, claiming to be only an intermediary for the Sect Master and not authorized to make major decisions.

As the conversation continued, Niu Dawei expressed frustration over the Taiyi Sect's recent losses of territory and how it had affected the sect's financial situation. He implied that the discontent among the disciples was growing, and he was struggling to manage them.

Niu Dawei's words made Lu Haosheng's face show a hint of embarrassment. However, this old man had a thick skin, and he quickly changed the topic as if nothing had happened, engaging in other conversations.

Niu Dawei spent a good deal of time chatting with Lu Haosheng, but in essence, it all boiled down to one point: Taiyi Sect was not interested in continuing the conflict with New Beast King Mountain. However, for the possibility of peace, New Beast King Mountain had to return the territory it had previously annexed from Taiyi Sect, providing a satisfactory explanation to the members of the sect.

Lu Haosheng, being a mere intermediary for New Beast King Mountain, could not make the final decision, and with his experience, he believed that once New Beast King Mountain had gained something, it would not easily give it back.

Taiyi Sect had only recently obtained a Primordial Spirit True Monarch like Meng Zhang, while New Beast King Mountain had two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs for quite some time. In terms of top-tier combat power and overall strength, New Beast King Mountain far surpassed Taiyi Sect.

In Lu Haosheng's view, New Beast King Mountain had already taken the initiative to seek peace with Taiyi Sect, and they should be eager to accept the proposal. However, Lu Haosheng never forgot that he was merely a mediator and would not involve himself or the Lu Family in the disputes between the two sects, nor would he easily offend either side.

Although he hadn't received a definite answer from Niu Dawei, Lu Haosheng believed he had figured out Niu Dawei's bottom line. Without lingering too long at Taiyi Sect, he left as soon as he understood Niu Dawei's stance to pass on the message.

In the following time, Lu Haosheng shuttled between Taiyi Sect and New Beast King Mountain, delivering messages and conveying various conditions for the negotiation.

Lu Haosheng was a reasonably competent intermediary. He worked hard, traveled far, and delivered messages for both parties time and time again.

Meng Zhang had no intention of erupting into a full-scale war with New Beast King Mountain. He believed that a gentleman seeks revenge for ten years. Currently, Taiyi Sect was not a match for New Beast King Mountain and needed to accumulate strength slowly.

Of course, when dealing with Lu Haosheng, he couldn't use such rhetoric. Niu Dawei merely stated that Taiyi Sect did not intend to continue the conflict with New Beast King Mountain, but they were not in a position to resist.

As long as New Beast King Mountain didn't push too far, Taiyi Sect was willing to coexist peacefully. On the other hand, New Beast King Mountain believed that Meng Zhang's promotion to a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, coupled with the presence of Jin Li, who was currently in seclusion, had prevented them from completely overpowering Taiyi Sect.

Seeing that continuing the entanglement would only consume resources without achieving much, New Beast King Mountain decided to stop the conflict and made some concessions, returning certain territories back to Taiyi Sect.

However, New Beast King Mountain still held the major territories taken from Taiyi Sect, and Taiyi Sect couldn't force them to give those up. Both sides had their own Primordial Spirit True Monarchs who would ensure the agreement's implementation. In the Cultivation World, Primordial Spirit True Monarchs were much harder to kill than Gold Core Daoist Masters. As long as Meng Zhang was alive, New Beast King Mountain couldn't completely push Taiyi Sect into a desperate situation.

After a complex negotiation process, both Taiyi Sect and New Beast King Mountain reached a tentative intention for peace, agreeing not to continue the conflict. Although both sides mistrusted each other and believed that the other would eventually break the peace, they still maintained a facade of diplomacy.

Lu Haosheng proposed that the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from both sides should meet secretly outside the Taiyi Sect's mountain gate to improve mutual understanding and reach a formal agreement. Meng Zhang wasn't keen on the idea, but due to the enthusiasm shown by New Beast King Mountain's cultivators, he reluctantly accepted.

Through the envoy from New Beast King Mountain, Meng Zhang agreed on a time and place to meet with their representatives.

#### Chapter 712: Invitation

Two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain are preparing to meet Meng Zhang, and it's not a secret. They have already expressed this intention in some public occasions.

In the eyes of others, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain, Li Ruiming True Monarch and Qiu Wanli True Monarch, seem to be evaluating Meng Zhang's potential, assessing his strength, and determining if he is qualified to sit on equal footing with other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

Both Li Ruiming True Monarch and Qiu Wanli True Monarch of New Beast King Mountain are at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit cultivation base. Li Ruiming True Monarch achieved the Primordial Spirit realm much earlier than Jin Li True Monarch and True Monarch Mountain Peak. In chronological terms, he should be roughly from the same generation as True Monarch Profound Wind.

Qiu Wanli True Monarch entered the Primordial Spirit stage a few years ago and is relatively less experienced and weaker in terms of cultivation base compared to Jin Li True Monarch.

Although Meng Zhang has recently achieved the Primordial Spirit realm, he should be able to retreat unharmed if faced with a joint attack from the two.

Li Ruiming True Monarch and Qiu Wanli True Monarch also know that even if they join forces, they are not capable of defeating Meng Zhang. Hence, they strongly advocate ending the conflict with Taiyi Sect. Furthermore, they are willing to meet Meng Zhang and discuss how the two sects can coexist peacefully.

The Elder Lu Haosheng of the Lu Family, who acts as an intermediary to facilitate peace talks between the two sects, is very enthusiastic and eager to bring about a resolution.

Although the Lu Family is backed by True Monarch Azure Mist of Azure Origin Sect, establishing good relations with other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs and sects would still benefit the expansion of Lu Family's network and influence.

Especially, New Beast King Mountain has a long history and formidable strength within the Jiuqu League and has maintained friendly relations with Azure Origin Sect for many years.

Since Meng Zhang's attainment of the Primordial Spirit True Monarch, various guests have continuously visited Taiyi Sect to pay their respects. However, most of these visitors do not require Meng Zhang's personal reception; their purpose is merely to establish acquaintances.

True Monarch Azure Mist of Azure Origin Sect had once formed a good relationship with Jin Li True Monarch. He not only brought Jin Li True Monarch into the Jiuqu League but also supported her rise to power, giving her significant influence throughout the Jiuqu League.

However, Jin Li True Monarch decided to retire and no longer involve herself in worldly affairs, much to the frustration of True Monarch Azure Mist. He was angry because he had expended considerable effort and resources to elevate Jin Li True Monarch's position, but she showed no appreciation and made the decision without consulting him.

This recklessness disrupted True Monarch Azure Mist's plans and left him seething with anger. Consequently, his attitude towards Taiyi Sect also turned cold.

Subsequently, when New Beast King Mountain acted against Taiyi Sect, True Monarch Azure Mist was aware of it, but he considered Taiyi Sect to be of no value and thus unworthy of his assistance.

However, everything changed with Meng Zhang's attainment of the Primordial Spirit realm.

Although True Monarch Azure Mist couldn't bring himself to make the first move and show goodwill to Meng Zhang as a junior, he instructed the Lu Family in Great Wind City to frequently extend gestures of goodwill to Taiyi Sect.

The high-ranking cultivators from Lu Family visited Taiyi Sect multiple times, and the once frosty relationship between the two parties warmed up again. In many ways, Lu Family provided convenience and assistance to Taiyi Sect, leading to bustling trade and commerce between Demon Wind Gobi and Great Wind City.

Within Demon Wind Gobi, the cultivation forces arranged by True Monarch Azure Mist have become very obedient since Meng Zhang achieved the Primordial Spirit realm. It seems that they have received instructions from True Monarch Azure Mist and now show utmost respect to Taiyi Sect, following orders without question.

Whether it's due to the end of the conflict or the influence of True Monarch Azure Mist's attitude, New Beast King Mountain has also long ceased all actions against Taiyi Sect.

Various businesses associated with Taiyi Sect within the Jiuqu League have gradually resumed operations, and the original commercial network has regained its vitality.

Although the territory that New Beast King Mountain annexed from Taiyi Sect has not been returned, everything is moving in a positive direction, and everyone within Taiyi Sect is quite satisfied with the situation.

Meng Zhang is now the indisputable pillar of Taiyi Sect, and his every word and action are closely observed by everyone in the sect. Most of the time, Meng Zhang is in seclusion, focusing on cultivation. Even Taiyi Sect's disciples have limited access to him, let alone outsiders.

Since Meng Zhang achieved the Primordial Spirit realm and can now freely contact the outside world, his senior disciple, Niu Dawei, has resumed his previous role of reporting the sect's affairs to him regularly.

As the person in Taiyi Sect who interacts with Meng Zhang the most, Niu Dawei can clearly sense that Meng Zhang is always alert. He is highly cautious of New Beast King Mountain and completely dismissive of the Lu Family cultivators representing True Monarch Azure Mist's goodwill.

Niu Dawei believes he understands Meng Zhang's thoughts, but he is unaware of the deeper considerations Meng Zhang has in mind.

Meng Zhang is a newly promoted Primordial Spirit True Monarch and previously lacked the qualifications to enter the circle of Primordial Spirit cultivators in the Jiuqu League. Jin Li True Monarch, who was best suited to introduce him to the circle, has been in seclusion with no communication whatsoever.

However, without entering the circle of Primordial Spirit cultivators in the Jiuqu League, Meng Zhang cannot truly ascend to the higher echelons of the league.

Currently, what Meng Zhang urgently needs is to find new friends among the Primordial Spirit cultivators in the Jiuqu League. He is unwilling to seek help from outsiders like True Monarch Azure Mist.

After contemplating for a long time and carefully analyzing the situation within the Jiuqu League and the interpersonal relationships between Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, Meng Zhang, although he has entered the Primordial Spirit stage, cannot yet employ divination techniques related to Primordial Spirit True Monarchs. He can only rely on his own analysis and a bit of sharp intuition to decide how to act.

At this moment, Lu Haosheng, the Elder of the Lu Family, sends an invitation, inviting Meng Zhang to visit the Lu Family's branch residence. Given Lu Haosheng's status, Meng Zhang may not easily accept such an invitation. However, Lu Haosheng hints that this invitation is coming from True Monarch Azure Mist.

On that occasion, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain will also be present. True Monarch Azure Mist will personally mediate the conflicts between the two factions and restore their relationship to normal.

After all, everyone is a member of the Jiuqu League, and the league is currently facing numerous external threats. It is not advisable for the Primordial Spirit sects within the league to continue fighting against each other. Unity and cooperation are crucial in these times.

#### Chapter 713: Keeping an appointment

Lu Haosheng had set a meeting time three months from now. It is estimated that True Monarch Azure Mist also considered that Meng Zhang had only recently entered the Primordial Spirit stage and would need time to familiarize himself with the realm of the Primordial Spirit.

By the time three months pass, Meng Zhang would have been in the Primordial Spirit stage for about a year. With a year's time, he should have adapted to the realm of the Primordial Spirit no matter what.

True Monarch Azure Mist's consideration was very thoughtful, and Lu Haosheng's attitude was extremely low-profile, showing full sincerity. Regardless of any grievances between Taiyi Sect and New Beast King Mountain, at least at this moment, they couldn't brush off the face of True Monarch Azure Mist.

Niu Dawei, who held this thought, was tempted to agree right away. However, he knew he couldn't make decisions for Meng Zhang and went to consult him as usual.

This wasn't a bad thing, and Meng Zhang should have casually agreed. However, this time, he hesitated for a long time.

After a long silence, Niu Dawei was asked to bring Lu Haosheng in front of Meng Zhang.

Since achieving the Primordial Spirit, Meng Zhang had rarely seen outsiders, yet this time, he took the initiative to meet Lu Haosheng.

Lu Haosheng was excited to meet Meng Zhang True Monarch. After the meeting, his attitude became even more respectful, and no one could find any fault in it.

Speaking of it, Meng Zhang had some previous contact with Lu Haosheng. Lu Haosheng, as the senior elder of the Lu Family, was older and of higher generation than Meng Zhang. His cultivation base was at the Gold Core stage, and he wasn't necessarily inferior to Meng Zhang at that time.

Back then, Meng Zhang would address him as "senior" without fail. Now, their identities were different, but Lu Haosheng seemed completely at ease with this change, accepting it without any awkwardness.

Observing Lu Haosheng's extreme humility, Meng Zhang couldn't find anything suspicious about him. Meng Zhang's talent in the Divine Ability "Mind Reading" had also improved since he entered the Primordial Spirit stage.

However, when a cultivator reaches the Gold Core stage, their soul becomes refined, and they hide their thoughts deeply. Unless using forceful methods, it is difficult to discern their thoughts.

Especially for those sects or clans with formidable inheritances, they would teach their core disciples a secret technique to lock their minds, allowing them to guard various secrets.

Even though Meng Zhang's cultivation base was one realm higher than Lu Haosheng's, and his Mind Reading had improved, he still couldn't read Lu Haosheng's thoughts.

He could only vaguely sense a hidden feeling of dissatisfaction and jealousy within Lu Haosheng. It was quite normal for him to have such thoughts. Originally, a junior who was not as good as himself



suddenly rose to a position above him, and he had to be respectful and dare not show any negligence. If he were to accept all this without any dissatisfaction, that would be strange.

Even if Meng Zhang was a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, it wouldn't be right for him to hold a grudge against Lu Haosheng just because of his hidden dissatisfaction. Meng Zhang chatted with Lu Haosheng, trying hard to read his thoughts.

After trying for a while, he had to give up. The only way to read Lu Haosheng's mind would be to subdue him and forcefully disrupt his mental state, but doing so without a reason would not only cause a complete break with the Lu Family but also make enemies with True Monarch Azure Mist.

Meng Zhang didn't actually notice anything amiss; it was just an instinct to try to understand Lu Haosheng's true thoughts. Faced with Lu Haosheng's eager invitation and considering True Monarch Azure Mist's presence behind him, Meng Zhang found it difficult to refuse. In the end, he agreed to Lu Haosheng's invitation, assuring him that he would appear at Lu Family's secondary residence on time.

After seeing off Lu Haosheng, Meng Zhang pondered carefully but didn't find any suspicious points. However, deep inside, he always felt a vague sense of unease. As a Diviner, he often had more doubts than a woman. Such feelings of unease and suspicion were not uncommon. Though most of the time these doubts were unnecessary and turned out to be groundless, completely ignoring them wouldn't be appropriate either. If an unexpected event were to occur and he hadn't taken precautions, it might be too late for regrets.

Meng Zhang had plenty of time before the appointment, with more than two months passing since he secretly left Taiyi Sect's gates after instructing Niu Dawei. After Meng Zhang achieved the Primordial Spirit, he rarely received visitors. Now, with Niu Dawei covering for him, nobody noticed that he had left the sect, and his whereabouts remained unknown, even to his most trusted disciple.

As the three months approached, Meng Zhang returned to Taiyi Sect. His journey had left him with a dusty appearance, but he concealed any details about his departure as if nothing had happened.

On the day before the appointment, Lu Haosheng arrived early at Taiyi Sect's gate aboard a Third Rank Cloud Boat. Throughout the entire Jiuqu League, there were only a few Fourth Rank Cloud Boats. Even for Gold Core families like Lu Family, it was already the limit to provide a Third Rank Cloud Boat. Lu Haosheng's personal arrival on the Third Rank Cloud Boat was a great show of respect and face for Meng Zhang.

The location of the appointment, the Lu Family secondary residence, was located to the north of Great Wind City, just a few thousand miles away from Taiyi Sect's gate, the Hundred Grass Slope. With the speed of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, the journey would take no more than half a day.

However, traveling alone, he looked haggard, as if not showing the aura befitting a Primordial Spirit True Monarch. But when he sat on the Cloud Boat sent by Lu Family, surrounded by a large group of followers, the grandeur and splendor were evident.

Meng Zhang happily accepted Lu Family's goodwill, not even bothering to bring along any attendants or disciples. He rode alone on the Third Rank Cloud Boat provided by Lu Family.

Lu Haosheng led a carefully selected group of Lu Family disciples, attending to Meng Zhang cautiously. The Cloud Boat, like a small mountain, soared into the sky, accompanied by a fleet of small flying boats, adding to its impressive presence.

Meng Zhang didn't go into the cabin to receive Lu Family's attentive hospitality; instead, he stood alone on the deck of the Cloud Boat, gazing into the distance, lost in thought. Lu Family cultivators, including Lu Haosheng, didn't dare to disturb a contemplative Primordial Spirit True Monarch.

Attendants waited carefully in the distance, ready to obey Meng Zhang's instructions at any time. The Third Rank Cloud Boat flew smoothly and swiftly in the high skies.

Before nightfall, the Cloud Boat, guarded by the flying boat fleet, had already reached its destination, hovering above the Lu Family secondary residence.

#### Chapter 714: Sudden change

The Lu Family's secondary residence is a large estate situated on a Third Rank spirit vein. It is far away from Great Wind City, secluded in location, and seldom visited by outsiders except for the Lu Family descendants. When some of the Gold Core stage elders of the Lu Family go into seclusion, they often like to come to this place.

This time, it was to host a banquet for Meng Zhang and arrange a meeting for him with the Primordial Spirit True Monarch position. The Lu Family had cleared the area early, leaving only necessary attendants, and all other members of the clan were sent away to ensure no unrelated individuals would come near.

Before Meng Zhang's arrival, two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain, Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli, had already brought their disciples to this place. As soon as

the Third Rank Cloud Boat arrived over the estate, a burly man with a tiger's back and a bear's waist, with a full beard, flew out from the estate and stood above it not far from the Cloud Boat.

"This must be True Monarch Meng from Taiyi Sect. Truly young and talented, an exceptional individual," he exclaimed loudly toward Meng Zhang on the deck of the Cloud Boat.

"True Monarch Meng, everyone is here, we are all waiting for you," the burly man called out again.

Appearing quite familiar, he showed no signs of being a stranger to Meng Zhang. Even before the Cloud Boat approached the estate, Lu Haosheng had already come to the deck to await Meng Zhang, as he was worried that Meng Zhang might not recognize the burly man across from him. He quietly introduced him, "The gentleman over there is Qiu Wanli, True Monarch of Beast King Mountain."

In reality, Lu Haosheng's introduction was unnecessary because Meng Zhang had recognized the man's identity long ago. New Beast King Mountain was currently Taiyi Sect's biggest competitor, and how could Meng Zhang not gather information about their high-level cultivators? While the deeply hidden intelligence might be hard to obtain, basic information such as their appearance was not a secret and could be easily obtained.

Meng Zhang nodded to Qiu Wanli on the deck, acknowledging his presence. "You flatter me, True Monarch Qiu."

While speaking, Meng Zhang stepped forward, leaving the deck of the Third Rank Cloud Boat, and came to a spot not far from Qiu Wanli. The latter didn't waste time on pleasantries, gesturing for Meng Zhang to follow and started walking down toward the estate in mid-air. Meng Zhang appeared to have no suspicions, calmly moving forward as well.

However, before they could descend to the ground of the estate, a thick light barrier suddenly rose from the ground, completely enveloping the entire estate, and Meng Zhang found himself trapped within it.

Meng Zhang looked astonished and asked, "True Monarch Qiu, what does this mean?"

Qiu Wanli didn't respond with words but turned around and sneered at Meng Zhang.

Inside the estate, two elderly men flew side by side and arrived not far from Meng Zhang.

Meng Zhang looked at the imposing elder with a high stature and said softly, "Li Ruiming."

Then, he shifted his gaze to the other elderly man with white hair and wrinkled face. "You must be Elder Beast Fury from Old Beast King Mountain. It seems like you are conspiring with these two traitors from New Beast King Mountain."

Seeing their hostile posture, Meng Zhang realized that they had been prepared for this, and he wouldn't be polite to them.

Meng Zhang didn't rush to attack, instead engaging in some small talk, which earned a disdainful look from Qiu Wanli. "Your eyesight is sharp, even recognizing our Master Uncle."

If Meng Zhang had immediately launched an all-out attack when the ambush began, trying to break the formation and escape with all his strength, he might have had a chance to escape one or two times. However, after wasting some time, the formation had fully stabilized, leaving Meng Zhang with no chance at all.

Lu Haosheng, standing on the deck of the Third Rank Cloud Boat in the sky, was frightened by the sudden change happening below. The two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain, Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli, were clearly setting up an ambush here to attack Meng Zhang.

Moreover, Elder Beast Fury from Old Beast King Mountain appeared without any warning. Over the years, the cultivators of Old Beast King Mountain had been fiercely battling New Beast King Mountain after the remnants of the Three Sects Alliance retreated into Jiuqu League. It was said that New Beast King Mountain took over Taiyi Sect's territory in Demon Wind Gobi to accommodate the cultivators from Old Beast King Mountain.

Lu Haosheng's mind was filled with various thoughts, and his expression turned unpleasant. The Lu Family was the intermediary for negotiations between Taiyi Sect and New Beast King Mountain. This time, Meng Zhang came here in response to an invitation from the Lu Family. Yet, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain ambushed him without any prior notice.

If news of this incident spread, the Lu Family would undoubtedly become Taiyi Sect's mortal enemy, and their reputation would be utterly tarnished.

Although the formation inside the estate had been activated, the sound and images were not blocked. Standing on the deck of the Third Rank Cloud Boat, Lu Haosheng could clearly see everything that was happening inside.

He felt at a loss, unsure which side to stand with. Of course, given his strength, it wouldn't make a significant difference to the situation whichever side he chose.

"Do you not fear the blame of True Monarch Azure Mist for your actions?" Meng Zhang suddenly asked.

"Do you think we would act without the tacit approval of True Monarch Azure Mist?" Qiu Wanli retorted disdainfully.

Meng Zhang is truly naive, still hoping that True Monarch Azure Mist will come to his rescue. Little does he know that True Monarch Azure Mist has already sided completely with Beast King Mountain. Of course, Meng Zhang didn't immediately take action, but rather played along with the intentions of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain. The longer the delay, the more power the Formation below accumulates, and the greater its impact when unleashed.

"This is impossible. How could True Monarch Azure Mist allow you to ambush me?" Meng Zhang's face displayed disbelief.

Truly a foolish person, he still refuses to accept reality. It's baffling how someone like him became a Primordial Spirit True Monarch.

Qiu Wanli felt nothing but disdain for Meng Zhang.

Li Ruiming smiled and said to Elder Beast Fury beside him, "Later, we'll have to trouble Master Uncle to take action to completely capture this boy."

Elder Beast Fury remained silent and nodded lightly.

Azure Origin Sect is the leading sect of Jiuqu League, at least superficially, and should treat all members of the alliance impartially. Moreover, they should not plot against a Primordial Spirit True Monarch within the alliance.

For New Beast King Mountain to ambush Meng Zhang with the support of True Monarch Azure Mist is a disgraceful act, which, if exposed, could seriously damage Azure Origin Sect's reputation and affect the unity within Jiuqu League.

With his insights and understanding of True Monarch Azure Mist, Lu Haosheng quickly believed Qiu Wanli's words. He wished he could cover his ears, regretting that his curiosity had led him to overhear things he shouldn't have.

Some things can be done but not spoken of. Some things, even if everyone knows, one must pretend to be clueless. Only then can one survive longer in the Cultivation World.

Though Lu Haosheng believed that neither the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain nor True Monarch Azure Mist himself had any intention of killing him to silence him, he knew that these were things he shouldn't have known.

Even if Qiu Wanli had kept his mouth shut, Lu Haosheng would have deduced from various pieces of information that True Monarch Azure Mist had tacitly consented to this ambush. But hearing it firsthand was an entirely different matter.

Lu Haosheng quickly ordered the Third Rank Cloud Boat to fly away, far from this troublesome place. What would happen next was beyond his control and knowledge. After he had brought Meng Zhang to this secondary residence, he had taken the Cloud Boat and left. Whatever happened after that had nothing to do with him.

Although they flew away, they didn't go too far. The Third Rank Cloud Boat, accompanied by a group of guards, flew several hundred miles away from the estate, waiting quietly for the outcome.

Inside the estate, Meng Zhang, who was already in a dangerous situation, surprisingly didn't rush to escape but instead chatted leisurely, "Why do you all insist on a life-and-death struggle with me? Can't Taiyi Sect and New Beast King Mountain coexist? Are you certain you can defeat me?"

Even at this point, Meng Zhang still held illusions, thinking that this matter could be resolved peacefully. But this idea was laughable to the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain.

As for Meng Zhang's question, it was even more ridiculous. If they didn't have an absolute grasp of their ability to capture him, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs wouldn't have initiated the ambush.

All their previous actions were merely a feint. From the very beginning, they had no intention of reconciling with Taiyi Sect. Both sides already had a deep grudge. How could they become friends again?

If they let Taiyi Sect and Meng Zhang go now, and Meng Zhang were to grow stronger in the future, it would undoubtedly make New Beast King Mountain their mortal enemy. Moreover, if Jin Li True Monarch emerged from seclusion and joined forces with Meng Zhang, the trouble for New Beast King Mountain would be even greater.

Although Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli had harbored ill intentions toward Meng Zhang for a long time, they were aware that Meng Zhang's status and importance had changed after achieving Primordial Spirit. According to the rules within Jiuqu League, the top members of the alliance were strictly prohibited from directly attacking each other's Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

Not to mention the powerful external enemies Jiuqu League faced, and it was also a long-standing principle of Jiuqu League to avoid direct conflicts among its Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

Let's not forget, although Taiyi Sect's seniority was not as high as New Beast King Mountain, it was still an indisputable member of Jiuqu League.

For so many years, New Beast King Mountain has had enemies within Jiuqu League as well. If they attacked Taiyi Sect directly, regardless of whether Meng Zhang escaped or temporarily resisted them, as long as the delay was long enough, other Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from Jiuqu League would come to intervene.

By then, they would be at a significant disadvantage. They wouldn't be able to kill Meng Zhang, and they would be embroiled in trouble.

Therefore, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain chose to endure for now and wait for the right opportunity to ensure they could kill him in one strike.

If they succeeded, there would be no one to stand up for Meng Zhang. The answer to whether one dead Primordial Spirit True Monarch or two living ones were more important was obvious.

## Chapter 715: Planning

In preparation for today's ambush, they made many preparations in advance. Just to obtain the consent of True Monarch Azure Mist, they paid a considerable price. In the eyes of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs of New Beast King Mountain, Meng Zhang is no different from a dead person.

In reality, the plot they set up today involves more than just Meng Zhang. When the Three Sects Alliance was defeated and forced to withdraw from the Crossing Severing Mountain Range, they fled northward and sought refuge in the territory of the Jiuqu League. The Jiuqu League generously accepted the remnants of the Three Sects Alliance, not due to their long-standing friendship, but for various considerations.

Even the most optimistic cultivators within the Jiuqu League never considered the Dali Dynasty as a friend, and they certainly didn't ignore the threat posed by the Dali Dynasty. The enmity between the Three Sects Alliance and the Dali Dynasty runs deep. If the Jiuqu League were to engage in a full-scale war with the Dali Dynasty in the future, the remnants of the Three Sects Alliance would undoubtedly play a significant role.

There is a profound connection between the Old Beast King Mountain in the Three Sects Alliance and the New Beast King Mountain in the Jiuqu League, with ties that cannot be easily severed. At this moment, New Beast King Mountain appears particularly generous, as if recalling the bond of shared ancestry, completely forgetting past grievances.

New Beast King Mountain warmly welcomed the cultivators of Old Beast King Mountain, treating them no different than members of their own sect, even arranging to seize Taiyi Sect's territory in Demon Wind Gobi as a place for the Old Beast King Mountain cultivators to settle.

To outsiders, it may seem that New Beast King Mountain is exceptionally benevolent, full of emotions and righteousness. They wholeheartedly assist the Old Beast King Mountain cultivators, considering the deep connections between their lineages. However, unfortunately, in the world of cultivation, there has never been such a selfless benefactor. Even if such a fool existed, they would likely have perished long ago.

New Beast King Mountain's eagerness to help certainly comes with their own calculations. The ancestors who founded New Beast King Mountain were once defeated in an internal struggle within their original sect. They left the sect's territory and established a completely new force within the Jiuqu League, still calling it Beast King Mountain without changing the name.



The terms "New Beast King Mountain" and "Old Beast King Mountain" were coined by outsiders to distinguish between the two factions. Each Beast King Mountain considers itself the true successor, while viewing the other as traitors who betrayed their ancestors. The accumulated grievances between the two factions have been entangled for over a thousand years, making it difficult to easily let go.

The surface performance of smiling to forget past grievances is merely a show for outsiders. In essence, New Beast King Mountain intends to take advantage of the crisis and seize the opportunity to absorb Old Beast King Mountain completely, inheriting all of their legacy.

When the founder of New Beast King Mountain left the original sect, they did not receive all the inheritances of their former sect. New Beast King Mountain's legacy has always been incomplete compared to that of Old Beast King Mountain. Over the years, this has caused trouble for cultivators ranging from low-level to high-level. The reason Old Beast King Mountain has been able to suppress New Beast King Mountain for so long largely lies here. If it were not for the protection of the Jiuqu League, Old Beast King Mountain would have the power to annihilate New Beast King Mountain.

Now that Old Beast King Mountain is facing a calamity, it is the opportune moment for New Beast King Mountain to complete their inheritance and rightfully take over everything from the other faction.

Additionally, when Old Beast King Mountain fled from the Crossing Severing Mountain Range, they not only took with them the sect's accumulated wealth and heritage but also the seeds of the sect. Most of these disciples were young but had extraordinary talents. If New Beast King Mountain could successfully merge with Old Beast King Mountain, these outstanding seed disciples would naturally become members of New Beast King Mountain, greatly strengthening its power.

However, due to various considerations, New Beast King Mountain couldn't forcefully swallow Old Beast King Mountain using harsh methods. Instead, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs of New Beast King Mountain used gentle means, like a soft knife cutting through flesh, slowly infiltrating and assimilating the cultivators of Old Beast King Mountain.

The greatest obstacle among them was Elder Beast Fury, who stood not far from Li Ruiming. Elder Beast Fury was the only Primordial Spirit True Monarch among the cultivators who escaped from Old Beast King Mountain. With a Mid-Period Primordial Spirit cultivation base, Elder Beast Fury could easily suppress Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli, who were only at the Initial Period, and prevent them from harboring any other ideas.

However, Elder Beast Fury was already advanced in years and had suffered multiple injuries while protecting the cultivators of Old Beast King Mountain during their escape, rendering him unable to

fully recover. His current condition was not ideal, and his injuries hindered him from exerting his full combat power. Additionally, every time he fought with a cultivator of the same level, it would greatly deplete his vitality and even his life span.

Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli had put a lot of effort into convincing Elder Beast Fury to act. They told him that they alone wouldn't have the confidence to kill Meng Zhang; they needed the participation of a powerhouse like Elder Beast Fury to ensure a one-shot kill. They explained that after Meng Zhang's death, Taiyi Sect's territory in Demon Wind Gobi would become the subject of contention, and New Beast King Mountain would only occupy a small part of it. The majority of the territory would be given to Old Beast King Mountain. With such extensive land, Old Beast King Mountain would have a foothold, gradually regain its vitality, and have a chance for a comeback.

However, if Elder Beast Fury refused to act and contribute, Li Ruiming, despite considering the relationship between the two factions, would find it difficult to hand over such a large piece of territory to him for no reason.

Furthermore, killing Meng Zhang was also the wish of Azure Origin Sect's True Monarch Azure Mist. If Old Beast King Mountain wanted to establish itself in the Jiuqu League, it couldn't defy Azure Origin Sect. Although Elder Beast Fury might be reluctant, under these circumstances, he had no choice but to agree to Li Ruiming's request and participate in the siege of Meng Zhang.

Both Li Ruiming and Qiu Wanli had their own calculations. They intended to use this opportunity to deplete Elder Beast Fury's vitality and, at the same time, assess his true strength to see how much power he retained. If Elder Beast Fury's condition was too poor, Li Ruiming might harbor other thoughts.

However, despite Li Ruiming's ulterior motives, killing Meng Zhang was the most crucial matter. They had come here early, and Elder Beast Fury had set up the Beast King Mountain's secret Fourth Rank Formation, called Beast King Howling Heaven Great Formation. The responsibility of maintaining this formation was entrusted to the cultivators of New Beast King Mountain.

In Grand Dust World, there was no Fourth Rank spirit vein, and sustaining the Fourth Rank Formation required a significant price. One method was to use secret techniques to stimulate a Third Rank spirit vein and forcibly extract its essence. The fully opened Fourth Rank Formation almost constantly consumed the source of the Third Rank spirit vein. If the formation was maintained for a slightly longer period, a good Third Rank spirit vein would be completely depleted.

Another method was to consume a large number of precious Heaven and Earth Spiritual Objects to power the formation.

#### Chapter 716: Beginning

Li Ruiming accompanied Meng Zhang in a long-winded conversation, just waiting for the Fourth Rank great formation that had been pre-arranged to accumulate enough power.

The Beast King Howling Heaven Great Formation continuously extracted the spiritual energy from the Third Rank spirit vein without any reservation, not caring whether it was depleting its resources.

Additionally, disciples from the New Beast King Mountain who were in charge of the great formation kept throwing various Heaven and Earth Spiritual Objects into it. These objects, including pieces of spirit marrow, were quickly consumed.

In the past, Meng Zhang, who was only at the Foundation Building stage, risked his life to venture deep into the Deadly Sea of Sand to obtain a piece of spirit marrow, hoping to use it to assist in breaking through to the Gold Core stage. But in the Primordial Spirit True Monarch's struggle, such treasures were considered ordinary consumables.

The power accumulated in the great formation was almost sufficient. The two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain, who had been cooperating for a long time, understood each other's thoughts with just a glance and acted in perfect harmony.

Li Ruiming raised the staff in his hand, conjuring a scene of countless beasts rushing forward, fiercely pouncing on Meng Zhang.

Qiu Wanli roared angrily, his body rapidly swelling as he transformed into a giant, striding towards Meng Zhang and swinging his huge hands to fiercely grasp at Meng Zhang's body.

Meng Zhang kept retreating, avoiding the charging Qiu Wanli True Monarch. Then, with the index and middle fingers of both hands together, he shot out a black and a white sword energy.

The two sword energies merged into a sharp black-and-white sword Qi, slashing directly at Li Ruiming True Monarch.

At the same time, Li Ruiming True Monarch sent a prompting gaze to Elder Beast Fury. Elder Beast Fury sighed deeply, his wrinkled face showing a bitter expression.

He straightened his back with some effort and formed a seal with his hands. The power that had been accumulating in the Beast King Howling Heaven Great Formation below was immediately drawn out by him.

A huge and ferocious beast appeared above Elder Beast Fury's head. He pointed towards Meng Zhang, and the giant beast rushed towards him with an imposing aura.

This was a strike that had been building up in the Fourth Rank great formation. Even a Mid-Primordial Spirit cultivator would not be able to withstand it head-on.

Meng Zhang had only recently achieved the Primordial Spirit stage, and if hit by this attack, he would lose at least half his life even if he didn't die.

Qiu Wanli True Monarch suddenly lunged forward, blocking Meng Zhang's escape route, forcing him to face the attack head-on.

The ferocious beast rushed towards Meng Zhang, who couldn't evade in time. He could only release his sword energy in a futile attempt to block it. The two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain were certain of their victory.

Suddenly, an unexpected change occurred. As the giant beast approached Meng Zhang, it unexpectedly made a sharp turn and pounced fiercely towards Qiu Wanli True Monarch, right beside his body.

With such a sudden change happening at such a close distance, even experienced Primordial Spirit True Monarchs couldn't evade it, let alone defend against it with all their strength.

Qiu Wanli True Monarch was heavily struck by the beast, and his protective spell was easily shattered, sending him flying out.

Meng Zhang, who had been preparing to defend against the beast's attack, unleashed his Great Divine Ability - Twin Forms Towards Heaven Sword. Black-and-white sword Qi mixed together like raindrops, shooting towards Qiu Wanli True Monarch.

"You..." Li Ruiming True Monarch pointed at Elder Beast Fury, his face filled with disbelief, too angry to speak.

Although extremely furious at Elder Beast Fury's treacherous act, Li Ruiming True Monarch did not lose his composure. He knew it wasn't the time to get entangled in trivial matters. What mattered most now was regaining control of the Fourth Rank Formation to take the initiative back.

Fortunately, Li Ruiming True Monarch had always been cautious of Elder Beast Fury. After Elder Beast Fury set up the great formation, Li Ruiming True Monarch kept him close by his side, while the disciples below were tasked with controlling the great formation.

Currently, the disciples of New Beast King Mountain controlled the great formation, and they were the ones who supplied power to Elder Beast Fury earlier. Now, all they needed to do was to stop providing power and use the great formation's energy to suppress Elder Beast Fury, giving them a chance to turn the tide of the battle.

Li Ruiming True Monarch had a way to maintain communication with his subordinates without speaking. With a single thought, he conveyed his orders to the disciples in charge of the great formation.

Elder Beast Fury was not fooled by Li Ruiming True Monarch's actions. The Beast King Howling Heaven Great Formation was a secret formation of Beast King Mountain. These traitors had only learned a small part of it. The true essence of the formation was a closely guarded secret within Beast King Mountain, and only individuals like Elder Beast Fury had the qualifications to learn it.

Elder Beast Fury let out a series of long howls, the pitch and intensity changing rapidly. The entire Fourth Rank great formation changed accordingly.

A mist rose within the great formation, concealing Elder Beast Fury's figure. The mist continued to spread, and Meng Zhang, who was chasing Qiu Wanli True Monarch, disappeared into it, along with Qiu Wanli True Monarch. Several light screens descended from the sky, forming a cage that trapped Li Ruiming True Monarch securely.

Sensing a sense of impending doom, Li Ruiming True Monarch held nothing back and unleashed his true power, jumping onto the snake-like staff in his hand, which transformed into a massive serpent.

Li Ruiming True Monarch stood on the head of the serpent, directing it to charge forward.

After breaking through the light screen and dispelling the thick mist around him, Li Ruiming True Monarch appeared in front of Elder Beast Fury.

Just a moment ago, Elder Beast Fury had directly activated the power of the great formation, causing all the disciples of New Beast King Mountain in charge of the formation to be killed by the backlash.

Seeing Li Ruiming True Monarch break through the blockade of the great formation and appear in front of him, Elder Beast Fury remained calm. A trace of abnormal flush crossed his face. Then, the weakness he had previously shown completely disappeared, replaced by an exceedingly powerful aura.

Despite his injuries, Elder Beast Fury was empowered by the force of the great formation and had a cultivation base one realm higher than his opponent. In this face-to-face confrontation, he had no fear.

While Elder Beast Fury and Li Ruiming True Monarch engaged in their intense battle, Meng Zhang had completely gained the upper hand against Qiu Wanli True Monarch.

Meng Zhang's head radiated a bright light as the Sun and Moon Divine Light, like raindrops, showered down on Qiu Wanli True Monarch.

The sharp and formidable black-and-white sword energy was as powerful as a Fourth Rank flying sword, overwhelming Qiu Wanli True Monarch's defenses.

The sudden assault by Elder Beast Fury a moment ago had almost cost Qiu Wanli True Monarch half of his life when he was completely unprepared.

Now heavily injured, he couldn't even exert half of his strength. Faced with Meng Zhang's fierce attacks, he could only defend himself without the ability to fight back.

Chapter 717: Instead kills

Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, as a cultivator of the New Beast King Mountain, considers himself very familiar with the secret Formation of Beast King Mountain called the Beast King Howling Heaven Great Formation. When the ancestors of the New Beast King Mountain defected from the Beast King Mountain, they already possessed a portion of the inheritance of this Formation, which was then passed down to future generations.

Before ambushing Meng Zhang, Elder Beast Fury also imparted various tricks of this Formation to the cultivators of the New Beast King Mountain. Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, is not a Fourth Rank Formation Master and is not particularly interested in the way of formations, so he cannot completely grasp all the intricacies of this great formation. However, he believes that he is certainly more familiar with it than Meng Zhang. He should have the home advantage while fighting within the great formation.

However, after actually starting the battle, Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, discovered that Meng Zhang was obviously more familiar with this great formation than himself. Not only could Meng Zhang move freely within the great formation, but he could also use some of the formation's arrangements to cause various troubles for Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch.

Meng Zhang is more familiar with the secret great formation of Beast King Mountain than Qiu Wanli, the cultivator of the New Beast King Mountain. The only possibility is that he had colluded with Elder Beast Fury and obtained the mysteries of the great formation from him.

The thought that Elder Beast Fury would rather teach the true secrets of the great formation to Meng Zhang, an outsider, while only giving him, Qiu Wanli, some insignificant knowledge and impractical tricks, fills Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, with anger and hatred towards Elder Beast Fury.

Although Meng Zhang gained a slight advantage, the opponent is still a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, not that easy to defeat. Meng Zhang knows that Elder Beast Fury is not in a good condition for a prolonged battle. If the time drags on for too long, he won't be able to hold back Li Ruiming, and the battle will have new variables.

Meng Zhang no longer holds back and goes all out. He unleashes the Natal Magic Tool, Yin Yang Spirit Gourd, from his dantian, and it flies to the top of his head. Black and white streams of energy alternate and fly out of the gourd, transforming into nine Yin Yang Dao Soldiers dressed in black and white Dao robes.

Over the years, although the Yin Yang Spirit Gourd has not advanced to the Fourth Rank, it has stored nine Dao Soldiers with the strength of the Gold Core realm. If these nine Yin Yang Dao Soldiers can be effectively used, they will become a formidable force in the battle between Primordial Spirit True Monarchs.

The nine Yin Yang Dao Soldiers immediately arrange themselves and set up a Yin-Yang Two Complements Formation. Although this Formation is only Third Rank, it is a power that Meng

Zhang can truly control. With the support of Formation power, Meng Zhang freely manipulates the strength of the Yin Yang Grand Dao.

A mixed flow of black and white air descended from the sky and fell onto Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch's head, continuously depleting his vitality. In just a moment, the severely injured Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, realized that the situation was unfavorable and couldn't let the opponent continue like this. Only the power of Grand Dao could counter the power of Grand Dao. Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, wielded the power of the Acquired Plunder Grand Dao. When he broke through to become a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, he plundered everything from his own natal spirit beast, including lifespan, flesh, and even the essence, to achieve his own Primordial Spirit Grand Dao.

An invisible and mighty force swept through Meng Zhang's body, attempting to forcibly take away everything from him. Meng Zhang's figure disappeared into thin air as if he had never appeared there, and the power of plundering Grand Dao naturally failed. When Meng Zhang's figure reappeared, he silently appeared behind Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch.

Yin-Yang Escape is a very profound art of escape. Not only could it allow Meng Zhang to move freely between the Netherworld and the mortal world, but it also allowed him to transform from tangible to intangible and then from intangible to tangible again. When Meng Zhang reappeared, the power of Yin Yang Grand Dao descended, effortlessly turning Qiu Wanli's protective spell into Yin and Yang energies, and then it vanished into thin air.

Both Primordial Spirit True Monarchs displayed their respective powers of Grand Dao, engaging in a bitter battle. Despite Meng Zhang achieving the Primordial Spirit not long ago, his combat power was still above that of Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch. Even in the best condition, Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, might not be Meng Zhang's match.

With severe injuries and trapped in the Fourth Rank great formation, Beast King Howling Heaven Formation, Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, had no chance to escape when unable to resist Meng Zhang. In the end, Meng Zhang exhausted all of Qiu Wanli's defensive measures using the power of Yin Yang Grand Dao, then beheaded him with the Great Divine Ability, Twin Forms Towards Heaven Sword.

Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, thought that Meng Zhang lacked experience and might not be able to grasp all the mysteries of the Primordial Spirit True Monarch. In the moment of his physical destruction, he actually tried to project his Primordial Spirit out, attempting to escape with it.

Cultivators like Meng Zhang, who possessed a complete Taiyi Sect inheritance, had access to various scriptures left by their predecessors, which were sufficient to compensate for their lack of experience and knowledge.



Sun and Moon Divine Light descended in time, accurately enveloping Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch's Primordial Spirit. Although the Primordial Spirit of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch was tough and almost invulnerable to ordinary means, it was fundamentally connected to the Soul. Sun and Moon Divine Light was a Divine Ability specialized in countering the Soul.

After the continuous erosion of Sun and Moon Divine Light, Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch's Primordial Spirit eventually dissipated completely. Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, possessed a Fourth Rank magic tool called the Beast Controlling Plate, which itself didn't have much attacking power but could strengthen the combat abilities of his spirit beasts and even subdue Fourth Rank demonic beasts, transforming them into protective spirit beasts.

When Qiu Wanli broke through to the Primordial Spirit realm, he sacrificed all of his spirit beasts. After becoming a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, he no longer cared about ordinary Third Rank spirit beasts and rarely encountered Fourth Rank demonic beasts. Even if he encountered one, he might not have the ability to subdue it.

Meng Zhang collected the Fourth Rank magic tool, Beast Controlling Plate, which he kept close to his body, as well as the storage ring and bangle that Qiu Wanli wore. At the level of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, cultivators would not lack in storage magic tools.

Meng Zhang didn't have time to assess his gains, he just took a moment to catch his breath before appearing on another battlefield. Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, who was fiercely battling with Elder Beast Fury, saw Meng Zhang descending from the sky and the storage magic tool that originally belonged to Qiu Wanli in Meng Zhang's hand, and his heart immediately turned cold.

#### Chapter 718: Beginning to End

Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, was at an absolute disadvantage when facing Elder Beast Fury. If it weren't for Elder Beast Fury's injuries hindering him from using his full strength, Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, would have likely succumbed much earlier.

He managed to hold on mainly due to his hope in Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch. In his view, Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch, who had achieved the Primordial Spirit level for many years, would not lose to someone like Meng Zhang, a newly advanced Primordial Spirit True Monarch.

Additionally, Elder Beast Fury's severe injuries were genuine, and although Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, didn't know how he suppressed them, it was clear that he couldn't delay for too long.

To Li Ruiming, it was an unexpected turn of events when he didn't defeat Elder Beast Fury but instead faced a new enemy, Meng Zhang. Faced with the pressure of dealing with both of them, along with the Fourth Rank Great Formation Beast King Howling Heaven Formation, Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, lost all his power to counterattack.

With unfavorable conditions in terms of timing, location, and manpower, Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, couldn't escape his ultimate demise under the siege of Meng Zhang and Elder Beast Fury.

After Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, fell, most of his belongings ended up in the hands of Elder Beast Fury. At this moment, Elder Beast Fury himself was also reaching his limits. Despite Meng Zhang being nearby, he quickly sat down to meditate and recover.

Meng Zhang was also not in the best condition, trying to recover while stating, "Senior, let me take care of the trouble over there first, then we can discuss our matters slowly."

Saying this, Meng Zhang flew towards the direction Lu Haosheng had left. Lu Haosheng commanded his fleet of flying boats and didn't move too far away, hovering quietly in the air. He didn't want to get caught in the aftermath of the battle and stay away from their dispute.

Time passed, and the battle between the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs continued. Lu Haosheng waited patiently, knowing that battles of this scale among Primordial Spirit True Monarchs could last for days or even longer.

To his surprise, Lu Haosheng saw someone unexpectedly return— Meng Zhang himself. Lu Haosheng nervously tried to explain, "Meng... True Monarch Meng, this has nothing to do with me. I... I truly didn't know beforehand."

Meng Zhang wasn't interested in his explanations. Regardless of whether he knew or not, since he was involved in this matter and witnessed what happened earlier, there was only one outcome for him.

In an instant, an infinite brilliance descended from the sky, immobilizing all the cultivators from the Lu Family present. Black and white sword qi swept through, leaving behind a field of broken bodies.

All the flying boats, including the precious Third Rank Cloud Boat, were completely destroyed by Meng Zhang, erasing all traces of the battle.

With everything settled, Meng Zhang flew back to the estate where Elder Beast Fury had managed to stabilize his injuries and clean up the battlefield. Seeing Meng Zhang's return, Elder Beast Fury asked with a questioning look.

"It's all good now. All witnesses have been dealt with. Though we can't keep it hidden for too long, it should be enough time for you to act," Meng Zhang assured him.

Elder Beast Fury nodded in satisfaction and said, "We are fine here, but I'm worried about Azure Origin Sect..."

"Rest assured, Senior. Fei Guo, the True Monarch of Jade Sword Sect, has promised to help us. With his unshakable reputation among Sword Cultivators, he should be able to handle the pressure from Azure Origin Sect," Meng Zhang said confidently.

Three months ago, Lu Haosheng from the Lu Family had visited Meng Zhang, bringing an invitation for him to attend today's gathering. While Meng Zhang didn't notice anything amiss, he still felt uneasy. In reality, Lu Haosheng had no knowledge of the ambush planned for that day. To maintain absolute secrecy, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain had kept him in the dark.

Using the Grand Evolving Fortune, Meng Zhang tried to calculate the outcome of the matter, but due to its complexity involving Primordial Spirit True Monarchs' schemes, he couldn't obtain a clear result.

He then changed his calculation target to find where Taiyi Sect needed friends. The result surprisingly pointed to Jade Sword Sect. Though it was unexpected, Meng Zhang carefully analyzed the situation.

Ever since Jin Li, the True Monarch, retired, Azure Origin Sect's attitude toward Taiyi Sect changed drastically, leading to strained relations and a separation from Lu Family, who were under the protection of True Monarch Azure Mist. Despite the goodwill shown by True Monarch Azure Mist and Lu Family after Meng Zhang achieved the Primordial Spirit level, he still didn't trust them.

Considering this situation, making connections with Jade Sword Sect seemed like a reasonable choice. The only concern was whether they would accept him.

So, Meng Zhang secretly left Taiyi Sect and visited Jade Sword Sect. He contacted a Gold Core Daoist Master from Jade Sword Sect and, through him, arranged a meeting with Fei Guo, the True Monarch.

Fei Guo agreed readily and even agreed to meet in secret. During the meeting, Fei Guo praised Meng Zhang's insightfulness and shared some information. Apparently, the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain had established a connection with True Monarch Azure Mist, aiming to ambush Meng Zhang.

Surprisingly, True Monarch Azure Mist readily agreed to their request and even sent his trusted followers to assist them, allowing them to act under his name. With True Monarch Azure Mist's agreement and support, New Beast King Mountain could freely control Lu Family and invite Meng Zhang under the pretense of True Monarch Azure Mist's orders.

All of this was concealed from Lu Family, as they believed they were just following True Monarch Azure Mist's instructions. However, Jade Sword Sect, with its increased surveillance on Azure Origin Sect in recent years, became aware of the collusion between the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain and True Monarch Azure Mist.

Due to changes in the situation in recent years, the high-ranking members of Jade Sword Sect had new ideas regarding Azure Origin Sect and their covert activities.

And at this moment, unexpectedly, Taiyi Sect's Sect Master, Meng Zhang, took the initiative to visit Jade Sword Sect. In the minds of Jade Sword Sect's high-ranking members, they couldn't help but have some thoughts. They believed that Meng Zhang knew about the plan of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain, and it was because the matter involved True Monarch Azure Mist that he had to seek help from Jade Sword Sect.

Jade Sword Sect's True Monarch Fei Guo met Meng Zhang secretly and directly revealed the truth of the matter. It was only then that Meng Zhang realized he had inadvertently come to the right place. Since True Monarch Azure Mist had become an enemy, Meng Zhang had no choice but to firmly hold onto the thigh of Jade Sword Sect.

In recent years, though Jiuqu League appeared calm on the surface, there were hidden undercurrents and waves. Jade Sword Sect had long been dissatisfied with Azure Origin Sect, considering them a major internal threat to Jiuqu League. Some radical high-ranking members of Jade Sword Sect even believed that Azure Origin Sect had already allied with Dali Dynasty and sought to help Dali Dynasty divide and weaken Jiuqu League.

Of course, such claims were far-fetched and not widely accepted within Jade Sword Sect. Azure Origin Sect and Jade Sword Sect were the two giants of Jiuqu League, but in terms of power and status, Azure Origin Sect was dominant. The position of the League Lord had always been held by Azure Origin Sect.

Within Jiuqu League, Azure Origin Sect held an unrivaled status. Only Jade Sword Sect could exert some restraint. Azure Origin Sect was the leader, so why would they abandon that position to serve others?

Though skeptical of Azure Origin Sect's alleged alliance with Dali Dynasty, Jade Sword Sect recognized that they couldn't rely on Azure Origin Sect anymore and made it their consensus.

Since Azure Origin Sect could no longer be relied upon, they decided to go their separate ways. The Sword Cultivators in Jade Sword Sect always had straightforward and simple ideas. Azure Origin Sect would definitely not stand idly by as Jade Sword Sect created a new faction, leading to a split within Jiuqu League.

Though the Sword Cultivators of Jade Sword Sect were proud, they also knew that within Jiuqu League, they needed to gather as many allies as possible to have a chance against Azure Origin Sect. Over the years, they humbled themselves and formed factions within Jiuqu League to ally with others.

Now that Meng Zhang had come to them, it was a fortuitous event. As a newly advanced Primordial Spirit True Monarch, with Taiyi Sect's strength and an enmity with True Monarch Azure Mist, Meng Zhang had no other way but to seek refuge with Jade Sword Sect.

After some straightforward procedures, Meng Zhang became a proud general under Jade Sword Sect's command. Since the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs from New Beast King Mountain wanted to ambush Meng Zhang, he had to strike back. On one hand, he didn't want to provoke Azure Origin Sect too early, and on the other hand, it was also a test for him. Jade Sword Sect didn't directly intervene but let Meng Zhang handle the trouble on his own. However, even without direct involvement, Jade Sword Sect could provide resources and offer covert assistance.

Meng Zhang carefully studied the history of both New Beast King Mountain and Old Beast King Mountain and found many points he could use. With the help of Jade Sword Sect, he secretly contacted Elder Beast Fury of Old Beast King Mountain and gained his trust with Jade Sword Sect's endorsement. Indeed, Elder Beast Fury had been acting all this time.

To establish themselves in Jiuqu League, Elder Beast Fury pretended to let his disciples join New Beast King Mountain but was always looking for opportunities to turn the tables. Meng Zhang's visit, backed by Jade Sword Sect cultivators, provided him the perfect chance.

For Elder Beast Fury, a traditional cultivator, betrayers were even more detestable than enemies. He saw New Beast King Mountain's betrayal as the cause of Old Beast King Mountain's decline and now they coveted the inheritance of Old Beast King Mountain – they deserved death for their crimes.

Because of the situation, Elder Beast Fury had been playing coy with Li Ruiming, the True Monarch, and Qiu Wanli, the True Monarch. At many times, he pretended not to understand their schemes, but in reality, he was well aware of everything. If others calculated against him, he could just as easily turn the tables and calculate against them.

Now, New Beast King Mountain's two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs had been cleverly outmaneuvered and met their demise. Killing them was just the first and most important step.

Next, Meng Zhang and Elder Beast Fury had much to do. In recent years, New Beast King Mountain had been open and accepting of Old Beast King Mountain cultivators, aiming to smoothly merge the two and acquire Old Beast King Mountain's complete inheritance. Their actions, in turn, benefited Old Beast King Mountain cultivators.

Elder Beast Fury could lead Old Beast King Mountain cultivators to take the initiative, turning the tables and swallowing New Beast King Mountain. With Meng Zhang, a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, by his side, there was no one in the two sects who could resist.

Within New Beast King Mountain, high-ranking cultivators opposing Elder Beast Fury died mysteriously, and their numbers dwindled. In the end, with Elder Beast Fury taking full control, he presided over a thorough cleansing of all opposition, making the initial integration of the two sects possible.

## Chapter 719: Camp

In order to prevent interference from external forces, especially from the Azure Origin Sect, Elder Beast Fury took a decisive approach and forcefully facilitated the merger of the two sects. As the only Primordial Spirit True Monarchs of the two sects, no one could resist him directly.

Many cultivators in the New Beast King Mountain, particularly those with some intelligence, should be aware that the sect needs a Primordial Spirit True Monarch to preside over it after the deaths of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs of the sect. Without a Primordial Spirit True

Monarch, it would be challenging for New Beast King Mountain to maintain its previous status and influence within the Jiuqu League.

Elder Beast Fury and Meng Zhang did not publicly announce the deaths of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs of New Beast King Mountain. However, when the lamps dedicated to them in the sect were extinguished, it was evident what had happened.

After Elder Beast Fury returned, he pretended to be clueless about the deaths of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, and with his status and strength, no one could confront him directly.

Upon learning that the lamps of the two Primordial Spirit True Monarchs had been extinguished, Elder Beast Fury feigned a mix of shock and anger, showcasing impressive acting skills for someone of his age.

Meng Zhang, after covertly assisting Elder Beast Fury in the merger of New Beast King Mountain, returned to the Taiyi Sect. During this time, Elder Beast Fury managed to complete the merger of the two sects without interference from external forces, indicating that the Jade Sword Sect likely played a role in the background.

At that time, Meng Zhang killed the Lu Family cultivators who were aware of the situation and temporarily kept the information hidden, gaining precious time for the merger.

Due to the connection with the extinguished lamps, news of the deaths of True Monarch Li Ruiming and True Monarch Qiu Wanli of Azure Origin Sect leaked. However, Elder Beast Fury had already taken advantage of the situation.

In reality, Elder Beast Fury and Meng Zhang's greatest adversary, True Monarch Azure Mist of Azure Origin Sect, also faced difficulties. Given his identity, it was not appropriate for him to get involved in plotting against Meng Zhang.

After agreeing to True Monarch Li Ruiming's request, he chose to remain uninvolved in the matter. By the time he received news of their deaths, a considerable amount of time had passed, making it difficult for him to react appropriately.

The merger of New Beast King Mountain and Old Beast King Mountain was an internal affair of their sects, and even a dominant sect like Azure Origin Sect had to maintain a certain level of decorum and show respect on the surface, at least to other sects. Facing Meng Zhang, he was even more at a disadvantage.

Even without any evidence, one could guess that the deaths of True Monarch Li Ruiming and True Monarch Qiu Wanli were related to Meng Zhang. Meng Zhang's ability to escape a deadly situation and turn the tables on his opponents proved that he was no ordinary Primordial Spirit True Monarch, which warranted a higher assessment of him.

Until further intelligence was gathered, True Monarch Azure Mist wouldn't rashly make a move against Meng Zhang. Shortly after Meng Zhang returned to the Taiyi Sect, Elder Beast Fury began to gain initial control over the merged sect.

At this point, there naturally was no distinction between New Beast King Mountain and Old Beast King Mountain; there was only one Beast King Mountain. Elder Beast Fury used the mysterious deaths of True Monarch Li Ruiming and True Monarch Qiu Wanli as a pretext to request the sect to consolidate its strength to deal with the emerging changes.

Within the Demon Wind Gobi, Elder Beast Fury ordered the disciples of Beast King Mountain to withdraw from the territories previously occupied by the Taiyi Sect. Despite internal opposition that still existed within the cleansed Beast King Mountain, no one dared to openly oppose Elder Beast Fury.

Elder Beast Fury fulfilled his promise, proving himself to be a reliable ally. Taiyi Sect's disciples took the opportunity to recapture all the lost territory. For Elder Beast Fury, things finally stabilized, and the sect's vitality began to recover gradually.

As for the other two sects in the Three Sects Alliance, they did not have the same fortune as Beast King Mountain. Jiuqu League sheltered them, intending to make use of them and fully exploit their value. The remnants of Grey Mountain School, after escaping into Jiuqu League, were soon settled on the Yuantu Great Prairie.

The intentions of the higher-ups in Jiuqu League were simple: since they accommodated the remnants of the three sects, they naturally expected contributions from them. Currently, they hadn't engaged in war with the Dali Dynasty, but they could make them confront the extraterritorial Barbarian Clan on the Yuantu Great Prairie, bearing the casualties that should have been borne by Jiuqu League cultivators.

Initially, to merge with Old Beast King Mountain, True Monarch Li Ruiming and True Monarch Qiu Wanli had spent considerable effort to keep the cultivators of Old Beast King Mountain near their own sect. The higher-ups of Azure Origin Sect had accepted their offer, tacitly approving their actions.



Unfortunately, despite their clever schemes, everything they did ended up benefiting someone else. Old Beast King Mountain took over the nest, turned the tables, and merged with New Beast King Mountain. The higher-ups of Azure Origin Sect were not fools; they couldn't be kept in the dark forever about Meng Zhang and Elder Beast Fury's actions.

During a meeting of the Jiuqu League high-ranking cultivators, some opposed the merger of New Beast King Mountain's family sect but were firmly dismissed by a cultivator belonging to Jade Sword Sect.

Azure Origin Sect's influence was greater, and their information network was more extensive than Jade Sword Sect's. Jade Sword Sect's actions in recent years hadn't escaped Azure Origin Sect's notice.

Now, it was evident that Taiyi Sect and Beast King Mountain had both aligned themselves with Jade Sword Sect. The once harmonious Jiuqu League had silently divided into two camps.

Jade Sword Sect believed that Azure Origin Sect was a troublesome ally and couldn't be relied upon. If they had enough power, Jade Sword Sect would have wanted to expel Azure Origin Sect from Jiuqu League.

As they couldn't achieve that, Jade Sword Sect considered leaving Jiuqu League and establishing themselves elsewhere. If Azure Origin Sect was wise enough to peacefully part ways, then it would be acceptable. But if they refused to accept this, it might lead to a bloody conflict.

Although Meng Zhang was forced to join Jade Sword Sect's camp due to circumstances, he wasn't entirely optimistic about Jade Sword Sect's actions. With Dali Dynasty eyeing Jiuqu League, the internal strife in Jiuqu League would only provide the enemy with an opportunity.

Even if Jade Sword Sect managed to defeat Azure Origin Sect and successfully leave Jiuqu League, they would suffer severe damage and find it challenging to confront Dali Dynasty afterward.

Jade Sword Sect's camp had taken shape, and since Taiyi Sect had already chosen its side, it couldn't easily change its position. Willingly or unwillingly, Taiyi Sect had to follow Jade Sword Sect to the end.

At least, compared to Azure Origin Sect, a Sword Cultivator sect like Jade Sword Sect was more trustworthy. Meng Zhang couldn't help but sigh at times, feeling that one had no choice but to get

involved in conflicts while in the Cultivation World. Why couldn't there be a peaceful land without disputes?

#### Chapter 720: Activity

Since Meng Zhang led Taiyi Sect to join the camp of Jade Sword Sect, he naturally has to serve Jade Sword Sect and contribute to the camp. Up to now, both Jade Sword Sect and Azure Origin Sect have their concerns and are unwilling to rashly tear their faces apart and confront each other directly.

On one hand, whether it's within the two sects or other forces in the Jiuqu League, there are people making efforts to try to prevent the division of the Jiuqu League. Although Meng Zhang believes that most of these efforts are in vain, the trend of the Jiuqu League splitting is already unstoppable. However, until the last moment, no one knows the final outcome.

On the other hand, facing this internal division, many forces within the Jiuqu League are hesitant, and even within Azure Origin Sect, it's difficult to make a decisive move against Jade Sword Sect. Because once Azure Origin Sect and Jade Sword Sect go to war, the situation will be irretrievable, and no one can be sure of the outcome.

Currently, both Azure Origin Sect and Jade Sword Sect are covertly or overtly trying to gather allies and enhance their own strength. Due to the mutual restraint, neither of them can completely prosper while the other fails, and it's impossible to force all forces to take sides immediately.

However, as time passes, the situation will become clearer, leaving less and less room for neutral parties to survive. At that time, whether those forces waiting for opportunities or those firmly maintaining neutrality, they will have to make a choice.

Given the character of the high-level members of Azure Origin Sect and Jade Sword Sect, they absolutely won't tolerate the existence of neutral forces at the final moment. Those who mistakenly believe they can take advantage of the situation will likely face a full-scale attack from both sects.

Meng Zhang joining Jade Sword Sect's camp resolved the crisis brought by New Beast King Mountain and won Taiyi Sect a period of relatively peaceful development. Although it's not the time to turn against True Monarch Azure Mist, Meng Zhang hasn't cleared the various forces on the Demon Wind Gobi. But it has strengthened the control over the internal affairs of the Hanhai Dao League and even conducted a cleansing operation.

Before the great changes come, the stronger the strength that can be gathered, the better. In addition to the efforts of Taiyi Sect itself, those trustworthy forces within the Hanhai Dao League will also

receive support from Taiyi Sect. Especially after Meng Zhang becomes a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, it gives Taiyi Sect an overwhelming advantage over the entire Hanhai Dao League.

Taiyi Sect has quietly relaxed the covert suppression of other forces within the alliance. In the current situation, even if other forces within the Hanhai Dao League produce a large number of Gold Core Daoist Masters, they won't be able to shake Taiyi Sect's rule; instead, it will enhance the overall strength of the Hanhai Dao League.

As for Maple Leaf Mountain City, which serves as a retreat, Meng Zhang has secretly invested more effort into it. Actively developing the influence of Maple Leaf Mountain City to gradually obtain a larger survival space. If the situation deteriorates on the side of Jiuqu League and Taiyi Sect cannot survive, Maple Leaf Mountain City will be the only retreat.

As for what to do if the Jiuqu League collapses and the Dali Dynasty continues to expand towards the Grand Crossing Cultivation Circle, Meng Zhang doesn't need to consider that distant future at the moment; he can only take one step at a time.

Before Jin Li True Monarch entered closed-door cultivation, she specifically told Meng Zhang that unless she is certain of defeating Fei Guo True Monarch, she will absolutely not leave seclusion. Although she is a woman, she is quite ambitious. To put it nicely, she's "a heroine not inferior to men," but uncharitably, she's "petty-minded."

Jin Li True Monarch pays no attention to external affairs and stays in seclusion alone, causing many troubles for Taiyi Sect.

Previously, including Meng Zhang, no one dared to disturb him within Taiyi Sect. Now that Meng Zhang has achieved the status of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, he is qualified to be on an equal footing with Jin Li True Monarch and doesn't need to be overly cautious around her.

Meng Zhang alone went on a trip to Mirage Desert to achieve Primordial Spirit and deliver the message of wanting to meet Jin Li True Monarch. He transmitted the message through a communication talisman into the closed-off world where Jin Li True Monarch was in seclusion.

Meng Zhang waited outside Mirage Desert for several days, but there was no response coming out from inside. It's unclear whether Jin Li True Monarch didn't receive the message or simply didn't want to acknowledge Meng Zhang. Although Taiyi Sect is not as reliant on Jin Li True Monarch's protection as before, maintaining friendship with an old acquaintance and having one more Primordial Spirit True Monarch as a friend is always a good thing. Since there was no response, Meng Zhang didn't force the issue and directly returned.

Due to joining Jade Sword Sect's camp, Taiyi Sect and the other forces originally belonging to Jade Sword Sect have started establishing connections and becoming more familiar with each other. According to the plans of Jade Sword Sect's higher-ups, after Jade Sword Sect and Azure Origin Sect part ways, the entire northern region of the Jiuqu League should fall under Jade Sword Sect's influence.

Jade Sword Sect is now working to ensure that all major cultivation forces within this region are aligned with them, so as to prevent internal conflicts.

Taiyi Sect is now essentially the northernmost sect of the Jiuqu League. Besides guarding the northern front for Jade Sword Sect, Taiyi Sect also needs to actively make efforts to the south.

The cultivation forces arranged by True Monarch Azure Mist within Demon Wind Gobi are not worth mentioning, and now is not the time to remove them. Beast King Mountain still holds several territories within Demon Wind Gobi, and it is currently an ally of Taiyi Sect.

To the east in the Endless Sea of Sand, there are Fire Cloud Sect and Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch. Fire Cloud Sect is supported by True Monarch Profound Wind. True Monarch Profound Wind, who came from the loose cultivators, is smooth and unwilling to get involved in internal conflicts within the alliance. He has always maintained neutrality in past disputes.

However, this time, he may not be able to avoid the turmoil. When push comes to shove, it's uncertain what choice he will make.

Yellow Lotus Sect is currently being slowly integrated, and True Monarch Mountain Peak is the most likely candidate to become the Cult Master after the integration. True Monarch Mountain Peak is truly a fence-sitter and won't easily lean fully towards any side. Currently, he is waiting to see which one between Azure Origin Sect and Jade Sword Sect can offer better conditions to buy his allegiance.

Neither the Yellow Lotus Sect East River Branch nor the Fire Cloud Sect can be dealt with now, so Taiyi Sect must continue to shift its attention southward. Great Wind City, a crucial commercial city, naturally falls into Taiyi Sect's sight.

The Lu Family, controlling Great Wind City, is considered to be part of True Monarch Azure Mist's faction. Additionally, the Lu Family collaborated with Li Ruiming True Monarch and Qiu Wanli True Monarch in their attempt to harm Meng Zhang. Regardless of whether the Lu Family was aware of this, Meng Zhang now considers them as enemies.

Given the current situation of the Jiuqu League, it's not advisable for Taiyi Sect to directly confront the Lu Family. However, according to the usual practices within the Jiuqu League, the higher-ups generally won't directly intervene in internal matters of individual cultivation forces.

Inside Great Wind City, the second most powerful family after the Lu Family is the Gu Yue Family. Gu Yue Huaidie of the Gu Yue Family is an old friend of Meng Zhang's, and the Gu Yue Family has been an ally of Taiyi Sect for many years. But convincing the Gu Yue Family to work for Taiyi Sect and resist the Lu Family is not an easy task.