

## Swordsman 2601

### Chapter 2601: The Auction Begins

“Unexpectedly, even the Young Palace Master of the Nanwu Palace is participating in the auction. It seems the treasures to be auctioned this time must be extraordinary, especially the last few grand finale treasures. I’m getting more and more curious,” commented a sloppy old man while holding a cooked beast leg in his hand as he talked while eating with his greasy mouth.

Although the sloppy old man was behaving rather ill-mannered, no one around dared to tell him off.

The reason was that sloppy old man exuded a powerful High-level Heaven Ultimate God aura. His realm was quite close to Peak Heaven Ultimate God.

Even the Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace would not simply trifle with such a powerful person like him.

Another Heaven Ultimate God asked, “Young Palace Master, I wonder what treasures in the auction attract you to come here in person?”

The experts around were also curious.

Although the auction’s scale was not small, it was not a top-tier auction when looking at the entire Danyang Holy Domain. Usually, an auction of such scales would be unable to attract the attention of Nanwu Palace. However, it was very surprising that not only did the Nanwu Palace participate but had sent the Young Palace Master to attend.

The Nanwu Palace Young Palace Master smiled evilly upon noticing the gazes on him and said, “Everyone, don’t get me wrong as I’m only here because I happen to be nearby. The Star Picking Pavilion did notify Nanwu Palace about this auction and I was going to send a few Heaven Ultimate Gods here, but I end up coming here myself since I’m in the vicinity.

“As for what treasures will be auctioned... You ought to know Star Picking Pavilion’s rules. How will I know what’s to be auctioned?”

Everyone around him nodded after hearing what he said.

Indeed, they were aware of the Star Picking Pavilion’s rules where they would at most notify every great sect if there were precious treasures to be auctioned in the Danyang Holy Realm despite never revealing said treasures. It was to add a little suspense to the auction event.

If the treasures were something highly sought after by every great sect in Danyang Holy Domain at any costs, the Star Picking Pavilion would of course have released some news in advance. Such was their deliberate act to build momentum and allow those great sects to prepare in advance so that the Star Picking Pavilion can make a fortune out of the auction.

For that particular auction, the Star Picking Pavilion merely notified all the great sects without letting any information slip. It meant the treasures were enough to attract interest from those sects but not enough to make them fight over it.

“Young Palace Master, I hear the Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan are also attending this auction but they aren’t here at the banquet. The strange matter is that no one from the Crimson Stone Fort seems to be here,” said a Heaven Ultimate God.

The Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan were some top-tier sects in the Danyang Holy Domain on par with Nanwu Palace.

However, Crimson Stone Fort was the one in charge of the Danyang Holy Domain.

“The Star Picking Pavilion would’ve naturally also notified the other forces and sects since they had notified Nanwu Palace. It’s normal for them to send experts here today. As for Crimson Stone Fort, huh... They are troubled with internal conflict and won’t have time to participate in this auction.” The Nanwu Palace Young Palace Master sneered and derided contemptuously without showing any respect for the Crimson Stone Fort.

The current Crimson Stone Fort was no longer the same as when the Crimson Stone Saint was still alive.

The Nanwu Palace’s Young Palace Master was casually chatting with a few Heaven Ultimate Gods quite loudly and had no intentions to conceal their conversation. Although Jian Wushuang was sitting in a corner, he could hear them.

“Nanwu Palace, Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan. These Danyang Holy Domain’s top-tier sects sent their experts?

“Even though they are here, they have no idea what treasures will be auctioned. Although The Stately Painting is a mysterious treasure, no one was able to refine nor open it which has greatly reduced its price. The Star Picking Pavilion also does not know what The Stately Painting is, therefore I think the treasure these top-tier sects are after isn’t The Stately Painting but another treasure!

“No matter what treasures they are fighting for, it has nothing to do with me. I hope that these people will not compete with me as I’m determined to win The Stately Painting. Otherwise...” Jian Wushuang’s eyes were glaring coldly.

He was not worried if those Heaven Ultimate Gods would compete with him based on fair financial resources competition to win the auction. However, Jian Wushuang was not confident if his financial resources could compete against those top-tier sects if their target was The Stately Painting.

If he was unable to compete fairly, he would have to rely on other means.

The banquet lasted for two full hours before everyone left.

The night became quiet after that.

Early in the next morning, the sky was bright with the large Star Picking Pavilion already quite lively.

The auction was set to begin soon.

At the auction site, there was a huge display stage under the covers of a powerful restrictive shield. The restrictive shield was set up by Star Picking Pavilion at a hefty expense such that it would not be shaken the slightest bit even if a Heaven Ultimate God were to attack it.

There were also many Star Picking Pavilion experts guarding around the restrictive shield to ensure the treasures displayed on the display stage were safe.

The area 100-feet away from the display stage was densely packed by large numbers of people with no less than a hundred thousand people could be seen at a glance!

The crowd of more than a hundred thousand people was not to be underestimated as the Star Picking Pavilion had deliberately raised the bar of attendees invited. Those who were eligible to participate in the auction were either experts above the Ultimate God realm or cultivators from a wealthy background who owned at least more than a hundred thousand Primordial Stones.

As such, only around a hundred thousand cultivators were allowed entry into the auction site.

The auction site consists of three floors. The first floor was the common floor where around ten thousand cultivators gathered. The second floor had over a hundred rooms protected by a restrictive shield to prevent soul power from peeking into the rooms.

Those who were able to get a room on the second floor must be at the Earth Ultimate God realm which includes Territorial Lords of the various stellar regions, experts from some powerful sects, and even some independent experts. Jian Wushuang was staying in one of those rooms and could see the display stage below clearly through the window. However, none would be able to spot him.

The last third level was even more impressive as only Heaven Ultimate Gods or experts from the impressive background were allowed there. Those Heaven Ultimate Gods who appeared at the banquet the night before were only a small portion who attended the auction with their numbers totaling in the dozens.

## **Chapter 2602: The First Piece of Treasure**

In a room on the second floor of the auction site, Jian Wushuang stood alone while looking down below.

"This room is pretty good. No matter what treasures I buy from this room, no one would know who I am. I don't need to be afraid of being targeted," murmured Jian Wushuang.

In the center of the display stage came a figure in a golden robe.

"Golden robe? Is this the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief?" Jian Wushuang's eyes went narrow.

The weakest among the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief was a Peak Earth Ultimate God. The stronger ones were Heaven Ultimate Gods. The one who appeared on the display stage was a Heaven Ultimate God.

"San Shouwang did say that he has an older brother who's the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief before passed away. I wonder if it's true." Jian Wushuang frowned slightly.

San Shouwang did mention he had an older brother who was the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief before his death. It could be a possibility it was an empty threat toward Jian Wushuang for him to escape death. Regardless, Jian Wushuang felt it would be best to stay on guard nonetheless.

Therefore, Jian Wushuang was wary when he saw the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief.

“Everyone!”

The Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief called out in a thick and magnificent voice. His voice spread out along with his Heaven Ultimate God divine power which echoed vigorously throughout the auction site.

This huge auction site instantly fell into silence with everyone having their eyes on the Star Picking Pavilion Golden Chief.

The Golden Chief cleared his throat before saying, “I would like to welcome all of you for participating in our Star Picking Pavilion’s auction. Although this auction isn’t considered a top-tier auction in Danyang Holy Domain, the level of treasures auctioned are still reasonably high and won’t disappoint you.

“Without further ado, let’s begin the auction now. Let’s start with the first treasure. Please have a look.”

The Golden Chief announced loudly. An old gray stone staff appeared on the display stage with a wave of his hand.

The old gray stone staff was exuding a vast aura of soul power. That was Jian Wushuang’s Spiritual Stone Staff!

As soon as the Spiritual Stone Staff appeared, it immediately attracted everyone’s attention.

“Is this...a treasure related to soul power?”

“Yes, it’s an offensive divine soul weapon which has reached the Heavenly Treasure level based on its power!”

“Oh my god, the first treasure to be auctioned is a Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon!”

There was an uproar from the crowd as everyone’s eyes instantly lit up.

The offensive divine soul weapon Heavenly Treasure was rarely used in real battles because not many people were good at soul attacks. It was something useless for them even if they managed to bid for it anyway, but they were still cheering excitedly.

The reason behind those cheers was due to how precious and rare that treasure was. If the first treasure to be auctioned was already so valuable, the other upcoming treasures must be of similar qualities. Everyone was looking forward to the auction’s upcoming treasures.

The auction of the Spiritual Stone Staff must be carried out at the same time of course.

The Golden Chief grandiosely said, “Spiritual Stone Staff—a Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon. I don’t have to explain further about how precious it is. Let’s start with the auction with the starting bid of ten million Primordial Stones!”

The shocking amount of 10,000,000 Primordial Stones was only the starting bid.

However, everyone present was also aware the starting bid of 10,000,000 Primordial Stones was not expensive at all for an offensive divine soul weapon Heavenly Treasure.

There were people instantly rushing to bid.

“Fifteen million Primordial Stones!”

“Eighteen million!”

“Twenty-three million!”

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The following incoming bids quickly rose the Spiritual Stone Staff’s price to 35,000,000 Primordial Stones and it was still going up frantically.

The bidders were experts who stayed in the second and third-floor rooms. The bids coming from the second floor were not many with most of them being the Heaven Ultimate Gods who were fighting neck-to-neck on the third floor.

At that moment, there were five people gathered in a room on the third floor.

Among the five were four Heaven Ultimate Gods with the weakest person being a beautiful woman. The beautiful woman’s strength was weak and pitiful in comparison to the four Heaven Ultimate Gods since she was only a Primary-level Earth Ultimate God. However, it was that weaker beautiful woman who sat leisurely in this room whereas the four Heaven Ultimate Gods stood respectfully behind her.

It was obvious that the beautiful woman had a great background.

“The first treasure to be auctioned is a Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon. I can see that Star Picking Pavilion is quite serious in their game. I was initially not very interested in this auction, but now I’m a little keen.” The beautiful woman smiled lightly and she eyed the Spiritual Stone Staff again.

“One hundred million!”

Those were simple words that emerged from the beautiful woman’s lips. However, everyone in the room and those who were on the auction site heard her.

The noisy auction site was silent once again.

Many people were wide-eyed with horror.

Even the experts from the second and third-floor rooms who were still competing for the Spiritual Stone Staff earlier went silent.

100,000,000!

The bidding price had just risen to 40,000,000 Primordial Stones but it quickly became 100,000,000 Primordial Stones.

Who would dare to call after that bidding price?

“It must be from the DongFang Clan judging from the room’s voice, right?”

“I guess only they have such courage.”

“They sure are filthy rich!”

“The Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon is something rare. I finally saw it and I tried to bring it back, but I can’t fight against her since someone from the DongFang Clan has raised the bid.”

After a moment of hesitation, the experts in those rooms gave up the bidding.

No way! Firstly, the bid was too high at 100,000,000 Primordial Stones which would make it the highest price ever paid for a Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon. In most people’s opinion, the Spiritual Stone Staff might not even worth 100,000,000 Primordial Stones.

Secondly, the one who bid... There were many experts around but only a few dared to compete with her.

The auction of the Spiritual Stone Staff was soon over with its final price being 100,000,000 Primordial Stones. The beautiful woman in the third-floor room had won the bid.

After concluding the bid, the beautiful woman glanced at an old man in purple in front of her and said, “Elder Xue, you are quite accomplished in soul attacks. Unfortunately, you have been unable to maximize the soul attack’s effect due to a lack of suitable offensive divine soul weapons. I’ll leave the Spiritual Stone Staff with you and hope that you can use it well.”

“Thank you, Miss.” The old man dressed in purple was so excited and quickly thanked the woman.

The beautiful woman waved her hand like she did not care at all.

100,000,000 Primordial Stones were nothing to her.

### **Chapter 2603: Transmigration Sword Formation**

“One hundred million!”

Even for Jian Wushuang, hearing the final transaction price of the Spiritual Stone Staff made his heart tremble.

At that point, Primordial Stones were not much use for his cultivation and neither had he ever paid much attention to his financial foundations. However, he truly needed a huge amount of Primordial Stones to purchase The Stately Painting at that moment and would have been happy if the Spiritual Stone Staff was sold for 80,000,000. However, it was sold for 100,000,000 in the end.

His confidence was boosted with that 100,000,000.

“I wonder who’s the person in that room being so generous with her spending?” Jian Wushuang could not help but look at the room where the final offer was made.

Unfortunately, his spiritual power could not penetrate due to the restrictive shield. Naturally, he could not tell who that person was, but was probably a woman from that person’s voice.

The auction continued.

Treasures after treasures were presented on the display shelf.

Although those treasures were not remotely as valuable as the Spiritual Stone Staff, they were far from cheap. For example, the Heavenly Treasure offensive divine weapons were very rare in any stellar regions but they appeared quite often in the auction.

Huge amounts of various treasure types were displayed before the crowd with most of them being more valuable than regular Heavenly Treasure offensive divine weapons.

The many experts taking part in the auction were competing enthusiastically, trying to purchase those treasures.

Whenever an extremely valuable treasure appeared, it would cause a small stir in the auction.

In the blink of an eye, the auction had already gone on for a full day.

Within one day, a few hundred pieces of valuable treasures were being individually sold.

Among the four treasures which Jian Wushuang put up at the Star Picking Pavilion, the boxing gloves and pitch-black spear were sold one after another besides the Spiritual Stone Staff.

Among them, the final price for San Shouwang's boxing gloves amounted to 1,150,000 while the pitch-black spear was sold for 2,050,000. More or less as predicted by the Black Chief.

At that point, Jian Wushuang only had the Heavenly Treasure defensive armor yet to be sold.

On the display stage, the Golden Chief waved his hand again and a jade slip immediately appeared then.

An extremely powerful sword essence shrouded the jade slip. Anyone could tell with a glance that it was not an ordinary item.

"Jade slip? Is that some secret technique?"

Everyone's attention in the auction was attracted by it.

Jade slips were usually used to record information on secret techniques, secret literature, and various methods.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the next item is a sword formation!" The Golden Chief's loud voice resonated within the auction house, "The name of the formation is called 'Transmigration Sword Formation'. It can only be studied by those who are highly skilled in sword principles and proficient in Transmigration Law."

"Transmigration Sword Formation?" Almost everyone in the room felt doubtful.

Even the individual rooms' experts on the second and third-floor felt a little lost.

They had not heard of the Transmigration Sword Formation.

However, in an individual room on the third floor, the beautiful lady's pupils contracted.

"Transmigration Sword Formation? Might it be the sword formation created by that man?"

"That man?" The four Heavenly Ultimate Gods standing behind her looked puzzling at each other. They had no idea who she was referring to.

On the display stage, the Golden Chief took in everyone's facial expression and laughed. "Perhaps you haven't heard of the Transmigration Sword Formation. If that's the case let me explain in detail."

"The Transmigration Sword Formation was the creation of a sword expert who studied Transmigration Law from many ages ago. His name was Tong Xin and most called him Tong Xin Saint, but some called him Sword Lord Tong Xin! He was someone who had pushed the sword principles to the extreme third stage. In other words, he was a terrifying sword expert!"

As soon as he made the introduction, there was a wave of exclamations within the auction.

The exclamation was not due to the fact the creator of the Transmigration Sword Formation was an Undying Saint, but due to the creator's capability to be known as Sword Lord Tong Xin.

'He managed to push his sword principles to the extreme third stage?'

Sword principles knowledge was vast and deep and the level of understanding could roughly fit into three different stages.

The first stage, Sword World!

The second stage, Infinity Sword Tree!

The third stage, Formation of All Things!

Each stage was a lot complicated than the previous and more difficult to achieve as well.

Take Purple Blood Saint for example who Jian Wushuang knew, he was an Undying Saint who was highly skilled in sword principles and extremely powerful.

However, he had only reached the second stage of the Infinity Sword Tree despite being so. Moreover, he was still very far from the third stage.

However, Sword Lord Tong Xin who created the Transmigration Sword Formation had understood the extreme third stage of sword principles, Formation of All Things. How could one fathom his greatness?

It was no wonder people called him a sword lord. Compared to the Purple Blood Saint, he was really very far ahead.

The Golden Chief continued, "Sword Lord Tong Xin's level was only slightly below the peak of Undying Saint. However, he managed to roam the Ancient God Domain by relying on his sword skills and Transmigration Sword Techniques. He was almost invincible among the Undying Saint beyond the Third Heaven!!"

His words had caused a huge stir in the auction.

"Invincible among Undying Saints?"

"Sword Lord Tong Xin was that amazing?"

"Although it's only beyond the Third Heaven, it was already very impressive. Sword Lord Tong Xin was a true super expert!"



“An almost invincible existence among Undying Saints. The most powerful sword formation that he relied on is...”

Those eyes that were looking at the Transmigration Sword Formation began to burn with extreme desire.

However, many were keeping themselves level-headed, especially those second and third-floor experts in individual rooms.

A voice from a third-floor individual room immediately spoke, “I’ve learned about Sword Lord Tong Xin’s reputation in ancient literature. Although it was something that happened a few million years ago, he truly had such capabilities. However, the Star Picking Pavilion would never put it on this auction if it’s truly the Sword Lord Tong Xin’s creation, don’t you think?”

“Even if you will, it’s unlikely to appear in an auction of this level. Instead, it will be featured in a much larger scale auction. Perhaps one that’s well attended by Undying Saints, so that they can compete for it.”

The crowd began to agree.

One had to have the capabilities of an Ultimate God or came from a prominent background to attend that auction. Therefore, none of them were idiots.

The most powerful sword formation created by an almost invincible Undying Saint appearing in an auction only attended by Ultimate Gods? It was not even the star item of the auction. Was that a joke?

As expected, the Golden Chief laughed.

#### **Chapter 2604: The First Four Stages**

“Ladies and gentlemen, that’s an accurate guess. If this Transmigration Sword Formation is really that valuable, it won’t be presented in this auction. However, this sword formation truly originated from Sword Lord Tong Xin.” The Golden Chief’s huge voice resonated in the auction house.

“The reason it appears in this auction is due to its incompleteness!

“Sword Lord Tong Xin was extraordinarily talented. After he created the Transmigration Sword Formation, he gradually perfected it. It kept improving following the continuous progress in his understanding of Transmigration Law and sword principles. The Transmigration Sword Formation started with only one stage, but ended with a total of twelve stages!

“In other words, the Transmigration Sword Formation has a total of sword formation twelve stages and are separated into the first four, middle four, and final four stages. Among them, the first four stages were extremely powerful but also widely circulated. The middle stages are overpowering but there were fewer of them being circulated. As for the final four stages, they are the real assets that Sword Lord Tong Xin relied on to roam the Ancient God Domain!

“The sword formation’s final four stages alone were enough to cause a crazy competition among Undying Saints to obtain them. The middle four stages were also drooled over by countless Heavenly

Ultimate Gods, Grand Ultimate Gods, and Undying Saints. However, what we have here today are only the first four stages of the Transmigration Sword Formation!

“These four stages of the sword formation are the most widely circulated, hence its value is a lot less ridiculous compared to the remaining stages.”

The many experts in the auction finally understood the situation upon hearing the Golden Chief’s explanation.

“So it’s only the first four stages. No wonder it appears in this auction.”

“According to the Golden Chief, Sword Lord Tong Xin’s Transmigration Sword Formation is absolutely terrifying but only the middle four and final four stages are the terrifying ones. As for these first four stages, they don’t seem as powerful.”

“Even so, they’re created by Sword Lord Tong Xin after all. Even if it’s the first four stages, I’m afraid it’s still out of the ordinary.”

“Unfortunately, although I’m skilled in sword principles, I’ve never studied Transmigration Law. Otherwise, I will try to purchase this sword formation.”

Many experts began to quietly discuss among themselves.

On the display stage, the Golden Chief spoke once again, “Honorable guests, I’ve been very clear with my explanation. I’ll leave it up to you in deciding on the value of these Transmigration Sword Formation’s first four stages. We will now begin the auction with the starting bid of ten million Primordial Stones!!”

“Ten million?”

There was a wave of exclamation in the venue, but it died down rather quickly.

Even though it was just the Transmigration Sword Formation’s first four stages, its value was still extraordinary.

There were people immediately making their bids.

In the individual room on the second floor, Jian Wushuang stood there with his eyes staring firmly at the jade slip on the display shelf.

“Transmigration Sword Formation... The main criteria being skilled in sword principles and the secondary criteria are proficiency in Transmigration Law!

“This Transmigration Sword Formation turns out to be very fitting to me since I’m highly skilled in sword principles and also studied Transmigration Law.”

Jian Wushuang squinted.

He was no stranger to sword formations.

In his past life, he had more than one encounter with sword formations, so he understood its power.

Hongjun Golden Sword Technique for example was similar to a sword formation. In his past life, it was one of his main techniques. He would usually activate the Hongjun Golden Sword to suppress his opponent while fighting his opponent in close-range combat. It gave his opponents extreme pressure when both were combined.

The Transmigration Sword Formation was the almost invincible Sword Lord Tong Xin's creation which at the Undying Saint realm with its power naturally not to be underestimated. If he could obtain such a sword formation, it would perhaps be a great help to him.

"I'm concurrently studying both Space-time and Transmigration Laws. However, I can't simply utilize both laws simultaneously when I'm fighting experts. I could either activate Space-time Law and use Space-time Sword Technique, or activate Transmigration Law and use Transmigration Sword Technique. I could only activate one after another, but I can't perfectly join them together.

"But if I can handle this sword formation...then, I can use Transmigration Law to drive the sword formation against my opponent while activating Space-time Law to fight him head-to-head. The power of both laws will then fuse perfectly and be unleashed simultaneously. Furthermore, the sword formation is for range attacks and my sword technique is for melee combat. Both can then come together perfectly!

"Furthermore, I'll be able to take a brief rest from advancing Transmigration Sword skills and pour all my efforts into improving the Space-time Sword skills with this sword formation. I won't need to use the Transmigration Sword Formation anymore once I've deepened my Sword Principle understanding and at that time I'll just resume advancing my Transmigration Sword skills!"

Jian Wushuang held his hands together tightly as his eyes shone with excitement.

He repeatedly contemplated and consistently felt the Transmigration Sword Formation was very befitting for him. Although it would not immensely help to upgrade his overall battle strength, it could help to perfect his attack methods—making them more harmonious. That was a great advantage.

"Let's do it!"

Jian Wushuang made his decision.

"Twenty million Primordial Stones!"

Jian Wushuang projected his voice from the room which resonated throughout the entire auction house.

As soon as the bid was made, the auction house became quiet for a short while. After that, a hoarse voice spoke from another room on the second floor, "Twenty-five million Primordial Stones. I'll be taking this sword formation."

"Thirty million." Jian Wushuang did not hesitate to make his bid.

A short dark hunching old man frowned in the individual room the hoarse voice came from. He looked over at Jian Wushuang's room with a cold light shining through his eyes.

Unfortunately, although he knew which room the voice came from, he would not know who was in the room.

“Twenty-five million Primordial Stones. Chan Tuo, hopes you can save me some face,” said the ugly old man once again.

“Chan Tuo? It’s him!”

“So, it’s that old toad! No wonder he’s interested in the Transmigration Sword Formation, but I’m curious about his competitor’s identity.”

“That old toad is a Peak Earth Ultimate God and has countless techniques. Not one to be trifled with!”

Many Earth Ultimate Gods in the second-floor rooms were secretly exclaiming.

All of them had heard of Chan Tuo’s reputation. He was very strong in both abilities and techniques and at the same time was an eccentric lone wolf.

However, it was exactly a lone wolf like him who only played by his own rule that was most terrifying.

At least, not many would dare cross him among the many Earth Ultimate Gods on the second-floor.

The reason he revealed his identity was to ask Jian Wushuang to give him some face.

Unfortunately, Jian Wushuang had no clue who Chan Tuo was and would not have cared even if he knew.

“Forty million Primordial Stones!” Jian Wushuang had spoken once again

#### **Chapter 2605: Golden Rock**

“Damn you!”

Chan Tuo, the ugly old man cursed under his breath while staring toward Jian Wushuang’s room with thick killing intent.

However, he finally withdrew his killing intent, sighed lightly, and no longer followed up with another bid.

The Earth Ultimate Gods in the individual rooms were disbelieved upon seeing Chan Tuo’s not reacting for a while.

“Looks like that old toad has given up.”

“Haha! Forty million Primordial Stones? Even an ordinary Heavenly Ultimate God will have to liquidate all of his possessions to come up with that sum. The old toad does have some skills, but I’m afraid he won’t be able to pay that much.”

“I wonder who’s the man in that room that even refuses to give Chan Tuo face. He’s probably someone important since he can come up with forty million Primordial Stones just like that.”

The Transmigration Sword Formation’s auction ended amid praises and exclamations.

Finally, the Transmigration Sword Formation’s first four stages were purchased by Jian Wushuang with a bid of forty million Primordial Stones.

Jian Wushuang sighed in relief upon the successful purchase.

40,000,000 Primordial Stones was the limit for him. If the bid went up further, he would perhaps have to give up.

It was not from him being unable to afford more Primordial Stones, but because there were other items that he wanted to purchase later in the auction.

Although the Transmigration Sword Formation was powerful, the value of even all 12 stages was not a 1,000th of The Stately Painting which Jian Wushuang wanted to truly obtain.

As for the Transmigration Sword Formation, it was only something he discovered by chance and thought would be useful, hence his bid and purchase.

"This Chan Tuo who wanted to compete with me over the Transmigration Sword Formation... Although I've never heard of him, for someone who so daringly reveals their identity and asks me to give them some face must be pretty famous and most probably powerful too. I'm afraid I've offended him by not giving him any face, but the individual rooms in the auction are all under the protection of restrictive shields so he won't know who I am. Even if he wanted to take revenge, he won't be able to find me." Jian Wushuang chuckled.

The next valuable item was very soon placed on the display stage.

Meanwhile, a bald man sat lazily in an individual room on the third floor.

The bald man was clad in a golden robe just like the Golden Chief downstairs hosting the auction on the display stage.

He was also a Golden Chief at the Star Picking Pavilion.

"Forty million Primordial Stones for the sword formation's first four stages?"

The bald man looked downward at the room where Jian Wushuang was in and asked, "Not many Earthly Ultimate Gods will be able to afford forty million Primordial Stones. Who's in that room?"

Four Black Chiefs were standing respectfully before the bald man. One of them immediately answered, "In reply to your question, Your Excellency. The man in the room is the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord, Jian Yi."

"Jian Yi?" The bald man raised his eyebrows. "He's the one who killed San Shouwang and took over the Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord position? Based on what I know, although San Shouwang was the Territorial Lord, the wealth he accumulated through the ages was completely spent on the Divine Destruction Beast. This man just became the Territorial Lord. Where did he find those Primordial Stones?"

"Your Excellency, this Northern Darkstar Territorial Lord has also brought a few treasures to be auctioned in the Star Picking Pavilion. Among them was a Heavenly Treasure defensive armor and the Heavenly Treasure offensive divine soul weapon which was also the first treasure that we sold in the auction," said the Black Chief.

"What?" The bald man's eyes were shining with a strange light from being surprised.

“He’s only an ordinary Territorial Lord at the Earthly Ultimate God realm, yet he could obtain an offensive divine soul weapon and a defensive armor at the Heavenly Treasure rank. Looks like...I really should request to meet him once. San Shouwang was someone who owed me a total of six million Primordial Stones after all and said he will find ways to annihilate one of the large clans in the Northern Darkstar Territory as soon as possible before returning the Primordial Stones to me—interest included. Who will have thought he’d die in Jian Yi’s hands!

“Even though he died, I can’t just let go of my six million Primordial Stones.”

The bald man mumbled.

Suddenly... The door opened as a Black Chief hurriedly came in.

“What’s with the hastiness?” The bald man frowned and scolded.

“Your Excellency, the Manager needs you to rush over as soon as you can. That... That gentleman is here,” said the Black Chief fearfully.

“What gentleman? Who?” The bald man was puzzled.

“S-senior Meng,” said the Black Chief nervously.

The bald man stood in shock. In the next moment, he rushed out at full speed.

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The auction continued.

Treasures after treasures were being displayed with the many experts in the auction also fiercely trying to outbid each other.

Half a day had passed in the blink of an eye. In that time, Jian Wushuang’s last treasure—the Heavenly Treasure defensive armor was also sold. The final bid was at 18,000,000 Primordial Stones, slightly less than Jian Wushuang’s initial prediction of 20,000,000 Primordial Stones.

The main reason was the too many very expensive treasures being sold in the auction.

There were already two Heavenly Treasure armors among defensive armors so far in the auction and Jian Wushuang’s armor was the third. Naturally, it was very difficult to sell it at a satisfactory price.

“Honorable guests, the next item we’re about to present to you is rather unique. Behold!”

The Golden Chief waved his hand as a baby fist-sized golden rock appeared on the display stage.

Everyone in the room immediately looked over and was puzzled as soon as they saw it.

They could not identify the golden rock. They were not even sure if the golden rock was some special kind of crystal or merely an ordinary rock.

The golden rock projected no special energy from its surface either.

It was too ordinary. It was almost no different than normal rocks.

The Golden Chief directly spoke, "Honorable guests, this golden rock is very unique. I'm assuming that nobody in the room could identify it but you aren't the only one. Even we from the Star Picking Pavilion can't find out what exactly the material is. We don't know what's so special about it and neither can we even be sure if it's really a treasure."

"Even the Star Picking Pavilion isn't sure?" Everyone in the auction was shocked.

"Why will the Star Picking Pavilion put it up in the auction when they can't even ascertain if it's a valuable item?"

"Honorable guests, please let me explain. Indeed, the Star Picking Pavilion can't identify it, but the golden rock itself has an extraordinary origin." The Golden Chief began to narrate his story.

### **Chapter 2606: Space-time Fluctuation**

"Long time ago, a chamber left behind by an Undying Saint was discovered in a holy domain. The chamber contained large amounts of treasures left behind by the Undying Saint and caused a wave of battle with many experts dying over the fight for those treasures.

"There were experts from Star Picking Pavilion who participated in the battle and obtained quite a harvest, bringing back many treasures. This golden rock is one of the treasures we obtained from that chamber!!"

The Golden Chief paused a little and scanned the crowd. "Just imagine, if it's not a rare treasure, why will it appear in an Undying Saint's chamber and why will he keep it with him the whole time? Besides, we had experts who tried destroying the golden rock, but there was no way to do so as it's tough. That further proved it's truly a treasure that only nobody could identify and discover its value yet."

The experts were nodding upon hearing the Golden Chief's words.

Truly, anything appearing in an Undying Saint's chamber should not be ordinary.

Furthermore, it was only logical that it was not a normal rock since the golden rock was so tough.

"Sir, your words do make sense. Perhaps the golden rock is really a valuable item. However, we don't know its usage so even if one of us obtained it, it won't be useful after all." A voice had spoken from an individual room on the second floor.

The Golden Chief immediately laughed. "That's truly the case, hence I have no confidence whether this item would be purchased. However, I will temporarily retract the restrictive shield around the display stage when the bidding starts, so that all of you can channel your soul power and investigate this golden rock. There are many experts here. Perhaps one of you could identify the golden rock. Besides, this golden rock's starting price isn't that high. It's only five million Primordial Stones!"

As soon as the Golden Chief finished his speech, he retracted the restrictive shield around him.

Beams of soul power immediately began to push toward the golden rock.

The experts in the auction including those in the individual rooms of the second and third floors paid their full attention to the golden rock.

Jian Wushuang was also channeling his soul power toward it.

A long while later, everyone began retracting their soul power.

However, the experts in the auction felt perplexed after their investigation.

None of them could find out anything about the golden rock and everyone could only conclude that it was only an ordinary rock.

Even the experts in the individual rooms of the second and third floors had the same opinion.

“This golden rock seems to be quite ordinary.”

In the Dongfang Clan’s room, the beautiful lady’s expression was cold. She looked down and said, “I’m afraid Star Picking Pavilion has obtained this golden rock for ages, but they could not find out anything about it, so they took it out for auction. If they can’t tell what it is, this golden rock won’t be of any use to me.”

The beautiful lady had no intention whatsoever to bid for it.

Although the Dongfang Clan was extremely wealthy, they would only spend their energy on things that were useful to them. Therefore, that golden rock was useless to them.

“It’s just a rock that came from an Undying Saint’s chamber, and yet the starting price is five million Primordial Stones. Star Picking Pavilion truly has a big appetite,” scoffed the Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace. He could not even be bothered to even look at the golden rock.

Moreover, there were only a few items that had caught his attention for more than two seconds ever since the auction began. Even those were not sufficient to motivate him in placing a bid.

Not only the two of them but almost every expert in the auction house also did not show any interest in the golden rock.

Due to that, nobody made a bid for a long time after the auction of the golden rock started.

Silence filled the auction.

After a long moment, a voice had spoken, “I’ll pay the five million Primordial Stones since nobody is interested. I will investigate it in detail when I bring it home. Perhaps I’ll find out the secrets within.”

Everybody followed the source of the voice and looked up at an individual room on the second floor.

“The person in that room must be the one who bought the Transmigration Sword Formation?”

“I wonder who’s in that room. He spent forty million Primordial Stones on the Transmigration Sword Formation’s first four stages and now he’s buying this unidentified rock with five million Primordial Stones.”

“Five million Primordial Stones is no small number after all. He may have found out something about it since he’s willing to pay so much for this golden rock.”



Many cultivators on the first floor began to discuss among themselves.

In his room, Jian Wushuang spoke with a casual emotionless voice. However, his eyes were staring at the golden rock on the display stage sharply at that moment.

Jian Wushuang had extended his soul power as well when the Golden Chief took down the restrictive shield a moment ago and allowed everyone to penetrate the golden rock with their soul power.

After his soul power shrouded the golden rock, he could sense an extremely hidden Space-time fluctuation.

The little bit of Space-time fluctuation was so hidden that ordinary cultivators—even Heavenly Ultimate Gods, Grand Ultimate Gods, and Undying Saints—could not easily discover it. The reason Jian Wushuang could discover it was not only because he had a very deep understanding of Space-time Law.

The most crucial reason was that he had a great affinity with Space-time Energy!

In other words, he had an extraordinary talent in understanding Space-time Law!

He was a super genius in understanding Space-time Law—a super demon!

It was due to that, he could barely feel the slight Space-time fluctuation and was willing to spend five million Primordial Stones to purchase the golden rock.

‘This golden rock is probably a treasure that has something to do with Space-time Law or maybe contains something that involves Space-time Law. Although I can’t figure out its antecedents and what it contains, it only costs five million. It’s a good gamble to bring it home and properly study it. I’m in luck if it ended up containing some big opportunity that involves Space-time!

‘Even if there aren’t any big opportunities and is only an ordinary treasure that has something to do with Space-time, my loss is still minimal,’ though Jian Wushuang thought to himself.

The golden rock was too unique with nobody knowing about its origin. Even though Jian Wushuang could barely sense some Space-time fluctuation, spending five million Primordial Stones was still a huge risk for him. As for the others, they could not even sense the little bit of Space-time fluctuation. Naturally, they would not compete with him over it.

Without a doubt, no one was willing to make a bid except for Jian Wushuang. In the end, the golden rock was sold for five million Primordial Stones and became Jian Wushuang’s possession.

## **Chapter 2607: Stars of the Auction**

In the individual room...

“Sir, here are the first four stages of the Transmigration Sword Formation, the golden rock, and also the Primordial Stones for the items you’ve sold after deducting our commission. It’s all here, please check carefully.” A Black Chief passed an Interspatial Ring to Jian Wushuang.

After Jian Wushuang took the ring, he took a quick look and nodded slightly.

The items he had sold in Star Picking Pavilion including the Spiritual Stone Staff had made him a total of 12,120,000 Primordial Stones. There were close to 75,000,000 Primordial Stones in the Interspatial Ring after deducting the 45,000,000 Primordial Stones for the four stages of sword formation, the golden rock, and commissions paid.

He was also in possession of a Divine Elixir Pill and various cultivation materials that amounted to 25,000,000 Primordial Stones.

In other words, Jian Wushuang had exactly 100,000,000 Primordial Stones!!

"I'm hoping that the one hundred million Primordial Stones is enough to help me purchase the Stately Painting," mumbled Jian Wushuang to himself.

The auction continued.

However, the items that were displayed thereafter did not motivate Jian Wushuang to bid despite there were quite many valuable ones that caught the Heavenly Ultimate Gods' attention who competed for them.

Time flew by and the auction had gone on for a full three days.

Many treasures had been sold in those three days, but the enthusiasm of those experts taking part in the auction did not even decrease.

However, Jian Wushuang began to feel uneasy as time went by.

"It's been three days, but the Stately Painting's bidding still hasn't started. Could it be..." Jian Wushuang thought of a possibility that made him feel very uneasy.

At that moment, the Golden Chief cleared his throat on the display stage and spoke with his incredibly resonant voice, "Honored guests, this auction has come to its finale. The next items are the three star-treasures of this auction!!"

His words immediately lit up the enthusiasm in the house.

Many experts had their eyes burning with desire.

"Stars of the auction, it's finally starting?"

"The three most valuable items featured are finally going to be auctioned."

"Tsk tsk, I wonder what are the differences between these three items"

The experts were incredibly curious.

Even Heavenly Ultimate Gods on the third floor, the experts from Nanwu Palace, Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan evidently became very serious before straightening their sitting posture.

Usual treasures could hardly catch the attention of those top powers of the Danyang Holy Domain. As an example, very few of the many treasures being auctioned earlier could spark their interests and make them bid for it.

However, the last three items were a different story.

The three stars of the auction even sparked some curiosity in them.

Contrary to the general emotions, Jian Wushuang sat in the individual room with a terribly gloomy face.

“What I fear most has happened!” Jian Wushuang clenched his fists as his gaze turned frosty.

Earlier on, he caught words from the Black Chief that the Stately Painting would be auctioned in the event. As for when it would be auctioned, the Black Chief did not tell him due to the Star Picking Pavilion’s rules, hence Jian Wushuang had no idea either.

However, as the auction reached its finale, only three treasures were left and since the Stately Painting had not appeared, it was clearly part of the three stars of the auction!!

Stars of the auction. What did ‘star’ mean? Naturally, they would be the most valuable items and would receive the highest bids in the auction.

For the Star Picking Pavilion to consider the Stately Painting a star of the auction, its final bid would be very high. Moreover, the Heavenly Ultimate Gods on the third floor and the experts from powerful clans would surely notice that treasure. They most probably would stand up and compete for it.

Trying to outbid those powerful clans... Jian Wushuang was truly not confident at all with that little bit of wealth he possessed.

“Let’s see. I’ll have to think of other ways if it’s not going to work.” Jian Wushuang squinted his eyes.

On the display stage.

“Honored guests, we’ll now begin the auctioning of the first star!

“Please take a look.”

The Golden Chief waved his hand as an ancient scroll painting that was turning yellow immediately appeared on the display stage.

The scroll painting looked ordinary at a glance with nothing fascinating about it such that nobody probably would lay their eyes on it even if they saw it on the streets.

However, none of the part-takers in this auction were ordinary people. Naturally, they could notice the unusual qualities of the scroll painting.

Its extraordinary qualities originated from its energy—so ancient and mysterious that no one could figure it out!!

Everyone was staring at the scroll painting but they felt as though they were staring into thin air or a shroud of mist. It was truly a strange feeling.

“Treasure. This is absolutely a unique and extraordinary treasure!”

Right away, the experts in the auction passed their judgments.

Although they could not tell what the scroll painting was, they were certain it was an incredible treasure.

While in the individual room, Jian Wushuang's pupils contracted immediately the moment he saw the painting. His body uncontrollably shook.

Nobody else could identify the scroll painting, but he could with just a glance.

That scroll painting had accompanied him for a long period of time. It even helped him out of limbo time and again—the Stately Painting!!

It was his ultimate treasure!!!

Even till then, he could still feel a connection with the Stately Painting in its current situation. The sense of connection was still very strong. Were it not for the restrictive shield around the edges of the display stage blocking his energy projection, he could have immediately reconnected with the Stately Painting and it would most certainly become excited.

“My old brother, we finally met again!” Jian Wushuang clenched his fists, his nails buried into his flesh.

“I take that all of you have recognized the extraordinary quality of this scroll painting. If that's the case, please let me make an introduction.” The Golden Chief's voice resonated in the auction house.

“This item is called ‘Stately Painting’ and was passed to the Star Picking Pavilion by a Territorial Lord of a stellar region in Danyang Holy Domain. According to the Territorial Lord, the origin of this treasure is extremely mysterious. It did not originate from any ruin nor did it come from any expert's offspring. Instead, it was taken out of a shattered void while a pair of Ultimate Gods were fighting.”

The experts in the auction were rather shocked upon hearing his words.

The void shattered and the treasure appeared in that shattered void?

Was the treasure really that mysterious?

## **Chapter 2608: Auctioning The Stately Painting**

“We have researched it since obtaining this treasure and had uncovered a message from it. The message is...

“The Stately Painting. The endless mountains and streams, dividing the world into nine continents. The mountains and rivers as the palms and the nine continents as the seal which created the world!”

The Golden Chief paused on purpose when he reached that point of his speech.

As expected, it caused quite a stir in the auction with countless experts standing up in an uproar.

“The Stately Painting. The endless mountains and streams, dividing the world into nine continents. The mountains and rivers as the palms and the nine continents as the seal which created the world!”

It was a simple message, however... It was very domineering!

“Treasure, an absolute rare treasure.” Many had their eyes burning with desire.

“Too bad. Although the Star Picking Pavilion managed to extract the message from the treasure, recognize its uniqueness, and knowing that it’s indeed an extraordinary treasure, we could not make it recognize us as its master despite the various methods we took. However, that doesn’t prove anything as if it meets the right person, perhaps the treasure might recognize him as its master,” said the Golden Chief.

The experts all nodded.

There were indeed certain extraordinary treasures that would choose its own master.

It only proved that the treasure did not look too highly upon him if that person could not make it recognize him as its master. However, if that person was fated for this treasure—it would naturally identify him as its master upon meeting him.

None of the experts in the Star Picking Pavilion could make the Stately Painting recognize a master. It only proved that the treasure had very high standards and naturally made its price shockingly high.

A great number of experts in the auction including the second and third-floor experts began to feel excited about it.

“Let’s begin the bidding for the first star of the auction, the Stately Painting. The starting price is a hundred million Primordial Stones!!” The Golden Chief projected his voice.

As soon as the starting price was announced, a collective exclamation of shock resonated in the entire auction.

The starting price itself was already 100,000,000 Primordial Stones and that was a first for the auction!

The starting price had shattered most people’s desire toward the Stately Painting. Even though there were numerous experts in the auction, those who immediately could present 100,000,000 Primordial Stones were far and few.

Moreover, the 100,000,000 Primordial Stones were only the starting price.

Jian Wushuang’s face turned slightly gloomy when he heard the starting price. However, he immediately sat down slowly as though he had already calmed down.

In his eyes though, a sharp light was violently piercing out.

“There’s absolutely no way I will be able to obtain it through the auction since the starting price is already a hundred million. If that’s the case... I’ll have to resort to other methods,” mumbled Jian Wushuang to himself.

Although 100,000,000 Primordial Stones was an exorbitant starting price, there were quite a few people in the third floor’s rooms who could afford it.

Those people had started bidding.

“One hundred fifty million Primordial Stones.”

A young master dressed in an expensive purple long robe sat casually in an individual room while holding a paper fan. Next to him was a sitting figure that projected waves of overpowering energy.

The young master wore a slight smile before he murmured, "The Stately Painting is truly extraordinary and worthy of me taking action. Even if the treasure doesn't recognize anyone as its master after bringing it back to Life and Death Tower, we could still give it away as a present and not lose much. However, if we are lucky to absorb the treasure, we will gain a lot."

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"Two hundred million!"

A statue-like dark figure standing in an individual room. The figure was clad in black robes as cold energy seeped out from him as he stared at the Stately Painting on the display stage with a strange light in his eyes. A sense of greed could be seen deep inside his pupils.

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"Three hundred million Primordial Stones!"

A bald and plump teenager holding a fruit made his bid.

A Heaven Ultimate God old man frowned next to him and said, "Master Uncle, we didn't bring many Primordial Stones this time. Only a rough total of one hundred fifty million and we're only at the first star of the auction. Although the Stately Painting is truly extraordinary, purchasing it comes with risks. If we spend too much to buy this item, we'll only be able to watch others bid for the next two stars of the auction."

"I know that." The bald teenager continued munching on his fruit and smiled demonically before saying, "It's exactly because we didn't bring a lot of Primordial Stones that I purposely raise the bidding price so that the Dongfang Clan and Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace will competitively offering even higher bids to fight for the Stately Painting. It will then put us in advantage when we bid for the next two treasures."

The bald young man was not too interested in the Stately Painting but still kept bidding a higher price.

He immediately raised the bid to 500,000,000 when the Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace made an offer of 400,000,000 Primordial Stones.

The price continued and very quickly shot to a sky-high price under the competition between these high rollers.

At that moment, in an unremarkable individual room on the third floor of the auction house...

An expert was in that room, but if anyone were observant enough, they would discover that he did not bid once to fight for even a single treasure since the auction started.

Even after the Stately Painting appeared, the man in that individual room did not show the slightest bit of interest.

In the room was a simple-looking white-haired old man clad in grey.

The white-haired old man with murky eyes was sitting still like a meditating old monk. Nobody could tell if his eyes were opened or closed.

Standing before him were three people.

Among them was the purple-robed man—the Supervisor of the Star Picking Pavilion’s Narcissus Territory branch. The other two were that branch’s Golden Chiefs.

The bald man was one of the two Golden Chiefs who had a relationship with San Shouwang and showed a certain interest in Jian Wushuang.

The Golden Chiefs of Star Picking Pavilion enjoyed a high status in the auction house since there were only three Golden Chiefs at the Star Picking Pavilion’s Narcissus Territory branch.

The Supervisor held the highest authority at the branch of course that even the Golden Chiefs had to answer to him. His ability was also shockingly powerful as he was at the very limits of High-level Heaven Ultimate God with only a step away from reaching Peak Heaven Ultimate God.

However, the Supervisor and his two Golden Chiefs stood respectfully before the white-haired old man with their heads bowed extremely low without showing any defiance at that moment.

#### **Chapter 2609: Senior Meng**

“Senior Meng, to what do we owe this honor?” The supervisor of Star Picking Pavilion respectfully asked.

“I’m here for the Stately Painting,” said the white-haired old man slowly.

“The Stately Painting? Didn’t Headquarters pass the Stately Painting to us for auction?” The purple-robed man frowned.

The white-haired old man, Senior Meng lightly spoke, “It’s true, but the Stately Painting is different from other treasures. I’ve investigated it with those from the Headquarters and all of us reached the same conclusion—the Stately Painting is a treasure that completely surpassed all levels of Heavenly Treasure which is to say it’s at least a Holy Treasure. Moreover, it’s absolutely not an ordinary Holy Treasure!!”

“What?”

The faces of the Purple Supervisor and his two Golden Chiefs turned pale from shock.

Surpassing the levels of a Heavenly Treasure?

A Holy Treasure?

Even among Undying Saints, there were only an extremely few who had exceptionally strong abilities or heaven-defying luck for them to own one or two Holy Treasures!

The completely shocked Purple Supervisor asked, “Senior Meng, why did the Headquarters let us sell it since it’s a Holy Treasure?”

He only complied with the order from the Headquarters in asking them to put the Stately Painting up for auction. However, the Star Picking Pavilion’s Headquarters never told them the treasure’s actual level.

Only when they heard it from Senior Meng were they shocked.

That was a Holy Treasure. What was it doing in an auction like that? Furthermore, those who were fighting over the item were only a bunch of Earthly Ultimate Gods and Heavenly Ultimate Gods!

Senior Meng indifferently said, "This matter is out of the ordinary. After we have appraised the Stately Painting as a very powerful and unique Holy Treasure, we spent a fortune to hire someone very important in helping us to make the Stately Painting recognize a master. That person has also agreed to help. However, he found that the Stately Painting has somehow already established a hidden connection with someone in the end. It's evident the Stately Painting is an owned item for it to possess that kind of connection!"

"An owned item?" The Purple Supervisor was startled.

"The treasure isn't something we can cultivate and absorb easily since it already has an owner. According to its history, it was coincidentally taken out of a void. We could then determine the Stately Painting has lost its master due to a certain reason. It's exactly because of that, we dare not even keep this treasure in the Star Picking Pavilion any longer.

"This treasure is of an extremely high level after all. Its master who could cultivate, absorb, and control it must be someone who has extraordinary abilities. He's most probably a Peak Undying Saint who possesses extremely terrifying abilities. He could also be an existence like Sword Lord Tong Xin who stood above other Undying Saints. He could even be someone who has surpassed those saints—a titanic figure who enjoys a huge reputation in the entire Ancient God Domain.

"A super expert like that isn't someone who should be crossed, even for Star Picking Pavilion. If the Stately Painting continues to stay in the Star Picking Pavilion, we can't guarantee the powerhouse won't show up at our door one day by tracing the hidden connection. We will be in deep trouble by then.

"Therefore, we have decided to send this Stately Painting back to Danyang Holy Domain where it was first discovered after our discussion by selling the item in the holy domain's biggest auction. The news will spread once the treasure is sold. If its owner is currently in Danyang Holy Domain, he will naturally look for it after hearing the news and ask for the item to be returned to him. Even if he isn't in Danyang Holy Domain, the treasure won't have much to do with our Star Picking Pavilion as he won't find it with us if its master comes to our doorsteps," spoke Senior Meng calmly.

"Is that so?"

The Purple Supervisor and his two Golden Chiefs took a nervous breath while listening to him.

They began to feel pity toward those who were still trying to outbid each other over the Stately Painting.

All of them thought that the Stately Painting was an extremely high-level treasure which was indeed true.

However, the Stately Painting was also a dangerous item that nobody should touch at the same time. If someone obtained it, he might be visited by a certain superior being.

Senior Meng mumbled, "The reason I personally came today is to see who will obtain the Stately Painting in the end. After that, I shall follow that person so that I can perhaps meet the superior being."



The Purple Supervisor and his two Golden Chiefs dared not dare say more.

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In the auction, the bidding price of the Stately Painting had gone up to 1,180,000,000 and it was still going up.

However, there were only two people left who were still bidding.

The two of them were Nanwu Palace's Young Palace Master and the beautiful lady from Dongfang Clan.

"One billion and two hundred million Primordial Stones!"

The beautiful lady from Dongfang Clan bid again as her cold voice resonated in the auction house at the same time. "Young Palace Master, it's just a unique treasure. Although its level is most probably high, it doesn't easily recognize a master. Do you really want to keep competing against me? If the next two treasures are even better than this Stately Painting, will you have enough capital to bid for those?"

"Haha! I don't need you to worry about whether I have enough capital to bid for the next two items. Truth be told, I recently visited an extraordinary ruin and discovered quite a bit of resource before coming here. Even though they aren't worth a lot, they are still worth nearly two billion. Even if the Stately Painting still doesn't recognize a master after I obtained it, I could just treat it as a wasted trip to the ruins." The Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace laughed heartily.

"One billion and three hundred million!!"

The beautiful lady's face turned gloomy after she heard what he said.

The Dongfang Clan had a deep financial foundation and their wealth truly spoke louder than words. The beautiful lady happened to be one of the people who had control over the clan's properties, hence the amount she could control was extremely large.

Though however large, it was still unwise to spend more than 1,000,000,000 Primordial Stones to purchase a unique treasure that contained certain risks.

1,300,000,000 Primordial Stones was her limit.

"Forget it, I shall fulfill your desire since you crave the Stately Painting so much," said the beautiful lady before falling silent who had apparently given up on competing.

"Haha, thank you!" Nanwu Palace's Young Palace Master laughed.

Finally, the Stately Painting fell into his hands with a final bidding price of 1,300,000,000 Primordial Stones.

## **Chapter 2610: Huangji Golden Pill**

In the individual room, Jian Wushuang sat calmly, but his expression was quite frosty. He raised his head and stared at the room of Nanwu Palace's Young Palace Master, his eyes were burning with fire.

"Nanwu Palace's Young Palace Master, huh?"

“My old brother, please hang in there. I’ll find you very soon.”

Jian Wushuang mumbled, but his voice was extremely cold.

The auction continued.

After the Stately Painting, the second star of the auction was presented.

The second star of the auction was like the Spiritual Stone Staff that Jian Wushuang sold, a treasure related to the soul.

The only difference being a defensive soul treasure of the High-level Heavenly Treasure!

It was common knowledge no matter the type of treasure that a defensive treasure was always more valuable than an offensive one.

For example, an offensive divine treasure’s worth was never as high as a defensive armor at the same level.

A defensive soul treasure was also more valuable than an offensive soul treasure of the same level. The only difference was their not-so-large price variance.

Even though it was a defensive soul treasure at the Ordinary-level Heavenly Treasure, it was still a lot more valuable than the Spiritual Stone Staff Jian Wushuang sold. Not to mention the soul defense treasure presented was already at High-level Heavenly Treasure!

An increase of one level would increase the treasure’s price by tenfold!

The auction immediately started.

The starting bid was still 10,000,000 Primordial Stones with the bids placed by experts in the third floor individual rooms.

Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, Nanwu Palace, and Dongfang Clan were competing fiercely with each other.

Nanwu Palace and Dongfang Clan especially competed for them fiercely.

In the end, the treasure’s price shot up to an astronomical figure of 1,800,000,000 Primordial Stones.

The winning bidder for the item was the beautiful lady from Dongfang Clan.

“My brother’s abilities are incomparably great. He’s even one of the best

among Peak Ultimate Gods. Unfortunately, he’s weaker when it comes to soul power and will be at a disadvantage when he’s facing highly skilled experts in soul offense. This High-level Heavenly Treasure soul defensive treasure is just the right thing for him. Although we spent one billion and eight hundred million Primordial Stones, it’s worth it as long as it can help my brother improve his shortcoming,” said the beautiful lady to herself.

The bidding for the second star of the auction had ended.

It was the auction for the third treasure star next and also the auction’s last treasure.

Countless experts in the auction were waiting impatiently for the treasure.

Each of the three treasure stars was incredibly valuable. One was sold for 1,300,000,000 Primordial Stones while the other was sold for a total of 1,800,000,000 Primordial Stones.

However, everybody knew the last star would truly be the most valuable item in the entire auction.

That was the true star of the auction. Those experts in the auction knew very well that the last star treasure was not something ordinary people like them were qualified to bid for, but they were still filled with curiosity.

They were wondering what that last treasure would be.

On the display stage, the Golden Chief did not let them wait for too long as he soon displayed the final treasure.

Apparently, it was a golden elixir pill with a thick fragrance that made all those experts drool.

That golden elixir pill was about the size of a baby's thumb with an extremely dark color. At the same time, the energy projected by the pill was unique.

That energy felt like the energy of an emperor!

Yes, an emperor's energy!

Most experts in the auction looked perplexed when facing the elixir pill on the display stage.

Some experts on the second and third floor individual rooms managed to identify the elixir pill.

"That's...a Huangji Golden Pill?"

"Yes, it's a Huangji Golden Pill. My goodness! The last treasure is actually a Huangji Golden Pill!"

"That's crazy! Those four powers are gonna go nuts!"

Waves of exclamations could be heard from the individual rooms.

It was indeed true.

The faces of those from Nanwu Palace, Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan turned bright red and became breathless from the excitement when they saw the golden elixir pill.

"It's... It's a Huangji Golden Pill? What an auction house Star Picking Pavilion is!!" The Young Palace Master of Nanwu Palace had bright lights shining through his eyes. He immediately stood up and said, "I have to get this Huangji Golden Pill no matter what it takes!"

"Damn it! If I knew the last item is the Huangji Golden Pill, I won't have bought that soul defensive treasure for my brother. I've spent one billion eight hundred million Primordial Stones in one go to purchase it. Now, I don't have much left!" The expression of the Dongfang Clan's beautiful lady froze. "Quick! Immediately inform the clan and tell them to collect as many Primordial Stones for me as possible by all means. They can also bring cultivation resources of equal values."

“Aye.” The Heavenly Ultimate Gods of Dongfang Clan nodded in full commitment. They knew it was an important matter.

The experts learned more about the Huangji Golden Pill following the Golden Chief introducing it in the auction.

A Huangji Golden Pill was extremely well known in the Ancient God Domain with its shockingly wide usage.

It only worked on Ultimate Gods with its effects almost equivalent to that of a Divine Demon Nirvana Elixir for Divine Demons.

Divine Demon Nirvana Elixir could help ordinary Divine Demons make a breakthrough in their cultivation in an extremely profound way.

As for the Huangji Golden Pill, it could help Ultimate God experts raise their cultivation level.

Moreover, those who were below Heavenly Ultimate God level could have an 80% chance of making a breakthrough to the next level after taking a Huangji Golden Pill.

For those who were above the Heavenly Ultimate God level, the probability of making a breakthrough was still extremely high after taking a Huangji Golden Pill. Most importantly, it even had great effects on Grand Ultimate Gods.

According to hearsay, if a powerful Peak Heavenly Ultimate God took a Huangji Golden Pill, there was a 50% chance he could make a breakthrough to the Grand Ultimate God level!

If a Primary-level Grand Ultimate God had eaten a Huangji Golden Pill, he would have nearly a 30% probability to make a breakthrough to High-level Grand Ultimate God!!

Even for a High-level Grand Ultimate God, he would still have a 10% probability to reach toward Peak Grand Ultimate God by taking the Huangji Golden Pill!!

With such effects, it was extremely attractive to every Heavenly Ultimate God and Grand Ultimate God.

Especially for the top powers of Danyang Holy Domain—Nanwu Palace, Divine Demon Sect, Life and Death Tower, and Dongfang Clan!

There has been no Undying Saint holding the fort at Danyang Holy Domain ever since the fall of Crimson Stone Saint. The Crimson Stone Fort was only superficially seen as the authority while those few top powers only had a few Grand Ultimate God as their strongest expert.