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Chapter 1111: Devil Vanquish Slaughtering Immortals

At the instant the Devil Vanquish Grand Formation was activated, Lu Chen who sat cross-legged before the Cloudlight Bridge suddenly opened his eyes, and terrifying violet bolts of lightning rumbled within his eyes.

At practically the exact same moment that Lu Chen opened his eyes, the hearts of the other three Void Guards shook, and they simultaneously shot their gazes extremely far into the distance.

At that place, numerous thick and blazing beams of light were charging into the sky, and they illuminated the world while emanating a terrifying might that instilled terror in the hearts of all.

“What a terrifying formation!”

“Such might is sufficient to trap a Golden Immortal!”

“Senior Brother Gao Lin and the others wouldn’t have been...”

All of them were surprised and bewildered, and they couldn’t help but have a bad premonition.

Lu Chen was silent for a long time when he saw this, and then he slowly closed his eyes once more and said, “Gao Lin and the others won’t be able to return anymore.”

His voice was indifferent and casual as before, yet the other three sensed a strand of faint coldness and rage within it.

“Senior Brother Lu Chen, if we go over to help right now, we ought to be in time,” said one of the Void Guards.

“Oh? Which of you three has the ability to break open that grand formation?” Lu Chen closed his eyes as he spoke indifferently.

The three of them glanced at each other while they revealed hesitant and indeterminate expressions because they did indeed have no confidence in being able to break open that grand formation in a short period of time.

One of them said in a low voice, “But Senior Brother Lu Chen, you’re capable of accomplishing it.”

Lu Chen said, “If I leave, then what would we do if the target seizes the opportunity to flee?”

At this moment, all of them finally understood Lu Chen’s thoughts, and all of them were extremely shocked in their hearts. Besieging the capital of Wei Kingdom to rescue the Zhao Kingdom? Luring the tiger out of the mountains? If it really is like that, then Chen Xi’s plans are really meticulous!

“A few days ago, Junior Brothers Jiang Ning and Yue Zhen perished, and just moments ago, Junior Brothers Zhao Ding and Qiu Yan were killed by the enemy as well. Presently, Junior Brother Gao Lin and the others have fallen into that grand formation. Could it be that all of this was done by the target?” One of the Void Guards seemed to have thought of something, and his expression turned gloomy while

he spoke with a frown on his face. "Isn't he only at the Heavenly Immortal Realm? How could he possibly have accomplished all of this?"

His voice already carried a wisp of shock and bewilderment that was impossible to eliminate.

The other two Void Guards deeply agreed as well. Even if they were unwilling to admit it, but the facts before their eyes proved that their target this time was extremely difficult to deal with, and it was even to the extent that he'd exceeded their expectations every single time, causing them to be filled with disbelief.

The atmosphere seemed to be slightly oppressive, and only the droning sounds emanated by the spatial tempest around the Cloudlight Bridge sounded like the weeping of the heart.

Lu Chen said abruptly and broke this atmosphere, "At the beginning of our mission, I told all of you not to underestimate our target this time, and the incidents before us only prove that what I said wasn't wrong."

The others were stunned and were at a loss for what to say.

Lu Chen couldn't help but sigh when he saw that they still hadn't come to an understanding and said, "Since the moment we, Void Guards, were established, we've always been cultivating behind closed doors within the clan and relying on various cruel training to temper ourselves. So the Young Master wouldn't disturb us for an ordinary matter."

He paused for a moment and continued. "Yet now, for the sake of dealing with a single expert at the Heavenly Immortal Realm, the Young Master sent twelve of us instead. Could it be that all of you didn't notice the Young Master's intentions?"

One of them said with astonishment, "Could it be that the Young Master was clearly aware since the beginning that Chen Xi was extremely difficult to deal with?"

Another one of the Void Guards muttered instead. "I originally thought that the Young Master only sent us for the sake of certain success. Now that I think about it, we really seemed to have underestimated our opponent..."

Lu Chen said indifferently, "We didn't do anything wrong. All of this only proves that the target is even more difficult to deal with than the Young Master expected."

When he spoke up to here, his voice suddenly became low and cold as he said, "But no matter what, since the Young Master entrusted us with this mission, we must complete it this time! Even if we die!"

The other three Void Guards were shocked, and their expressions became heavy as they said solemnly, "Don't worry Senior Brother Lu Chen, we'll surely do all in our power to succeed!"

Crack! Crack!

Right at this moment, a wave of fine cracking sounded out from Lu Chen, and he seemed to have expected this since the beginning and said with an indifferent expression, "Junior Brother Gao Lin's Sulfate Tablet is on the verge of shattering completely..."

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Within the Devil Vanquish Grand Formation, the figure Gao Lin who'd always been seated cross-legged on the ground while investigating the secrets of the grand formation with all his might suddenly stiffened while strands of blood suddenly surged into his pair of strange double pupils, and then they directly exploded with a bang!

"AH!!!" Extreme piercing pain flowed throughout his body. This bit of pain wasn't anything to him, yet the destruction of his Double Pupils caused Gao Lin to be unable to help but let out a shrill cry of misery.

All his ability revolved around the Double Pupils. Now that they were destroyed, it was similar to crippling his cultivation, and this sort of unparalleled blow caused him to be unable to maintain the composure in his heart.

"Senior Brother Gao Lin!"

"Dammit! What is this happening?"

When the three Void Guards who were resisting the sword qi that came from all directions saw this, all of them were horrified. Especially when they saw Gao Lin's Double Pupils had been destroyed, their hearts couldn't help but constrict fiercely while they felt extremely terrified.

"Dammit! That bastard actually set up a talisman diagram that contains the meaning of 'Infinite' within the grand formation. The formation contains boundless variations that caused me to fall deeper as I investigated, and I suffered backlash in the end!" Gao Lin's eyes were bleeding and empty while his countenance was ghastly pale and extremely terrifying, and his voice even revealed a strand of terror.

Infinite! That's one of the most supreme and mysterious inheritances in the Immortal Dimension!

Could it be that the person who set up the formation is...an heir of Oracle Mountain?

Gao Lin was astounded while he almost lost his mind. The reason he felt it was the person who set up the formation and not Chen Xi was because Gao Lin didn't believe at all that the target this time would be related to Oracle Mountain.

"Infinite... That's...that's impossible, right?"

"That's Oracle Mountain's..."

"Could it be that an heir of Oracle Mountain is lending the target a hand?"

The other three Void Guards were greatly shocked. They'd grown up in the Zuoqiu Clan since a young age, so they were extremely well aware of all the sects in the Immortal Dimension. Thus, how could they be unaware of the various supreme and mysterious existences in the Immortal Dimension?

Presently, when they heard Gao Lin say the world 'Infinite,' it caused all of them to instantly think of that sect that was the most mysterious and supreme in the three dimensions, and the shock in their hearts was clear.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Right at this moment, the sword qi that surged over from all directions became even more powerful and dense, and it was like a myriad of enormous waves were surging over, like a powerful army was assaulting them.

The attack this time was even more terrifying than before!

“Shit! If this goes on, then all of us will perish without a doubt!”

“Senior Brother Gao Lin, we must make a decision!”

“Right! The three of us will fight with our lives on the line to create a path for you to escape. Senior Brother Gao Lin, no matter what, you have to pass the information of what happened here to Senior Brother Lu Chen!”

The three Void Guards sensed unparalleled pressure, and they immediately roared with rage while looking towards Gao Lin with resolute expressions.

“All of you...” Gao Lin opened his mouth with the intention to speak.

“It’s decided.” One of them gritted his teeth and shouted explosively. After that, he looked at the other two by his side, and all of them saw each other’s resolution.

In the next moment, a strand of extremely terrifying fluctuation suddenly surged from within their bodies, and it was like numerous volcanos were about to explode within their bodies.

“NO!!!” Gao Lin roared furiously with a hysterical tone.

But before his voice finished resounding through the air, a wave of heaven shaking bangs rumbled by his ear, and an extremely terrifying torrent of air blasted towards the surroundings like a raging gale.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

The entire Devil Vanquish Grand Formation shook and emanated explosive sounds of shattering, and then it rumbled as it vanished into nothingness.

It was the self-detonation of an entire three top experts at the Mysterious Immortal Realm, so the violent and chaotic flow of energy caused by it didn’t just break open the Devil Vanquish Grand Formation, it even spread towards the surroundings, causing the mountains, plants, and living beings in an area of 5,000km to be completely crushed into powder. It transformed into a place of desolation.

On the other hand, Gao Lin’s figure was carried by a shapeless force and was fiercely tossed 5,000km away. He knew that this was the last thing those three Junior Brothers of his had done before they perished.

“DAMMIT!!!!” After he fell to the ground, Gao Lin looked up and roared with anger, and his voice that was filled with boundless sorrow, anger, and hatred resounded in the surroundings.

As a genius that was fostered with the entire might of the Zuoqiu Clan, as a member of the Void Guard, he’d cultivated the best cultivation techniques, consumed the best medicine, and received the cruelest training in the Immortal Dimension since a young age.

They were machines of slaughter, a sharp blade in the hands of one of the six blazing suns, Zuoqiu Kong. They had always been kept hidden in a box, and they hadn't covered their hands with the blood of their enemies.

Yet now, so many of his companions had fallen on their first mission, so how could Gao Lin, who'd always taken pride in the Zuoqiu Clan and taken pride in being a member of the Void Guard, be able to accept this?

"Don't worry Junior Brothers, I, Gao Lin, will surely repay the enmity of today by a hundredfold to the enemy!" Gao Lin gasped rapidly for breath for a while before he gnashed his teeth and spoke word by word.

"Unfortunately, you'll be unable to accomplish it." Right at this moment, a soft and indifferent voice entered into Gao Lin's ears, and it caused him to swiftly stand up before turning his head around.

Even though he was blinded, Gao Lin still possessed his Immortal Sense. Instantly, a tall figure floated into appearance within his Immortal Sense, and it was precisely his target — Chen Xi!

Gao Lin turned around and fled when he saw Chen Xi. He didn't hesitate at all, and he seemed to be extremely resolute and decisive.

Unfortunately, he'd just turned around when he noticed that his path of retreat was sealed off by Lie Bingham. His heart instantly sank when he noticed this, and his mind was in chaos.

"Your companions didn't come help you after so long, so they obviously intend to stand on guard at the Cloudlight Bridge because they're worried that I'd seize the opportunity to leave. In other words, you're currently all alone and without any support. It's impossible for you to escape." Chen Xi spoke indifferently. He was slightly surprised in his heart as well because he didn't expect the enemy to be so ruthless to the point of detonating themselves just like that. They were simply like a group of freaks that didn't know what life and death were.

"Hmph! Do you think you'll be able to arrive at Dao Emperor Academy if you kill me? A foolish dream..." Gao Lin silently clenched his right fist together tightly as he spoke.

"Attack!" Before he could finish speaking, Chen Xi attacked ferociously. At the same time, Lie Bingham's figure flashed while he slapped his palm towards Gao Lin's head.

This strike could be said to be extremely sudden, and Gao Lin didn't expect it at all! Coupled with the fact that his cultivation was considered to be crippled due to the destruction of his Double Pupils, he wasn't able to react in time at all.

Bang!

A muffled bang resounded. Gao Lin's head was directly smashed apart by Lie Bingham's palm strike, causing blood and brain to spray into the air.

On the other hand, Chen Xi stretched out his hand and executed the Grand Confinement Dao Art, and he directly imprisoned Gao Lin's right hand!

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Chapter 1112: Thousand Autumn Sword

The smell of blood suffused the air as Gao Lin perished on the spot, and his tightly clenched right hand was chopped off by Chen Xi.

Under Lie Bingham's curious gaze, Chen Xi pried open Gao Lin's right hand to reveal a transmission jade slip.

"He was intending to seek help from his companions?" asked Lie Bingham.

Chen Xi shook his head. "He ought to have intended to report something even more important than a cry for help."

Chen Xi scanned the content of the jade slip. Sure enough, he noticed that it recorded information like 'Infinite' and 'Oracle Mountain.'

This fellow's Double Pupils are really formidable. He was actually able to deduce the aura of Infinite contained within my grand formation... Chen Xi sighed emotionally in his heart before swiping with his hand to destroy all the information within it.

Chen Xi pondered for a moment before raising his hand once more, and then he swiftly wrote the character for kill, '杀', on the jade slip!

The strokes were sharp like a blade, ghastly and oppressive, and an ordinary Immortal's soul would probably be pierced into pieces at first glance of it!

Swoosh!

Chen Xi activated this transmission jade slip with a wave of his hand, and it flew into the depths of the clouds in the sky.

Lie Bingham was stunned as he said, "You intend to declare war against them?"

Chen Xi replied with a question instead. "What's wrong with that?"

Lie Bingham shook his head and laughed bitterly. He naturally understood that the present situation was extremely clear. If he wanted to pass through the Cloudlight Bridge, then he had to be enemies with them. Since it was like this, there was no difference whether they declared war to them or not.

"Come, it ought to be much safer now. I have some questions to ask you." Chen Xi glanced at Lie Bingham.

Lie Bingham said, "Fellow Daoist, please go ahead. I'll tell you all that I know."

Chen Xi smiled and didn't speak any further before walking into the luxuriant forest.

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Slap!

The transmission jade slip shattered, yet Lu Chen's expression was as indifferent as before. However, the expressions of the three Void Guards by his side were extremely gloomy.

Kill!

It was merely a single word, yet it undoubtedly carried extraordinary provocation towards them!

Lu Chen muttered. "Good, very good. I'm really slightly impatient to meet this Chen Xi now..."

His voice was extremely flat, yet it caused the hearts of the other three to shake. They were clearly aware that when their Senior Brother Lu Chen said he was impatient, he was actually infuriated to the limit in his heart!

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There was a small stream gurgling and winding about within the luxuriant forest, and it glistened lightly from the afternoon sunlight that passed through the dense branches and leaves.

Chen Xi sat casually on the ground while a campfire blazed before him. On the flames was a silver and large fish, and it emanated strands of a delicate and enticing fragrance.

The Starsoul Beast, Starry, lay at the side of the campfire like a large silver colored dog, and it stared covetously at the fish roasting on the fire while drool almost dripped from his mouth.

"I'm ranked at the 559th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, yet I'm not a match for any one of them. Based on this, if they were to participate in the competition on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, then every single one of them would at least be able to be ranked in the top five hundred."

"There's also a commander amongst them, and his strength is probably even stronger. I took a glance at him from afar earlier, and even though it was only a single glance, it allowed me to be clearly aware that if he wanted to kill me, then it would probably be as easy as blowing off dust. So I could only turn around and flee at that time."

Lie Bingham's voice was low as he told Chen Xi everything he knew, and he occasionally glanced at Starry while revealing a wisp of envy that was impossible to conceal.

With his discerning ability, he was naturally able to discern that this was an extremely rare Starsoul Beast, and its bloodline wasn't inferior to the Divine Beasts of the four symbols.

Yet Chen Xi actually possessed such an immortal beast as his companion in combat, and it caused Lie Bingham to feel that Chen Xi's background was absolutely extraordinary.

Chen Xi listened in silence before he said casually, "Didn't you still have another companion? I think he was called Wang Ta?"

Lie Bingham was stunned, and then he understood who Chen Xi was talking about. A wisp of dense detest and contempt couldn't help but suffuse the corners of his mouth as he said, "That fellow is a spineless coward. For the sake of passing through the Cloudlight Bridge, he knelt and swore to them to prove his identity. He was truly vile."

"He knelt and begged for mercy?" Chen Xi was slightly stunned. He hadn't imagined that the fellow who seemed to be ruthless would actually be so spineless because he clearly remembered that while he was in that restaurant within Jadewhale City, Wang Ta had said that he would kill anyone who stood in his way.

Originally, Chen Xi felt slight admiration towards Wang Ta's courage. Never had he imagined that for the sake of passing through the Cloudlight Bridge, Wang Ta would actually choose to kneel down and beg for mercy, and this truly displayed how it was impossible to judge a man's heart from a man's outward appearance.

"Demon Blade Wang Ta, he was the second ranked existence on the Continental Ascensio Rankings of Cloudrest Continent." Chen Xi sighed with emotion.

These words caused Lie Bingham to be silent for a long time before he said, "Not all the experts of my Cloudrest Continent's younger generation are spineless like him."

Chen Xi smiled and didn't speak any further. He removed the silver fish from the fire and tore half of it off before tossing it to Starry, and then he shared some with Lie Bingham.

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Starry held it in his mouth and couldn't be bothered about whether it was hot or not before starting to chew on it. Glistening oil flowed from Starry's mouth while he indulged in eating the fish, and he seemed as if he'd never had such a tasty delicacy.

After he finished eating, he started looking eagerly at Chen Xi.

Chen Xi had no other choice. He tossed over the piece of fish in his hand to Starry, and then he stood up and walked over to the stream to capture a few more silver fish. These fish grew in the Immortal Dimension. They possessed a tender texture and contained dense Immortal Energy. It was smooth and wonderful on the palate when roasted.

When he saw Chen Xi starting to roast more fish, Starry happily rubbed his head against Chen Xi with an intimate and delighted expression.

Chen Xi patted Starry on the head and said to himself, One more little fellow that possesses the potential to be a glutton... I wonder what A'Man, Bai Kui, and Ling Bai will think when they see Starry.

Lie Bingham tasted it and clicked his tongue with praise. "How tasty! Fellow Daoist's attainments in the Culinary Dao is even superior to those grandmaster spirit chefs."

Chen Xi shrugged. Grandmaster spirit chefs? I was already a grandmaster spirit chef a long time ago at the Dark Reverie's Taotie City...

"Since you intend to register yourself at Dao Emperor Academy, I presume you have a good understanding of the situation in Valiant Star Continent?" asked Chen Xi abruptly.

"Yes, I travelled through Valiant Star Continent a few years ago. It really deserves to be one of the four great continents. Sects are numerous like the trees in a forest while experts are many like the clouds in the sky, and it's like a paradise in the Immortal Dimension. The other continents are simply like the barren countryside compared to it." When he mentioned Valiant Star Continent, Lie Bingham's expression couldn't help but reveal a wisp of burning yearning and desire, and he wasn't stingy with his praise at all.

Chen Xi couldn't help but feel a wisp of anticipation when he heard this, and he nodded as he said, "Once I kill those fellows, I'll see exactly what sort of prosperous place Valiant Star Continent is."

Lie Bingham hesitated for a moment and said, "Fellow Daoist, can you bring me along?"

Chen Xi laughed lightheartedly. "Of course."

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That night, Chen Xi sat cross-legged on the ground while regulating his breathing in meditation.

He stood up when dawn arrived, and as he sensed the extremely abundant vital energy within his body, he said immediately, "Come, let's head to Valiant Star Continent!"

He didn't mention the Void Guard or the Cloudlight Bridge, and he seemed to have already placed his target on Valiant Star Continent. This indirectly proved that the obstruction all along the way wasn't able to obstruct Chen Xi's resolution.

Lie Bingham's expression turned solemn as he stood up.

Both of them immediately stopped hesitating, and they flashed towards the depths of God Trove Mountain Range.

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"He's finally here..." Before the Cloudlight Bridge, Lu Chen who sat cross-legged in meditation suddenly opened his eyes. Violet light surged from his eyes and seemed to pass through the layer upon layer of space to view everything in the extreme distance.

His clothes fluttered as he stood up, and his tall and handsome figure was like a spear that could hold up the heavens. He stood before the Cloudlight Bridge, and he seemed to emanate the peerless courage of being able to hold off all the enemy forces by himself.

At the same time, the other three Void Guards stood up as well, and the vital energy in their bodies rose steadily. The rage and killing intent that had accumulated in their hearts during these past few days surged throughout their bodies, causing them to seem like weapons of slaughter that had left their sheathes!

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Two rays of light tore through the sky and tore open the clouds. They drifted down to a mountain peak that was 30km away from Lu Chen and the others, and it was precisely Chen Xi and Lie Bingham.

Chen Xi looked towards the distance in silence, and he said casually, "I'll deal with Lu Chen later. You only have to persist for ten minutes."

"Alright!" Lie Bingham nodded with a solemn, resolute, and murderous expression.

Chen Xi glanced at Lie Bingham, and he couldn't help but smile when he saw Lie Bingham was slightly anxious, then confidence suffused Chen Xi's handsome face.

Lie Bingham seemed to be affected by this, and he seemed to become much more relaxed.

“Ten minutes?” Right at this moment, the distant Lu Chen smiled lightly with an indifferent and composed expression. “Looks like advancing into the Mysterious Immortal Realm caused you to be much more confident.”

Chen Xi casually withdrew the Talisman Armament and pointed it at Lu Chen from afar before he said, “You’ll know whether I’m confident or not after I give it a try.”

As he spoke, a peerlessly fierce imposing aura suddenly swarmed out from within his body, and it shot into the nine heavens. It crushed the clouds in an expanse of 5,000km, and it even caused space to drone.

Lu Chen’s eyes narrowed while his violet pupils surged with the glow of lightning and flickered with a cold and ghastly sheen. “A very good imposing aura. It wouldn’t take long for a figure like you to be able to be ranked in the top hundred of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. Unfortunately, God Trove Mountain Range will be your burial grounds today.”

When he finished speaking the last word, an indescribable aura of slaughter rumbled from Lu Chen’s body, and he was like a weapon of slaughter in the depths of an abyss that had left its sheath. The terrifying aura of slaughter caused the originally clear sky to be covered by a layer of dense haze.

Bang!

Lu Chen rose into the air while his clothed fluttered. At this moment, he who was originally calm had an icy cold and indifferent expression, his long hair fluttered, and his eyes surged with violet light while he emanated an oppressive imposing aura annihilation.

“I heard that Zuoqiu Kong’s Void Guard has a total of sixty four members, I presume you’re one of the top existences amongst them?” Chen Xi straightened his clothes and walked up the sky step by step, and then he stood in confrontation with Lu Chen from afar.

Zuoqiu Kong!

The Void Guard!

Lie Binghan was shocked in his heart when he heard this. He finally understood that these freaks that had locked down the Cloudlight Bridge actually came from the Zuoqiu Clan!

“I can’t be considered to be one of the top existences, yet I’m sufficient to kill you.” Lu Chen spoke indifferently. As he spoke, a sword had appeared in his hand. The sword was clear like the sky, and it faintly surged with a layer of the aura of bright and clear flames.

The character autumn ‘秋’ was formed the characters of ‘禾’ and ‘火’. The character ‘禾’ represented wood while the character ‘火’ represented fire. This sword contained the elements of wood and fire, and it nurtured a great murderous aura. It was a supreme weapon of slaughter passed down within the Zuoqiu Clan, and it was at the high-rank of the Cosmic Immortal Grade!

“Kill me? You’re unworthy, Zuoqiu Kong is unworthy, the entire Zuoqiu Clan is similarly unworthy!” Amidst his indifferent and piercingly cold voice, Chen Xi flashed while the Talisman Armament swept out like a river of stars that carried a myriad of layers of powerful waves as it slashed down.

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Chen Xi's sword that soared through the sky caused the battle to erupt!

Lu Chen flicked the blade of his sword with his finger, causing it to emanate a droning and clear sword howl. In the next moment, he'd moved to greet Chen Xi in battle.

As another sword cultivator and a member of the Void Guard that were born for slaughter, he naturally had to advance courageously. How could he possibly receive Chen Xi's attacks passively?

Om!

Lu Chen's Sword Dao was like a rustling autumn breeze. It was cold, murderous, and filled with an emotionless aura. Everywhere his blade pointed, space seemed like a rag that was easily torn into pieces.

On the other hand, Chen Xi's Sword Dao was like a surging river of stars, like a myriad of roiling waves. It contained the Laws of Water, and it enveloped the heavens and the earth, transforming it into an ocean.

Bang!

The two of them collided in midair and caused a myriad of fine sword lights to erupt from it. A terrifying wave of air swept towards the surroundings, and it crushed the land in an area of 5,000km and caused the heavens, earth, and space to tremble. It transformed the area into an expanse of desolation.

This place was their battlefield. No matter if it was Lie Binghan or the three Void Guards, all of them didn't dare approach it in the slightest!

The impetus of their battle was too terrifying. Once they were swept within it, then even if the Chen Xi and Lu Chen didn't act against them, the aftershock of the battle wasn't something they were able to endure.

This caused those three Void Guards to finally come to a complete understanding. The target they were pursuing this time had actually grown to a state of being able to go against Commander Lu Chen!

Swish!

Lie Binghan remained indifferent towards all of this. The space between his brows was filled with a murderous expression, and he held a dark black colored spear that was over 3m long. The tip of the spear danced about in midair and erupted with a myriad of spear shadows that shot towards the three Void Guards.

As the existence that was ranked at the top of Cloudrest Continent's Continental Ascensio Rankings, perhaps he wasn't a match for any one of the Void Guards, yet he was confident in being able to persist for ten minutes without dying!

After all, for the sake of entering Dao Emperor Academy, he didn't have a path of retreat any longer. So what else could he do?

He could only fight with his life on the line!

So he was fearless and his battle intent blazed.

This was a form of confidence towards Chen Xi, and it was his resolution to be ready to risk everything and fight!

Those three Void Guards seemed to have received Lu Chen's instructions as well, and they targeted Lie Bingham. Perhaps they were unwilling to admit that they were inferior to Chen Xi, yet they were very confident in being able to annihilate Lie Bingham!

Because they'd fought Lie Bingham a day ago, and they still clearly remembered the scene of him fleeing, so how could they take him seriously?

At this moment, when they saw Lie Bingham actually wanted to give his life away with Chen Xi, these three Void Guards immediately revealed cold smiles before they attacked jointly.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

For a time, the area before the Cloudlight Bridge transformed into a violent battlefield. The heavens and the earth were in chaos, and the ferocious beasts and living beings in an area of a few tens of thousands of kilometers in the vicinity were terrified. They either fled hastily or shivered as they knelt on the ground while tears trickled from their eyes, and it seemed as if doomsday had arrived.

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Bang!

Chen Xi was calm as the Talisman Armament slashed out in all directions, and he repeatedly resisted Lu Chen's attacks in a composed manner while naturally revealing an imposing aura of supremacy.

For the sake of passing through Cloudlight Bridge, he'd seized every moment of time in the last few days to temper himself, and he'd obtained the true inheritance of the Master of the Manor, the 'Infinite Divine Talisman,' allowing him to comprehend the profundities of the 'Sword of Water.'

It was a supreme inheritance that contained the aura of 'infinite.' It had deduced the Laws of Water to the limit, and it perfectly merged within Chen Xi's sword moves, so how could its might be compared to any other sword move?

Not to mention Chen Xi wasn't an expert at the Heavenly Immortal Realm any longer, and he was a Mysterious Immortal! When he advanced into the Mysterious Immortal Realm, he even revealed the scene of stars swaying beneath the veil of the eternal night. He was standing at the top amongst his peers a long time ago.

Even if he was to face Yin Miaomiao now, Chen Xi was confident in being able to kill her!

But his opponent at this moment was extremely formidable as well. Moreover, not to mention Lu Chen's high-rank Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifact, Thousand Autumn Sword, merely Lu Chen's combat strength wasn't something an ordinary Mysterious Immortal Realm expert could compare to.

In other words, Lu Chen's combat strength could be ranked at the top amongst all the Mysterious Immortal Realm experts in the Immortal Dimension, and he was even more formidable than experts of

the younger generation that were ranked in the top ten on the Continental Ascensio Rankings of the various continents.

This obviously showed how much effort and resources the Zuoqiu Clan had used up when establishing the Void Guard, and only a great clan like the Zuoqiu Clan might be capable of fostering such freaks.

But Chen Xi wasn't afraid.

In terms of cultivation, his extraordinarily deep foundation had already made up for the distance between him and Lu Chen.

In terms of Immortal Artifacts, even though the Thousand Autumn Sword was a high-rank Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifact, yet Lu Chen was obviously only capable of bringing forth less than 70% of its might. After all, the might of a Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifact could only be fully exerted when in the hands of a Golden Immortal.

This was an iron law of the Immortal Dimension. The ordinary, Darkspirit, Cosmic, Valiant, and Void Grades of Immortal Artifacts respectively corresponded to the Heavenly Immortal, Mysterious Immortal, Golden Immortal, Saint Immortal, and Immortal King Realms of cultivation.

Even if those with weak cultivations were able to obtain a Void Grade Immortal Artifact, it would be impossible to exert its might. It was like a child holding a sharp sword was unable to defeat a robust man that was barehanded.

Chen Xi became clearly aware of this when he fought Liang Bing. Liang Bing's Silverlight Shuttle was a top-rank Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifact, yet she lost to him in the end.

So perhaps the quality of Thousand Autumn Sword surpassed the Talisman Armament by more than a single rank, yet Chen Xi didn't care because he was able to completely exert the might of the Talisman Armament, whereas Lu Chen was obviously unable to perfectly utilize the Thousand Autumn Sword.

As for the Sword Dao...

There was no need to compare them. Perhaps Lu Chen could fight Chen Xi equally before he comprehended the 'Sword of Water,' yet now, it was impossible for him to compare to Chen Xi.

Bang!

Lu Chen attacked once more, yet it was easily dealt with by Chen Xi.

This caused Lu Chen's expression to slowly grow heavy while his violet pupils repeatedly flickered with a divine glow, and his attacks became even more violent, fierce, and swift.

"Thousand Autumn Mortis!" Lu Chen's executed a horizontal slash that was like a whistling and murderous autumn breeze, and it seized the vitality of everything! The Laws of Wood within it revealed the phenomenon of the change between flourishing and withering, life and death.

The nearby space started to rustle, shatter, and drop down like withered falling leaves, and its vitality had been completely severed.

Chen Xi struck with his sword as well. Waves arose in endless succession and blocked this sword strike that contained the terrifying might of withering, and then he said calmly, "Is that all?"

Is that all?

It was merely three words, yet it carried an oppressive questioning force, and it was even more like a silent form of mocking.

Lu Chen's expression remained indifferent as before, and only the violet light that surged within his eyes revealed that he wasn't as calm as he seemed on the surface.

The facts were indeed so. Earlier, he'd already taken Chen Xi to be an extremely outstanding opponent, yet once he really crossed swords with Chen Xi, he understood that he'd underestimated the combat strength this kid possessed!

It was even to the extent that he wondered how this fellow was an even greater freak than himself! After all, they were only able to grow to their current state from receiving the most brutal tempering since they were young.

Even though he thought like this in his heart, Lu Chen's movements weren't sluggish in the slightest, and he attacked even more violently and ferociously instead. His Thousand Autumn Sword thoroughly displayed its desolate and murderous aura while the technique of the transformation between flourishing and withering was executed to the extreme.

Lu Chen was even confident in being able to kill existences in the top hundred of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings under such attacks!

But obviously, all of this was useless against Chen Xi.

Chen Xi's sword moves were too terrifying. Even though they merely contained the Laws of Water, they seemed to have attained a supreme, profound, and perfect realm in the essence, aura, and energy of water.

Lu Chen was truly unable to imagine how Chen Xi who possessed such a low cultivation and had only ascended to the Immortal Dimension for a short period of time could possibly attain such a terrifying height in the Laws.

Bang!

They collided once more, and they were still equally matched.

But this time, a wisp of piercingly cold killing intent coiled onto the space between Chen Xi's brows, and he said lightly, "You'll perish beneath my sword within three moves!"

Three moves? Lu Chen seemed as if he'd heard a joke, and he was completely infuriated as he said coldly, "I'll be waiting to see that happen."

At the same time, the vital energy in his body rumbled, and it seemed as if a primeval ferocious beast had awakened within his body. His imposing aura rose explosively once more, and it was an entire thirty percent stronger than before.

Obviously, he'd utilized some sort of secret technique that stimulated the potential hidden within his body.

Chen Xi glanced out of the corner of his eye and noticed that Lie Bingham was already encircled by the three Void Guards in the distance and his figure was dyed in blood and faintly showed signs of being unable to hold on.

This caused Chen Xi to not dare hesitate any longer.

Om!

The Talisman Armament emanated a clear howl that shot into the sky, and it was like a shocking wave that shot into the sky and resounded in the world.

"Dreamlike Drizzle!" Chen Xi spat out two words in a light voice while his actions suddenly became gentle. The edge of his sword seemed as if it had merged into spring breeze, and it produced countless strands of sword qi that were fine like the hairs on an ox.

The sword qi was like a misty drizzle that floated through the heavens and the earth, and it was blurry and obscure like a gentle dream.

But when these strands of sword qi drifted through the sky, the space, mountains, heavens, and earth... Everything was easily torn into pieces by these strands of fierce and swift sword qi that were condensed to the extreme.

Lu Chen's pupils constricted abruptly as he felt extreme danger, and it caused the vital energy in his entire body to shrink back while he felt a chill run down his spine.

He didn't dare hesitate, he gritted his teeth and slashed down with his sword. His sword move tore through the sky like a gale that swept through the nine heavens, a gale of autumn wind that swept away the fallen leaves, and it intended to sweep away the drizzle that covered the sky.

Pu! Pu! Pu!

Muffled and fine sounds of collision rose and fell, yet the drizzle formed from sword qi didn't disperse. It still floated gently in the sky, and it seemed to move slowly, yet it was actually fast to the point it seemed dreamlike.

Swish!

Lu Chen's face turned grim as he dodged repeatedly. He'd just dodged the veil of rain formed from sword qi that covered the sky and didn't even have the chance to heave a sigh of relief when he felt a piercing pain on his face, and then a strand of scarlet red blood flowed.

"Dammit!" Lu Chen emanated a low and deep voice from the depths of his throat.

"Cloudwave Destruction!" Before his previous move could disperse completely, Chen Xi slashed once more. As soon as the sword qi appeared, the sound of waves of clouds roiling suddenly rumbled throughout the heavens and the earth, and then strands of sword qi descended like layer upon layer of cloud waves.

At this moment, clouds gathered from all over while the weather changed. Extremely powerful Laws of Water rumbled down from the sky, and they seemed to intend to crush the heavens and the earth into pieces!

This... Lu Chen's face turned pale because this strike was even more terrifying than the 'Dreamlike Drizzle' from before, and it fully displayed the ability of water to condense and the boundless might of water!

Dammit! How could such an inheritance in the Sword Dao exist in the world? Lu Chen was able to sense that the aura of danger grew stronger and stronger, and it caused his hairs to stand on end. He didn't dare hesitate and grit his teeth tightly, and he actually didn't dodge but counterattacked with his sword instead!

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Lu Chen was very well aware that if Chen Xi's strike were to descend, then even with his strength and even if he was able to resist it, he would probably suffer a heavy injury.

Instead of that, it was better for him to take the initiative to counterattack as perhaps he would be able to find a way out with while putting his life on the line!

Swoosh!

The Thousand Autumn Sword tore through the sky while the blade of the sword surged with boundless strands of desolate sword qi. At the same time, strands of translucent and flickering flames drifted out from within the blade of the sword, and it melted and burned numerous holes in space.

This strike was called Thousand Autumn Flames!

Wood supported the might of fire, and it blazed the skies!

Similarly, this was Lu Chen's trump card. When he was in the Zuoqiu Clan, an elder of the Zuoqiu Clan that possessed extraordinary attainments in the sword had once evaluated this move as 'the destruction of the years in fire.'

Rumble!

This strike collided with Chen Xi's surging waves of clouds that descended from the sky. One was fire, the other water, and both of them were supreme sword moves. When they collided at this moment, the chaotic flow created by it collapsed, shattered, and destroyed the clouds in an area of 50,000km, and it transformed into numerous horrifying black holes that swept madly in all directions.

Pu!

Lu Chen suddenly spat out a mouthful of blood while paleness flashed on his face. Obviously, he'd suffered backlash from this strike. He raised his eyes to look at Chen Xi, and he noticed to his horror that this strike hadn't injured Chen Xi in the slightest!

How could this be possible?

Even those three Void Guards who were besieging Lie Binghan noticed this scene, especially when they saw Lu Chen spit out a mouthful of blood, it shocked them to the point their hearts trembled.

After all, amongst the sixty four Void Guards, Lu Chen's strength was sufficient to be ranked in the top five. According to Zuoqiu Kong, Lu Chen's strength was sufficient to be ranked in the top fifty of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. Moreover, when Lu Chen advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, it was very likely for Lu Chen to become another figure that rose gradually like a blazing sun in the Immortal Dimension!

Yet now, Lu Chen had actually lost to a little fellow that had just ascended into the Immortal Dimension!

Lie Binghan's spirits were refreshed instead when he saw this scene. Presently, he was covered in injuries while his aura was extremely weak. He'd been holding on bitterly all along, so noticing this scene was undoubtedly like a pill of confidence that caused his fighting will to rise greatly once more.

"Boundless Ocean!" At the same time, Chen Xi's expression became solemn as he stood in midair with his sword in hand. The Talisman Armament slanted as an indescribably vast and powerful aura rumbled out from its tip!

In the next instant, the sky transformed into an ocean!

Boundlessly vast tidal waves surged, covered the sky, and blotted out the sun. It seemed like an ocean in the air was descending, and the water droplets, streams of water, and spindrifts were formed from water element sword qi that was profound to the extreme.

It converged in midair to form an expanse of an ocean formed from sword qi, a sea of sword qi!

At this moment, the rivers, lakes, swamps, and even the water element energy in the heavens and the earth within an area of 500,000km started surging and howling. All of it swarmed over as if it was cheering and paying tribute to the supreme Law!

This vast phenomenon could be described as world shocking.

Lu Chen's expression instantly turned ghastly pale while his Dao Heart shook violently, and his pupils constricted. He didn't dare believe that such a shocking sword strike would have actually been executed by someone at the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm!

He wanted to dodge, yet the wavy blue ocean and chaotic flow of water was everywhere his eyes could see, and he was utterly unable to avoid it.

It seemed as if he'd become a piece of duckweed floating on a surging ocean! Most importantly, the ocean was formed from water element sword qi!

At this moment, Lu Chen finally understood why Chen Xi dared boast that he wouldn't be able to survive three moves. Merely this attack had caused Lu Chen to be moved, shocked, and arouse despair in his heart!

He was indeed born for slaughter and received the most brutal training in the world, yet when he really faced death, he was unable to control his feelings at all.

As they say, death was the greatest terror in the world!

Even supreme sages and great figures were unable to escape the limits of death, let alone an existence at the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm.

“NO!!!” Lu Chen turned around like a madman while the Thousand Autumn Sword in his hand transformed into a myriad of sword lights that descended like the desolate autumn, and it intended to break through the ocean and allow him to find a slim chance of survival.

Yes, he wanted to flee, he wanted to report everything that happened here to the Young Master, and he wanted all the Void Guards to understand that the target this time was absolutely not as simple as they imagined.

Conversely, the target was a freak in the Sword Dao, a freak that was even more abnormal than any one of them!

Rumble!

A tide arose in the ocean and formed nine layers before the surging and violent sword qi crushed through space as it swept towards Lu Chen.

Lu Chen’s attack was like a rock that was tossed into a lake, and it only caused a splash before it was swallowed by the ocean and vanished without a trace.

“NO!!!” Lu Chen roared furiously at the top of his voice while revealing a savage expression, and he’d lost his composure from before. He instead seemed like a trapped beast that had fallen into a hopeless situation, and he was terrified and furious to the extreme.

He struggled with all his might. Boundless and terrifying might surged out from within his body as he intended to detonate himself in order to take Chen Xi down with him.

Unfortunately, this actions that was normally extremely simple to accomplish seemed extraordinarily difficult at this moment because his vital energy and even every single pore on his body was terrified and imprisoned by the Laws of Water.

Water was all pervasive!

This was naturally a type of the Laws of Water, and coupled with Chen Xi had taken precautions against Lu Chen detonating himself since the beginning, how could Lu Chen possibly have the chance to detonate himself?

Bang!

In the next moment, the ocean rumbled and drowned Lu Chen...

When the ocean vanished, Lu Chen’s figure was nowhere to be found. Obviously, his entire body had been destroyed and obliterated within the ocean formed by the ‘Sword of Water!’

Chen Xi heaved a sigh of relief in his heart when he saw this scene, and then an unhealthy flush of red flashed on his face for a moment. This attack, Boundless Ocean, was the strongest attack within the ‘Sword of Water’ that he’d comprehended.

It was powerful and boundlessly vast. The Immortal Force it consumed was extraordinary as well. With Chen Xi's foundation that was extremely thick, he was still almost unable to endure it.

Fortunately, he had the assistance of the Dark Parasol Sapling, and it supported him in completing this strike.

"Senior Brother Lu Chen!"

"Dammit! Why..."

"No!"

Instantly, the eyes of those three Void Guards besieging Lie Bingham almost split apart when they saw this scene, and they were both terrified and furious to the limit. All of them didn't dare believe their eyes, and they didn't dare believe that their Senior Brother Lu Chen would actually die at Chen Xi's hand!

"Come! No matter what, we must report this matter..." One of the Void Guards quickly recovered from his shock, and he immediately roared furiously with a grim voice. But before he could finish speaking, he heard the sound of blood spraying resound as a wisp of sword qi soared through the sky and severed his head.

"Bastard! I'll kill you if it's the last thing I do!"

At this moment, the other two Void Guards recovered from their shock as well. One of them roared furiously before charging at Chen Xi, and the other turned around and flashed towards the distance instead.

Under this situation of extreme danger, they still maintained this sort of cooperation, and one of them intended to stop Chen Xi while the other fled so that they could report everything that happened here. They were indeed able to look down upon most experts that were their peers.

Unfortunately, they'd encountered Chen Xi this time, an existence that was a greater freak than them.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

With merely two slashes of the sword, both these Void Guards whose will to fight had collapsed were killed. They perished on the spot, and Chen Xi's casual appearance seemed as if he was crushing two ants.

This was the outcome that came from their will to fight having collapsed.

Once one lost their will to fight, one was like a tiger that had its teeth pulled out, a lion that was aging, and one didn't possess anymore deterrent force.

At this point, all twelve Void Guards had been annihilated by Chen Xi!

It was also at this moment that Chen Xi finally heaved a long sigh of relief and started panting rapidly without end. Lu Chen had given him great pressure in this battle, and he felt it was fortunate that all of this had ended now.

Under the assistance of the Dark Parasol Sapling, Chen Xi had recovered by a great deal in merely a short moment, and he didn't hesitate to clean up the battlefield.

Even though Lu Chen and the others had perished, all the Immortal Artifacts in their possessions were rare and top quality Immortal Artifacts from the Zuoqiu Clan. Even if Chen Xi had no use of them, they could be exchanged for a shocking amount of wealth.

During this entire process, Lie Binghan stood there while staring blankly as he was shocked speechless.

The battle from before was absolutely the greatest battle he'd encountered since he started cultivating, and it exceeded his imagination. Moreover, it moved him greatly as well.

This was the broadening of one's horizons. If one stayed at a single place, then one's horizons and ambition would be limited to this expanse of the world, and one wouldn't know that there was a greater figure or a higher mountain in the outside.

This was the reason Lie Binghan was willing to risk his life in order to enter Dao Emperor Academy. It was because Dao Emperor Academy was the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension, and it was situated at one of the four most flourishing continents in the Immortal Dimension!

Only by cultivating there would he be able to discover the true top forces of the Immortal Dimension!

"Unfortunately, besides some treasures used in battle, they actually didn't carry any storage treasures..." After he finished clearing up the battlefield, Chen Xi couldn't help but shake his head as he looked at the high-rank Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifact and three top-rank Darkspirit Grade Immortal Artifacts in hand, and then he couldn't help but smile when he saw Lie Binghan was still standing there while staring blankly.

"Let's go, so as to avoid any mishaps from occurring." Chen Xi shouted at Lie Binghan before transforming into a wisp of flowing light that charged towards the Cloudlight Bridge.

"Oh." Lie Binghan seemed as if he'd awakened from a dream. He turned around to look at the expanse of 50,000km that was covered in desolation, and he couldn't help but smack his lips before turning around to follow behind Chen Xi.

He knew that this scene from today was bound to be branded within his memory, and he would never be able to forget it.

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Zuoqiu City, the Zuoqiu Clan.

Crack!

The sound of shattering resounded as Zuoqiu Kong who drink tea beneath the ancient tree opened his eyes, and he withdrew a shattered Soulfate Tablet from within his pocket and looked silently at it for a long time.

"They've failed? They didn't even have the chance to send news back to me..." Zuoqiu Kong muttered while his clear and handsome face was gradually covered in a layer of ice.

Zuoqiu Ke sat facing him, and she put down the tea cup in her hand as her eyes opened wide while she asked. "Big Brother, you mean Lu Chen and the others are all dead?"

Zuoqiu Kong took a deep breath to forcefully restrain the wisp of agitation that arose in his heart, and he nodded. "They should be."

Zuoqiu Ke's brows knit together as she said, "Since it's like this, then we'll send more people to continue pursuing Chen Xi. Lu Chen and the others were top Sacrificial Soldiers that the clan paid a great price to foster, and they were supposed to assist Big Brother in inheriting the position of Patriarch in the future. The loss of every single one of them is comparable to the loss of a Valiant Grade Immortal Artifact!"

Zuoqiu Kong shook his head and sighed. "It's too late."

"Why?" Zuoqiu Ke stared was stunned.

Zuoqiu Kong lightly spat out four words. "The Valiant Star Restriction!"

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Autumn Plain Continent.

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Two rays of light tore through the sky and flew towards the distance. It was exactly Chen Xi and Lie Bingham.

After passing through the Cloudlight Bridge, the both of them were worried that a mishap would occur while they took teleportation formations, so they could only rush forward with all their strength because so long as they arrived at Crimsonphant City of Autumn Plain Continent, then they would be able to rely on the teleportation formation there to arrive at Valiant Star Continent in one go!

They travelled silently, and they made the best use of their time to silently recover their strength.

The battle with Lu Chen and the others earlier had caused Lie Bingham to suffer a heavy injury, and his strength was on the verge of drying up. Even though Chen Xi didn't suffer any injury, he similarly needed to spend some time to recover as his Immortal Force had been exhausted by too much.

Chen Xi silently summarized the experience he obtained from the battle as he flew forward.

Dreamlike Drizzle.

Cloudwave Destruction.

Boundless Ocean.

These three moves were the quintessence of the inheritance of the 'Sword of Water' that Chen Xi had comprehended.

Dreamlike Drizzle was sharp and slaughterous. Once it was executed, a myriad of strands of sword qi would condense to the limit, and it would seem to be dreamlike and indistinct, yet it was actually filled with offensive might.

Cloudwave Destruction emphasized on crushing, and it possessed the supreme imposing aura of a dark cloud bearing down on a city to crush it. It vividly displayed the crushing and powerful force of the Laws of Water.

On the other hand, Boundless Ocean emphasized on trapping and killing! Sword qi transformed into an ocean that covered the sky and blotted out the sun, and it enveloped everything. Once the enemy fell into it, then the enemy wouldn't be able to escape any longer.

At the same time, this move was the strongest move in the 'Sword of Water,' and the word boundless was sufficient to prove how vast and formidable this move was.

To Chen Xi's regret, these three moves were merely moves he'd discovered himself, and they could at most be considered as the 'Sword of Water' being dismantled into three.

If he was able to perfectly merge these three moves, then its might would absolutely not be merely double its current might!

Once I enter the Dao Emperor Academy, I must completely comprehend the 'Sword of Water' as only in this way would I be able to obtain another inheritance from the world of stars. Like the Sword of Fire, Sword of Metal, Sword of Wood... Chen Xi pondered silently as he flew forward.

The Infinite Divine Talisman within the world of stars was extremely special, and he was only able to comprehend a second inheritance from it after he'd attained perfection in a Grand Dao Law.

Just like this moment, even if he entered the world of stars and saw an inheritance in the Infinite Divine Talisman, it would still be the Sword of Water. This was like a barrier, and only by flawlessly grasping the Sword of Water would he be able to surmount this barrier and obtain another inheritance.

Besides that, I've already advanced into the Mysterious Immortal Realm now, so the amount of the energy of the Laws I can condense isn't limited by my cultivation any longer. Thus, I must take some time to condense the Grand Dao profundities of star, obliteration, eternal, creation, and the others into the energy of the Laws. At that time, my combat strength would only grow stronger... Chen Xi took a deep breath while strong confidence welled up in his heart.

He knew that so long as he entered Dao Emperor Academy, then the situation he was in wouldn't be so difficult as it was before. Conversely, he only had to cultivate silently in Dao Emperor Academy, and his hope of accomplishing his objectives would grow greater and greater!

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Lie Bingham who silently regulated his breathing and recuperated all along the way suddenly rose his head, and he pointed towards the distance as he said, "Brother Chen, look, that's Crimsonphant City. We'll be able to arrive at Valiant Star Continent in one go from the teleportation formation there!"

Chen Xi raised his head to look. Sure enough, he saw that in the depths of the sea of clouds in the distance, he was faintly able to see the outline of a majestic city.

"So long as we arrive at Valiant Star Continent, then even if the entire forces of the Zuoqiu Clan are deployed, it will be impossible for them to harm us in the slightest!" Lie Bingham spoke with extreme confidence.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he seemed to have thought of something and said with sudden understanding, "The Valiant Star Restriction?"

Lie Binghan's eyes glowed brilliantly and revealed a wisp of yearning as he said, "Exactly, the Valiant Star Restriction. That's a restriction set up personally by the Valiant Star Immortal King, and it covers every inch of space in Valiant Star Continent. It can compare to the Laws of the Heaven Dao!"

As he spoke, he couldn't help but brim with praise, respect, and admiration.

Chen Xi understood this very well. According to his knowledge, the Valiant Star Restriction was indeed no different to the Laws of the Heaven Dao, and it was a great accomplishment of the Valiant Star Immortal King. Just thinking about it caused one to exclaim with admiration.

During the three months of time that Dao Emperor Academy was recruiting, this restriction would be activated in the entire Valiant Star Continent, and the reason was to protect the experts of the younger generation that had entered Valiant Star Continent with the intention of registering to be tested at Dao Emperor Academy.

During that period, if anyone dared to make a move against the experts of the younger generation in Valiant Star Continent, then they would be directly annihilated by the Valiant Star Restrictions. Unless that person was an Immortal King Realm expert, otherwise no one was capable of escaping the might of the Valiant Star Restriction.

This obviously showed how the entire Valiant Star Continent valued the recruitment held by Dao Emperor Academy, and since it was capable of asking an Immortal King to set up a restriction, it was clear how extraordinary the status of Dao Emperor Academy was. It was indeed worthy of being the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension!

As they chatted, both of them arrived at Crimsonphant City, and they didn't waste any time here before heading directly towards the teleportation formation in the city.

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There was a huge crowd of people before the teleportation formation, and it was bustling clamorously.

When Chen Xi and Lie Binghan arrived here, they saw that the area before the teleportation formation was tightly packed with a dense mass of immortals that were waiting here, and it seemed extremely noisy.

Chen Xi couldn't help but frown slightly when he saw this scene. The teleportation formation could only transport a hundred people at a time, and it was only activated three times a day. So, based on the situation here, it wouldn't be their turn even after three days had passed.

Lie Binghan laughed lightly at the side. "Because the recruitment held by Dao Emperor Academy drew the attention of the 4,900 continents in the entire Immortal Dimension, countless immortals have come over from all over for the sake of witnessing this grand event."

Chen Xi said, "It's only a recruitment of disciples, why would it be described as a grand event?"

Lie Binghan looked at Chen Xi with a surprised expression, and when he explained swiftly when he saw Chen Xi was really unaware. "Brother Chen, there's something you're unaware of. The recruitment held

by Dao Emperor Academy is a matter of top priority in the Immortal Dimension. At that time, the top figures of all the top powers in the Immortal Dimension, Buddha Dimension, and Dragon Dimension would gather in Valiant Star Continent.”

He paused for a moment and continued. “Simply speaking, those great figures that were usually mentioned in legends, famous outstanding geniuses, and even the living beings from the clans that came from various mysterious regions would make an appearance in Valiant Star Continent. How could such a grand event be seen at any other time?”

Chen Xi came to a slight understanding and nodded.

He wasn’t really interested towards all of this, and he just wanted to arrive at Dao Emperor Academy as soon as possible.

To Chen Xi’s surprise, the teleportation formation in Crimsonphant City wasn’t just activated three times a day, and batch after batch of people were teleported successively.

Obviously, the Immortal Monarch’s Estate had considered the appearance of such a situation and had made an exception.

This allowed Chen Xi to feel at ease. He was very well aware that it was because the reputation of Dao Emperor Academy was too great, and it was currently the academy’s recruitment period, so the Immortal Monarch’s Estate acted in this way because it was worried that the limited number of teleportations in a day would delay the experts of the younger generation from registering themselves at Dao Emperor Academy.

If it was at an ordinary time or if it was another power of the Immortal Dimension, then the Immortal Monarch’s Estate would absolutely not be so ‘considerate.’

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Before long, Chen Xi and Lie Bingham each paid ten thousand immortal stones, and then they entered the teleportation formation before vanishing within it.

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Valiant Stat Continent.

One of the four great continents of the Immortal Dimension.

In the boundless annals of history in Valiant Star Continent, countless leading figures had been born, and they’d played out countless legends. Within Valiant Star Continent, sects were numerous like trees in a forest and experts were many like the clouds, and most importantly, there was even an Immortal King residing here!

Compared to the other three great continents, Valiant Star Continent’s reputation was undoubtedly the greatest. The reason was that an academy that was publicly acknowledged to be the best in the Immortal Dimension resided here — the Dao Emperor Academy!

The most famous rumor in the Immortal Dimension was that the Valiant Star Immortal King was a student of Dao Emperor Academy in the past!

Besides Valiant Star Immortal King, there was no lack of other great figures in the top powers throughout the four great continents that had cultivated in Dao Emperor Academy.

Moreover, every single time Dao Emperor Academy recruited, it wouldn't just draw over the top experts of the younger generation in the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension, even formidable living beings from the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Dimension, the clans of the sea, and so on and so forth would be drawn over as well.

This obviously showed that how deep and long-standing the resources, reserves, and inheritance of Dao Emperor Academy was.

There were a total of 130,000 cities in Valiant Star Continent, and it was boundlessly vast. It was even more vast than a large world. Dao Emperor Academy was situated within Darkombat City.

Om!

Light flashed within the teleportation formation in Darkombat City, and then a hundred people surged out from within. Shockingly, Chen Xi and Lie Bingham were amongst them.

"Wow! This is Darkombat City!?"

"My god! Look quickly! There're actually numerous strands of divine radiance descending from the sky, and it's beautiful and dreamlike like silk. It's condensed into form from the purest Immortal Energy!"

"Shh! Can you speak softer!?! Don't make others think we're bumpkins!"

As soon as they walked out of the teleportation formation, a wave of clamorous noise assaulted them from ahead, and Chen Xi and Lie Bingham were pushed aside by the crowd.

"They've gone mad!" Lie Bingham shook his head.

Chen Xi smiled and started carefully sizing up the surroundings.

This was an extremely bustling street in Darkombat City, and it was 300m wide. There were ancient buildings on both sides of the streets, and they formed a continuous row along the street.

At this moment, streams of crowds surged through the street, and they rubbed against each other as they moved, causing it to seem bustling and flourishing to the extreme.

Gorgeous divine radiance floated in the sky, and it emanated blazing light that illuminated the entire city. When one stood beneath it, even the air one breathed was filled with pure and thick Immortal Energy!

Everything here seemed like a busy street of the mortal world, yet it was actually a top paradise in the Immortal Dimension. Even with Chen Xi's experience, he couldn't help but be extremely shocked in his heart while residing within the city.

The reason was extremely simple, on one hand it was the grand atmosphere of Darkombat City that was simply extraordinary. But most importantly, it was that during this short period of time since they left the teleportation formation, he'd sensed at least over a hundred obscure and terrifying auras!

Every single one of these auras was at least at the Golden Immortal Realm, and there was even no lack of existences that possessed even higher cultivations!

This was Darkombat City, a city situated in Valiant Star Continent, a city where the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension resided. It was like the most dazzling pearl studded in the Immortal Dimension, and in the countless years of the past until now, Darkombat City drew over countless experts to make a 'pilgrimage' here.

This place will be the place that I, Chen Xi, truly gain a foothold for myself in the Immortal Dimension. As he looked at the streets that bustled with streams of people and sensed the aura of experts that suffused the surroundings, Chen Xi took a deep breath, and his gaze was calm as he silently clenched his fists together tightly.

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Chapter 1116: A Storm Gathers In Darkombat City

Darkombat City was divided into the inner and outer city.

The inner city was where Dao Emperor Academy resided, and no one besides members of Dao Emperor Academy could step foot into it.

The outer city was no different from any other city. There were restaurants, teahouses, stores, and so on and so forth that were arranged in neat rows, and they were flourishing, prosperous, and possessed a superb collection of things.

Something worthy of mention was that even if it was the outer city of Darkombat City, not everyone could reside there. For example, the restaurants and stores mostly had the support of top powers of the four great continents standing behind them.

The recruitment day of Dao Emperor Academy was seven days from now. At that time, the inner city of Darkombat that was usually tightly closed would open its doors and await the arrival of the outstanding talents from all over the Immortal Dimension to participate in Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test.

Those that passed the test would be considered students of Dao Emperor Academy.

Of course, before they registered themselves, the experts of the younger generation from the various continents had to enter the Martial Soul Hall of their respective continents to find their guide.

After that, their guide would lead them to Dao Emperor Academy to participate in the test.

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Chen Xi and Lie Binghan didn't waste time here, and they moved forward along the flourishing street instead. The Martial Soul Halls that belonged to the various continents stood between the inner and outer city, and they were part of the Immortal Court and possessed a special status.

Thus, this area was called the Martial Soul Area.

There was still a very long distance towards the Martial Soul Area, yet they were able to see various ferocious beasts flying through the air while flying beasts soaring with their wings unfolded, and all of them were amazing mounts that carried numerous experts.

“My god! That seems to be a Golden Dracophant of legend. It’s completely made of gold and emanates a holy glow. Its aura is truly shocking!”

“According to legend, the Golden Dracophant is a saint beast of the Buddha Dimension, and it’s comparable to the four divine beasts of the Immortal Dimension. I never expected that I would actually see one here.”

“Look, a solemn and dignified Buddhist Cultivator wearing the vestment of monks with prayer beads on his neck is sitting atop that Dracophant. He’s obviously not an ordinary figure, and he has probably come to register himself to take Dao Emperor Academy’s test.”

“Exactly. Dao Emperor Academy concurrently allows Immortal Sects, Devil Sects, Buddhist Sects, and even the Dragon Clan and the other clans of the sea... The heir of any sect or living being can register for the test, and so long a person passed the test, then that person can become a student of Dao Emperor Academy.”

“How poorly informed! Could it be that you haven’t heard that an innate Buddhist Disciple of the Buddha Dimension, Zhen Lu, intends to register himself for Dao Emperor Academy’s test this time? If I’m not wrong, then Zhen Lu is definitely on that Golden Dracophant.”

“The innate Buddhist Disciple, Zhen Lu! So, it was him!”

In the sky, a Dracophant that emanated a brilliant golden glow flew by, and it caused a wave of clamorous noise to resound.

People from the Buddha Dimension? Chen Xi raised his eyes and looked up. He recalled the Calamity Ward Green Lantern and the Buddha’s Pagoda he possessed. They were both treasures from the Buddha Dimension.

If I have the chance, I have to find some books from the Buddha Dimension to refine these two Buddhist treasures once more... As he pondered, Chen Xi felt apprehensive in his heart as he suddenly noticed a gaze descend onto him. He raised his eyes to look, and he saw that a young man in a crescent colored vestment who possessed a clear appearance and a deep gaze was looking at him from the Golden Dracophant.

The most striking part of the young man was a golden lotus brand that resided between the young monk’s brows, and it emanated a pure and extraordinary aura.

But when Chen Xi’s gaze swept over, the young monk had withdrawn his gaze while the Golden Dracophant vanished in the horizon.

Could that fellow have been Zhen Lu? But why would he pay attention to me? Could it be because of the Calamity Ward Green Lantern? Chen Xi frowned and was slightly puzzled.

Suddenly, a terrifying fluctuation spread through the air as an extremely mighty immortal flying beast with gorgeous wings soared through the sky while carrying over ten women.

“A Fire Phoenix! My god! That’s a pure blooded primeval divine beast, an innate divine beast of fire!”

Roar!!!

A thunderous roar shook the sky. Not long after the fire phoenix left, a completely pure white divine beast with ink black hooves, the head of a lion, whiskers of a dragon, and gushed with a myriad of strands of auspicious light strode over in the sky.

“That, that... That’s a Water Qilin!” A wave of clamorous noise arose on the street.

It was an innate auspicious beast, an auspicious sign, and it was an existence capable of holding down the karmic luck of a sect. Presently, it had actually become a mount that carried numerous young men and women as it flew through the sky.

Chen Xi was stunned, and he was secretly shocked in his heart. These scenes were truly shocking, and those capable of possessing such divine beasts were definitely great powers with extraordinary status.

“No wonder the experts from all over the Immortal Dimension are fighting to come to Darkombat City. Such a spectacular scene like this can only be seen in Darkombat City...” Chen Xi withdrew his gaze and sighed endlessly with emotion.

All along the way, the number of divine beasts and flying beasts grew in number, and every single one of them were extremely terrifying. Some of them were formidable to the extent that merely their aura caused one’s heart to tremble.

Compared to all of those experts that rode on these mounts, Chen Xi and Lie Bingham seemed to be extremely inconspicuous, and they didn’t even have a beast to carry them forward.

“Actually, that Starsoul Beast of yours isn’t inferior to them at all.” Lie Bingham clicked his tongue in admiration as he spoke softly.

Chen Xi smiled. Starry was still an infant, so it attracted too much attention if exposed just like this. Once a great figure was covetous of Starry, then it would be impossible for Chen Xi to protect Starry.

Of course, he could keep Starry at his side at all times once he entered Dao Emperor Academy. After all, he would be a student of Dao Emperor Academy at that time, and merely this identity was sufficient to destroy the greed of others.

“Brother Chen, I’ll be heading to Cloudrest Continent’s Martial Soul Hall.” After they arrived at the Martial Soul Area, Lie Bingham ordered his mood and said, “I, Lie Bingham, will remember your life saving grace, no matter what...”

Chen Xi smiled as he interrupted Lie Bingham. “I only raised a hand, there’s no need to mention it again. I have to head to Southbridge Continent’s Martial Soul Hall as well.”

Lie Bingham took a deep breath and cupped his hands at Chen Xi with a serious expression before he said via voice transmission, “Brother Chen, if you go seek revenge from the Zuoqiu Clan in the future, then count me in!”

As soon as he finished speaking, Lie Bingham turned around and vanished within the sea of people.

This fellow... Chen Xi shook his head, yet he really admired Lie Bingham in his heart because Lie Bingham was clearly aware that the Zuoqiu Clan was his enemy. However, Lie Bingham still dared to speak such words, and this action and courage wasn’t something that anyone could accomplish.

In the next moment, Chen Xi thought no further about this and directly headed towards the distance.

The distribution of the Martial Soul Area was very simple. The Martial Soul Halls of the four great continents were at the center, whereas the Martial Soul Halls of the other continents were distributed in order around the Martial Soul Halls of the four great continents.

“Please display your Martial Soul Token.” A few guards stood before the Martial Soul Area, and one of them spoke upon noticing Chen Xi’s arrival.

Chen Xi immediately passed his Martial Soul Token over.

The guard finished checking Chen Xi’s Martial Soul Token and inquired about Chen Xi’s ranking on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. After he confirmed Chen Xi’s identity, he guided Chen Xi towards Southbridge Continent’s Martial Soul Hall. “The Southbridge Continent’s Martial Soul Hall is situated in the 1,900th building in the northwest.”

“Thank you.” Chen Xi cupped his hands and left swiftly.

“I never expected that there would actually be five people from Southbridge Continent that are ranked in the top thousand positions on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings.” After Chen Xi left, that guard laughed lightly and spoke with a wisp of surprise. “I remember that there were at most three people from Southbridge Continent that were able to be ranked in the top thousand positions of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings in the past.”

“What’s there to be surprised about? The other continents are nothing much compared to the outstanding geniuses of the four great continents.” Another guard spoke indifferently.

“Yeah, that’s true as well. Almost eighty percent of the top thousand experts on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings are from the four great continents, whereas ninety nine of those that pass Dao Emperor Academy’s test are the geniuses from the four great continents. No matter how formidable the younger generation of the other continents are, they’re still inferior to the younger generation of the four great continents in the end.”

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After he entered the Martial Soul Area, it wasn’t clamorous and noisy like the other parts of the city, and numerous ancient buildings stood in rows along the sides of the spacious street.

The Martial Soul Area was a place only the experts of the younger generation ranked in the top thousand of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings could enter, but it wasn’t only these experts who could register themselves for Dao Emperor Academy’s test.

Some experts of the younger generation from the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and so on and so forth similarly had the qualifications to participate in Dao Emperor Academy’s recruitment test.

Chen Xi distinguished the direction and headed directly towards the northwest.

On the way, he saw numerous young geniuses moving through the various Martial Soul Halls. Some of them possessed auras so strong that they were on par with Lu Chen, causing Chen Xi to be extremely surprised.

It was even to the extent that he saw a young man with auras that shot into the sky like rainbows and emanated layer upon layer of the Dao as he moved. He was only at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm, yet his imposing aura was so formidable that it was actually more formidable than Chen Xi when he was at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm!

If such a figure was within the bounds of Southbridge Continent, then he would probably have to hand over the name of 'freak' that he possessed there.

"Hmph!" The young man was full of youthful spirit and cut a heroic figure. He raised his head proudly when he saw Chen Xi notice him, and then he grunted coldly before walking into a grand and ancient building. Surprisingly, it was the Midnight Continent's Martial Soul Hall.

Chen Xi couldn't help but smile when he saw this. He was able to discern that this young man had probably just left the clan he was from. The young man was proud and confident like a newborn calf, yet he emanated an inexperienced aura.

Chen Xi couldn't help but recall Mu Linglong when he saw the words Midnight Continent. She was the cousin sister of one of the six blazing suns, Mu Junlin, and he wondered if she would come to Darkcombat City this time.

As he pondered, Chen Xi moved towards the distance. He didn't notice at all that not long after he left, a young woman in a white dress, with a beautiful appearance, and a delicate and graceful figure walked out from within Midnight Continent's Martial Soul Hall.

It was exactly Mu Linglong!

Unfortunately, it just so happened that both of them slipped by each other, and they were only a moment apart from meeting.

"Hmph! Not to mention Zuoqiu Ke, I don't want to see anyone for now!" Mu Linglong was slightly unwilling, and she pouted her tender cherry lips.

"She came to pay you a visit in the end. Not to mention once you enter Dao Emperor Academy in the future, she might become your classmate. So both of you ought to take care of each other." A tall young man followed Mu Linglong out. He had a casual expression and was peerlessly handsome. Every single move he made revealed an arrogant and cold aura, and it was exactly Mu Junlin! One of the six blazing suns of the Immortal Dimension!

A wisp of a helpless expression couldn't help but suffuse his face as he looked at the angry young woman before him.

"Cousin Brother, go on and leave. Xiaoliu is here already, right? Would anyone in Darkcombat City dare to bully me with him by my side?" Mu Linglong glared at Mu Junlin with an impatient expression.

Mu Junlin laughed bitterly without end.

"Big Brother Junlin, go ahead. I'm enough to take care of Big Sister Linglong." A young man ran over and spoke casually. He was exactly the handsome young man at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm that Chen Xi had noticed earlier.

Mu Junlin thought for a moment before he nodded and said, "Alright. Many seniors of our Mu Clan are teachers in Dao Emperor Academy. Both of you can go look for them if you encounter any trouble."

When he spoke up to here, he glanced at the young man and grunted coldly. "Xiaoliu, if you're unable to be ranked in the top ten in the test this time, then don't come see me again when you return to the clan!"

The young man instantly revealed a troubled expression, and he said with a bitter expression, "Can it be the top twenty? There are a lot of freaks registered for the test this time..."

Mu Junlin couldn't be bothered to pay attention to him, and he turned around before leaving swiftly.

"He's finally gone..." Mu Linglong who originally revealed an angry expression finally blinked her eyes when Mu Junlin's figure vanished from her sight, and she instantly smiled sweetly before she snapped her finger and said, "Xiaoliu! Go! Go investigate about a fellow called Chen Xi for me! Yes, he's from Eastern Peace Continent. Go take a look..."

"Chen Xi? Who the fuck is that? Why should I, Xiaoliu, go search for him myself?" Xiaoliu spoke proudly.

Mu Linglong glared fiercely at him. "Will you go or not?"

Xiaoliu instantly puckered his lips, and then he gave in and sighed weakly. "I'll go, alright? In our Mu Clan, only I, Xiaoliu, am like a punching bag for everyone. Alas..."

"Go! Quickly! Don't think that I don't know everyone in Midnight Continent calls you a little devil in human shape!" Mu Linglong glanced at him with contempt.

"If I'm a little devil in human shape, then Big Sister Linglong is a queen of devils in human shape!" Xiaoliu chuckled, and then his figure flashed and vanished on the spot before Mu Linglong could flare up.

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Chapter 1117: Conflic

Darkombat City, Martial Soul Area.

Within the Martial Soul Hall that belonged to Southbridge Continent.

A thin old man was lazily curled up on a chair within the spacious hall. He had drowsy eyes and seemed to be sleeping, but he was Tie Qiuyu that once issued a Martial Soul Token to Chen Xi.

Besides that, a blue clothed young man sat by Tie Qiuyu's side. He had strong features, a cold bearing, and a pair of starry eyes that emanated strands of a piercingly cold aura as they opened and closed. Shockingly, he was Liang Ren who was ranked at the fourth position on the Continental Ascensio Rankings of Southbridge Continent!

At this moment, Liang Ren glanced at the area outside the hall then glanced at Tie Qiuyu who'd fallen into deep sleep, and he couldn't help but frown. In the end, Liang Ren couldn't refrain himself from saying. "There are only another seven days before the recruitment day of Dao Emperor Academy. Why hasn't Chen Xi come?"

Tie Qiuyu's eyelids twitched yet didn't open, and he muttered. "Wait a while longer. So long as nothing unexpected occurs, then he'll surely make it."

Liang Ren's brow knit together as he thought, and he didn't say anything in the end.

He'd set out a year ago and come to Darkombat City, thus he didn't have much of a relationship with Chen Xi. He'd merely see Chen Xi from afar in the Martial Emperor Domain.

But as a disciple of the Liang Clan, Liang Ren was naturally aware that Chen Xi had a deep relationship with his Liang Clan. In these past few days, many higher-ups of the clan had sent transmission jade slips to him, and they wanted him to take good care of Chen Xi and treat Chen Xi with the utmost courtesy.

It was even to the extent that the Patriarch passed down an inviolable order that even if Chen Xi were to go against the entire world, Liang Ren had to stand by Chen Xi's side!

Besides feeling surprised, Liang Ren didn't dare be careless. So besides cultivating, he always resided in the Martial Soul Hall for the sake of awaiting Chen Xi's arrival.

Even if the seniors of the clan hadn't given him any instructions, Liang Ren would still take good care of Chen Xi because Chen Xi had ascended to the fifth ranking on the Continental Ascension Rankings of Southbridge Continent while still at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Moreover, even his cousin sister wasn't a match for Chen Xi.

Such an extraordinary figure was someone worthy of receiving such solemn treatment from Liang Ren.

But he'd waited for over a month yet didn't see any sign of Chen Xi, so besides feeling impatient, he couldn't help but feel a wisp of worry. He was worried that a mishap might have occurred to Chen Xi on the way.

A wave of footsteps suddenly resounded outside the hall, and it jolted awake Liang Ren who was in deep contemplation. He swiftly raised his head and saw a tall figure was walking over from outside the hall.

Chen Xi!

This fellow has finally arrived!

Liang Ren's spirits were refreshed, yet before he could stand up, he saw something flash before his eyes. The drowsy Tie Qiuyu had suddenly stood up before charging out of the hall with a swish.

Liang Ren was stunned. So it turns out that this greedy old fellow was faking it all along, and he's actually even more excited than I am at the sight of Chen Xi...

Even though he felt slight contempt towards Tie Qiuyu's action, Liang Ren still stood up hastily and moved over to welcome Chen Xi.

"Haha! Kid, you've finally arrived. You really made me wait!" Tie Qiuyu had a warm expression as he sized Chen Xi up from top to bottom, and he didn't conceal his delight and relief at all.

Chen Xi smiled, and then he cupped his hands and said, "I was slightly delayed on the way. I'm sorry for making senior wait."

"Chen Xi, you've finally arrived." Liang Ren moved over to welcome Chen Xi.

“Big Brother Liang Ren.” Chen Xi cupped his hands once more. Liang Ren was Liang Bing’s cousin brother. Even though there wasn’t any relationship between the two of them, yet since Liang Ren took the initiative to welcome him, it still caused him to enjoy it slightly.

“The initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm? Little Fellow, you really are extraordinary. Only less than a year has passed since then, right? You’ve actually advanced from the initial-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm to the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm?” Tie Qiuyu was just about to say something when his eyes opened wide before he spoke with surprise.

Liang Ren’s heart shook violently as well when he heard this, and then he sized up Chen Xi with astonishment. Sure enough, he noticed that Chen Xi’s aura was mysterious and concealed, and it was precisely the characteristics of the Mysterious Immortal Realm!

Chen Xi rubbed his nose and said with a smile, “Senior, Big Brother Liang Ren, can we speak after we enter the hall?”

Tie Qiuyu quickly came to his senses and roared with laughter. “Right, you really are surprising Little Fellow. Hmph! That old bastard Wang Daolu had eyes but failed to see that day, he deserves...”

As he finished speaking, he seemed to have noticed that it wasn’t good to say this in front of Chen Xi, and he instantly shut his mouth.

“Wang Daolu?” Chen Xi was stunned.

“Come, come, come! Don’t mention him! He’s just an old bastard that made me lose 100,000 immortal stones.” Tie Qiuyu whined before leading Chen Xi into the hall.

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Chen Xi, Liang Ren, and Tie Qiuyu sat down within the hall.

Liang Ren said with a smile, “Now that you’ve arrived, all the disciples of our Southbridge Continent that have the qualifications to participate in Dao Emperor Academy’s test have gathered.”

Chen Xi was aware that besides him and Liang Ren, Yin Miaomiao, Gu Yueming, and Jiang Zhuliu that were ranked in the top three of the Continental Ascensio Rankings of Southbridge Continent had similarly ascended into the top thousand of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings.

In other words, they would surely participate in Dao Emperor Academy’s recruitment test.

While they were chatting, a wave of footsteps resounded once more from outside the hall.

Chen Xi raised his eyes to look, and his eyes couldn’t help but narrow. It was a man and a woman. The man had a thin figure, wore black clothes, and possessed an ordinary appearance. Only his countenance was ghastly pale and almost translucent.

His lips were thin like the edge of a blade, and they were puckered together lightly. He revealed a fierce and grim expression while the aura around his body was calm and obscure, yet it emanated an oppressive aura as well. It was like a volcano resided within his body, and he seemed to be calm, yet he would erupt at any moment.

However, Chen Xi's gaze only swept past this black clothed man before it descended onto the woman by his side.

She possessed beautiful hair that hung down like a waterfall, her figure was slender and graceful, and her skin was jade white and delicate. She wore black gauze clothes, and she revealed a lonely and cold bearing that was like a black peony that stood proudly and alone on a precipice.

She was precisely the third ranked expert on the Continental Ascensio Rankings of Southbridge Continent, Yin Miaomiao!

When his gaze descended onto Yin Miaomiao, the temperature in Chen Xi's slightly narrowed eyes instantly became cold, and it was emotionless like ice.

At the same time, Yin Miaomiao noticed Chen Xi as well, and she was slightly stunned before a wisp of hatred and killing intent that was impossible to conceal flashed within her starry eyes.

As their gazes collided, a thunderclap echoed silently!

The atmosphere in the hall instantly became slightly oppressive.

Liang Ren puckered his lips and kept silent. He was clearly aware of the enmity between Chen Xi and Yin Miaomiao, so he wasn't surprised to see such a scene.

Tie Qiuyu resided within Four Divinity City all year long and was the guide within the Martial Soul Hall now, so he was naturally clearly aware about all of this. He immediately laughed as he said, "I'm explaining some things related to the test to Chen Xi right now, do the both of you wish to listen to it as well?"

Yin Miaomiao glanced at Chen Xi with an icy cold gaze once more before withdrawing her gaze, and then she shook her head and said, "There's no need."

As she spoke, she turned around and walked towards the depths of the hall.

There were many chambers within the hall, and they were residences prepared for the disciples that would be participating in the recruitment test of Dao Emperor Academy.

Once Yin Miaomiao left, the atmosphere in the hall eased up greatly.

But in the next moment, this atmosphere was destroyed by a voice. "In the past, you weren't worthy to challenge Miss Miaomiao. Now, you're still unworthy."

As the black clothed young man walked into the hall, he stopped briefly by Chen Xi's side, and he didn't even spare a glance at Chen Xi. He just stared at Yin Miaomiao's figure that was on the verge of vanishing into the depths of the hall as he said calmly, "Moreover, to tell you the truth, you'll probably be eliminated in the first round of the tests with your current ranking."

His voice was low, hoarse, calm, and revealed a forceful aura. It was like he was casually describing a fact, and there was no ridicule or disdain present in his voice, yet it was the greatest form of disregard and denial of Chen Xi's strength.

As soon as he finished speaking, the young man left.

From the beginning until the end, he didn't even spare a glance at Chen Xi. Similarly, Liang Ren and Tie Qiuyu didn't arouse his interest at all, so he disregarded them as well.

It seemed as if besides himself, only Yin Miaomiao existed in his eyes.

Liang Ren's expression was slightly gloomy as he grunted coldly. "What a bastard! He was bought over by Yin Miaomiao with just a bottle of Divineline Pills!"

Tie Qiuyu's expressions remained unchanged, and he grinned as he glanced at Chen Xi and said, "That little fellow is Jiang Zhuliu. You seem to not recognize him?"

Chen Xi nodded. "I don't know him, but I don't want to know him in the future either."

Chen Xi wasn't irritated by Jiang Zhuliu's repeated denial of his strength. Chen Xi was only slightly disappointed because he'd frequently heard others say that Jiang Zhuliu was an extraordinary and shocking figure. Jiang Zhuliu was of low birth and didn't belong to any sect, yet he'd ascended to the first position on the Continental Ascensio Rankings of Southbridge Continent for a few tens of years, yet no one was able to shake his position. This itself was a miracle.

Earlier, Chen Xi rather admired Jiang Zhuliu, yet now that he met Jiang Zhuliu, and especially when Jiang Zhuliu bluntly judged him, Chen Xi naturally couldn't avoid feeling disappointed.

"There's no need to pay any attention to him. He's only a fellow from a poor background that thinks he can bring glory and honor to his ancestors and himself by climbing onto the tree that is the Yin Clan. I've seen many disgusting people like this." Liang Ren spoke with disdain and consoled Chen Xi.

Chen Xi frowned. "The Yin Clan would probably have to pay a great price to recruit a figure like him, right?"

Liang Ren laughed with ridicule and revealed greater disdain on his face as he said, "Of course, I heard that so long as he advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, then Yin Miaomiao will become Dao Companions with him."

Chen Xi nodded. So that's how it is. No wonder he acted in that way.

After that, he recalled what Jiang Zhuliu said earlier and asked. "What's the first round of Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test?"

This time, it was Tie Qiuyu that answered. He thought for a moment before he said, "The recruitment test of Dao Emperor Academy is divided into three rounds. The first round is the simplest, and it's a test of one's rankings on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. Those that aren't ranked within the top thousand positions will be eliminated."

When he spoke up to here, he glanced at Chen Xi and said, "Presently, your current ranking on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings is the 999th position, and it's the easiest to be eliminated. After all, top figures from places like the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and so on and so forth are participating in Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test this time."

Seeming to feel that Tie Qiuyu's explanation wasn't clear enough, Liang Ren interrupted and said, "Those powers that came from outside the Immortal Dimension haven't participated in the rankings on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. However, during the first round of Dao Emperor Academy's

recruitment test, they'll be allowed to be tested before the floating wall of light along with us. In this way, a portion of the existences that are currently ranked in the top thousand positions on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings will definitely be pushed down."

After he finished listening to all of this, Chen Xi quickly came to an understanding, and he couldn't help but smile as he said, "Aren't they seizing the quota that belongs to our Immortal Dimension?"

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Chapter 1118: The Seven Ancient Clans

Seizing the Immortal Dimension's quota? Liang Ren puckered his lips when he heard this and said, "Obviously. I heard that the experts that came from the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and various others place are the top figures in their dimensions. If they were to participate in the test, then they would definitely replace many positions that belonged to our Immortal Dimension."

Chen Xi sighed with emotion and said, "This also proves that the resources and reserves of Dao Emperor Academy are formidable indeed. Otherwise, how could it draw so many forces over to participate?"

Liang Ren glanced at Chen Xi and said abruptly, "You don't seem to be worried at all?"

Chen Xi shrugged. "What's the point in being worried?"

Tie Qiuyu chuckled as he scolded. "You little fellow, you really know how to act! You were already ranked at the 999th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings while at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. Now that you've advanced into the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, even if someone's position was to be seized away, it wouldn't be you!"

Liang Ren came to a sudden realization as well, and he smiled as he pointed at Chen Xi and said, "You really keep too low of a profile. You made me get worried for nothing!"

When he spoke up to here, Liang Ren's brows knit together as he said, "However, Yin Miaomiao advanced successfully once more a month ago, and she entered into the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm. Originally, she was already ranked at the 546th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, and after she advanced in her cultivation this time, her rankings would probably be even higher."

Chen Xi understood what Liang Ren meant, and he laughed in a relaxed manner. "Even you think I'm unworthy of challenging her?"

Liang Ren knew that Chen Xi was joking, and he couldn't help but shake his head, but he still said in a serious manner, "I'm not saying that you're unworthy of challenging her. I'm just worried that you'll be preoccupied by this matter, and it'll affect your performance during the recruitment test."

Chen Xi nodded and said, "I understand."

Meanwhile, Tie Qiuyu said with a serious tone as well, "Don't be careless. That was only the first round, and there are two more tests after that. They're respectively a test of live combat and Martial Dao Will. The live combat battles in the second round are especially brutal, and when this round of the test ends, three hundred people will be eliminated!"

Chen Xi's brows raised as he said, "Will it be arena battles?"

Tie Qiuyu shook his head and spoke with profound meaning in his words. "No, it's a true battle. Sneak attacks, assassination, poison, ganging up... One can use every trick up one's sleeve. You have to understand that there are no rules during a real battle."

He paused for a moment and continued. "This second round of the test is also called the Ironblood Hunt!"

Chen Xi pondered silently for a moment before he asked. "Then is there anything to pay attention to in the third test?"

Tie Qiuyu's expression eased up greatly as he said casually, "The third round is a test of Martial Dao Will, and it can't be said to be dangerous. Another two hundred people will be eliminated during this round. But you don't have to worry because I've tested your Martial Dao Will in the past, and it's comparable to the six blazing suns. You'll absolutely be able to smoothly pass through this round."

Comparable to the six blazing suns? Liang Ren was stunned. He glanced at Chen Xi with surprise, and he seemed as if he was looking at a freak.

Chen Xi didn't notice Liang Ren's reaction, and he just frowned as he said, "Martial Dao Will?"

He'd once witnessed the will of a Heavenly Immortal in a Heavenly Immortal's Decree, and he'd witnessed the Golden Immortal's will possessed by Bing Shitian's clone. Both of them were extremely formidable, yet up until now, he hadn't figured out exactly where these wills came from.

Tie Qiuyu seemed to have seen through Chen Xi's bewilderment, and he shook his head and said, "No one knows exactly what Martial Dao Will is. But the Immortal Dimension publicly acknowledges that the Martial Dao Will is the overall representation of one's cultivation of the Dao Heart, the imposing aura of one's strength, the potential one possesses, and the strength of one's soul."

"The height of one's Martial Dao Will proved how formidable the potential, cultivation of the Dao Heart, and strength of the soul possessed by an immortal was. All in all, the third round of the test is a test that's directed towards the various strengths possessed by an immortal."

Chen Xi nodded and felt much more at ease. If it was like this, then the Martial Dao Will he possessed would definitely not lose to the other experts.

"All in all, the most important is the second round of the test. This round of the test is extremely brutal, and many dazzling geniuses of the Immortal Dimension would mostly fall during this round of the test." Tie Qiuyu sighed with emotion, and he seemed to have recalled many incidents of the past.

When he spoke up to here, Tie Qiuyu's expression became solemn to the extreme. He looked at Chen Xi and Liang Ren in a serious manner before he said, "You five little fellows will be representing the Southbridge Continent this time. I'm clearly aware that there's a great deal of enmity between all of you, but please promise me that even if all of you can't cooperate sincerely during the second round of the test, don't make a move against each other."

"After all, all of you represent Southbridge Continent and not just yourselves..."

Chen Xi listened silently before he said, "Don't worry senior. So long as they don't offend me, then I'll naturally not make a move against them during the test."

Liang Ren nodded as well and said, "Chen Xi is right."

Tie Qiuyu seemed to heave a sigh of relief when he saw both of them agree, and he said with a smile, "That's for the best. Sometimes, no matter how fierce internal strife is, we can't allow outsiders to laugh at us. Once all of you have grown up and possess the qualifications to participate in the vast campaign of the Immortal Dimension against its enemies from the outside, all of you will notice that the enmity of the past is so insignificant before the common enemy of the three dimensions."

When he spoke up to here, Tie Qiuyu had stood up, and then he turned around and walked towards the depths of the hall. "I'm going to instruct the others. Seize this opportunity to get to know each other better. Seven days from now, I'll lead all of you to the inner city of Darkombat City and officially participate in the recruitment tests of Dao Emperor Academy."

His voice hadn't finished resounding in the air, yet his figure had already vanished.

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The campaign of the Immortal Dimension against its enemies from the outside?

Chen Xi couldn't help but recall the xeno-race and the Cosmos Beasts he saw in the Talisman Dimension, and he couldn't help but be dazed. The three dimensions are already so vast, so what sort of domain do its enemies reside in?

Swoosh!

Liang Ren withdrew a light green colored piece of silk, and he unfolded it before Chen Xi and said, "Look, Chen Xi. These are the top thousand experts on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings. I copied it from the floating wall of light a few days ago."

Chen Xi returned to his senses and raised his eyes to size up this list. At first glance, he noticed that his own ranking was still at the 999th position.

But when his gaze moved down slightly, he instantly noticed that it was actually a woman called Zuoqiu Ke that was at the 1,000th position.

Surnamed Zuoqiu and from Iris Continent. She's definitely a member of the Zuoqiu Clan... Chen Xi noticed this, and then his gaze scanned the entire ranking. He noticed that there were actually more than ten people from the Zuoqiu Clan within the top thousand positions, and this number was slightly shocking.

After all, the top thousand positions of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings didn't just contain the top experts of the younger generation in the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension, even the peerless figures of the four great continents were listed on the ranking.

On the other hand, since the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan were capable of occupying over ten positions on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, it proved how deep the resources and reserves of the Zuoqiu Clan were.

Moreover, Chen Xi also noticed that besides the Zuoqiu Clan, the Mu Clan and Xuanyuan Clan had each occupied over ten positions on the rankings. This caused Chen Xi to recall A'xiu and Mu Linglong. He was very clearly aware that their clans were probably on par with the Zuoqiu Clan.

Besides that, the disciples of the Ji Clan, Jiang Clan, Moqi Clan, and Zhongli Clans were similarly on par with the Zuoqiu, Mu, and Xuanyuan Clans.

Practically all the experts that were ranked in the top ten of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings were from these clans. For example, the first ranked was Ji Xuanbing, the second ranked was Zhongli Xun, the third ranked was Jiang Canghai...

Chen Xi even noticed a young man called Zuoqiu Yin, and he was ranked at the seventh position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings!

“The Ji Clan, Mu Clan, Jiang Clan, Xuanyuan Clan, Moqi Clan, Zhongli Clan, and Zuoqiu Clan. These seven great clans were also called the seven ancient clans. They’re the most ancient and influential clans in the Immortal Dimensions, and no other power could compare to them in terms of their resources, reserves, and age. They’re born nobles, and Immortal King Realm existences had appeared amongst their ancestors.” Liang Ren spoke in a low voice while he couldn’t help but reveal a trace of admiration. “Presently, there are no lack of top powers in the four great continents that can compare with them, but in terms of their resources and reserves, they’re still slightly inferior to these seven ancient clans.”

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be shocked when he heard this. It was the first time that he’d heard all of this. Especially the Zuoqiu Clan was actually amongst these seven ancient clans, and this caused him to feel rather uncomfortable.

“So in this way, these seven ancient clans are like the topmost powers in the Immortal Dimension?” asked Chen Xi.

Liang Ren thought for a moment and shook his head as he said, “Not really. They only represent the most ancient inheritance and reserves. For example, everyone knows the Valiant Star Immortal King’s name, yet he’s surnamed ‘Qin.’ In terms of their forces, the Qin Clan that he’s from isn’t inferior to the seven ancient clans at all, and it’s even to the extent that his Qin Clan is even slightly more formidable than some of these seven ancient clans.”

Liang Ren paused for a moment and continued. “Besides this, the clans that the Profound Path Immortal King and Icesky Immortal King belong to are similarly capable of matching the seven ancient clans.”

When Chen Xi heard Liang Ren only mention the Valiant Star, Profound Path, and Icesky Immortal Kings, he couldn’t help but ask curiously. “What about the Midnight Immortal King?”

Liang Ren said with a smile, “The Midnight Immortal King is the most mysterious. According to rumor, he’s a natural god of the Immortal Dimension that attained the Dao and achieved kingship, so he naturally doesn’t possess a clan or sect. However, don’t think that the Midnight Immortal King can’t compare to the other three Immortal Kings. Amongst the four great Immortal Kings, the Immortal King revered the most by the myriad of living beings in the Immortal Dimension is the Midnight Immortal King. As for the reason, I’m not sure as well.”

Chen Xi couldn’t help but sigh with emotion. “The more I understand, the more I feel that I’m ignorant. There really are many extraordinary figures hiding in the Immortal Dimension.”

Liang Ren deeply agreed and sighed with emotion. “Yeah, I originally thought that the seven ancient clans and the top powers of the four great continents were the strongest existences in the Immortal

Dimension. But later on, I found out that the forces of the Immortal Court are even more formidable, whereas when I thought that the Immortal Court was the one and only ruler of the Immortal Dimension, I noticed that it turned out that there were even more mysterious existences than the Immortal Court..."

When he finished speaking, his expression carried a wisp of disappointment, and he sighed endlessly.

Chen Xi's heart surged with excitement when he heard this, and he felt extreme yearning. After that, he shook his head and returned to his senses because all of this was a bit too far away from him now, and it was better for him to find a foothold in the Immortal Dimension first.

At the very least, he had to enter Dao Emperor Academy first.

Since he started cultivating, his greatest taboo was reaching for what was beyond his grasp.

When he saw Chen Xi act so calmly, Liang Ren couldn't restrain himself from asking. "Could it be that you don't want to know what powers are even more mysterious than the Immortal Court?"

Chen Xi smiled with deep meaning. "I've already guessed the answer."

Liang Ren slapped himself on the head and cried out. "How could I be such a fool! Your inheritance comes from..." He'd only spoken halfway before he stopped abruptly.

Because that name wasn't just a great taboo to him, it was a great taboo to the various large powers of the Immortal Dimension, and they couldn't speak of it.

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Chapter 1119: Visit and Invitation

The Immortal Dimension didn't represent the three dimensions.

The seven ancient clans, four Immortal kings, and even the forces of the Immortal Court were unable to represent the three dimensions as well.

Because the Mortal Dimension, Netherworld, Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and various other mysterious domains resided in the three dimensions.

Most importantly, there were three supreme and mysterious sects in the three dimensions!

Only a small portion of the myriad of living beings in the countless worlds of the three dimensions were able to possess knowledge about these three mysterious and supreme sects, and those that were able to know the names of these sects were even fewer.

Even if it was a top power in the Immortal Dimension, the existence of these three sects was like a taboo, so they wouldn't speak of it even if they knew.

He had a vague understanding that Chen Xi might be an heir of Oracle Mountain!

It was a possibility and not a fact because even he was unable to obtain a definite answer from Liang Bing or Liang Tianheng. At the bottom of it all, it was because of the word 'taboo.'

Of course, Liang Ren was similarly aware that only a handful of people in the Immortal Dimension were able to faintly guess Chen Xi's identity!

Because if everyone knew that he was from Oracle Mountain, then how could the Yin Clan dare to harm him like that?

After all, the Yin Clan was related to Oracle Mountain, yet under such circumstances, the Yin Clan was still unable to infer Chen Xi's importance, and it was a wonder if Old Dog Yin was feigning ignorance or he was really unaware...

However, the more it was like this, the more curious Liang Ren became because since Chen Xi possessed such an identity, then why did Chen Xi constantly keep it a secret?

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Why did he keep it a secret?

Chen Xi was naturally clearly aware about all of this, yet even if he disregarded the taboos of his inheritance, the most important factor was that he wanted to deal with his own affairs. This was something Ji Yu told him that he must do, and it was something that his Senior Sister Li Yang had always insisted upon.

Because it was a part of their expectations towards Chen Xi!

If he wanted to become a true expert, walk to the peak of the Grand Dao, gain a foothold in the Immortal Dimension, look down upon the world... If he only relied on external sources of strength, then he would be unable to achieve great success in the end!

All of this was something that Chen Xi had thought about clearly while still at Darchu Dynasty. Yes, he intended to rely on his own strength to complete the heavy responsibilities on his shoulder!

These were his own affairs, and only by accomplishing them himself would the rage and conflict that had accumulated in his heart for countless years be truly released!

After that, Chen Xi didn't bring up this matter again, and Liang Ren naturally wouldn't try to get to the bottom of it.

Their gazes descended once more onto the light green colored piece of silk that recorded the top thousand experts on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings.

Chen Xi noticed that Jiang Zhuliu's ranking had actually ascended to the 301st position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, and it was extremely striking. Next, it was Gu Yueming, and he was ranked at the 392nd position.

Yin Miaomiao was after Gu Yueming, and she was ranked at the 546th position. However, according to Liang Ren, Yin Miaomiao had advanced once more last month, and she'd entered into the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm. Thus, her final ranking on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings would only be higher.

On the other hand, Liang Ren's position seemed to be rather low, and he was ranked at the 863rd position. This position seemed to be extremely safe, yet the top experts of various places like the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and Phoenix Clan would be participating in the test, and they would definitely seize some positions.

In this way, it created a great threat to Liang Ren's position instead, and it was even to the extent that he might be pushed out of the rankings!

As for Chen Xi himself, he wasn't really worried. Even though he was currently ranked at the 999th position, yet he'd already advanced into the Mysterious Immortal Realm and even killed twelve Void Guards on his way from Southbridge Continent to Valiant Star Continent. The Void Guards were Sacrificial Soldiers of the Zuoqiu Clan, and the weakest amongst them was already capable of being ranked in the top five hundred positions of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings.

Under such circumstances, how could Chen Xi be worried about being eliminated?

Liang Ren seemed to be aware as well that his ranking was slightly dangerous, and he pondered deeply before he said, "According to the information I obtained, amongst the top figures of the younger generation that came from outside the Immortal Dimension, almost thirty experts have come from the Buddha Dimension, whereas the Dragon Dimension and Phoenix Dimension have each brought over twenty plus experts. Coupled with the young experts of the mysterious domains, they form a total of more than two hundred experts."

Chen Xi frowned as he said, "In this way, experts ranked below the top eight hundred positions on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings might be eliminated?"

Liang Ren said in a low voice, "Indeed. Even though the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Dimension, and other such domains aren't as formidable as the Immortal Dimension, yet they're still top worlds in the three dimensions. Even though only a few of them have come, yet they're actually the elites amongst the elites. Moreover, since they dared to come, then they are surely sufficiently certain in their ability to enter Dao Emperor Academy. Otherwise, it would be too embarrassing if they were eliminated."

When he spoke up to here, he suddenly smiled mysteriously and looked at Chen Xi as he said, "However, it isn't so easy to eliminate me."

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he came to a sudden understanding that Liang Ren had probably concealed some ability, allowing Liang Ren to have the confidence to speak such words.

Sure enough, Liang Ren gave him the answer in the next moment, and he said slowly, "Since I lost to Yin Miaomiao that day, I've already encountered the critical factor to advance. However, I've been restraining myself all along and didn't chose to break through. But now it would seem like it's time to choose to advance."

Chen Xi teased. "Could it be that you intended to act weak to defeat the strong in the test since the beginning?"

Liang Ren chuckled, and then he sighed. "It can't be helped. I lost face from being defeated by Yin Miaomiao that day, so I have to regain this face during Dao Emperor Academy's test."

When he spoke up to here, he patted Chen Xi on the shoulder and said, "I'm relieved that you've arrived safely today. There are seven days before the test begins, so I'm going to enter into closed door cultivation during this period of time and break through to the advanced-stage of the Mysterious

Immortal Realm. Looks for Senior Tie Qiuyu if you have any questions. Even though he's greedy, he isn't a bad person."

Chen Xi smiled and said, "Alright, go on ahead."

After Liang Ren left, Chen Xi returned to his room as well, and then he rested briefly before he started to meditate.

He didn't enter the world of stars. After all, only another seven days remained before Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test began. As the guide of Southbridge Continent's Martial Soul Hall, Tie Qiuyu would definitely have many things to instruct them on during this period of time. If he were to enter into closed door cultivation within the world of stars, then he would probably miss many things.

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At the same time, within Midnight Continent's Martial Soul Hall.

Unlike the Martial Soul Halls of the other continents, as one of the four great continents, the space within the Midnight Continent's Martial Soul Hall overlapped in layers and were separated into numerous small scale paradises.

All of this was prepared for the disciples of Midnight Continent that were participating in Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test.

Within one of the paradises, courtyards stood like trees in a forest. There were artificial mountains, flowing streams, and luxuriant flowers and plants. The environment was rather quiet and beautiful.

Mu Linglong sat before a stone table while supporting her chin up with her hand. She looked at the pretty young woman in a plain dress and feathered crown with a dazed gaze. There seemed to be something weighing down upon her mind, and she seemed slightly preoccupied.

Shockingly, the young woman was Zuoqiu Ke. She seemed to have noticed that Mu Linglong was preoccupied, yet she still chuckled lightly with a clear voice. "My Big Brother has already personally punished Immortal Monarch Lin Hao for offending you that day. If you're still dissatisfied, then I'll head to the Eastern Peace Continent's Immortal Monarch's Estate with you in the future, and we'll wreak havoc there until you've vented all your anger."

If anyone else were to have heard her, then that person's jaw would surely hit the floor. But Mu Linglong didn't think much of it because no matter how much she desired to disregard Zuoqiu Ke, she had to admit that as a direct descendant of the Zuoqiu Clan and the younger sister of one of the six blazing suns, Zuoqiu Kong, Zuoqiu Ke did indeed possess the qualifications to speak such words.

However, Mu Linglong didn't need it because if she so desired it, then she could accomplish it herself. How could there be any need to use the members of the Zuoqiu Clan?

"Oh, then I have to thank you first." Mu Linglong answered in a slightly perfunctory manner.

A wisp of anger flashed past the depths of Zuoqiu Ke's eyes, yet she chuckled as she said, "I only came here this time to make things clear to you. Immortal Monarch Lin Hao's actions that day were only targeted towards Chen Xi and not you. I hope you don't take it to heart. We'll be fellow students in Dao Emperor Academy in the future, so we should take care of each other."

Chen Xi? Mu Linglong's beautiful brows raised as she recalled her cousin brother's instructions. In the end, she didn't say anything too drastic, and she just said, "Your brother has already explained it to my cousin brother. There's no need for you to say anything further."

Zuoqiu Ke nodded. "Alright. There isn't much time left before Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test begins. I have to return and prepare, so I won't continue disturbing you."

As she spoke, Zuoqiu Ke had stood up, and then she smiled sweetly before turning and leaving.

"Hey, I remember that you're just like me, and you don't have to participate in the test this time to enter Dao Emperor Academy. What're you preparing? Could it be that you really intend to participate in those three rounds of tests? In that way, we'll probably be unable to be fellow students." Mu Linglong still couldn't refrain herself, and she pursued with a question in a seemingly innocent manner.

The meaning behind her words were that Zuoqiu Ke better not think that she could be proud in front of Mu Linglong while only ranked at the 1,000th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings now. In the end, she would still have to rely on the forces of her clan to enter Dao Emperor Academy because if she were to participate in the test, then she would be eliminated in the first round!

Zuoqiu Ke's figure stiffened as she discerned the meaning behind Mu Linglong's words, and she felt even more infuriated in her heart. She didn't speak any further and left hastily.

As a direct descendant of the Zuoqiu Clan and the youngest daughter of the current patriarch, she was like a little princess, and her status wasn't inferior to Mu Linglong in the slightest. If it wasn't for her keeping in mind her older brother's instructions, she would have turned hostile against Mu Linglong upon hearing such ridiculing words.

Hmph! This little girl is truly arrogant and conceited. I've already given her enough face by coming to pay her a visit, yet she took a yard instead. If it wasn't out of the consideration that we're both disciples of ancient clans, I would surely have taught her a good lesson today! After Zuoqiu Ke walked out of Midnight Continent's Martial Soul Hall, her pretty oval shaped face was instantly covered in a layer of gloominess while her gaze turned piercingly cold.

"Young Miss, I've already sent the invitation for the Yin Clan's Yin Miaomiao to meet you tonight. Besides that, Chen Xi entered Southbridge Continent's Martial Soul Hall thirty minutes ago." A dark skinned young man with a capable bearing seemed to have been waiting outside the Martial Soul Hall since a long time ago, and he immediately moved forward and sent a voice transmission in a low voice upon noticing Zuoqiu Ke walking out of the hall.

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Chapter 1120: Violet Ribbon Starcres

Within Iris Continent's Martial Soul Hall, Zuoqiu Ke sat upright at the seat of the host in the grand hall. She'd changed into a dark golden and classic luxurious robe, wore a feathered crown, and the space between her brows revealed a calm and indifferent expression.

At this moment, she was entirely filled with an indescribably dignified and supreme aura, and it was very easy for others to overlook her pretty appearance at this moment.

At the seat beneath the seat of the host sat a man and a woman. The woman wore black gauze clothes and had a cold and aloof bearing, whereas the man wore black clothes, and he had a ghastly pale expression yet was steady and calm.

It was precisely Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu.

As they sat within the hall that belonged to the Zuoqiu Clan and sensed the solemn and dignified atmosphere within the hall, Yin Miaomiao's expression seemed very calm as usual.

Jiang Zhuliu was the same as well. However, Zuoqiu Ke acutely noticed that Jiang Zhuliu's finger that held his tea cup was slightly stiff, and he was definitely slightly nervous in his heart.

When she thought up to here, Zuoqiu Ke felt even more contempt towards him. The number one expert on the Southbridge Continent's Continental Ascensio Rankings? One that hasn't seen the world like him is only a bumpkin of lowly and poor birth in the end.

As she thought like this in her heart, Zuoqiu Ke directly shot her gaze at Yin Miaomiao. Comparatively speaking, Yin Miaomiao that came from an ancient clan renowned in the Dao of Talismans was barely able to make Zuoqiu Ke think highly of her.

This was her pride as a disciple of one of the seven great ancient clans. No matter how high one's cultivation was, the gap in each other's identity and resources caused her to be utterly unable to think highly of the person.

The minute changes in Zuoqiu Ke's gaze weren't concealed, and it was noticed by Jiang Zhuliu. He'd suffered this sort of contempt and disregard countless times since he was young, so he'd become accustomed to it a long time ago.

It was precisely this sort of experience that allowed him to possess extraordinary tolerance, yet it didn't mean that he wasn't angry in his heart. Conversely, he was extremely sensitive towards this sort of disregard and contempt.

Especially after he obtained the favor of the Yin Clan, his mentality had undergone a slight change. He yearned to prove himself, and he yearned to rebuild the Jiang Clan and bring glory to his ancestors!

Originally, he was already the first on Southbridge Continent's Ascensio Immortal Rankings. Now that he obtained the full support of the Yin Clan, it was precisely a moment where he was content with the success he'd attained and felt satisfied. Yet now, he actually suffered disregard and contempt once more. This sort of feeling was like a million of needles penetrating his heart, and it caused his rage to surge and indirectly feel hatred towards Zuoqiu Ke who sat high up at the seat of the host.

But his Dao Heart that he'd tempered through many years allowed him to conceal these sort of feelings very well. Based on his outward appearance, it was utterly impossible to notice how resentful he was at this moment.

Yes, all of this was merely because of a gaze of disregard and contempt from Zuoqiu Ke.

"I invited both of you here only for a single matter, and that is to go against Chen Xi during the second round of Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test. If you agree, then both of you will obtain the help of my Zuoqiu Clan, and my Zuoqiu Clan will take both of you to be one of its own." Zuoqiu Ke spoke

straightforwardly with a piercingly cold and calm voice that revealed an unquestionable tone. "I believe that both of you ought to understand the benefits of working together with my Zuoqiu Clan."

As soon as she finished speaking, she didn't speak another word, and then she raised up a teacup and took a light sip.

This sort of direct approach caused Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu to be stunned. While they were on the way here, both of them had guessed numerous possibilities in their hearts, yet never had they imagined that the Zuoqiu Clan would want to work together with them to deal with Chen Xi!

Most importantly, they utterly didn't dare imagine that Chen Xi would have offended the Zuoqiu Clan!

After all, compared to one of the seven great ancient clans, the Zuoqiu Clan, Chen Xi was truly too tiny. One was a hawk in the sky while the other was an ant on the ground, it was like the difference between the heavens and the earth, so how could an ant offend a hawk?

This was too astounding!

However, both of them noticed simultaneously that Zuoqiu Ke wasn't joking. In other words, this matter was definitely true. When they thought up to here, both of them couldn't help but have a slightly complicated feeling in their hearts.

Even if Chen Xi were to die right now, since he was able to be taken as an enemy of the Zuoqiu Clan, then it's enough for him to take pride in, right? Jiang Zhuliu pondered silently in his heart for a long time, and then he suddenly realized a problem and said, "Young Miss Zuoqiu, that Chen Xi's position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings is at the 999th position. He'll probably be eliminated during the first round of the test, right?"

Zuoqiu Ke glanced at Jiang Zhuliu with an indifferent expression, and then she seemed as if she didn't even notice him before moving her gaze onto Yin Miaomiao.

This subtle action caused Jiang Zhuliu's heart to warp, and he gritted his teeth without end in secret. He swore that so long as he was able to grow into an expert, then he would surely take revenge for the humiliation he suffered today!

"Young Master Jiang isn't wrong." Yin Miaomiao glanced at Jiang Zhuliu, and then she pondered deeply before she said, "Could it be that Young Miss Zuoqiu thinks that Chen Xi will be able to pass the first test?"

Jiang Zhuliu's heart felt slightly warm upon receiving Yin Miaomiao's affirmation, and the grievance and resentment in his heart eased up greatly.

Zuoqiu Ke smiled and said casually, "No matter if he's able to pass the first round of the test or not, I only want to know if both of you are willing to work together with my Zuoqiu Clan."

She naturally wouldn't tell them that twelve Void Guards from her clan had been annihilated at Chen Xi's hand because that would be no different than exposing her own clan's shame.

Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu glanced at each other before agreeing in the end.

The reason was very simple. No matter if Chen Xi was able to enter the second round of the test, so long as they were able to form a relationship with the Zuoqiu Clan, then it was extremely beneficial to them and the clans that stood behind them.

In the past, such a rare opportunity was something that were unable to stumble upon no matter how hard they tried. Now that it actually took the initiative to appear before them, how could they not agree?

Unless they were idiots, of course!

Obviously, Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu weren't idiots. So they were clearly aware of how rare this sort of opportunity was, and they practically didn't give it any consideration before agreeing.

Zuoqiu Ke grinned when she saw this, and she seemed to be very calm because this outcome was already within her expectations.

She lightly clapped her hands, causing two servants to silently appear within the hall. Each of them held a jade box in their hands, and they brought it over to Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu.

The jade boxes were opened by the servants to reveal a black and white dazzling glow of treasures that spread throughout the hall, and it emanated a shocking imposing aura.

Dragonclam Yin Yang Pearls!

Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu's pupils constricted in unison as they recognized the treasure within the jade box. It was a pair of precious treasures, one Yin and the other Yang. Especially when utilized by Dao Companions during mutual cultivation, it was capable of speeding up one's cultivation and allow one to yield twice the result with half the effort!

This precious treasure could only be chanced upon by luck, and it was utterly impossible to buy on the market.

"I heard that both of you are about to be united as Dao Companions. Take these two little toys as a gift I prepared for the both of you in advance." Zuoqiu Ke spoke casually.

"Thank you, Young Miss Zuoqiu, for your gift." Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu spoke in unison while they couldn't help but reveal a trace of excitement. Both of them had never expected that they would actually be able to obtain such a precious treasure during their first meeting with Zuoqiu Ke.

This obviously displayed how wealthy the Zuoqiu Clan was, and they deserved to be one of the seven great ancient clans because such ability wasn't something that anyone could possess.

"Alright, I'll send someone to tell both of you what you should do when the second round of the test begins." Zuoqiu Ke waved her hand.

Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu immediately rose up and bid their farewells before leaving.

"Young Miss, our forces are sufficient to kick Chen Xi out of test during the second round. Why did you still enlist the help of these two fellows?" After Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu left, a composed and capable young man appeared within the hall and asked with a frown on his face.

“The rich do not put themselves in harm’s way. Since we’re able to rely on the might of others to deal with an enemy, then why should we make our own do it?” Zuoqiu Ke spoke indifferently. “Not to mention that I’ve already investigated it. There’s enmity between Yin Miaomiao and Chen Xi in the past, so it couldn’t be any better to make her deal with Chen Xi.”

When she spoke up to here, her pretty face was suffused with a wisp of a piercingly cold expression. “Even if they fail in the end, it wouldn’t be too late for us to make a move then.”

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As soon as she walked out of Iris Continent’s Martial Soul Hall, the excitement between Yin Miaomiao’s brows vanished instantaneously, and she recovered her cold and aloof appearance once more.

“Chen Xi has just advanced into the Mysterious Immortal Realm, so it’s indeed possible for him to not be eliminated during the first round of the tests. However, we have to be careful as well and avoid being used by the Zuoqiu Clan.” Yin Miaomiao spoke in a low voice via voice transmission.

“Hmph! I disliked that Zuoqiu Ke since the beginning, so I naturally wouldn’t work for her wholeheartedly.” Jiang Zhuliu grunted.

“That’s for the best. Being able to form a relationship with the Zuoqiu Clan this time is extremely beneficial towards our cultivation in Dao Emperor Academy in the future as well. I heard that many great figures of the Zuoqiu Clan are teaching in Dao Emperor Academy.” Yin Miaomiao’s gaze was deep as she spoke in a light voice.

“So in this way, don’t we have to thank Chen Xi for providing such a superb opportunity to us?” Jiang Zhuliu mocked.

Yin Miaomiao couldn’t help but smile when she heard this, and then she muttered. “Actually, I’m curious exactly how Chen Xi offended the Zuoqiu Clan that they actually intend to rely on us to deal with him... This is really too strange.”

Jiang Zhuliu said indifferently instead, “That kid has always been an ignorant and wildly arrogant fellow. Since when he was in Southbridge Continent, he constantly offended you. He’s a pure troublemaker. So it isn’t anything surprising that he offended the Zuoqiu Clan now.”

Yin Miaomiao chuckled lightly before she puckered her lips and didn’t speak any further.

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“This is a Violet Ribbon Starcrest. You have to take good care of it because you won’t just be using it during Dao Emperor Academy’s test. This Violet Ribbon Starcrest will be your identity token once you become a student of Dao Emperor Academy, and it’s related to your cultivation in the future.” Within the hall, Tie Qiuyu called Chen Xi over before passing over a bright violet colored crest that was three fingers wide, the size of an infant’s fist, and completely smooth and translucent.

“Now, quickly refine it with your Immortal Force. It’s impossible for you to get another if someone seized it from you.” Tie Qiuyu instructed with a serious expression.

Chen Xi received it carefully before mobilizing a wisp of Immortal Force, and then the Violet Ribbon Starcrest instantly merged into his palm like water and vanished.

At the same time, a wisp of shimmering violet color appeared on his left shoulder. Surprisingly, the Violet Ribbon Starcrest had appeared there. Moreover, at this instant, Chen Xi clearly sensed rows of words floating up into appearance on the Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

Name: Chen Xi.

Origin: Southbridge Continent.

Cultivation: Initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm.

Ascensio Immortal Ranking: 999th.

Starpoints: None.