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Chapter 1161: The Praise Of The Gods Descends Like Rain

Yun Fusheng was a legendary figure of Dao Emperor Academy.

Numerous legends had been born in the boundless history of Dao Emperor Academy. Yun Fusheng wasn't the most outstanding amongst them, yet he was an existence that no one could overlook.

19,000 years ago, Yun Fusheng was just a young man that was wild like a hawk yet peaceful like a lotus. His background was impossible to be determined, and everyone present only remembered that Yun Fusheng had participated in Dao Emperor Academy's test by himself.

During the first round of the test, he was placed at the last.

During the second round of the test, he was still the last.

At that time, practically no one felt he would be able to pass the third round of the test, yet it just so happened that during the third round of the test, Yun Fusheng was like a piece of unrefined jade that had shed off its ordinary shell to reveal extraordinary brilliance!

He didn't just obtain the first position during the third round of the test, the Praise of the Gods he obtained even surpassed the scope of the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth!

At that time, it even caused a stir in the entire Dao Emperor Academy.

It was common knowledge that the Praise of the Gods came from the quintessence energy of the Dao Emperor's Golden Decree. According to the different phenomenon of the heavens and the earth caused by the various disciples, it was divided into the grades of Lingering Tune, Resounding in the Nine Heavens, and Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth.

On the other hand, the Praise of the Gods that Yun Fusheng obtained wasn't amongst these three grades, yet it was even grander than these three grades. It seemed to have broken through a fixed law and created a new and unprecedented miracle!

After the test, Yun Fusheng's display was even more extraordinary. He advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm within a short period of three years and obtained a rare Divine Crest bestowed by the heavens, Glowing Flamestream. Moreover, he was recognized by the Midnight Immortal King as one that possessed a brilliant Dao Heart and great wisdom, causing it to stir the entire world!

But to the astonishment of everyone present in the world, Yun Fusheng had vanished during the fourth year since he entered Dao Emperor Academy, and he never showed himself since.

Some people said that he entered a place where the gods were buried, and he fell there.

Some said Yun Fusheng obtained an extraordinary fortuitous encounter. He'd become a disciple of a mysterious and supreme sect in the three dimensions, and he was cultivating the supreme Grand Dao in seclusion.

All in all, there were many varying opinions towards Yun Fusheng's whereabouts, and no one could produce a certain answer.

But even then, Yun Fusheng's name had still become a brand in the Immortal Dimension that was impossible to wipe away. He was like a shooting star that flashed past the sky with dazzling and resplendent brilliance. Even though it was only for an instant, it allowed the people of the world to witness his legend.

At this moment, all the great figures present instantly revealed shocked expressions when Wang Daolu suddenly mentioned Yun Fusheng's name, and they shot their gazes towards Chen Xi's figure that sat upright on the distant Dao Sharpening Stone.

"Brother Wang, you mean that he might break through the limits like Yun Fusheng and obtain a Praise of the Gods that's above the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth?" The Mu Clan's instructor spoke with surprise and wonder.

"Impossible!" Before Wang Daolu could answer, someone had already rejected it, and it was Zuoqiu Hong. He frowned as he said, "Who was Yun Fusheng? He was a peerless genius that obtained the praise of the Midnight Immortal King, and even now, he isn't inferior to any of the six blazing suns. It isn't good to compare such a figure with Chen Xi."

The others felt it was impossible as well when they heard this, yet they also felt it might be possible. This sort of very conflicting thoughts was impossible to be described with words.

"Arguing is fruitless. Why not calm yourselves and wait for the outcome?" Zhou Zhili spoke calmly and stopped the others from arguing about this matter.

Subsequently, all of them restrained the complicated feelings in their hearts and started to wait calmly.

On the Dao Sharpening Stones at this moment, besides Chen Xi, the other disciples who were ranked in the top ten were receiving the tempering of the Praise of the Gods.

Only Chen Xi still didn't reveal any movement, and he seemed to be very unusual.

Time trickled by.

After the time for an incense stick to burn, Zuoqiu Yin, Mu Yuchong, Moqi Yan, and the others who were the first to obtain the Praise of the Gods a long time ago had woken up from their meditation. They had excited expressions and held smiles on the corners of their mouths. Obviously, they'd obtained extraordinary benefits from the Praise of the Gods.

At this moment, Chen Xi was still in that practically dull and silent state.

This caused all the great figures on the platform to frown slightly, and they were either puzzled, bewildered, impatient, or anxious.

After a short period of time, Ao Wuming, Jiang Canghai, Zhongli Xun, Zhao Mengli, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhen Lu had awoken successively from their meditation. Just like Zuoqiu Yin and the others, the delight on their faces was impossible to conceal.

But right after that, all of them were stunned. The test isn't over?

While carrying such a question in their minds, they shot their gazes towards the great figures on the platform, yet they noticed the gazes of those great figures had descended towards the same direction.

They looked along this direction and saw Chen Xi.

“Hmm? He still hasn’t drawn down a phenomenon of the heavens and the earth?” Mu Yuchong noticed that there was no fluctuation from Chen Xi, and Chen Xi was dull and silent like a well that was without any ripples.

“He didn’t draw down a phenomenon of the heavens and the earth yet was able to persist until now. Such a scene is truly strange...” Xuanyuan Yun muttered.

“If he continues sitting there like this, then could it be that we have to accompany him until he’s done?” Flames of rage arose in Zuoqiu Yin’s heart upon catching sight of Chen Xi, and his mood became extremely terrifying. As he spoke, he couldn’t help but reveal a wisp of impatience.

“Perhaps he has been restraining himself with the intention of causing the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth so that he can compare with Fellow Daoist Zhen Lu?” Jiang Canghai chuckled and obviously revealed an expression of ridicule and mocking.

Zhen Lu couldn’t help but grin when he heard Jiang Canghai mention him. His expression was tranquil, indifferent, and composed, and he didn’t reveal any strong emotions.

“Hmph! Can he?” Ao Wuming grunted coldly. It was merely a few words, yet it vividly displayed the arrogance he possessed as a descendant of a Green Dragon.

The others shook their heads silently when they heard this.

Even though Ao Wuming’s words were harsh, it was the truth. Even if they didn’t feel that Zhen Lu was more outstanding than themselves, they had to admit that the Praise of the Gods Zhen Lu obtained during the third round of the test was the most outstanding.

So, how could it be possible to surpass Zhen Lu?

After waiting for a while longer, Zuoqiu Yin instantly became impatient when he saw Chen Xi still didn’t reveal any signs of movement. He stood up and cupped his fists towards the distance as he said, “Seniors, the test has already been carried out to such an extent, so the rankings out to be decided. Since Chen Xi is still unable to cause a phenomenon of the heavens and the earth to descend until now, there’s no need to continue wasting time for him.”

As soon as these words were spoken, Zuoqiu Hong was stunned before he smiled and said to the other great figures by his side, “He’s right, what do all of you think?”

Most of them nodded with agreement.

Only the instructors from the Mu and Xuanyuan Clans requested that they wait a while longer.

Zuoqiu Hong felt confident in his heart when he saw that most of them agreed to his opinion, and he laughed lightheartedly. “The rule of our Dao Emperor Academy has always been that the minority obeys the majority. Since it’s like this, then we’ll end this round of the test right now.”

As he spoke, he stood up and secretly gave Zuoqiu Yin a glance of praise before he cleared his throat, and then his expression became solemn as he said in a clear voice, "Everyone..."

He'd just opened his mouth when Zhou Zhili suddenly interrupted him with a wave of the hand. "Wait a while longer!"

Everyone was astounded and glanced at Zhou Zhili.

Zuoqiu Hong's face froze while a wisp of anger from embarrassment flashed in the depths of his eyes, yet he burst into laughter instead. "Dean Zhou, do you still have something to speak about?"

Zhou Zhili paid no attention to him and just stared fixedly at Chen Xi.

Under the gazes of everyone present here, he was first interrupted by Zhou Zhili, and then he was directly disregarded. It caused Zuoqiu Hong's lips to twitch while his face burned, and he felt even more furious in his heart.

It was even to the extent that he didn't know if he should sit down at this moment or continue standing, and that sort of feeling was extraordinarily painful.

"Dean Zhou..." Zuoqiu Hong took a deep breath. He'd considered what he should say before he spoke, yet in the next moment, he suddenly shut his mouth. He hadn't been interrupted, but it was he himself who was unable to speak any further.

His pupils constricted while he stared fixedly at the horizon with a stiff and dumbstruck expression. He's completely lost the graceful bearing of a great figure at this moment.

However, at this moment, there wasn't anyone paying attention to him. Practically everyone's gazes had shot in unison towards the distant sky.

There was an ocean of stars there!

The clear and cloudless sky had suddenly revealed a scene of a myriad of stars that even drowned out the light from the sun, and it emanated boundless piercingly cold starlight!

The stars were bright and dazzling, and they transformed into rivers of stars, constellations, nebulae... All sorts of complicated and dense patterns circulated in the sky as if it was reflecting the secrets of the heavens, and it revealed a deep, vast, grand, and boundless aura!

It was the phenomenon of a boundless ocean of stars!

"That's..."

"What a vast phenomenon!"

"A boundless sea of stars that drowned out the illumination of the sun and moon. How could such a phenomenon appear at this moment?"

At this moment, even the pupils of Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others had dilated when they saw such a scene, and they were extremely shocked in their hearts.

At this instant, as they gazed at the myriad of stars in the distance, all of them felt dazed in their hearts. It was as if they were within the depths of the universe, and they couldn't see the past, present, or future clearly.

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A wave of grand and boundless natural tune of the Dao resounded from Chen Xi, and then everyone saw golden and divine musical notes that covered the sky transform into a divine rain that descended throughout the heavens and the earth.

As the golden rain descended onto the ground, flowers bloomed silently, plants grew gradually. As the golden rain descended into the lake, the fish cheered and danced about in groups on the surface of the lake. As the golden rain descended onto the mountain, the rocks glowed and emanated rosy light.

Even the sky was suffused with a fragrance that refreshed the soul. It was the aura of the Dao, the smell of the Dao!

The Dao was nameless, yet the strong named it the Dao.

At this moment, the tune of the Dao emerged and transformed into a golden divine rain that enveloped the entire heavens and the earth, and the aura of the Dao was everywhere. It was like a divine miracle.

"The praise of the gods descends like rain, the shapeless has been transformed into something with form. The Dao is indescribably profound!" Zhou Zhili suddenly stood up with his hands behind his back as he looked down at the heavens and the earth. His reserved and firm expression actually revealed a rare wisp of shock and admiration.

Everyone was shocked, and a thought couldn't help but float up into their minds when they sensed the might of this Praise of the Gods. Did Yun Fusheng who received the praise of Midnight Immortal King all those years ago cause such a phenomenon to descend?

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Chapter 1162: Extraordinary Splendor

19,000 years ago, the phenomenon of the heavens and the earth Yun Fusheng caused during the third round of the test had exceeded the scope of the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth, and it shook the entire Dao Emperor Academy.

Amongst the people present, only Zhou Zhili and Wang Daolu had the fortune to witness the scene at that time while the other great figures here had only heard of it.

So, when they saw the phenomenon caused by Chen Xi had created the grand scene of the praise of the gods descending like rain, they were unable to refrain from feeling a wisp of shock even with their cultivations in the Dao Heart.

Even if it was Zhao Mengli, Ji Xuanbing, and the other young disciples, they were able to sense that this scene was even grander than the phenomenon caused by Zhen Lu!

"He actually really surpassed him..." Ji Xuanbing muttered with a slightly complicated feeling in his heart. At the beginning of the test, he was seen as the leading figure amongst the younger generation of the

Immortal Dimension, and he could compete for supremacy with the Buddha Dimension's Zhen Lu and the Phoenix Clan's Zhao Mengli.

Yet now, he was surpassed by Zhen Lu during the first round of the test, whereas Chen Xi had surpassed him during the second round of the test.

Now, during the third round of the test, he was surpassed by both Zhen Lu and Chen Xi, and he couldn't avoid feeling slightly depressed and dejected.

But in the end, he smiled and said in his heart, "As a descendant of the primeval emperors, I naturally have to possess the ability to tolerate others. Not to mention Chen Xi is a member of the Immortal Dimension in the end, so I should be proud that he's able to surpass Zhen Lu."

His heart calmed down greatly when he thought like this.

The others like Moqi Yan, Mu Yuchong, and Zhongli Xun had rather complicated feelings. They felt a slight sense of loss, slightly dejected, and slightly proud as well.

As for Ao Wuming, Jiang Canghai, and Zuoqiu Yin, besides revealing expressions of shock, gloominess couldn't help but appear on their faces. It was very difficult for them to accept such a situation.

During the second round of the test, they'd once formed an alliance to hunt and kill Chen Xi. Even if it was only once during a test, they had imperceptibly taken Chen Xi to be the enemy in their hearts.

At this moment, when they saw him reveal extraordinary splendor with the praise of the gods that shook the world and seem like a unique genius that surpassed all the geniuses present here to the point their accomplishments dimmed in comparison, they couldn't help but feel extremely depressed, dejected, and furious. It was as uncomfortable as eating a pile of dead flies.

Especially Zuoqiu Yin. His handsome face was already slightly warped and completely livid. Moreover, the gaze he shot at Chen Xi even seemed to be on the verge of burning up with flames.

If it was possible, he wished for nothing more than to kill Chen Xi right now, pull out Chen Xi's tendons, skin Chen Xi alive, and then burn Chen Xi's bones before scattering the ashes, so as to put an end to all future troubles.

Unfortunately, he only dared to think of this while standing before so many great figures because he would definitely be annihilated on the spot if he dared to act!

After all, this was the Dao Emperor Academy and not the Zuoqiu Clan.

Zuoqiu Hong had a similar state of mind as Zuoqiu Yin. Earlier, he thought Chen Xi was purely wasting everyone's time and was utterly unable to cause the appearance of the phenomenon of the heavens and the earth. Thus, he intended to announce the conclusion of the test and overlook Chen Xi's results in this test. But it just so happened that such a scene had appeared at the critical moment!

This was simply like a silent slap that struck forcefully onto his fair face, and it caused his face to burn with sharp pain while his entire body felt extremely uncomfortable and stiff.

Wang Daolu was extremely shocked inwardly as well, and he regretted not listening to Tie Qiuyu that day and taking Chen Xi to be his personal disciple. Now that he saw Chen Xi gradually reveal

extraordinary splendor during the third round of the test, the regret in his heart grew deeper and deeper, and his mood was rather bitter and depressed.

At this moment, when he saw Zuoqiu Hong's expression, Wang Daolu seemed as if he'd found a place to vent, and he laughed coldly. "Such a disciple is capable of leaving his name in the history of Dao Emperor Academy. Who intended to end the test earlier?"

These words were utterly blunt, and it was directly targeted at Zuoqiu Hong!

The other great figures were shocked in their hearts when they saw this as they never expected that as a Head Instructor of the Inner Court, Wang Daolu had actually aroused displeasure towards Zuoqiu Hong!

"It was my oversight, indeed. Brother Wang is right. Alas, fortunately, Dean Zhou possessed extraordinary wisdom and avoided a mishap from occurring. Otherwise, I would have really been condemned through the ages!" Zuoqiu Hong's originally stiff expression suddenly became solemn and carried deep regret as he cupped his hands towards Wang Daolu before cupping his hands to Zhou Zhili as well with an extremely guilty and uneasy appearance.

Wang Daolu's eyes narrowed when he saw this, and he glanced deeply at Zuoqiu Hong and didn't speak any further.

He was very well aware Zuoqiu Hong definitely wouldn't let the matter go, but since Zuoqiu Hong displayed his regret, Wang Daolu couldn't say anything about it.

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"The praise of the gods descending like rain! Who is it?! Which disciple caused such a Praise of the Gods to descend?"

"How many years has it been? I've finally encountered a peerless genius that can compare to Yun Fusheng! Haha! This disciple isn't bad! After enduring for 8,000 years without taking a disciple, perhaps today is a good chance!"

"Hmph! This disciple is mine! If all of you want to take him, then defeat me first!"

"What nonsense! Daoist Nun Jiang, you already possess a personal disciple, so why're you interfering in this?"

"Hehe! I advise all of you old fellows to save your strength. Allowing all of you to teach such a disciple is a terrible waste, and it's better for him to be guided by me."

Suddenly, numerous peerlessly formidable strands of intent swept over from all directions like numerous gales, and it alarmed everyone before finally descending onto Chen Xi.

Zhou Zhili and Wang Daolu's expressions changed slightly.

The other instructors of Dao Emperor Academy revealed bitter smiles upon noticing this. Sure enough, it drew the attention of those old fellows in the academy. Now, this kid is going to become a hot piece of meat that everyone wants...

For a time, the gazes they shot at Chen Xi carried a wisp of admiration.

There was a difference in superiority between the great figures of Dao Emperor Academy. For example, the instructors of the inner court and outer court had an extremely large difference in status, whereas the gap between instructors of the inner court and head instructors was great as well.

At this moment, practically all those formidable strands of intent that appeared abruptly possessed the title of head instructor or even greater.

This naturally caused the outer court instructors present here to give up any thought of taking Chen Xi as their personal disciple.

“Everyone, the test hasn’t concluded yet! Could it be that all of you intend to break my rules?” Zhou Zhili’s gaze was like a bolt of lightning as it swept the surroundings while he shouted loudly with a stern voice.

However, many people discerned a trace of exasperation in his voice, and he seemed as if he was deeply afraid that these old fellows would disregard the rules and fight madly for Chen Xi.

“Heh, Little Kid Zhou, you’ve grown your wings to the point of daring to go against you Martial Uncle?” An aged voice resounded with a joking tone.

Zhou Zhili’s face darkened as he said, “Martial Uncle Qiu, please act according to your status!”

“Haha! Old Man Qiu, this fellow Zhou Zhili doesn’t care who you are, so why don’t you withdraw yourself?” A rough and roaring sound of laughter resounded.

“Hmph! Xuanyuan Pojun, you were still playing with mud outside Dao Emperor Academy when I was fucking teaching students!”

“Alright, alright, both of you stop fighting. Is there any point? This belongs to me, Jiang Yu!”

“Daoist Nun Jiang, what is the meaning of this?”

Instantly, the scene was filled with argument and chaos. The formidable strands of intent that spoke via voice transmissions were all existences at the Half-step Immortal King Realm, and it shocked Zhen Lu, Zhao Mengli, and the other disciples to the point their minds buzzed and shook.

Zhou Zhili’s brows knit together to form a ‘川’ character, yet he was helpless towards this.

On the other hand, Wang Daolu was in a similar situation. He shook his head while laughing bitterly. “This Daoist Nun Jiang really likes to interfere in everything.”

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Right at this moment, a wave of strange rumbling stretched out from Chen Xi’s figure. In the next moment, Chen Xi’s imposing aura suddenly rose while the essence, spirit, and energy in his body surged. It seemed like a translucent and clean flame was burning within him.

“Eh! This little fellow is actually advancing during the test!”

“He lit up the flames of the Earthly Soul! Yes, this is the sign of advancing into the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm.”

“Tsk, this kid really is heaven defying. With his advancement on a Dao Sharpening Stone coupled with the Praise of the Gods that surpassed the grade of Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth, his accomplishments are unprecedented since the ancient times.”

The formidable strands of intent noticed the signs of advancement that Chen Xi displayed at the first possible moment, and they spoke in praise.

On the other hand, Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, and all the other instructors of the outer court exclaimed with admiration in their hearts. Only Zuoqiu Hong’s expression was slightly stiff...

As for Zhao Mengli, Ji Xuanbing, and the others, the gazes they shot at Chen Xi became even more complicated.

Rumble!

Right at this moment, a shapeless force suddenly arose in the sky, and it was like the piercingly cold might of the heavens. It swept through the surroundings with an all-powerful and peerless manner, and it actually drove away all the strands of formidable intent!

“Hua Jiankong! When did an executioner like you return from the Outrealm!?”

“Shit! It’s actually this fellow...” “A disappointment! Truly a fucking disappointment!”

Before they left, these formidable strands of intent let out a wave of clamorous noise before vanishing without a trace.

“He really has returned.” Zhou Zhili and Wang Daolu glanced at each other, and they didn’t say anything further. Hua Jiankong wasn’t an instructor, and he was the personal disciple of Dao Emperor Academy’s Dean instead!

This disciple had followed along by the Dean’s side on an expedition throughout the three dimensions for no less than ten thousand years.

At this moment, the sudden appearance of Hua Jiankong’s intent obviously showed that he’d come under orders, and it was for the sake of allowing this third round of the test to be carried out smoothly.

“Looks like the Dean has noticed the events here...” Zuoqiu Hong muttered to himself with a slightly dazed expression, and it was impossible to discern if he was happy or unhappy.

In Dao Emperor Academy, the Dean of the inner court, Dean of the outer court, the Dean of the Scripture Reserve, and the various other deans would be addressed along with their surname. For example, Zhou Zhili was mostly addressed as Dean Zhou.

On the other hand, only a single person was called Dean, and it was the true overlord of Dao Emperor Academy!

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Meanwhile, Chen Xi woke up atop the Dao Sharpening Stone. His gaze was bright like the starry sky and suffused with a profound sheen of wisdom. The vital energy within his body circulated silently while his

entire body seemed as if it was already rooted to the heavens and the earth and merged with the nine heavens. He carried a unique bearing that was extraordinary, translucent, clear, and flawless.

This was the representation of the cooperation between the Heavenly and Earthly Soul after the muddy qi within the Earthly Soul had been eliminated completely, and it was the imposing aura that only experts at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm possessed!

His body was like glass and the Heavenly and Earthly Soul had merged with the world.

This was the aura of an expert at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm!

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Chapter 1163: The Dao Bell of Vie

Lighting the flame of the Earthly Soul, eliminating the muddy qi within it, and the merging of the Earthly and Heavenly Soul with the world.

This was the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm.

But it carried a very unusual meaning to Chen Xi because it meant that his already extremely formidable combat strength had obtained another transformation!

If he were to undergo the first round of the test once more, then he was confident that he would at least be able to be ranked in the top five!

At the very least, he wasn't quite sure about the limits of his combat strength.

In short, perhaps Chen Xi was slightly afraid of Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhao Mengli in the past, yet now, he wasn't afraid of fighting them at all.

This was the change in his state of mind that came with the improvement of his cultivation.

It's time to completely merge the myriad of profundities contained within the three moves of the Sword of Water... Chen Xi was rather pleased by the changes in his strength. However, before he could think about it, he suddenly noticed that the gazes of everyone present here seemed to be looking at him...

But he came to an understanding in the next instant, and it was definitely because of the Praise of the Gods that he caused to descend.

He hadn't heard the name, Yun Fusheng, in the past, but he was clearly aware that his accomplishments from before seemed to have even surpassed Zhen Lu...

After that, Chen Xi stopped thinking about all of this.

He wasn't concerned about his rankings in the test, and he was instead concerned about whether he would be able to enter Dao Emperor Academy. Now that he'd finally succeeded, it caused the load in his heart to be put down completely.

Swish! Meanwhile, Wang Daolu suddenly flicked his sleeve, causing a shapeless force to envelop Heart Reflection Lake, and it enveloped Chen Xi and the others as well.

“The third round of the test has concluded. I’m about to bring all of you to the Hall of Vie. Once the final rankings of the test have been announced, I’ll arrange places of cultivation for all of you.”

Swoosh!

Wang Daolu’s voice hadn’t finished resounding through the air when Chen Xi and the others felt the scene before their eyes flash, and then they were led along by a shapeless force.

“Everyone, let’s go as well. All your assistance will be needed in order to make arrangements for all these new students.” Zhou Zhili stood up and instructed the other instructors, and then he didn’t seem to make any movement, yet his figure had already vanished on the spot.

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The Hall of Vie.

An ancient and grand hall that was covered in the marks of the times.

At this moment, Chen Xi and the other 499 disciples that passed the third round of the test were standing solemnly within this hall.

At the center of the hall was a mottled bronze bell. It was around 30m in height and floated in midair. The surface of the bell was inscribed with various diagrams of flowers, animals, landscape, the sacrificial worship of predecessors, and so on and so forth. It emanated an ancient and desolate aura.

This Dao bell was called Vie, and it was named to represent the vie for supremacy. It was personally refined by the primeval Equipment Emperor for Dao Emperor Academy, and it was made from Chaotic Steel. It was a Void Grade Immortal Artifact!

A Void Grade Immortal Artifact was a precious treasure that only Immortal King Realm experts could control.

The Dao Bell of Vie had already been floating in this hall for countless years. It possessed numerous effects, and it was profound and extraordinary. Moreover, after the conclusion of every single recruitment test held by Dao Emperor Academy, the final rankings would be spread via the Dao Bell of Vie.

At that time, every ring of the bell wouldn’t just be clearly heard within Dao Emperor Academy, all the living beings within the entirety of Darkombat City would be able to hear it clearly.

Moreover, the fact that their names appeared within the ring of the Dao Bell of Vie proved that this disciple was already a true student of Dao Emperor Academy and was protected by the academy!

As it represented the vie of supremacy, doing this meant that all these newly recruited students would emanate a ring of their own in the Immortal Dimension of the future.

Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, and all the great figures of the academy were already standing beneath the Dao Bell of Vie at this moment, and they had solemn expressions on their faces while they seemed to be waiting silently for something.

Om!

After a short moment, a deep ring spread throughout the hall, and it was like the tune of the Dao that had descended from the heavens and enlightened all that heard it.

At the same time, the square outside Dao Emperor Academy that was originally filled with animated discussion suddenly became silent because a ring of a bell had resounded at this moment!

The test has ended!

Everyone reacted to the meaning behind this ring of the bell, and their spirits were refreshed while they couldn't help but reveal a wisp of anticipation.

What will the final rankings of the test this time be?

Who will obtain the supreme honor of being the first?

Within Darkombat City, the clamorous streets, bustling restaurants, noisy stores... Everything had suddenly gone silent, perfectly silent. Even the streams of people that were moving busily through the streets had suddenly stopped moving, and their gazes shot towards Dao Emperor Academy in unison.

The atmosphere was deathly silent, and only a strand of that deep ring of the bell was reverberating through the heavens and the earth.

"The 500th, Moqi Long."

This deathly silence didn't last for long before a sound reverberated through the heavens and the earth. It was the ring of the bell yet seemed like the sound of a god reading out his decree, and it carried a force that struck directly at the heart.

No matter if it was those great figures that were gathered on the square before Dao Emperor Academy or all the living beings in Darkombat City, all of them were clearly aware that the final rankings for this year's recruitment test would be announced from the bottom.

To ordinary people, hearing a list of an entire five hundred names was an extremely boring and dull thing, yet at this moment, it was like listening to a supreme and profound tune to everyone in Darkombat City.

It was even to the extent that many took out transmission jade slips and recorded the names within the rings of the bell, and they would immediately send these transmission jade slips out as soon as they recorded a single name. They flew out of Darkombat City as if they'd grown wings and flew into the various cities within Valiant Star Continent, flew into the various continents in the entire Immortal Dimension, and flew into the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan...

Because everyone was clearly aware that even though these were the five hundred disciples that Dao Emperor Academy was recruiting, it was a small handful of the top geniuses in the younger generation of the entire three dimensions.

Their futures were limitless.

A new blazing sun might appear amongst one of them.

They were bound to lead the younger generation in the Immortal Dimension and become a great figure that shook the world in the future!

Even if some of them would perish in the future, or some of them would become ordinary, but at this moment, they were undoubtedly the group of people that were the worthiest of everyone's attention!

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The ring of the bell curled into the sky and reverberated through the heavens and the earth. The deep ring carried a force that was like the tune of the Dao, and it caused the hearts of others to calm down as if they were listening to the sound of nature.

Name after name was announced while time trickled by, and it resounded throughout the entirety of Darkombat City.

As they heard these names, some people couldn't refrain from revealing a wisp of excitement, some could stop their tears from flowing, some beamed from ear to ear, some...

But not a single person made any noise.

All of them were expressing their feelings in silence, and they each revealed different expressions. It was like a scene where the expressions that could be displayed by the living beings in the world was revealed. Even though it was without sound, the silent atmosphere shook the heart.

Within the Hall of Vie.

Most of the disciples that had passed the test were extremely excited. Especially when they heard their final rankings, some of them felt a sense of loss, some were disgruntled, and there were also some that were overjoyed and exclaimed about their fortune in their hearts.

Only Chen Xi, Zhen Lu, Zhao Mengli, Ji Xuanbing, and the other disciples that had always been in the ranks of the top twenty seemed to be rather composed.

Firstly, it was a long way till the ring of the bell announced their names on the list, and secondly it was because they had mostly roughly guessed their own final rankings.

Of course, even if they were composed, it would be a lie to say that they weren't nervous. After all, they still didn't know their exact ranking, and they hoped in their hearts that their rankings would be slightly better than they expected.

When one paid attention to something, it was the easiest for time to flow soundlessly.

Unknowingly, even all the instructors of Dao Emperor Academy within the hall revealed a wisp of nervousness because practically the entirety of the top hundred positions were occupied by the disciples of top powers like the seven great ancient clans, the Buddha Dimension, the Dragon Dimension, and the Phoenix Clan.

Many of these instructors came from the same power, and if these disciples from their powers were able to be ranked in the top hundred, then it would greatly affect the powers that stood behind them.

Because the display of these disciples had an effect that was impossible to overlook towards the competition and cooperation between these top powers.

Chen Xi was the least nervous amongst them all because he didn't care about all of this, and he even felt slightly bored. However, in his heart, he was still counting exactly how many disciples from these top powers had entered into the top hundred, and which power they were from.

Thus, when the ring of the bell announced up to the final twenty, he'd roughly grasped a great deal of information.

For example, the Ji Clan had the most disciples in the top hundred: an entire fifteen of them.

The Jiang Clan and Zhongli Clan were on par, and they each had twelve disciples that entered into the top hundred.

The Mu Clan, Moqi Clan, and Xuanyuan Clan were equal, and all of them had around eight disciples that had entered into the top hundred.

On the other hand, the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and Phoenix Clan combined had over twenty disciples that entered into the top hundred, and it seemed to be slightly few in number, yet it was actually extremely extraordinary.

After all, the disciples from their three powers that participated in the test were much fewer in number.

As for the Zuoqiu Clan, it was the most terrible, and only three disciples had entered into the top hundred. Moreover, their rankings were rather low amongst the top hundred, so it seemed to be extremely conspicuous.

Amongst them was also a small portion of the disciples from other top powers like the Wenren Clan.

After a short moment, Chen Xi couldn't be bothered to pay attention to all of this because the Dao Bell of Vie had started to announce the top ten positions.

"The 10th, Xuanyuan Yun."

"The 9th, Mu Yuchong."

"The 8th, Moqi Yan."

The 7th, 6th, 5th, and 4th were Jiang Canghai, Ao Wuming, Zhongli Xun, and Ji Xuanbing respectively.

Up until this point of the announcement, nothing unexpected had appeared within the final rankings of the test, and their rankings were almost the same as it was during the three rounds of the test.

The only surprise was that Ji Xuanbing had actually become the 4th, and it caused everyone to feel slight disbelief. Moreover, it even caused a great uproar outside Dao Emperor Academy.

Only Ji Xuanbing himself seemed to be rather calm as if he'd expected this outcome a long time ago. He seemed to be composed in the face of anything, and he revealed the bearing of an emperor.

"The 3rd, Zhao Mengli."

"The 2nd, Zhen Lu."

“The 1st, Chen Xi.”

The final three names were practically revealed in one go, and it didn't give anyone present here the opportunity to express their feelings before the final rankings of the test had been completely announced.

At this moment, the hall was filled with shock, the area outside the academy was filled with shock, and the entirety of Darkombat City was filled with shock. They seemed to feel that it was too sudden, and their minds had become slightly sluggish.

But right after that, the hall, the area outside the academy, and the entire Darkombat City exploded with clamorous waves of noise that shook the heavens, and it was seething with excitement that drowned the heavens and the earth...

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Chapter 1164: The Dean's Decree!

The 1st, Chen Xi!

The ring of the Dao Bell of Vie was still resounding by their ears, yet the entire Darkombat City was already seething.

No one had imagined that the first would be occupied by Chen Xi and not decided between Ji Xuanbing, Zhen Lu, and Zhao Mengli.

Moreover, no one had expected that the first on the final rankings of Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test this time would actually be a young man that wasn't amongst the candidates in their expectations.

It was even to the extent that it was the first time that myriad of living beings in Darkombat City had heard Chen Xi's name, and it was so unfamiliar to them. It was unfamiliar to the point they were unable to figure out exactly who he was, which continent he was from, and which power he originated from...

Perhaps it was precisely because of all this unexpectedness that everyone would be so excited and shocked when they heard this name, Chen Xi, occupied the first position.

It wasn't just Darkombat City, the square outside Dao Emperor Academy was filled with astonishment as well. The numerous great figures that came from the top powers all over the Immortal Dimension revealed shocked expressions and felt rather surprised.

After all, even though Chen Xi had been ranked at the 1st during the second round of the test, he was ranked at the 9th during the first round of the test. So overall, it was utterly impossible for him to compare to Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others.

Yet now, he'd actually become the one that was ranked at the first position in the end. How could this not be surprising?

“The Praise of the Gods obtained by this kid during the third round of the test was probably at the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth grade. Moreover, if nothing unexpected happened, then he would have been the first in the third round as well. Otherwise, it's impossible for his final ranking to surpass Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others.”

Most people had vaguely guessed a portion of the answer, but they didn't dare come to rash conclusions.

"No matter what, this is a miracle in the end. It has practically overturned everything we know, and such a situation is unprecedented in the last few tests!" Someone sighed lightly and couldn't conceal his shock.

"Good! Good! Very good!" Tie Qiuyu was the most excited amongst all that were at the square. His face glowed while he said the word good repeatedly, and this obviously showed how delighted he was in his heart.

"Hmph! I really look forward to Cousin Brother Junlin finding out about this ranking and what he feels after he finds out." Mu Linglong's clear eyes flowed with light and were filled with spirit. Her cherry lips were curved up slightly to reveal a proud expression, and it caused all the great figures of the Mu Clan to be extremely shocked.

On the other side, Zuoqiu Ke's face seemed as if it was covered in ice. Her gaze was icy cold while the space between her beautiful brows was filled with a trace of gloominess and ruthlessness that was impossible to conceal. It wasn't just her, all the clansmen of the Zuoqiu Clan by her side had extremely terrible expressions.

The first!

Since that kid was able to obtain such an honor, he's probably been noticed by the numerous great figures of the academy. In this way, it was obviously even more difficult for them to deal with Chen Xi.

Dammit! Why did this happen!?

How are we supposed to give the clan an explanation?

All these clansmen of the Zuoqiu Clan had an extremely complicated and terrible mood.

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At this moment, the Hall of Vie was filled with shock as well. No matter if it was the disciples who'd passed the test or if it was Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, and the other great figures of the academy, all of them couldn't conceal the wisp of shock within their gazes towards Chen Xi.

Fortunately, this oppressive atmosphere passed very quickly.

"Haha! The test is finally over. Now I ought to be allowed to go over, right?"

"If I'm not wrong, the following period of time is the time where residences are distributed, the rules of the academy are proclaimed, and these students choose their instructors and lessons, right?"

"Hmph! I didn't see all of you being so fervent towards the matters of recruitment in the past? Why have all of you come over anxiously today?"

A wave of clamorous noise resounded outside the hall, and then numerous extremely mighty figures with vast divine might charged into the hall. They were like rays of divine brilliance that tore through the sky as they arrived, and they caused circle after circle of ripples to reverberate through space.

This group of people was made up of both men and women, young and old. But without exception, all of them were extremely formidable, and every single breath they took resonated with the heavens and the earth, caused the Grand Dao to rumble, and shook the hearts of all.

As soon as they appeared within the hall, they shot their gazes towards the five hundred disciples in unison, and their gazes lit up while they revealed warm smiles upon noticing Chen Xi.

“Little Fellow, I’m the Pill Reserve’s head instructor Chen Haotian. I think your natural talent isn’t bad, and I intend to pass down my entire inheritance to you. Are you willing?” An old man with snow white hair and a benign countenance spoke warmly with a smile on his face.

Zhou Zhili and Wang Daolu were stunned, never had they imagined that Chen Haotian who had a fierce and unsociable nature would actually reveal such a benign expression. Is this still one of the three grandmasters in the Dao of Pills that’s renowned throughout the three dimensions?

The other great figures that came over along with Chen Haotian instantly spoke in succession.

“Young Man, the Dao of Pills is only an auxiliary path. Come to my Book Reserve if you’re willing. I’ll take you as the personal disciple of the Book Reserve. At that time, all the books within the academy will be open to you, and there won’t be any need for you to pay with Starpoints!”

“Hmph! In terms of the ability to teach students, can any one of you compare with me, Qiu Wancen? Little Fellow, the competition to attain the Grand Dao focuses on killing resolutely. I’ve once fought in the Outer Realm for 36,000 years, so perhaps I’m not skilled in other things, but in terms of combat prowess, a grandmaster in the Dao of Pills and the Dean of the Book Reserve can’t compare with me!”

“You’re called Chen Xi, right? I’m Jiang Yu, and the Flaming Rain Ling Qingwu was guided to her current accomplishments by me. If you’re willing to cultivate by my side, then I guarantee it wouldn’t take a hundred years for you to become another blazing sun in the Immortal Dimension!”

“Daoist Nun Jiang, don’t forget that the Iron Abyss Ye Tang was taught by me. Moreover, why is a woman like you fighting for a male student with us?”

Instantly, the hall fell into endless argument once more, and this scene of inseparable argument caused the other disciples to be stunned. Even this is possible?

“Everyone, there’s no need to argue. No matter if he becomes your personal disciples or not, Chen Xi has to start cultivating from the outer court in the end. As the Dean of the outer court, I naturally will treat Chen Xi well.” Zhou Zhili was unable to restrain himself and joined in as well.

Only Wang Daolu felt extremely bitter in his heart. He wasn’t able to compete with them because he’d just taken a personal disciple a while ago. According to the rules of the academy, a head instructor wasn’t allowed to take another disciple before the head instructor’s current disciple attained the Golden Immortal Realm.

“Little Kid Zhou! Is this how you speak to your Martial Uncle?”

“Little Brother Zhou, you took a piece of Chaotic Steel from me the other day. Look, I won’t ask you to return it to me, and it’s fine if you just give this disciple to me.”

When they saw Zhou Zhili actually intended to join in, the others were instantly displeased and reproved him successively without end.

Zhou Zhili's face instantly sank as he grunted. "No matter what all of you say, according to the rules, Chen Xi must enter the outer court to cultivate!"

"That's true, but it doesn't stop him from becoming my personal disciple." Jiang Yu waved her hand and spoke in a straightforward manner.

Zhou Zhili felt his head hurt. This Daoist Nun Jiang is really difficult to deal with.

Right when everyone was locked in argument, a grey clothed young man suddenly walked in from outside the hall. His hair was white as snow, and he possessed starry eyes and slanted brows. As soon as he walked in, a breeze that was piercingly cold to the bone swept throughout the hall, and it caused space to tremble and be covered in a layer of ice!

Instantly, the atmosphere in the hall became deathly silent.

The gazes of everyone descended onto the grey clothes and white haired young man.

What shocking sword qi... Chen Xi looked over from afar and was utterly unable to see the young man's face clearly before he felt a piercing pain in his eyes. Moreover, goosebumps arose all over his body.

It was a form of absolute suppression between realms of cultivation, and it caused Chen Xi to arouse the feeling of being helpless to resist him.

Who's this fellow?

Isn't this aura a bit too fierce and powerful...?

Chen Xi was surprised and bewildered in his heart.

"Hua Jiankong!" Zhou Zhili's expression instantly relaxed when he saw this young man.

However, the expressions of those great figures like Jiang Yu, Xuanyuan Pojun, Qiu Wancen, and Chen Haotian revealed anger.

Hua Jiankong was the personal disciple of the Dean who'd followed the Dean on an expedition for 10,000 years without ever suffering defeat. He was the most renowned expert of the academy.

Some said he possessed a cultivation at the perfection-stage of the Saint Immortal Realm, some said he'd stepped into the Half-step Immortal King Realm a long time ago. As for exactly what cultivation he possessed, no one was absolutely certain.

When they saw Hua Jiankong arrive, how could those great figures not understand that the Dean wanted to interfere in this matter as well? Otherwise, with Hua Jiankong's cold and aloof nature, he wouldn't join in at all.

Sure enough, in the next moment, Hua Jiankong had arrived by Zhou Zhili's side, and he passed a jade slip over. "These are Master's instructions."

He turned around and left as soon as he finished speaking.

From the beginning until the end, he didn't spare a glance at anyone within the hall. He seemed to be proud, cold, and like a lone wolf that moved about by himself.

Up until the point Hua Jiankong's figure vanished did the piercingly cold atmosphere in the hall finally recover to normal.

"Quickly take a look. What did the Dean say?"

"How strange. I remember that the Dean hasn't interfered in the matters of the academy for a few thousands of years, yet he issued some sort of decree today and even made this cold faced kid, Hua Jiankong, deliver it personally?"

"Actually, I have a bad premonition..."

As they discussed it, everyone shot their gazes towards Zhou Zhili.

Zhou Zhili placed his gaze on the jade slip in his hand instead. He was slightly stunned when he saw the content of the jade slip clearly, and his face turned slightly stiff while he fell silent for a long time.

The others glanced at each other when they saw this, and they all felt that it was slightly strange.

As the Dean of Dao Emperor Academy's outer court and an existence who was a Half-step Immortal King that was renowned since a long time ago, Zhou Zhili was usually calm, stern, reserved, and composed no matter the situation.

Yet now, he was actually stunned?

What's going on? Could it be that the contents of the jade slip can even stun Zhou Zhili's Dao Heart?

"Little Kid Zhou, quickly tell us about the Dean's instructions." Qiu Wancen frowned as he spoke.

The others spoke successively as well, and they became even more curious about the content of the jade slip. Even Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the other disciples who'd passed the test were no exception.

"The Dean said..." Zhou Zhili took a deep breath before he raised his head and looked at everyone, and then his voice carried a trace of an indescribably complicated feelings. "He doesn't agree to allow any instructor within the academy to take Chen Xi as a personal disciple. He ordered this matter to be put aside for now and be discussed in the future."

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Chapter 1165: The Test Concludes

Zhou Zhili's voice had just finished resounding through the air when the entire hall fell into deathly silence.

No one had expected that the Dean would actually issue such a decree at this moment, and he actually didn't agree to any of the instructors within the academy taking Chen Xi as a personal disciple!

What...exactly is going on?

Everyone was bewildered, and it caused their expressions to become surprised and bewildered.

After all, Chen Xi was the overall first in the entire test this time! Moreover, the Praise of the Gods he caused to descend even exceeded the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth grade!

So long as he agreed to it, no instructor would be able to refuse being the master of such a peerless genius.

On the other hand, for the sake of taking him as a personal disciple, the great figures of the academy like Chen Haotian, Xuanyuan Pojun, Jiang Yu, and the others had swarmed over and seemed to be willing to fight to the death in order to seize Chen Xi. This obviously showed how dazzling Chen Xi's display during the test was, and it caused these great figures to disregard their status and bearing.

Yet now, after arguing with each other, they just happened to be told that none of them were allowed to take Chen Xi as their disciple!

This sudden change of events caused all these great figures to be stunned on the spot, and then they frowned while pondering deeply. They pondered bitterly yet were unable to wrap their heads around it.

On the other hand, Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and all the other disciple were astounded. They originally felt extreme admiration towards Chen Xi. After all, not everyone could obtain the favor of so many great figures.

Zhen Lu was unable to accomplish it.

Ji Xuanbing who was from an imperial clan was unable as well.

Even the descendant of a True Phoenix, Zhao Mengli, wasn't able.

All the five hundred disciples here that had passed the third round of the test successfully weren't able to accomplish it, except Chen Xi!

But it just so happened that the Dean issued a decree that caused it to be impossible for Chen Xi to become the personal disciple of any instructor. This naturally caused all these disciples to be astounded and puzzled.

Only Zuoqiu Yin was excited in his heart and even overjoyed. He was very clearly aware that if Chen Xi became the personal disciple of a great figure, then it would be extremely difficult for the Zuoqiu Clan to deal with Chen Xi.

But it was different now. Since Chen Xi was unable to become the disciple of any instructor, then it meant that he would be all alone after he entered the academy, and he would be no different from an ordinary student!

At that time, the Zuoqiu Clan wouldn't have to worry or fear that a great figure would protect Chen Xi when they made a move against him!

Disregarding the reactions of everyone else, Chen Xi himself was stunned and frowned without end when he heard this news. He couldn't be said to be angry, but it was utterly impossible for him to feel happy.

He was just very puzzled. He wondered why the elusive Dean would issue such a decree targeted at him at this moment?

I'm the first!

Why would I suffer such treatment?

Chen Xi was puzzled, and he felt that he received severely unfair treatment at this moment.

"Wait, the Dean personally instructed Hua Jiankong to come over, so his objectives shouldn't be so simple." Wang Daolu frowned and pondered deeply before he said, "Even if he intends to suppress Chen Xi in order to temper Chen Xi's disposition, he wouldn't issue such a decree at such a critical moment."

As soon as these words were spoken, the others deeply agreed. They felt this decree was too strange, and it was the reason for their shock.

"What's so difficult to guess about this? The Dean thinks that we don't have the qualifications to be Chen Xi's teacher, and so as to not prevent us from misleading him, the Dean issued such a decree hastily." Xuanyuan Pojun grunted coldly. He felt rather depressed when he found out he couldn't take Chen Xi to be his personal disciple, and his words couldn't help but carry slight displeasure.

The others couldn't help but smile when they heard this.

"These words are slightly one-sided. I feel that the Dean probably has other arrangements for Chen Xi's cultivation in the future. Otherwise, he wouldn't make Hua Jiankong make a trip here." The Dean of the Pill Reserve, Chen Haotian, spoke, and it aroused the agreement of many people.

"Other arrangements? I don't think so. Didn't you hear that the Dean intends to discuss it in the future? It shows that he hasn't made a final decision towards the plan for Chen Xi," said Jiang Yu. She wore a moon white colored Daoist robe and possessed a plain and dignified appearance. Every single word she spoke and move she made was decisive and resolute, and she seemed to be rather dominating.

"Alas, the Dean is really causing trouble for no obvious reason. After so many years, he issued such a baffling decree as soon as he made his presence known once more. If he has some opinions, then it would be fine if he spoke about it detail, yet he just had to act in a puzzling manner. How troublesome!" Qiu Wancen frowned and spoke with a bitter expression. His words were filled with displeasure towards the Dean, and he even said the Dean was causing trouble for no obvious reason, but everyone didn't think anything was wrong with this.

The reason was very simple. As seniors in the academy, they were very well aware of the Dean's nature, and it could be simply described as unrestrained and eclectic.

Or to put it in simpler terms, he didn't follow a fixed set of methods and usually did things that were almost as if he was causing trouble for no reason.

No matter how they analyzed it, they were unable to figure it out. It wasn't just those great figures that were rather depressed, even Chen Xi was rather speechless.

As for Zhen Lu and the other disciples, it was impossible for them to understand it as well.

In the end, Zhou Zhili gave the final word. "Alright, we'll put this matter aside for now and deal with the other disciples first."

When he spoke up to here, he swept Chen Haotian and the others with his gaze before he grinned and said, "Why don't all of you select a personal disciple from amongst the others?"

As soon as these words were spoken, it caused the spirits of all the disciples to be refreshed, and their gazes were filled with burning anticipation.

"Alas, all the students that passed through the test this time are really not bad, but my personal disciple isn't so easily selected. Allow me to return and consider it." Unexpectedly, Chen Haotian shook his head, and then he didn't even spare a glance to the other disciples before turning around and leaving.

"Zhen Lu isn't bad, but he's unfortunately from the Buddha Dimension, and Old Man Deliverance in the inner court has settled on him since a long time ago. Zhao Mengli isn't bad as well, but she's unfortunately a descendant of a True Phoenix, and that old phoenix will definitely burn my hall if she finds out I seized a disciple from her. Ji Xuanbing isn't bad too, but unfortunately, only the inner court's Eccentric Ji can teach someone in the imperial path..." Xuanyuan Pojun spoke and judged three disciples. He sighed after judging every single one of them, and in the end, his gaze descended onto Xuanyuan Yun. "Forget it, I can only teach this good for nothing kid from my Xuanyuan Clan."

After that, he said to Xuanyuan Yun, "Come to my hall three days from now." As soon as these words were spoken, it was equivalent to taking Xuanyuan Yun to be his personal disciple, and it caused the other disciples to feel extreme admiration.

"Thank you, Ancestral Uncle!" Xuanyuan Yun's heart shook and had an excited expression as he bowed.

"Alas, my fucking grandchild has become my personal disciple. What the fuck is this?" Xuanyuan Pojun shook his head and sighed emotionally before turning around and leaving in an instant.

Subsequently, a few great figures selected a personal disciple of their own as well.

For example, Mu Yuchong was selected by an inner court head instructor from the Mu Clan, or Jiang Canghai, Moqi Yan, Zhongli Xun, and the others who were similarly selected by the seniors from the powers they came from.

There were also many great figures that turned and left. It wasn't that they didn't want to take a personal disciple, but they didn't take a fancy to these young men and women. After all, once one had attained their cultivation, the conditions that need to be fulfilled in order for them to take someone as their personal disciple was extremely harsh. Even if everyone present here was a top genius in the younger generation of the Immortal Dimension, they wouldn't make such a hasty decision.

After all, being a personal disciple meant that the person would inherit their mantle, so how could they possibly pass down everything so easily?

In the end, only a few disciples were selected, and this meant that most of the other disciples could only start as ordinary disciples in the outer court.

In next to no time, all the great figures of the academy that came to fight for Chen Xi had left, and only Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, and the instructors from the outer court were left in the hall.

At this point, the blazing atmosphere in the hall calmed down greatly.

Even though they weren't selected as personal disciples by those great figures, most of the disciples present here didn't feel a sense of loss because so long as they were able to enter Dao Emperor Academy, did they have any need to worry about being unable to find a teacher?

As the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension, it was an extraordinarily great fortune to be able to become a disciple of Dao Emperor Academy. Everyone was a genius that had forcefully fought their way through a difficult path that was covered in an army of geniuses, so they were naturally clearly aware of the glory and status that came with being a student of Dao Emperor Academy.

Of course, some disciples felt a huge sense of loss. But when they saw Chen Xi who was the first had suffered the same treatment they had, they felt relieved, and it was even to the extent that they felt a great deal of pity for Chen Xi.

Perhaps as far as they were concerned, Chen Xi was probably the most depressed, most unhappy, and felt the greatest sense of loss at this moment.

Unfortunately, they were wrong.

Chen Xi wasn't depressed or unhappy, nor did he feel a sense of loss. But he wasn't happy, excited, or delighted. In short, his state of mind was rather calm.

He didn't have any hope towards getting a high ranking before he participated in the test.

After the test ended, he hadn't thought about becoming the personal disciple of any great figure either.

He merely came to Dao Emperor Academy for the sake of obtaining an identity that was capable of causing the Zuoqiu Clan to be fearful of it.

As for cultivating and inheritance, he still hadn't even merged the Sword of Water that he inherited from the Infinite Divine Talisman, so how could he be interested in any other inheritance?

In short, because he possessed the true inheritance, the Infinite Divine Talisman, that the Master of the Manor left behind, Chen Xi didn't really care about whether he was able to obtain other inheritances. Since he didn't care about inheritances, he naturally didn't really care about whether he was able to become the personal disciple of a great figure.

"Alright, all the matters of the test have concluded at this point. Now..." Meanwhile, Zhou Zhili grinned before he flicked his sleeve, and then the Dao Bell of Vie in the depths of the hall shook to the point space distorted and fluctuated while divine brilliance filled the air.

After that, a lofty bronze door that was over 1km in height appeared out of thin air!

"Dao Emperor Academy welcomes all of you as a member!"

Swoosh! The gazes of everyone in the hall descended onto the bronze door in unison, and their gazes gradually started burning with anticipation while even their breathing faintly quickened.

At this moment, Dao Emperor Academy, the paradise of cultivation that countless experts of the three dimensions' younger generation dreamt of had finally opened its doors to them!

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Chapter 1166: Nuwa's Dao Palace

The curtains to Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test for this year were drawn.

The list of the final rankings in the test were spread out at a shocking speed as well, and it was like a gale that swept throughout the 4,900 continents in the Immortal Dimension and shocked the world.

The most dazzling figure amongst them was undoubtedly Chen Xi, who'd seized first place in the test!

His origins, background, cultivation, combat strength, and even character and hobbies had become the center of the investigation of all the powers, and it became the topic of conversation after meals.

Especially within Southbridge Continent, when they found out that Chen Xi was the first amongst the disciples that participated in Dao Emperor Academy's test this time, it was no different from an earthquake that caused an extraordinary tremor through Four Divinity City.

The Liang, Gu, and Luo Clans jointly carried out a feast and widely invited other powers to celebrate for Chen Xi for an entire ten days.

On the other hand, the Yin Clan had become dormant instead. Its disciples didn't step foot outside the clan, and it kept a completely low profile, as if it had suffered an extreme blow, causing its reputation to plummet.

"After such a short period of time, I must look at you in another light? Unfortunately, you're still too much inferior to me. Perhaps I'll apologize for being rude to you that day when you become another blazing sun of the Immortal Dimension." At Midnight Continent and within the Mu Clan, the peerlessly handsome Mu Junlin that wore white clothes smiled indifferently after looking through the jade slip in his hand, and then he fell into deep meditation once more.

"Chen Xi, Chen Xi..." Iris Continent, within the Zuoqiu Clan. Zuoqiu Kong sat silently by himself for an entire day while pondering deeply for the entire day, and he constantly repeated a name, causing others to be unable to figure out exactly what he was thinking.

Heavenflow Continent, Soaring Mountain.

This was the restricted area of the Heavenflow Dao Sect of the Immortal Dimension. It was said that every three meters of distance contained killing intent within it, and there were over ten thousand restrictions within it. Even Saint Immortals would find it difficult to take a single stride here.

This was the core inheritance grounds of Heavenflow Dao Sect, and it was built in the primeval times. It could be said to be a long-standing inheritance, and its resources and reserves were deep.

But only a few seniors within the sect were clearly aware that the most important thing on Soaring Mountain wasn't the core inheritance of the sect but a mysterious door.

Swoosh! On this day, a jade slip tore through the sky and flew into the depths of Soaring Mountain.

There was a lake of lava in the depths of Soaring Mountain, and blazing waves shot into the sky. It surged with one of the most overbearing flames, the Suncrow Divine Flame. Just a single strand of

sparks from it was capable of instantly incinerating a Mysterious Immortal Realm expert to the point nothing remained of him.

At this moment, a handsome figure was sitting cross-legged atop the lake of lava. His figure was ramrod straight, and he wore a feathered crown with a star atop it. His appearance was handsome, his brows were slanted while his eyes were starry, and his entire body was covered by Suncrow Divine Flame.

When looked at from afar, he seemed like a god that was born from the flames, and his entire body emanated a great imposing aura of domineering over the world and ruling it.

If Chen Xi was here, he would definitely be able to recognize to his surprise that this was Bing Shitian!

However, unlike before, Bing Shitian's aura was obviously even more overbearing and domineering. Every single move he made carried a formidable imposing aura of supremacy and ruling over the world.

"Hmm? Unless an unexpected event that shocked the world occurred, otherwise no one would dare disturb me while I cultivated at this Suncrow Divine Lake. Why has a transmission jade slip been sent over now?" Bing Shitian suddenly opened his eyes. He was like a god of flames that had awakened, and his eyes were filled with monstrous waves of flame that seemed to intend to incinerate the heavens! Swoosh!

He grabbed the jade slip in his hand with a casual gesture.

Pop!

After hastily glancing through the content of the jade slip, Bing Shitian's handsome face instantly twisted together, and then he crushed the jade slip in his hand, causing it to transform into powder that drifted into the air.

"The first amongst the new students of Dao Emperor Academy? This kid has only ascended into the Immortal Dimension for a few years, so how could he possibly possess such a terrifying speed of growth? How could this be possible?!" Killing intent converged between Bing Shitian's brows while he was agitated to the point his chest rose and fell without end, and then he was unable to restrain himself from roaring grimly any longer. His voice shook the heavens while his entire body erupted with strands of golden flames that seemed just like the monstrous flames of rage in his heart at this moment.

He calmed down slightly after a long time, and his gaze became extremely icy cold.

"After he entered Dao Emperor Academy, it's impossible to shake that kid in the slightest even if the entire strength of the sect is utilized. If I want to kill him, then I can only..." Bing Shitian suddenly raised his head and shot his gaze towards the deepest depths of Soaring Mountain. Mist coiled about that area, and the outline of a door could be faintly noticed within the pitch black darkness.

The door seemed to carry a shapeless force that caused Bing Shitian to suddenly become calm upon laying eyes on it, and then a wisp of respect and even reverence couldn't help but surge out from within him.

"It's said that it's a door that leads to a mysterious place in the three dimensions. Even a Half-step Immortal King Realm senior of the sect was given the punishment of being struck down into the mortal

world for venturing into it. But there's also a rumor that a servant of my Heavenflow Dao Sect entered it years ago, yet was fortunate enough to obtain a supreme inheritance..."

"Should I take the risk?"

Bing Shitian's expression was indeterminate. He gritted his teeth tightly while his gaze flickered repeatedly, and he seemed to be making a difficult decision that would decide his fate.

At this moment, Qing Xiuyi's figure that was graceful figure floated up into appearance within his mind, and then Chen Xi's face that he utterly detested appeared...

In the end, Bing Shitian suddenly stood up and muttered. "I can't wait any longer. Only a few years have passed yet that kid has already entered Dao Emperor Academy. If another few years pass, then I probably won't have another chance..."

Swoosh!

In the next moment, his figure had charged swiftly towards the depths of Soaring Mountain like an arrow that had left the bowstring, and he stepped through the door that seemed to be mounted within the darkness.

Rumble! Right when Bing Shitian's figure vanished within that door, the entire Soaring Mountain suddenly emanated a peerlessly vast fluctuation that shook the heavens and the earth as it rumbled in waves.

"Alas, he still took that step in the end."

"I heard that Qing Xiuyi has already entered that sect in the three dimensions. Shitian's actions aren't rash, otherwise his path towards the Dao will definitely be shackled by this."

"The critical factor is Chen Xi. He actually entered Dao Emperor Academy and even became the first amongst the new students this year. There's an old grudge between him and Shitian, so Shitian can only risk everything."

"Perhaps Shitian will be able to obtain the acknowledgement of that sect. However, he can't avoid experiencing some extremely dangerous incidents. I only hope he'll be able to persist until the end."

Numerous formidable strands of intent enveloped the entirety of Soaring Mountain, and they glanced at the door that flickered in the darkness before all of them ceaselessly sighed lightly with worry.

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Besides the 4,900 continents that were known by all, there were numerous mysterious areas, dangerous pockets of space, and unknown shattered worlds distributed throughout the boundless space-time territory of the Immortal Dimension.

Amongst these was a mysterious area called the Divine Abyss of Darkness.

There were boundless mountain ranges scattered around here, and it was like a primitive and undeveloped place.

At this moment, a robust figure that was 30km tall levelled mountains and uprooted trees as he moved. Every single step he took was like a thunderclap that shook the earth and caused the mountains to resonate.

“Master, there’s news about that kid from the Immortal Dimension. Should we tell Junior Sister Liuqing?” The 30km tall figure stopped before an extremely ancient and black colored building complex. His voice was like thunderclaps from the nine heavens, and it rumbled as it resounded throughout the heavens and the earth.

“Heaven Trampler, how many fucking times have I told you not to transform to such a height!? And don’t be so loud!” An aged and exasperated voice sounded out from within the ancient building complex.

“Oh, alright. Master.” The 30km tall figure suddenly shrunk into a 3m tall and robust man. He had a rugged appearance, eyes that were like bolts of lightning, and his face that was firm and seemed to have been carved by a blade was filled with an arrogant and overbearing expression.

Shockingly, he was the Great Sage, Heaven Trampler, Zhen Liuqing’s Senior Brother!

Swoosh!

Heaven Trampler’s figure flashed and arrived before a low and pitch black building. There was an emaciated old man squatted on the ground there, and he held a wooden blade with both his hands while he inscribed another piece of wood.

The old man was naturally Heaven Trampler and Zhen Liuqing’s master, Daoist Dao Que.

Dao Que glared angrily when he saw Heaven Trampler and said, “Go on, what news is it?”

“According to the news, Chen Xi has entered Dao Emperor Academy and become the first in the recruitment test.” Heaven Trampler seemed to be very obedient and answered obediently.

“Dao Emperor Academy? The first?” Dao Que was stunned. He put down the piece of wood that he’d inscribed halfway before entering into deep thought, and then he chuckled. “This really is great news. Unfortunately, there’ll probably be no one that dares to take that kid as a personal disciple.”

Heaven Trampler was astounded. “Why? I heard that numerous extraordinary figures are hidden within Dao Emperor Academy, and it isn’t as simple as it seems on the surface. A Great Buddhist Master of the Buddha Dimension, a Five Colored True Phoenix of the Phoenix Clan, and the Green Dragon Ancestor of the Dragon Dimension are all living in seclusion within the academy. There’s also the Dean of the inner court, Chi Cangsheng, the Book Reserve’s head instructor...”

Dao Que waved his hands and interrupted impatiently. “Alright, how could I possibly know less than you, kid?”

Heaven Trampler instantly shut his mouth, yet it wasn’t long before he was unable to restrain himself and said, “Master, why?”

Dao Que grunted and said, “Do you know what the secrets of the heavens can’t be revealed means?”

Heaven Trampler said in a depressed tone. "Of course I do. But Chen Xi isn't a secret of the heavens, so why can't it be revealed?"

Dao Que was stunned, and then he glanced at Heaven Trampler with a strange gaze. In the end, he shook his head and didn't speak any further.

Heaven Trampler knew he was unable to get an answer from his master upon seeing this, so he immediately changed the topic. "Then should I tell Junior Sister Liuqing about this? She brought those companions of Chen Xi's along and came to the Divine Abyss of Darkness for more than a year, and she has become impatient from waiting long ago. If we still don't reveal anything to us, then she'll definitely charge out of here to look for Chen Xi."

Dao Que didn't hesitate before he said resolutely, "No. That kid has just gained a foothold in the Immortal Dimension, so he'll probably suffer numerous calamities of karma if she goes looking for him now."

When he spoke up to here, his gaze stared towards the grey sky in the distance and muttered. "Don't worry, the Grand Dao isn't whole, and it won't be long before the great karma of the three dimensions descends..." His voice carried an indescribable strand of heaviness.

At this moment, at a mysterious place in the three dimensions, Qing Xiuyi had arrived before a green and misty divine mountain by herself. She swept the stone stele before the mountain with her gaze, and atop it was three obscure, complicated, and ancient characters — Nuwa's Dao Palace.

"I'm finally here..." Qing Xiuyi muttered lightly with a voice that didn't carry any excitement. There was only the sort of feeling of returning home that a child that had travelled far and wide possessed. After that, she walked step by step directly up the divine mountain with a calm and composed expression.

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Chapter 1167: Allheaven Golden Rankings

Dao Emperor Academy, a top power that stood aloof and independent in the Immortal Dimension.

In the boundless years of the past, countless experts of the younger generation in the three dimensions had gathered here, and they revealed their outstanding and astounding natural talent. They experienced innumerable tempering before they finally grew to become the most dazzling overlords in the three dimensions.

On the surface, Dao Emperor Academy's strength wasn't really noteworthy, yet only some supreme existences were clearly aware of the true strength that Dao Emperor Academy possessed, and it wasn't on the surface, but a type of hidden force.

It was an academy that encompassed the top disciples of the various top powers in the world. In the countless years of the past, innumerable top experts had emerged from Dao Emperor Academy, and there was no lack of extraordinary figures that stood proudly in the three dimensions amongst them. Moreover, amongst them was the renowned Valiant Star Immortal King!

These figures that could be called overlords in the three dimensions might have left Dao Emperor Academy a long time ago, yet a bond of master and disciple that was impossible to eliminate lay between them after all.

Perhaps it wouldn't be displayed at ordinary times, yet when Dao Emperor Academy truly encountered a threat to its continual existence, those great figures that had emerged from Dao Emperor Academy all those years ago would definitely surge over like the clouds in the sky!

At that time, the people of the world would understand how terrifying the forces that Dao Emperor Academy concealed beneath the surface were!

It was like a sleeping dragon that was normally inconspicuous. But when it truly started to awaken, it would probably shake the entire world.

This was the resources and reserves of Dao Emperor Academy, and it was the reason it was capable of becoming the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension.

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When Chen Xi and the others passed through the bronze door under Zhou Zhili's lead, they instantly appeared in a completely unfamiliar world.

When their fields of vision cleared up and they saw the scenes in the distance clearly, the hearts of all the disciples present here couldn't help but surge with a wisp of shock.

This was a platform that lay atop the peak of a 300k tall mountain. The platform was smooth like glass and covered an extremely large area. It seemed as if it stood towering at the peak of the sky, and it was enshrouded in mist and clouds, causing it to seem dreamlike.

At this moment, Chen Xi and the others stood on this grand and imposing platform. Compared to the platform, they were like numerous ants and seemed so tiny and insignificant.

The surroundings of the platform were covered in a boundlessly vast and magnificent scene. Numerous lofty mountains stood like the trees in a forest, lakes were scattered all over like the stars in the sky, and rivers coiled around the mountains. Besides this, there were countless grand, lofty, ancient, and aged buildings that studded the surroundings.

The sight of immortal flying beasts fluttering through the sea of clouds and immortal beasts moving about the luxuriant mountains could be seen from time to time. Moreover, countless divine rays of light could be frequently seen charging into the sky. Those were figures that possessed formidable auras, and they moved about between the boundless mountains.

The scene before their eyes was too lofty and vast. It was like a kingdom for immortals, a paradise sheltered from the outside world!

"This is the true location of Dao Emperor Academy, and it was created by the Dao Emperor all those years ago through his supreme divine ability. Primeval Chaotic Qi converges here, so cultivating here for a single day is equivalent to cultivating for ten days in the outside world." Zhou Zhili pointed at the boundlessly vast paradise of mountains and spoke with a deep voice that carried a trace of pride. "In the countless years of the past, some great figures and countless legends that all of you're familiar with were born here."

The hearts of Chen Xi and the others shook when they heard this, and their gazes lit up while revealing a wisp of burning excitement because from today onward, they would be cultivating here as well!

Zhou Zhili turned around to glance at Chen Xi and the others who revealed excited expressions, and then he couldn't help but grin as he recalled how he was just like all these little fellows all those years ago. He was so excited, and he was filled with such anticipation towards Dao Emperor Academy.

"Come, I'll lead all of you to the new student area." Zhou Zhili flicked his sleeve before an enormous cloud soared up into appearance beneath his feet, and then he carried Chen Xi and the other 499 disciples towards the depths of the mountains.

All along the way, Zhou Zhili casually introduced some basic knowledge to them.

It turned out that Dao Emperor Academy was divided into the outer court and inner court. Amongst them was the Book Reserve, Pill Reserve, and Dao Development Reserve.

They formed the five bodies within Dao Emperor Academy.

Every single one of them had a Dean and Vice Dean, and beneath these deans were head instructors and ordinary instructors. For example, Zhou Zhili was the outer court's Dean, whereas, Wang Daolu was a head instructor in the inner court instead.

Something worthy of mention was that only head instructors taught within the inner court, whereas there were only a few head instructors in the outer court, while most of the instructors were still ordinary instructors.

When they were about to arrive at the new student area, a disciple suddenly exclaimed in shock. "What's that?"

It wasn't just him, the gazes of the other disciples had similarly descended towards the same place in unison. A stone stele that towered into the sky stood there!

The stone stele wasn't standing on the ground, and it was on an extraordinarily enormous Dragon Turtle instead. It seemed to be a divine beast, yet it was actually already no different from a vast continent.

The reason the stone stele drew their attention was that its surface was suffused with dazzling radiance. It flickered with brilliant light and emanated an indescribable pressure that enveloped the heavens and the earth.

When Chen Xi's gaze swept towards the stone stele, he saw three ancient and grand words on its surface.

"This is our Dao Emperor Academy's outer court's Allheaven Golden Rankings." Zhou Zhili said indifferently, "As its name implies, only those in the outer court at the Golden Immortal Realm can ascend the rankings, and it can be considered to be the most basic ranking in the academy."

Everyone came to an understanding. They were clearly aware that besides all of them new students that were here, the outer court of the academy was filled with senior students that had entered the academy in the previous years.

Just like all of them, these senior students were top figures in the younger generation who'd passed the three recruitment tests of Dao Emperor Academy to enter it. Of course, these senior students had at least cultivated for over a hundred years in the academy by now, so there was naturally no lack of existences amongst them that advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm.

Obviously, this Allheaven Golden Rankings was prepared for the students of the outer court.

After that, everyone was extremely astounded because they heard that this Allheaven Golden Rankings was the most basic ranking in the academy.

Chen Xi exclaimed with shock in his heart as well upon hearing all of this, and he was able to faintly sense that he couldn't avoid competing with those senior students in the academy while he cultivated in the outer court.

His gaze focused over. He saw that the towering stone stele was suffused with golden light that flickered atop it, and it had become a form of supreme glory to have one's name inscribed on it.

"The 10th, Zhao Heng, cultivated for 534 years."

"The 9th, Zhongli Zhen, cultivated for 311 years."

"The 8th, Liu Zefeng, cultivated for 916 years."

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"The 3rd, Ji Wenlei, cultivated for 104 years."

"The 2nd, Zuoqiu Jun, cultivated for 327 years."

"The 1st, Ao Zhanbei, cultivated for 100 years."

"The Allheaven Golden Rankings only lists the top five hundred, and the cultivation time recorded on it points towards the time of cultivating within the academy. On the other hand, during the academy's exam held every ten years, only the disciples ranked in the top fifty have the qualifications to participate in the inner court exam, and those that pass are able to become students of the inner court." Zhou Zhili explained.

As soon as his voice finished resounding through the air, Ao Wuming sneered with disdain. "Oh, so that's how it is. They truly are a group of trash. The inner court exam is held every ten years, yet these fellows who have been here for so long are actually still in the outer court. They seem to be domineeringly occupying the top five hundred, but in fact their strengths and natural talent are inferior."

The others laughed lightly without end when they heard this. They didn't feel any respect towards the names on the rankings, and they instead aroused the intention to mock and ridicule those people on the rankings instead.

This was understandable because if they took Liu Zefeng that was ranked at the 8th position as an example, then even if he was ranked at the 8th, he'd cultivated for an entire 916 years within the outer court!

In other words, he'd experienced around a few tens of inner court exams, yet up until now, he still wasn't able to enter the inner court. This was sufficient to prove that perhaps Liu Zefeng was an extraordinary genius in the outside world, but his natural talent was inferior when compared to the other disciples.

Zhou Zhili couldn't help but frown when he saw this scene, and he glanced at all of them before he said, "All of you are still at the Mysterious Immortal Realm now, and it will at least take all of you over ten years or even over a hundred years to advance into the Golden Immortal Realm. How many of you will be able to directly enter the top five hundred? Do all of you know that there are an entire eight thousand students in the outer court? If all of them are trash, then what're all of you?"

Zhou Zhili paused for a moment before he continued. "Liu Zefeng was only at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm when he entered the outer court, and he utilized almost four hundred years to advance into the Golden Immortal Realm. After that, he spent almost three hundred years to become ranked in the top fifty. Up until now, he already possesses a position as the 8th. Do all of you still think he's a piece of trash?"

As soon as these words were spoken, the expressions of everyone present here was restrained greatly, and they became much more serious.

The Golden Immortal Realm was a threshold comparable to a natural chasm, and it was extremely difficult to surmount. According to Liu Zefeng's speed of cultivation, he was already considered an extraordinary genius.

But Ao Wuming still remained unconvinced, and he said proudly, "A clansman of mine entered the academy a hundred years ago, and then he cultivated for ten years before advancing into the Golden Immortal Realm. After that, he ascended into the 47th position of the Allheaven Golden Rankings and even passed through the inner court exam in one go to become an inner court student. Isn't Liu Zefeng a piece of trash when compared to this?"

At this moment, Chen Xi finally came to an understanding. The example Zhou Zhili made was towards an ordinary genius, whereas Ao Wuming was speaking about peerless geniuses. Both of them couldn't be compared at all.

On the other hand, Zhou Zhili frowned for a long time when he heard this, and then he didn't give any further explanation in the end. He said, "Once all of you understand everything about Dao Emperor Academy, you'll notice that the competition within the academy is much more brutal and intense than any other place."

When he spoke up to here, they'd already arrived at the new student area.

This place was covered in mountains that rose and fell while ancient houses stood like the trees within a forest. It was like a small kingdom that was established on a mountain, and it emanated Primeval Chaotic Qi that assaulted the face and caused the spirits of everyone to be refreshed.

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Chapter 1168: Emperor Grade Abode

"All of you are students of Dao Emperor Academy from now onwards. Origins and background are disregarded here, and all of you are only a member of the outer court students. If you want to obtain respect and status, then you have to strive for it on your own." Zhou Zhili raised his eyes to glance at Chen Xi and the others before he said indifferently, "Now, an abode will be arranged for each and every one of you to cultivate in."

Over ten figures flew over from nearby as he finished speaking. There were both men and women amongst them, and all their bodies were suffused with vast and formidable auras. Every single one of them actually possessed a strength at the Saint Immortal Realm!

“These are all the instructors for the new students in the outer court, and they’ll tell all of you everything new students ought to know. Little Fellows, the path to attain the Dao is difficult, and it’s a long and arduous road. Work hard.” Zhou Zhili instructed before he left swiftly.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be shocked in his heart when he saw this scene. Even the instructors for the new students in Dao Emperor Academy possess strengths at the Saint Immortal Realm. If this was at a place like the Eastern Peace Continent, then their strengths would be sufficient for them to become the ruler of a continent.

In next to no time, these instructors had spread out and started distributing the abodes for everyone.

Chen Xi, Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others who were in the top ten were separated into a group, and the instructor in-charge of them was a grey clothed middle aged man with a robust figure and rugged appearance.

Om!

The grey clothed middle aged man casually swung his arm to withdraw an immortal vessel, and it carried Chen Xi and the others off into the distance.

“I’m Wang Hen, and I’m your instructor. I’ll be guiding all of you for a period of time until you adapt to cultivating within the academy. In the future, feel free to come look for me if you don’t understand anything.” On the immortal vessel, Wang Hen spoke in a deep voice. “Now, I’ll distribute your abodes first.”

Swoosh!

The immortal vessel was like a bolt of lightning that tore open the layer upon layer of space, and it flashed past numerous lofty and ancient houses before finally stopping before a mountain that towered into the clouds.

“This is Vastcloud Mountain. There are ten abodes in the outer area of this mountain, and only the new students who were ranked in the top ten of the test possess the qualifications to cultivate here.” Wang Hen pointed towards Vastcloud Mountain from afar and explained. “All of you are very lucky. There’s a King Grade Immortal Vein beneath this mountain, and it contains Primeval Chaotic Qi. Cultivating for a day here is comparable to cultivating for a few months in the outside world. So I hope all of you will cherish this opportunity well.”

Everyone’s eyes lit up when they heard this. They were able to clearly sense that the Immortal Energy within this mountain range was actually exceptionally dense, and it faintly contained strands of Chaotic Qi and Primeval Qi drifting about. It emanated an ancient, desolate, and mysterious aura.

Merely the abodes prepared for new students contained Primeval Chaotic Qi. Dao Emperor Academy really is extraordinary. No wonder the experts of the younger generation in the three dimensions are willing to fight to the death in order to enter it... Chen Xi sighed with emotion in his heart.

“I heard that there are three Emperor Grade Abodes in the depths of Vastcloud Mountain, right?” Ji Xuanbing pointed towards the depths of the distant mountain as he spoke.

Wang Hen glanced at Ji Xuanbing and wasn't surprised that Ji Xuanbing knew such secrets. After all, practically everyone amongst these top ten were disciples from the top powers, so they naturally possessed knowledge about the situation within Dao Emperor Academy.

He nodded and said, “Yes, but you have to pay eight thousand Starpoints a year to cultivate there. However, only three students can cultivate there.”

He paused for a moment and grinned before he continued. “Of course, even if all of you cultivate in the ten abodes in the outer area of Vastcloud Mountain, you'll still have to pay three thousand Starpoints a year.”

As soon as these words were spoken, only Chen Xi felt slightly surprised as he never imagined that he actually had to pay such a large amount of Starpoints to cultivate here. Presently, he'd entered the academy as the 1st ranked student in the test, yet he only possessed a little over seventeen thousand Starpoints.

In this way, he could only cultivate within the Emperor Grade Abode for two years!

Compared to Chen Xi, the others had calm expressions, and they seemed to have known this from the start.

“Little Fellows, even though all of you have a rather good understanding of the importance of Starpoints, but I have to remind all of you that if you desire to gain a foothold within Dao Emperor Academy in the future, then it's impossible to accomplish without Starpoints.”

“Obtaining cultivation techniques, medicinal pills, immortal treasures, information, immortal materials, and seeking the help of others all require Starpoints as payment. This was done in order to encourage all of you to work hard in your cultivation and prevent any slacking.” Wang Hen grinned and seemed to glance at Chen Xi with deep meaning in his eyes as he said, “Of course, all of you don't have to worry because there are many ways to obtain Starpoints.”

“For example, if you little fellows who're ranked in the top ten are able to advance into the Golden Immortal Realm, then you'll be able to automatically obtain nine thousand Starpoints, and if you're able to be ranked in the top five hundred of the Allheaven Golden Rankings, then you'll be able to obtain eighteen thousand Starpoints.”

“Accepting and completing the various assignments of the academy is also the most direct method to acquire Starpoints.”

“Besides that, there are also a variety of ways to acquire Starpoints. All of you'll naturally come to an understanding after you reside in Dao Emperor Academy for some time.”

When he spoke up to here, Chen Xi already possessed a clear understanding of the Starpoints within his Violet Ribbon Starcrest. Simply speaking, if one wanted to obtain something in Dao Emperor Academy, then one had to pay with Starpoints, and if one wanted to obtain Starpoints, one had to put in the corresponding effort.

“Alright, all of you can pay 3,100 Starpoints now, and then go choose an abode.” Wang Hen flipped his palm as he spoke and withdrew a Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

“Instructor Wang, don’t we only have to pay three thousand Starpoints for the ten abodes in the outer area of Vastcloud Mountain?” Chen Xi was stunned and couldn’t refrain himself from asking.

As soon as these words were spoken, it instantly drew the attention of the others, and Zuoqiu Yin, Jiang Canghai, and Ao Wuming even revealed a wisp of faint ridicule and mocking expressions.

“Oh, I forgot to explain that the extra hundred Starpoints is an advisory expense paid to me. After all, I answered so many questions for all of you.” Wang Hen smiled to Chen Xi and spoke in a rather gentle tone.

At this moment, Chen Xi had a deeper understanding of the importance of Starpoints. Even seeking advice and asking questions cost Starpoints, and this obviously showed how important Starpoints were in the academy.

“I desire to select the Emperor Grade Abode to cultivate in.” Right at this moment, Ao Wuming spoke proudly. “Only a place like that can match my identity!”

Wang Hen was stunned, and then he nodded and said, “That’s possible as well. But there are only three Emperor Grade Abodes, so if you desire to cultivate there, then besides paying eight thousand Starpoints, you’ll have the chance to acquire it according to your rankings.”

As he spoke, he looked at Chen Xi and said with a smile, “For example, Chen Xi who’s ranked at the first position possesses the qualifications to be the first to choose an Emperor Grade Abode, and the next would be Zhen Lu and Zhao Mengli. Only if one of them forgoes this opportunity would the additional abode be available for the rest of you.”

Ao Wuming was instantly stunned while his expression was slightly embarrassed. He slightly regretted boasting like that earlier. It couldn’t be helped, he was only ranked sixth during the test, so even if he wanted to strive to obtain the Emperor Grade Abode, his chances weren’t great at all.

“Chen Xi, make a decision right now. Do you want to choose the Emperor Grade Abode as your place of cultivation?” Wang Hen asked directly.

The others looked at Chen Xi in unison when they heard this, and they faintly looked forward and hoped that Chen Xi would forgo this opportunity because it was an Emperor Grade Abode, and the Primeval Chaotic Qi within it carried an unbelievable benefit towards charging into the Golden Immortal Realm.

On the other hand, Chen Xi was only at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm now, so as far as they were concerned, if Chen Xi chose the Emperor Grade Abode, then it would obviously be a waste.

Ao Wuming even said directly, “Chen Xi, your cultivation is too low now, so residing in such an abode isn’t really beneficial to you. If you give this opportunity to me, then I won’t just compensate you with five thousand Starpoints, I’ll even give you a Dark Dragon Pearl, and it’s extraordinarily beneficial to you when you charge into the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm.”

As he spoke, he smiled proudly and flipped his palm to reveal a fist sized, dark blue, and completely round dragon pearl. It was suffused with tremendous dragon breath that was vast like an ocean, and it drew the attention of many people.

“How about it? These conditions are sufficiently generous, right?” Ao Wuming raised his chin and glanced at Chen Xi as he said indifferently, “Of course, you have to understand that if you refuse, then it’s equivalent to refusing an opportunity to become friends with my Dragon Dimension.”

His voice was calm yet carried a faint threatening intent.

The nearby Mu Yuchong frowned and said, “Ao Wuming, what you’re doing is slightly unfair!”

Ao Wuming’s brows raised as he glared at Mu Yuchong and said with disdain, “Mu Yuchong, I’m talking about terms with Chen Xi. Do you have any qualifications to interrupt me?”

“You...” Mu Yuchong’s gaze turned cold.

Chen Xi immediately stopped him and didn’t even spare a glance at Ao Wuming before he smiled to Wang Hen and said, “Instructor Wang, I intend to cultivate in the Emperor Grade Abode.”

As soon as these words were spoken, Ao Wuming’s expression instantly sank, and he glanced coldly at Chen Xi while he smiled coldly. “Good, very good. You have backbone!”

His voice emanated a trace of ruthlessness that said ‘Kid, just you wait!’ instead.

People from the Dragon Dimension were like this. They were arrogant, conceited, and harbored grudges, but one had no choice but to admit that they were innately noble beings. They possessed natural talents and natural endowments that humans couldn’t compare to at all, thus their strengths were extremely outstanding.

“You don’t have the qualifications to decide if I have backbone or not. After all, I’m the first in the test, whereas you...are only the sixth. Do you think you have the qualifications to judge me?” Chen Xi glanced indifferently at Ao Wuming, and his words were equivalent to serving Ao Wuming with his own medicine for Mu Yuchong.

Ao Wuming’s face sank while his icy cold gaze revealed a wisp of a ghastly expression. He stared at Chen Xi for a long time before he chuckled and averted his gaze, and he didn’t speak another word.

Everyone present here took note of these scenes.

Zhen Lu’s expression remained unchanged.

Zhao Mengli glanced at Chen Xi while seeming to be lost in thought.

Ji Xuanbing chuckled lightly instead.

Zhongli Xun and Moqi Yan acted indifferently as if they weren’t interested towards all of this.

As for Jiang Canghai, the corners of his mouth revealed a wisp of an expression of pleasure from Ao Wuming’s misfortune.

Only Xuanyuan Yun and Mu Yuchong frowned, and they were slightly worried that Chen Xi would suffer Ao Wuming's revenge in the future.

Wang Hen glanced at Chen Xi with surprise instead, and then his expression turned solemn as he said seriously, "I forgot to remind all of you that from this year onwards, not only will all of you be punished for fighting amongst yourselves within the academy, ten thousand Starpoints will be deducted from you. Out of consideration for your Starpoints, I advise all of you not to act impulsively."

Ten thousand Starpoints will be deducted for a single fight?

All the students here were stunned when they heard this. When was this lousy rule made? And why is it linked with Starpoints? Why didn't we know about it?

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Chapter 1169: The Tiny Cauldron Awakens

Instructor Wang Hen said that ten thousand Starpoints would be deducted if one fought within Dao Emperor Academy from this year onwards.

Obviously, this rule wasn't present in the past, and it had just been enacted. So everyone, including the disciples of the seven great ancient clans like Ji Xuanbing and Zhongli Xun, weren't aware about all of this, so they were slightly stunned and depressed in their hearts.

They weren't depressed because they couldn't fight, they were depressed that they wouldn't just suffer punishment if they fought someone, and they would even suffer a deduction of ten thousand Starpoints.

Starpoints!

Those were points that were even more valuable than top-grade immortal stones, and it would absolutely be difficult for them to do anything within Dao Emperor Academy without them.

Subsequently, Wang Hen asked Zhen Lu and Zhao Mengli who were ranked at the 2nd and 3rd respectively, and they naturally decided to cultivate in the Emperor Grade Abodes without the slightest hesitation.

Besides Ao Wuming, everyone else couldn't be said to feel a sense of loss when they saw this.

Because the development of the matter ought to have been like this, and they would be idiots to refuse the Emperor Grade Abodes just because of the amount of Starpoints required.

After all, Starpoints could be earned, but they wouldn't get a second chance to cultivate within an Emperor Grade Abode.

Subsequently, Wang Hen arranged an abode for all the other students besides Chen Xi, Zhen Lu, and Zhao Mengli, and then he led Chen Xi and the other two towards the depths of Vastcloud Mountain.

When Chen Xi and the others entered into the depths of Vastcloud Mountain, they were instantly able to sense the dense Primeval Chaotic Qi in the heavens and the earth, and it seemed material as it drifted through the heavens and the earth.

All of their spirits were immediately refreshed, and they realized that their cultivations would absolutely be able to benefit extremely if they cultivated here.

“There’s an Emperor Grade Abode in each of those three peaks, and each of you can choose one. Once you’ve chosen, you only have to place your Violet Ribbon Starcrest onto the restrictions around it, and the abode will automatically deduct your Starpoints before taking you as its master, causing it to be impossible for others to take a step into it.” Wang Hen pointed towards three peaks that stood towering in the distance as he explained.

“Besides that, this is a Myriad Ball, and it’s linked up to the Starpoint Hall. The Starpoint Hall is where you can exchange Starpoints for any goods. You can utilize the Myriad Ball to search through these goods. Of course, if you desire to exchange your Starpoints for something, then you still have to make a trip to the Starpoint Hall yourselves.” As he spoke, Wang Hen withdrew three crystalline and translucent fist sized balls of light, and he passed it over to them.

Zhen Lu and Zhao Mengli received the Myriad Balls before nodding to Wang Hen, and then they directly transformed into rays of flowing light that flew towards the other two peaks.

Only Chen Xi held the Myriad Ball in hand while feeling slightly stunned, and he stood there on the spot.

Myriad Ball?

This caused him to recall the Myriad Ball he’d seen in the Grand Deduction Tower. The only different was that the Myriad Ball within the Grand Deduction Tower could be utilized to directly exchange for things.

“What is it? Do you have any other questions?” Wang Hen glanced at Chen Xi and asked in a warm voice.

Chen Xi shook his head and awoke from his thoughts before he cupped his hands and said, “Thank you for your guidance, Instructor Wang.”

“Don’t worry about it. Feel free to come look for me if you don’t understand anything in the future. Of course, a certain amount of Starpoints will be collected as a fee.” Wang Hen smiled as he made a harmless joke, and then he left swiftly.

This Instructor Wang seems to be rather benign to me. If I have the chance in the future, then I can consider becoming friends with him... As he gazed at Wang Hen’s disappearing figure, Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought.

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Om~

Lucky Rain Peak, Chen Xi held the Violet Ribbon Starcrest in hand as he placed it onto the restrictions before the abode, and then a strange fluctuation arose before the door to the abode opened abruptly.

After that, Chen Xi’s figure flashed into the abode.

At the same time, eight thousand Starpoints had been deducted from his Violet Ribbon Starcrest, and only a little over nine thousand remained.

Lucky Rain Peak was one of the three peaks that possessed an Emperor Grade Abode.

There was an Emperor Grade Immortal Vein beneath this peak, and it emanated Primeval Chaotic Qi that was unbelievably beneficial towards one's cultivation.

When Chen Xi entered this abode that belonged to him, he saw a paradise that was like a palace. It was quiet, elegant, and suffused with an aura of simplicity.

At the same time, a strand of qi that was dense like lava assaulted Chen Xi's face, causing even Chen Xi's soul to tremble. It was comfortable to the point it felt like he was immersed in a hot spring, and he was almost unable to refrain himself from moaning.

"Oh, Primeval Chaotic Qi!" Suddenly, the tiny cauldron's voice resounded in Chen Xi's heart!

"Senior!" Chen Xi was stunned. Never had he imagined that the tiny cauldron who'd fallen into deep and deathly silence since he entered the Immortal Dimension would actually awaken at this moment. For a time, he was filled with pleasant surprise and shock.

After that, he sized up the surroundings while feeling slightly nervous. This was Dao Emperor Academy, a place where countless extraordinary figures were hidden, and it would be extremely bad if the tiny cauldron were to be noticed.

"Don't worry. This place is certainly within Dao Emperor Academy while this abode actually possesses Primeval Chaotic Qi, so it was definitely created atop an Emperor Grade Immortal Vein by the Dao Emperor himself. Not anyone can see through the restrictions here." The tiny cauldron said calmly, "At the very least, only a mere few people are capable of noticing my existence. However, they wouldn't place their attention on a little fellow like you, so it's impossible for anyone to notice me for now."

Chen Xi heaved a sigh of relief in his heart and said, "Good."

Swoosh!

The tiny cauldron suddenly flew out from Chen Xi's body and revolved as it descended towards the ground at the side before it said, "I originally thought that it would at least take a few thousands of years to recover my injuries. But with the Primeval Chaotic Qi here, I'm entirely capable of reconstructing my soul to perfection. At that time, even if I make an appearance in the Immortal Dimension, I wouldn't have to worry about being noticed by the Laws of the Heaven Dao."

"Reconstruct your soul?" Chen Xi's eyes focused. Only now did he notice that the tiny cauldron's injuries were actually much more serious than he'd expected.

"Yes. I experienced a great unexpected event during the primeval times, and only a strand of my soul remained. I was always lying dormant within the Primeval Battlefield, but unfortunately, due to the incomplete state of my soul, it was impossible for me to recover my strength no matter what methods I employed throughout these innumerable years of time..." The tiny cauldron sighed lightly before it recovered its composed voice. "However, the Primeval Chaotic Qi here has allowed me to have a glimpse of hope, and I'll be able to restore my soul completely in less than ten years. At that time, reconstructing my body and recovering my strength can be completed without any extra effort."

Chen Xi was slightly stunned as he never expected that the reserved tiny cauldron would actually explain so much to him.

“I told you all of this because you already possess the ability to gain a foothold in the Immortal Dimension. We’ve lived together for many years, causing our karma to be intertwined together. At the bottom of it all, it’s I who owe you a little bit more. After I restore my soul, I’ll naturally help you resist this tribulation.”

Chen Xi shook his head and said, “Senior, you’ve helped me too much, so it ought to be I that owes you a bit more.”

“There’s no need to speak any further. Destiny and Karma is something even those existences that stand at the peak of the Grand Dao are unable to fully comprehend, so it’s obviously too early for us to be talking about this. Go and cultivate at ease. You’re carrying too many things on your shoulders, and you’re far from being able to deal with all of it with your current strength.” The tiny cauldron fell into silence after speaking these words, and it started to absorb the Primeval Chaotic Qi, causing the cauldron to shimmer and glow while emanating strands of the obscure glow of divinity.

The tiny cauldron’s words caused Chen Xi to go silent for a long time. In the end, he took a deep breath and shook his head before thinking no more of it. After that, he sat down cross-legged and flipped his palm, causing the crystalline and translucent Myriad Ball to appear in his hand.

The Myriad Ball contained almost everything one could think of. It didn’t just record the conditions of exchange for various immortal treasures, it even contained information related to the academy.

Chen Xi held the Myriad Ball in hand while his Immortal Sense entered into it. Instantly, a screen of light floated up into appearance within his mind, and on the screen was a superb collection of diagrams and information.

“Myriad Immortal Artifact List!”

“Myriad Pill List!”

“Myriad Material List!”

“Myriad...”

There was a total of over ten different categories.

Chen Xi started looking through it casually.

“Soulsevere Sword, high-rank Darkspirit Grade. Constructed from Nine Heaven Starsteel. Conditions of exchange — 3,000 Starpoints.”

“Illusory Spirit Technique. 1,800 illusory spirits can be formed to do battle once the technique is cultivated successfully. Conditions of exchange — 6,400 Starpoints.”

“Clarity Unification Pill. An auxiliary medicinal pill that possesses the profound ability to refine Immortal Force and cleanse the soul. Conditions of exchange — 9,100 Starpoints.”

“...”Various immortal treasures, cultivation techniques, medicinal pills, immortal materials... All of them appeared within Chen Xi’s mind, and it caused Chen Xi to be dazzled while the shock in his heart grew greater the more he saw.

There were truly too many treasures listed in the Myriad Ball, and there were even Immortal Artifacts at the Valiant Grade and Void Grade! However, the price of these treasures was extremely terrifying, and Chen Xi was incapable of buying a single one with his current wealth.

Before long, Chen Xi’s eyes suddenly focused.

“Primordial Azurelotus, a peerless immortal herb. Conditions of exchange — 3,000,000 Starpoints!”

The details related to the Primordial Azurelotus was very simple, and it only stated that it was a peerless immortal herb. But its value was actually at 3,000,000 Starpoints, and this was absolutely a terrifying amount that caused one’s heart to tremble.

Even the Valiant Grade Immortal Artifacts that Chen Xi saw earlier were only equivalent to 2,800,000 Starpoints.

I never expected that Meng Xinghe actually casually threw over 3,000,000 Starpoints to me... At this moment, Chen Xi was extremely shocked in his heart, and he had a deeper understanding about how extraordinary the Primordial Azurelotus was. He only recovered from his shock after a very long time.

He restrained his thoughts and started looking through the lists once more. As he continued on, the amount of rare treasures grew, whereas the prices of exchange surged up all along the way as well, and it caused Chen Xi’s eyes to open wide.

“The Spirit Soul of a Primeval Fiendgod. Conditions of exchange — 4,000,000 Starpoints.”

“Universe Devilslaughter Spear, Void Grade Immortal Artifact, 6,320,000 Starpoints.”

“Nine Aperture Soulcleanse Pill, a requisite for charging into the Immortal King Realm, 7,800,000 Starpoints.”

“...”

Various treasures that could be called precious treasures in the three dimensions appeared one after the other before Chen Xi’s eyes. Every single one of them could be considered a peerless treasure, and it made it impossible for Chen Xi’s heart to calm down. On the other hand, the prices of exchange caused Chen Xi to shudder with fear.

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Chapter 1170: Shocking Discovery Of A River Diagram Fragment

Dao Emperor Academy deserved to be the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension. Merely the various treasures revealed within the Myriad Ball caused Chen Xi exclaimed repeatedly and endlessly with shock.

Every single treasure within it would definitely cause others to fight madly over it if placed within the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension. But now, they’d become the best methods to encourage students to work hard in obtaining Starpoints.

Yes, earning Starpoints!

In Dao Emperor Academy, Starpoints meant more than everything. Starpoints could be utilized to exchange for any treasure one desired, and similarly, one could ask an instructor to personally guide one in cultivation with Starpoints! Huff!

Chen Xi took a deep breath and intended to withdraw his Immortal Sense, yet an inadvertent glance caused his heart to suddenly twitch fiercely.

His Immortal Sense looked towards the final page on the list, and there were only a mere few words there. However, it instantly drew Chen Xi's attention.

"River Diagram Fragment. The ultimate treasure of Dao Emperor Academy. Conditions of exchange — 180,000,000 Starpoints! Additional condition, obtain the approval of Dao Emperor's inheritance!"

A River Diagram Fragment... Chen Xi muttered to himself while his heart palpitated. Never had he imagined that he would actually obtain a clue about a River Diagram Fragment from the Myriad Ball, and this was an extraordinary surprise to Chen Xi indeed.

Even more shocking to him was that the price of this River Diagram Fragment had actually exceeded a hundred million, and one even had to obtain the approval of the Dao Emperor's inheritance!

This was absolutely a condition that was harsh to the point of inducing despair to any student in the academy.

After that, Chen Xi laughed bitterly without end. Presently, he only possessed over nine thousand Starpoints, and it was simply nothing compared to the 180,000,000 Starpoints required.

The amount of Starpoints required to obtain the River Diagram Fragment is already despair inducing. I wonder what sort of harsh and abnormal requirements there will be to obtain the inheritance of the Dao Emperor... Chen Xi muttered while the burning excitement in his heart quickly vanished without a trace, and he became calm once more.

According to his knowledge, the complete River Diagram of the three dimensions was formed from nine pieces, and he'd already obtained five now. He only lacked another four to gather the complete River Diagram.

Presently, Dao Emperor Academy actually possessed a piece, so even if the requirements for exchange were extremely harsh, Chen Xi decided that no matter what sort of price he had to pay, he would try his best and perhaps he might even have the chance to succeed.

After pondering silently for a long time, Chen was about to put away the Myriad Ball when a shocking fluctuation suddenly swept over like a gale. At this moment, the tiny cauldron that was originally absorbing Primeval Chaotic Qi had suddenly flown over.

"The Chaos Quintessence Fragment! My god! Dao Emperor Academy is finally willing to take out this treasure?" The tiny cauldron's voice revealed excitement and wild joy that was impossible to restrain.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then his Immortal Sense swept through the Myriad Ball. Sure enough, he saw that a row of words was surprisingly floating on the page before the River Diagram Fragment, and it read 'Chaos Quintessence Fragment. Conditions of exchange — 160,000,000 Starpoints!'

Chen Xi was clearly aware that according to legend, the quintessence of chaos had completely shattered when the three dimensions were formed, and it transformed into the 3,000 large worlds, myriad of minor worlds, the Heaven Dao, the Laws, the Dao Insight, and the myriad of living beings and objects in the world.

But there was still a small portion of these fragments that fell into the three dimensions, and they were either obtained by the extraordinary figures that were born from the chaos or hadn't been found until now.

There was once a rumor in the immortal cultivation world that the Chaos Quintessence Fragments contained the most primitive secrets of the heavens and the earth, and if it was obtained by a commoner, then the commoner could ascend into the Immortal Dimension overnight and leave the cycle of reincarnation!

On the other hand, immortal cultivators would instead be able to attain the Dao, ascend to the extremes of the Grand Dao, and stand as equals with the Heaven Dao!

Of course, this was merely a rumor, and it was just like a story told on the streets. It was filled with exaggeration and absurdity.

However, it wasn't difficult to determine from it that the Chaos Quintessence Fragments were definitely extraordinary precious treasures.

"Chen Xi! Get it! So long as I possess it, then not only will I be able to recover my strength, I'll even be able to rely on it to cultivate a Chaotic Dharma Body. If I'm able to transform into a Chaotic Treasure, then even an Immortal King would be unable to do anything to me!" The tiny cauldron's thoughts were transmitted over, and it revealed extreme excitement and wild joy. This was the first time that Chen Xi had seen the tiny cauldron lose its composure since he'd met it.

After that, Chen Xi laughed helplessly. He really wanted to help, but the key was that the price was absurdly high.

160,000,000 Starpoints! It seemed to only be 20,000,000 Starpoints lower than the River Diagram Fragment, but could anyone in Dao Emperor Academy afford such a price?

"Senior, we have to plan this slowly. With my current strength, gathering over a hundred million Starpoints can't be accomplished in a short period of time." Chen Xi took a deep breath and laughed bitterly.

The tiny cauldron fell into silence when it heard this, and its excitement and wild joy calmed down along with this. In the end, the tiny cauldron said, "You're right. If it was so easy to obtain, then it would have probably been taken away by another a long time ago."

When he heard this, Chen Xi couldn't help but say, "Senior, don't worry. Since the Chaos Quintessence Fragment is still there, then it means there's hope to obtain it. I'll try my best and strive to obtain it."

The tiny cauldron said, "Don't pressure yourself too much. Gain and loss is a part of the circulation of karma. I was too anxious earlier and lost my composure slightly."

Chen Xi really understood the tiny cauldron's feelings because he was extraordinarily excited when he saw the River Diagram Fragment earlier, but when he thought about it calmly, he noticed that if such a precious treasure was so easy to obtain, then it would have been seized by another a long time ago. How could it have possibly been left behind until now?

In short, no matter if it was the River Diagram Fragment or the Chaos Quintessence Fragment, he could only strive for it slowly and couldn't be impatient.

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After that, the tiny cauldron entered into a meditative state once more, and it absorbed the Primeval Chaotic Qi.

On the other hand, Chen Xi started looking at the part about earning Starpoints within the Myriad Ball. He desired to fully understand what sort of method he should utilize in order to earn the most Starpoints in the shortest period of time.

There were numerous methods that formed a dense mass listed on it, and it was roughly divided into tests of cultivation and assignments.

The tests of cultivation were very simple. Every single time a student of the academy advanced in cultivation, the student would automatically obtain a corresponding reward of Starpoints.

On the other hand, when the student's strength could be ranked on the various rankings in the academy, then the student would similarly be able to obtain a corresponding reward of Starpoints according to the student's position on the rankings.

For example, the students that were ranked in the top five hundred of the Allheaven Golden Rankings were able to obtain three thousand Starpoints every single month, whereas those ranked in the top fifty were able to obtain eight thousand every single month instead.

After one was ranked in the top ten, one could basically obtain ten thousand Starpoints every single month. Moreover, every single improvement of position in the top ten would allow would to obtain a greater amount of Starpoints. For example, the first obtained a hundred thousand Starpoints every single month!

This was merely the Allheaven Golden Rankings, and according to what Wang Hen said, the Allheaven Golden Rankings was merely the most basic rankings in the academy...

He could imagine that for the sake of earning Starpoints, every single student would probably risk their lives in improving their cultivations, and this was equivalent to attaining the objective of encouraging students to cultivate.

Besides earning Starpoints through tests of cultivation, Starpoints could be earned through assignments. As the name implies, rewards of Starpoints were obtained from completing the various assignments in the academy.

However, contrary to Chen Xi's expectations, the assignments of Dao Emperor Academy weren't limited to training outside the academy, and there were many assignments that were closely linked to cultivation in the academy.

For example, assisting an instructor in raising immortal beasts, assisting an instructor of the Scripture Reserve to manage the books within the reserve, assisting an instructor of the Pill Reserve in planting immortal herbs, and so on and so forth. All of these provided a generous amount of Starpoints.

At the same time, the students of the academy would issue some of their own assignments. For example, they required a specific immortal material, so they were willing to pay the corresponding Starpoints in exchange, or another example was forming a group to gain experience outside the academy, and so on and so forth.

It could be said that Starpoints had already formed an inseparable link with the cultivation in the academy, and it was like money, yet was even more precious and unrestricted in usage than money.

A long time later, Chen Xi had finally finished gaining an understanding of everything related to earning Starpoints contained with the Myriad Ball, and he couldn't help but let out a long sigh of relief.

Earning Starpoints seems to be easy, yet it's actually not easy. I wonder how long it will take to accumulate over a hundred million Starpoints... Chen Xi muttered. Amidst the dense mass of various assignments, there wasn't a lack of assignments suitable to him, and contrary to his expectations, there were many. But every single one of these provided a very small amount of Starpoints, and the most was only over ten thousand Starpoints.

The key was that his cultivation was only at the Mysterious Immortal Realm. If he advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, then the corresponding assignments and Starpoint rewards would increase greatly.

The important matter at hand is to improve my cultivation while making the best use of my time to earn Starpoints. Doing this will allow me to familiarize myself with Dao Emperor Academy as soon as possible as well... Chen Xi pondered silently. After he entered Dao Emperor Academy, he wasn't worried about his own safety any longer, and even if the Zuoqiu Clan might deal with him in secret within Dao Emperor Academy, they would absolutely not dare harm his life.

Of course, if he left the academy to gain tempering in the outside world, then perhaps the situation he was in would be different.

However, Chen Xi had entered Dao Emperor Academy with great difficulty, so how could he possibly be stupid enough to leave and enter the outside world to temper himself? At the very least, he would absolutely not leave in a short period of time.

Om!

In the next moment, Chen Xi stopped thinking about it and started comprehending the Sword of Water. His body flowed with strands of the Laws of Water, and from time to time, they transformed into sharp swords or talisman markings that were dense and profound.

The Sword of Water was one of the supreme inheritances that came from the Infinite Divine Talisman. It vividly and completely displayed the might of the Laws of Water, and the three moves, Dreamlike Drizzle, Cloudwave Destruction, and Boundless Ocean, that Chen Xi had grasped were merely the Sword of Water that had been split apart, and he hadn't fully grasped its true essence.

Now, he was merging these three moves into one, and that would be the true Sword of Water! Swish! The sound of water rumbled. At this moment, Chen Xi's entire body seemed to have transformed into a torrent that transformed from time to time into a drizzle, surging clouds, or a boundless ocean... It revealed the various forms of water.

During this entire process, his comprehension towards the Sword of Water was like a river that rose explosively after the rain, and it grew deeper and deeper while faintly touching upon the essence of the Laws of Water...