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Chapter 1221: Arriving In A Threatening Manner Yet Leaving With Anxiety

A'xiu's style of doing things could be said to be utterly resolute, straightforward, and unhesitant. Her words weren't offensive at all, yet when it entered into the ears of everyone present, it carried a slaughterous aura that directly struck everyone.

Everyone firmly believed that A'xiu would absolutely do as she said.

Because she was the little princess of the Xuanyuan Clan, she should be so overbearing and domineering. In this world where everything depended on strength and background, A'xiu's background was so great that it obviously carried an undoubtable force.

Amidst this deathly silent and tense atmosphere, a figure suddenly flashed over from afar, and said something by Zuoqiu Jun's ears, causing Zuoqiu Jun's expression to sink. In the next moment, his gaze descended onto Chen Xi, and it carried a wisp of surprise and bewilderment.

No one knew what news had been passed to Zuoqiu Jun, yet they faintly felt that the changes in his expression ought to be related to Chen Xi.

"Heh. I never expected that after such a short time of less than two years, you've already ascended to the position of fifth on the Allheaven Golden Rankings. No wonder you dared to be so fearless today." Zuoqiu Jun was silent for a long time before he suddenly laughed coldly. His expression was gloomy, his tone was complicated, and it caused others to be unable to guess exactly what he was thinking at this moment.

But as soon as these words were spoken, it caused a mighty uproar in the surroundings, and the gazes of everyone descended onto Chen Xi in succession while they seemed as if they were looking at a freak.

The fifth on the Allheaven Golden Rankings? When did this happen? Why didn't we know about it?

If...if this is true, then isn't it too astounding!?

At this moment, the expressions of Liu Zefeng and the others turned grim, and they finally understood their miserable loss to Chen Xi earlier wasn't by chance at all.

The fifth on the Allheaven Golden Rankings was a height that they could only look up to!

Compared to them, Liang Ren, Gu Yueming, and all the members of the Star Alliance revealed pleasantly surprised expressions, and every single one of them was extraordinarily excited because they hadn't imagined that the leader of their Star Alliance was actually already ranked fifth on the Allheaven Golden Rankings.

It was also at this moment that everyone recovered from their shock and came to an understanding. They understood why Chen Xi was so domineering when facing the challenge of Liu Zefeng and the others was because he had the ability.

For a time, all of them couldn't help but reveal a wisp of pity as they looked at Liu Zefeng and the others. How pitiful. They didn't even inquire about Chen Xi's strength before coming to look for trouble. Obviously, they came to look for a beating.

Chen Xi maintained silence towards all of this because he was clearly aware that Zuoqiu Jun would absolutely not do something that praised his enemies and insulted himself.

As expected, Zuoqiu Jun said in an icy cold tone in the next moment, "If it was in the past, you do indeed have the qualifications to enter the inner court with your current ability. Unfortunately, the inner court exam this time is different than the past."

These words were rather baffling, and everyone was puzzled by it.

However, Zuoqiu Jun didn't mention this matter again. His gaze swept indifferently at A'xiu before he waved his hand and said, "The battle today ends now. Let's go."

As he spoke, he turned around and left.

Liu Zefeng and the others were stunned. They seemed to be unwilling, yet seemed to let out sighs of relief as well. They immediately followed behind Zuoqiu Jun because they actually wished for nothing more than to leave this place as soon as possible.

After all, they'd suffered repeated setbacks today and had lost all face while their pride had suffered a heavy blow. So how could they have the face to continue staying here?

However, when they wanted to leave, A'xiu wouldn't allow it, and she said coldly, "Who allowed all of you to leave when you haven't admitted defeat and apologized?"

Swoosh!

Before his voice finished resounding through the air, the inner court students from the Xuanyuan Society by A'xiu's side moved out in unison, and they surrounded everyone including Zuoqiu Jun in an instant.

The expressions of Zuoqiu Jun and the others sank when they saw this, and their eyes almost split apart from rage. They were clearly unwilling to continue being entangled in this matter, yet A'xiu had continuously pressured them. Isn't she going a bit too far!

"Forget it. A'xiu, let them go." Chen Xi suddenly spoke when he saw this, and he spoke words that exceeded the expectations of everyone.

All the members of the Xuanyuan Clan glanced at Chen Xi with shock, and they wondered what he intended to do.

A'xiu seemed to have seen through Chen Xi's thoughts instead. She was both moved and glanced angrily at Chen Xi before she said angrily to those members of the Xuanyuan Society, "What're all of you standing there for. Let them fuck off successfully!"

Those members of the Xuanyuan Society glanced at each other before smiling bitterly as they moved aside. Even if they were berated in public, they didn't dare to go against the intentions of this little princess from their clan.

The spectators in the surroundings were astounded when they saw this. Fuck off successfully? Only this little princess from the Xuanyuan Clan would dare speak like this.

“Hmph!” Zuoqiu Jun glanced coldly at Chen Xi before revealing a gloomy expression as he whistled off with the group of Zuoqiu Society members behind him. All of them were dejected and had gloomy expression, and it was a clear contrast when compared to the threatening manner they arrived in.

When this scene entered into the eyes of all the spectators, it was undoubtedly a display of returning with low spirits in failure.

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“Looks like there’ll be no need for all of you to do anything. Alright, all of you can leave.” In the distance, Zhao Mengli gazed at the disappearing figures of Zuoqiu Jun and the others before she turned around and spoke casually.

After that, over ten figures suddenly appeared out of thin air, and then they cupped their hands in unison towards Zhao Mengli before dispersing.

If someone was here, they would definitely be able to recognize to their surprise that these ten plus figures were the inner court students of the Phoenix Alliance!

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“Young Master. Looks like there’s no need for us to make an appearance.” At the other side, a handsome and composed young man walked over to Ji Xuanbing’s side in large strides before he spoke.

Ji Xuanbing nodded and said, “Sorry for troubling everyone today.”

“It’s our duty.” The handsome young man spoke respectfully. “If you have no further instructions, then all of us will be leaving.”

“Yes, go ahead. Help me give a gift to all the members of our Ji Clan’s society.” Ji Xuanbing waved his hand as he spoke.

“Thank you, Young Master.” The young man received his orders and left.

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“Big Sister Linglong is in closed door cultivation with her master. But we’ll naturally not sit by idly and remain indifferent towards the matters she instructed us with. Unfortunately, the Xuanyuan Society interfered today, and it caused our Mu Battalion to have no chance to make a move.” At the same time, Mu Yuchong was standing in the distance with a group of people, and he couldn’t help but smile when he saw the curtains to the matter had been drawn. He waved his hand and said, “Let’s go. The Zuoqiu Clan really lost face this time.”

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If Zuoqiu Jun knew that even if A’xiu didn’t make an appearance, then other societies would interfere in the matter, it was a mystery what he would feel.

But this obviously displayed that even if there were people in Dao Emperor Academy that wished for nothing more than for Chen Xi's death, there were almost as many in the shadows that really cared about Chen Xi. All of this was naturally related to Chen Xi's performance in the academy.

After all, since he entered the academy until now, Chen Xi was like a celebrity that frequently gave the academy unexpected pleasant surprises. Moreover, the speed his strength improved was obvious to all.

Some people loved and some people detested peerless geniuses like him. However, it was impossible for all of them to be hostile towards him or protect him, and this was an extremely normal thing.

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After Zuoqiu Jun and the others left, all the spectators in the vicinity of the Star Alliance left successively.

However, when they left this time, their hearts were unable to calm down for a very long time. Some of them were excited and were hastily heading to the Dao Seeker Mountain in order to look at Chen Xi's position on the Allheaven Golden Rankings.

There were also some that were shocked by Chen Xi's display, and they were swiftly spreading what had happened today.

Because all of them were very clearly aware that everything that had happened today was bound to cause a mighty uproar in the academy.

Zuoqiu Jun and the others had come to look for trouble with the Star Alliance, yet they were bashed up instead and lost all face before leaving in failure!

The little princess of the Xuanyuan Clan, Xuanyuan Xiu, clearly said that she'd become a member of the Star Alliance! The leader of the Star Alliance made an appearance after advancing into the Golden Immortal Realm a month ago, and he ascended into the fifth position on the Allheaven Golden Rankings in one go! Every single one of these pieces of news were sufficient to cause a mighty uproar, yet now, it had all occurred on the same day. Under such circumstances, how could anyone maintain their calm?

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Within Star Alliance Hall.

All the members of the Star Alliance had excited expressions as they chatted with each other, and they were discussing the string of events that occurred earlier. At this moment, all of them felt filled with pride, and their sense of belonging towards the Star Alliance had risen to an unprecedented height.

On the other hand, at another side of the hall, A'xiu was introducing the structure of the Star Alliance to Chen Xi. "Presently, there're a total of sixteen members in the Star Alliance. Usually, Gu Yueming and Liang Ren are in-charge of daily matters. I plan matters related to the composition and strengthening of the Star Alliance. When the members of the Star Alliance increase in the future, some specific positions will be set-up like a Guardian, Hall Master, and so on and so forth."

A'xiu chirped on regarding a pile of things, and all of them were related to the development of the Star Alliance in the future. It obviously showed how diligent she was towards the matters of the Star Alliance, and it caused Chen Xi to feel ashamed as he felt he was leader that left everything to others.

“Right, Zuoqiu Jun was right, the inner court exam this time is really unlike the past.” Suddenly, A’xiu seemed to have thought of something and looked at Chen Xi as she said, “I left the academy to train with my Master a few days ago, and it was actually for the sake of making preparations for the inner court exam.”

When this topic was mentioned, Chen Xi’s expression instantly became serious because he remembered that Zuoqiu Jun had said something incomprehensible before leaving, and it was related to the inner court exam.

“The inner court exam this time isn’t within the academy, and it’s at the Outerealm Battlefield. The specific location will only be announced when the exam begins. However, according to my knowledge, the students ranked at the top fifty of the Allheaven Golden Rankings will be led by four Half-step Immortal King Realm instructors. One of them is an instructor from the Zuoqiu Clan.” When she spoke up to here, A’xiu hesitated slightly and pondered for a long time before she said in the end, “This instructor of the Zuoqiu Clan is called Zuoqiu Taiwu. He’s extremely senior in the academy, and he’s an existence that’s the same age as the Dean...”

According to what A’xiu said, Zuoqiu Taiwu had been cultivating in the academy since a few tens of thousands of years ago. He’d always cultivated in seclusion and ignored the matters of the outside world. If it wasn’t for that, then with his seniority, it would be sufficient for him to influence most affairs in the Zuoqiu Clan and obtain monstrous authority.

“If such a figure arouses malicious intent towards you during the test, then it’ll probably be extremely detrimental.” A’xiu’s beautiful brows knit together as she said, “I think that the meaning behind the words Zuoqiu Jun said before he left was about the threat this great figure might pose to you.” Zuoqiu Taiwu?

Chen Xi was speechless. He finally understood why others always said that if it was in terms of the strength of forces in the academy, then amongst the seven great ancient clans, it was undoubtedly the Zuoqiu Clan that was the strongest.

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Chapter 1222: Impossible To Escape

Vastcloud Mountain.

When Chen Xi returned to his abode, he was still pondering about the news he obtained from A’xiu.

The Outerealm Battlefield? Presumably, the inner court exam isn’t a spar between students but battle against the Xeno-race. In this way, it’s undoubtedly much more dangerous. No wonder the academy is sending out four Half-step Immortal King Realm instructors to lead the group.

The Xeno-race weren’t new to Chen Xi. Early on when he was still in the Dark Reverie, he’d fought Xeno-race experts on many occasions, and he was very clearly aware that there were extremely terrifying existences amongst the Xeno-race.

For example, the snow white haired Xeno-race Saint Emperor he’d seen behind the Door of Profundity within the Dark Parasol’s Abyss. Even the joint forces of the tiny cauldron and the ant exalt were unable to kill the Xeno-race Saint Emperor.

Later on, Chen Xi found out that he was called Saint Emperor Xuan Chen. A long time ago during the primeval time, Saint Emperor Xuan Chen had been suppressed behind the Door of Profundity within the Dark Parasol's Abyss.

For example, when Chen Xi was at the Ninth Hell, he'd similarly heard of the existence of a Saint Emperor called Chi Yan. Just like Saint Emperor Xuan Chen, he'd been suppressed within the Ninth Hell since the primeval times.

Moreover, during that time when he was on the way to the Bai Clan, Chen Xi had suffered the pursuit of a Saint Emperor called Gui Su because of the Ghostcraft Clan's Emperor of Control's Scripture.

At that time, if it wasn't for the Bai Clan's Patriarch, Bai Jingchen, lending a hand, all of them would have almost been killed, whereas at that time, Saint Emperor Gui Su had only utilized a projection of himself, so this obviously showed how terrifying his strength was.

No matter if it was Saint Emperor Xuan Chen, Saint Emperor Chi Yan, or Saint Emperor Gui Su, all of them allowed Chen Xi to have an extremely deep understanding of the combat strength of the Xeno-race.

He was very clearly aware that since the Xeno-race were able to be in confrontation with the three dimensions for countless years without being annihilated, they definitely possessed an extremely terrifying force amongst them.

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The Outerealm Battlefield was actually chosen to be the venue of the inner court exam. Looks like the since the upheaval of the three dimensions is arriving, it isn't just the Mortal Dimension but even the Immortal Dimension that has suffered the threat of the Xeno-race. Chen Xi pondered silently and obtained a conclusion. Since the academy had changed the rules of the past and were holding the inner court exam within the Outerealm Battlefield, then the academy obviously intended to allow the students of the academy to understand the combat strength of the Xeno-race through this tempering so that they could be prepared when conflict erupted in the future.

However, Chen Xi wasn't worried about anything. Compared to his time in the Mortal Dimension in the past, he was already a Golden Immortal now. Besides some existences with extremely terrifying strengths, he wasn't afraid of anything.

Not to mention that according to what A'xiu had said, the group of students participating in the inner court exam this time would be led by four Half-step Immortal King Realm instructors. So it was impossible for them to bring the students to the most dangerous areas of the Outerealm Battlefield.

The important matter at hand is to improve my strength. Only less than six months are left before the inner court exam begins. I naturally have to seize this opportunity with the main objective of condensing Golden Immortal Laws.

The Golden Immortal Realm and Mysterious Immortal Realm were entirely different cultivation realms. Once one attained this level of cultivation, one had to start condensing Golden Immortal Laws which were Allheaven Divine Crests.

It was common knowledge that Allheaven Divine Crests were condensed into form from two or more Grand Dao Laws. Moreover, condensing them into form wasn't a simple matter.

Firstly, one had to attain perfection in two Grand Dao Laws. This was the most basic requirement, and only after that could one start to condense these two types of Grand Dao Laws into an Allheaven Divine Crest.

This was unlike overlapping the laws because Allheaven Divine Crests were the true fusing of two or more Grand Dao Laws, and there would be no distinction between these Grand Dao Laws.

This undoubtedly increased the difficulty of condensing Allheaven Divine Crests. For example, the Grand Dao Laws of water and fire weren't compatible with each other at all, so it was obviously extremely difficult to completely condense them into a Allheaven Divine Crest.

Moreover, this was only in terms of condensing two types of Grand Dao Laws. If one condensed three, four, or even more Grand Dao Laws, then the difficulty to accomplish this would only multiply.

This was the reason why such a mighty uproar would arise in the academy when Chen Xi obtained a Five Element Divine Crest bestowed by the heavens, and it even drew the attention of many seniors in the academy.

The reason was that this Five Element Divine Crest perfectly fused the Grand Daos of water, fire, wood, metal, and earth. There was utterly no need for Chen Xi to condense it bitterly, and it was like a pie that fell from the skies, so it naturally aroused the admiration of all.

However, in Chen Xi's opinion, the Five Element Divine Crest only saved a bit of his time. After all, he'd attained perfection in the Grand Daos of the five elements a long time ago, and he only lacked the process of condensing them into a Allheaven Divine Crest.

It's probably very difficult to fuse the Grand Daos of wind, lightning, Yin, and Yang into the Five Element Divine Crest within a short period of time. Since it's like this, they why don't I fuse wind and lightning together, then fuse Yin and Yang together, and then fuse them together one by one. In this way, I'll be able to provide myself with many more combat abilities...

Chen Xi was very clearly aware that even though the Five Element Divine Crest was extremely formidable, each of the other various Grand Daos had profound abilities of their own. Especially when dealing with some unique enemies, one even needed a specific Grand Dao Law to counter them.

For example, when dealing with evil things or ghosts, utilizing the Grand Dao Laws of lightning and Yang carried the greatest might.

As for the other rare Grand Dao Laws like Star, Eternal, Creation, Paramita, Oblivion, and the others, it wouldn't be too late to condense them in the future. After all, all of them are existences that are unique in the heavens and the earth, and it's too difficult to condense. It's impossible for them to improve my combat strength much in a short period of time.

It was especially so for the Grand Dao Laws of Paramita and Oblivion. Chen Xi still remembered that there was a type of Law that was a taboo in the three dimensions, the Samsara Law! The Samsara Law was condensed into form by the Grand Dao Laws of Paramita, Oblivion, and Terminus.

So at this moment, he naturally wouldn't take the risk to condense such laws.

Without wasting any further time, Chen Xi immediately entered the world of stars and entered into closed door cultivation to condense Allheaven Divine Crests.

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"Ancestor, please give us some help during the inner court exam this time." Within a simple and ancient hall in the inner court, Zuoqiu Jun bowed respectfully.

At the top seat before him was a grey clothed and emaciated old man sitting there.

The old man had white hair, his face was covered in wrinkles that were like ravines that crisscrossed each other while his muddy eyes were slightly narrowed, and he seemed to be drowsy.

His appearance was extremely aged indeed. He was like an aged old man that was about to go six feet under, and his emaciated figure was bent as he sat on the chair, causing him to seem extremely frail.

But Zuoqiu Jun was respectful to the extreme before this old man. His figure was always bent while he didn't even dare breathe heavily. The reason was extremely simple, it was because this old man was Zuoqiu Taiwu.

A great figure that was one of the most senior within the Zuoqiu Clan. He was always living in seclusion within the academy and paid no attention to the matters of the outside world, so many students had never heard of his name.

This didn't mean that Zuoqiu Taiwu didn't possess any authority. Conversely, people who knew him were clearly aware that if Zuoqiu Taiwu was willing, then he was able to influence most of the affairs in the Zuoqiu Clan!

The hall was deathly silent. The aged and emaciated Zuoqiu Taiwu seemed as if he'd fallen asleep, and he remained completely indifferent to Zuoqiu Jun.

Zuoqiu Jun couldn't help but glance to the side at Zuoqiu Hong that stood by his side.

Zuoqiu Hong understood him and took a deep breath before he similarly bowed and said in a respectful tone, "Ancestor, Jun'er is about to participate in the inner court exam. With his strength, there's naturally no need to worry about him being unable to enter the inner court, but about that bastard child..."

However, before he could finish speaking, Zuoqiu Taiwu that seemed to have been drowsy since the beginning didn't raise his head, yet a hoarse voice sounded out. "I understood. Both of you can leave."

Zuoqiu Jun was slightly stunned. He was just about to say something when he was stopped by Zuoqiu Hong, and it caused him to be stunned before he kept quiet in the end.

"Ancestor, then we'll be taking our leave." Zuoqiu Hong bowed once more to Zuoqiu Taiwu before leaving with Zuoqiu Jun.

After they left the hall and walked out of the inner court, Zuoqiu Jun was unable to refrain himself from asking. "Uncle Hong, what exactly did Ancestor mean?"

“Some things can’t be spoken too clearly.” Zuoqiu Hong pondered deeply for a moment before he patted Zuoqiu Jun on the shoulder as he smiled. “I heard that about the fight between the Zuoqiu Society and that kid, Chen Xi. It’s only a temporary humiliation, don’t take it to heart.”

Zuoqiu Jun’s expression was covered in gloominess when Chen Xi was mentioned, and then he nodded and said, “Thank you for your consolation, Uncle Hong.”

Zuoqiu Hong glanced at him and said, “The location of the inner court exam has been chosen to be at the Nightmare Battlefield. It’s a medium-sized battlefield created by the Immortal Dimension and Outerealm. All you have to do is participate in the exam with all your might, there’ll naturally be someone else to handle everything else.”

Everything else?

A wisp of a piercingly cold smile couldn’t help but curl up onto the corners of Zuoqiu Jun’s mouth when he heard these vague words, and he couldn’t help but ask. “Uncle Hong, exactly what arrangements have you made?”

Zuoqiu Hong shook his head. “I don’t know either because it was personally arranged by Young Master Kong. You have to work harder. Don’t disappoint Young Master Kong again. After all, Young Master Kong will be taking control of the entire Zuoqiu Clan in the future, and if he’s disappointed in you, then you’re aware of the consequences as well.”

Young Master Kong was naturally Zuoqiu Kong, one of the six blazing suns of the Immortal Dimension.

Zuoqiu Jun’s heart shook when he heard this, and a wisp of gloominess appeared between his brows once more. Hatred surged within his heart while his hands within his sleeve couldn’t help but clench together tightly. You bastard, Chen Xi, who shouldn’t have been born into this world. All of this is your fault!

At the same time.

Within a boundlessly vast desert on Iris Continent.

Swish!

Space was torn apart before a handsome figure appeared from within. His hands were behind his back, his gaze was bright like a gem, and he was shockingly the direct descendant and heir of the Zuoqiu Clan, Zuoqiu Kong.

The scorching sun blazed in the sky and down onto the boundless sand while gales whistled and swept up waves of sand. The weather here was extremely adverse and hot. Most importantly, this desert was completely dead, and there wasn’t even a trace of Immortal Energy in the air.

This was where the Iris Immortal Prison was located. The entire desert was an ancient Immortal Formation that had existed since the primeval times until now. It imprisoned countless traitors and criminals of the Zuoqiu Clan, and not a single person had successfully escaped it until now.

This place was said to be impossible to escape!

His clothes fluttered while his hands remained behind his back, and Zuoqiu Kong silently stared for a long time at the wind and sand that covered the sky. It was unknown what he'd thought about, but he suddenly sighed in the end, and then he muttered. "After so many years have passed, it's about time to meet you, Little Aunt..."

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Chapter 1223: You're Too Young

The pitch black and silent passageway was dark and damp while a ghastly and cold aura assaulted the face.

When Zuoqiu Jun's figure appeared before the passageway, an expanse of miserable and fiercely clamorous noise instantly resounded from all around the pitch black passageway.

"Haha! Unfilial bastard! You and Zuoqiu Feng are both the traitors and sinners of the Zuoqiu Clan! I hope both of you suffer eternal damnation!"

"Young Master Kong, please let me off. I was wrong, I was really wrong. I don't want to continue staying here, I don't want to."

"Committing crimes against your clansmen to usurp power. Both you father and son will suffer retribution in the end!"

Some flung abuses at him, some begged, some cursed resentfully, and some howled madly. It was interwoven together, and it was like he'd walked into hell.

Zuoqiu Kong was indifferent towards all of this. He wore snow white clothes while he walked through the dark and seemingly endless passage with a steady pace, and the space between his brows was filled with calmness.

This was the Iris Immortal Prison. In the boundless years of the past, countless people had been imprisoned here. There were those condemned from within the clan and the enemies of the Zuoqiu Clan from other powers.

It wasn't the first time Zuoqiu Kong had come here, so he was accustomed to all of this. The curses, cries, voices, and begging naturally couldn't cause a trace of fluctuation in his emotions.

After an unknown period of time, the clamorous noise in the surroundings gradually weakened, and at this moment, Zuoqiu Kong had already arrived at the end of the passageway.

At the end of the passageway was a rusted and mottled bronze door. It seemed to have been sealed for a very long time, and the cracks between the door and its frame were already corroded by the damp atmosphere to the point it was almost impossible to notice.

"In the blink of an eye, it has actually been a few hundred years since I've come here..." Zuoqiu Kong gazed at the bronze door for a long time before he laughed lightly in the end, and then he raised his hand and pushed the door open.

Rumble~

Along with a dull grinding sound, the bronze door that had been sealed for a long time was finally opened. After that, a strand of gentle light shot out from within, and it tore open the darkness and illuminated Zuoqiu Kong.

Zuoqiu Kong's eyes narrowed slightly before he took a deep breath, and then he walked in leisurely.

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Behind the bronze door was actually a paradise. A clear azure sky, white clouds floating high above, and numerous verdant mountains studded the surroundings. Clear water flowed while luxuriant plants were everywhere, and it was like a quiet, otherworldly, and beautiful landscape painting.

The only flaw was perhaps that this landscape lacked liveliness, and it was because this world lacked even a shred of Immortal Energy.

Rumble!

The bronze door closed, whereas Zuoqiu Kong's gaze instantly locked onto a stone house in the distance.

The stone house was low and simple. It was at the banks of a stream, and a small courtyard was formed by circling bamboo around the stone house. The courtyard was filled with some jade green vegetables, and when looked at from afar, it wasn't any different from a small courtyard owned by farmers in the mortal world.

At this moment, a woman in simple clothes was sitting before a stone table in the courtyard while her graceful back was facing Zuoqiu Kong.

When he saw this figure, Zuoqiu Kong's eyes flashed with a wisp of a complicated expression. It seemed to be a mix of bitter hatred, pity, and sympathy.

He shook his head and directly arrived before the stone house and entered the small courtyard surrounded by bamboos. At this moment, he noticed that her appearance had actually aged greatly in these past few hundred years.

Originally, she had jet black hair that flowed down like a waterfall, a gorgeous appearance, tender and fair skin, yet at this moment, it seemed to have lost its vitality, and there were even some wrinkles at the corners of her eyes.

She was still beautiful, yet she carried an aura of being corroded by time.

She was naturally Zuoqiu Xue. A direct line descendant of the Zuoqiu Clan, and a genius that had caused the Zuoqiu Clan to almost split apart a few hundreds of years ago.

"Little Aunt." Zuoqiu Kong spoke with a seemingly calm voice, so it caused others to be unable to discern his actual emotions.

"Sit." Zuoqiu Xue didn't raised her head as she casually instructed. She held a needle made from a bone, and she was about to finish sewing a black colored boot. Her fingers were extremely nimble, and her movements were skilled.

But when it entered into the eyes of Zuoqiu Kong, it caused him to be slightly stunned, and he seemed to feel it was slightly laughable that Zuoqiu Xue would actually do something so trivial and common.

But he didn't laugh, and his expression remained calm as he directly sat at the other side of the stone table.

"This seems to be made for a man?" Zuoqiu Kong seemed to have thought of something as he looked at the black colored boots.

Zuoqiu Xue puckered her face into a smile yet didn't answer him. The space between her brows were filled with seriousness, and she seemed to be extremely concentrated and careful. She seemed like ordinary wife of the moral world that was good with her hands.

"I came here this time because I have some good news to tell Little Aunt." Zuoqiu Xue had remained concentrated on sewing the boot and Zuoqiu Kong had waited for a long time before he took the initiative to speak in the end, and he didn't beat around the bush and spoke frankly. "Cousin Brother has come to the Immortal Dimension."

Zuoqiu Xue stared blankly for a moment before she said in a light voice, "I knew he would come."

As she spoke, she continued sewing up the boot. Her movements were careful and smooth while she wasn't affected at all, and it seemed as if she was extremely calm at this moment.

Zuoqiu Kong was stunned when he saw Zuoqiu Xue's reaction, and then he smiled before he sighed and said, "Cousin Brother is extremely extraordinary. Extraordinary just like Little Aunt was. Even I never imagined that he would be able to enter Dao Emperor Academy in such a short period of time and even obtain the supreme glory of being the first amongst the new students."

When he spoke up to here, he glanced at Zuoqiu Xue out of the corners of his eyes, yet he saw that her expression was still calm as before, and there was actually not even the slightest ripple in her emotions.

This caused him to be unable to help but frown before he said, "Could it be that Little Aunt isn't concerned about him?"

This time, Zuoqiu Xue finally stopped what she was doing, and then she raised her head and combed the black hair in front of her forehead before she said with a smile, "He's the son of I, Zuoqiu Xue, so he's naturally extraordinary. Is there anything strange about that?"

When he heard such an answer and as he looked at Zuoqiu Xue's calm and composed smile, a wisp of frustration couldn't help but arise in Zuoqiu Kong's heart.

After that, he recovered his calm and laughed heartily as he said, "Yes, the blood of the Zuoqiu Clan flows in his body after all. It's normal that his performance is so outstanding."

"Don't forget that he's surnamed Chen. He's the son of Chen Lingjun and I. He isn't related to your Zuoqiu Clan at all. Since he started cultivating until he arrived at the Zuoqiu Clan, he hasn't had a single grain of rice for your Zuoqiu Clan nor has he taken anything from your Zuoqiu Clan, so is there any relation between him and all of you?" Zuoqiu Xue laughed lightly as she shook her head. Even if she was correcting his mistakes, she did it with such a casual tone.

This made Zuoqiu Kong frown while the smile on his face instantly vanished, and he revealed a calm expression as he said, "No matter what, in the opinion of our Zuoqiu Clan, he shouldn't have been born."

He paused for a moment, and then his voice carried a wisp of determination as he said, "I came here this time to firstly share this good news with Little Aunt, and secondly it's to tell you that when I came next, it'll probably be to share bad news with you."

Zuoqiu Xue went silent and completely stopped what she was doing, and then she raised her head and gazed at Zuoqiu Kong before she sighed lightly. "Child, you're still too young. Actually...you shouldn't have come this time."

"Oh? Why? Please provide me with your guidance." Zuoqiu Kong's brows knit together even more tightly, and he really disliked Zuoqiu Xue addressing him in this manner.

"It's very simple. Your arrival allowed me to roughly guess three things. Firstly, you allowed me to know that Xi'er is still alive and is very well."

"Secondly, his performance in the Immortal Dimension now has obviously brought a great deal of vexation or perhaps frustration. This is probably because your actions against him have failed repeatedly."

"Thirdly, you naturally wouldn't have come to see me just to praise your cousin brother. You most likely intend for me to know everything before using it to disturb my mental state, and the more flurried I get, the happier you'll become because only in this way would you be able to allow Xi'er to know how miserable and how filled with despair my current situation is."

Zuoqiu Xue spoke gradually in a casual manner, and the clear space between her brows flickered with a glow of wisdom.

When she spoke up to here, she looked at Zuoqiu Kong and said, "I guess that you probably have a treasure like a Mirage Jade Slip on you, and you've been recording everything that happened since we met. You probably did this for the sake of being able to threaten Xi'er when you deal with him, right?"

When he heard this well arranged analysis, Zuoqiu Kong's expression remained as it was, yet the right hand in beneath his sleeve silently clenched together tightly while a wisp of terror flashed within his heart.

"No wonder father always says that Little Aunt is a peerless genius with boundless wisdom. Nothing can escape you." After a long time, Zuoqiu Kong suddenly sighed with emotion.

"Kong'er, stop concealing your own emotions. It was only your thoughts that were exposed, there's no need to be so furious about it. Not to mention that I watched you grow up, and in terms of deception, you're far inferior from your father. At the very least, he was able to deceive me all those years ago, yet you're still lacking." Zuoqiu Xue smiled lightly and spoke in the tone of a senior providing guidance to a junior.

Zuoqiu Kong stared blankly at Zuoqiu Xue, and then he suddenly had the impulse to leave immediately because he was very worried that if he said another word, then everything in his mind would be seen through by Zuoqiu Xue.

This sort of feeling was extremely uncomfortable. It wasn't a contest of strength, but it was a contest of wisdom, feelings, and shrewdness.

Obviously, since he started speaking until now, he'd always been in a disadvantaged situation.

"Little Aunt, aren't you worried that I came here this time just to kill you?" Suddenly, Zuoqiu Kong raised his hand and gazed directly at Zuoqiu Xue with a calm expression. He seemed to be extremely solemn and serious, and it caused others to be unable to believe that he was joking.

Zuoqiu Xue's expression finally changed when faced with this, yet it wasn't panic or worry, and it was heartfelt pity and compassion instead.

"Being young isn't terrifying. It's terrifying to be young and unable to admit it." Zuoqiu Xue sighed and said, "Merely based on what you said, you exposed that you're utterly unaware of the consequences of killing me. It's precisely because you're unaware that you don't dare make a move against me."

"Child, remember that when you want to kill someone and don't know the consequences of it, it's best to first inquire about it before coming over, otherwise it seems extremely immature once you say these things."

When she spoke up to here, she withdrew her gaze and picked up the bone needle once more, and then started to sew up the black boot once more before she said slowly, "In short, you're still too young. If you want to take control of the Zuoqiu Clan, then relying on this bit of ability you have now, you'll probably end up just like me all those years ago and someone will usurp your position."

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Chapter 1224: Five Months Later

Usurp!

Zuoqiu Kong went silent when he heard this work, and the space between his brows was filled with a wisp of a sharp expression.

He really didn't agree with what Zuoqiu Xue had said because his father was a direct line descendant of the Zuoqiu Clan, so how could it be considered as usurping power?

"There's no need to be infuriated about this, and I have no intention of convincing you." Zuoqiu Xue glanced at him and said indifferently, "The winner is always right. This is an irrefutable principle since ancient times, and I have nothing to say about being reduced to such a state."

Zuoqiu Kong glanced at her and deliberated for a long time before he said, "Little Aunt, you should know how to be thankful."

"You're saying that I was able to live until now because your father allowed me to?" Zuoqiu Xue smiled lightly, and then she revealed a calm expression as she looked towards the distant verdant mountains and white clouds before she said slowly, "Your father has always wanted to kill me throughout the years, he thinks about it all day and night. Unfortunately, he didn't dare to in the end. Do you know why?"

Zuoqiu Kong frowned. Obviously, he didn't agree with what Zuoqiu Xue had said.

Zuoqiu Xue saw through with he was thinking with a single glance, and she said, "Do you know the amount of forces possessed by the Zuoqiu Clan? How much do you understand about the elders of the clan?"

Zuoqiu Kong was stunned. He was slightly unable to understand why Zuoqiu Xue would speak in this way, but he said casually, "The forces of my Zuoqiu Clan are distributed throughout the Immortal Dimension. Besides a few ten plus continents, the forces of my Zuoqiu Clan are distributed on all the others. As for the elders of the clan, their numbers aren't something I'm able to estimate."

Zuoqiu Xue couldn't help but sigh when she heard this. "Everything you said is correct, but that's only the forces of the Zuoqiu Clan on the surface. Looks like your father hasn't told you about the true resources and reserves of the Zuoqiu Clan. This is normal. After all, you're still too young, and the more you know, the higher the possibility it is for you to cause disasters for the clan."

Disasters?

Zuoqiu Kong's slanted and sharp brows suddenly raised, and he said with displeasure, "Little Aunt, you're deliberately exaggerating things. Perhaps you're still unaware but under my father's control, the Zuoqiu Clan is completely united and becoming increasingly prosperous. Moreover, no rebellions have occurred."

Zuoqiu Xue glanced with pity at Zuoqiu Kong that was trying his best to argue in support of himself, and she said, "You can leave. When you start to come into contact with the true forces of the Zuoqiu Clan, you'll understand why your father doesn't dare to kill me."

"But...what if I disregard all consequences and kill you now?" Zuoqiu Kong's expression was indifferent. This was the second time he'd said something like this, and his expression was still calm and serious. The only different from when he said it before was that his tone was obviously slightly ruthless.

"You can try." Zuoqiu Xue didn't spare another glance at him. She casually picked up the bone needle and black boot before starting to sew in concentration, and she was actually completely indifferent towards Zuoqiu Kong's threats.

Zuoqiu Kong felt as if the persistence and dignity in his heart had suffered an extraordinary trampling and provocation. He suddenly stood up while his gaze was cold and fierce like a blade, and he stared at Zuoqiu Xue while his hands that were hidden beneath his sleeves were gradually clenched tightly.

A strand of seemingly material killing intent suddenly suffused the small courtyard, causing the air to seem as if it had frozen, and it carried a trace of a murderous aura.

Once could clearly see that the snow white skin on Zuoqiu Xue's neck was covered in a layer of fine goosebumps while her slender and fine hand that held the bone needle became stiff, causing her joints to turn white from exerting too much force.

But from the beginning until the end, her expression hadn't changed at all nor did her wrinkled eyes blink at all. She was still concentrated and serious as before.

"Little Aunt, I admit I'm inferior in strength to you from all those years ago. But that's something from many years ago after all. During these few hundreds of years since you resided within this Iris Immortal Prison, you were unable to sense the Laws of the Grand Dao or absorb the Immortal Energy of the

heavens and the earth. The Immortal Force within your body is only capable of keeping you alive. If I want to kill you at this moment, it's simply as easy as flipping my palm." After staring silently at Zuoqiu Xue for a long time, Zuoqiu Kong suddenly laughed in a relaxed manner, and then he withdrew his killing intent and actually turned around to leave.

"Time spares no one. If this continues, then the day will come when you're unable to persist. At that time, how will you be able to meet cousin brother?" As he spoke, Zuoqiu Kong was already before the bronze door. He stopped once more and said abruptly, "Actually, it's impossible for you to meet cousin brother because he'll undoubtedly die this time."

Rumble!

A wave of muffled grinding resounded as the bronze door opened before closing once more, and Zuoqiu Kong had left.

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Zuoqiu Xue remained indifferent towards all of this. She was still sewing up the black boot in her hand, and after she finished one, she continued with the other. Meanwhile, a blood red sunset had appeared in the horizon.

"If Xi'er would die so easily, then why would you come looking for me?" Zuoqiu Xue gazed at the pair of boots that were completed and revealed a satisfied smile, and then she raised her head and stared at the rising sunset in the horizon while a wisp of a gentle and pleasant expression surged onto her face. She muttered. "So long as my precious child is still alive, then so what if I age? Perhaps age will be helpless against me in the end."

"That's Dao Emperor Academy! It isn't a place that your Zuoqiu Clan can do as it pleases!"

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Time flowed swiftly like water.

Unknowingly, five months had passed. During these five months of time, the atmosphere in Dao Emperor Academy's outer court had become extremely tense because both senior students and new students were cultivating with all their might.

On the other hand, those students that knew they had no chance to participate in the inner court exam were influenced by this atmosphere as well, and they became extremely diligent.

This was the benefits of an academy, it utterly had no need of encouraging its students because they would work hard and cultivate painstakingly through the tests and rewards of the academy.

Moreover, the difference in cultivation and rankings between students would allow them to realize their own inadequacy, causing them to work even harder. If they were cultivating by themselves, then they would be unable to experience this sort of atmosphere that was filled with competition.

During these five months of time, nothing shocking had occurred. The only thing worthy of mention was that the rankings on the Allheaven Golden Rankings had changed repeatedly during these five months of time, and it was practically changing every single moment.

Even if it was amongst the top fifty, numerous changes had occurred during these past five months and many new faces had appeared amongst the top fifty like Zhongli Xun, Jiang Canghai, Ao Wuming, Mu Yuchong... All of them had ascended into the top fifty as new students, and it caused a great uproar in the outer court.

But comparatively speaking, they weren't as dazzling as Chen Xi was that day. After all, he was the only new student amongst the top five.

"Senior Brother, five months have already passed. Why hasn't Chen Xi, or even Zhen Lu, Zhao Mengli, Ji Xuanbing, and the others come to Dao Seeker Mountain to determine their rankings once more?"

"Do you understand the meaning of hiding their strength? You must learn to hide your strength at all times because if you expose it too early, then it's easy to arouse unnecessary hostility and people taking you seriously."

"Hiding their strength? So that's how it is. But I heard that the inner court exam this time will be held at the Outerealm Battlefield, and they'll be fighting Xeno-race experts. In this way, there's no need to continue hiding their strengths, right?"

"Those that stand at the front usually bear the brunt of an attack. Do you think the Xeno-race are idiots? If they find out that the students of our academy have come to the Outerealm Battlefield, then they'll absolutely target them, whereas the higher the students are ranked, the easier it is for them to suffer the attacks of the Xeno-race."

"It's the Outerealm Battlefield? The inner court exam this time really is unlike the exams of the past, I wonder who'll be able to pass through this training and enter smoothly into the inner court."

"In my opinion, so long as they're able to come back alive from the Outerealm Battlefield, then it would be sufficient for them to enter the inner court. After all, it's the extremely dangerous Outerealm Battlefield. Even though there are four Half-step Immortal King Realm instructors leading the group, but the flames of battle are merciless, and the situation can change at any instant. It's impossible to avoid any mishaps from happening."

Along with the date of the inner court exam coming closer, discussions like these increased every single day.

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Chen Xi was utterly unaware of all of this.

He'd been cultivating within the world of stars throughout these five months of time, and he was condensing Allheaven Divine Crests. It had been five months to others, yet to Chen Xi, it was equivalent to a little bit more than two years.

However, Chen Xi was speechless because even if he possessed almost five times more time than others, he'd actually only condensed the Divine Crest of wind and lightning by around 30%, and he didn't even have the time to comprehend the Yin and Yang Divine Crest!

This caused Chen Xi to deeply understand how difficult it was to condense an Allheaven Divine Crest.

Reality was indeed so. It was already not bad if an ordinary Golden Immortal was able to condense a single Allheaven Divine Crest in their entire lifetime, whereas those that were able to condense two or more Allheaven Divine Crests could be considered as experts.

However, during this period of time, Chen Xi didn't remain empty handed. At the very least, he'd already become capable of skillfully controlling the first level of the Spatial Divine Crest, spatial vibration.

It could be said that the existence of the Spatial Divine Crest was entirely unlike other Allheaven Divine Crests because it was condensed into form from a single Grand Dao Law. Moreover, it was one of the three supreme Grand Dao Laws that only Immortal Kings could comprehend. It seemed that it was precisely because of this characteristic that allowed it to be unable to be fused with other Grand Dao Laws.

At the very least, Chen Xi was utterly unable to accomplish it now.

The Spatial Divine Crest was bestowed to him by the heavens. Its essence was still the Spatial Grand Dao Laws, and it was Spatial Grand Dao Laws that had been attained to perfection. It was precisely based on this understanding that allowed Chen Xi to smoothly obtain the inheritance related to the Sword of Space from the Infinite Divine Talisman.

This was an extraordinary profound inheritance with extremely terrifying might. With Chen Xi's current ability, he was unable to grasp it to perfection, and he could only divide it into two ultimate techniques, and they were respectively Flow Reverse and Shadow Flash.

As for exactly how terrifying its might was, perhaps it could only be truly revealed in battle.

Huff~

On this day, Chen Xi awoke from his meditation and let out a long breath of foul air.

Unknowingly, there's actually only a day left before the inner court exam... Chen Xi stood up and thought about it as he walked out of the world of stars.

"I'm going with you." When Chen Xi told the tiny cauldron that he would be heading to the Outerealm Battlefield tomorrow to participate in the inner court exam, the tiny cauldron didn't hesitate before it said, "I understand much more about the Xeno-race than you."

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Chapter 1225: Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds

When the date of the inner court exam arrived, the entire outer court of the academy was seething with excitement.

Even if it was the students that didn't possess the qualifications to participate in the inner court exam, they rushed over to watch the elegant appearance of the top fifty experts on the Allheaven Golden Rankings.

To all the students in the outer court, entering the inner court was similarly a target they fought for and were determined to attain. Only by being able to become eminent within the inner court exam would they be able to enter the true inheritance grounds of the academy, the inner court!

Obviously, the competition in this sort of test had never been easy. It could be said that this was the first true competition between students since they entered the academy!

The sky was azure blue and cloudless.

At the central square on the teaching grounds of the outer court, at this moment, it was seething with excitement since early in the morning. Numerous senior students and new students had gathered here successively, and they'd formed a dark mass of figures. Some students that were usually constantly in closed door cultivation had made an appearance at this moment, and it seemed to be extremely bustling.

Chen Xi stood at one side of the square and his dark eyes couldn't help but reveal a wisp of blazing anticipation as he sensed the seething aura that suffused the square.

"Chen Xi, I've waited for this day for a long time. You have to be careful this time!" Meanwhile, Ji Xuanbing's figure passed by Chen Xi, and when he saw Chen Xi, he instantly laughed loudly as he spoke while the space between his brows faintly surged with battle intent.

Chen Xi smiled and said, "It's my honor to be taken as an opponent by Brother Ji."

"You're such a hypocrite. You probably want to tell me to go ahead and try, right?" Ji Xuanbing roared with laughter, and it was just a short teaser, yet it revealed an amiable aura and shapelessly closed the distance between him and Chen Xi.

Chen Xi burst into laughter as well.

"Chen Xi." A voice that was piercingly cold like ice resounded from the side as Zhao Mengli that wore a fiery red dress walked over swiftly, and she glanced at Chen Xi before she said with a clear voice, "Remember the agreement between us that day?"

Ji Xuanbing seemed to have thought of something and glanced at Chen Xi when he saw Zhao Mengli make an appearance, and then he smiled as he bid his farewell and left.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he recalled that when he went to the Assignment Mountain that day, Liang Ren and Gu Yueming had made a joke, and they'd said that perhaps he would be able to pursue Zhao Mengli. After that, it was noticed by Zhao Mengli, and she instantly became angry from embarrassment and said that if Chen Xi was able to surpass her in the inner court exam, then she would give Chen Xi a chance to pursue her...

Chen Xi couldn't help but laugh when he thought up to here, and he said, "Miss Zhao, that was a joke my friends made that day. Don't take it to heart."

Zhao Mengli glanced at him and raised her snow white chin before she said proudly, "My words are never a joke. If you're afraid, then you can admit defeat right now."

Chen Xi rubbed his nose and sighed. "The exam this time is being held in the Outerealm Battlefield, and it's a battle with those Xeno-race. I can't ruthlessly destroy a flower even if I wanted to."

Ruthlessly destroy a flower...

Zhao Mengli's peerlessly beautiful face revealed a wisp of embarrassment when she heard this, and then she glared fiercely at Chen Xi before she said, "Hmph! There'll be a ranking for the exam in the end. You better not be surpassed by me!"

She turned around and left swiftly after she finished speaking.

"Are rankings so important?" Chen Xi couldn't help but sigh, and then a wisp of lofty sentiments surged out from his heart as he said to himself, Don't worry, I'll definitely not allow all of you to catch up to me. Of course, I'm not doing this for the sake of pursuing you...

Along with the passage of time, the figures that gathered on the square grew in number. A'xiu, Liang Ren, Gu Yueming, and all the members of the Star Alliance had arrived successively to send Chen Xi off and give him encouragement, causing the surroundings to be extremely bustling.

"Big Brother Chen Xi, you must get the first this time and display the might of our Star Alliance!" A member of the Star Alliance spoke excitedly.

"Right, display the might of our Star Alliance!" The others echoed on in his words.

Chen Xi smiled, and he knew that they were cheering him on.

"Hmph! The first? Think of that if you're even able to return alive from the Outerealm Battlefield!" Suddenly, a blunt and icy cold voice interrupted them.

All of them turned around and saw Zuoqiu Jun laughing coldly without end towards them, and then his figure vanished within the distant crowd.

"Chen Xi, you must be on guard against Zuoqiu Jun. Amongst the fifty students participating in the inner court exam this time, many of them have close relationships with Zuoqiu Jun. Even though everyone will definitely be prohibited from fighting against each other while at the Outerealm Battlefield, but you have to be on guard against them playing some despicable tricks in secret." A'xiu's beautiful brows instantly knit together when she heard this, and then she reminded Chen Xi.

"I know what to do." Chen Xi nodded.

"Alright, you must take care of yourself. If anything happens to you, then I'll definitely slaughter all these bastards!" A'xiu swung her fists fiercely.

All the members of the Star Alliance were accustomed to this and there was never any need to explain A'xiu's domineeringness.

Om~

At this moment, a glow suddenly appeared at the distant sky, and it seemed to be slow, yet it appeared before the square in an instant as if it had teleported.

The glow retracted to reveal four mighty figures. Amongst them was shockingly the Dean of the outer court, Zhou Zhili, and the head instructor of the inner court, Wang Daolu.

As for the other two, one was an emaciated old man in a grey robe and a wrinkled face. His eyes were always narrowed as if he was half asleep.

On the other hand, the final person was an instructor whose age couldn't be discerned from his appearance. He wore white clothes, had grey hair, yet his appearance was handsome like a young man. His skin was clear and fair, and he didn't show any signs of aging. Moreover, he held a smile on the corners of his mouth, and it gave others the feeling as if they were bathed in spring breeze.

As soon as these four made an appearance, the clamorous noise in the surroundings instantly stopped abruptly. Everyone was able to clearly sense that when they appeared, the entire heavens and the earth seemed to be submitting to them. They possessed a supreme imposing aura that seemed as if they could move the world and transform an ocean into a field with a flip of their hands.

"That grey clothed old man is Zuoqiu Taiwu, and he has the most unfathomable strength amongst the four of them. Even my Ancestral Uncle, Xuanyuan Pojun, admits that he's inferior to Zuoqiu Taiwu." A'xiu stared at the grey clothed old man in the distance while her expression became serious.

Chen Xi was shocked in his heart, and his eyes narrowed as he sized up Zuoqiu Taiwu. He noticed that Zuoqiu Taiwu's figure was emaciated and had a drowsy appearance. If Zuoqiu Taiwu wasn't standing amongst Zhou Zhili and the others, no one would dare believe that this was an ancient senior who was around the same age as the current Dean of the academy.

"Who's that?" In the next moment, Chen Xi moved his gaze towards the grey haired instructor with a smile on his face and a young appearance.

"The inner court head instructor, Taba Tianxi. The Taba Clan can be considered to be an upstart amongst the top powers of the four great continents. Even though their resources and reserves can't compare to the seven great ancient clans, their forces are flourishing and prospering day by day." A'xiu with confidence.

Chen Xi couldn't help but sigh with emotion when he heard this. The Immortal Dimension is too vast indeed. There are countless experts and innumerable powers distributed on it. For example, this top power, the Taba Clan, was something Chen Xi had never heard of.

"Students." In the sky, the outer court's Dean, Zhou Zhili, spoke with a voice that resounded like a bell, and it surged through the heavens and the earth and drew the gazes of all the students present here.

"The inner court exam this time will be presided over by me and the head instructors of the inner court, Wang Daolu, Taba Tianxi, and Zuoqiu Taiwu. The location will be the Nightmare Battlefield in the Outerealm." When he spoke up to here, Zhou Zhili's expression became solemn. "I presume all of you are clearly aware that the inner court exam this time is unlike before. It isn't a battle on the combat arenas, but a battle with Xeno-race experts. So the exam this time is bound to be extremely dangerous! Next, I'll announce some rules and rewards."

The spirits of all the students was instantly refreshed when they heard this, and even some students that were unable to participate in the exam perked their ears up and listened attentively.

"The rules are very simple. Firstly, you're not allowed to fight against each other. Secondly, you're not allowed to flee during the exam! If anyone violates any one of these two rules, then not only will their qualifications to participate in the exam be cancelled, their Violet Ribbon Starcrest will be reclaimed before being expelled from the academy!"

Along with Zhou Zhili's voice resounding out, the expressions of everyone in the surroundings became solemn.

"In terms of the rewards, the student that obtains the first in the exam this time will obtain 8,000,000 Starpoints. The second will obtain 7,000,000, and it will be reduced in the same manner until the 10th.

"Most importantly, the academy will make an exception and allow those that obtain the first five positions to enter the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds. If you have enough luck there, then you might be able to obtain a supreme inheritance."

The Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds! Supreme inheritance?

All the students on the square gasped. In the next instant, their gazes revealed blazing anticipation. The Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds was a restricted area in the academy, and the countless supreme inheritance from the primeval times until now were hidden there. According to legend, even the inheritance of the Dao Emperor himself was hidden there!

All of these were dangerously tempting to all the students.

The Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds! Chen Xi was extremely shocked in his heart as well. He was very clearly aware that if he wanted to obtain the River Diagram fragment from the academy, then there was an extra condition, and it was to obtain the Dao Emperor's inheritance!

At this moment, even his heartbeat quickened greatly. This was absolutely a rare opportunity because Starpoints could be earned at any time, yet the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds wasn't a place one could enter at any time.

This time, no matter what, I have to get a position amongst the top five! Chen Xi decided in his heart.

"Of course, even if you're unable to obtain the top ten positions, if the other students are able to hunt and kill one hundred Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts, then they'll similarly be able to enter the inner court." Zhou Zhili's voice resounded once more. He flicked his sleeve and numerous strands of flowing light tore through the sky, and they respectively descended onto the top fifty students' hands.

"This is a Message Talisman. Once you encounter danger on the battlefield, then crush it, and the four of us will arrive to assist you at the first possible moment. Remember that if you haven't annihilated one hundred Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts before crushing the talisman, then it means that you'll be disqualified from the exam." As he spoke, Zhou Zhili exchanged glances with the other three instructors before they made a move in unison.

Rumble!

A boundlessly deep passageway that led to the unknown was forcefully torn open in space with a wave of their hands!

When they saw this scene, all the students were extremely shocked. When will we be able to possess such extraordinary ability?

"Students in the top fifty of the Allheaven Golden Rankings, come with us now!" Zhou Zhili flicked his sleeve, and a world within his sleeve instantly enveloped all the top fifty students including Chen Xi. After that, he took a step and entered the passageway.

Wang Daolu, Taba Tianxi, and Zuoqiu Taiwu followed closely behind him.

Om~

In the next moment, the passageway vanished, and everything returned to calm.

Chen Xi, you must return alive! A'xiu stared blankly into the sky while she muttered endlessly in her heart.

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Chapter 1226: The Shadow Of Immortal Kings

Nightmare Battlefield.

There was a vast river of stars that stretched across like a natural chasm, and it separated the Immortal Dimension and the Outerealm. The camp of the Immortal Dimension was on this side, and the camp of the Xeno-race was on the other side.

This river of stars was taken to be a river of stars that belonged to the Immortal Dimension and the Outerealm, and it was boundlessly vast and seemed to stretch on without end.

When Chen Xi and the others arrived here under Zhou Zhili's lead, they'd arrived in the starry sky, and they saw this river of stars that wound through the universe.

It was said to be a river of stars, yet it was actually countless stars gathered together. It didn't flow with water, but numerous enormous stars, so calling it a river of stars was extremely suitable.

"This is the border between the Immortal Dimension and the Outerealm. Since the primeval times until now, countless world shaking battles have erupted around this river of stars, and similarly, countless extraordinary figures have been buried there." Zhou Zhili pointed towards the distant river of stars, and his reserved expression revealed a wisp of emotion. "It can be said that the situation within the three dimensions could be so stable and flourishing because of the blood and lives of countless predecessors in battle. They...are the true existences that provided the greatest service to the three dimensions!"

Everyone aroused deep respect in their hearts, and a wisp of hot blood couldn't help but surge within them. It was the admiration and respect they had towards the countless predecessors before them.

The Xeno-race were irreconcilably hostile with the three dimensions, and there was a blood feud amongst them. So how could any of them have a good impression of such an enemy?

It was just as the saying went, those that were not of my race definitely had ill intentions!

Rumble!

Right at this moment, a world shocking rumble suddenly arose from the depths of the distant river of stars, and it was so loud that the entire starry sky rumbled.

At the same time, everyone noticed a slender, graceful, and fair finger penetrate the boundless river of stars, and it crushed numerous stars while fiercely pointing towards the depths of the river.

Roar!

A roar of a beast resounded before an extraordinarily enormous black colored mammoth strode through the starry sky. A wave of its nose was like a whip that tore apart the starry sky, and it collided with the terrifying finger.

At that instant, the entire river of stars was suffused with a string of violent rumbling while the aftershock spread throughout the starry sky. The terrifying aura of destruction emanated by it caused all their expressions to turn slightly pale while they gasped without end.

This scene was too terrifying. It crushed the stars and threw the starry sky into chaos. Obviously, it was extremely far away, yet it was noticed clearly by all of them, and it clearly showed how terrifying such a strike was!

“Shit! That’s a fight between experts at the Immortal King Realm! Let’s go!” Zhou Zhili’s expression suddenly became heavy, and then he flicked his sleeve and carried everyone to flash away with a swish.

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When Chen Xi returned once more to his senses, he was already on an extremely desolate star, and there was actually a city to reside in here.

“That scene from before was a collision between Immortal Kings?” Meanwhile, some of them were still extremely horrified. How enormous was a star? However, it was crushed into pieces like a piece of paper by that finger, and that sort of might was too shocking indeed.

“That’s the deepest depths of the river of stars, and it’s a place only Immortal Kings may enter. One of the parties of the battle earlier was probably one of the four great Immortal Kings. As for exactly who it was, I’m unable to determine it.” Zhou Zhili’s expression had returned to normal, and he instructed with a relaxed expression. “Alright, that’s the area where Immortal Kings fight. All of you aren’t going to be asked to go there and give your lives away during the exam this time.”

When they saw that Zhou Zhili who was usually reserved had actually started teasing them, everyone couldn’t help but smile and feel much more relaxed.

“This city is called Dreamcloud City. It’s a stronghold of the three dimensions on the way to the Nightmare Battlefield. All of you will depart from here tomorrow morning and start undergoing the exam.” Zhou Zhili pointed towards the area that was like a kingdom ahead of them, and then he explained before leading them over and entering Dreamcloud City.

“Eh? The group from the Dao Emperor Academy has arrived!”

“It really is them. Amongst the exam groups of the seven great academies, only the Dao Emperor Academy hasn’t arrived.”

“Tsk tsk. I presume those fifty young men and women are the students that’re participating in the exam this time. The students of the seven great academies are going to be tempering themselves together. Perhaps they’ll be able to determine a winner amongst themselves.”

At this moment, there were actually many figures gathered within Dreamcloud City. When they saw Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, Taba Tianxi, and Zuoqiu Taiwu leading Chen Xi and the others into the city, it instantly caused a great uproar.

The gazes of many people more or less carried a trace of fear and reverence, and it even carried a trace of hostility.

Zhou Zhili and the other Half-step Immortal King Realm experts paid utterly no attention to all of this, and they led Chen Xi and the others directly towards the depths of the city.

This time, Taba Tianxi spoke with a warm voice that caused others to feel as if they'd been brushed by a summer breeze. "All of you don't have to care about all of this. The other six great academies have been the competitors of our Dao Emperor Academy for countless years. But unfortunately, after innumerable years, Dao Emperor Academy is still the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension, and this status isn't something any one of them can shake."

His voice was calm, yet it carried a sense of pride. It was an arrogant attitude, and it came from his sense of belonging and pride as a member of Dao Emperor Academy!

Yes, their Dao Emperor Academy was the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension. Moreover, it had been the number one academy for countless years, so they naturally had the ability to be proud and confident.

When they heard what Taba Tianxi said, all the students felt proud and filled with glory from this, while their figures that were already ramrod straight had become even straighter. Yes, they were the students of the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension, so they should be proud and must be proud!

Chen Xi sighed endlessly with emotion towards this. These were the unique resources and reserves of the Dao Emperor Academy in the Immortal Dimension. Perhaps one couldn't feel it while within the academy, but while in the outside world, one would be able to deeply understand how shocking it was based on the fearful and respectful gazes revealed by everyone.

Chen Xi was also clearly aware that the other six academies were respectively the Cloudmist Academy, Windstream Academy, Bitter Silence Academy, Grand Desolation Academy, Dao Secret Academy, and Vastsky Academy.

These six great academies were scattered in the other three great continents. For example, Windstream Academy and Cloudmist Academy were situated within Icesky Continent; Bitter Silence Academy and Grand Desolation Academy were situated in Midnight Continent; and Dao Secret Academy and Vastsky Academy were situated in Profound Path Continent.

Only Dao Emperor Academy occupied Valiant Star Continent which was also one of the four great continents.

As they continued on their way, Chen Xi understood from what Taba Tianxi said subsequently that the exam at the Nightmare Battlefield this time would be participated in by the students of the other six great academies as well.

Every single academy would send out fifty students at the Golden Immortal Realm each. The rules were similar to Dao Emperor Academy, and supposedly, it was the intent of the Central Immortal Court. It was done in this way for the sake of nicely tempering the strength of the younger generation, so that when the war between the three dimensions and the Xeno-race erupted in the future, they would be able to be even stronger.

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Before long, everyone arrived before an ancient and grand building at the center of Dreamcloud City.

It was said to be grand, but in truth, it was just considerably intact when compared with the damaged buildings in the vicinity.

After all, Dreamcloud City was situated at the border of the three dimensions and the Outerealm while battles erupted all year round, so it was extremely difficult for the buildings to remain intact.

“Hahaha! Brother Zhou, all of you’ve finally arrived.” Before the building was a robust bald man with pitch black brows that were sharp like blades. He noticed Zhou Zhili and the others from afar, and he instantly let out sonorous laughter as he moved over to greet them with quick strides.

“You’re still the same after so many years.” Zhou Zhili laughed heartily as well.

“This is the person in-charge within Dreamcloud City from the Central Immortal Court, and he’s called Dong Junhou. He’s a Half-step Immortal King Realm expert with ferocious combat strength that has been stationed here for over ten thousand years, and he enters into battle with the Xeno-race all year round. His strength is extremely formidable.” The nearby Taba Tianxi explained in a warm voice and said, “He entered into Dao Emperor Academy during the same year as Brother Zhou did, so they have a rather good relationship. However, since he left the academy, Dong Junhou directly served under the Central Immortal Court, so the two of them haven’t seen each other for over a thousand years.”

Chen Xi and the others came to a sudden understanding, and he sighed with emotion in his heart. A great figure from the Central Immortal Court that has been stationed within Dreamcloud City is actually from Dao Emperor Academy as well.

After engaging in brief small talk, Dong Junhou welcomed their group into the ancient building.

There were many figures already seated within the hall. There were men and women that were both young and old. Every single one of them possessed extraordinary imposing auras, and all of them were instructors and students from the six great academies.

At this moment, when they noticed the arrival of the group from Dao Emperor Academy, the sounds of chatting within the hall instantly vanished, and all of them shot their gazes over.

“Brother Zhou.”

“Haha, Wang Daolu! You’ve come as well.”

“Eh, Geezer Taba. You’re actually becoming younger and younger.”

Many instructors stood up and engaged in small talk with Zhou Zhili, Wang Daolu, and the others. Obviously, they were old acquaintances. Many others hadn’t stood up, and their gazes faintly revealed vigilance and hostility.

Chen Xi noticed all of this, and he couldn’t help but be amused in his heart. Sure enough, where there are people, there are relationships. When some show amiableness, others show hostility, and everything in this world is about the same.

In the end, Zhou Zhili and the others sat down at one side of the hall.

Dong Junhou laughed heartily when he saw this, and then he said, "Alright, the forces of the seven great academies have arrived now, so let's get down to business."

As soon as these words were spoken, it instantly drew the attention of everyone within the hall.

"The Xeno-race have been deploying forces repeatedly lately, and they've deployed a great number of troops into the river of stars with the intention of capturing a stronghold of my Immortal Dimension. Even though the situation isn't serious, this sort of bad sign should be eliminated!" When he mentioned the situation of the battle, his expression instantly became murderous and vicious, and then he roared with laughter and said, "Of course, all of this isn't related to all of you little fellows present here. Your assignments are extremely simple. You'll enter the Nightmare Battlefield tomorrow, and you have to kill as many Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts as you can. That's all you have to do."

When he spoke up to here, he flicked his sleeve, and a few treasures that flowing with multicolored glows appeared on the table before him.

"This is a Valiant Grand Immortal Artifact and two Cosmic Grade Immortal Artifacts. They're the rewards provided by the Central Immortal Court. The top three students that annihilate the most Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts during the exam will be able to obtain these three rewards according to their rankings!" His voice was like a resounding bell that reverberated through the entire hall, and it caused the gazes of many people present here to be attracted by the Immortal Artifacts of the table while a wisp of burning desire appeared on their faces.

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Chapter 1228: Enemies In The Shadows

Over a thousand Void Hawks were equivalent to over a thousand existences at the Mysterious Immortal Realm!

Such an amount was sufficient to stop Chen Xi in his footsteps when he hadn't advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, but Chen Xi couldn't be compared to before now.

As a Golden Immortal, his cultivation realm carried an absolute advantage, and it was utterly not something that Mysterious Immortal Realm experts could go against with numbers. Not to mention Chen Xi wasn't an ordinary Golden Immortal.

His foundation was extraordinarily solid, over a hundred times that of his peers, and he'd even grasped the Five Element Divine Crest and various supreme inheritances from the Infinite Divine Talisman. In terms of combat strength, he could be said to be a freak that couldn't be appraised by convention.

Swish!

In the next moment, Chen Xi had withdrawn Starclasp and slashed down with the Sword of Water. A strand of sword qi that shot into the sky instantly transformed into a boundless ocean that enveloped that area of the heavens and the earth, and it seemed as if it wanted to completely drown it!

Squawk! Squawk!

Squawk! Squawk! Squawk! Squawk!

A wave of extremely miserable and sharp cries rose and fell from within the boundless ocean while the over 1,000 Void Hawks hidden within the wind were unable to struggle free from the surging ocean of sword qi no matter how they struggled, and they instead perished faster the more they struggled.

In merely a few breaths of time, the large group of Void Hawks were completely annihilated, and there actually wasn't a single one that was able to escape!

Starry roared excitedly when he saw this and hastily charged forward while his body surged with the energy of the Laws of Devour, and he was like a tempest that swept through the surroundings.

Pu! Pu! Pu!

Corpse after corpse of Void Hawks were swallowed dry by him, and they transformed into powder. Fortunately, Starry knew how to restrain himself and left behind the sharp beaks of all these Void Hawks.

Chen Xi nodded with satisfaction when he saw this scene, and he praised Starry for being obedient and sensible in his heart. After that, he flicked his sleeve and started to gather the spoils.

Presently, he was establishing the Star Alliance, and once the Star Alliance expanded in the future, it could absolutely not do without deep financial support. Chen Xi didn't want to rely on A'xiu to maintain the development of the Star Alliance because that would only cause him to feel even more embarrassed in his heart. So he intended to seize this opportunity to earn as much wealth as he could.

In next to no time, the man and beast had cleared up the battlefield.

On the other hand, Starry still seemed to be hungry and unsatisfied. His gaze descended onto the short peak at the first possible moment, and then he charged over.

"Another glutton." Chen Xi derided before following behind.

Roar!

A shapeless soundwave erupted from Starry's mouth, and it shook the surrounding space like a tornado. Instantly, the short peak transformed into powder and ash that covered the sky.

After that, a fist sized crystal that was completely suffused with dense silver starlight flew up with a swish and revolved in the air before Starry grabbed it in his mouth.

Obviously, Starry was extremely happy at this moment. He seemed as if he'd obtained a scrumptious buffet, and he started licking it over and over again instead of hastily swallowing it.

Chen Xi walked forward and Starry instantly protected the crystal in a vigilant manner, and he seemed were pitiable as if Chen Xi wanted to seize it from him.

"Let me have a look first, then you can eat it." Chen Xi slapped Starry on the head and forcefully pulled out the crystal from Starry's mouth.

At this instant, it seemed like there was a star that was rising in his palm. It was suffused with silver starlight that was dazzling and resplendent, and it flowed with exuberant vitality that assaulted the face.

This was a Starcore, the essence of a star, and it could only be formed after a star experienced countless years of growth.

No matter if it was equipment refinement or pill refinement, this treasure carried an unbelievable effect, and it was similarly a precious treasure that couldn't be found in the Immortal Dimension.

Chen Xi thought for a moment and returned the Starcore to Starry in the end. It couldn't be helped, he felt he owed it to the little fellow after leaving the little fellow in the Buddha's Pagoda for too long.

Crack! Crack!

Starry didn't hesitate again this time, and he started chewing as soon as he opened his mouth to receive it. Starry ate to the point starlight shot out from between his teeth, and the aura in his entire body actually increased greatly in this short period of time. The snow white and fluffy fur on his body even emanated strands of piercingly cold starlight, and it faintly carried a wisp of a pure and mysterious aura.

"The little fellow is on the verge of breaking through. If nothing unexpected happens, then he'll almost be able to attain the perfection-stage in the Mysterious Immortal Realm with another ten or so Starcores." The tiny cauldron spoke abruptly and guided Chen Xi on to Starry's cultivation.

Chen Xi nodded and said, "In any case, I still have to slaughter Xeno-race experts in this Nightmare Battlefield, so seizing this opportunity to gather some Starcores isn't bad either."

When he spoke up to here, Chen Xi's gaze suddenly shot towards the northwest and said, "While I was killing those Void Hawks earlier, I sensed a rather formidable aura, and it ought to be a Xeno-race expert that's equivalent to a Golden Immortal. I should seize this opportunity to deal with him." Chen Xi immediately brought Starry who'd ate his fill to flash towards the northwest.

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Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Not long after Chen Xi left, a few figures suddenly tore through the sky and arrived here on Void Star. Shockingly, the person in the lead was Zuoqiu Jun.

"Brother Jun, I've detected the aura that kid left behind. He ought to have left a little while ago." A black clothed young man took a deep breath and executed a secret technique to search the surroundings for a long time before his eyes lit up, and then he spoke swiftly.

The spirits of the others were instantly refreshed, and they gazed at Zuoqiu Jun. "Should we pursue him?"

Zuoqiu Jun pondered deeply for a moment before he waved his hand and said, "No. That kid is extremely cunning. A'Yin suffered a terrible loss at his hands during the second round of the recruitment test. Not to mention that according to the rules of the exam this time, we can't make a move against him, otherwise if any mishap occurs, then we'll be expelled from the academy, and that wouldn't be worth it."

"Then what should we do now?" asked one of them.

Zuoqiu Jun let out ghastly laughter and rubbed his chin before he said slowly, "I'll naturally notify the people that should know this piece of information, and we don't have to worry about anything else. Let me see how tragically this bastard will die this time!"

"Come, let's go hunt some Xeno-race experts and strive to attain the minimum requirements of the inner court exam as soon as possible." As soon as he finished speaking, Zuoqiu Jun led the group and left swiftly.

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Bang!

A strand of sword qi shot into the sky, and it gave rise to boundless radiance that illuminated the heavens and the earth.

An enormous Void Hawk with a wingspan of over 3km suddenly let out a sharp cry of terror, and it intended to flap its wings and flee.

Unfortunately, it was still a step too late. Its head was mercilessly slashed off by the strand of sword qi, causing fresh blood to spray out and taint the earth.

Starry swiftly pounced forward and started to devour the energy of the Laws within its corpse, whereas Chen Xi skillfully started to clear up the spoils. Their cooperation was extremely good.

At the same time, Chen Xi clearly sensed that an extra piece of information had appeared within the Violet Ribbon Starcrest in his body, and it was called a Combat Exploits Record. Surprisingly, the number one was written behind it. It represented that he'd hunted and killed one Xeno-race expert at the Golden Immortal Realm during the inner court exam this time.

"Strange, this Void Hawk is considered a member of the Xeno-race?" Chen Xi had seen many strange Xeno-race experts, yet it was the first time he'd found out that there were birds amongst the Xeno-race.

"You've seen Azure Phoenixes and True Phoenixes, right? So, it's naturally not strange for this Void Hawk to be a member of the Xeno-race." The tiny cauldron answered him indifferently. "A very long time ago, the ancestor of the Void Hawks was a god of wind born within the chaos. Unfortunately, he betrayed the three dimensions in the end."

Chen Xi was aware that even though the Xeno-race were considered another species, yet they were actually various living beings that had been expelled from the three dimensions during the primeval times because of a struggle amongst sects.

Obviously, the tiny cauldron was similarly clearly aware of some ancient history.

In the following period of time, Chen Xi led Starry along to continue finding opponents on Void Star. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to find even one more Xeno-race expert at the Golden Immortal Realm.

On the contrary, he encountered numerous Void Hawks, and all of them were killed by Chen Xi and transformed into Starry's meals.

Six hours later.

“This Void Star is at the edge of the battlefield in the end. If I want to hunt even more Xeno-race experts, then it looks like I can only head to the depths of Nightmare Battlefield.” Chen Xi stopped on the spot and gazed concentratedly at the surroundings. He’d searched this entire star, and he didn’t notice anything further, so he immediately decided to leave.

Swoosh!

He glanced at the map within the jade slip and scanned it carefully. Even though Nightmare Battlefield was only a medium-sized battlefield between the three dimensions and the Outerealm, it covered a few tens of thousands of stars and was extremely vast. Moreover, the deeper one went, the more dangerous it became.

Chen Xi looked along the map to find Void Star, and then he started to size up the nearby stars. However, he noticed that there were many stars for him to choose from, and he was instead at a loss for which one to choose.

“Head to Damon Star.” Meanwhile, the tiny cauldron gave him a name.

Chen Xi was stunned, and he searched the map for a short while. Sure enough, he saw a star called Damon Star. However, this star was extremely far away from Void Star, and there were almost over a thousand stars in between them. It was already almost at the central area of Nightmare Battlefield.

“Could it be that Senior knows something about the situation on Damon Star?” After a short while, Chen Xi put the map away and couldn’t refrain from asking the tiny cauldron because he’d felt it was slightly strange since the beginning when the tiny cauldron requested to go along with him to Nightmare Battlefield.

Now that the tiny cauldron actually directly spoke the name of a star, it caused Chen Xi to guess in his heart that the tiny cauldron might have come here for a reason.

“You’ll know when you get there. There’ll be no lack of benefit for you.” The tiny cauldron’s reply was ambiguous yet extremely enticing. Because Chen Xi was very well aware that the benefit the tiny cauldron spoke about was definitely an extremely great benefit of extraordinary worth.

When he thought up to here, Chen Xi stopped hesitating and shot into the distance with Starry by his side. In a short period of time, he’d left Void Star and arrived in the depths of the starry sky.

Damon Star... At any rate, I have to hunt and kill Xeno-race experts this time. So it naturally can’t be any better if I’m able to seize this opportunity to obtain some benefits. Chen Xi strode through space and took a deep breath as he looked at the stars that covered the sky. He suddenly noticed that the inner court exam this time had actually caused him to feel even more anticipation.

Starcores, Damon Star, the tiny cauldron’s objective... If the threat that might come from the Zuoqiu Clan was included, then it was simply an exciting and risky journey to look for treasures.

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Chapter 1229: Clean Sweep

Swoosh!

Within the boundless starry sky, Chen Xi's figure flashed before vanishing. At this moment, he'd utilized the Starsky Wings along with teleportation.

This was a Divine Ability inherited from the Master of the Manor, and a single flap of these wings drew upon the might of a myriad of stars, causing it to be suffused with starlight. He simply seemed like a fish in water when utilizing the Starsky Wings within this boundless starry sky.

When looked at from afar, it was like a wisp of flowing starlight that flickered repeatedly in space, and it traversed the distance of over ten stars with every flicker. Its speed was unbelievably swift.

Moreover, because he was moving in between stars, using the Starsky Wings was like a natural form of protection, causing him to be extremely difficult to notice.

I never expected that the Starsky Wings actually possessed such ability. It's actually absorbing the energy of the stars to strengthen itself... As he flew, Chen Xi noticed to his surprise that every single aperture on his body was actually absorbing the energy of the stars through the Starsky Wings, and then this energy was converted into pure and powerful Immortal Force that surged within the world in his body.

It was precisely under the replenishment from the energy of the stars that not only did the Immortal Force he exhausted recover quickly, it even caused the Immortal Force within his body to constantly accumulate, and it indirectly improved his cultivation by a shred!

The Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Technique was a technique that drew upon the energy of the stars to temper the body, whereas the Starsky Wings carry a supplementing effect to it. Perhaps its normal that it's able to possess such profound ability now, and it's only because I never noticed this in the past... Chen Xi pondered briefly before he understood the reason behind it, and then his spirits were refreshed. The inner court exam this time lasted for an entire three months of time, if he was able to absorb the energy of the stars every single day, then perhaps he would be able to charge into the Embody Heaven Level and attain the intermediate-stage of the Golden Immortal Realm...

Rumble!

Suddenly, a strand of intense fluctuation arose from the distant starry sky, and it was like a thunderclap that swept over and caused a wave of ripples to arise in space.

Chen Xi suddenly stopped moving and didn't dare continue his train of thought. The vertical eye between his brows swept over from afar, and he noticed that there were a few figures flying over towards him at an extremely swift speed.

Besides that, behind those figures was actually a Xeno-race army that covered the heavens and the earth as they flew in pursuit, and they revealed an extremely vast and mighty impetus.

"Quick! It's actually a group of three thousand Xeno-race experts. We've obviously fallen into an ambush!"

"Dammit! There're even eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts leading the group. This is absolutely a trap that was planned for a long time..."

"Cut the crap! Flee! Quickly!"

In practically an instant, those figures were about to arrive before Chen Xi.

Meanwhile, Chen Xi finally noticed that they were actually students from Cloudmist Academy. There were three men and two women amongst them, and the pattern of cloudy mist was embroidered on their left shoulder.

“Eh? A Fellow Daoist from Dao Emperor Academy?” At the same moment, they noticed Chen Xi as well, and one of them spoke with surprise. They’d discerned from the Violet Ribbon Starcrest that floated on Chen Xi’s left shoulder that he was from Dao Emperor Academy.

Instantly, their expression turned slightly pale, and they revealed a wisp of fear.

“Fellow Daoist, let me take the liberty to advise you that it’s best to flee for now.” One of the women in an emerald green dress couldn’t help but speak in a light voice.

“Thank you for your guidance, Fellow Daoist. I’ve already noticed the situation behind all of you.” Chen Xi cupped his hands. These students of Cloudmist Academy weren’t too bad. At the very least, they’d taken the time to warn him.

“Fellow Daoist, you don’t intend to leave? Even though you’re from Dao Emperor Academy, if you’re encircled by those three thousand Xeno-race experts while by yourself, then you’ll probably be in a bad situation.” A tall and black clothed young man frowned as he spoke.

“Forget it, Senior Brother Chu. There’s no need to continue persuading him. He’s a student of Dao Emperor Academy, so he doesn’t need us to persuade him. If he wants to flaunt his superiority, then let him go ahead. We should leave as soon as possible.” A woman with a plump and curvaceous figure frowned and spoke with displeasure, and she seemed as if she was complaining that her companions were busybodies.

Chen Xi was stunned and glanced at that woman before moving his gaze away, and then he looked towards the distance. At this moment, the vast Xeno-race army could be seen very clearly, and they would catch up in a very short moment.

The impetus of the army was vast and mighty indeed. Especially at the back of the army, there were eight terrifying auras that shot into the sky, and they were probably the eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts that those students from Cloudmist Academy spoke about.

After searching for so long, I’ve finally encountered a target I can annihilate... Oh, I’ll be able to get another huge amount of wealth from killing them. Chen Xi muttered in his heart while his eyes that were dark like an abyss suddenly brightened.

“Fellow Daoist, good luck. Let’s go!” When he saw Chen Xi remained indifferent, the black clothed and tall young man called Senior Brother Chu frowned before waving his hand in the end, and he led the others to leave swiftly.

To all of them, facing an army of three thousand Xeno-race experts led by eight Xeno-race experts at the Golden Immortal Realm was indeed like giving their lives away, so they had no choice but to flee.

As for Chen Xi, they'd already warned him, but since he didn't appreciate their kindness, they wouldn't continue persuading him. All of them only more or less sighed emotionally in their hearts. The students of Dao Emperor Academy really are arrogant...

Rumble!

However, 'Senior Brother Chu' and the others hadn't left for long when a world shaking and terrifying fluctuation suddenly arose from behind them, and then a wave of miserable sounds of battle shot into the sky.

"They've really collided?" Their group swiftly turned around, and then they saw a scene that caused them to be shocked speechless.

In the boundless starry sky, there was a tall figure that stood in midair while a casual swing of the immortal sword in his hand would cause numerous extraordinary and thick strands of sword qi to shoot out. The members of the Xeno-race army at the front were actually forcefully annihilated into a path of blood, and at least over a hundred Xeno-race experts had lost their lives in an instant.

This was merely the might of a single strike!

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Before they could recover from their shock, they saw numerous strands of brilliant sword qi shooting out violently, and these strands of sword qi crisscrossed together as they filled the entire sky. Instantly, the Xeno-race army was split apart while blood sprayed throughout the starry sky like a tempest.

For a time, the sounds of battle, wailing, and furious howls intersected together and reverberated through the surroundings without end. This was the most common scene on Nightmare Battlefield because it was extremely unusual if there was no battle on a battlefield.

However, the situation before their eyes was rather rare because it was a battle between a single person and a vast army. Moreover, based on the current situation, it was actually the single person that had occupied an absolute advantage!

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Kill!

Kill!

Kill!

Fresh blood sprayed into the surroundings while corpses fell.

At this moment, Chen Xi just happened to seem like a peerless and invincible sharp blade, and he forcefully slashed into the Xeno-race army while life after life was reaped mercilessly wherever he passed.

The army of three thousand Xeno-race experts seemed to be small in number, but when one actually looked at them, one would realize that it was such a vast array that it simply covered the heavens and the earth.

But at this moment, this army was utterly routed by Chen Xi alone, and blood flowed into a river and simply seemed as if it would taint this expanse of the starry sky red!

“Isn’t this fellow...a bit too abnormal?” One of them gasped because he’d clearly noticed that the eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts had made a move. They’d encircled the handsome young man, yet they were actually unable to suppress him.

It wasn’t just him, the other students revealed shocked expressions as well. Formidable! Too Formidable! He’s simply a freak!

“Should we...go help him?” The woman with a plump and curvaceous figure hesitated before she asked. “Those are eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts. It’s probably very difficult for him to deal with all of them. If we make a move now, then we’ll be able to help him resolve the danger he’s facing and annihilate some exam objectives. It can be said to be killing two birds with one stone.”

The others instantly guessed what she was thinking when they heard this. Obviously, she intended to ‘offer timely assistance’ after noticing that the Xeno-race army had been utterly defeated and those eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts were unable to suppress Chen Xi.

Of course, the timely assistance here can be explained as taking advantage of the situation. However, no one exposed this. After all, they were rather enticed by it at this moment as well.

“Senior Sister Liu, it isn’t really good to do that, right?” One of them licked their lips while speaking hesitantly.

“What’s not good about it? We can be considered to be lending a hand, so not only would that young man not mind, he would probably even be grateful to us.” The curvaceous Senior Sister Liu spoke swiftly, and she became more and more excited as she spoke. She seemed to have completely forgotten that she’d given Chen Xi a cold look earlier and ridiculed him for trying to flaunt his superiority.

“It’s too late.” Meanwhile, Senior Brother Chu who was in the lead spoke abruptly, and it caused all the others to be stunned. After that, when they saw the scene on the distant battlefield clearly, all their expressions instantly changed.

Right at this moment, the figure of Chen Xi who’d originally been encircled by those eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts suddenly flashed, and then his body suddenly erupted with an extremely terrifying imposing aura that was more than two times stronger than before!

After that, he raised his hand and slashed, causing a wisp of sword qi that emanated divine radiance that illuminated the entire sky to sweep towards all directions.

Pu! Pu! Pu!

A string of scarlet red and warm blood sprayed into the surroundings as eight heads shot into the sky. Their expressions were still savage, cruel, vicious, and bloodthirsty, and perhaps even until the moment of their death, they hadn’t had the chance to realize what had occurred.

With merely a single sword strike, eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts had been annihilated!

When they witnessed this astounding scene, the mouths of all those five students from Cloudmist Academy couldn't help but gape open while their pupils constricted rapidly, and their entire bodies experienced bone piercing coldness as if they'd fallen into an icy pit.

None of them had imagined that such a formidable group of Xeno-race experts would actually be completely annihilated by that handsome young man alone within less than ten minutes of time!

Exactly how formidable is this fellow? Which peerless student of Dao Emperor Academy is he?

At this moment, Senior Brother Chu felt his mind drone while numerous thoughts arose within it.

Especially the curvaceous Senior Sister Liu, her expression was both ashen and livid. She was still intending to 'offer generous assistance' to Chen Xi earlier, yet never had she imagined that Chen Xi didn't need her help at all. This was simply like a silent slap that caused her entire body to feel uncomfortable.

Clang!

Starclasp returned to its sheath and emanated a clear howl that resounded in the sky, and it jolted awake Senior Brother Chu and all the others from their shock.

In the next moment, they noticed that Chen Xi's lone figure was cleaning up the horrifying battlefield that was covered in blood and corpses while the boundless and dazzling starry sky lay behind him. This scene was both bloody and magnificent, and it shook the hearts of all.

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Chapter 1230: Where Fortune Resides

Five months ago, when Chen Xi had just advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm for a single month, he was already capable of going head on with Liu Zefeng and the other ten plus outer court students by himself.

All of them were existences at the Golden Immortal Realm and were elite figures amongst the seniors. Now, five months had passed since then, and Chen Xi had been in closed door cultivation within the world of stars, so his combat strength had improved a step further.

Under such circumstances, it wasn't difficult at all for Chen Xi to annihilate these eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts. If it was not for him being worried that exposing a strength too formidable would terrify them and allow them to escape, he would have even ended the battle a long time ago.

Of course, it wasn't that those Xeno-race experts were useless. Since they were able to survive in Nightmare Battlefield, their combat strengths were absolutely not something an ordinary Golden Immortal could compare to. It could only be said that they deserved to suffer misfortune from encountering a freak like Chen Xi.

At this moment, numerous wrecked corpses were floating in the starry sky while scarlet red blood had transformed into a red cloud that floated in space, and it emanated a horrifying stench of blood.

This Xeno-race army was from the Outerealm's Lightogram World. They had the appearance of humans and the bodies of beasts, and their figures were 27m tall and possessed four arms, causing them to seem extremely bizarre.

According to the tiny cauldron's guidance, Chen Xi withdrew numerous tiny grains from within the left ears of these Lightogram World experts. These tiny grains were an extremely miraculous organ that they were born with, and it was called an Ear Pocket that could be utilized as a storage immortal treasure.

If one wasn't familiar with the characteristic of these members of the Lightogram World, probably no one would have imagined that these Ear Pockets actually had such a miraculous use.

Chen Xi tried to open up an Ear Pocket and noticed that the space within it was extremely large, and it was no different from a storage immortal treasure. There were many immortal materials that could only be found in the Outerealm within this Ear Picket, and the value of these materials was impossible to estimate.

After all, these were special products that only existed in the Outerealm, so their value had to be appraised one by one.

In the end, Chen Xi obtained 3,080 Ear Pockets, and the Ear Pockets of the eight Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race experts were different from the others. These eight Ear Pockets were completely golden and brilliant. They seemed like golden raindrops, and the treasures stored within them were extremely abundant as well.

Perhaps I can look for a Grand Appraiser to appraise the value of these treasures after I return to the academy. I'll keep those that are useful to me and I'll sell off the rest. I ought to be able to exchange them for a huge amount of wealth. A wisp of a satisfied smile appeared on the corners of Chen Xi's mouth.

At this moment, Starry had made a move as well. He transformed into a devouring tempest that wiped away the energy of the Laws contained within these Xeno-race experts.

If this little fellow continues to devour like this, then it probably wouldn't be long before the four Grand Dao Laws he possesses will attain perfection... As he looked at the delighted Starry and sensed the aura of the Laws in Starry's body that was growing in strength, Chen Xi felt slightly envious in his heart because Starry didn't have to temper or comprehend the Laws and could directly devour the Laws possessed by another for his own use. How could this not be something worthy of envy?

Swoosh! Swoosh!

A wave of the sound of air being torn apart resounded. Chen Xi turned around and saw that those five students from Cloudmist Academy were actually flying towards him.

Especially when he saw the woman with a curvaceous figure, the corners of Chen Xi's mouth couldn't help but curl into a spurious smile. Even though he was in battle earlier, he'd clearly heard the conversation between them, so he was naturally aware that this woman intended to 'offer timely assistance' to him.

"So Fellow Daoist's combat strength was actually so formidable. We can be considered to have been blind earlier." Senior Brother Chu smiled as he walked forward, and he cupped his hand as he spoke apologetically. Meanwhile, his attitude had faintly undergone a great change, and his tone carried a trace of respect.

"You're too kind." Chen Xi smiled.

“Daoist Brother, could it be that you’re the expert from the Dragon Dimension, Ao Zhanbei, that’s ranked at the first on the Allheaven Golden Rankings of Dao Emperor Academy?” A young man couldn’t help but ask.

“Of course not.” Before Chen Xi could speak, one of them refuted this and said, “Based on this Daoist Brother’s combat technique, he’s obviously not someone from the Dragon Dimension. Not to mention that Ao Zhanbei probably doesn’t possess such combat strength.”

“Then could he be Zuoqiu Jun? I heard that he’s ranked at the second position on the Allheaven Golden Rankings, right?” The curvaceous Senior Sister Liu spoke abruptly, and her gaze towards Chen Xi carried a wisp of burning anticipation.

Zuoqiu Jun was the young genius of one of the seven great ancient clans, the Zuoqiu Clan. He possessed a deep background and extraordinary strength, so he received the respect of all no matter where he went. Even though Senior Sister Liu was a student of Cloudmist Academy, she’d heard many rumors related to Zuoqiu Jun.

Unfortunately, Chen Xi’s brows instantly knit together when these words were spoken, and then his expression remained the same as he said, “There’s no need for all of you to guess. My name is Chen Xi, and I’m not a member of the Zuoqiu Clan.”

Senior Sister Liu’s expression froze, and she faintly sensed that her words from before seemed to have inadvertently offended Chen Xi, causing her to be unable to help but feel vexed.

She didn’t know that she’d already offended Chen Xi a long time ago, and it was just that Chen Xi couldn’t be bothered to make a fuss about it with her.

“Chen Xi!” Suddenly, one of them exclaimed with shock. “I know you. You’re the first amongst the new students in Dao Emperor Academy, and you even obtained the Praise of the Gods that exceeded the Resonance of the Heavens and the Earth.”

When he spoke up to here, he hesitated and said, “But I remember that you just entered Dao Emperor Academy for two years. Could it be that you only utilized two years to advance into the Golden Immortal Realm and ascend into the top fifty of the Allheaven Golden Rankings?”

As soon as these words were spoken, Senior Brother Chu and the others came to an understanding. They recalled many rumors related to Chen Xi, and they were extremely surprised in their hearts.

As students of Cloudmist Academy, they naturally took the students of Dao Emperor Academy to be their rivals at all times, so how could they not be clearly aware of who Chen Xi was?

It was even to the extent that if Chen Xi’s name was mentioned in any of the four great continents, then there would probably be no one that was unaware of it!

After all, he was the first student in the history of Dao Emperor Academy that had become the first amongst the new students while at the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, and his reputation shook the Immortal Dimension. So it was impossible for others to not be aware of him.

But never had they imagined that after just two years of time, this student of Dao Emperor Academy would actually advance into the Golden Immortal Realm and come to participate in the exam at Nightmare Battlefield.

This was the thing that shocked them the most.

For a time, the atmosphere was rather oppressive, yet Chen Xi felt slightly bored, and he said frankly, "Fellow Daoists, if there's nothing else, then I'll be bidding my farewells."

As he spoke, he intended to leave with Starry.

"Fellow Daoist Chen Xi, please wait a moment!" Senior Brother Chu hurriedly moved forward and said in a straightforward manner, "To tell you the truth, we came here because we want to collaborate with Daoist Brother Chen Xi in a matter."

Chen Xi's brows raised. "Oh?"

Senior Brother Chu hurriedly spoke about the reason when he saw this. It turned out that their group had once headed to a star called Bloodink to temper themselves, and they'd inadvertently noticed that there were actually over thirty Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race beasts residing on Bloodink Star. However, after they noticed this, it was utterly impossible for them to go against these Xeno-race beasts with their ability, so they avoided these experts as soon as possible.

But after they witnessed Chen Xi's formidable and heaven defying combat strength, they wanted to collaborate with Chen Xi and head to Bloodink Star to deal with those thirty plus Golden Immortal Realm Xeno-race beasts. In this way, all of them would be able to hunt and kill some Xeno-race required in the exam, and it could be considered as a win-win situation.

After he finished speaking about all of this, Senior Brother Chu and the others looked at Chen Xi with anticipation.

However, Chen Xi pondered deeply for a moment before he shook his head directly, "Everyone, I'm afraid I'll have to let all of you down. I have another matter to deal with, and I'm unable to delay it any longer."

Senior Brother Chu and the others couldn't help but be disappointed when they heard this, and they he forced a smile and said, "Since it's like that, then we won't continue disturbing Daoist Brother Chen Xi."

Chen Xi cupped his hands and said, "I hope we'll have a chance to collaborate in the future."

As soon as he finished speaking, his figure flashed, and he started flying towards the depths of the distant starry sky with Starry.

"Hmph! What's there to be so arrogant about? He'll suffer misfortune sooner or later." When she saw Chen Xi leave, the displeasure in Senior Sister Liu's heart instantly erupted, and she grunted coldly.

"Such a matter isn't something that can be forced. We can only blame ourselves for possessing insufficient strength, and we can't blame anyone else." Senior Brother Chu frowned as he swept Senior Sister Liu with his gaze, and he felt that she was going a bit too far.

Senior Sister Liu pursed her lips and was just about to say something when she noticed the attitude of the others towards her had turned cold as well. She instantly shut her mouth while feeling even more vexed in her heart. What exactly did I do wrong?

“Let’s go. A battle just occurred here, and it’ll probably draw over the attention of many Xeno-race experts. It’s better to leave as soon as possible. Let’s go find other Fellow Daoists and head to Bloodink Star to temper ourselves.” Senior Brother Chu waved his hand and led them off towards the distance.

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“Why didn’t you agree to their request?” The tiny cauldron asked on the way.

“I don’t have the confidence to deal with over 30 Xeno-race beasts at the Golden Immortal Realm. Not to mention that I’m afraid an argument might occur when dividing the spoils after the battle if I collaborate with them. So instead of that, isn’t it better to not place myself in that trouble at all?” Chen Xi replied casually, and then he asked as he flew. “Senior, exactly what treasure is there on Damon Star?”

“You ought to be very well aware that this is a battlefield between the Xeno-race in the Outerealm and the three dimensions, and it has existed since the primeval times until now. So countless extraordinary and great figures have been buried here. Before they died, numerous ancient treasures were definitely in their possessions, and they might have even buried their own mantles of inheritance there.”

“Just think about it, in the countless years of the past, how many experts have fallen in this vast battlefield? They’re simply innumerable, so what does it mean? Fortune!” The tiny cauldron didn’t answer Chen Xi’s question direction, and it spoke about the fortune that might exist in this battlefield instead.

“Of course, others noticed this a very long time ago, and it’s even to the extent that numerous fortunes have been obtained by others. However, this doesn’t mean that good things can’t be found here.”

“Could it be that such fortune is present on Damon Star?” Chen Xi came to a sudden understanding.

“I can’t confirm if it has been obtained, so it’s better to make a trip there ourselves.” The tiny cauldron didn’t conceal it from Chen Xi and spoke frankly.

Chen Xi thought for a moment and asked. “Is it dangerous?”

“Fortune is sought for amidst danger. The greater the fortune, the greater the danger. All those years ago, some Half-step Immortal King Realm experts found fortune that allowed them to advance into the Immortal King Realm from this vast battlefield. For example, the current Icesky Immortal King obtained a Saint Rebirth Dao Heart and broke through into the Immortal King Realm in one go.” The tiny cauldron inadvertently revealed a secret that caused Chen Xi’s heart to be unable to help but shake fiercely, and he was astounded in his heart. Never had he imagined that this vast battlefield actually possessed such heaven defying and supreme fortune.