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Chapter 1401: Sudden Increase In Starpoints

Three days later, Chen Xi woke up from his meditation. His gaze was deep and seemed like a calm ancient well that was filled with a sense of tranquility.

As he felt the Immortal Force that filled his entire body, and his essence, spirit, and energy that was full of lively vitality, Chen Xi couldn't help but stand up and stretch himself. His entire body felt comfortable.

Compared to the past, even though he hadn't broken through during this meditative cultivation, his mental state had improved once more, causing every single move he made to possess a saintly, boundless, and immovable imposing aura.

This sort of imposing aura could only be obtained after experiencing a great deal of tempering. It was like when a scholar wrote a literary work, every single word carried an extraordinary aura after the scholar attained mastery in worldly affairs.

Hmm? Chen Xi casually sensed his Violet Ribbon Starcrest, yet the amount that entered his eyes caused him to be dumbstruck. What's going on?

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At the same time at Starpoint Hall.

The Starpoint Hall was unlike before. It seemed to be extremely popular, and numerous teachers and students were crowded before the bidding platform while looking up as if they were waiting for something.

Xiao Ping was an instructor of the outer court, and he possessed very high seniority in the academy. However, his cultivation was stuck in the Saint Immortal Realm until now.

The reason for this was that he'd unfortunately encountered the assault of a strange poisonous object while training outside the academy, causing his soul to suffer a heavy injury. He'd tried all means yet was unable to recover completely.

It was precisely because of this that his cultivation had become stuck at the Saint Immortal Realm and was unable to break through until now. This was undoubtedly a severe blow to a cultivator.

If it wasn't for that, with his natural talent, he would have probably advanced into the Half-step Immortal King Realm a long time ago and entered the inner court to assume the position of a head instructor. Otherwise, how could he possibly be wasting his time in dejection at the outer court?

Fortunately, he'd been constantly searching for a method to heal his soul throughout these past few thousands of years, and as it's said, everything comes to those who wait. He'd finally found a trace of hope, and it was the Soul Nine Return Pill!

However, even though he'd found the method, he was unable to gather the immortal herbs required to refine the pill for a very long time, and the reason was that he lacked a single medicinal herb — the Xiezhi Immortal Herb!

The Xiezhi was a renowned ferocious beast of the sea during the primeval times. Its roar could shatter the sun and moon, and it possessed boundless physical strength that could overturn oceans. According to legend, it inherited the bloodline of the True Dragon, and it possessed monstrous might.

According to legend, at the moment of a Xiezhi's death, its body would transform into a bloody patch of soil while its soul would transform into a seed that rooted itself within the bloody patch of soil. After experiencing a long period of growth, it would grow into a precious treasure of the heavens and the earth — the Xiezhi Immortal Herb!

Most importantly, this precious treasure that could be considered a peerless immortal herb was capable of condensing the energy of the soul and strengthening the Soul Core from inside out. Its effects were indescribably profound.

Unfortunately, along with the boundless passage of time, the Xiezhi Immortal Herb had practically become extinct in the Immortal Dimension, and it could be considered as priceless and only obtainable by luck.

If it wasn't for that, with Xiao Ping's ability, how could he have possibly exhausted a few thousands of years in vain while searching for it?

Originally, Xiao Ping had already lost all hope towards it, and he intended to assume the position of an ordinary instructor within the outer court for his entire lifetime. Never had he imagined that he would actually see a Xiezhi Immortal Herb on the bidding platform some time ago!

This was no different than an extraordinary pleasant surprise to him. So recently, he'd been practically waiting before the bidding platform at all times, and it was for the sake of obtaining the Xiezhi Immortal Herb.

Today was the day that the bidding would end!

When he thought about this, Xiao Ping took a deep breath while his gaze locked firmly onto the Xiezhi Immortal Herb on the bidding platform, and he said in his heart, An immortal herb with a minimum bid of 3,000,000 Starpoints has already been fought for to a price of 10,000,000 Starpoints. Let me see if anyone still dares to compete with me!

Yes, he was determined to obtain this treasure. So as soon as he made a bid, he directly placed an astronomical bid of 10,000,000 Starpoints. This price was sufficient to make most people stop at the sight of it, yet Xiao Ping was still slightly worried in his heart. This was probably similar to having thoughts that were filled with worry.

If a Saint Immortal that had made a name for himself a long time ago had such an unstable mental state, it would clearly arouse ridicule in the hearts of others. However, Xiao Ping couldn't be bothered about all of this because the Xiezhi Immortal Herb was truly too important to him. It was related to whether he would be able to recover his soul, advance into the Half-step Immortal King Realm, and enter the inner court to assume the position of a head instructor... Under such circumstances, how could he possibly maintain his composure?

“Alas! The competition is too intense. An entire thirty plus people are competing with me for that Spiritvessel Essence Iron. The pressure is really strong, and I’m not confident about my success at all.” Someone sighed with emotion at the side.

“Haha! Be content with your situation. Amongst the five hundred treasures that Chen Xi put up for bidding, your competition can be considered to be small. Did you not notice that an entire hundred plus people are competing for that Kui Ox Origin Bone? Moreover, its price has even been increased to 11,000,000 Starpoints! If nothing unexpected happens, then the final price will probably be even higher.”

“Actually, this fellow Chen Xi hasn’t just caused an enormous commotion over and over again in the academy, even his wealth is so extraordinary. He was actually able to produce five hundred rare treasures in one go. Compared to him, I feel that my I’m living my life so terribly.”

“Yes, it’s best to not compare yourself with him, otherwise it’ll only make you sad.”

Wave after wave of clamorous discussions resounded in the vicinity while Chen Xi’s name became the topic that was discussed the most. Some felt envious, some admired him, some worshiped him, and so on and so forth.

Xiao Ping didn’t care about all of this. However, he was aware that the Xiezhi Immortal Herb he was bidding for had come from Chen Xi, and according to rumor, Chen Xi had obtained it from the Endless Sea.

It wasn’t just that, practically all the five hundred treasures Chen Xi put up for bidding this time had come from the Outerealm Battlefield or the Endless Sea. Moreover, they were all treasures that were practically extinct in the Immortal Dimension.

It was precisely because of this that the bidding this time would cause such an uproar and draw over numerous instructors and students to bid for them.

“The bidding will end in another thirty breaths of time!” Suddenly, a voice resounded in the crowd, causing all the clamorous voices to suddenly go silent. The atmosphere instantly became deathly silent as the gazes of everyone descended onto the treasures that they respectively desired to obtain. They held their breaths in concentration and looked up with anticipation.

It was obvious that most of them were slightly nervous. Some puckered their lips tightly, some clenched their fists tightly, and some of their faces had tightened to the point it seemed savage.

This obviously showed how extraordinarily tempting these five hundred treasures Chen Xi put up for bidding were to them.

At this moment, Xiao Ping couldn’t help but become nervous as well. His lips and tongue felt dry while his heart couldn’t help but thump intensely. It felt no different than the first time he dated his Dao Companion, and he was filled with nervousness and anticipation.

The area before the bidding platform was perfectly silent.

Everyone was waiting, but even more of them were eager to take action.

Thirty breaths of time?

It seemed like an extremely short period of time, yet it was sufficient to accomplish too many things. For example, making another bid at the critical moment and obtaining the treasure in one go!

“Dammit! I can’t wait any longer, I’m fucking increasing my bid by 100,000 Starpoints!” Amidst this deathly silence, a rugged middle aged man had a flushed face, and he couldn’t endure it any longer, causing him to suddenly roar loudly and completely destroy the silence in the surroundings.

This was like a fuse that instantly caused a wave of disorderly bidding as soon as it resounded through the surroundings.

“Hmph! Since it’s like that, then I’ll add another 500,000 Starpoints! Let me see who continues bidding for it with me!”

“Hehe! This treasure is definitely mine!”

“All of you are...simply too ruthless! I was just about to increase my bid, yet all of you increased it by so much in an instant...”

The area before the bidding platform instantly fell into a state of unprecedented clamor. Many people were yelling, and it was none other than them expressing their determination so as to make others aware of the overwhelming odds and withdraw. However, a huge number of people were acting in silence. Even though they didn’t say a single word, they were even more ruthless when increasing their bids.

Under the effect of such an atmosphere, Xiao Ping’s heart instantly rose to his throat, his eyes opened wide, his fingers were clenched tightly together, and his entire body stiffened from nervousness.

Ding! Ding! Ding!

A wave of clear and melodious fluctuation resounded on the bidding platform. The five hundred treasures that were originally floating silently suddenly trembled before they suddenly transformed into numerous divine rays of light that vanished from the bidding platform.

This meant that the bidding had ended, whereas the five hundred treasures had found their owners. Now, they would be sent to the individuals that were the final winners of the bidding.

Bang!

When they saw this scene, the surroundings instantly seethed with excitement.

“I really did succeed! Hahaha!” Someone roared with laughter that was filled with wild joy.

“Dammit! I was just a thousand Starpoints below the winning bid, my bid was just lacking that little bit!” Someone else struck his chest and stamped his feet.

“Alas! What a pity! Truly a pity!” Someone sighed.

“I actually succeeded? Why...why do I feel slight disbelief?” Someone else was stunned on the spot.

Amidst this atmosphere that was filled with all sorts of emotions, loud crying suddenly resounded, and it instantly shocked everyone.

All of them shot their gazes over in unison, and they saw that the source of the crying was the outer court instructor, Xiao Ping. However, at this moment, he was crying and laughing at the same time, and his expression seemed to be filled with wild joy as if he was a madman.

Everyone was shocked because Instructor Xiao Ping was usually a stern and reserved. Why has he become like this?

Only Xiao Ping himself was clearly aware that he'd succeeded! He was about to be able to repair the injuries to his soul and advance to the Half-step Immortal King Realm, allowing him to step onto the path of becoming a head instructor of the inner court and step foot onto another peak in his life!

He'd waited bitterly for a few thousands of years for this day to arrive, and he'd suffered countless hardships and frustrations along the way. Now his dreams were about to be realized, so how could he not go mad with joy?

Yes, he was happy to the point of almost going mad!

To a cultivator that sought the Grand Dao wholeheartedly, was there anything more delightful than this?

"Alas, this fellow Chen Xi is really skilled in causing trouble. No matter what it is, so long as it's related to him, then it'll definitely cause all sorts of commotions." Someone couldn't help but sigh with emotion upon noticing this.

The others seemed to feel the same way as him when they heard this.

The curtains to a bidding war that Chen Xi had casually caused one month ago had finally been drawn along with this emotional sigh.

At this moment, within the Sword Room, Chen Xi's expression was slightly dazed.

I was originally having a headache on how I should earn Starpoints. Who would have imagined that I would actually suddenly obtain over 140,000,000 Starpoints? Coupled with the 29,000,000 Starpoints I already possess, I actually possess over 170,000,000 Starpoints now! In other words, I need less than 9,000,000 Starpoints to obtain the River Diagram fragment? I'm... I'm... not dreaming, right? At this moment, Chen Xi felt that his mind wasn't working well...

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Chapter 1402: First On The Saint Rankings

As soon as he woke up from his meditation, over 140,000,000 Starpoints had suddenly appeared in his possession, and even with Chen Xi's current mental state, shock was unavoidable when faced with such a sudden increase in Starpoints.

This amount was too shocking. But most importantly, all of this had occurred too suddenly and surprisingly. It caused Chen Xi to be stunned for quite a long time before he recovered from his shock.

The final gains from the bidding of those five hundred treasures I casually put up for bidding that day was still able to provide me with over 140,000,000 Starpoints after the academy took 30% of the proceeds. It truly is surprising. Chen Xi sighed endlessly with emotion in his heart. This was the benefits of bidding because those that urgently required some sort of treasure would absolutely stop at nothing to obtain it.

After all, Starpoints could be earned in the future, yet if those treasures were gone, then one wouldn't know when one would be able to encounter those treasures again.

Presently, I lack around 9,000,000 Starpoints in order to exchange my Starpoints for the River Diagram fragment. Perhaps I can seize this opportunity to accept some assignments related to the Talisman Dao? In next to no time, Chen Xi moved his attention towards earning Starpoints.

Regretfully, after he carefully looking through all the assignments related to the Talisman Dao within the assignment area in the Violet Ribbon Starcrest, he didn't notice any assignments that would allow him to earn around 9,000,000 Starpoints in a short period of time.

If I wait for less than a month more, then I can rely on my rankings at the Illusory Heaven Immortal Domain's Passage Stone Stele to obtain an enormous amount of Starpoints. Unfortunately, it's still a bit too slow. After unexpectedly obtaining 140,000,000 Starpoints in a single day, he was only a small step away from obtaining the River Diagram fragment. This caused Chen Xi to be slightly impatient, and he wished for nothing more than to go obtain it right now. So, how could he possibly endure bitterly for around a month of time.

Hmm? How could I have forgotten?! Even though I've advanced into the Saint Immortal Realm now, it caused my rankings on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings to vanish. However, I already possess the qualifications to compete on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings! Suddenly, Chen Xi's eyes lit up as he recalled a superb method to earn Starpoints, and it was to ascend onto the Heavenstar Saint Rankings!

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The inner court, Snow Dragon Mountain.

Pure white snow fluttered through the sky while the entire surroundings were covered in ice. The entire area was wrapped in silver, and it was like a world of ice and snow.

When looked at from afar, Snow Dragon Mountain towered into the sky. It was completely silvery white like a snow dragon that was charging up into the sky, and it commanded the heavens and the earth while seeming to be extremely powerful and proud.

A jade white stone stele that was filled with a divine aura stood towering at the peak of Snow Dragon Mountain. It towered into the sky, and it emanated enormous white and hazy divine radiance, causing it to be a rather magnificent scene.

Only inner court students at the Saint Immortal Realm possessed the qualifications to compete on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, and a total of thirty students' names were recorded on the jade white stone stele.

It was common knowledge that there were over eight hundred Golden Immortals and over three hundred Saint Immortals amongst the students in the inner court. So the strength of the students that were able to ascend onto the thirty positions on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings was obvious.

Of course, just like the Allheaven Golden Rankings and the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, so long as one's name ascended the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, it wouldn't just be a form of glory, it would reward one with a huge amount of Starpoints.

Moreover, compared to the other rankings, the rewards of the Heavenstar Saint Rankings was even more generous!

Swoosh!

Amidst the world of ice and snow, a tall figure rose up through the air. In an instant, the figure ascended the peak of Snow Dragon Mountain and stopped before the Heavenstar Saint Rankings that towered into the sky.

This person was Chen Xi.

He's come here this time because he intended to rely on the strength that he currently possessed to ascend the Heavenstar Saint Rankings in one go. His objective wasn't to make a name for himself, and it was merely for the sake of gathering sufficient Starpoints to obtain the River Diagram fragment as soon as possible.

However, to Chen Xi's surprise, when he just arrived here, he noticed to his surprise that Ye Tang, Ling Qingwu, Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhao Mengli were here as well. Moreover, based on the current situation, they'd arrived here for quite some time.

Besides the five of them, there were many inner court students in the vicinity.

"Eh, Chen Xi?"

"Haha! I knew you would definitely be unable to refrain from coming here."

"What? Junior Brother Chen Xi, you intend to ascend the Heavenstar Saint Rankings as well?"

When they saw Chen Xi arrive here, Ye Tang and the others were slightly stunned, and then they smiled as they moved over to greet Chen Xi.

Chen Xi immediately smiled and greeted them. He already possessed a good relationship with Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhao Mengli in the past, so he was naturally rather happy when he saw the three of them here.

As for Ling Qingwu and Ye Tang, there was no need to mention it. They'd even fought side by side just three days ago and tempered themselves within the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds, allowing them to form a good friendship.

When the others in the vicinity saw this scene, all of them revealed expressions of admiration and respect. The group Chen Xi and the others formed was truly too striking. There was an heir of one of the seven great ancient clans, the Ji Clan, the descendant of a True Phoenix in the Phoenix Clan, the leading figure of the Buddha Dimension's younger generation, and there were even blazing suns that were renowned in the world like Ye Tang and Ling Qingwu. Coupled with Chen Xi who was renowned through the world and was discussed animatedly in the entire Immortal Dimension, it was impossible for such an extraordinary group to not draw the attention of others.

Through their chats, Chen Xi instantly understood that Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhao Mengli had obtained fortuitous encounters of their own in the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds. Presently, their strengths had already ascended into the Saint Immortal Realm, so they'd come here together to charge onto the Heavenstar Saint Rankings.

However, regretfully, because they'd just advanced into the Saint Immortal Realm, so the combat strength they revealed didn't allow them to step foot onto the Heavenstar Saint Rankings in one go.

Ling Qingwu and Ye Tang were the same as well. However, Ling Qingwu wasn't interested in such a ranking, otherwise she would have possessed the qualifications to ascend the Heavenstar Saint Rankings even before she entered the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds, and there would be utterly no need for her to wait until now.

The reason she'd come here this time was because Ye Tang had spared no efforts to invite her over, and that was the reason she'd agreed to come here with him.

The both of them had just finished attempting to ascend the Heavenstar Saint Rankings. Ling Qingwu had ascended to the 6th position in one go, causing her to seem extremely striking, whereas Ye Tang was slightly inferior and had only ascended to the 15th position.

The reason that caused such a gap between them was the amount of time since they'd stepped foot into the Saint Immortal Realm. Ye Tang was a step slower than Ling Qingwu, and even though it was merely a step slower, it had drawn open the gap between them.

It was just like what Chen Xi had heard from the outer court's Dean, Zhou Zhili, when he'd just entered into Dao Emperor Academy — On the path of cultivation, if one is a step slower than another, then one might forever be unable to catch up to that person!

The thing that aroused Chen Xi's interest was that Ye Tang was obviously interested in Ling Qingwu, yet it just so happened that Ling Qingwu hadn't noticed it. There was an air of 'unrequited love' between them, and it caused Chen Xi to be unable to help but smile in his heart.

Truthfully speaking, Chen Xi rather hoped that Ye Tang would be able to become Dao Companions with Ling Qingwu. However, it wasn't good for him to interfere and help this happen because in the eyes of cultivators, everything depended on fate and couldn't be forced. So it all depended on their own fortune.

"Stop wasting time! Chen Xi, quickly go over and let us see exactly what ranking you're able to obtain." When she saw there was no end to the conversation between Chen Xi and the others, Ling Qingwu's brows couldn't help but raise before she spoke impatiently, and she was extremely frank as before.

"Yes, Junior Brother Chen Xi, quickly take action. Let me see if you're able to give everyone a pleasant surprise this time." Ye Tang chimed in from the side.

Chen Xi almost couldn't refrain himself from saying 'Senior Brother Ye, both of you haven't even become Dao Companions yet, but you already intend to sing the same tune as her?'

"Quickly go over! Hurry up!"

"You're on the verge of killing us from anxiety, yet you seem as if nothing has happened. I truly don't know whether you really came for the Heavenstar Saint Rankings or not."

"I really look forward to your performance, Chen Xi."

Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and Zhen Lu spoke successively and urged Chen Xi on.

Actually, Chen Xi really wanted to say 'I really didn't come for the sake of the Heavenstar Saint Rankings.' However, he was similarly clearly aware that if he spoke these words, then it would definitely cause everyone to roll their eyes at him.

"Alright." Chen Xi shrugged. Under the gazes of everyone present in the surroundings, Chen Xi directly arrived before the Heavenstar Saint Rankings.

Bang!

Without any hesitation, he stretched out his arm and casually slapped it down onto the stone stele. His actions were casual, and he didn't accumulate strength at all. However, when his palm pressed down onto the jade white stone stele, it emanated a shocking rumbling fluctuation.

In an instant, the entirety of Snow Dragon Mountain was enveloped by this fluctuation that was boundlessly vast.

After that, a strand of clear light suddenly appeared on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, and it rose violently all along the way. Under the astounded gazes of everyone present in the surroundings, it arrived in the top ten positions within a short period of a few breaths of time, and then its speed finally slowed down slightly. However, even then, it was still rising without end...

"The 7th position."

"The 6th position."

"The 5th position."

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Even if they'd guessed that Chen Xi would be able to ascend to the top ten, but when they saw this scene, everyone present still couldn't avoid feeling a wisp of shock in their hearts.

This sort of speed isn't just overbearing and extraordinary!

"The 3rd position!"

Zhen Lu, Zhao Mengli, and Ji Xuanbing gasped successively.

"He's at the 2nd position already. Even Gu Yueru was pushed down by him..." Ye Tang muttered with shock.

"The 1st!" At this moment, when she saw Chen Xi's name leap up to the position of first and even push Nie Xingzhen's name down, even Ling Qingwu was stunned on the spot.

Heaven defying! Simply too heaven defying!

If she wasn't wrong, Chen Xi still hadn't established a Saint Dao Law of his own yet. But even then, he'd actually instantly become the first on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings!

In other words, if it was merely in terms of combat strength, then not a single one of the three hundred plus students at the Saint Immortal Realm within the inner court could rival Chen Xi. Under such

circumstances, Ling Qingwu was truly unable to imagine exactly what sort of heights Chen Xi's combat strength would attain once he established his own Saint Dao Law.

The first! It wasn't just Ling Qingwu. At this moment, everyone else was completely dumbstruck as well because if they considered it carefully, Chen Xi had just advanced into the Saint Immortal Realm less than half a year ago!

Chen Xi remained completely indifferent towards all of this. Because early on while he was at the Comet Corridor, he'd witnessed Nie Xingzhen's strength, and he felt that he wouldn't lose to Nie Xingzhen. Thus, being able to accomplish this was already within his expectations.

However, when Chen Xi noticed the shocked expressions on the faces of everyone, he couldn't help but laugh bitterly in his heart. Shit, I'm going to be taken to be a freak again...

The only thing that consoled Chen Xi was that at the instant he ascended onto the position of 1st on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, 10,000,000 Starpoints had appeared within his Violet Ribbon Starcrest!

In other words, he currently possessed more than 180,000,000 Starpoints, and he was entirely able to immediately exchange his Starpoints for the River Diagram fragment.

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Chapter 1403: Dao Seal Mark

Chen Xi who'd just obtained the Dao Emperor's inheritance had ascended to the 1st position on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings three days later!

As soon as this piece of news spread, it was like a rock that caused a thousand waves, and it caused an enormous uproar in Dao Emperor Academy. Moreover, it pushed Chen Xi's reputation up to an unprecedented height, causing discussions related to him to be everywhere.

However, these sort of discussions seemed to have become another type of argument.

"What? All of you want to set Chen Xi as your targets? Wake up, young men and women, reaching beyond your grasp isn't a good thing! The path of cultivation should be taken steadily!" An instructor of the outer court educated his students that intended to take Chen Xi as their objectives.

"Silence! I'm teaching, yet all of you are constantly discussing Chen Xi. It's simply absurd!" An instructor that was teaching was thoroughly distressed, and he berated them with exasperation while gnashing his teeth with hatred. Since this fellow, Chen Xi, returned to the academy, the entire academy had gone upside down. Chen Xi was simply like a troublemaker!

"What? You want to pursue this Young Miss? Save your energy, even if Senior Brother Chen Xi doesn't like me, I'll never become Dao Companions with you. Unless..."

"Unless what?"

"Unless you can catch up to Senior Brother Chen Xi's footsteps!"

"My god! You're simply too cruel! Isn't that like telling me to give up!?"

A pair of young man and woman were in an argument because of Chen Xi, whereas Chen Xi had become the greatest secret weapon of all young ladies that were being pursued, causing many such pursuers to feel like crying.

“Alas! We have to line up and wait for so long?”

“Stay calm. Do you think it’s so easy to join the Star Alliance? Did you not notice that those Senior Brothers and Senior Sisters ahead of us have been lining up for an entire day and night? Do you see any one of them complaining?”

“Uh, that really is true.”

“So you have to give it all you’ve got later and strive to pass through the Star Alliance’s test. In the future, with Senior Brother Chen Xi’s protection, your future will be limitless!”

“But... I heard Senior Brother Chen Xi and the Zuoqiu Clan are like water and fire. What if...”

“Hmph! The Zuoqiu Clan? This is Dao Emperor Academy! With Senior Brother Chen Xi’s current status, would anyone dare touch a hair on him? If you’re unwilling to join the Star Alliance, then let’s stop being Dao Companions!”

“No! No! No! I’ll join it! I’ll join it, alright?!”

Along with Chen Xi’s rise to fame, the Star Alliance that he’d established had become the student society that many students would be willing to risk their lives in order to join. All of them desired to gain a favorable position close to Chen Xi in order to form a relationship with him.

There were many other similar incidents like this, and it was even to the extent that many amusing incidents had occurred. But without a doubt, Chen Xi’s reputation in Dao Emperor Academy now had indeed attained a terrifying height that could be considered as peerless. No one amongst his peers could rival him.

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Amidst this clamorous atmosphere that was seething with excitement, very few people noticed that the River Diagram fragment within the Starpoint Hall had been exchanged away on the same day that Chen Xi ascended onto the Heavenstar Saint Rankings.

Obviously, it was definitely Chen Xi that did it.

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Within the world of stars.

A tortoise shell that was completely dark, mottled, shaped like an axe’s blade, and around the size of an infant’s palm floated before Chen Xi, and it emanated an ancient and primitive aura.

This was the River Diagram fragment he’d just obtained from the Starpoint Hall. Even though he’d spent 180,000,000 Starpoints in an instant, Chen Xi’s heart didn’t feel any pain at all.

Because the River Diagram fragment was priceless!

According to legend, this treasure was extremely mysterious and had been passed down through the ages. All those years ago, the Master of Oracle Mountain had once relied on the complete River Diagram to deduce the profundities of the workings of the heavens, and he stepped foot onto the peak of the Grand Dao in the end.

In terms of this, Chen Xi felt it even more deeply. Because since he'd started cultivating until now, he'd obtained too many benefits from the River Diagram fragments, and it was even to the extent that one could say that if Chen Xi didn't possess the assistance of the River Diagram fragments, then even if he cultivated until now, it would be impossible for Chen Xi to attain his current accomplishments.

The River Diagram fragment before his eyes right now was the 7th River Diagram Fragment Chen Xi had obtained!

I wonder what sort of pleasant surprise it'll give me this time... As he gazed at the River Diagram fragment before his eyes, Chen Xi's gaze gradually started burning with anticipation. He immediately stopped hesitating and took a deep breath before he touched it with his hand.

Om!

In an instant, a strange fluctuation arose within his sea of consciousness, and it instantly took the 7th River Diagram fragment away before it fused completely together with the River Diagram fragments that were already within his sea of consciousness.

The entire process had practically been completed in an instant. When Chen Xi reacted to it, he acutely noticed that a strand of a powerful and ancient aura was being emanated from that River Diagram fragment, and it suffused his entire sea of consciousness!

Bang!

The familiar fluctuation and ancient obscure diagrams erupted and flashed within Chen Xi's mind. In an instant, it was like he'd reincarnated back into the primeval times, experienced countless years ago time, and returned to the absolute beginning of the world where the chaos was split apart.

This sort of feeling was so ancient, vast, and mysterious. It seemed like he'd returned to the chaos and became a transient traveler that witnessed the changes in the universe and experienced alternation between a myriad of worlds and the passage of countless years...

Before the presence of this sort of feeling, he was so tiny. More insignificant than a speck of dirt, and it caused Chen Xi to arouse a feeling of emptiness and wonder at the bottom of his heart.

Rumble!

This sort of feeling grew stronger and stronger, and it shook his heart like a thunderclap while assaulting his soul like a storm. At that instant, Chen Xi felt that his soul and both internal and external senses seemed to have been grabbed by a shapeless hand, and it intended to pull them out of his body.

After that, he sensed a strand of a powerful and obscure force envelop his soul, causing his soul to tremble and shiver violently without end.

This sort of impact was extraordinarily enormous, and it caused Chen Xi's entire body to stiffen before he completely fell unconscious.

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After an unknown period of time that felt like he'd experienced the passage of countless years yet felt like a mere blink of an eye as well, Chen Xi gradually woke up. His gaze was dazed while it seemed as if his soul had left his body, and he gradually recovered his consciousness after a long time.

After that, he noticed that this sea of consciousness had returned to deathly silence.

Moreover, his cultivation in qi refinement, cultivation in Heart Energy, cultivation in the Saint Dao, and even his essence, spirit, and energy... Everything hadn't changed at all!

What's going on? Chen Xi was stunned. Could it be that I didn't obtain any benefits from the River Diagram fragments this time?

He was still slightly unwilling to accept this, and he took a deep breath before he carefully sensed the vital energy within his entire body. He didn't let a single corner go, yet the outcome was he returned empty handed. Because he noticed that when compared to before, the trace of faint glow that suffused surface of the River Diagram fragments in his sea of consciousness had grown even clearer and translucent like glass. As it floated there silently, it emanated a mysterious and ethereal glow.

Besides that, he didn't notice anything else.

This caused Chen Xi to be unable to help but feel a slight sense of loss, and he muttered. Why's it like this? Earlier, I clearly remember that an obscure force enveloped my soul... Hmm? Right! My soul!

Suddenly, Chen Xi noticed that he'd overlooked the energy of his soul. So without any further delay, he started to calmly sense his soul and slowly investigate it...

Om!

When Chen Xi's senses that were like tentacles were almost about to penetrate the depths of his soul, a strand of a strange and obscure fluctuation suddenly swept out, and then it transformed into a vortex!

A Soul Vortex!

The vortex revolved without end. It was deep, mysterious, and emanated a gorgeous glow. There was even an unknown mysterious divine energy being emanated from the center of the vortex, and it enveloped his entire soul.

At that instant, Chen Xi felt in his dazed state that his soul seemed to be covered in a layer of mysterious armor, and even if the energy of the Heaven Dao descended, it would be impossible for his soul to be taken away!

"Daoseal Mark!" A form of comprehension suddenly arose in Chen Xi's heart. However, it was merely two words, and it was truly difficult to describe exactly what sort of profound effects this energy possessed.

However, at this moment, he'd come to a complete understanding. The vortex that had been created in the depths of his soul was definitely a Daoseal Mark!

Hmm? At practically the exact same moment, Chen Xi suddenly noticed that the River Diagram fragments that were floating silently in his sea of consciousness were actually suffused with a clear and translucent glow at this moment.

This glow transformed into a mysterious diagram, and the diagram was flowing with strands of mysterious words. Unfortunately, it was extremely blurry. No matter how Chen Xi tried, he was merely able to faintly distinguish the ancient characters ‘荒’, ‘墟’, ‘神’, and ‘古’.

However, all of this vanished in merely an instant, and then the River Diagram fragments once again returned to calm. Only the Daoseal Mark revolved within his soul in the form of a vortex, causing a rain of light that was gorgeous and multicolored to rain down.

What is this? Why did such a mysterious diagram appear within the River Diagram fragments? ‘荒’, ‘墟’, ‘神’, and ‘古’... Exactly what sort of secrets are recorded within those mysterious and ancient characters?

At this instant, numerous questions surged into Chen Xi’s heart, yet he was unable to figure it out no matter how he wracked his brains.

But in next to no time, a strand of indescribable exhaustion surged into his soul, causing his heart to jerk, and he hurriedly restrained his senses. In this way, the Daoseal Mark vanished, and that feeling of exhaustion vanished along with it.

Looks like this Daoseal Mark’s exhaustion of the energy of the soul is extremely huge... Unfortunately, I’m unable to control and command it. I wonder exactly what sort of profound effects it possesses... Chen Xi sighed in his heart. His gains this time were enormous, yet compared to the past, it seemed to be too obscure and mysterious. No matter if it was the Daoseal Mark or the mysterious diagram that floated up into appearance on the River Diagram fragments, they seemed to be forces that he wasn’t able to grasp at all.

Perhaps, I’ll be able to figure out all of this when I gather all nine River Diagram fragments? Chen Xi muttered. He faintly felt that all of these questions would be answered when he gathered the complete River Diagram. As for now, he could only suppress these questions in the bottom of his heart.

He stopped thinking about this and stood up before leaving the world of stars.

“Chen Xi, you’ve come out at just the right moment. I was just looking for you.” When Chen Xi’s figure had just appeared within the Sword Room, he was obstructed by Ling Bai, A’Man, Bai Kui, and Starry who gazed eagerly at him.

Chen Xi said, “Weren’t all of you with A’Xiu? Happily eating and playing to your heart’s content all day long. Why are all of you suddenly willing to return?”

Since A’Xiu returned, these four little fellows followed right behind A’Xiu to become her little lackeys, and they’d enjoyed themselves during this period of time to the point of forgetting to come back here or even visit him. It caused Chen Xi to be unable to help but feel slightly jealous.

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Chapter 1404: Harboring Malicious Inten

When he saw Chen Xi reveal a displeased expression, Ling Bai leaped up onto his shoulder with a swish, and then Ling Bai sighed with emotion. "This is the price. It's your fault for not taking us with you the last time you went around."

Bai Kui transformed into a wisp of white light that leaped into Chen Xi's embrace, and he rubbed his furry head intimately against Chen Xi's chest as if he was saying 'Alright, alright, don't get angry.'

Starry was the same as well. However, because his figure was slightly large, he could only move his snow white tail up and down on Chen Xi's leg as if he was consoling Chen Xi.

A'Man was the most direct. He directly gave Chen Xi a bear hug, and then struck Chen Xi forcefully on the back as he said in a naïve voice. "Chen Xi, I want to eat food cooked by you!"

As soon as these words were spoken, the eyes of the other three little fellows lit up simultaneously.

Chen Xi smiled bitterly when he heard this, and he cursed angrily. "It looks to me like all of you don't miss me, and you just want to eat the food I make."

After that, Chen Xi found out that the reason Ling Bai and the others had returned this time was because they were entrusted by A'Xiu with the task of asking him to find the time to head to the Star Alliance Hall.

The reason was extremely simple. Since the Star Alliance was established, he who was the leading figure of the Star Alliance had only shown his face once in the Star Alliance Hall, causing most of the present members of the Star Alliance to have never truly met him. It was fine when it was for a short duration of time, but once it went on for long, some reproach was unavoidable.

After he found out about all of this, Chen Xi thought for a moment. In the end, he decided that he would first make a trip to the Star Alliance Hall before paying a visit to Zuoqiu Taiwu.

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The Star Alliance Hall wasn't within the inner court, and it was at the side of a mountain in the outer court instead.

After all, the current members of the Star Alliance were mostly outer court students, whereas inner court students only occupied around a third of the total. For the sake of convenience, the Star Alliance Hall could only be established in the outer court.

Actually, it wasn't just the Star Alliance, practically all the student societies within Dao Emperor Academy had chosen to establish their headquarters in the outer court, and there was only a single reason behind this, convenience.

At this moment, it was noon. The sky was bright, the air was fresh, and the clouds in the sky were drifting gracefully.

The Star Alliance Hall was already filled with people at this moment, and besides a little over ten members that had left the academy to temper themselves, practically all the other members were gathered here.

Presently, the Star Alliance seemed to have become the most striking student society within Dao Emperor Academy. It possessed one hundred and fifty three inner court students and three hundred and twenty outer court students. Merely in terms of forces, it was already sufficient to go against any other student society within the academy, and it was even to the extent that the Star Alliance slightly surpassed them.

For example, top student societies like the Zuoqiu Society and Zuoqiu Society presently possessed only a little over three hundred members.

The amount of their members seemed to be slightly insufficient, but only eight hundred students in the inner court had attained the Golden Immortal Realm and only a little over three hundred students had attained the Saint Immortal Realm after all.

On the other hand, there was an entire few tens of student societies within Dao Emperor Academy. So the Star Alliance's ability to recruit over a hundred and fifty inner court students was already extremely striking and dazzling.

Especially during the recent period of time. Along with Chen Xi obtaining the Dao Emperor's inheritance and being ranked at the 1st position on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, it had caused an unprecedented uproar in the entire academy. This caused many students to come register themselves at the Star Alliance with the intention of becoming a member of it. Obviously, if these circumstances were to continue, then it was extremely likely for the Star Alliance to become the biggest student society in Dao Emperor Academy.

Of course, there were advantages and disadvantages to this. The domineering rise of the Star Alliance aroused fear in the other student societies and caused them to fight with the Star Alliance, and it was even to the extent that some student societies mouthed off about teaching the Star Alliance a fierce lesson.

However, these sort of fights were far from being considered to be going too far. So even though there was friction between the Star Alliance and the other student societies, there weren't any student societies that really dared to have a full on fight with the Star Alliance.

The reason was similarly simple: the Star Alliance had Chen Xi!

Merely Chen Xi's name was sufficient to deter many student societies, causing them to not dare rashly come looking for trouble with the Star Alliance.

However, in these past few days, a rumor had spread. It said that the Star Alliance was actually established by the little princess of the Xuanyuan Clan by using Chen Xi's name, and the true situation was that Chen Xi didn't take any interest to the matters of the Star Alliance. Otherwise, why hadn't Chen Xi made an appearance within the Star Alliance since it was established?

Somehow, this rumor was spread to the ears of every single member of the Star Alliance, causing many members to be slightly doubtful in their hearts.

It was even to the extent that many members started to question A'Xiu on the truth of these rumors, and if she didn't give them a satisfying answer, then they would withdraw from the Star Alliance, causing A'xiu to be in a slightly bad situation.

She was very clearly aware that if such latent troubles weren't eliminated, then it would cause the Star Alliance to break apart. Because most of the members of the Star Alliance had come because of Chen Xi's reputation, so even if she was managing all the affairs of the Star Alliance in Chen Xi's place, she didn't possess the extraordinarily high charisma that Chen Xi possessed.

Just like this moment, many members of the Star Alliance had urged the others to gather within the Star Alliance Hall, and all of them were mouthing off about withdrawing from the Star Alliance if A'Xiu didn't give them a definite answer.

It could be said that this conflict was on the verge of completely erupting today.

"Senior Sister Xuanyuan, we have no intention to make things difficult for you. So please give us an answer as soon as possible. After all, we came for the sake of Senior Brother Chen Xi, yet after staying in the Star Alliance for so long, we still haven't even seen Senior Brother Chen Xi once. Isn't this slightly suspicious?" Within the Star Alliance Hall, a thin young man spoke in a bright voice, and he spoke confidently. Even if he was facing the little princess of the Xuanyuan Clan, A'Xiu, his expression still remained composed while he didn't conceal his anger at all, causing him to seem as if he was filled with a strong sense of righteousness.

He was called Wang Zipei, and he was a student of the inner court at the Golden Immortal Realm. He possessed a rather high reputation amongst his peers, so many members of the Star Alliance chimed in when they heard him.

"Young Miss Xuanyuan, we joined Senior Brother Chen Xi's Star Alliance, and not the Xuanyuan Clan's Star Alliance!"

"If you don't give us an answer today, then we won't cause trouble, but we'll immediately withdraw from the Star Alliance. Please reconsider."

"Exactly. All of this needs to be settled in the end."

These voices caused many members of the Star Alliance to hesitate. Truthfully speaking, they did indeed have doubts in the matter. If it wasn't for that, they wouldn't gather here at Wang Zipei's call.

A'Xiu stood at the center of the hall. Her normally sweetly smiling face seemed to be calm and indifferent at this moment. No matter how she controlled her emotions, her watery and clear eyes couldn't help but reveal a wisp of anger.

How could she be unable to discern that such a situation had occurred today entirely because of Wang Zipei and his companions?

If she was unable to deal with this matter appropriately today, then the reputation of the Star Alliance would definitely suffer a heavy blow and be reduced to the laughingstock of the academy. It was even to the extent that the Star Alliance might even break apart.

So no matter how angry she was at this moment, A'Xiu could only endure it forcefully.

"What? Wang Zipei, all of you intend to forcefully take over the Star Alliance? Are there any rules left in this Star Alliance? Have all of you forgotten the rules you accepted when joining the Star Alliance?" A'Xiu could only endure it, yet Liang Ren wasn't able to endure it any longer, and he immediately berated in a

grim voice. As far as he was concerned, Wang Zipei and the others absolutely harbored malicious intentions, and they wished for nothing more than for the Star Alliance to be destroyed as soon as possible.

“We aren’t trying to take over, and we’ve never disregarded the rules. At the bottom of it all, everything we’re doing today is none other than for the sake of confirming if this Star Alliance belongs to the Xuanyuan Clan or Senior Brother Chen Xi!” Wang Zipei’s expression remained unchanged while his words were extremely seditious, and he seemed to have put the Xuanyuan Clan and Chen Xi on opposite sides.

A’Xiu started laughing from extreme rage when she heard this. “I never noticed that you, Wang Zipei, really possess such a firm and unyielding character, and you’re wholeheartedly acting for Chen Xi’s sake!”

These fellows were repeatedly mentioning Chen Xi’s name, and they seemed to be peerlessly loyal, yet no one knew what sort of malicious intent was buried within their hearts. Coupled with the fact that the incident today was too strange, A’Xiu suspected that Wang Zipei had been bribed by someone with ill intent.

After all, the Star Alliance was rising too quickly now, and it was unavoidable for it to suffer the jealousy and repression of others.

“Senior Sister Xuanyuan, those words are correct. If it wasn’t for the sake of Senior Brother Chen Xi, it would be utterly impossible for us to join the Star Alliance. If you don’t believe me, then ask everyone else here if they think in the same way!” Wang Zipei wasn’t enraged by A’Xiu’s sarcasm, and he still in a manner that was filled with a strong sense of righteousness.

“Yes, Senior Brother Wang’s words have spoken of our exact thoughts.”

“Senior Sister Xuanyuan, please give us an answer!”

“I agree with Senior Brother Wang Zipei’s opinion.”

Sounds of agreement resounded once more, causing the situation in the hall to become even more chaotic. Many members of the Star Alliance became extremely restless, and the situation within the hall was on the verge of going out of A’Xiu’s control.

A’Xiu gnashed her teeth with hatred when she saw this. This damnable Wang Zipei. I shouldn’t have recruited him into the Star Alliance that day!

“Alright! As all of you wish, Chen Xi will be here in a while. At that time, let me see if you, Wang Zipei, are still filled with such a strong sense of righteousness!” A’Xiu took a deep breath and spoke slowly, and her voice suppressed all the clamorous voices within the hall.

Wang Zipei’s eyes narrowed imperceptibly, and then he sneered. “We still have to wait? How long have we waited already? Now, we still haven’t obtained an answer. So could it be that Senior Sister Xuanyuan intends to deceive us again?”

Before A'Xiu could speak again, he continued. "Young Miss Xuanyuan, I'll ask one last time on everyone's behalf. Who exactly does the Star Alliance belong to? If you're unable to convince us, then don't blame us for withdrawing from the Star Alliance right now!"

"Right! Withdraw from the Star Alliance!"

"Withdraw from the Star Alliance!"

Wang Zipei's companions at his side started shouting once more, and they instantly caused the indecisive members of the Star Alliance to be slightly moved. If the situation continued developing down this path, then even if Chen Xi arrived, it would probably be impossible for him to save the situation.

"Alright! I agree to your withdrawals. From today onwards, the Star Alliance isn't related to all of you any longer!" Right at this moment, a cold voice suddenly resounded in the hall. It was like the grand tune of the Grand Dao, and it instantly suppressed all the voices within the hall to the point it became perfectly silent.

Amidst this silence, a tall figure appeared out of thin air and stood by A'Xiu's side. He wore green clothes, had a handsome appearance, and his bearing was calm and extraordinary.

Chen Xi!

When they saw Chen Xi make an appearance, the spirits of most of the members of the Star Alliance were refreshed, and they were extremely pleasantly surprised.

Especially A'Xiu, Liang Ren, Gu Yueming, Xuanyuan Yun, and the others. At the instant they noticed Chen Xi's arrival, all of them heaved long sighs of relief in their hearts.

Amongst the people present, only the expressions of Wang Zipei and his companions turned grim!

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Chapter 1405: Turning The Situation Around

Chen Xi's sudden appearance caused the originally restless atmosphere within the Star Alliance Hall to completely change. Not a single person spoke clamorously, and it was perfectly silent to the point a falling needle could be heard.

This was the force of his presence!

With Chen Xi's current reputation and strength, even the instructors of the outer court wouldn't consider themselves senior towards him, let alone these students.

On the other hand, when they saw Chen Xi make an appearance, the hearts of Wang Zipei and the others sunk to rock bottom.

This time, he and his companions had indeed been bribed, and they intended to seize this opportunity to sow discord in order to attain the objective of breaking up the Star Alliance.

They were very well aware that this sort of action had to be done quickly, otherwise once Chen Xi made an appearance, all their hard work would be in vain. So before they took action this time, they'd

inquired about it a long time ago. Since Chen Xi ascended into the Heavenstar Saint Rankings, he'd started to enter into closed door cultivation, and it was undoubtedly a superb opportunity for them.

Thus, they took action. They utilized their silver tongues to incite and encourage the other members of the Star Alliance to gather here in order to play out a drama of 'trying to take over the Star Alliance.'

Because they'd made sufficient preparations and planned it for a long time, their plan developed extremely smoothly. However, when they were just about to succeed, it just so happened that Chen Xi made an appearance, and it instantly destroyed their plans!

The reason was extremely simple. They'd utilized Chen Xi's name when taking action this time, and they intended to utilize this in order to put pressure on Xuanyuan Xiu and prove the Star didn't belong to Chen Xi now, and it belonged to the Xuanyuan Clan instead. Thus allowing them to attain their objective of sowing discord and making the other members of the Star Alliance withdraw from it.

Even if those members that left the Star Alliance found out in the future that the Star Alliance still belonged to Chen Xi, it would be impossible to undo everything then.

This sort of scheme was extremely malicious. Unfortunately, along with Chen Xi's appearance, it was bound to fail completely.

However, Wang Zipei wasn't an ordinary figure. So, after his expressions turned grim, he smiled brightly and cupped his hands as he said, "Now that I've seen Senior Brother Chen Xi make an appearance here, I'm fully at ease. Now it would seem like that rumor that has been spreading throughout the academy lately really is a fabrication that can't be believed."

What rumor?

It was naturally the rumor that said the Star Alliance was established by the Xuanyuan Clan while utilizing Chen Xi's name, and it wasn't possessed by Chen Xi. It was precisely because of this rumor that Wang Zipei obtained an excuse to take action on such a grand scale.

"Yes, we were rude earlier. But it was all for the sake of the Star Alliance and to help share Senior Brother Chen Xi's burden." Wang Zipei's companions spoke successively as well. However, their voices weren't as oppressive as they were before this.

"Haha! What a quick change! I have to ask, was there any need to gather so many people here in order to confirm this matter? Was there any need to utilize withdrawing from the Star Alliance as a form of threat?" A'Xiu couldn't help but speak with ridicule when she heard this. "If Chen Xi didn't make an appearance, all of you would have probably started to encourage all the other members to withdraw from the Star Alliance, right? Should I suspect that all of this was done for the sake of causing harm to my Star Alliance?"

As she finished speaking, her voice already carried a wisp of a stern questioning tone.

The expressions of many members of the Star Alliance turned grim. Earlier, they felt this matter was slightly strange, but they were deluded by Wang Zipei and the others, causing them to be unable to confirm it until now. Now, along with Chen Xi's appearance, when they thought about it calmly, they had a stronger feeling that A'Xiu was right.

For a time, the gazes they shot at Wang Zipei and the others had changed.

“Senior Sister Xuanyuan, I know that my actions from before were slightly offensive, yet it was because of the righteousness in my heart, and I absolutely had no selfish motives.” As he sensed the unusual gazes shot at him from the surroundings, Wang Zipei’s heart jerked yet he spoke with a strong sense of righteousness. “Moreover, if Senior Brother Chen Xi hadn’t made no appearance in the Star Alliance for so long, this matter wouldn’t have occurred at all.”

These final words of his had placed the target onto Chen Xi’s back.

However, these words weren’t wrong at all. If Chen Xi had frequently made an appearance in the Star Alliance in the past, then the other members of the Star Alliance wouldn’t be deluded and instigated so easily.

Chen Xi had been constantly watching all of this with a spurious smile on his face. When he heard Wang Zipei put the target on his back, his expression gradually became solemn, and he suddenly said, “This was my mistake indeed, and I apologize to everyone because I’ve let all of you down.”

As he spoke, he bowed slightly towards the surroundings with a sincere and serious expression.

Everyone was shocked when they saw this.

No one had expected that with Chen Xi’s current reputation and status, he would actually take the initiative to apologize to them. For a time, all of them were slightly at a loss for what to do.

Even if it as those members of the Star Alliance that had some criticism towards Chen Xi in their hearts, they were rather moved as well, and the trace of unpleasant feelings in their hearts was completely wiped away.

“Senior Brother Chen Xi, you’re taking this too seriously. Everyone knows that you’ve been travelling about to temper yourself in these past few years. If it wasn’t for that, how could you possibly attain the reputation you possess now?”

“Yes, Senior Brother Chen Xi is someone destined for great things. It’s impossible for you to spend your time on the Star Alliance, so everyone understands it.”

“Hmph! I’ve detested those fellows with malicious intent since a long time ago. Just think about it, how much benefits have you obtained after joining the Star Alliance, yet you harbor malicious intent now and attempt to sow discord amongst us? They deserve death for having such intentions!”

“Presently, no matter where we members of the Star Alliance go, we receive the respect and kind treatment of everyone. What’s the reason for this? Isn’t it because our Star Alliance belongs to Senior Brother Chen Xi? Some people really can’t stand to see others being well off!”

All the members of the Star Alliance spoke in support of Chen Xi, causing the expressions of Wang Zipei and the others to change slightly. They’d never expected that a mere apology from Chen Xi would attain such an effect.

“Thank you for all your kindness. I’ve decided that from today onwards, I’ll explain the Dao for seven days in our Star Alliance Hall and share everything I’ve comprehended with everyone. If all of you’ve encountered any questions in your path of cultivation, then we can investigate it together. To tell all of

you the truth, this is the only method I have to express my apology.” Chen Xi smiled when he heard this, and then he swept the surroundings with his gaze before he spoke once more. Moreover, every single move he made naturally carried the grand imposing aura of a leader.

He’ll explain the Dao for seven days!

After they heard these words, the spirits of all the members of the Star Alliance present here was refreshed, and they revealed excited expressions. If it wasn’t because of the situation, they would have probably started cheering a long time ago.

Presently, was anyone unaware of Chen Xi’s reputation? Could anyone forget the numerous striking miracles he’d created in Dao Emperor Academy during the past few years? It was even to the extent that just a few days ago, Chen Xi had obtained the acknowledgement of the Dao Emperor’s inheritance and ascended to the 1st position on the Heavenstar Saint Rankings!

It could be said that the strength Chen Xi possessed now was sufficient to assume the position of an instructor in Dao Emperor Academy!

Yet at this moment, he’d actually agreed to explain the Dao for seven days and have an exchange with all the members of the Star Alliance. Could anyone not be excited when facing such a rare opportunity?

Why was Chen Xi able to cultivate so quickly?

Why was he able to create so many miracles?

How does he cultivate?

What sort of understanding of the Grand Dao does he possess?

All of this caused the members of the Star Alliance to be filled with boundless anticipation. They were very clearly aware that if they were able to obtain some pointers from this, then it would absolutely be boundlessly beneficial to them.

Even Wang Zipei and the others couldn’t help but be extremely tempted when they heard this. However, when they thought about their actions from before, the flames of desire in their hearts instantly turned cold and vanished without a trace.

They were similarly aware that they would probably not possess the qualifications to listen and join in the exchange...

When she noticed the unpleasant feelings in the hearts of the Star Alliance’s members had been eliminated with a few words from Chen Xi and noticed that Chen Xi had a firm grasp of the situation, A’Xiu was extremely happy in her heart as well. She glanced over and stared at the side of Chen Xi’s face with her clear eyes while she said in her heart, This fellow said he doesn’t have any ability to be a leader? He was obviously lying!

As for Liang Ren, Gu Yueming, and Xuanyuan Yun, they were sighing endlessly with emotion in their hearts. Sure enough, comparisons are odious. When will I be able to possess such reputation and charisma like Chen Xi?

“The few of you over there, please leave. From today onwards, all of you don’t belong to the Star Alliance any longer!” Amidst this excitement, Chen Xi’s gaze suddenly descended onto Wang Zipei and the others. His voice was calm and didn’t carry any emotions, but it caused the atmosphere in the hall to become solemn.

Swoosh!

The gazes of everyone descended onto Wang Zipei and the others in unison, and their gazes carried disdain, contempt, and pity.

Wang Zipei’s expression changed rapidly and indeterminately. He suddenly roared with sadly with laughter as he said, “Senior Brother Chen Xi, you intend to take revenge? Hahaha! I had good intentions, yet I received such an outcome. I can only blame myself for being too impulsive!”

Chen Xi’s brows raised. These fellows really do refuse to give up their sinister plans, and even until now, he still intends to sow discord. Chen Xi said calmly, “Respect is something you strive to obtain yourself. If you don’t know where to stop, then don’t blame me for really getting even with you after I uncover the identity of the person that’s pulling the strings from behind the scenes!”

As soon as these words were spoken, Wang Zipei’s sad laughter stopped abruptly, and his gaze was slightly anxious and indeterminate. After that, he flicked his sleeve angrily and said, “There’s no common ground for understanding between people of that possess different ideals. Let’s go.”

As he spoke, he led the others to leave the hall with large strides.

“You’re letting them go just like that? You don’t know how detestable they were earlier.” As she watched them leave, A’Xiu sent a voice transmission that was filled with slight unwillingness to Chen Xi.

“They’re just clowns. I want to see which student society they’ll join after leaving the Star Alliance.” Chen Xi spoke swiftly via voice transmission.

A’Xiu came to a sudden understanding. It turned out that Chen Xi intended to use them to uncover the true culprit behind the scenes. She immediately said, “Leave all of this to me, otherwise, I won’t be able to let my anger go.”

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he smiled as he agreed to it.

Subsequently, Chen Xi had no choice but to change his plans. He stayed within the Star Alliance Hall and started to discuss the Dao with all the members of the Star Alliance.

Everyone sat on the ground and listened to Chen Xi describe his understanding of the Grand Dao, and only Chen Xi’s clear voice resounded like the morning bell within the entire hall.

The Saint Immortal Realm had already stepped onto the path to seek the divine. Every single word and action of a Saint Immortal was filled with the profundities of the Grand Dao, and it was sufficient to preach to the world and educate all living beings.

At the very beginning, perhaps some people had some doubts towards Chen Xi’s explanations. However, along with the passage of time, everyone was gradually immersed in the profundities of the ‘Dao’ that Chen Xi explained.

They were either frowning in contemplation, seemed to have obtained some comprehension, or had a smile on their faces.

It was just as the saying — The Dao is spoken by one, yet comprehension varies.

After the time for an incense stick to burn, Chen Xi stopped speaking, and then he started to have exchanges and provide explanations for the questions of all the members of the Star Alliance present within the hall. Thus, the originally silent atmosphere warmed up along with this.

Many students successively raised the questions they'd met on the path of cultivation, and Chen Xi didn't disappoint everyone. He guided them one by one, allowing them to frequently feel as if they'd experienced suddenly enlightenment.

It wasn't that Chen Xi's attainment in the Dao was extraordinary, and it was because he'd long since moved far ahead of everyone present within the hall. As it was said, knowledge isn't differentiated by age or time, and those with the ability are those that teach.

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Chapter 1406: Taken Away By Force

This discussion of the Dao continued for an entire seven days before it ended.

All the members of the Star Alliance weren't fully satisfied, and they asked Chen Xi to stay for a while longer. Even though it was merely seven days of time, it allowed them to obtain great benefits, and they frequently felt as if they attained sudden enlightenment. It was much better than trying to discover all of this on their own.

However, Chen Xi refused them. It couldn't be helped. He'd promised Zuoqiu Taiwu a long time ago when he returned from the Ancient Dao Emperor Grounds that he would find the time to pay a visit to Zuoqiu Taiwu. However, he'd been delayed until now because of numerous things. So how could he dare delay any longer?

No matter what, Zuoqiu Taiwu was a senior that lived in seclusion within the academy and possessed extremely high seniority. Moreover, Zuoqiu Taiwu had once saved Chen Xi's life in the Outerealm Battlefield during the inner court exam. Under such circumstances, Chen Xi didn't dare delay this matter any longer.

However, Chen Xi felt relaxed before he left because the danger within the Star Alliance had been imperceptibly dealt with by him during these seven days of discussing the Dao.

He believed that after the Star Alliance experienced this disaster that almost occurred, it would definitely become unbreakable. Even if someone like Wang Zipei tried to sow discord within the Star Alliance in the future, a situation like the situation from seven days ago would absolutely not occur again.

This was the objective that Chen Xi intended to attain by discussing the Dao for seven days within the Star Alliance.

Now he'd obviously attained his goal, so it was time to pay a visit to Zuoqiu Taiwu.

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Swoosh!

Chen Xi's figure flickered beneath the sky.

He still remembered that Wang Daolu had once told him that if he intended to pay a visit to Zuoqiu Taiwu, then he should definitely let Wang Daolu know. Actually, at that time, Chen Xi understood that Wang Daolu's actions were undoubtedly a form of protection towards him.

It was common knowledge that the heir of the Zuoqiu Clan, Zuoqiu Kong, had perished at Chen Xi's hands. Moreover, the entire Immortal Dimension was clearly aware that he was like fire and water with the Zuoqiu Clan, and they'd completely shed all pretenses between them.

It was even to the extent that he dared confirm the Zuoqiu Clan was probably clearly aware since a long time ago, the Immortal King, Zuoqiu Linghong, had perished because of him as well.

Under such circumstances, Zuoqiu Taiwu, a senior of the Zuoqiu Clan that possessed a rather great influence in the clan had suddenly asked Chen Xi to pay him a visit, so Chen Xi had no choice but to be vigilant in his heart.

I wonder what sort of cultivation Zuoqiu Taiwu possesses. Unfortunately, Dean Chi Cangsheng is in closed door cultivation, otherwise, it would undoubtedly be the safest if I asked him to accompany me to see Zuoqiu Taiwu... As he flew, Chen Xi pondered silently in his heart.

Om!

Right at this moment, a strand of fluctuation suddenly arose in space. In an instant, Chen Xi felt that the expanse of the heavens and the earth he resided in had fallen into a sort of absolute motionless state!

Time, space, airflow... Everything was frozen at this moment!

The Immortal King Realm! Since this person is capable of accomplishing this, it's absolutely a supreme existence at the Immortal King Realm.

In an instant, Chen Xi's pupils constricted. I'm within Dao Emperor Academy, who would be so audacious as to actually dare to trap me with such a method?

"Little Fellow, relax and come with me." An aged voice resounded by his ears, causing Chen Xi's heart to jerk as he instantly determined the identity of this person! However, before he could struggle, he felt his figure being teleported uncontrollably by an enormous force.

In merely an instant, his figure had appeared within a vast and empty hall.

There was only a single old man with an extremely aged appearance sitting upright on a chair at the center of the hall. His eyes were muddy and drowsy, while his entire body emanated a calm and peaceful aura that was deep like an abyss.

Surprisingly, this old man was Zuoqiu Taiwu!

Chen Xi's heart sank when he saw Zuoqiu Taiwu. Never had he imagined that Zuoqiu Taiwu would bring him here by force before he could even seek Wang Daolu's help.

Such actions caused the vigilance in Chen Xi's heart to instantly rise to its limits.

In his perception, Zuoqiu Taiwu absolutely was an existence that concealed his strength, and in his eyes, there was only the Zuoqiu Clan and no vie between factions.

But it was precisely because of this that Chen Xi found this to be troublesome. Because he was planning on taking revenge on the Zuoqiu Clan. Under such circumstances, how could Zuoqiu Taiwu watch it happen without doing anything about it?

These thoughts flashed within Chen Xi's mind, and then he bowed before he said, "Junior, Chen Xi, greets Senior."

"There's no need for courtesy. Sit anywhere you like." Zuoqiu Taiwu spoke while his extremely aged face was covered in a calm expression. No emotions could be discerned from his face, yet the more it was like this, the more Chen Xi felt an indescribable shapeless pressure press down upon him.

Chen Xi took a deep breath in his heart while trying his best to calm down as he sat on a chair at the side.

"Little Fellow, why've you been hiding from me lately?" Zuoqiu Taiwu opened his muddy eyes while his voice carried a trace of faint displeasure.

It was precisely this trace of displeasure that caused Chen Xi's strained nerves to ease up greatly. Because this showed that Zuoqiu Taiwu's thoughts weren't so firm and pure.

Chen Xi hurriedly smiled bitterly as he spoke and explained everything that had occurred in the past few days.

"Oh," said Zuoqiu Taiwu. It was impossible to discern any expression from his face, and he sighed after quite some time. "Looks like I misunderstood you. Don't hate me for bringing you here by force. There are some things that make me unable to wait any longer."

Chen Xi's heart shook because he knew that Zuoqiu Taiwu was about to get to the point.

Sure enough, Zuoqiu Taiwu's bent figure suddenly straightened while his muddy eyes suddenly became extremely bright and clear. It was like two cold bolts of electricity had suddenly torn open the veil of night, and it shook the soul and was extremely shocking.

At this moment, he was like an awakened god of the primeval times. Every single move he made emanated an imposing aura of supremacy and domination.

"I'm clearly aware of all the enmity between you and the Zuoqiu Clan. I brought you here this time for a single matter. I hope that you can show mercy and bury the hatchet." Zuoqiu Taiwu didn't hide anything and was extremely frank while his gaze that was terrifying like bolts of electricity locked tightly onto Chen Xi. "So long as you agree, I can guarantee your mother's safety and allow the both of you to meet."

Before Chen Xi could speak, he continued. "The Zuoqiu Clan can't fall into chaos now! There's only a single reason for this, the upheaval of the three dimensions is at hand! Once the Zuoqiu Clan falls to chaos, then it's clansmen would definitely suffer calamity, and the foundation of the clan would be at risk! No matter if you admit it or not, half of the blood that flows in your veins belongs to the Zuoqiu Clan, and I'll absolutely not allow such a matter to occur."

As soon as he finished speaking, he looked silently at Chen Xi and waited for Chen Xi's reply.

The hall was extremely silent. Only his aged voice was still reverberating through the surroundings, and every single word he spoke carried a pressure that struck directly at the heart.

Under such pressure, Chen Xi fell into silence while his expression was indeterminate.

Zuoqiu Taiwu didn't know what Chen Xi was thinking about. He only needed an answer, so he was very patient and gave Chen Xi sufficient time to think.

However, to his surprise, Chen Xi's silence merely lasted for a moment before Chen Xi's expression became firm and calm once more, causing Zuoqiu Taiwu to be unable to sense Chen Xi's true emotions any longer.

This sort of feeling caused Zuoqiu Taiwu to have a slightly bad premonition for no rhyme or reason.

So before Chen Xi spoke, he'd already frowned and said frankly, "Do you know that Kong'er and Ancestor Linghong's death have already struck an extremely severe blow to the Zuoqiu Clan? Presently, numerous differences and internal strife have occurred within the Zuoqiu Clan. Once it erupts completely, then no one will be able to escape it, including...your mother!"

Unfortunately, to his disappointment, he wasn't able to sense a trace of a fluctuation of emotions on Chen Xi's face, and there was only calmness that seemed like still water.

"Senior, I really admire you for wholeheartedly thinking about the Zuoqiu Clan, but all of this isn't related to me at all." Chen Xi spoke with a voice that was calm like his expression. "Because you're looking at it from the standpoint of the Zuoqiu Clan, and you've never considered my feelings."

Zuoqiu Taiwu frowned while a wisp of gloominess arose on his aged face, causing the atmosphere within the empty hall to become even more oppressive and deathly silent. Even the air was on the verge of freezing.

However, Chen Xi seemed as if he didn't notice it at all, and he said calmly, "Since the day I was born, practically all my clansmen were brutally murdered, and only my grandfather, my parents, and my younger brother remained."

"Just a few years after that, my parents went missing, and only my grandfather, younger brother, and I depended on each other for survival. We suffused countless humiliations, ridicule, and mocking every single day and night."

"You probably don't know but I endured such a life for over ten years of time. They called me Deadpan Chen, Jinx, and felt that I was the cause of all these disasters. It was even to the extent that...even my grandfather suspected that I might be too unfortunate..."

He recounted everything from the past with a calm voice and tranquil tone. There was no rage or pain on Chen Xi's face, and there was only a type of extreme calm.

"Later on, my grandfather met with disaster and passed away as well while my younger brother's arm was crippled. At that time, I felt the world was collapsing around me, and even I suspected that I was a jinx that brought unparalleled disaster to my clan... Even until today, I still feel terrified by that pain, and it's impossible to wipe away."

“After that, I finally saw a trace of hope. I found out my parents were still alive, and I found out exactly who was the culprit behind the scenes that annihilated my Chen Clan. So... I cultivated desperately and stopped at nothing to work hard and become stronger. I didn’t dare feel self-satisfied, I didn’t dare slack off, I didn’t dare waste any time or opportunity to become stronger, I didn’t dare...”

When he spoke up to here, Chen Xi suddenly smiled lightly, and his eyes surged with a wisp of an extremely bright glow. He stared silently at Zuoqiu Taiwu. “You’ve seen it as well. Presently, I already possess the strength to deter the Zuoqiu Clan, and I’m about to attain my wish... Do you think I would give up at a time like this?”

“No!” Suddenly, Chen Xi’s voice became resolute, decisive, and firm, and it carried an arrogant imposing aura of its own. “No matter who it is, it’s impossible to make me give up. Otherwise, I would let down those clansmen that have passed away, I would let down my grandfather, and I would let...myself down!”

When he spoke up to here, he puckered his lips and remained silent, and his expression became calm once more.

On the other hand, Zuoqiu Taiwu’s expression was extremely gloomy while his eyes surged with various different emotions. Only Chen Xi’s calm voice still resounded within the empty hall.

After staying silent for a long time, Zuoqiu Taiwu suddenly took a deep breath and sighed, and his expression was extremely complicated. Was he sighing with emotion for Chen Xi’s destiny that was filled with troubles? Or was he feeling sorrowful for the karma and enmity that had been planted a long time ago?

In the end, he looked at Chen Xi while his eyes were already icy cold and indifferent. “No matter what, I’ll disregard everything for the sake of the Zuoqiu Clan. Let me ask you a final question, have you...changed your mind?”

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As soon as he finished speaking, the hall was filled with a murderous air!

The oppressive force in the air was like a myriad of mountains that pressed down upon Chen Xi to the point he couldn’t catch his breath.

Have you changed your mind?

A single sentence that undoubtedly was the final notice that Zuoqiu Taiwu gave him!

At this instant, Chen Xi felt suffocated. He felt killing intent and danger that wasn’t concealed at all, and the hairs on his entire body stood on end.

However, a wisp of sorrow arose in his heart. This is Zuoqiu Taiwu. Only the Zuoqiu Clan resides in his heart. For the sake of the Zuoqiu Clan, he can disregard all enmity and kindness, disregard all right and wrong, and it’s even to the extent that...he’ll absolutely dare give up his life to kill me at this moment!

Yes, he had to give up his life!

It sounded laughable. Killing a Saint Immortal was as easy as crushing an ant to an Immortal King, so how could he possibly have to give up his life?

However, Chen Xi wasn't the same as he was in the past. He was an heir of Oracle Mountain, possessed an extraordinary relationship with Nuwa's Dao Palace, and had even obtained the inheritance of the Dao Emperor, causing all the seniors in Dao Emperor Academy to place great hopes on him.

If Zuoqiu Taiwu killed him, it was equivalent to digging his own grave. At that time, no one would just allow Zuoqiu Taiwu to continue living.

This was why he has to give up his life!

Obviously, Zuoqiu Taiwu understood all of this a long time ago. But he still made such a decision and took such action that would make him die for the sake of the Zuoqiu Clan, and this was why Chen Xi felt sorrowful.

If he looked at it from Zuoqiu Taiwu's standpoint, Chen Xi would naturally feel extreme admiration towards Zuoqiu Taiwu.

However, when he looked at it from his own standpoint, Zuoqiu Taiwu's actions were undoubtedly sad.

"I heard that the internal conflict within the Zuoqiu Clan isn't because of me, and it's because of my mother and the current Patriarch, Zuoqiu Feng." After keeping silent for a long time, Chen Xi suppressed the various emotions in his heart and spoke slowly. "Similarly, no matter if you admit it or not, it's utterly impossible for you to uproot such conflict with your ability."

Zuoqiu Taiwu's eyes narrowed while his aged and indifferent face didn't reveal much fluctuations of emotion. However, he let out a very long sigh in his heart.

Because Chen Xi wasn't wrong. If it wasn't because he was unable to eliminate such conflict, why would he have constantly lived in seclusion within Dao Emperor Academy and paid no attention to everything within the Zuoqiu Clan?

At the bottom of it all, it was a type of evasive attitude!

He was clearly aware of this, yet this was all he could do, and this was his sorrow. He thought wholeheartedly for the Zuoqiu Clan, yet it was impossible for him to do anything about the internal conflict within the Zuoqiu Clan.

"This sort of conflict can be concealed, yet it'll erupt sooner or later." Chen Xi didn't pay attention to see if Zuoqiu Taiwu's expression changed, and he just continued. "However, I can guarantee that so long as you support me and support my mother, then the Zuoqiu Clan will definitely not head towards annihilation because of this. Conversely, the Zuoqiu Clan that rises from the ashes is bound to be even stronger!"

When he heard Chen Xi say this, Zuoqiu Taiwu's face sank. "This is your choice?"

The murderous aura in the hall grew denser!

With the experience Zuoqiu Taiwu possessed, how could he be unable to discern that Chen Xi's words still contained determination to seek revenge from the Zuoqiu Clan? Chen Xi intended to eliminate the Patriarch, Zuoqiu Feng's, side, and this was absolutely something that he wasn't willing to see happen.

Perhaps others weren't aware, yet how could he, Zuoqiu Taiwu, not know that the forces controlled by Zuoqiu Feng represented almost 60% of the Zuoqiu Clan's forces. Once it was eliminated, then the Zuoqiu Clan's strength would definitely be reduced greatly. At that time, would the Zuoqiu Clan still possess any qualification to continue being ranked amongst the seven great ancient clans?

Perhaps after it suffered such a heavy blow, not only would it be unable to restore its former glory, it might even fall completely into decline and even be annihilated!

Because the Zuoqiu Clan that fell into decline was bound to be like a fat beast that had lost all its fangs, and the other powers would seize the opportunity to take a good bite out of it!

The aura of danger grew denser and denser in the surroundings while the bone piercing pressure grew more and more suffocating. However, at this moment, Chen Xi's expression was still calm as if he'd completely not noticed that danger was imminent.

"Senior, could it be that you don't want to know why I said that Zuoqiu Clan won't be annihilated and will become even stronger instead?" Chen Xi replied with a question.

Zuoqiu Taiwu said indifferently, "I admit that if you and your mother take control of the Zuoqiu Clan, then relying on the various forces that you possess, perhaps you'll be able to maintain the safety of the Zuoqiu Clan for a short period of time. However, it's absolutely impossible to rely solely on external sources of strength to make the Zuoqiu Clan stronger than it is."

He paused for a moment and continued. "At the bottom of it all, the rise and fall of a clan relies on its own strength. Not to mention that the upheaval of the three dimensions is at hand, and the Zuoqiu Clan can't afford to suffer this!"

The meaning behind his words was that if it was at an ordinary time, perhaps he would be convinced by Chen Xi. However, at the moment before the upheaval of the three dimensions arrived, he would absolutely not allow something like this to occur.

Chen Xi asked frankly. "May I ask Senior, are there Godrank Realm existences in the Zuoqiu Clan now?"

The Godrank Realm! Zuoqiu Taiwu's pupils constricted while his gaze that was sharp like a blade locked coldly onto Chen Xi. He didn't say anything, yet it was a form of extremely great warning and deterrence to Chen Xi.

It seemed like he said, 'How could I possibly tell you about such a paramount secret of the clan?'

"Looks like the Zuoqiu Clan probably possesses experts at the Godrank Realm. However, the amount... might be just a few." Chen Xi was able to perceive a slight clue from Zuoqiu Taiwu's silence, and he spoke in a light voice.

Zuoqiu Taiwu frowned. "Little Fellow, my patience is running low."

Chen Xi nodded. "I understand. Before you make your decision, I'd like to tell you that if you support me and my mother, then I guarantee that the Zuoqiu Clan will obtain no less than three more existences at the Godrank Realm, and that includes...you."

As soon as these words were spoken, it was no different than a thunderclap arising from the ground, and it caused Zuoqiu Taiwu to be extremely shocked in his heart. However, Zuoqiu Taiwu couldn't help but reveal a wisp of ridicule from the corners of his mouth right after that, and he gazed indifferently at Chen Xi. "Oh?"

No less than three more existences at the Godrank Realm!?How absurd!How could a little fellow at the Saint Immortal Realm like him dare to speak such absurd words!?Could it be that he thinks the Godrank Realm is trash that can be obtained anywhere?

If anyone else dared to speak such words, then Zuoqiu Taiwu wouldn't even be bothered to listen to that person's bullshit and would directly smash that person to death.

Even then, Chen Xi's absurd display at this moment caused Zuoqiu Taiwu to arouse a trace of true anger. For the sake of his obsession to take revenge on the Zuoqiu Clan, this little fellow is actually willing to stop at nothing. He's simply acting absurdly and detestably!

Because of such thoughts, he didn't conceal his ridicule and distrust at all!

Chen Xi's actions in reply to this was extremely simple. He withdrew a jade box.

During this entire process, Zuoqiu Taiwu's eyes suddenly became icy cold while the vital energy within his body rumbled, and his murderous aura enveloped every single inch of space within this hall.

He thought that Chen Xi intended to utilize some sort of secret treasure to escape, so he prepared to annihilate Chen Xi with a single strike!

The rage of an Immortal King could change the world!

Merely the undisguised killing intent Zuoqiu Taiwu revealed at this moment caused Chen Xi to feel like he'd fallen into an icy pit. The vital blood in his entire body seemed as if it had frozen while his countenance turned pale.

But in the end, he still opened the jade box.

At this instant, Zuoqiu Taiwu's killing intent erupted completely, and then he vanished on the spot. In the next moment, his aged hand appeared three inches from Chen Xi's forehead, and his palm was filled with Immortal King Laws. It was like a terrifying lightning bolt from the Heavenly Tribulation, and once it smashed down, then not to mention Chen Xi, even an Immortal King would probably find it difficult to dodge.

However, at this very instant, Zuoqiu Taiwu's aged hand was unable to move at all!

Because his gaze had been completely drawn over by the object within the jade box.

It was a completely round treasure that was the size of an infant's fist and was densely covered in green divine radiance. It was like a dazzling green colored miniature sun that lay silently in the jade box, and it emanated strands of the pure aura of divinity.

As the aura of divinity ceaselessly effused out, numerous mysterious and profound diagrams and scenes appeared in the nearby space. There were gods chanting, heavenly flowers descending from the sky, auspicious birds fluttering about, the ancient tune of the Dao reverberating...

It was so divine as if it came from the legendary kingdom of gods.

The Dao Fruit's Spirit!

Only such a divine and supreme precious treasure was capable of forming such a grand and mysterious scene.

It was precisely because he'd recognized the Dao Fruit's Spirit that Zuoqiu Taiwu's explosively and lethal strike had stopped at that instant, and he was unable to continue on with his attack.

His pupils gradually dilated while his brows slowly raised up, and his indifferent, murderous, and resolute expression couldn't help but carry a wisp of shock, wonder, and disbelief as he stood stunned on the spot.

A Dao Fruit's Spirit! It actually really is a Dao Fruit's Spirit!

He finally understood that everything Chen Xi said earlier wasn't extremely absurd, and it wasn't something absurd and detestable...

He finally understood why Chen Xi dared to boast like that earlier and why Chen Xi dared to say that he would allow the Zuoqiu Clan to have no less than three more existences at the Godrank Realm!

Everything was because of this precious treasure before his eyes — the Dao Fruit's Spirit!

As an existence at the Immortal King Realm, how could Zuoqiu Taiwu possibly not understand the importance of the Dao Fruit's Spirit? Since the ancient times until now, countless Immortal Kings had risked their lives yet were unable to obtain it in the end!

The reason was that the Dao Fruit's Spirit was too rare, too precious, and too difficult to obtain. To all Immortal Kings that sought the Godrank Realm, it was a precious treasure that could only be chanced upon by luck!

Yet Zuoqiu Taiwu had never imagined that such a precious treasure would actually appear before his eyes...

At this moment, the hall was filled with silence.

On the other hand, Chen Xi heaved a long sigh of relief in his heart while his pale countenance still carried a wisp of terror. It was like he'd just taken a trip through life and death.

Ten minutes later, Chen Xi walked out from that empty and icy cold hall.

At this moment, it was noon. Dazzling sunlight that was extremely gorgeous descended from the sky, and it was just like Chen Xi's current emotions, clear, composed, and without a trace of gloominess.

Earlier, he'd made an agreement with Zuoqiu Taiwu, and the person that changed his mind in the end was naturally Zuoqiu Taiwu. He decided to stop interfering in the enmity between Chen Xi and the Zuoqiu Clan.

On the other hand, the price Chen Xi paid was naturally the Dao Fruit's Spirit.

For the sake of the Zuoqiu Clan, he actually almost killed me... It's probably impossible for anyone to get over such an incident if it happened to them, right? As he stared blankly at the sun in the sky, Chen Xi couldn't help but recall the scene that occurred within the hall earlier. He knew that even if he'd made an agreement with Zuoqiu Taiwu, he himself...would never be able to forgive Zuoqiu Taiwu...

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Chapter 1408: Planning To Return

In the end, Chen Xi was clearly aware that even if the hatred he carried was capable of causing Zuoqiu Taiwu to feel pity, it was utterly unable to change Zuoqiu Taiwu's attitude before the interests of the Zuoqiu Clan.

This was obvious from Zuoqiu Taiwu's unhesitant attack at that instant.

On the other hand, the reason Zuoqiu Taiwu changed his mind in the end was similarly because of the interests of the Zuoqiu Clan.

Because Chen Xi could provide the Zuoqiu Clan with Dao Fruit's Spirits and guarantee that after Zuoqiu Feng's forces in the Zuoqiu Clan was eliminated, the Zuoqiu Clan wouldn't decline but would become even stronger instead!

Under such circumstances, the agreement made between Chen Xi and Zuoqiu Taiwu was an exchange of benefits in the end, or to put it in simpler terms, it was a transaction!

A transaction that disregarded right and wrong, and disregarded enmity!

So, Chen Xi was unable to have even the slightest good impression of Zuoqiu Taiwu.

Even if he really admired Zuoqiu Taiwu's character, if he became enemies with Zuoqiu Taiwu one day in the future, then he would absolutely not hesitate to kill him!

Was it heartless?

No!

Chen Xi had already paid a sufficient price for this. According to his opinion in the past, if he was able to completely annihilate the Zuoqiu Clan, then he would absolutely not allow a single soul to survive.

Now, for the sake of his mother, Zuoqiu Xue, he'd already made too many compromises!

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"Chen Xi." Right after Chen Xi left the hall and was thinking as he headed back to his abode, a voice suddenly resounded by his ear.

Along with this voice, Hua Jiankong that wore grey clothes and had snow white hair appeared out of thin air.

"Senior." Chen Xi was stunned, and then he hurriedly bowed.

“There’s no need for formalities. I saw everything that you experienced earlier.” Hua Jiankong’s expression was icy cold and indifferent as always, yet it had obviously eased up greatly when he faced Chen Xi. “You did well.”

Chen Xi thought in his heart. Doesn’t this mean that Hua Jiankong noticed all of this a long time ago when Zuoqiu Taiwu brought me into that hall? In other words, at the moment that Zuoqiu Taiwu suddenly made a move against me, even if I didn’t produce the Dao Fruit’s Spirit, Hua Jiankong would still save me?

When he thought up to here, an indescribable wisp of emotion suddenly surged out from Chen Xi’s heart, and he cupped his hands solemnly before he said, “Thank you looking after me.”

Hua Jiankong said, “You’ve already obtained the Dao Emperor’s inheritance now. Nothing that occurs within the academy can escape the Dean’s notice. So no one can kill you here. This time, it was you that saved Zuoqiu Taiwu’s life.”

Chen Xi was stunned. “So, it turns out that the Dean noticed all of this?”

Hua Jiankong nodded. “It isn’t just that, Zhao Taici and Ao Jiuhui were outside the hall since the beginning, and if Zuoqiu Taiwu didn’t stop at the last moment...”

He hadn’t finished speaking, yet the meaning behind it was already clearly expressed.

In other words, Zuoqiu Taiwu’s seemingly secretive action had actually been noticed by the Dean since the beginning. During this entire process, the Ancestor of the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Taici, the Ancestor of the Dragon Dimension, Ao Jiuhui, and Hua Jiankong were prepared to rescue Chen Xi and annihilate Zuoqiu Taiwu!

This was the reason why Zuoqiu Taiwu said that it was Chen Xi who’d saved Zuoqiu Taiwu’s life this time.

When he understood all of this, Chen Xi was extremely moved in his heart. How lucky I am to actually obtain such favor?

However, he didn’t regret the agreement he made with Zuoqiu Taiwu nor did he regret the Dao Fruit’s Spirit he paid to form this agreement because some things were only more meaningful after one experienced it for one’s self.

Perhaps this care he received from others could help him now, yet it was unable to help him forever.

“These are three Dao Fruit’s Spirits, please accept them. Please pass the other two Dao Fruit’s Spirits to Senior Zhao Taici and Senior Ao Jiuhui.” Suddenly, Chen Xi withdrew three jade boxes and passed them over.

He couldn’t allow Hua Jiankong and the others to help him for nothing. Most importantly, he hoped to use this opportunity to win over even more help for the day he took revenge on the Zuoqiu Clan in the future.

Hua Jiankong couldn’t help but be slightly stunned when faced with this, and he went silent for a long time before he said, “Actually...there’s entirely no need for you to do this.”

“This is just a form of my goodwill.” Chen Xi gazed at him in a serious manner.

A wisp of a strange arc appeared on the corners of Hua Jiankong's mouth, and he stared at Chen Xi for a long time before he said, "Alright, I'll pass this goodwill over to the two of them."

"Thank you, Senior," said Chen Xi with a smile on his face. It was clearly he who'd given out unparalleled fortunes to the three of them, yet it just so happened that he had a thankful expression, and these actions were something that was probably impossible to be understood by anyone else.

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In that same hall that was empty and icy cold.

Zuoqiu Taiwu sat alone on the seat at the center, and his extremely aged face carried a wisp of self-ridicule as he muttered. "So, in this way, it was that little fellow that saved my life?"

"Of course." There was a noble and graceful figure standing before him. She had snow white hair coiled into a bun on her head, yet her face was smooth, glowing, and pale like a young woman's. Her skin was tender, her eyes were deep and calm like an abyss, and they surged with strands of golden flames.

She wore dark golden palace clothes that were embroidered with black edges, and she carried a golden Azure Phoenix cane, causing her to emanate a supreme, mighty, and noble imposing aura.

Shockingly, it was the Ancestor of the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Taici!

There was a stern man with his hands behind his back by her side. His brows were wide, his shoulders seemed like divine mountains that lay across his body, and his mighty figure seemed capable of enveloping the universe. Even though he stood there silently, he emanated an oppressive and terrifying pressure, and he seemed like an azure dragon that had been in hibernation for innumerable years.

Without any doubt, this mighty man was Ao Jiuwei, the Ancestor of the Dragon Dimension that had lived in seclusion within the Scripture Reserve for countless years!

"Then what do the two of you intend to do now?" Zuoqiu Taiwu stared blankly as he pondered deeply for a long time. In the end, he raised his muddy eyes and glanced silently at them. At this moment, he seemed to have become even older.

"Some things can only occur once, and not twice. Because...this is Dao Emperor Academy after all." Zhao Taici sighed faintly as she looked at this aged face, and then she said, "Old Fellow, I truly never imagined that I would one day become enemies with you. Fortunately, all of this didn't occur."

"Hmph! It looks to me like that fellow has gone silly with age! Since that kid, Chen Xi, obtained the Dao Emperor's inheritance, you should have understood that no one would allow him to be killed, including the Dean!" Ao Jiuwei grunted coldly, and he seemed to be extremely displeased.

Zuoqiu Taiwu smiled bitterly and sighed. "Do you think I wanted to do this? You probably don't understand how important the Zuoqiu Clan is in my heart. If it wasn't for that, would I hide myself here for so many years?"

"Constant avoidance isn't the way. Good...luck." Zhao Taici shook her head in the end before she turned around and left with Ao Jiuwei.

For a time, only Zuoqiu Taiwu remained all alone within the hall, and he fell into deep contemplation as he sat within the empty and cold hall.

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“The Dean said that he’ll meet you once you’ve completely grasped the Dao Emperor’s inheritance. You have to work hard until that day comes.” Hua Jiankong sent Chen Xi all the way to the entrance of the Sword Room before he stopped and spoke slowly.

The Dean asked to see me? Chen Xi thought in his heart and felt extreme anticipation towards this. However, he laughed bitterly in his heart right after that. The jade slip brand formed from the Dao Emperor’s inheritance was still within his sea of consciousness until today, yet because of the River Diagram fragments, he was utterly unable to come into contact with it. In this way, he didn’t know when he would be able to meet the Dean.

“Right, what do you plan to do after this? Will you leave the academy to temper yourself, or will you continue cultivating behind closed doors?” asked Hua Jiankong abruptly.

When this was mentioned, Chen Xi recalled something and asked. “Senior, what sort of preparations do I need to make if I desire to return to the Mortal Dimension?”

“The Mortal Dimension?” Hua Jiankong was slightly stunned, and then he seemed to be lost in thought as he said, “I forgot that you ascended into the Immortal Dimension from the Mortal Dimension. However, with your current cultivation, it’s extremely difficult to return to the Mortal Dimension.”

After that, he told Chen Xi the reason for this.

It turned out that the Heaven Dao Laws of the Mortal Dimension and Immortal Dimension was completely different. It wasn’t just extremely difficult for those of the Mortal Dimension to ascend to the Immortal Dimension, it was similarly extremely difficult for those in the Immortal Dimension to return to the Mortal Dimension.

Because the energy that living beings in the Immortal Dimension possessed had long since exceeded the scope of the Mortal Dimension. So once they descended to the Mortal Dimension, they would be directly annihilated by the Heaven Dao! The objective of this annihilation was to maintain the stability of the Mortal Dimension, otherwise, if beings from the Immortal Dimension were allowed to descend there, then no matter how many worlds there were in the Mortal Dimension, they would have probably been completely crushed.

For example, Chen Xi was currently at the Saint Immortal Realm. If he appeared in the Mortal Dimension, then the energy of the Grand Dao created from a single move of his would be sufficient to destroy a minor world!

Even if this was ignored, and he didn’t do anything at all. A single breath he took would be capable of completely absorbing all the spirit energy that fills a minor world!

Under such circumstances, for the sake of maintaining the three thousand large worlds and myriad of minor worlds in the Mortal Dimension, the Heaven Dao Laws would absolutely not allow a stronger force to appear in the Mortal Dimension.

“Of course, it isn’t impossible if you want to return to the Mortal Dimension.” Hua Jiankong said, “Normally speaking, if beings of the Immortal Dimension wanted to descend to the Mortal Dimension, then there are roughly two methods to choose from. The first is to obtain an Immortal Dimension Decree from the Immortal Court and by relying on the might of the decree, one’s clone can be sent down to the Mortal Dimension. The strength of the clone will roughly be weaker than a Heavenly Immortal yet stronger than an Earthly Immortal.”

The Immortal Dimension Decree! Chen Xi couldn’t help but recall an event of the past because of this. All those years ago, Bing Shitian had precisely relied on such a decree to descend to the Dark Reverie!

However, Chen Xi wouldn’t choose the decree because he knew that the Central Immortal Court was currently under the command of Immortal Emperor Zi Heng from the Sovereign Sect. In order to avoid any mishaps from occurring while he returned to the Mortal Dimension, Chen Xi would naturally not choose this method.

When he noticed Chen Xi wasn’t interested in this method, Hua Jiankong directly spoke of the second method. “The second method requires utilizing some restricted secret techniques. This sort of secret technique is usually possessed by top powers of the Immortal Dimension. Of course, our Dao Emperor Academy naturally possesses it as well.”

When he spoke up to here, he seemed to have recalled something, and a wisp of a strange expression arose slightly on his face before he said, “If you intend to return to the Mortal Dimension, then come look for me one month from now. Remember, you must not allow anyone to know of this matter.”

Chen Xi hurriedly said, “Then I’ll trouble Senior when the time comes.”

Hua Jiankong waved his hand and said, “Don’t worry about it. I have other important matters to attend to, so I’ll be leaving.”

As soon as he finished speaking, he teleported away hastily.

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Chapter 1409: Calamity Shackles

After Hua Jiankong left, Chen Xi immediately returned to the Sword Room.

Presently, I only have to consider my mother’s safety. I wonder if this decision of mine will cause Zuoqiu Feng to disregard everything and start the internal conflict within the Zuoqiu Clan... As he sat cross-legged within the Sword Room, Chen Xi’s heart was unable to calm down for a very long time.

He was very clearly aware that the conversation Zuoqiu Taiwu had with him earlier definitely represented a someone within the Zuoqiu Clan, and now that he’d formed an agreement with Zuoqiu Taiwu, then that person would definitely make some sort of reaction to it.

In this way, it was unavoidable that it would affect his mother, Zuoqiu Xue.

However, Chen Xi was similarly very well aware that since his mother was able to survive until now, then she would definitely not suffer misfortune so easily. Just as Zuoqiu Taiwu had said, the Zuoqiu Clan was currently divided into two factions. One faction was led by the current Patriarch, Zuoqiu Feng, and the other faction was led by his mother, Zuoqiu Xue.

The internal conflict between these two factions had arisen a long time ago before Chen Xi was even born, yet Zuoqiu Xue was still alive and well until now. Thus, she definitely possessed a force that was sufficient to instill fear in Zuoqiu Feng's faction.

Looks like the time I have left is growing less and less. I must deal with all of this appropriately before the internal conflict of the Zuoqiu Clan erupts completely... Chen Xi took a deep breath as he decided in his heart. One month from now, he would pay Hua Jiankong a visit and quickly return to the Mortal Dimension to make proper arrangements for his younger brother, Chen Hao, and all the other clansmen of the Chen Clan. Only in this way would he be free of all worry towards his family even if he went against the Zuoqiu Clan.

As for father... For no rhyme nor reason, Chen Xi thought of his father, Chen Lingjun. Even until now, there was utterly no news of his father, and he couldn't help but sigh in his heart because of this.

He felt that his current reputation had already spread throughout the Immortal Dimension now. Under such circumstances, if his father, Chen Lingjun, was in the Immortal Dimension, then how could he have possibly not come to Dao Emperor Academy to meet Chen Xi?

Could it be that he isn't in the Immortal Dimension any longer? Or perhaps there's some sort of other secret behind all of this? In the end, Chen Xi shook his head and stopped thinking about it.

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"Chen Xi is still alive!" Within a magnificent hall, Zuoqiu Sheng had a gloomy expression as he spoke while gnashing his teeth. His voice seemed as if it was squeezed out through the cracks between his teeth, and it revealed a wisp of shock, bewilderment, and extreme rage.

"What happened? Did you see Ancestor Taiwu? What was his explanation?" Zuoqiu Hong's expression turned grim when he heard this, and he asked while speaking quickly.

"Ancestor Taiwu has...already entered into closed door cultivation!" Zuoqiu Sheng had a livid expression as he said in a low voice, "This is already sufficient to display that Ancestor Taiwu didn't make the right choice that Ancestor Huanglin said he would make!"

"Dammit! Why did this happen? With Ancestor Taiwu's disposition, he would absolutely not let Chen Xi off so easily. Could it be that something unexpected occurred?" Zuoqiu Hong's heart was instantly in chaos. He'd been constantly waiting during these past few days, and he'd been waiting for the news of Chen Xi's death to spread through the academy. Yet never had he imagined that he would actually receive bad news instead!

"It isn't just that. I heard that when the Patriarch went to meet Zuoqiu Xue in Iris Immortal Prison, she refused the goodwill the Patriarch gave her." Zuoqiu Sheng had a heavy expression while his eyes flickered with a cold glow. "This means that no matter if it's Chen Xi or Zuoqiu Xue, they've decided to fight our Patriarch until the end!"

Zuoqiu Hong was stunned for a moment when he heard this, and he went silent for a long time before he said in a low voice. "What should we do next?"

Zuoqiu Sheng said in an agitated manner. "What else can we do? Let's report this matter to the Patriarch first, and it'll all be decided on by the Patriarch. However, I guess...the internal strife that has been accumulating gradually for numerous years within the clan will erupt!"

Internal strife! Zuoqiu Hong's pupils constricted, and then he sighed. "Actually, we should have disregarded everything and eliminated them all those years ago..."

Zuoqiu Sheng said with an angry tone. "Enough! Don't mention that matter from all those years ago!"

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Iris Immortal Prison.

Within the strange space at its depths was luxuriant mountains, clear water, a bamboo fence, and a cottage.

As usually, Zuoqiu Xue was standing within the small courtyard encircled by a bamboo fence, and she stared silently at the hazy luxuriant mountains in the distance while the space between her beautiful and ink black brows was filled with a tranquil expression.

If Chen Xi was here, he would definitely notice that his expression when in deep contemplation was around 70% similar to his mother, Zuoqiu Xue. They were both tranquil and calm.

"A'Xue." A hoarse and low voice resounded. Along with this voice, an old man that wore linen clothes, had bare feet, an ordinary appearance, and an expression that was firm like a mountain appeared out of thin air.

Shockingly, he was that senior from the Zuoqiu Clan, Zuoqiu Feiming!

Since Zuoqiu Xue was detained here, the faction represented by Zuoqiu Feiming had had always been resisting the Patriarch, Zuoqiu Feng's, faction.

In other words, Zuoqiu Feiming was roughly equivalent to Zuoqiu Huanglin in status. The latter supported Zuoqiu Feng while the former supported Zuoqiu Xue.

"Third Uncle, you've come." Zuoqiu Xue turned around and smiled lightly. "Looks like the internal strife within the clan is on the verge of erupting."

Zuoqiu Feiming frowned instead. "You're right. Unfortunately, the time we have is too short. Once it erupts, then the forces we possess now will still be slightly weaker than them."

Zuoqiu Xue smiled. "I heard Xi'er's performance in the past few years was really good."

When Chen Xi was mentioned, a wisp of a rare smile appeared on the corners of Zuoqiu Feiming's mouth, and he sighed with emotion. "Indeed. That little fellow's current reputation in the Immortal Dimension is like the scorching sun in the midday sky, it's unparalleled."

Zuoqiu Xue smiled as well when she heard her Third Uncle's praise towards Chen Xi, and her smile carried a wisp of pride. She blinked and said, "Of course, he's Chen Lingjun and my son."

Zuoqiu Feiming smiled and nodded. "I came here this time to tell you that you don't have to worry about Xi'er's safety. Before I came here, I got the news that the old fellow, Zuoqiu Taiwu, didn't make a move against Xi'er."

Zuoqiu Taiwu? A wisp of a complicated expression couldn't help but suffuse the corners of Zuoqiu Xue's mouth when she heard this name, and it seemed like she both detested and admired him. She said after a long time, "All those years ago, if it wasn't for him being indeterminate, Zuoqiu Feng would have had to pay an even heavier price in order to usurp the position of Patriarch, and it would even be to the extent that it would be impossible for Zuoqiu Feng to succeed. Unfortunately, all enmity and conflict can't compare to the Zuoqiu Clan's position in his heart."

Zuoqiu Feiming said with a calm expression, "However, we have to admit that it's precisely because of Taiwu that we've been able to resist Zuoqiu Feng all these years and avoid suffering a disastrous repression."

Zuoqiu Xue nodded. "That is exactly why I feel conflicted. Ancestor Huanglin's intentions to use Ancestor Taiwu to kill Xi'er was a ruthless move indeed, and I even I slightly underestimated his ability. Fortunately, all of this didn't occur. Right, Ancestor Taiwu has been hesitating for so many years, so has he made his stand clear this time?"

Zuoqiu Feiming shook his head. "According to the information I obtained, Taiwu has already entered into closed door cultivation. Perhaps he's completely disappointed by the current state of our clan."

As he finished speaking, he was sighing with a wisp emotion.

Zuoqiu Huanglin, Zuoqiu Taiwu, and him were figures of the same generation, and they were able to control and influence most of the affairs within the Zuoqiu Clan. Unfortunately, the three of them had taken three different directions.

Zuoqiu Huanglin supported Zuoqiu Feng to be the Patriarch.

Zuoqiu Taiwu disregarded all of this and chose to withdraw from the internal conflicts of the clan, and he lived in seclusion within Dao Emperor Academy.

On the other hand, he, Zuoqiu Feiming, supported Zuoqiu Xue, and he intended to help her reclaim everything she lost all those years ago and go against Zuoqiu Feng's faction.

Now, after so many years, this enmity was already on the verge of erupting, yet Zuoqiu Taiwu chose to enter into closed door cultivation. So Zuoqiu Feiming couldn't help but sigh with emotion. This really is similar to the scene from all those years ago!

"Third Uncle, what about that old fellow in the clan that's always sleeping?" Zuoqiu Xue suddenly asked.

Zuoqiu Feiming's expression instantly became solemn when he heard this, and he shook his head. "The situation is slightly bad. I'm unable to come into contact with Ancestral Uncle Beiyong any longer. So, I suspect that A'Feng and Huanglin have already formed some sort of agreement with Ancestral Uncle Beiyong."

Ancestral Uncle Beiyong!

Zuoqiu Feiming's seniority in the Zuoqiu Clan was already extremely high, yet he addressed Beiyong as his Ancestral Uncle, thus how terrifying would this Zuoqiu Beiyong's authority and status be?

"Then what about that old hag that only knows how to cultivate?" Zuoqiu Xue frowned as well, and then she asked while speaking slowly.

"Ancestral Aunt Lenghua hasn't made her position clear, and it's truly worrying." Zuoqiu Feiming sighed.

Ancestral Aunt Lenghua!

Obviously, this was another existence that could compare with Zuoqiu Beiyong.

"Hmph! These old bastards acted like this all those years ago, and they're doing the same now. If my Father wasn't so benevolent all those years ago, merely their actions at the time would be sufficient to expel them from the Zuoqiu Clan!" Zuoqiu Xue's eyes turned cold and revealed a wisp of undisguised detest. When she spoke up to here, she was suddenly stunned because she seemed to have thought of something, and her brows raised as she said, "Third Uncle, do you think they would've..."

"I can't say for certain!" Before she could finish speaking, Zuoqiu Feiming frowned and spoke. Obviously, he has his own guesses since a long time ago. "The death of a person is like a lamp going out. The rules your father established all those years have been completely forgotten by them a long time ago."

Zuoqiu Xue took a deep breath and said, "Looks like we can only expect the worst."

Zuoqiu Feiming nodded. He went silent for a long time before he looked at Zuoqiu Xue with worry and said, "A'Xue, has the Calamity Shackles' strength not weakened yet?"

Zuoqiu Xue said, "Third Uncle, there's no need to worry. So long as I don't leave this place, the Calamity Shackles are unable to do anything to me." When she spoke up to here, she looked at him with a serious expression and said, "Third Uncle, is there any news of Lingjun?"

Zuoqiu Feiming shook his head.

Zuoqiu Xue was stunned when she saw this, and then she puckered her lips and said, "The Prehistoric Ruins have already been destroyed, then he'll definitely not give up and has headed to the Outerealm to search for the Divine Fate Marking because only such a precious treasure is capable of breaking the Calamity Shackles open..."

Zuoqiu Feiming was shocked in his heart. "Such a treasure really exists?"

Zuoqiu Xue shook her head. "I don't know. But I know Lingjun, and so long there's a trace of hope, then he'll definitely do that." As she finished speaking, her eyes glistened while seeming tender as water, and that familiar figure couldn't help but flash within her mind.

"A'Xiu, I have to go." After a short moment, Zuoqiu Feiming bid his farewells.

"Third Uncle, the longer upcoming conflict is delayed, the more beneficial it will be to us. Please try your best to accomplish this." Zuoqiu Xue spoke swiftly.

"I understand. A'Xue, you have to be careful as well. The situation is already in disorder, so you must not be careless..." Zuoqiu Feiming nodded, and then his figure vanished into thin air in the next moment.

“I’ll definitely survive...” Zuoqiu Xue stood all alone within the courtyard as she muttered in a light voice, and then her thoughts instantly drifted to the years of the past. She recalled her husband, her sons...

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Chapter 1410: The Minor World, Ancient Hall

Within a Secret Realm in Dao Emperor Academy.

Om!

An archaic disk circulated in midair while emanating a myriad of strands of piercingly cold starlight. It seemed to illuminate the boundless starry sky, and those stars transformed into a strange and complicated formation diagram in the end.

Within the formation diagram were numerous lustrous specks of light that were crisscrossed together, and they formed a dense mass that emanated clear radiance.

One could clearly distinguish that those specks of light were like an expanse of worlds, and they were filled with the aura of all sorts of World Energies, causing it to be an extremely magnificent sight.

Everywhere that met the eye, a myriad of worlds were circulating without end, and the starry sky was boundless.

The Dean of Dao Emperor Academy, Meng Xinghe, stood with his hands behind his back while facing the archaic disk, and his deep and calm eyes surged with a myriad of strands of profound light.

He seemed to look young, yet the bearing he possessed revealed an air of countless years of experience, and he had an indifferent and composed aura that gave others the seemed to have returned to simplicity.

“This is the minor world, Ancient Hall.” Meng Xinghe pointed at a speck of light on the archaic disk, and he said calmly, “All those years ago, the Third Netherworld Emperor and the Master of Oracle Mountain, Fuxi, discussed the here Dao for ten days. No one knows the outcome of it, yet according to a book left behind by the Dao Emperor, both of these extraordinary figures left behind some secret treasure of theirs in this minor world after the Dao discussion ended.”

He paused for a moment and continued. “According to my inference, the Third Netherworld Emperor probably left the Netherworld Register and Condemn Evil Brush here, whereas Fuxi left a fragment of the River Diagram instead.”

At the side, Hua Jiankong stood there, and he was shocked in his heart.

After he sent Chen Xi back to the Sword Room earlier, he’d rushed over here, and the reason was that when he was talking with Chen Xi and returning to the Mortal Dimension was mentioned, he suddenly received a voice transmission from Meng Xinghe.

It was precisely because of this voice transmission that he’d agreed to Chen Xi’s request and would help Chen Xi utilize a restricted secret technique to send Chen Xi back to the Mortal Dimension.

However, Hua Jiankong had never imagined that his Master, Meng Xinghe, would actually personally take action in this matter. Not only had Meng Xinghe utilized the Myriad Starnet Disk to reveal the exact

position of the three thousand large worlds and myriad of minor worlds in the Mortal Dimension, Meng Xinghe had actually directly pointed out that Chen Xi was from the minor world, Ancient Hall!

Moreover, when he heard Meng Xinghe introduce Ancient Hall, Hua Jiankong was shocked once more. He didn't dare believe that such an extremely ordinary minor world was actually the location where the Master of Oracle Mountain, Fuxi, and the Third Netherworld Emperor had discussed the Dao all those years ago.

If news of this were to be exposed, it would probably cause a mighty uproar!

The Master of Oracle Mountain, Fuxi!

The Third Netherworld Emperor!

Both of them were terrifying existences that possessed extraordinary reputations and looked down upon the universe during the primeval times!

Yet they'd chosen to discuss the Dao in an ordinary minor world. So how could this not be shocking?

Especially when according to what Meng Xinghe said, the Third Netherworld Emperor and Fuxi had respectively left secret treasures behind in that minor world after they finished discussing the Dao. Why...why did they do this?

All of this was like a riddle, and others couldn't help but be curious. At this moment, Hua Jiankong was the same, and he couldn't help but speak with curiosity. "Chen Xi...wouldn't have obtained the inheritance of Oracle Mountain there, right?"

Meng Xinghe smiled yet remained silent and maintained secrecy.

However, Hua Jiankong understood that it was probably the truth. He muttered. "In this way, he cultivated and grew up in this minor world, Ancient Hall?"

Suddenly, he thought of something and said with shock, "Master, you said the Third Netherworld Emperor's Netherworld Register and Condemn Evil Brush was left behind at Ancient Hall. It wouldn't have been...obtained by Chen Xi as well, right?"

He was very clearly aware that no matter if it was the Netherworld Register or Condemn Evil Brush, they were absolutely supreme secret treasures in the Netherworld, and the inheritance within them caused all the gods of the world to be extremely fearful — Samsara!

If such a secret treasure fell into Chen Xi's hands, then it meant that he'd already inherited the mantle of the Third Netherworld Emperor! That was a huge taboo!

"There's no need to make wild guesses. The conflict of the primeval times has passed a long time ago. No matter what sort of taboo it is, it isn't important any longer when the upheaval of the three dimensions is at hand." Meng Xinghe spoke with an indifferent tone. "Not to mention that those aren't the only taboos in the world. For example, the Nether Immortal's Coffin left behind by the Dao Emperor is a taboo as well, right?"

Hua Jiankong quickly recovered his calm. Earlier, the reason he felt shocked was entirely because he never imagined that the place Chen Xi grew up in would possess so many legendary things in it.

However, when he thought about Chen Xi's performance in Dao Emperor Academy and recalled that as soon as Chen Xi obtained the Dao Emperor's inheritance, Chen Xi had exchanged his Starpoints for the River Diagram fragment that had been kept within the Starpoint Hall for all these years, Hua Jiankong faintly understood everything.

"No wonder. At that time, I wondered why he would possess a Talisman Armament, so it turns out that he'd already obtained the inheritance of Oracle Mountain while in the Mortal Dimension..." Hua Jiankong sighed endlessly with emotion.

"That little fellow isn't that simple." Meng Xinghe smiled while his eyes that were deep like the boundless starry sky were suffused with traces of an unusual glow. "You can leave. Bring him here one month from now. At that time...you'll be in-charge of sending him back to the Mortal Dimension."

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The world of stars.

Chen Xi sat cross-legged while he meditated and fused the Enduring Divine Crest.

Presently, he'd already fully fused the Five Elements, Tempest, Star Obliteration, Taichi, and Rise-fall Divine Crests, and only the last Enduring Divine Crest remained before he could establish a Talisman Saint Dao of his own.

Something worthy of mentioning was that the Spatial Divine Crest he possessed was a supreme Law that could only be grasped by Immortal Kings, so it didn't affect him at all when he fused the Divine Crests to establish his own Saint Dao Law.

As for the Terminus Dao Insight, Chen Xi was still in the stage of comprehending and grasping it. It wasn't even a Law, so it naturally wouldn't affect the establishment of his Saint Dao Law.

However, in this way, he would probably only be able to completely fuse and grasp the Spatial Divine Crest and Terminus Dao Insight after he advanced into the Immortal King Realm.

Rumble!

Wave after wave of thunderous sounds of the Dao rumbled out from within Chen Xi's body, and it emanated strands of blazing fluctuations of the Dao that were dazzling, resplendent, and illuminated the starry sky.

His expression was solemn and calm while his mind was clear, and he'd fallen into deep levels of meditation.

The Enduring Divine Crest contained the rare Grand Dao Laws of Creation, Devour, and Eternal. Every single one of them possessed monstrous might capable of annihilation.

If it was an ordinary Saint Immortal, then it could be considered as extraordinarily fortunate to possess even one rare Grand Dao Law, yet Chen Xi had grasped an entire three types of them, and he'd fused them into the Enduring Divine Crest!

Now, he had to fuse the Enduring Divine Crest into his own Talisman Saint Dao, and the difficulty of this process was obvious.

However, Chen Xi was already very satisfied. If it wasn't for the extraordinarily great fortune that he'd obtained at the Comet Corridor, he would probably have an even bigger headache to slowly fuse all the Divine Crests he possessed.

A month in the outside world was equivalent to five months in the world of stars.

During this period of time, besides fusing the Enduring Divine Crest, Chen Xi had gone to the Star Alliance to discuss the Dao with the members of the Star Alliance. Moreover, Ye Tang and Ling Qingwu had already announced that they were joining the Star Alliance.

In this way, the Star Alliance had become a top-rate existence amongst the student societies amongst the inner court students, and it was peerlessly dazzling. Moreover, its reputation was so great that none could compare to it.

During this period of time, Chen Xi told A'Xiu about his plans to return to the Mortal Dimension, and he entrusted her with taking care of Ling Bai, A'Man, Bai Kui, and Starry when he wasn't here.

A'Xiu was originally making noise about wanting to return to the Mortal Dimension with Chen Xi, yet she was unable to convince Chen Xi and could only make compromise. Chen Xi didn't have any other choice as well. He wasn't going to the Mortal Dimension to relax and sightsee, so for safety's sake, he intended to act alone.

Moreover, because he'd shed all pretenses with the Zuoqiu Clan, Chen Xi had no choice but to be careful in everything he did.

It was even to the extent that for the sake of not drawing the attention of others, he merely told A'Xiu about this, and the others were utterly unaware that he would be returning to the Mortal Dimension soon.

One month later, Hua Jiankong paid Chen Xi a visit before leading away Chen Xi who'd been waiting for a long time, and their figures flashed as Hua Jiankong brought Chen Xi into a Secret Realm.

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At the same time, at the extreme east of the Immortal Dimension, there was a mysterious and deep passageway in the boundlessly high sky, and the end of the passageway was a completely different world.

This world was divided into 33 levels. Every single level was comparable to a large world, and it was boundlessly vast and a magnificent sight to behold. It was like a magnificent world that stood independent from the Immortal Dimension.

This was where one of the three supreme sects of the three dimensions, the Sovereign Sect, resided — Sovereign Realm!

The Sovereign Realm was divided into 33 levels. An elder of the Sovereign Sect resided on every single level, and the area above the 33 levels was where the Master of the Sovereign Sect cultivated, a place that stood above all.

Rumble! Rumble!

On the peak of a 30km tall mountain in Sovereign Realm, a figure that seemed like fire sat cross-legged there. His hair was crimson red like fire, his appearance was handsome, and he wore a Daoist robe that was fiery red like blood. He seemed like a king of fire that intended to incinerate the sky!

Shockingly, this person was a descendant of the primeval Suiren Clan whose blood flowed with the bloodline of the gods, and he was ranked at the 2nd amongst the seven Elite Disciples of the Sovereign Sect, Suiren Ting!

At this moment, the aura in his entire body rumbled while he emanated a myriad of strands of fiery liquid that seemed like lava, and it enveloped the entire mountain. When looked at from afar, it was like an erupting volcano, and it was an extremely astonishing sight.

“Senior Brother Suiren, we’ve already confirmed that the young man is called Chen Xi, and he’s from Dao Emperor Academy. Because his fate is concealed by the workings of the heavens, the Elders were unable to deduce even more information about him.

“However, from the information obtained by our sect’s disciples that’re scattered throughout the Immortal Dimension, we can determine that this kid is definitely deeply related to the Oracle Mountain. Moreover, he doesn’t just possess the Dao Calamity Sword, he even possesses... River Diagram fragments. Otherwise, it would be impossible to conceal his fate so perfectly.

“Something else worthy of mention is that this kid seems to have become utter enemies with the Zuoqiu Clan. We’re investigating the enmity between them right now. Perhaps...if Senior Brother intends to deal with this kid, then you can start with the Zuoqiu Clan.

“The Sect Master hasn’t given any orders, so everything depends on Senior Brother.”

Along with strands of a gentle voice that was pleasing to the ear, Jian Lingxiao that was ranked at the 5th amongst the Elite Disciples of the Sovereign Sect floated down to the peak of the mountain. She wore plain and neat clothes, her hair was combed in a simple manner, and her appearance was pretty, delicate, and refined. As she spoke, there was always a trace of a smile on the corners of her mouth, and her beating was extremely unique.

“The Dao Calamity Sword, River Diagram fragments, Oracle Mountain...” Suddenly, Suiren Ting opened his eyes. Divine flames surged within his eyes and emanated an astonishing fiery bolt of lightning that tore open numerous terrifying rifts in space.