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Chapter 1801: Discussing The Dao

The starry sky was quiet and boundless, and the bronze coffin floated amidst it while being surrounded by stars and emanating an ancient and immense aura. It seemed to be extremely grand.

It was very difficult to imagine how just a coffin would actually be so huge.

The heavens and the earth were deathly silent. Chen Xi's group stood in the starry sky, and they couldn't help but feel a wisp of shock in their hearts as they gazed at everything that stood before them.

It was undoubtable that this was definitely the legendary tomb of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord!

In the countless years of the past, the Specter Galaxy had always been seen to be a forbidden area, and practically all the cultivators that came to explode Specter Galaxy and search for the fortuitous encounter here had perished on their paths here. None had ever succeeded.

Yet now, Chen Xi and the others had passed through numerous dangerous regions, traversed an extremely long distance in the starry sky, experienced numerous tests, and passed through the two restrictions at Dragon Ridge to finally arrive here and finally lay eyes upon the legendary tomb of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord. So, they sighed endlessly with emotion in their hearts, and they were unable to calm down for a long time.

It was even to the extent that they hadn't imagined that while they were merely being pursued by their enemies, they would actually arrive here by chance. This clearly showed how the god of destiny played tricks on others, and how the matters of the world were unpredictable.

"We're finally here..." After an unknown period of time, Dong Bowen's sigh suddenly resounded amidst this deathly silent atmosphere.

He wore violet clothed, had a handsome appearance and seemed like a young man. Moreover, his eyes that were bright like bolts of lightning were suffused with the color of boundless emotion and age.

For the same of charging into the Daolord Realm, he'd been trapped here for 8,000 years, and he'd finally seen a glimmer of hope now, so he was unable to calm down.

"That supreme fortune is definitely hidden here!" Senior White became excited, and his gaze burned with desire as he beamed with joy.

Senior White was born from within the Chaos and innately possessed the ability to see through everything. Moreover, with just a little bit of cultivation, he was able to possess great knowledge of both ancient and present information and discern all techniques of the world. He was said to be a Master of all.

However, it was precisely because of such heaven defying natural talent that he suffered the envy of the heavens. So, he would definitely encounter some tribulations during his cultivation, and if he was unable to overcome these tribulations, then he would perish!

Otherwise, his cultivation wouldn't still be at the Domain Enlightened Spirit God Realm after he experienced the passage of countless years.

However, if he was able to obtain this fortune, then perhaps it would allow him to resist the tribulation that came from the Heaven Dao when he advanced!

So, Senior White was clearly excited when they finally arrived at the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's tomb.

No matter if it was Dong Bowen or Senior White, they were determined to obtain the supreme fortune that existed here. At this moment, both of them had sighed successively with emotion, and it caused the atmosphere to suddenly become slightly delicate.

Dong Bowen's eyes narrowed, and he fell into silence.

Senior White glanced at Dong Bowen's figure while his excitement was gradually withdrawn and faintly replaced with a trace of vigilance.

Chen Xi, Little Bao, and Ye Yan noticed this at the first possible moment, and their hearts shook in unison.

The fortuitous encounter was within their reach. Under such circumstances, if Dong Bowen suddenly made a move against them, then the consequences would be unimaginable.

The atmosphere turned deathly silent. No one spoke, and no one made a move.

Even though they did speak at all, no matter if it was Chen Xi's group or Dong Bowen, they were clearly aware that their cooperation all along the way here had ended at this moment!

As for whether they were friends or enemies, it was entirely up to Dong Bowen.

At this instant, Chen Xi finally realized that Senior White's worried were entirely correct. When facing such a supreme fortune, it could really cause others to arouse malicious intent.

As it's said, one shouldn't have the intent to harm others, yet the intent to be vigilant against others was required. Even if Chen Xi felt that with Dong Bowen's character, Dong Bowen wouldn't do something despicable like acting ungratefully, but he didn't dare to take no precautions at all.

Along with the passage of time, the atmosphere grew more and more deathly silent. The air was faintly filled with a confrontational atmosphere, and it was like a storm was brewing.

As he gazed at Dong Bowen's motionless figure in the distance, Chen Xi's eyes gradually narrowed. He was already prepared to immediately execute the Godslaughter Burst if the worse scenario occurred, and then he would utilize the Terminus Dao Insight to detonate some of the Natural Spirit Treasures that he had no use for!

The reason he intended to fight desperately like that was entirely because Dong Bowen wasn't an ordinary Imperial Monarch. He was a peak Ninth Star Imperial Monarch. So, even if he was heavily injured right now, the strength he possessed was still far from something Chen Xi could compare to.

Little Bao became vigilant as well, and his pupils flickered with golden light.

Ye Yan clenched her fists silently, and her clear eyes were suffused with a wisp of a murderous and resolute aura.

At this moment when the atmosphere was growing more and more tense, Dong Bowen suddenly let out a long sigh, and then he turned around and glanced at Chen Xi and the others.

At this moment, his expression was calm, indifferent, cold, and without any emotion. It caused others to be unable to discern exactly what he was thinking in his heart.

However, when Chen Xi and the others met Dong Bowen's gaze, a wisp of icy coldness couldn't help but arise in their hearts.

Dong Bowen opened his mouth and seemed to intend to say something. Or perhaps, it could be said that after this period of silence, he seemed to have already made some sort of decision.

But right at this moment, he suddenly closed his mouth and swiftly turned around before a strand of piercingly cold divine radiance shot out explosively from his eyes like a bolt of lightning as he gazed at the bronze coffin that floated in the depths of the starry sky.

This scene seemed extremely sudden, and it caused Chen Xi and the others who were originally in an extremely vigilant state to be slightly stunned.

But right after that, they similarly noticed a trace of movement!

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Swish! Swish!

Suddenly, a strand of obscure fluctuation that was like tidewater arose silently from the surface of the bronze coffin, and it glistened.

Its aura was extremely mysterious. It was filled with indescribably might, and it caused others to be unable to help but arouse a wisp of reverence!

Om!

In merely a short moment, a droning sound that sounded like a dragon roar from within the lair of a dragon resounded throughout the heavens and the earth, and it caused even this quiet and boundless starry sky to tremble before it.

In the next instantly, a figure soundlessly floated up into appearance under the astounded gazes of Chen Xi and the others!

His figure was thin and aged, and he sat cross-legged on the bronze coffin while his entire body was enveloped beneath a layer of light silver starlight, causing his appearance to be impossible to discern.

However, his aura was deep like an abyss, and it seemed as if it was connected with the heavens and fused with the earth. It conformed with everything in the world, and it possessed terrifying might that was capable of controlling all the myriad of the Daos in the world and reign supreme over the ages.

When looked at from afar, it was like a supreme god of creation had descended!

It was too terrifying!

Who would have imagined that a figure with such unfathomable divine might would actually appear on the bronze coffin which resided in the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's tomb?

Who was he?

Why did he make an appearance here?

At this moment, Chen Xi finally understood why Dong Bowen's attitude had suddenly changed and Dong Bowen had moved his attention to the bronze coffin.

Because compared to Chen Xi's group, Dong Bowen clearly attached more importance to this figure that had appeared abruptly, and he had no choice but to concentrate fully to deal with it!

"When I fell, I'd guessed that someone would come here in the future. Since all of you were able to pass through all the tribulations and arrive here, it proves that all of you aren't ordinary figures." Suddenly, the figure spoke with a heavy, decisive, and extremely proud tone. "However, if those that aren't from my Ancestral Dragon Race intend to obtain the fortune I left behind, then they naturally have to obtain my acknowledgement!"

As soon as these words were spoken, it was as shocking as a bolt of thunder arising from the ground, and it allowed Chen Xi to finally understand that this figure was actually the Ancestral Dragon Daolord who'd perished all those years ago!

In other words, it was very likely that this figure was a Will Brand left behind by the Ancestral Dragon Daolord!

When they thought up to here, Chen Xi and the others were shocked once more. They were truly unable to imagine that after countless years had passed, they were actually still lucky enough to witness the true appearance of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord.

"How do we obtain your acknowledgement?" Dong Bowen spoke abruptly.

The hearts of Chen Xi and the others constricted, and they immediately didn't dare allow their thoughts to run wild. They realized that Dong Bowen had already started to take action and seek this fortuitous encounter.

"By discussing the Dao," said the Ancestral Dragon Daolord.

"What sort of discussion of the Dao would it be?" Dong Bowen continued.

"You intend to advance into the Daolord Realm, so it'll naturally be a discussion of the path to become a Daolord." The Ancestral Dragon Daolord's voice was heavy and calm.

However, when these words entered into the ears of Chen Xi and the others, it caused them to be shocked in their hearts. This Ancestral Dragon Daolord who'd perished countless years ago actually seemed to have seen through Dong Bowen's objectives!

“Alright, I’ll discuss the Dao with you!” Dong Bowen was silent for a moment before he suddenly strode forward, and he instantly arrived above the bronze coffin and sat cross-legged before the Ancestral Dragon Daolord’s Will Brand.

“I still have a string of Dragon Soul, a jug of Dragon Blood, a strand of Dragon Quintessence, and a Dragon Heart. If you’re able to obtain my acknowledgment, then this string of Dragon Soul will be yours.” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord spoke in a low voice.

He’d directly revealed the content of this supreme fortune!”

“The Ancestral Dragon’s Heart! I need just that!” Senior White’s breathing became rapid, and he was extremely excited.

Chen Xi didn’t know exactly what shocking and miraculous effects the Dragon Soul, Dragon Blood, Dragon Quintessence, and Dragon Heart possessed, but it was undoubtable that they were the supreme fortune that had drawn countless cultivators over during the countless years of the past.

“What if I want to obtain the Dragon Soul, Dragon Blood, Dragon Quintessence, and Dragon Heart?” asked Dong Bowen abruptly.

Just these words alone caused the hearts of Chen Xi and the others to sink, and their expressions turned unsightly. They’d finally confirmed that Dong Bowen had really decided to seize the entire supreme fortune that resided here.

It was even to the extent that they suspected that if the Will Brand of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord hadn’t appeared abruptly, then Dong Bowen would have probably made a move against them by now!

Why would he do that?

It was too simple! It was for the sake of obtaining the entire fortune for himself!

Little Bao was furious, and his eyes almost split apart from rage. “That damnable bastard! How wicked and greedy!”

Ye Yan revealed an expression of detest. “I never expected that he would actually be such a person.”

Chen Xi seemed to be very calm instead, and he said, “We may know a person’s appearance, but not a person’s heart. Perhaps he’d cooperated sincerely with us earlier, but his thoughts had unconsciously changed when facing the temptation of this supreme fortune.”

“If you’re able to satisfy me, then it’s not impossible to obtain everything.” Meanwhile, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord’s Will Brand spoke. “However, it isn’t so easy to accomplish that.”

“No matter what, I have to give it a try in the end!” At this moment, Dong Bowen seemed to be extremely calm and composed, and his eyes were filled with a firm expression. He seemed to be determined to obtain this fortuitous encounter.

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Chapter 1802: The Path Of Defying The Heavens

The discussion of the Dao began.

Circle after circle of ripples of silver divine radiance arose from the surface of the bronze coffin, and it simultaneously enveloped Dong Bowen and the figure formed from the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will Brand.

With the ability possessed by Chen Xi and the others, they were utterly unable to hear the discussion of the Dao between the two of them, and they could only watch from afar.

"Dammit! That fellow was actually able to seize the first opportunity!" Little Bao was indignant.

"What should we do. If that Dong Bowen really succeeds, then wouldn't we have come here for nothing?" Ye Yan was slightly anxious.

Chen Xi couldn't help but frown when he heard all of this, and he pondered deeply without end.

"There's no need to worry. This is fate. We just have to work hard to strive for it, and if we're unable to attain our wishes in the end, then we don't have the fate to obtain this fortune." At this moment, Senior White seemed to have stopped obsessing about the matter, but Chen Xi acutely noticed that while Senior White seemed to be relaxed, Senior White was actually worried as well.

This was normal. After all, this fortuitous encounter was related to Senior White's ability to advance. Even if he'd lived for countless years, he was no different than everyone else when it came to such an opportunity.

"If we have no other choice, then we'll make a move and forcefully stop this discussion of the Dao!" A wisp of a ruthless expression arose in Chen Xi's eyes. Dong Bowen's attitude just now had allowed Chen Xi to clearly determine that Dong Bowen was even willing to go against Chen Xi just for this fortuitous encounter. Under such circumstances, there was no need to consider Dong Bowen's feelings!

"That's inadvisable. Doing that would probably arouse a reaction from the Will Brand of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord." Senior White shook his head and flatly refused Chen Xi's idea.

"That Dong Bowen is simply ungrateful and greedy. The Grand Lord shouldn't have provided him guidance all those years ago!" Ye Yan was extremely furious. "Could it be that he has forgotten that the reason he was able to arrive here was the Dragon Origin Pearl and Overarching Heaven Net in Chen Xi's possession?"

Chen Xi shook his head and said, "You can't speak like that. We wouldn't have been able to pass through the second restriction without his help as well."

Chen Xi wasn't affected by this incident at all, and he didn't seem to possess any rage or resentment.

Just as he'd said earlier, Dong Bowen had no intention of seizing the entire fortuitous encounter for himself nor did he have the thought to harm them before they'd arrived here.

Otherwise, with Dong Bowen's ability, he could have killed them in advance while they were traversing the second restriction and seize both the Overarching Heaven Net and Dragon Origin Pearl, and it would have allowed him to arrive here by himself. There was no reason for him to wait until now.

"Exactly. Compared to those fellows with evil and ruthless intents, this Dong Bowen can already be considered as an upright person. However, it's unfortunate that he was unable to resist the temptation of this fortuitous encounter in the end, and he aroused malicious intent towards all of us." Senior White

sighed with a slightly complicated expression. It was just as the wise men of the ancient times said, birds die in pursuit of food just like humans die in the pursuit of wealth.

“Then what should we do now?” Ye Yan couldn’t help but ask this question.

“Wait.” Chen Xi answered without the slightest hesitation. “So long as the discussion hasn’t come to an end, then it represents that we still have a chance.”

“But what if that Dong Bowen succeeds?” Ye Yan was worried.

“Then it proves that we’re not destined to obtain this fortune, and we should just leave.” Chen Xi remained silent for a moment before he spoke.

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After an unknown period of time, Chen Xi suddenly noticed that the obscure fluctuation that effused out from the bronze coffin had suddenly started to surge violently, and then the figure of Dong Bowen who was originally sitting cross-legged there suddenly trembled while his indifferent and composed expression became agitated.

Has something happened? Chen Xi’s heart shook.

“Impossible! It’s absolutely impossible!” Before Chen Xi could recover from his surprise, Dong Bowen’s loud roar suddenly resounded through this expanse of the heavens and the earth, and his voice was filled with extreme panic and anger. He seemed to have encountered something terrifying.

Moreover, his expression was changing violently and incessantly at this moment, and he was breathing rapidly and seemed to be on the verge of going mad. He didn’t possess the bearing and style of a Ninth Star Imperial Monarch any longer!

“If one doesn’t know when to stop, then everything will be for nothing!” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord’s heavy and powerful voice resounded through the surroundings.

In an instant, Dong Bowen seemed as if he’d been struck by lightning. His voice stopped abruptly while his figure froze on the spot, and he had a dumbstruck expression.

This seemed extremely unbelievable. A Ninth Star Imperial Monarch’s mental state had been tempered to an extremely firm state since a long time ago, yet now, he was actually unable to control himself.

“Haha! That fellow seems to have failed, and he probably didn’t even obtain that Dragon Soul.” Little Bao took pleasure in Dong Bowen’s misfortune.

“This discussion of the Dao is so formidable, and even a Ninth Star Imperial Monarch seemed to be unable to resist it. If it’s us who are in his place....” Ye Yan was slightly worried.

There’s no need to be worried. It’s just a discussion of the Dao and not a battle. Even if that Dong Bowen is unable to succeed, it doesn’t mean that your ancestor, I, will be unable to succeed as well!” Senior White was extremely excited instead, and he was filled with confidence. He was said to be the Master of all that possessed extensive knowledge, so he was naturally not afraid of discussing the Dao with anymore.

Chen Xi couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when he witnessed all of this.

"I was wrong, I was really wrong...." Dong Bowen's sigh suddenly resounded from afar, and it actually carried a wisp of relief. He seemed to have severed a knot in his heart, and his expression had become calm once more.

Pu!

To the surprise of Chen Xi and the others, Dong Bowen actually tore off his left arm in the next moment, causing fresh blood to drop down.

However, he seemed to feel no pain at all, and he said calmly, "Evil intentions cause distracting thoughts to surge into appearance. My greed casted a shadow over my heart. After experiencing this tempering, I swear on this arm of mine that if I commit this crime again in the future, then I'll receive a punishment of death from the Heaven Dao!"

Every single word he spoke was resolute and revealed a strand of a solemn and sincere force, and it rumbled through the heavens and the earth like the tune of the Grand Dao.

"Fellow Daoists, I'd aroused malicious intent earlier and wasn't able to immediately sever the inner demons I experienced. This arm is the price I pay for that." As he spoke, Dong Bowen stood up and gazed at Chen Xi's group from afar while revealing a wisp of guilt on his face. He'd actually atoned and repented his crimes from before!

The hearts of Chen Xi and the others shook, and they were extremely moved by this.

"If the Dao Heart is covered in dust, then just wipe it away! If you didn't do this, then you would be bound to be unable to obtain this Dragon Soul. Take it!" The Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will Brand spoke, and then he flicked his sleeve, causing a bright golden image of a dragon to swiftly soar into the sky before it instantly surged into Dong Bowen's body!

Obviously, it was the string of Dragon Soul that the Ancestral Dragon Daolord had left behind!

This didn't just surprise Chen Xi and the others, even Dong Bowen had never expected this. After being momentarily stunned, he suddenly revealed a wisp of a complicated expression and cupped his hands. "Thank you."

As soon as he finished speaking, his figure flashed and left the bronze coffin. After that, he sat cross-legged in space and started to meditate with his eyes closed, and he paid no further attention to everything else.

"Hmph! I never expected that this fellow would benefit from misfortune." Senior White grunted coldly.

"Perhaps such an outcome is a form of experience and tempering to him." Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought.

"So, in this way, you intend to forgive him?" Little Bao was still indignant as he spoke.

"He has let it go already, so can't we?" Chen Xi sighed. "It's enough that we keep our distance from him. There's no need to mention the enmity of the past." Chen Xi was very clearly aware that even if Dong

Bowen didn't apologize and atone for his wrongs, they would still be unable to do anything to Dong Bowen. So, the current outcome had undoubtedly put an end to the enmity between them.

"Nevermind, all of you continue chatting first. Your ancestor, I, am going to discuss the Dao with that fellow!" Senior White soared into the sky, and he charged towards the bronze coffin with slight impatience.

"Encountering the envy of the heavens to the point it sends down tribulations for defying it. I never expected that an omniscient being like you really existed in the world. If you're able to pass my test, then the Dragon Heart will naturally be yours." The Ancestral Dragon Daolord seemed to have discerned Senior White's origins with a single glance, and his tone carried a trace of surprise.

"Then let's begin!" Senior White was completely blunt and spoke casually.

"As you wish." The Ancestral Dragon Daolord flicked his sleeve. A strand of obscure fluctuation enveloped the bronze coffin once more, and it completely concealed both his figure and Senior White's figure.

When they saw this, Chen Xi and the others immediately stopped talking, and they looked over in unison.

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Two hours later, Senior White's sharp cry suddenly resounded from the bronze coffin in the distance. "How absurd! The Daolord Realm is a realm without rules. It's on par with the heavens and is unafraid of all techniques. The Ultimate Foundation is established, and the myriad of Daos are fused into the body, allowing a Daolord to remain eternal through the ages. The cause of your death is none other than because you encountered an unfathomable tribulation!"

"An unfathomable tribulation is a Heavenly Tribulation. The Heaven Dao is unfathomable, and it's unable to tolerate others being on par with it. You're unable to understand this principle." The Ancestral Dragon Daolord answered calmly.

"What a joke! I know everything from the ancient times, and I've seen all the techniques of the world. How could there possibly be anything in this world that I don't understand?" Senior White seemed to be slightly agitated.

"Because even though you know all techniques, you're not a Daolord, nor have you encountered such a tribulation. So, what you know is none other than empty talk." The Ancestral Dragon Daolord spoke word by word, and it carried a force that struck directly at the heart.

Just this short sentence instantly caused Senior White's body to freeze, and he was stunned on the spot.

Chen Xi and the others were shocked by this. Never had they imagined that Senior White didn't discuss the Dao with the Ancestral Dragon Daolord, and he'd been discussing some practically obscure and unfathomable secrets of the Heaven Dao!

"Indeed, I'm not a Daolord, nor have I encountered such a tribulation. But I'll understand all of this one day." After a long time, Senior White spoke in a hoarse voice, and his voice carried a trace of resolution.

“The path of defying the heavens... isn’t easy.” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord spoke these words before he waved his hand and said, “I’ve already given you what you wanted. Go on.”

“Thank you.” At this moment, Senior White revealed a rare moment of being polite. As soon as he finished speaking, he flapped his wings and flew away from the bronze coffin.

Chen Xi hurriedly asked. “How was it.”

“It was alright. I succeeded in the end.” Senior White didn’t reveal much happiness and just answered vaguely. After that, he changed the topic. “Chen Xi, all of you quickly make a move as well. Don’t miss this opportunity and fortune.”

Chen Xi didn’t ask anymore when he heard this. He nodded before he instructed Little Bao and Ye Yan to successively discuss the Dao with the Ancestral Dragon Daolord.

“Why aren’t you going?” Senior White glanced at Chen Xi with surprise.

“I want to wait a while longer.” Chen Xi spoke casually, yet he shot his gaze at the bronze coffin, and it was calm to the point even Senior White didn’t know what he was thinking.

Senior White couldn’t help but ask. “Are you worried that you’ll fail?”

Chen Xi shook his head. “Discussing the Dao isn’t important to me, and it isn’t important even if I miss the opportunity to obtain the fortune here.”

He paused for a moment, took a deep breath, and said, “All I want to know now is how exactly did an existence like the Ancestral Dragon Daolord perish all those years ago!”

Senior White was instantly stunned.

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Chapter 1803: Words Of Defiance

After the time for an incense stick to burn, Little Bao returned with a jug of Dragon Blood.

After Chen Xi asked him about it, Chen Xi and the others finally found out that Little Bao’s discussion of the Dao with the Ancestral Dragon Daolord was unlike Dong Bowen and Senior White, and it was conducted in the form of a battle.

Moreover, the opponent was himself!

When he arrived on the bronze coffin, his mind fell into a mysterious space. Within that space was an opponent that was exactly similar to Little Bao, and it was his own ‘reflection’.

Merely the time for an incense stick to burn had passed for Chen Xi, but to Little Bao that was fighting his own ‘reflection’, it felt long like countless years had passed.

Because this battle was too intense. Attaining victory against his own ‘reflection’ was like defeating himself.

Every single move he made and even every single thought he had was reflected on his ‘opponent’. So, the more he wanted to defeat his opponent, the more he was unable to accomplish this.

Later on, he finally comprehended the profundities of 'forgetting one's self' in battle, and he defeated his opponent. He defeated his own 'reflection'.

After Little Bao experienced this battle, Chen Xi clearly sensed that Little Bao's mental state had obtained a form of tempering and improvement, and it was definitely extremely beneficial to Little Bao's future cultivation.

Not long after Little Bao returned, Ye Yan returned as well. Moreover, she brought back a strand of Dragon Quintessence with her. So, she could be said to have succeeded in the discussion of the Dao as well.

According to Ye Yan, she hadn't said a single word from the beginning until the end. She merely sat cross-legged there. It was like she'd had a dream, and it was over when she awoke from the dream.

As for exactly what sort of dream she had, even she was unable to recall it. It seemed to be extremely strange and mysterious.

But there was no doubt that all of this was done by the Ancestral Dragon Daolord. Since he'd given the Dragon Quintessence to Ye Yan, then it proved that Ye Yan had obtained his acknowledgement.

At this point, Dong Bowen had obtained the string of Dragon Soul, Senior White had obtained the Dragon Heart, Little Bao had obtained the jug of Dragon Blood, and Ye Yan had obtained the strand of Dragon Quintessence.

This supreme fortune seemed to have been completely divided up, and it wasn't related to Chen Xi any longer.

However, Chen Xi didn't think in this way. Because, in his eyes, the fortune he sought was different from all of this.

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Chen Xi didn't hesitate at all and arrived on the bronze coffin.

As soon as he arrived, he noticed how unusual the bronze coffin was. Standing on it was like standing in an expanse of 'chaos'. Hazy divine aura and strands of the glow of the Dao filled his field of vision, and it seemed extremely mysterious.

It was even to the extent that in his daze, Chen Xi had the strange feeling of returning to the source of the Grand Dao.

The figure formed from the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will Brand sat cross-legged here, and at this moment, Chen Xi finally saw his face clearly.

He had a thin face, greying hair, and a pair of eyes that were deep to the point they seemed like the door to hell and could swallow the souls of others!

Merely based on outward appearance alone, it was utterly impossible to discern that this was an innate god born from within the Chaos. Conversely, he seemed like a wise old man that had lived for countless years and experienced all the matters of the world, so all secrets were unable to escape his discerning eyes.

While Chen Xi was sizing up the Ancestral Dragon Daolord, the latter was sizing him up as well, and the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's deep eyes flowed with the glow of wisdom.

After a long time, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord said, "Your destiny is actually so impossible to determine. What an interesting little fellow."

He paused for a moment, and then he suddenly sighed and said, "You should leave. You can only stride on your path towards the Dao by yourself, and all the fortune I left behind has already been given away. I don't have anything else to pass down to you."

Chen Xi's expression was calm when he heard this, and he seemed to not be surprised at all. He sat down cross-legged instead and gazed at the Ancestral Dragon Daolord as he said, "Senior has probably seen through my origins. To tell you the truth, I didn't come here this time with the expectation of obtaining any fortune."

"Oh?" The Ancestral Dragon Daolord revealed a smile that carried deep meaning. "Then what do you want to obtain from me?"

"I just want to know how Senior fell all those years ago." Chen Xi said frankly, "Everything is searching for success, but I'm clearly aware that the failure of a Daolord might be even more worthy of attention."

As soon as these words were spoken, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord revealed a serious expression while divine radiance arose in his eyes, and it flickered with an extremely horrifying glow.

He stared silently at Chen Xi for a long time, and then he suddenly roared with laughter. His voice carried a wisp of sorrow and a wisp of indescribable emotion. He seemed to be sighing with emotion yet seemed to be sad at the same time. It was extremely complicated.

"I never expected that a little fellow at the advanced-stage of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm like you would have actually started to plan his path to become a Daolord. If it was any other person, I would definitely snort with contempt and berate that person for reaching beyond his grasp. But you... are clearly different."

After a short while, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord spoke slowly. "Because you're a Comprehender of the River Diagram, so it's within reason that you're able to consider it to this extent."

Chen Xi smiled and looked silently at the Ancestral Dragon Daolord, and he didn't deny this.

"I still remember that the fifth Comprehender of the River Diagram was the Master of the Ninth Hell, Gu Changsheng. The seventh Comprehender was the Master of the Manku Period, Xuan. The eighth Comprehender was the Master of Oracle Mountain, Fuxi. You... are probably the ninth Comprehender, right?" The Ancestral Dragon Daolord spoke with great interest. Even though he was only a Will Brand, he actually seemed to possess supreme intelligence, and every single word spoke and move he made was actually no different than a living person.

This caused Chen Xi to be slightly moved. Because for the very first time, he found out that the fifth Comprehender of the River Diagram was actually the Master of the Ninth Hell, Gu Changsheng!

He'd never heard of this name.

"Yes." Chen Xi nodded after a short while.

“No wonder. If you were the first to discuss the Dao with me, then perhaps I wouldn’t hesitate to give all the fortune I left behind to you. Unfortunately, the god of destiny just happens to play tricks on us all.” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord shook his head in a slightly regretful manner. “But this is normal as well. Since you possess the River Diagram’s inheritance, you naturally attach no importance to the things I’ve left behind. Not to mention that I’m a failure beneath the Heaven Dao in the end, and the possessions of a failure isn’t really precious to you.”

These words caused Chen Xi to be stunned instead, and he laughed bitterly after a short while. “Senior, you’re belittling yourself improperly. The reason I came here the last was merely because I seek something different from all of them, and I absolutely have no intention to be disrespectful or look down upon Senior.”

The Ancestral Dragon Daolord roared with laughter and said, “You seek something different! This world is full of people that seek success, yet only you seek failure. I’ll do as you wish just because of that!”

When he spoke up to here, he suddenly changed the topic, and he gazed at Chen Xi with a solemn expression as he said, “Little Fellow, before I do that, I want to ask you something. Since you started cultivating until now, what’s your opinion of the Heaven Dao?”

Chen Xi was stunned. Is this a question about my understanding of the Heaven Dao?

For a time, Chen Xi fell into silence, and he said after a long time, “I’m sorry, I’m unable to describe it.”

The Ancestral Dragon Daolord seemed to be slightly disappointed.

However, right when he was about to speak, he heard Chen Xi say. “However, in my opinion, if the Heaven Dao obstructs my path towards the Dao one day, then it’s my enemy. So long as I’m still living, then I’ll defeat it and succeed in my path towards the Dao!”

If these words were heard by other cultivators, they would definitely berate Chen Xi was speaking such defiant words! Because it was simply like treason!

It was the Heaven Dao, an existence that was the most supreme and unfathomable!

Would anyone in the world dare to speak of taking the Heaven Dao to be his enemy and express intent to defeat it?

Moreover, standing above the Heaven Dao with one’s own path towards the Dao seemed to be extremely arrogant and conceited as well. If any cultivator dared to speak such nonsense, that cultivator would definitely suffer the punishment of the heavens!

At this moment, when he heard Chen Xi’s words, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord revealed a rare moment of silence as well, and his expression changed indeterminately. He was unable to maintain his calm any longer.

After a long time, he suddenly roared with laughter, and his voice carried a wisp of a practically insane tone.

“I never expected this! I truly never expected that something I who have cultivated for countless years and even attained the Daolord Realm a very long time ago was unable to figure out was actually already

figures out by a little fellow like you. No wonder that I suffered tribulation and was powerful to struggle free. No wonder....”

Chen Xi’s eyes couldn’t help but narrow when he heard this, and he faintly guessed some things.

His words from before were the true thoughts in his heart, and he hadn’t concealed anything. However, he would absolutely not speak these words at any ordinary time. Because if he did, then he would definitely be taken to be a lunatic.

But it was very clear that it was precisely these words that resonated with the Ancestral Dragon Daolord.

“Since I was able to comprehend this today, I can finally be free of all regrets....” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord suddenly stood up. His gaze burned while his grey hair fluttered, and his entire body emanated an aura of relief and transcendence.

“Little Fellow, with your current cultivation, it’s utterly impossible for you to discern the true reason that I fell. But this isn’t important, because so long as you hold on to the beliefs in your heart, then the day will come when you might really be able to attain that state which I was unable to attain.”

Rumble!

As he spoke, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord flicked his sleeve, and the bronze coffin beneath his feet suddenly emanated a world shacking rumble.

In the next instant, the bronze coffin that lay across the starry sky was suddenly suffused by extremely blazing divine radiance. In a short instant of time, it shrunk down countless times and actually transformed into an object that seemed like a bronze jade slip in the end, and then it fell into the Ancestral Dragon Daolord’s hand.

“What you desire is stored in here, and you’ll be able to open it and obtain what you desire once you’ve attained the Daolord Realm.” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord grinned as he passed the bronze coffin that seemed to have become a jade slip to Chen Xi.

“Thank you for the gift, Senior.” Chen Xi hurriedly received it, and then he cupped his hands and bowed.

“Go on. I can really smile in hell after being able to encounter such an interesting little fellow like you right before I perish completely.” The Ancestral Dragon Daolord roared endlessly with laughter.

Along with this laughter, his entire figure actually transformed into droplets of light that gradually rained down and dispersed into the surroundings, and it quickly vanished completely.

“Take care, Senior.” Chen Xi cupped his hands once more. He was clearly aware that not a trace of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord could be found in the world after this....

The commotion here alarmed Senior White, Little Bao, Ye Yan, and Dong Bowen. All of them shot their gazes over in succession while revealing expressions of shock, and they didn’t know why such an unexpected event would occur.

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Chapter 1804: Attacked On The Way

Amidst roaring laughter, the Ancestral Dragon Daolord perished with relief, and he vanished from the heavens and the earth.

On the other hand, the bronze coffin that laid across the starry sky had transformed into a tiny thing that seemed like a jade slip, and it had fallen into Chen Xi's hands.

Even though it couldn't compare to the Dragon Soul, Dragon Heart, Dragon Blood, and Dragon Quintessence that were extremely beneficial to one's cultivation, it recorded the experiences that the Ancestral Dragon Daolord had left behind after suffering failure!

Comparatively speaking, this was perhaps even more precious, and it could be said to be difficult to find in the entire world.

On the day that Chen Xi attained the Daolord Realm, then perhaps he would be able to rely on this to obtain the experience that he required and step foot into a heaven defying path of his own, and he wouldn't take the same path of failure that the Ancestral Dragon Daolord had taken.

"You succeeded?" When they saw Chen Xi return, Senior White, Little Bao, and Ye Yan couldn't help but ask this question. Because everything that occurred just now had caused them to feel extremely shocked.

Chen Xi nodded and didn't provide any further explanation.

Bang!

Before they could even continue their discussion, this vast expanse of the starry sky suddenly started fluctuating violently, and then it rumbled and faintly showed signs of collapsing.

"Shit! After it lost the energy of the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will Brand, this area is going to be completely destroyed! Leave! Quickly!" Senior White was alarmed, and he spoke in a serious tone.

Rumble!

Right when Senior White's voice was still resounding in the air, they could clearly notice that the starry sky in the distance was being blasted apart and destroyed like paper, and it transformed into a violent spatial blackhole that ceaselessly crept towards the surroundings.

Such a scene was simply like the scene of the end of the world.

All of this had occurred too quickly. It caused Chen Xi and the others to swiftly become vigilant, and they instinctively intended to fly towards the path they came here on.

"I have a flying shuttle here, and I can bring all of you safely out from here." Suddenly, Dong Bowen who was seated cross-legged in meditation had stood up, and he spoke to Chen Xi with a warm and calm expression.

"It's fine." Chen Xi didn't even give it a thought before refusing directly. Because he didn't want to have any further relationship with Dong Bowen.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

As he spoke, Chen Xi's figure flashed. He'd already taken the lead to bring Senior White and the others out of here swiftly, and they quickly vanished out of sight.

"What a stubborn young man..." Dong Bowen had a complicated expression as he watched Chen Xi and the others leave. He was clearly aware that because of the mistake he'd made earlier, he'd utterly disappointed Chen Xi and the others, and it was impossible to repair the relationship between them.

"No matter what, I have to make up for it in the end." He took a deep breath, and then he stopped hesitating. His figure flashed and left swiftly.

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

Wave after wave of terrifying explosions resounded through the heavens and the earth, and it was like doomsday had arrived. The heavens and the earth were collapsing while all things were falling into oblivion.

The numerous divine mountains that had been standing towering here for countless years had collapsed and were obliterated just like that.

The bone path collapsed inch by inch as well.

Amidst this terrifying scene of great collapse and destruction, Chen Xi and the others flew swiftly at full speed, and they didn't hesitate at all.

Fortunately, perhaps it was because the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will brand had been obliterated, but they didn't encounter any obstruction all along the way.

All along the way, the dense expanse of dragon skeletons that covered the Tomb of Dragons had collapsed into powder a long time ago, and they'd vanished in the heavens and the earth.

The Mirage Dragon's World didn't exist any longer, and it had transformed into a deathly silent and empty place.

When Chen Xi and the others returned through the path they arrived, they weren't even able to find a trace of the existence of the Jaderain Dao Domain.

Everything seemed to have vanished along with the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's Will Brand...

Chen Xi and the others couldn't be bothered to sigh with emotion, nor did they have the time for that. Because this entire world was in the midst of continuous destruction, and if they were swept into this destruction, then the consequences would be unimaginable.

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However, Chen Xi and the others had still underestimated how terrifying this destruction was.

When they left successfully and returned along the path they came here on, they noticed that the stars, meteors, light, and everything they'd seen on the way was collapsing and being destroyed!

Such a scene was simply capable of shocking the world and causing anyone's heart to go cold.

Just think about it, it was a galaxy. It was extremely vast and covered a boundless area of the starry sky, yet now, it was actually in the process of destruction!

As they flew, it was like they were watching a large world collapsing and being completely obliterated behind them, and it was extremely shocking.

Everything was collapsing.

Stars were falling.

Space was being obliterated.

The heavens and the earth were transforming into nothingness!

The destruction that erupted at the depths of Specter Galaxy was spreading at an inconceivable speed.

Everywhere it passed, only deathly silence and the void remained!

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At the border of Specter Galaxy.

The five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect had been waiting here for a long time.

They were waiting for a piece of news, and they would naturally be happy to see Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group annihilate Chen Xi.

On the other hand, if Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group had failed, then they would naturally strike a lethal blow against Chen Xi!

Unfortunately, it was just a few days ago when they confirmed that Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group had failed, and besides Imperial Monarch Tai Jing himself, all the other Universe Enlightened Ancestral Gods had been completely annihilated.

Such an outcome seemed to be extremely shocking. At the very least, the five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect had never expected such an outcome.

Especially when they noticed Imperial Monarch Tai Jing leaving in a hurry while carrying a livid expression, they even sensed that something was slightly bad.

What exactly occurred in the depths of Specter Galaxy?

It was merely a young man at the intermediate-stage of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm which they intended to deal with. How could a figure like Imperial Monarch Tai Jing have suffered heavy casualties and even return in defeat? The five Divine Spirit Generals were unable to figure out the answer, nor were they able to deduce it. However, a change had occurred in their mental states, and they'd become even more cautious and didn't dare be careless at all.

Moreover, on this day, when that destructive energy started to erupt from the depths of Specter Galaxy and ceaselessly spread out, it had completely alarmed these five Divine Spirit Generals from the Sovereign Sect.

“This is sign of obliteration, and it won’t be long before the entire Specter Galaxy would be wiped off from the world!”

“Dammit! What exactly happened?”

“The important matter at hand is to confirm if that kid has already perished within Specter Galaxy.”

“But how would we do that? If we still don’t leave, then this calamity will probably affect us as well!”

The five Divine Spirit Generals had unsightly expressions as they discussed animatedly.

The main reason they’d set out this time was because the Sovereign Sect was absolutely unable to tolerate Ye Yan’s betrayal.

However, later on, they noticed that Ye Yan’s betrayal was actually related to Chen Xi, so they set their sights onto Chen Xi instead. They felt that so long as they captured Chen Xi, then it would be enough to find Ye Yan’s whereabouts.

It was even to the extent that they intended to reclaim the Copper Coin of Treasurefall and seize the River Diagram fragments.

But never had they imagined that this pursuit would actually exhaust such a long period of time, nor had they expected that the situation would actually develop to such an extent!

Especially when they confirmed that the Specter Galaxy would be completely obliterated soon. This outcome instantly took them by surprise.

What should we do? At this moment, they couldn’t help but hesitate.

“Hmm? Look! Quickly! It’s that kid!” Suddenly, the eyes of Fire Spirit who possessed a seductive and enchanting figure lit up, and she spoke with pleasant surprise.

They looked over along her gaze, and they saw a group of people were teleporting over at full speed from extremely far away in the starry sky. The person in the lead wore green clothes and had a handsome appearance. It was exactly Chen Xi.

“He actually returned alive....”

“Haha! He’s going to die in a moment.”

“Prepare yourselves. We’ll attack at full force and kill that kid later. We absolutely can’t allow him to escape!”

The other divine generals spoke murderously, and their eyes were filled with a cold and murderous expression.

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At this instant, Chen Xi and the others had similarly noticed the existence of the five Divine Spirit Generals, and they couldn’t help but be slightly surprised.

Because in Chen Xi's deductions, he'd roughly guessed that Imperial Monarch Tai Jing would definitely not be willing to just leave, but never had he imagined that while they didn't encounter Imperial Monarch Tai Jing as soon as they returned, they encountered another group of people instead.

Moreover, it clearly seemed like that they'd been waiting here for a long time.

"The five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect! Why are they the ones that came?" Ye Yan's face sank abruptly, and she revealed a rare wisp of a solemn expression. At this instant, she'd realized that the Sovereign Sect had already reacted to her betrayal!

The five Divine Spirit Generals had clearly come for the sake of killing a 'traitor' like her!

"They're spirits that were born from the quintessence of the five elements, and then they were brought back to the Sovereign Sect by the Sovereign Sect's Master and were personally guided in their cultivation by the Sovereign Sect's Master. Even though all of them are only at the First Star of the Imperial Monarch Realm, if the five of them joined forces, then their combat strength would be sufficient to crush most Imperial Monarchs!" Ye Yan spoke swiftly via voice transmission and told Chen Xi and the others everything about these five Divine Spirit Generals.

"Five First Star Imperial Monarchs? That's slightly troublesome." Senior White's voice was slightly heavy. He was very clearly aware that even though all of these five Divine Spirit Generals seemed to merely possess a cultivation at the First Star of the Imperial Monarch Realm, they belonged to the five elements, and their energy could be fused with each other. Once their strengths were combined, then it would be sufficient for them to erupt with unimaginable might.

"Looks like we have to deal with them first if we want to leave. Since it's like that, then prepare for battle!" Chen Xi's eyes were piercingly cold and deep like an abyss.

Presently, his cultivation had already broken through to the advanced-stage of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm. If he executed the Godslaughter Burst Technique and detonated Natural Spirit Treasures with the Terminus Dao Insight, then he had no reason to be afraid of them.

However, the price he paid would be slightly heavy.

"How detestable! We've been pursued by them all along the way. We must kill to our heart's content this time!" Little Bao gritted his teeth, and his entire body emanated a monstrously violent combat aura.

Bang!

However, to the surprise of Chen Xi and the others, they didn't even have the chance to make a move when an expanse of brilliant and dazzling violet radiance suddenly descended from the distant sky. It surged and seethed as it smashed down forcefully at the five Divine Spirit Generals!

This scene occurred in an extremely sudden manner. It hadn't just surprised Chen Xi, even those five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect had never expected that such an unexpected event would actually occur, and their expressions instantly changed.

"Shit!"

"Dodge! Quickly!"

“This aura is too terrifying! It’s actually a Ninth Star Imperial Monarch that launched this attack!”

“Dammit! Why is this happened?”

Their eyes almost split apart from rage as they roared furiously in grim voices. They emanated all sorts of blazing divine radiance and practically utilized their entire cultivation as they dodged madly towards the side.

On the other hand, at this instant, Chen Xi and the others finally saw it clearly. The person that launched this attack was actually Dong Bowen!

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Bang!

The violet divine radiance was like a screen that descended from the sky as it crushed down, and it crushed the stars and space in an area of 5,000km into powder. This scene was extremely terrifying.

This was the attack of a peak Ninth Star Imperial Monarch, so how could its might be ordinary?

Even if the five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect had utilized their entire strengths to dodge, they still suffered heavy injuries from this attack. All of them seemed as if they’d been crushed by divine mountains, and their bodies were blasted flying while they cried endlessly with pain and blood sprayed from both their mouths and noses.

This scene seemed especially shocking. They were five Imperial Monarchs, yet they were utterly unable to resist a single strike from Dong Bowen!

When Chen Xi and the others witnessed this scene, they couldn’t help but be shocked as well. This was the gap between a Ninth Star Imperial Monarch and a First Star Imperial Monarch. One was like a hawk in the sky while the other was an utterly weak ant, and the gap between them was too huge.

“Flee!” A furious howl that carried terror resounded. Suffering defeat from a single strike caused the five Divine Spirit Generals to be both horrified and furious, and they instantly realized that it was dangerous. So, how could they dare to stay here any longer? They fled instinctively.

Dong Bowen didn’t give chase when he saw this, and he looked at Chen Xi and the others instead before he said, “No one can obstruct all of you with me here.”

His voice was still calm and warm.

“Haha. We didn’t ask for your help.” Senior White sneered, and he refused to appreciate Dong Bowen’s actions.

Dong Bowen smiled with a composed expression, and he seemed to not mind at all.

“Let’s go.” Chen Xi glanced at Dong Bowen, and he sighed in his heart before he turned around and left with Senior White and the others.

“Actually, that fellow’s attitude isn’t bad. As a Ninth Star Imperial Monarch, he severed an arm in order to atone for his crimes, and he even sent us off like this. It’s truly very rare.” Senior White seemed to be

lost in thought as he said, "Could it be that he's worried your Eldest Senior Brother will look for trouble with him?"

"I don't know and don't want to know." Chen Xi answered indifferently. He'd decided to keep his distance from Dong Bowen a long time ago. Even if Dong Bowen had lent a hand to help them deal with the danger that they faced, it was still unable to change his decision.

"Unfortunately, that fellow actually just watched as those five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect fled. This help he provided isn't really good." Senior White puckered his lips.

"Perhaps he's afraid of the Sovereign Sect." Ye Yan added.

Chen Xi frowned, and he was slightly unwilling to discuss things related to Dong Bowen any longer.

He was just about to interrupt this topic when Dong Bowen's voice suddenly resounded from behind them....

"Fellow Daoists, the five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect have already retreated in defeat. Do all of you still refuse to realize your mistakes?" His cold and indifferent voice carried an oppressive force.

The hearts of Chen Xi and the others instantly shook because these words were clearly not spoken to them.

When he turned around and looked, Chen Xi noticed to his horror that a group of people had suddenly appeared behind them, and it was surprisingly Imperial Monarch Tai Jing who was in the lead!

When Chen Xi looked over closely, he noticed there were a total of eight of them. All of them possessed unprecedentedly supreme and mighty auras, and they possessed peerlessly impressive bearings. Shockingly, they were all Imperial Monarchs!

Obviously, all of them were the assistance that Imperial Monarch Tai Jing had found.

Chen Xi heaved a sigh of relief because Dong Bowen had suddenly arrived before Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group and was obstructing their path.

In other words, if it wasn't for Dong Bowen, then Chen Xi's group would have probably suffered a surprise attack from Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group!

Moreover, when they witnessed this scene, Chen Xi and the others finally understood why Dong Bowen didn't pursue the five Divine Spirit Generals of the Sovereign Sect. It was because he'd noticed the existence of Imperial Monarch Tai Jing's group!

"All of you leave quickly. Leave these fellows to me. Once you return to Oracle Mountain, please send my regards to the Grand Lord." Dong Bowen's voice came from afar.

Just these words alone caused Chen Xi's emotions to become slightly complicated.

If Dong Bowen didn't arouse malicious intent at that time, then perhaps... our relationship wouldn't be so strained, right?

Now, even if I don't want to have anything to do with him, I have no choice but to owe him a favor.... Chen Xi sighed in his heart, and then he suddenly said, "Thank you. I'll pass your regards to my Eldest Senior Brother."

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Xi didn't hesitate any longer, and he teleported at full speed while bringing Senior White and the others along with him.

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Rumble!

A wave of the extremely terrifying sounds of battle and collision resounded from behind them. Numerous stars were blasted into pieces while divine radiance swept towards the surroundings, and even that area of the space was affected by the battle and fell into chaos.

It was a battle between Imperial Monarchs. It was world shocking, and it was capable of overturning the world and destroying everything!

It wasn't just that, the Specter Galaxy was still in a state of incessant destruction, and it caused this extremely intense battle to become even more chaotic.

Chen Xi's group had flown off far away, so they weren't aware exactly which side gained the final victory in the battle.

However, they understood that no matter how terrible Dong Bowen's attitude towards them was while they were at the Ancestral Dragon Daolord's tomb, he'd compensated them by way of his actions now, and the price he paid was unimaginably huge.

They had to remember this favor.

Actually, if one thought carefully about the cause and effect of the entire incident, then it was merely caused by a single thing... greed!

It seemed to be absurd, yet both parties were actually clearly aware that if this 'greed' wasn't restrained at that time, then the consequences it created would be unimaginable.

So, Chen Xi resolutely chose to keep his distance from Dong Bowen.

On the other hand, Dong Bowen had paid the price of an arm, and it was even to the extent that he'd used actions to compensate Chen Xi's group earlier. All he sought was to repair the relationship between himself and Chen Xi's group and to attain a flawless mental state.

A few hours later, Chen Xi's group finally left Specter Galaxy, and their subsequent journey was completely calm.

This allowed them to feel much more relaxed.

For the sake of avoiding any mishaps from occurring in the next part of their journey, Chen Xi hid Senior White, Little Bao, and Ye Yan in the universe within his body, and then he changed his appearance and utilized the Dao Seal Mark to conceal his aura.

After he did all of this, Chen Xi withdrew a treasured vessel, sat cross-legged on it, and started to travel through the boundless starry sky.

Before they left Arambha Temple, his Eldest Senior Brother, Wu Xuechan, had given Chen Xi a jade slip that mapped the path to Oracle Mountain, so that Chen Xi wouldn't get lost while heading to the Imperial Region.

However, according to Chen Xi's deduction, after they left Specter Galaxy, it would still take at least half a month for them to arrive at the Imperial Region.

Now, he just hoped that no further disturbances occurred in their subsequent journey.

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Swoosh!

In the boundless starry sky, the treasured vessel shot through space and flew forward incessantly.

Chen Xi was meditating with his eyes closed in the treasured vessel's cabin.

After experiencing that unprecedentedly grand pursuit, Chen Xi's cultivation had obtained an obvious increase, and he'd improved from the intermediate-stage of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm to the advanced-stage. Moreover, he was approaching the peak of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm.

All of this had occurred in a short period of a few months, and he could be said to have improved with amazing speed. Moreover, it could be described as being an astounding accomplishment.

After all, it was extremely difficult for gods to advance even a single step in their cultivation, and it wasn't something that could be made up for with accumulation through time.

This was the profound effects of fortuitous encounters. Once they were obtained, it would be sufficient to allow a cultivator's strength to undergo a tremendous change akin to rebirth!

Why would cultivators be willing to take extremely great risks to wander the world in search of illusory fortuitous encounters? This was exactly the reason.

For example, Senior White, Little Bao, and Ye Yan had respectively obtained the Dragon Heart, Dragon Blood, and Dragon Quintessence that the Ancestral Dragon Daolord had left behind. Once they completely refined and absorbed the fortune they'd respectively obtained, their cultivations would definitely undergo a shocking transformation. This was undoubtable.

On the other hand, at this moment, Chen Xi's combat strength really couldn't be compared to the past.

His qi refinement cultivation had already attained the advanced-stage of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm.

His cultivation in the Dao Heart had attained the second forging in the True Heart Sutra. His Heart Infant was like an immature youth, and it allowed him to be able to bring forth the entire might of the 2nd level of the Sword Emperor Realm!

Moreover, his comprehension of the Divine Dao had transformed from the initial-stage to the advanced-stage.

If the supreme potential of Chen Xi's Imperial Sovereign Dao Root was included, then Chen Xi's strength was sufficient to reign supreme in the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm and crush most cultivators at the same realm!

Of course, if he fought desperately with the Godslaughter Burst technique, then Chen Xi even dared to go against ordinary Imperial Monarchs.

For example, Imperial Monarch Nandu from the Ye Clan was a First Star Imperial Monarch, but he was still annihilated by the joint forces of Chen Xi and Little Bao!

If the news of such a heaven defying and splendid accomplishment in battle was spread into the Ancient God Domain, then it was obvious what sort of stir it would cause.

In short, Chen Xi was bringing forth the might that belonged to an Imperial Sovereign Rank Universe Enlightened Ancestral God, and when he attained perfection in the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm and completely released the potential of an Imperial Sovereign Rank Universe Enlightened Ancestral God, then he would absolutely be able to reign supreme over the entire Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm!

At that time, even the existences in the top 100 of the Universe Enlightened Chart would probably dim in comparison to him, and they would be unable to compare to Chen Xi.

This was the profound effect of obtaining the Imperial Sovereign Dao Root. An Imperial Sovereign was unique and reigned supreme over the world!

However, Chen Xi wouldn't become conceited because of this. During this pursuit, his opponents were too formidable, and many were existences at the Imperial Monarch Realm. So, no matter how formidable he was in the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm, it seemed to be insufficient when compared to Imperial Monarchs.

It was because of this that Chen Xi wasn't able to feel self-satisfied at all. Actually, if any Universe Enlightened Ancestral God were to be pursued by numerous Imperial Monarchs, that Universe Enlightened Ancestral God would have the same mental state as Chen Xi.

The important matter at hand is to make the best use of my time and attained perfection in the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm. So long as I attain that level of cultivation, then I'll be able to search for the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos that the Goddess spoke of, establish a region, and begin preparations for charging into the Imperial Monarch Realm.... In the cabin, Chen Xi was meditating while silently planning in his heart.

In the blink of an eye, seven days had passed.

On this day, a trace of waves arose in Chen Xi's heart, and then he suddenly opened his eyes.

Right at this moment, a voice suddenly resounded from outside the treasured vessel.

"Fellow Daoist, I'm sorry for disturbing you. I want to use your treasured vessel to avoid someone. Once the matter is done, I'll give you a reward as compensation. Please do forgive me." The voice carried a

trace of anxiousness, and before Chen Xi could even reply, a figure had moved swiftly like a wisp of flowing light and arrived in the cabin.

Chen Xi couldn't help but frown because of this, and a trace of seriousness couldn't help but arise in his heart. Even though this treasured vessel was no precious treasure, it was densely covered in restrictions. However, this figure was actually able to enter it so casually, and this was truly slightly shocking.

However, when Chen Xi saw the appearance of the person, he couldn't help but be slightly stunned. What's he doing here?

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Chapter 1806: A Quarrelling Couple

This man wore black clothes, had a tall and graceful figure, jet black long hair that hung loosely on his shoulders, skin that was crystalline and fair, and his face was angular as if it was carved and chiseled into form. He was extremely handsome.

Especially his eyes, they were like an eternal veil of night that gave others a tranquil, ancient, and indifferent feeling.

He didn't possess a world shocking imposing aura, and his aura was extremely flat and ordinary. Moreover, his entire body was suffused with an aura of returning to simplicity like the Grand Dao.

Chen Xi remembered him, and Chen Xi had a very deep impression of him. It was during the Treasure Exhibition. Chen Xi had chosen a Goldwave Rock from a stall, but he'd sold it off to this black clothed man right after that.

Chen Xi had never imagined that he would actually encounter this man again now in the boundless starry sky.

Moreover, the man seemed to be in a slightly sorry state and seemed to be avoiding something.

"Fellow Daoist recognizes me?" The black clothed man acutely noticed the change in Chen Xi's expression, and he couldn't help but be stunned. A strange dark ripple suddenly arose in his eyes, and it was like the eternal veil of night was reflected within his eyes.

After that, his eyes lit up as he roared with laughter. "Haha! So, it's you! The world really is small! After that hasty parting all those years ago, I never expected that we would actually meet here at this moment. The matters of the world really are indescribably miraculous and profound."

Chen Xi's heart shook. He'd changed his appearance and even utilized the Daoseal Mark to conceal his aura, yet who would have imagined that this man was actually able to see through Chen Xi's true appearance with a single glance!

This had never occurred in the past.

Obviously, this man definitely possessed some sort of supreme technique that could see through all disguises!

"It really is a coincidence." Chen Xi quickly recovered his calm, and he nodded indifferently before he suddenly said, "You're being pursued by someone that intends to kill you?"

The black clothed man immediately restrained his smile, and then he sighed with a troubled expression, "It's far from that. It's merely a crazy girl that just won't leave me alone. Neither fighting her nor scolding her works. She's simply like a ghost that refuses to go away. It's truly gives me a headache."

Chen Xi was stunned. He'd never expected that the black clothed man would actually give him such a reason.

The black clothed man seemed as if he'd found someone to vent to, and he poured a stream of complaints to Chen Xi. "Fellow Daoist, tell me. Isn't a relationship something that stresses upon consent? But that crazy girl took the marriage agreement made by our seniors as a sacred law and has constantly been pestering me to get married with her. But I don't intend to get married in my entire lifetime! But she just refuses to listen and insists on abiding by the marriage agreements. She's simply... simply a mad woman that's impervious to reason!"

Chen Xi was instantly astounded. A marriage agreement again? But based on the circumstances, this fellow seems to have been forced to flee from it....

"It's even to the extent that for the sake of getting married with me, that woman actually came all the way to my clan and seemed to swear to not give up until she accomplished her objective. How infuriating!" The more he spoke about it, the more annoyed he was, and his voice was filled with helplessness.

"What happened after that?" Chen Xi couldn't help but ask this question.

"After that, I could only flee. I couldn't be helped, even my family really approves of that crazy girl's actions, so if I still didn't flee, then it would really be too late." The black clothed man shrugged and seemed extremely depressed.

When he spoke up to here, his brows suddenly raised. He seemed to have noticed something, causing his expression to instantly turn unsightly while he gritted his teeth and said, "Dammit! That crazy girl has caught up again! Fellow Daoist, you must help me. If that crazy girl comes over, then act as if you don't know anything. We can have a proper chat once I escape this calamity."

He spoke extremely quickly, and his movements were slow at all. As he spoke, his figure spoke and actually transformed into strands of light that seemed dark like the veil of night, and he swiftly vanished into thin air.

At this instant, even Chen Xi was actually unable to sense his existence, and it was like his traces and aura in the world had been wiped off while he'd evaporated into thin air.

Such a concealment technique could truly be said to be shocking!

But fortunately, after merely an instant, Chen Xi's Dao Seal Mark noticed a trace of obscure fluctuation in space at his side, and it was extremely difficult to detect. Obviously, it was the black clothed man.

This allowed Chen Xi to heave a sigh of relief. Because if this fellow intended to harm him, then at the very least, Chen Xi wouldn't be taken by surprise by this fellow's concealment technique.

Suddenly, a fragrance that was clear like ice and faint like perfume faintly drifted through the air, and it refreshed the soul.

Chen Xi's heart instantly shook.

Right at this moment, a chilly and low voice sounded out from outside the treasured vessel.

"Fellow Daoist, did you notice a black clothed man passing by here?" Along with this voice, a slender and graceful figure stepped foot on the treasured vessel and directly arrived at the cabin. From the beginning until the end, she didn't request Chen Xi's agreement at all and entered without invitation.

Chen Xi couldn't help but frown because of this. He raised his eyes to look over, and he saw that woman had a graceful aura and wore a white dress that fluttered around here. She seemed like she was about to transcend the world and enter the nine heavens.

She had an extremely gorgeous appearance, jet black hair that flowed down like a waterfall, moist cherry lips, picturesque brows that were clear and bright, and an otherworldly bearing. Her peerlessly graceful bearing and unparalleled elegance was breathtaking.

Even Chen Xi had no choice but to admit that this woman was extremely beautiful. She possessed a form of unique and otherworldly bearing, and it caused others to be unable to arouse the intent to disrespect her.

But in next to no time, Chen Xi's eyes narrowed. He noticed that the aura emanated from every single move this woman made was actually unfathomable, obscure, and extremely powerful!

Chen Xi was sure that she'd attained the Imperial Monarch Realm, and since she was able to possess such a formidable aura, she was presumably an extraordinary figure.

Actually, no matter if it was that black clothed man or this matchlessly beautiful woman standing before him, both of them were rare and unsurpassed geniuses. When Chen Xi compared them to the Universe Enlightened Ancestral Gods he'd encountered in the past, he felt that they weren't existences of the same level at all.

After a short period of silence, Chen Xi suddenly smiled and said, "Miss, it's slightly rude to come uninvited."

"This is the compensation for it." The white clothed woman's peerlessly beautiful face remained composed, and she waved her fair hand to toss a storage pouch to Chen Xi.

Chen Xi was stunned. When he took it and had a look, he noticed that there were actually 100,000 Divine Crystals within it. This was absolutely a huge amount of wealth, and it was sufficient to purchase a sixth-grade mid-rank Artificial Spirit Treasure!

Yet this was merely compensation for 'coming uninvited', and this made this woman's origins seem even more extraordinary.

But Chen Xi was clearly aware that this woman hadn't done this because she was extremely wealthy, and it was because she couldn't be bothered to argue with him and apologize.

While he thought in this way, Chen Xi couldn't help but smile. He pointed at the area of space at the side and said seriously, "I really don't welcome guests that come uninvited. So, seize this opportunity to take your fiancée and leave immediately. The further you go the better."

As soon as these words were spoken, the white clothed woman couldn't help but be slightly stunned, and then a wisp of a cold glow arose in her clear eyes while she raised her fair hand.

Om!

Strands of brilliant golden bolts of lightning interweaved together, and they were dazzling and resplendent as they flowed within her palm. After that, she swiftly pressed them down forcefully towards the place that Chen Xi pointed at.

This attack seemed to be executed casually, yet it carried a peerless and invincible aura, and even Chen Xi's eyes couldn't help but narrow when witnessed the might it created.

Swoosh!

However, right when the woman was about to attack, a shadow that was ethereal like the veil of night had suddenly appeared out of thin air, and it flashed out of the cabin before the attack could descend.

"Chen Xi, you were actually bought over by a few lousy divine crystals. You truly disappoint this Young Master!" The black clothed man's exasperated voice sounded out from outside the treasured vessel.

This fellow actually recognizes me? Chen Xi's heart shook, and then he laughed as he said, "I'm sorry, but while someone is pursuing you for the sake of a marriage, I'm being pursued with the intent to kill. So as to avoid it affecting you, I can only act in this way."

"You're... being pursued with the intent to kill?" The black clothed man seemed to be slightly surprised.

"Yea Chen! It's already at a time like this, yet you still have the time to pay attention to the business of others? This time, let me see how long more you can hide for!" Before Chen Xi could answer Yea Chen, the white clothed woman's figure had flashed, and it shot out of the treasured vessel like a ray of light.

"Xue Qingge! You're simply a stubborn crazy girl! No one in the world forces another to get married like you're doing! Dammit! It's truly damnable!"

"It's dictated by both our parents and matchmakers. If you're a man, then come back with me!"

"What a joke! Do you have any authority to speak about whether this Young Master is a man or not?"

"In my opinion, you've been unworthy of the word 'man' since the moment you fled from this marriage agreement."

"You! You! You!" The sounds of intense argument resounded in the starry sky, and it was accompanied by the deafening sound of battle. The scene seemed to be extremely chaotic.

When Chen Xi walked out of the treasured vessel, he saw the man and woman were fighting while in a chase in the starry sky. They seemed like life and death enemies, and the sight of this caused Chen Xi to be astounded.

No wonder. So that fellow is Yea Chen.... Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought. Yea Chen was the peerless genius that was ranked at the first position on the Domain Enlightened Chart all those years ago. He was a descendent of the Imperial Region's Yea Clan, and he seemed to be the number one genius in the Imperial Region!

When Chen Xi was at the Treasure Exhibition, he'd heard that Yea Chen and another extraordinary figure, Yu Jiuyue had advanced in succession into the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm. Moreover, they caused extremely grand phenomenon of the heavens and the earth to descend when they advanced. For a time, they'd become the hottest topic that the entire Ancient God Domain took delight in talking about.

However, Chen Xi had never imagined that Yea Chen would actually be this black clothed man who was fleeing from marriage, and Chen Xi couldn't help but feel that this was slightly absurd.

As for that woman called Xue Qingge, Chen Xi had never heard of her name. However, based on how she was pursuing Yea Chen to the point he was in such a sorry state, she was clearly an extremely extraordinary figure.

"AH!!! AH! AH!!! I can't take this any longer!" Suddenly, Yea Chen who was fighting extremely far away in the starry sky had let out an extremely sorrowful and furious cry, and then his figure flashed as he fled towards the distance.

"Chen Xi! It won't be long before the curtains to the Dao Discussion held by the five extremes of the Imperial Region would be drawn. You despicable fellow, you participate in it! Remember this! This Young Master has wanted to fight you since a long time ago. I hope you don't disappoint this Young Master!" His voice sounded out from afar, and it caused Chen Xi to be unable to help but be stunned. A Dao Discussion held by the five extremes of the Imperial Region?

"You actually still have the mood to think about all of that. How detestable! If you don't abide by the marriage agreement, then you can just dream about all of that!" Xue Qingge's icy cold voice sounded out while her figure had already chased after Yea Chen's figure that had flown into the distance and vanished in the boundless starry sky.

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Chapter 1807: Godrank Mountain

In the blink of an eye, Yea Chen and Xue Qingge had vanished.

Chen Xi stood on the treasured vessel while he witnessed all of this come to an end, and he couldn't help but chuckle. Who would have imagined that this renowned descendent of the Yea Clan would actually be pursued by a woman because of a marriage agreement to the point of being in such a miserable and sorry state?

In next to no time, Chen Xi shook his head and returned to the cabin.

This unexpected meeting hadn't caused any problems, but those words Yea Chen spoke before he left caused Chen Xi to be unable to avoid feeling a trace of curiosity.

A Dao Discussion?

What sort of grand event would it be?

The five extremes of the Imperial Region represented the five most ancient sects in the Imperial Region, and they were respectively Oracle Mountain, Nuwa's Dao Palace, the Sovereign Sect, the Dao Institute, and the Divine Institute.

An event that was jointly held by them would naturally be unprecedentedly grand, and it would be sufficient to draw the attention of all the cultivators in the Ancient God Domain.

However, what was the objective behind holding this Dao Discussion?

Chen Xi inadvertently recalled the conversation he had with the Goddess at Arambha Temple.

At that time, the Goddess had once told him that if he intended to become a Region Lord after advancing in the Imperial Monarch Realm, then he must possess Region Energy!

In the entire Ancient God Domain, a new region could only be established in the extremely mysterious Forgotten Grounds of Chaos.

However, the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos was covered by Tribulation Energy that restrained the Dao, so even a Daolord would find it utterly impossible to enter the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos.

For example, the Roc Daolord had been covered in Tribulation Energy from entering the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos, and he perished in the end.

According to the Goddess, after over 300 million years of time, the Tribulation Energy that covered the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos had started to weaken, and if nothing unexpected occurred, then it wouldn't be long before it would be possible to establish a pathway into it.

However, the Goddess had also said that no matter if it was Oracle Mountain, Nuwa's Dao Palace, the Sovereign Sect, the Divine Institute, or the Dao Institute, it was definitely impossible for any one of these powers to establish the pathway by themselves.

According to her deduction, these five powers would probably join forces when the time had come, and they would jointly establish that pathway into the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos.

It was precisely based upon such knowledge that Chen Xi suddenly realized the Dao Discussion held jointly by the five extremely of the Imperial Region might be carried out in preparation for establishing the pathway into the Forgotten Grounds of Chaos!

Chen Xi felt that it might really be true!

After all, according to Chen Xi's knowledge, Oracle Mountain and Sovereign Sect could be said to be hostile like fire and water, yet since they were able to temporarily disregard the enmity between them and join forces to hold this Dao Discussion, then they'd definitely come to some sort of mutual understanding.

Or perhaps, the reason all these five great powers were able to work together was definitely for the sake of jointly accomplishing something!

Obviously, the significance of the matter of establishing a pathway to the Forgotten Ground of Chaos was indeed sufficient to make these five great powers work together temporarily.

Before long, Chen Xi stopped thinking about all of this. If it was as he'd deduced, then so long as he arrived safely at Oracle Mountain, then his senior brothers and senior sisters in the sect would definitely advise him to participate in the Dao Discussion.

Swoosh!

The treasured vessel continued forward, and it quickly vanished in the boundless starry sky.

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10 days later, Chen Xi stood upright at the bow while gazing towards the distance, and an extremely shocking scene appeared in his field of vision.

A myriad of dazzling stars circulated and transformed into a vast and blazing river of stars that flowed within the practically boundless expanse of space.

Every single star emanated seemingly material divine radiance, and they were either blazing like fire, azure blue like the ocean, silvery white like snow, pitch black like an abyss.... They were in all sorts of colors, and they enhanced each other's beauty, causing it to be a rather magnificent scene.

It was the energy of the Grand Dao. It was pure, vast, and seemed as if it came from the quintessence of Chaos. It covered every single inch of space in this expanse of the starry sky, and it emanated an ancient aura that assaulted the face.

When looked at from afar, it was like an eternal kingdom of the gods, and it had stood towering until now while unafraid of the corrosion of storm and time. It existed for eternity, and it shocked the heart.

The Imperial Region!

Chen Xi didn't have to think at all to determine at the first possible moment that this expanse of the starry sky was where the Imperial Region resided!

There were over a thousand regions and practically countless universes in the Ancient God Domain, but if it was in terms of reputation, then it was definitely the core of the Ancient God Domain, the Imperial Region, that reigned supreme.

It was an eternal region and the most ancient region in the Ancient God Domain. During the countless years of the past, countless extraordinary figures had been born from here while innumerable legendary overlords whose deeds could evoke praise and tears had appeared here.

Moreover, numerous extremely ancient sects and clans resided here. They'd been established countless years in the past, had stood towering until now, and possessed indescribably monstrous authority.

This place was the paradise in the hearts of all cultivators of the Ancient God Domain, and it caused countless cultivators to go on a 'pilgrimage' to it.

Since a very long time ago, Chen Xi had heard that merely the Imperial Region alone contained 8,000 universes, and there were countless ancient sects and clans that resided there!

However, merely a small portion of them could be considered to be top-rate powers, and these were existences like the Yea Clan, Luo Clan, Gongye Clan, Yu Clan, and so on and so forth.

On the other hand, powers like the Tripure Sect, Buddhist Sect, Treasure God Temple, Secluded Light Mountain, Heavenly Fortune Palace, and Golden Toad Isle that had existed for countless years until now could be considered as ancient sects.

Above these top-rate powers and ancient sects, only Oracle Mountain, Nuwa's Dao Palace, the Sovereign Sect, the Divine Institute, and the Dao Institute could be considered to be supreme sects, and they were also called the five extremes of the Imperial Region!

When so many great powers that possessed monstrous authority and terrifying resources and resources resided in the same region, it obviously showed how extraordinary the Imperial Region was.

Now, after experiencing an intense pursuit and constantly travelling all day and night in the boundless starry sky for over 10 days of time, he'd finally arrived at the border of the Imperial Region and witnessed such a shocking scene. So, his heart was unable to calm down for a long time.

This was the Imperial Region!

He, Chen Xi, had finally stepped foot onto this eternal region of legend!

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After standing there and staring at it for a long time, Chen Xi let out a long breath of air while his mind recovered its calm.

He withdrew the jade slip his Eldest Senior Brother gave him and confirmed the path before he controlled the treasured vessel to tear through space and fly towards the Imperial Region.

Regardless of whether it was in the three dimensions or the Ancient God Domain, the location of Oracle Mountain had always been extremely mysterious, and very few people knew its exact location.

Actually, it wasn't just the Oracle Mountain, very few people knew the location of the other supreme sects like Nuwa's Dao Palace and the Sovereign Sect.

For example, Chen Xi himself was a personal disciple of Oracle Mountain, but if he hadn't encountered his Eldest Senior Brother, Wu Xuechan, then he would probably still be unaware of Oracle Mountain's exact location in the Imperial Region.

But now, it was unlikely for Chen Xi to be puzzled by this.

Because the jade slip that his Eldest Senior Brother, Wu Xuechan, had given him had already labelled the path for him to return to the sect.

Chen Xi's current destination was to arrive at the Infinite Universe which was one of the 8,000 universes within the Imperial Region!

So long as he arrived there, then he would be able to rely on the jade slip in his hand to establish a spatial passageway that led directly to Oracle Mountain.

The closer he got to the Imperial Region, Chen Xi had a stronger feeling that the energy of the Heaven Dao that covered this expanse of the starry sky was extremely pure and dignified. Moreover, it seemed material and suffused every inch of space here.

This also caused the aura of the Heaven Dao that filled this expanse of the heavens and the earth to seem extraordinarily abundant and thick. When once cultivated here, one didn't even have to rely on divine crystals in order to absorb the purest Divine Energy!

No wonder everyone takes the Imperial Region to be a paradise of cultivation. Merely the Divine Energy that fills the heavens and the earth isn't something that the other regions can compare to.... Chen Xi sighed with emotion in his heart. He'd travelled to numerous places throughout the recent years, but when he compared them to the Imperial Region that stood before him, the gap between them was instantly obvious.

On the way, Chen Xi summoned Ye Yan from the universe within his body.

Ye Yan was from the Eternal Ye Clan, and she was even an elder of the Sovereign Sect in the past. So, she was rather familiar with the situation within the Imperial Region.

Thus, if she led the way, then it would be much better than leaving Chen Xi to search for the way himself.

"The Infinite Universe? That's slightly far away." When she heard that their destination was the Infinite Universe, her beautiful brows couldn't help but raise. "Even if we travel continuously, it would at least take over a month to arrive at the Infinite Universe."

"Over a month?" Chen Xi thought for a moment and said, "It's fine so long as no mishaps occur on the way."

Ye Yan nodded, and then she seemed to have thought of something and sighed. "Unfortunately, I'm unable to return to the clan now. Otherwise, we could rely on the Teleportation Formation in the clan to arrive at the Infinite Universe within a day of time."

"A teleportation formation?" Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought as he said, "Is such a formation very rare?"

"It is indeed. Such a formation is connected to the entire Imperial Region's 8,000 universes. According to my knowledge, only those extremely ancient top-rate powers possess such teleportation formations." Ye Yan explained. As she spoke, she'd entirely not noticed that Chen Xi's expression had suddenly changed slightly, and his gaze shot swiftly towards the starry sky that was extremely far away.

"What's that...." Chen Xi's voice carried a solemn tone. In his field of vision, the outline of a divine mountain had appeared, and it resided in the depths of the starry sky while seeming to be far beyond reach. Moreover, it emanated a supremely dignified aura that caused a wisp of terror and reverence to arise involuntarily in the hearts of others from just taking a glance at it from afar.

Ye Yan was stunned, and then she looked over. After that, a trace of a rare expression of reverence appeared on her extremely charming and fair face.

"That's Godrank Mountain, and it has existed since the time when the Ancient God Domain was born. The God Attainment Altar stands towering on it. According to legend, the Godrank Chart is hidden there, and its might is fused with the supreme Heaven Dao and covers the entire Ancient God Domain." Ye Yan's voice carried a trace of an unusual tone of piety. "Since the ancient times, it has always been a forbidden area that represents the supreme dignity of the Heaven Dao. Only Daolords are able to step foot on it and comprehend the true secrets of god attainment. As for ordinary people, it's utterly impossible for them to approach it at all...."

The Godrank Mountain!

The place where the Godrank Chart is hidden!

Chen Xi's heart shook fiercely, and a trace of ripples suddenly arose in his originally clam and composed emotions.

Earlier, he'd noticed a trace of fluctuation had arisen from the River Diagram fragments that had been constantly in a state of silence within his sea of consciousness, and it seemed to be feeling detest and resisting some sort of force. Now, he finally understood that all of this was actually because that divine mountain which stood towering extremely far away in the starry sky represented the supreme dignity of the Heaven Dao!

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Chapter 1808: Seeking Passage From The Shentu Clan

All those years ago, at the God Attainment Region in the three dimensions, Chen Xi had once stepped foot onto the God Attainment Altar, and with the help of the River Diagram fragments, he'd repulsed the Eye of Heavenly Tribulation and witnessed the true appearance of the Godrank Chart in the end.

Unfortunately, it was only for an instant.

Later on, when Chen Xi advanced into the Domain Enlightened Spirit God Realm, he'd caused phenomena of the heavens and the earth to descend before the energy of the Godrank Chart had appeared in the universe within his body, but it similarly merely lasted for a moment before it was obliterated by the might of the River Diagram fragments.

From that moment onward, Chen Xi's name could never be found on the Godrank Chart's rankings.

Now, when he arrived at the Imperial region and saw the Godrank Mountain that was far beyond reach, the River Diagram fragments emanated a trace of fluctuation once more, and they revealed a wisp of strong emotions of hostility and detest.

Chen Xi was clearly aware that Ye Yan was right, the Godrank Chart was definitely hidden on Godrank Mountain, otherwise, the River Diagram fragments would definitely not respond in this way.

However, when he thought about how Godrank Mountain had existed even more the Imperial Region was born, a wisp of tempestuous waves couldn't help but arise in Chen Xi's heart.

What did this mean?

It meant that since the ancient times until now, the energy of the Godrank Chart had always covered the entire Ancient God Domain, and it had never been destroyed until now!

Under such circumstances, the River Diagram fragments faintly showed signs of being hostile towards the Godrank Chart, and this caused Chen Xi's heart to be unable to help but feel heavy.

"What're you think about?" Ye Yan couldn't help but be curious when Chen Xi remained silent for so long.

"It's nothing. I was just thinking that it's truly inconceivable that only Daolords are able to step foot on Godrank Mountain." Chen Xi spoke casually.

“Yes. In the cultivation world of the Imperial Region, the Godrank Chart is like the supreme Heaven Dao, and it causes countless living beings to feel reverent towards it. According to legend, so long as one is able to comprehend the secrets of god attainment that existed within it, then one could truly rival the heavens and the earth and stand side by side with the Grand Dao to become an existence that’s eternal. As for whether it’s true or not, it isn’t something that we can guess blindly.” Ye Yan sighed with emotion while a wisp of reverence and yearning arose in her clear eyes. “Unfortunately, unless one attains the Daolord Realm, otherwise, it’s absolutely impossible to ascend Godrank Mountain.”

“Rival the heavens and the earth and stand side by side with the Grand Dao?”

Chen Xi suddenly recalled something the Goddess had once said.

“What’s true eternal life?”

“It’s remaining eternal while facing a myriad of tribulations.

“It’s remaining eternal while the world is destroyed.

“It’s remaining eternal while the Grand Dao collapses.

“That’s the true objective that cultivators pursue!”

This meant that an eternal lifespan didn’t represent being truly eternal. Just like all the gods in the world, practically all of them possessed boundless lifespans, yet they would still suffer tribulations, be killed, and perish!

On the other hand, in the eyes of cultivators on par with the Goddess, the true meaning of ‘eternal life’ was being truly eternal. Eternal to the point that one was impossible to be obliterated from existence no matter what sort of slaughter, tribulation, or calamity one experienced!

At this moment, when he heard Ye Yan, Chen Xi thought in his heart. *Is the secret of god attainment that exists on Godrank Mountain the ‘true meaning of eternal life’ that the Goddess spoke of?*

One day, if I’m able to step foot into the Daolord Realm, then I’ll ascend Godrank Mountain to have a look and see if such profundities of eternal life exist there.... After a short while, Chen Xi took a deep breath, discarded the distracting thoughts in his mind, and stopped allowing his thoughts to run wild before controlling the treasured vessel to continue forward towards the distance.

Ye Yan withdrew her gaze from Godrank Mountain as well. She ordered her thoughts before she pointed at an expanse of the starry sky in the distance and said, “Violet Clam Universe is up ahead, and it’s situated at the border of the Imperial Region. Three top-rate powers reside in this universe, and they are respectively the Cloudlight Spirit Clan, the Guya Clan, and the Shentu Clan.”

She paused for a moment and continued. “However, merely the Shentu Clan possesses a teleportation formation that’s capable of traversing the 8,000 universes in the Imperial Region. Unfortunately, my Ye Clan had no relationship with the Shentu Clan, otherwise, we could borrow the Shentu Clan’s teleportation formation....”

Before she could finish, Chen Xi revealed a strange expression and said, “The Shentu Clan? Is that the clan Shentu Yanran is from?”

“You know Shentu Yanran?” Ye Yan was slightly surprised, and then she seemed to have come to an understanding and answered her own question. “Right, that woman possesses extraordinary natural talent, and she’s both drop dead gorgeous and intelligence, causing her to be renowned in the entire world. She possesses numerous pursuers in the Imperial Region and even more admire her. So, it’s understandable that you’ve heard of her.”

Chen Xi smiled and said, “I don’t just know of her, we’re even friends.”

This time, Ye Yan was stunned. She seemed to be unable to imagine that Chen Xi who hadn’t even been to the Imperial Region would actually have become friends with a genius of the Imperial Region’s Shentu Clan.

After that, she smiled and said, “This really is an opportunity for us. With this relationship between the two of you, we can try to borrow the Shentu Clan’s teleportation formation.”

Chen Xi nodded and said, “That’s exactly what I’m thinking.”

They immediately didn’t hesitate to travel according to Ye Yan’s guidance, and the treasured vessel quickly arrived at a star in Violet Clam Universe called Clearing Brilliance after a few hours.

Clearing Brilliance Star was the place where the top-rate power of the Imperial Region, the Shentu Clan, resided, and it was renowned in the entire Violet Clam universe.

“Exactly... how close is your relationship?” Ye Yan had been silent all along the way. At this moment she couldn’t restrain herself from asking this question. She was worried that if Chen Xi merely had a shallow relationship with Shentu Yanran yet suddenly came looking for her, then it would truly be embarrassing for Chen Xi if he encountered rejection.

“It’s alright. We roamed through the Desolate Manku Ruins in the past.” Chen Xi remained indifferent towards it. Even though they hadn’t met for many years, he was clearly aware that since he took the initiative to look for her and seek for help, then with Shentu Yanran’s nature, she would definitely not refuse.

“That’s good to head.” Ye Yan thought for a moment, and then she said, “But it’s best that you don’t have too high hopes. Shentu Yanran isn’t the Patriarch of the Shentu Clan in the end, and her authority is limited. So, don’t get angry if she’s unable to accomplish it.”

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he said with a smile, “You’re right.”

As he spoke, he suddenly realized something and said, “You’re not coming with me?”

Ye Yan shrugged while a wisp of a helpless expression arose on her peerlessly beautiful and clear face. “If I did, then wouldn’t it be equivalent to exposing our tracks? After all, I’m not just a traitor of the Sovereign Sect, even the Ye Clan is probably unable to tolerate my existence....”

As she finished speaking, her voice couldn’t help but carry dejection and slight gloominess.

“Don’t worry, there might not be a place for you at any other place, but there’s definitely a place for you in Oracle Mountain.” Chen Xi patted her on the shoulder as a form of consolation.

Ye Yan's heart felt warm. She stared at Chen Xi for a long time with her clear eyes, but she didn't say anything in the end.

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Seaview Mountain.

It occupied an area of 50,000km, and it was the best paradise on Clearing Brilliance Star. However, a grand city had been forcefully established in the mountain, and it was called Seaview City.

The Shentu Clan resided within the city.

After the time for an incense stick to burn, Chen Xi arrived here by himself. At this moment, he wore grey clothes, had an ordinary appearance and bearing, and he was simply like a completely different person.

It couldn't be helped. Even though he'd avoided the Ye Clan, Shaohao Clan, and Sovereign Sect's pursuit now, for the sake of his own safety, it wasn't suitable for him to expose his identity for now.

Not to mention that he'd killed Luo Shaonong, Gongye Zhefu, Di Jun, Jin Qingyang, Yue Ruhuo, Pei Wen, and Kunwu Qing in the Desolate Manku Ruins all those years ago, and it was equivalent to offending all the powers that stood behind them.

On the other hand, because of his relationship with Shentu Yanran, the entire Shentu Clan would definitely know him. Under such circumstances, Chen Xi wouldn't rashly reveal his true identity to others.

Seaview City was located in the mountain, and it was grand, elegant, and magnificent. Merely the walls of the city were forged from a type of rare Divine Snowmetal. It emanated an extremely pure silver colored divine radiance, and it was suffused with a lofty and immovable aura.

Chen Xi noticed with a single glance that the entire walls were covered in numerous restrictions, and these restrictions were linked to the heavens and the earth to form the phenomenon of showing oneness with the heavens and the earth and radiating luck. It caused the Karmic Luck of the Heaven Dao to converge here, and it was extremely miraculous and extraordinary.

Merely this alone was sufficient to display exactly how deep the resources and reserves of the Shentu Clan were.

"Please notify miss Shentu Yanran that an old friend has come to visit. This is the token to authenticate my identity." As he stood outside Seaview City, Chen Xi passed a small and exquisite jade token to a servant that stood on guard outside the entrance to the city.

"Wait a moment, Young Master." The servant showed no signs of obstructing Chen Xi, and he took the command token before leaving hastily to report the matter.

Chen Xi couldn't help but think while waiting. *If I'm able to rely on the Shentu Clan's teleportation formation this time, then I'll probably be able to arrive at Infinite Universe within a day of time. Arriving at the Infinite Universe is no different than returning to Oracle Mountain.*

When he thought up to here, Chen Xi couldn't help but feel anticipation in his heart. *After so many years, are my senior brothers and senior sisters well?*

"Move aside!" Right when Chen Xi's thoughts were flying wildly in his mind, a terrifying and mighty force suddenly blasted towards him from behind. This force surged like an ocean and whistled like a dragon. It first appeared soundlessly by Chen Xi's side, and then it suddenly erupted. Such control of Divine Energy had simply reached the acme of perfection.

"Hmph!" Chen Xi's eyes narrowed while his expression remained unchanged. A wisp of energy that was sharp like a blade surged out from his body, and it sliced apart that force which assaulted him from behind.

At this instant, he finally saw that it was a robust man who attacked. Obviously, that robust man had just teleported over from afar.

An enormous and savage looking bronze chariot was following behind the robust man, and it crushed through sky and emanated rumbling as it flew over.

"Young man, quickly move aside!" When he noticed Chen Xi had actually dispersed his attack, the robust man couldn't help but be slightly surprised. However, his originally intent wasn't to kill Chen Xi and just to push Chen Xi to the side in order to open up a path for the bronze chariot behind him.

Chen Xi frowned while his pupils were slightly piercing cold. He noticed that the robust man was an existence at the peak of the Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm, and the robust man's aura was actually power and deep like an abyss from cultivating some sort of technique. So, when Chen Xi looked at the robust man from afar, it was like looking at an active volcano that would erupt at any moment.

Chen Xi didn't know who this strong fellow was, but this fellow had actually assumed the job of opening up the way for a bronze chariot, and this was slightly surprising.

However, this allowed Chen Xi to determine that the identity of the person within the bronze chariot was definitely extremely respected. Otherwise, that person would absolutely be unable to command this robust man to open up the path for him.

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Chapter 1809: Emissary Of The Divine Institute

When Chen Xi seemed to be about to enter into conflict with the robust man, a group of cultivators immediately charged out from Seaview City and pulled Chen Xi to the side.

"Fellow Daoist, please excuse us. That's the Third Powerseal Disciple of the Divine Institute, Gongsun Mu, that has arrived, so you shouldn't offend him." One of them spoke in a low voice. It was a form of reminder and a warning as well.

The Divine Institute? Chen Xi's eyes narrowed, and he didn't flare up and allowed the robust man to open up a path for the enormous and savage looking bronze chariot.

"Reward!" When the bronze chariot passed through the entrance, a low and indifferent voice sounded out from within it.

“Yes.” The robust middle aged man nodded respectfully, and then he withdrew a storage pouch and tossed it to the captain of the group of guards.

“Thank you, Young Master.” The guard captain cupped his hands and as he spoke, and his attitude was neither humble nor arrogant.

After they sent the bronze chariot off with their gazes, Chen Xi finally said, “This disciple of the Divine Institute really put on a show.”

“Fellow Daoist, you’re probably unaware that Gongsun Mu’s origins aren’t simple. He himself is already the future patriarch of the Gongsun Clan, and his natural talent is peerlessly extraordinary. He has cultivated for over 8,400 years now, and he’s renowned in the world and ranked at the 16th position on the Universe Enlightened Chart.

“It’s precisely because of his extraordinary display that a great figure of the Divine Institute made an exception a few hundred years ago and promoted him to a Powerseal Disciple. If nothing unexpected happens, then as soon as he advances into the Imperial Monarch Realm, he’ll directly become an elder of the Divine Institute that provides lectures, and he’ll possess monstrous authority and a lofty status.

The guard captain sighed with emotion. He’d noticed that Chen Xi had some ability. Because that subordinate of Gongsun Mu’s who was opening a path for the chariot was a renowned ‘Divine Officer’ of the Divine Institute, and they killed resolutely and possessed extraordinarily formidable combat strengths.

However, Chen Xi was able to disperse an attack that came from a Divine Officer, and this allowed that guard captain to understand that Chen Xi wasn’t an ordinary figure.

“Oh? So, that’s how it is.” Chen Xi seemed to have thought of something. He’d heard that as one of the five extremes of the Imperial Region, the Divine Institute possessed an extremely strict and clear division of status.

Its disciples were roughly divided into Law Managing Disciples, Justice Enforcement Disciples, and Powerseal Disciples.

The Law Managing Disciples were the foundation stones of the Divine Institute, and they were the most numerous.

The Justice Enforcement Disciples were the elites of the Divine Institute. Every single one of them were genius figures that had experienced thorough tempering and were selected carefully.

On the other hand, Powerseal Disciples represent the peak amongst students. There were extremely few of them, but every single one of them were extraordinary figures who could look down upon the ages. Their combat strength was so formidable that practically all of them were ranked in the top 50 of the Universe Enlightened Chart. They could be said to be dragons amongst men, and they were peerless geniuses.

After all, the top 100 of the Universe Enlightened Chart was mostly filled by old fellows that had cultivated for countless years, whereas, since the Powerseal Disciples of the Divine Institute were able to be ranked amongst these old fellows, it clearly showed how extraordinary their natural talent and combat strength was.

Above the status of Powerseal Disciples was Educator Elders. They possessed unfathomable strengths, unimaginable authority, and status.

As for Divine Officers, they were a force similar to guards that the Divine Institute had fostered, and they were specially fostered to serve Powerseal Disciples and Educator Elders. All of them were extremely loyal and possessed shocking ability when it came to slaughter.

This was the rough composition of forces in the Divine Institute, and this extremely strict division of status was determined by strength.

Chen Xi had merely heard of the Divine Institute in the past. But never had he imagined that he would encounter a disciple of the Divine Institute as soon as he arrived at the Imperial Region. Moreover, it was even a Powerseal Disciple that possessed a lofty status and extremely great authority.

For a time, he couldn't help but wonder. *Why did this Gongsun Mu come to the Shentu Clan?*

Chen Xi had never heard that a top-rate power of the Imperial Region like the Shentu Clan had a close relationship with the Divine Institute.

"Then may I ask Fellow Daoist about why that Third Powerseal Disciple of the Divine Institute has come here?" Chen Xi probed.

"This... isn't something that I can possess knowledge about." The guard captain spoke vaguely. Obviously, he was slightly unable to determine Chen Xi's origins and was unwilling to reveal the truth.

Chen Xi stopped pursuing an answer when he noticed this.

"The Eldest Young Miss has come!"

"Greeting, Eldest Young Miss."

Suddenly, a wave of clamorous voices resounded. The expressions of all the guards outside the entrance to Seaview City had turned solemn, and they bowed.

After that, Chen Xi noticed a graceful figure flash over from the depths of the city. She wore a light blue dress, her long hair was coiled into a bun, her face was fair and beautiful, her red lips were moist and supple, and her entire body emanated a strand of an oppressive aura of liveliness.

Surprisingly, it was Shentu Yanran.

"Chen.... Eh?" Shentu Yanran originally seemed to be slightly excited, and her clear eyes were glistening. However, when she saw the figure that stood outside the entrance to the city, she couldn't help but be slightly stunned. This figure had an ordinary appearance and bearing, and he was like a completely different person when compared to that fellow who she knew. *What's going on?*

"Miss Yanran, long time no see." Chen Xi smiled instead and spoke in a warm voice. Even though he'd changed his appearance, his voice hadn't changed. So, as soon as he spoke, it instantly allowed Shentu Yanran to come to an understanding.

"I never expected that you would actually take the initiative to come looking for me. It's simply too surprising to me. Come! Come! Come! Let's go in and catch up." Shentu Yanran's clear eyes were

suffused with a wisp of heartfelt delight. She walked forward and didn't mind at all as she pulled Chen Xi's arm and headed into the city.

Chen Xi allowed it without any reluctance.

However, when this scene was witnessed by those guards outside the entrance to the city, all of them were shocked to the point their eyeballs almost fell out of their sockets. In the past, their Eldest Young Miss had always been proud and aloof, and it caused countless young geniuses that came here with feelings of admiration towards her to encounter refusal. Yet now, she actually acted so intimately to a man!

This was simply too shocking!

Who's that fellow?

He has such an ordinary appearance and bearing, so how could he possibly receive such favor from the Eldest Young Miss?

All the guards opened their eyes wide, and they still didn't dare believe their eyes.

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The Shentu Clan resided within Seaview City. As they walked within the city, Chen Xi noticed the surroundings were filled with ancient and lofty buildings. They were grand and magnificent, and it was absolutely impossible to reveal such a sight without experiencing the passage of countless years.

"You really gave me a shock." On the way, Shentu Yanran grinned as she spoke. Her glistening and beautiful eyes sized Chen Xi up from top to bottom, and she seemed to want to see how he'd changed over the years.

Unfortunately, Chen Xi had changed his appearance, so she was unable to discern anything.

However, being able to see Chen Xi come visit her had already caused Shentu Yanran to feel extremely delighted.

"To tell you the truth, it's the first time I've come to the Imperial Region, and I came to look for you because I have something to ask of you." Chen Xi hesitated for a moment, and then he spoke truthfully.

"So, you didn't come here just to see me." Shentu Yanran bit her moist red lips while her clear eyes were suffused with a wisp of resentment. In an instant, her bearing became slightly pitiable, and coupled with her peerlessly gorgeous appearance, it was simply sufficient to make any man pity her.

Chen Xi instantly started smiling bitterly. Even though he knew that she was joking, he still felt slightly embarrassed because he rarely took the initiative to seek the help of others.

"Ha! Don't take it seriously. I was joking." When she saw a trace of embarrassment suffuse Chen Xi's face, Shentu Yanran couldn't help but burst into laughter, and it was instantly like a myriad of flowers had bloomed, causing her to seem exceptionally brilliant and moving.

Needlessly to say, this woman definitely possessed a peerless appearance and charm. No matter what emotion it was that she revealed, she still revealed a unique form of beauty.

“Right, what exactly do you need?” asked Shentu Yanran.

Chen Xi didn’t conceal it and said frankly, “I came here this time because I want to borrow your Shentu Clan’s teleportation formation.”

“The teleportation formation? That isn’t a big deal. I’ll ask my father later and settle this matter.” Shentu Yanran practically didn’t give it any thought before she agreed.

Chen Xi smiled as he said, “Thank you.”

After he heard Ye Yan’s explanation, he was clearly aware that while this teleportation formation seemed to merely possess the ability to teleport, but every single time it was activated would require an enormous consumption of resources. Even if it was a top-rate power like the Shentu Clan, unless there was a urgent matter, otherwise, the Shentu Clan normally wouldn’t casually utilize the teleportation formation.

On the other hand, Shentu Yanran had agreed so readily, and it naturally caused Chen Xi to feel rather moved. He knew that even though they hadn’t met for many years, Shentu Yanran hadn’t changed her attitude towards him.

“Young Miss, the Patriarch asked for your presence in the Clan Hall.” Right when Chen Xi and Shentu Yanran were speaking, a black clothed middle aged man suddenly arrived hastily from afar.

“Oh? What a coincidence. I was just about to go see my father.” Shentu Yanran was stunned, and then she smiled as she spoke.

“But Young Miss....” The black clothed middle aged man seemed to be hesitant to speak.

“Uncle Wen, what exactly do you want to say?” Shentu Yanran frowned as she spoke.

“Young Miss, I heard... I heard that the emissary the Divine Institute sent has arrived at our Shentu Clan as well.” The black clothed middle aged man spoke in a low voice, and his words were rather baffling.

However, Shentu Yanran had instantly understood him, and her clear eyes immediately focused while her aura had clearly become icy cold. She seemed to be furious as she said, “How many times have I said it already? I will definitely not join the Divine Institute. Why has father still welcomed them here?”

Chen Xi was struck with a flash of understanding when he heard this. *That Third Powerseal Disciple of the Divine Institute, Gongsun Mu, wouldn’t have come here because of this matter, right?*

“Young Miss, I heard it was Young Master Xing that facilitated all of this by himself, whereas, the Patriarch and the elders seem to be slightly interested as well. It’s best for you to... go see them, so as to avoid being rude,” said the black clothed middle aged man.

“Shentu Xing! It’s that fellow again!” Shentu Yanran said hatefully, “He wishes for nothing more than to send me away as soon as possible so that he can seize the opportunity to obtain the position of successor in the clan!”

The black clothed middle aged man puckered his lips and kept silent because he didn’t dare speak about such a topic.

Shentu Yanran took a deep breath, and then she recovered her calm and said, "So, in this way, that emissary of the Divine Institute is already at the Clan Hall now?"

"No, Young Master Xing has arranged a place for them in the Guest Hall, and perhaps they'll pay an official visit to the Patriarch not too long from now." The black clothed middle aged man said swiftly, "Young Miss, if you're unwilling to join the Divine Institute, then you can seize this opportunity to state your opinion clearly to the Patriarch. If you're able to obtain the Patriarch's acknowledgement, then perhaps this matter will be solved just like that."

Shentu Yanran nodded and said, "You go on. I'll head over in a while."

"Yes." The black clothed middle aged man cupped his hands, accepted his orders, and left.

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As soon as the black clothed middle aged man left, Shentu Yanran immediately stopped concealing her emotions, and she revealed a wisp of anger.

Chen Xi noticed all of this, and he couldn't help but ask. "What? Would they dare to use force if you're unwilling to join the Divine Institute?"

Shentu Yanran shook her head and said, "This matter isn't as simple as you think it is. If it's merely joining the Divine Institute to cultivate, then I wouldn't refuse like this. But the Divine Institute's objectives aren't so simple."

"Oh?" Chen Xi's brows raised. "What do you mean?"

"To put it simply, the Divine Institute intends to seize this opportunity to bring my Shentu Clan into its side and become its vassal." Shentu Yanran ordered her thoughts and said slowly, "In other words, if I really join the Divine Institute, then while it seemed to be inconsequential, in the eyes of the outside world, it would mean that my Shentu Clan has already joined the Divine Institute's side."

Only now did Chen Xi come to an understanding, and he couldn't help but frown. "Then what do those great figures of your Shentu Clan think about this matter?"

Shentu Yanran laughed coldly and said, "Them? They naturally wish for nothing more than to partner up with the Divine Institute. After all, the Divine Institute is one of the five extremes of the Imperial Region, and they're naturally happy to watch the Divine Institute become out clan's backing."

Chen Xi was stunned. "If its based on considerations for the benefits of the clan, then doing this does seem to be not bad."

Shentu Yanran glared at him and said, "Do you really not understand, or are you feigning ignorance? Amongst the five extremes of the Imperial Region, if it's in terms of being the most merciless and cruel, then it's naturally the Sovereign Sect that comes out at the top. However, the Divine Institute isn't much inferior when compared to the Sovereign Sect, so partnering up with them is undoubtedly like acting as the paws of a tiger."

She paused for a moment and continued. "Of course, this is my own opinion, and everyone has their own opinion on whether the Divine Institute is good or bad. For example, your Oracle Mountain's

relationship with the Sovereign Sect and Divine Institute is very tense, and they're like irreconcilable enemies to your Oracle Mountain."

As she finished speaking, she couldn't help but laugh. She felt it was quite strange to describe matters of the Oracle Mountain to a disciple of Oracle Mountain.

However, Chen Xi didn't laugh because he really didn't know about all of this in the past.

When he thought about how the Oracle Mountain wasn't just enemies with the Sovereign Sect and was even like fire and water with the Divine Institute, besides feeling surprised, Chen Xi couldn't help but immediately draw a line between him and the Divine Institute in his heart.

As a personal disciple of Oracle Mountain, he would naturally not hesitate to choose to see things from the standpoint of Oracle Mountain, and this was an unquestionable fact.

"What do you intend to do?" Chen Xi couldn't help but ask this question.

"Me?" Shentu Yanran sighed, and then she revealed a wisp of a resolute expression. "They can join forces with the Divine Institute if they want, but if they want me to join the Divine Institute as well, then I'll absolutely not agree."

Chen Xi nodded. He was very clearly aware that this matter was too significant. It was a cooperation between two powers, but Shentu Yanran's didn't carry much weight in the clan, so she was utterly unable to change all of this according to her own will.

"Will your father agree to this decision of yours?" asked Chen Xi.

This was precisely the problem that caused Shentu Yanran to be distressed, and she couldn't help but sigh upon hearing Chen Xi's question. "I'll just have to improvise as the situation unfolds."

As she spoke, she took a deep breath, and then she smiled as she turned around to look at Chen Xi. She said, "However, all of these are trivial matters. Come, let's head to the Clan Hall to see my father and settle what you came here for first."

Is it a trivial matter? Chen Xi glanced at her and didn't say anything.

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The Shentu Clan's Hall.

When Chen Xi arrived here under Shentu Yanran's lead, he noticed that numerous figures were already gathered within the vast and grand ancient hall.

A violet clothed middle aged man sat at the central seat of the head. He had a handsome and dignified expression, a gaze that was sharp and brilliant like a bolt of lightning, and as he sat there casually, he seemed like an imposing overlord that emanated an oppressive aura.

Obviously, he was the Patriarch of the Shentu Clan, Shentu Qingyuan, an Imperial Monarch that was rather renowned even in the entire Imperial Region!

Even though Chen Xi had never met Shentu Qingyuan in the past, he'd received Ye Yan's guidance before he came to the Shentu Clan, so he was clearly aware that this Patriarch of the Shentu Clan

possessed a cultivation at the Eighth Star of the Imperial Monarch Realm. Moreover, Shentu Qingyuan possessed a tenacious will and extraordinary ability, and he couldn't be underestimated at all.

A few men and women of all ages sat below Shentu Qingyuan. All of them possessed vast and monstrous imposing auras, and they were actually all Imperial Monarchs!

Besides them, there were some figures standing at the sides of the hall, and there was no lack of Universe Enlightened Ancestral God Realm experts amongst them.

This was the ability of a top-rate power in the Imperial Region. In any other region, it seemed extremely difficult to meet even a single Imperial Monarch, but such figures were often seen in top-rate powers like the Shentu Clan.

Even if it was Chen Xi, he couldn't help but be slightly surprised when he witnessed this scene, and he finally understood how terrifying the might of these top-rate powers in the Imperial Region was.

The atmosphere in the hall was extremely relaxed, and there was even a large amount of bustling sounds of conversation coming from the hall when Chen Xi and Shentu Yanran arrived.

However, when they noticed Chen Xi accompanying Shentu Yanran to appear before the entrance to the hall, this sort of bustling atmosphere instantly quieted down, and the gazes of everyone had shot over in succession.

Unfortunately, Chen Xi's current appearance and aura were ordinary, so it didn't draw much attention, and those gazes merely swept him briefly before they were withdrawn.

"Yanran, you've come." A warm voice resounded, and it was the Patriarch of the Shentu Clan, Shentu Qingyuan, that spoke.

"Father, this is my friend..." Shentu Yanran brought Chen Xi into the hall, and she was just about to introduce Chen Xi when she was interrupted by a cold voice.

"Yanran, it's good that you're here. The emissary of the Divine Institute will be here in a moment. Are you prepared?" The person that spoke sat below Shentu Qingyuan. He had a thin appearance, sunken cheekbones, and a pair of eyes that were cold and fierce like a hawk.

"This is my father's elder brother, Shentu Mingda, and he'd Shentu Xing's father. The two of them have been constantly urging the clan to join forces with the Divine Institute, and for the sake of attaining their goal, they wish for nothing more than to send me to the Divine Institute as soon as possible." Shentu Yanran couldn't help but frown slightly from being interrupted by Shentu Mingda, and she swiftly sent Chen Xi a voice transmission while her voice carried faint displeasure.

Most displeasing to her was that she'd clearly brought Chen Xi over. However, from the beginning until the end, no one paid any attention to Chen Xi, and it was even to the extent that they directly disregarded his existence. This caused her to be unable to help but feel slightly embarrassed.

"Does Uncle still not know about my thoughts on this matter?" After she spoke indifferently like this, Shentu Yanran led Chen Xi to sit at an empty space at the side. After that, she sent Chen Xi a voice transmission. "Don't take it to heart. Those fellows in the hall have placed all their attention on the cooperation with the Divine Institute, and it has caused them to neglect you slightly."

"It's fine." Chen Xi smiled. He'd changed his appearance when he came, and it was more agreeable to him if he didn't have to expose his identity.

As for those gazes of disregard, he didn't take them seriously at all.

When he heard Shentu Yanran, Shentu Mingda's face froze slightly, and then it covered to its precious state while he chuckled. "You little girl. It's already at a time like this, yet you're still being so headstrong."

He paused for a moment, and then his expression became solemn as he said in a low voice. "But unlike how it was in the past, the emissary of the Divine Institute has already arrived at our clan, so you can't continue acting as you please."

"Oh?" Shentu Yanran answered inattentively, and she seemed as if she couldn't be bothered to speak with Shentu Mingda, causing the latter's expression to sink slightly and feel embarrassed.

"That's enough, it wouldn't be too late to discuss this matter later." When Shentu Qingyuan who sat at the seat of the head witnessed all of this, and he immediately spoke out to restrain them.

"Fourth Brother, it's already at a time like this. If we still don't confirm his matter, then it'll probably be troublesome when the Divine Institute's emissary arrives." Shentu Mingda frowned as he spoke.

Even though Shentu Qingyuan was the Patriarch, in terms of seniority, he was the fourth brother in age, so Shentu Mingda called him "Fourth Brother".

"Big Brother, such a significant matter is tied to the interests of the entire Shentu Clan, and it isn't something that can be decided on in a short period of time. Don't be anxious because whether we'll be able to join forces with the Divine Institute is still unknown." Before Shentu Qingyuan could speak, a rough and heroic voice resounded, and it caused Shentu Mingda's face to immediately sink.

Chen Xi raised his eyes to look over, and he instantly recognized the person that spoke. This person had a figure that was tall and mighty like a mountain and dense ink black brows. Surprisingly, it was Shentu Bao!

All those years ago when they returned to the shore of the God Burial Ocean from the Desolate Manku Ruins, it was he who'd come to receive Shentu Yanran.

If Chen Xi didn't remember wrongly, then Shentu Bao was Shentu Yanran's third uncle, and he was rather doting to her.

"Third Brother, joining forces with the Divine Institute will only be beneficial to our clan. If we don't grab such an opportunity, then we wouldn't have another in the future." Shentu Mingda took a deep breath and said in a low voice, "You're slightly ignoring the overall situation by constantly refusing this matter, and you're playing with the interests of the clan!"

These words carried a berating tone, and it caused the atmosphere in the hall to become slightly tense.

At this moment, Chen Xi noticed that the entire higher-ups of the Shentu Clan hadn't established a unified opinion when it came to the partnership with the Divine Institute.

For example, Shentu Mingda represented the force in the Shentu Clan that advocated joining forces with the Divine Institute, whereas, Shentu Bao represented the force that was against it.

As for the Patriarch, Shentu Qingyuan, based on his current attitude, his opinion was slightly difficult to ascertain.

Shentu Bao glared at Shentu Mingda, and he was just about to say something.

“Alright. I know that all of you have the clan’s interests in mind, so stop arguing.” Shentu Qingyuan suddenly roared with laughter and waved his hand as he spoke.

“Then what’s Fourth Brother’s opinion on the matter?” asked Shentu Mingda in a low voice.

Shentu Bao shot his gaze over as well.

“It wouldn’t be too late to make a decision after the emissary of the Divine Institute arrives and we have a proper discussion with him.” Shentu Qingyuan spoke indifferently.

When he spoke up to here, he suddenly picked up a jade slip and sighed with emotion. “This is a piece of news that I just obtained, and its contents can be said to be world shocking. If this information spreads throughout the entire Imperial Region, then the calm situation in the Imperial Region that had been formed through the countless years of the past would probably be destroyed!”

When they heard Shentu Qingyuan directly change the topic and avoid the current topic that was the cooperation between their clan and the Divine Institute, no matter if it was Shentu Mingda or Shentu Bao, both of them couldn’t help but feel slightly helpless.

Up until now, they were still unable to figure out exactly what sort of attitude their fourth brother had towards the cooperation with the Divine Institute.

But no matter what, Shentu Qingyuan’s words had successfully drawn out the curiosity in the hearts of everyone present here.

World shocking?

Destroy the calm in the Imperial Region?

Exactly what news is that?