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# Chapter 191: Chu Tianju

The Treasure Heaven Pavilion possessed a tremendous background and strong forces, and it gathered all the precious and rare treasures in the world. People that were able to become a customer of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion were either wealthy or noble, and it was a well renowned place of spending huge amounts of wealth in the Darchu Dynasty.

Although the Treasure Heaven Pavilion of Oceanic City wasn't as grand and magnificent as the Dragon Lake City's Immortal Assembling Pavilion, it was also a top place of indulgence in Oceanic City. Coupled with many young talents of the northern barbaric lands, central plains, and eastern sea flowing into Oceanic City recently, the business of Treasure Heaven Pavilion could be said to be exceedingly on fire.

When Chen Xi had just arrived earlier, the luxurious main hall that covered an area of 300m was already filled with many cultivators in fine and beautiful clothes and possessed great bearing, and every single move they made revealed an arrogant and conceited aura. None of them were noisy or caused trouble, and they quietly minded their own business, causing them to seem very cultured.

Yet now, along with the sharp cry of the black clothed henchman, it instantly destroyed this quiet atmosphere, causing the surrounding gazes to converge over here. Their gazes swept past Chen Xi before quickly descended onto the man and two women behind the black clothed henchman.

The two young women were nothing worthy of being paid attention to, and what aroused their interest was the young man.

This young man was tall and handsome, wearing a flat crown, silver long robe, gold plated boots with cloud patterns, and his hair lightly carried a violet sheen as it fluttered behind his head, causing him to reveal a noble aura.

"Eh, the central plains Azure Brilliance Sect's Chu Tianju, he's come as well?"

"Chu Tianju? The outstanding disciple of the younger generation of Azure Brilliance Sect? I heard he's only 23 now, yet has already cultivated to the intermediate-stage of the Golden Core Realm, and he has comprehended nine types of Dao Insights. He's a young talent with a widespread reputation even in the central plains, and he's extremely formidable."

"It indeed is him. This kid is a Core Disciple of the Azure Brilliance Sect. I never imagined he would come to the Oceanic City as well. He probably wants to enter the Oceanic Desert to temper and train himself for the sake of preparing for the Allstar Meeting that's being held five years from now."

"There's a good show to watch this time. But, that Golden Hall Realm kid's strength is slightly bad, he'll probably be afraid of Chu Tianju's might and give up the VIP Room, right?"

Even though the surrounding sounds of discussion were soft, they still drilled into Chen Xi's ears without the slightest details being missing, and he sighed with emotion in his heart as well. A 23 year old Golden Core Realm cultivator does indeed have the qualifications to be arrogant.

Moreover, with Chen Xi's sight, he was naturally able to discern that all four of the black clothed henchmen by Chu Tianju's side possessed cultivations at the Golden Hall Realm, and it displayed how extraordinary Chu Tianju's status was even more.

"Kid, what're you standing there like an idiot for? Quickly leave, otherwise, don't blame me for throwing you out myself!" When he saw Chen Xi standing there like an idiot, the black clothed henchman spoke out once more, and the disdain in his voice grew even denser.

This fellow had a long and narrow face and triangular eyes, and he was called Huang Liang. Even though he was a henchman, the space between his brows was filled with a wisp of pride and arrogance, and it was as if being the henchman of Chu Tianju was an extremely honorable thing.

On the other side, Chu Tianju took things easily and started sizing up the surroundings and occasionally teasing the two young women by his side. From the beginning until the end, he'd never taken a glance at Chen Xi, and this attitude of treating others with contempt was even more arrogant, overbearing, and imperious than the black clothed henchman.

"Senior, this Chu Tianju possesses extremely deep background. Not only is he a Core Disciple of the Azure Brilliance Sect, he's also one of the inheritors of the central plains Chu Clan at the same time. In my opinion, why don't you give up the VIP Room to him?" A female attendant sent a voice transmission and spoke with caution.

"Senior, how about you change to a different room?" Another female attendant carefully suggested.

"It seems that I came here first, since when has there been a principle of allowing latecomers to become first? You don't have to say anything further. I won't give it up no matter who comes over today. So what if he's a Young Master or not?" Chen Xi shook his head and said indifferently, "Let's go. The reason I chose to stay in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion was precisely because of safety considerations. If your Treasure Heaven Pavilion can't even guarantee this, then you're ruining your own reputation."

"What?" Those female attendants were shocked when they heard Chen Xi's words. They knew Chen Xi was unwilling, but they never imagined that he would be so resolute, and they couldn't help but be stunned for a moment. Could it be that this fellow isn't afraid of offending Chu Tianju and being killed once he leaves the Treasure Heaven Pavilion?

"You're courting death!" The expression of the black clothed henchman called Huang Liang turned ominous as his eyes flashed with deep killing intent. "Your words have already committed a great taboo. Kneel down and receive your death!"

He took a step forward as his aura rose abruptly, and his aura crushed over like an enormous mountain descending from the sky, and it pressed down from above Chen Xi. His hands didn't have the slightest movement and merely a stride forward created an oppressive aura that was like a mountain, and it seemed as if it was about to crush the surrounding air into powder.

"Azure Brilliance Sect ultimate technique, Mountain Suppression Qi!" The female attendants went pale and moved back right away.

"A detestable servant that's like an ant actually dares offend me repeatedly, you're truly looking for a beating!" Chen Xi remained entirely unmoved, and all the strong qi completely vanished on arriving before him and transformed into nothingness.

In the next moment, Chen Xi's figure vanished on the spot.

### Crack!

Under the astonished gazes of the surrounding people, they saw Chen Xi appear before Huang Ling, then his hand stretched out to directly grab onto Huang Ling's throat before lifting him up and then fiercely pressing him down onto the ground.

## Bang!

A moment ago, Huang Liang was insufferably arrogant and proud, in the next moment, he'd become a wuss that knelt on the ground without the slightest room to resist.

"No!" Huang Liang was just about to rise up in resistance when he saw himself actually being instantly pressed down to kneel on the ground, and he couldn't help but be overwhelmed with terror and emit a loud roar of explosive rage.

The reason it was like this was that Chen Xi's speed was too swift. From the moment he moved to Huang Liang kneeling, all of it only occurred in the blink of an eye, and it was unexpected to the point that the others were utterly unable to react.

"You actually dare launch a surprise attack? You're courting death!"

"This kid is too detestable!"

"Kill him!"

The other three black clothed henchmen by Chu Tianju's side were instantly enraged when they saw Huang Liang kneeling on the ground, and they strode forward while holding strong energies in their hands and attacked Chen Xi in unison.

All of these three people possessed a cultivation at the Golden Hall Realm. When they attacked now, not only did they want to gang up on Chen Xi, their attacks were swift and ruthless, and every single attack struck towards the vital areas of Chen Xi's body. Obviously, they wanted to kill Chen Xi.

"What ruthless detestable slaves and lackeys!" Chen Xi's eyes went cold, he moved forward instead of retreating as he pinched his fingers together to form a sword, then he successively pierced out with the strength of the Lightning Fire Sword Dao, directly piercing six bloody holes on each of their hands before flicking his sleeve, causing the three black clothed henchmen to instantly spit blood and fly out over 30 meters away as if they were hit by an enormous sledgehammer, and they fell to the ground and were unable to stand up once more.

## Hiss!

Chen Xi's attacks could be said to be swift like a bolt of lightning and made a clean sweep of everything in its way. In just the blink of an eye, he'd already defeated three people by himself, and everyone in the surroundings gasped in their hearts when they saw this time.

No one had imagined that a Golden Hall Realm young man was actually able to fight four enemies by himself and was even able to finish off his opponents so easily. This had simply exceeded all their imaginations.

Could it be that this fellow isn't at the Golden Hall Realm, and he'd concealed his strength?

"Hmph! You actually dare bully my henchmen? Die!" Right at this moment, Chu Tianju that had always been standing at the side while teasing the two young women by his side grunted coldly, and then he took a step forward before arrived before Chen Xi at once. He raised his arms as a vast azure light converged into a ball upon them, and it was like he was holding up an azure sun before fiercely pressing it down towards Chen Xi.

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# **Chapter 192: Dao Grade Martial Technique**

The instant that a fight broke out between Chu Tianju's black clothed henchmen and Chen Xi, two great figures sat upright in a luxurious room on the top floor of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion. One was an old man, the other a beautiful and enchanting woman, and the other henchmen, servants, and such could only stand far away in the corner as they carefully waited upon the two of them.

An enormous screen revolved before the old man and beautiful woman, and it was shockingly the scene in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion's main hall that was shown on it.

"Hmph! The juniors of the Azure Brilliance Sect are really too outrageous, he actually dares to cause trouble in my territory! If it wasn't because of Ancestor Xuan Long, I'd surely break his legs and throw him out on the streets." The old man grunted coldly. He had an aged face and wore a black colored circular cap which had a piece of jade inlaid at the center. His clothes seemed to be simply yet revealed an extremely respectable and proud aura, and he was precisely the owner of the Oceanic City's Treasure Heaven Pavilion, Feng Junhe.

"The Azure Brilliance Sect is one of the top sects in the central plains and Ancestor Xuan Long has supposedly already attained the fourth level of the Earth Immortal Realm, it's indeed better not to easily offend him." The beautiful woman that stood facing Feng Junhe smiled sweetly, and then her beautiful eyes swept the screen before instantly being stunned and crying out in surprise "What a formidable little fellow, fighting alone against four yet actually able to utterly defeat his enemies, it's really unexpected."

"He's indeed extraordinary. Pinching his fingers into a sword that contains the Dao Insight of lightning and fire, and his moves are as powerful as thunderbolts and raging like fire. It's absolutely wonderful and extremely swift and fierce. I wonder from which power this junior comes from? Being able to possess such strength with a Golden Hall Realm cultivation is indeed a cause for admiration." Feng Junhe nodded.

"Madam, that... That's Chen Xi!" In the faraway corner, a middle aged man suddenly spoke out. "You once instructed me to give him a Violetgold Treasure Heaven Token in Misty Sea City, could it be that you've forgotten?"

This middle aged man had a steady bearing and a pair of bright and shining eyes. If Chen Xi was here, he would surely be able to recognize that this person was precisely the experienced appraiser in the Misty Sea City's Treasure Heaven Pavilion, Le Qi.

"Oh?" The beautiful woman instantly sat up straight and carefully sized up at the contents of the screen, and ripples of extraordinary splendor arose in her pair of eyes that slanted upwards slightly.

There was no need to guess, this was exactly Madam Shui Hua. Supposedly, she was a Princess of the Darchu Dynasty's Imperial Family with an exceedingly respected status and unfathomable cultivation, and her status in the entire southern territory was extremely extraordinary.

"Follow me and meet this old acquaintance that I've never met face to face with before."

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In the Treasure Heaven Pavilion's main hall.

Chu Tianju attacked out brazenly, instantly causing the atmosphere at the scene to become tense once more, and the gazes of everyone converged over.

What a formidable move! Chen Xi's eyes squinted as he instantly discerned that the round ball condensed from azure light that Chu Tianju held up in his hands, and it contained extremely violent and ample amounts of Azurewood energy. Various Dao Insights flowed within it, and it even developed innumerable tiny deities with tremendous imposing auras that held a variety of postures as they whirled and danced about within the ball of light. The azure ball of light was like a scorching sun pressing down upon Chen Xi, and it caused the surrounding space to collapse and shatter from being unable to endure the pressure.

"He actually executed the Azure Brilliance Sect's Dao Grade Martial Technique, Azure Brilliant Sun! Supposedly, every Dao Insight comprehended would allow its might to rise by 100%. This strike of Chu Tianju's contains an entire nine types of Dao Insight, and even a Golden Core Realm expert wouldn't dare take it head on. This Golden Hall Realm kid is probably finished."

"A Dao Grade Martial Technique! It's the first time I'm seeing it. Supposedly, a Dao Grade Martial Technique is profound, unfathomable, and connects with the secrets of the heavens when executed. It's a supreme technique of utilizing Dao Insights that's terrifying to the extreme. Since Chu Tianju has actually cultivated a Dao Grade Martial Technique, he'll surely have a spot in the Allstar Meeting that's held five years from now."

"Indeed. A Dao Grade Martial Technique is exceedingly profound and far from something people like us are able to come into contact with. Of course, that Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture can't be taken into account. Even though this sword technique possesses beyond extraordinary might and each of the eight great sword moves contains a Dao Insight, yet it's one of the top most difficult sword techniques to cultivate in the world, and no one is able to cultivate it successfully. Compared to this, the Azure Brilliance Sect's Azure Brilliant Sun was the treasured martial technique that everyone covets."

At the same instant that everyone was discussing, Chen Xi had already made a move. He naturally didn't dare take the strike head on, and he executed the Divine Windwing Flight to flash like a bolt of lightning that dodged repeatedly.

However, Chu Tianju seemed to have known since long ago that Chen Xi would dodge, and he moved according to a profound set of steps that seemed to form a dragon yet seemed like a leaping tiger as he moved with great speed. His speed was so swift that it was actually not inferior in the slightest to Chen Xi's Divine Windwing Flight.

Moreover, this set of steps seemed to be extremely suited to close quarter combat. A strand of terrifying energy gushed out with every step he took to form a bloomed lotus that sealed the space, and he strode over 10 steps repeatedly, causing more than 100m of the area in Chen Xi's surroundings to be completely sealed up!

"Dao Grade Martial Technique, Lotus Steps! This is a barrier of lotuses, and when one falls within it, one would be like a trapped beast in a hopeless situation, only able to wait for one's doom to come!" An exclamation of shock abruptly sounded out from the surrounding crowd, and the person seemed to be exceedingly shocked.

Chen Xi's heart shook. He'd heard of the reputation of Dao Grade Martial Techniques, but he'd never encountered one. Supposedly, this level of martial technique was a work of art that surpassed nature, and it was an extremely formidable supreme technique that combined Dao Insights with itself. Moreover, only some exceedingly ancient sects possessed such an inheritance.

If one comprehended Dao Insights, yet didn't know the way to utilize it, it would be equivalent to being almost of no use, whereas, a Dao Grade Martial Technique was a martial technique that specialized in teaching how to utilize Dao Insight. For example, the Wanderingcloud Sword Sect's Wanderingcloud Violent Wavesword was a Dao Grade Martial Technique. But unfortunately, it was one of the sect guarding treasures of the Wanderingcloud Sword Sect, and only Elite Disciples were able to cultivate it. Chen Xi's identity was too special, yet when all is said and done, he didn't belong to the Wanderingcloud Sword Sect, thus he didn't cultivate it because of this.

Chu Tianju is formidable indeed, and he has cultivated two types of Dao Grade Martial Techniques. But this lotus barrier isn't a Dao Territory, and its far from being able to compare with Han Guyue's Slaughter Dao Territory. Want to trap and kill me with this? Truly laughable! Chen Xi's eyes went cold, and he was just about to execute the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture with his full strength to break open this lotus barrier and counterattack Chu Tianju when an unexpected event occurred abruptly.

A graceful and beautiful figure appeared leisurely and carefreely on the battlefield. She took a seemingly slow step forward, yet in reality, her speed had already attained a shocking degree, causing her to instantly pass through the lotus barrier, and it was simply as if she was strolling with extreme easy in her own courtyard.

She didn't seem to make any movement, yet Chu Tianju took more than 10 heavy steps back before stopping, and his handsome face was covered in a shocked and enraged expression that faintly contained a trace of astonishment.

When he saw this, Chen Xi stopped himself from executing his attack right away. The combat experience he obtained from the countless life and death battles he'd gone through told him that so long as he moved, he would surely end up the same way Chu Tianju did. This was a gap in cultivation realm that he was unable to surmount with his current strength.

I never imagined that there was actually such an expert in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion... Chen Xi raised his eyes to look over and couldn't help but be slightly stunned.

It wasn't only Chen Xi, everyone in the main hall of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion were stunned by this beautiful figure that had appeared suddenly, and their faces revealed expressions of shock and awe.

This was a beautiful woman that was exceedingly graceful, she wore a dark purple long dress embroidered with phoenixes, her slightly upward slanted eyes were clear like water, her appearance gorgeous, and her white skin was supple like congealed fat and smooth like water. Her jet black hair was wavy like the clouds as it hung loosely over her shoulder, her figure graceful and unrivaled, and she emitted frightening charm. She was simply like a beauty that could wreck an entire country, and when her eyes swept past, it was even able to draw away the souls of others.

"Madam Shui Hua! My god! I'm not seeing things, right?"

"AH! It's actually her? The peerless seductive beauty that is rumored to possess the bloodline of the Darchu Dynasty's Imperial Family and possesses an unfathomable cultivation?"

"Why has Madam Shui Hua appeared here? Wasn't she always staying in seclusion in Misty Sea City?"

"He has actually caused Madam Shui Hua to make an appearance. Chu Tianju has bit off more than he can chew this time, not only has he completely lost face, it's even possible that he'll suffer the severe punishment of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion..."

### Madam Shui Hua?

Chen Xi's heart shook as he thought to himself. With her identity, there was utterly no need for her to personally make an appearance for only a small dispute. Why has she come?

"Alright, you're called Chu Tianju, right? The Treasure Heaven Pavilion doesn't welcome you. I can forgive your offense this time if you leave now." Madam Shui Hua glanced at Chu Tianju, and although her voice was indifferent, yet it contained a strand of a dominating expression that allowed no violation to her words.

"Junior has caused great offense today, and I'll surely extend a formal apology to Madam Shui Hua in the future." When he saw Madam Shui Hua, Chu Tianju's expression changed intensely and indeterminately without end. After quite some time, he cupped his hands, and then he brought along that two young women that had turned pale from fear long ago and the four black clothed henchmen to turn around and leave.

Madam Shui Hua turned around to look at Chen Xi, then sized Chen Xi up from head to toe before smiling sweetly and speaking in a sweet voice via voice transmission. "Come, for the sake of expressing my Treasure Heaven Pavilion's apology, I'll personally bring you to the VIP Room."

This woman was indeed a beauty whose charm could overturn the world. Just an expression and a smile from her seemed to be able to cause the heaven and earth to be overshadowed. Moreover, once she smiled, her voice became low and husky, and it emitted an extremely attractive magnetism. When one heard it, it was like the paw of a cat scratching at one's heart, causing one's blood to boil and arouse lewd thoughts.

Chen Xi instead became extremely vigilant as he kept having the feeling that the attitude Madam Shui Hua treated him with contained an inexplicable feeling within it, and it seemed as if she'd clearly seen through everything about him since long ago.

"Young Master Chen, my Madam has absolutely no ill intentions. The Violetgold Treasure Heaven Token in your possession was precisely given to you by my Madam." Right at this moment, a middle aged man with a steady bearing sent a voice transmission in a low voice.

Chen Xi raised his eyes to look over and instantly recognized this person as Le Qi, the appraiser that had once appraised a batch of spirit materials for him in the Misty Sea City's Treasure Heaven Pavilion.

"Alright, the best way to show respect is to agree. Thank you for your kindness, Madam." Chen Xi thought for a moment before immediately nodding in agreement. He as well wanted to know why this drop dead gorgeous woman would give him the Violetgold Treasure Heaven Token and step out to help him at this moment.

Madam Shui Hua smiled sweetly, and she said no more before moving gracefully up the stairs.

"Dammit! We've misjudged! So it turns out that this kid has always been acting weak."

"This kid obviously has deep relations to Madam Shui Hua. Could it be that he's a member of the Darchu Dynasty's Imperial Family?"

"Hey, that attendant over there! I'll give you 50 kgs of spirit liquid, tell me the identity of that kid. How about it?"

Not long after Chen Xi left behind Madam Shui Hua, the entire main hall of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion went into an uproar as everyone discussed animatedly, and those female attendants that led Chen Xi into the Treasure Heaven Pavilion were surrounded by people as all of them tried to inquire about Chen Xi's identity.

But how could these female attendants know about Chen Xi's background? Even if they knew, they wouldn't dare answer, because they were able to discern that the young man called Chen Ke had an extraordinary relationship with Madam Shui Hua. So no matter how brave they were, they wouldn't dare divulge Chen Xi's identity.

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# **Chapter 193: Clearmist Spirit Tea**

The VIP Room of Treasure Heaven Pavilion was decorated beautifully and magnificently with painted beams, carved pillars, numerous precious lanterns, and there was even a bed for meditation and cultivation that was made of the highest grade of Glacial Spiritjade. When one cultivated white sitting on it, not only was it able to get rid of distracting thoughts and keep the mind in a state of peace, it was even able to nourish the body and nurse one's vital energy, causing it to be extremely miraculous.

Moreover, a strand of pure and fresh fragrance drifted in the air, and it was like the sweet fragrance emitted from the ground after the rain, containing copious amounts of vitality, causing one's mind and body to become clearer and one's limbs to seem lightest. It was as if one's entire body had been cleansed by supreme divine water, causing one to be entirely free of impurities and feel refreshed.

This strand of fragrance was emitted from the grease within a bronze lantern.

This grease was a jade green color and seemed like a piece of amber, and it contained extremely dense calming energy. It was called Jadesoul Grease, and it was refined from the core of a 10,000 year old pine tree. A single 10,000 year old pine tree could only be refined into a single piece of Jadesoul Grease that was the size of a fingernail. It was indeed extravagant of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion to use it as a perfume, and it was exceedingly luxurious.

What a nice place! 500 kg spirit liquid for a day's stay is a good value for the money spent. After Chen Xi entered the VIP Room and sized up the surrounding decoration, he couldn't help but exclaim endlessly in admiration within his heart.

After Madam Shui Hua brought Chen Xi into the VIP Room, she didn't leave and instead sat cross-legged before a table and started boiling tea in an elegant manner.

The appraiser Le Qi was instead self aware and left the room.

Chen Xi wasn't surprised when he saw this, and he walked over to the table and sat facing Madam Shui Hua. He didn't speak and instead silently appreciated her tea preparation method that flowed like moving clouds and streams of water and was filled with a sense of rhythm.

A little pot made of red clay, a ceramic teapot, and two simple and heavy yellow willow teacups were placed on the table. Once the water was boiled, Madam Shui Hua lightly smiled at Chen Xi before saying, "Aged tea should be soaked, whereas young tea should be boiled. This bunch of Clearmist Spirit Tea is a precious aged tea I took from the Imperial Palace, and ordinary people don't have the chance to drink it."

As she spoke, her jade white hand picked up the teapot, rolling up her sleeves as she soaked the tea, and her movements were slow, gentle, and unhurried. The gurgling boiling water was like a fountain of silver lava that poured into the yellow willow teacups. Instantly, the tea leaves at the bottom of the teacups unfolded like a myriad of silver needles blooming into graceful petals that rose up and down rhythmically.

With just a light sniff, Chen Xi felt the True Essence within his entire body circulate as his vital energy became active, and the True Essence within his body actually seemed to have instantly become much more condensed.

"Quickly drink it while it's still warm, otherwise, the spirit energy within it will disperse." Madam Shui Hua picked up the teacup and toasted him from afar before lightly opening her cherry lips and finishing it in one go.

Chen Xi picked up his teacup as well and drank it down in one gulp, and he even swallowed the tea leaves. After that, he felt a copious warm flow gush into his limbs and bones, and it seemed as if every single pore on his body was opened, causing him to be unable to refrain from emitting a sigh of comfort. This supremely wonderful feeling was even more comfortable than soaking in a hot spring, causing his entire body to feel clear and calm.

Swish!

The True Essence within his Dantian abruptly started roiling like a rolling sea. It was full of vigor as it became even more pure and condensed, and it only recovered to its normal state after a long time.

"What great tea!" Chen Xi praised. Not only was this Clearmist Spirit Tea able to condense True Essence, it even provided an extremely great benefit to the soul, and it too wonderful for words.

Madam Shui Hua put down the teacup and her eyes that slanted upwards revolved as she smiled beautifully. "This can't compare to the Bai Clan's Violet Hibiscus Tea. That's a true top tea in the world, as only a single mouthful is comparable to 10 years of bitter cultivation.

Bai Clan?

Chen Xi was shocked in his heart, yet he smiled. "Madam, may I ask which Bai Clan you're speaking about?"

"You little fellow, still playing the fox before me?" Madam Shui Hua glared with her starry eyes and said angrily, "Bai Wanqing annihilated the Dragon Lake City's Su Clan for your sake, did you think I didn't know?"

Chen Xi smiled, yet his smile was extremely forced. This matter had indeed shocked the entire southern territory, yet Bai Wanqing's name was rarely known. Now, it that it was laid bear with a single remark from Madam Shui Hua, he instantly understood that this drop dead gorgeous Madam was probably extremely familiar with Bai Wanqing as well, and it was even possible that she might have known Bai Wanqing since long ago.

But it was difficult for him to figure out if she was an ally or an enemy.

Madam Shui Hua took a sidelong glance at Chen Xi before suddenly changing the topic and asking. "Could it be that you came to Oceanic City this time because you want to undergo training and tempering in the Oceanic Desert as well? Or perhaps... It's for the sake of Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault?"

"It's indeed so." Chen Xi nodded.

"You're going to participate in the Allstar Meeting after your training?" Madam Shui Hua continued.

Chen Xi nodded once more.

Madam Shui Hua didn't seem angered in the slightest, and she smiled beautifully as she said, "I understand now. Bai Wanqing has surely told you about some things related to the Dark Reverie, and she hoped that you can head to the Dark Reverie's Bai Clan to look for her, right?"

Not only is this woman extremely beautiful, she's terrifyingly knowledgeable as well. If this goes own, then she'll probably inquire and find out about every detail of mine bit by bit... As he thought like this in his heart, Chen Xi instantly revealed a bitter smile and spread out his hands in a questioning manner. "Madam, you wouldn't have come find me today for these things, right?"

Madam Shui Hua giggled. "Who asked you to be dishonest? You're like a puzzle that doesn't understand flirtatious gestures. If I don't guess myself, you probably wouldn't tell me anything, right?"

Every move expression and smile of this woman carried supreme charm. When she teased another, coupled with her hoarse voice that was filled with a type of magnetism, anyone else would have

probably been teased to the point their mind swayed since long ago, causing them to be bedazzled and submit under her skirt.

But all these were useless against Chen Xi, as his mind had been tempered to the point of being firm like a rock since long ago. Once vigilance arose in his heart, then no matter how great of a temptation appeared before his eyes, it wouldn't draw the slightest ripple in his heart to confuse his mind.

## What was temptation?

It was a type of heart devil, a distracting thought, a desire, and the source of its emergence was sometimes even more terrifying than a battle of spears and blades. Once the line of defense in one's mind was destroyed, then no matter how high one's cultivation was, one could only be reduced to become a person that was willfully ordered about by another and be at the mercy of another.

"He's able to think far into the future and possesses sensible thoughts. No wonder Bai Wanqing was willing to take care of him all the way at that small place called Pine Mist City. With such a mind, he does indeed possess a limitless future." When she saw Chen Xi's clean and clear gaze, and his vital energy that remained immovable like a mountain, Madam Shui Hua couldn't help but praise endlessly in her heart.

During these past years, she'd relied on her ability and beauty to conquer countless experts, and there were even an innumerable amount of kids like Chen Xi who'd been charmed to infatuation by her. It could be said that so long as she was willing, she could make a large group of people die for her at any time by relying on her beautiful appearance and methods that left no traces.

Obviously, Chen Xi was an exception.

"The reason I came looking for you this time is extremely simple. It's for the sake of meeting you. Your display has been very good, and it has won my respect." Madam Shui Hua smiled, and she didn't continue beating around the bush and stared at Chen Xi with a burning gaze as she said, "I'll come meet you again when you obtain a position in the top 10 positions of the Allstar Meeting. At that time, I'll make a trade with you that you're unable to refuse."

"A trade that I'm unable to refuse?" Chen Xi was stunned, and then he seemed to be lost in thought.

"Cultivate at ease here. No one would dare disturb you in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion. But, if you enter the Oceanic Desert, then you must watch out. I'll ask Le Qi to send some information to you later, and you'll understand once you take a look." As soon as she finished speaking, Madam Shui Hua glanced deeply at Chen Xi before turning and leaving.

This woman is so mysterious. I'm afraid what she's planning isn't a small matter... After Madam Shui Hua left, Chen Xi sat alone before the table, and he fell into deep thought.

"Chen Xi, that woman probably has a cultivation at the Nether Transformation Realm, and she's extremely formidable. She caused me to not dare make stick my head out." Ling Bai came out of the Buddha's Pagoda and muttered, and then he said curiously, "Why did she come looking for you?"

"Who knows?" Chen Xi shook his head. He vaguely sensed that this Madam Shui Hua had probably approached him for the sake of approaching Bai Wanqing, and he was unable to infer anything further.

Not long after, Le Qi sent over a pile of information, and then he left as he seemed to be extremely afraid he would disturb Chen Xi's cultivation.

This information was mostly related to the Oceanic Desert, like the Oceanic Deserts environment, weather, boundaries, and so on and so forth. It even specially marked out some dangerous and terrifying places, and it could be said to contain both important and trivial information. However, the Oceanic Desert was boundlessly vast and was a battlefield of gods and fiends from 10,000 years ago, so the contents of this information would have probably only described less than a thousandth of everything in the Oceanic Desert.

But even then, Chen Xi still felt a wave of shock as he looked through it.

Five Element Ruins!

Baleful Fiend Burial Grounds!

Thunderstorm Zone!

The Dead Sea of Spirits!

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All these places were extremely terrifying existences in the Oceanic Desert that contained dangers at every corner and every step one took contained killing intent hidden within. For example, the Thunderstorm Zone was a zone of despair that covered an unknown amount of area, and it was filled with boundless lightning and thunder that contained boundless and terrifying energy that was sufficient to obliterate everything and cause the heavens and earth to lose color.

The place that contained Nine-Yang Profound Qi was within a volcano at the side of the Thunderstorm Zone!

"Hmm? These dangerous places are already exceedingly terrifying, yet that Qian Yuan's treasure vault is actually even deeper within the Oceanic Desert than these dangerous places? I wonder how terrifying it would be...? But, this Oceanic Desert is too large and too deep, it actually seems as if it has no end. I wonder what terrifying places are deeper within it." Chen Xi withdrew his gaze from the information and frowned endlessly.

"But it's also good. The more dangerous it is, the more it's able to temper my cultivation. I only have another five years remaining, and if I can't attain the Golden Core Realm within five years, then not to mention heading to the Dark Reverie, I probably wouldn't even be able to participate in the Allstar Meeting." When he thought like this, Chen Xi's eyes were already filled with firmness and resolution.

"Chen Xi, look. This information states that the Oceanic Desert will enter a short period of dormancy three days from now. At that time, the strong winds and sandstorms within the Oceanic Desert would be in a dormant state. If we were to enter at that time, it ought to be much safer." Ling Bai raised his head and spoke abruptly.

Chen Xi nodded and seemed as if he'd thought of something, and then he said, "In this way, those Golden Core Realm experts of the younger generation that came from the northern barbaric lands, eastern sea, and central plains would probably choose to enter the Oceanic Desert three days from now

to temper their strengths and search for treasures. With so many experts converged at one place, I wonder how many bloody incidents of slaughter will occur...?"

"Hehe. I look forward to battles occurring, as in this way, we'll be able to kill them and seize their wealth, and we can make a pile of money." Ling Bai spoke with an exultant expression.

Chen Xi went silent.

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### **Chapter 194: Critical Factor to Advance**

"Chen Xi, with your current strength, if you're able to attain the Golden Hall Realm in body refinement, then our certainty of survival after entering the Oceanic Desert would be much greater. Don't forget that you still have a mysterious Abode, and you're entirely capable of hiding within it when you encounter a life threatening danger," said Ling Bai abruptly.

Chen Xi was stunned. What Ling Bai said was indeed correct, when his body refinement and qi refinement cultivations attained the Golden Hall Realm, he would be able to enter the Abode once again and even traverse the 2nd level of the Heavenpeak of Trials. So long as he passed the 2nd level of the Heavenpeak of Trials, then he would acquire great benefits. Not only would he be able to obtain some rewards from the Master of the Abode once more, he would be able to cultivate within the Abode for nine days while only a single day passed in the outside world, thus he could cultivate for 45 years while five years passed in the outside world. In this way, he was entirely capable of easily charging into the Golden Core Realm before the Allstar Meeting started.

"What you said is correct indeed. But my body refinement cultivation has already arrived at a bottleneck now, and merely relying on absorbing the baleful energy of the stars from Starsoul Meteorites is far from being enough. I need a critical factor, a critical factor that's able to make my body transform, but regretfully, I haven't encountered one up until now." Chen Xi shook his head and laughed bitterly.

Ling Bai lightly smiled. "Give me the Sickle of Slaughter."

"For what?" Chen Xi was stunned, yet he still withdrew the Sickle of Slaughter and passed it to Ling Bai.

# Om!

At the instant Ling Bai caught the Sickle of Slaughter, a terrifying intent of slaughter instantly swarmed out to sweep through the heavens and the earth, and the entire VIP Room immediately fell into deep darkness.

"Kill!" "Kill!" "Kill!"

Numerous enraged roars seemed as if they were emitted by the god of slaughter from ancient times, and it was interwoven with the most piercingly cold sound of slaughter of the heaven and the earth. The surging killing intent transformed into roiling and roaring black mist, and in an instant, the entire VIP Room seemed to have transformed into a battlefield of slaughter, a hell on earth.

This little fellow is actually capable of utilizing the Slaughter Dao Territory as well, I'm afraid he's relying on the strength of the Sickle of Slaughter as well... Chen Xi exclaimed endlessly with admiration in his heart.

"Chen Xi, didn't you want a critical factor? Then stay within this Slaughter Dao Territory and allow the intent of slaughter to properly temper your body, and then I'll use my Nirvana Sword Dao to make your body be in a nirvanic state of neither being alive nor dead. I don't believe you're unable to advance with this!" Ling Bai held the Sickle of Slaughter in his hand and had a murderous look on his face. "Don't worry, you surely won't die, but pain can't be avoided. Watch out, I'm about to start!"

### Swish! Swish! Swish!

As soon as Ling Bai finished speaking, countless black lights condensed from Slaughter Dao Insight shot out explosively, and it transformed into sledgehammers, sharp swords, axes, pikes... They were like a storm as they attacked Chen Xi from all directions.

The entire heaven and earth were filled with weapons of slaughter and copious killing intent, causing it to seem as if Chen Xi had fallen into the battlefield of a war where blood flowed in rivers. The monstrous intent of slaughter caused one's breathing to be difficult and one's soul to tremble, and if it was anyone else, the person would probably have been overwhelmed with terror and wet themselves since long ago.

But the eyes of Chen Xi lit up instead, and he took a deep breath before sitting down cross-legged on the ground. He didn't resist the attacks, but instead closed his eyes tightly with a calm expression on his face, and he seemed to have forgotten the countless attacks that blasted towards him from all around.

# Swish! Swish! Pu! Pu! Pu!

In just an instant, Chen Xi's head, neck, chest, back, limbs... The skin on his entire body had numerous bloody injuries torn open upon it, and his ghastly bones were exposed in the air, causing his entire body to seem like a mangled skeleton with an extremely terrifying appearance, and it caused anyone who saw him from afar to feel their scalp go numb and feel exceedingly cold.

"This Slaughter Dao Insight is comparable to the attacks of a Golden Core Realm cultivator. My body is too weak indeed. If I don't circulate my Shaman Energy, I'm not even capable of resisting a single attack..." Within the boundless pain, Chen Xi worked hard to maintain the shred of clarity within his sea of consciousness, and he took a deep breath before holding a Starsoul Meteorite in each of his hands and madly circulate his Shaman Energy.

### Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Just like a withered tree sprouting, all the injuries on Chen Xi's body recovered with a slow speed, whereas within the Shaman Markings on his back, the Chaotic Lifesoil, Nameless Divine Wood, Nameless Fire Crystal, Nameless Water Pearl, and Nameless Metal Rock seemed as if they had encountered stimulation, and they gushed out with stands of energy of the five elements to repair Chen Xi's body along with his Shaman Energy.

This scene was something that Chen Xi had never expected entirely, but he was able to clearly notice that after his flesh and skin absorbed the energy of the five elements, it became even more flexible and

strong. Every inch of his skin seemed as if it had been tempered a thousand times in a furnace and fiercely refined, causing it to not have the slightest impurity or filth, and it emitted a layer of gentle sheen that seemed crystalline.

Moreover, he was pleasantly surprised to notice that the space in his flesh that was capable of holding Shaman Energy had increased and become wider. If it was said that his body was only a teapot in the past, then now it was a barrel as the space he possessed to hold Shaman Energy in his body had risen explosively by a few times!

All of this was owed to the Chaotic Lifesoil and the other four treasures within his Shaman Markings. It could be said that Chen Xi's current flesh already contained the attribute of the Chaotic Lifesoil that held everything in the world and had experienced the tempering of the energy of the other four of the five elements, causing his body to already be comparable to some innate spirit bodies, and his body was almost comparable to Chen Hao's body that was reconstructed from the Firesoul Lotus Fruit.

### Swish! Swish! Swish!

When he saw Chen Xi recover, Ling Bai swung out the Sickle of Slaughter once more, releasing a myriad of Slaughter Dao Insight that was different from before. This time, the Slaughter Dao Insight seemed as if they were living beings, and they seemed to have transformed into Nethersoul Warriors that legends say only existed in the Nether Domain. They wore pitch black armors and held blades of slaughter in their hands, and their auras were condensed and filled with fierce killing intent. The might of the Slaughter Dao Insight had risen explosively, more than doubling!

These living beings transformed from Slaughter Dao Insight moved like the sounds of horse hooves trampling the ground and the beating of war drums, entirely in order, and they charged towards Chen Xi as they shouted and roared, seeming to have already taken Chen Xi to be an evil spirit that had perpetrated every conceivable crime and couldn't be pardoned and allowed to live in this world.

## Pu! Pu! Pu!

Numerous terrifying injuries appeared once more on the skin all over Chen Xi's body, but compared to before, the injuries that appeared this time were obviously much shallower. However, along with the boundless attacks striking, his entire body instantly transformed once again into the appearance of a mangled skeleton.

This time, before Chen Xi could circulate his cultivation technique, the Chaotic Lifesoil and the other miraculous treasures seemed as if they'd been enraged, and they sprayed out exceedingly great streams of energy of the five elements to fiercely repair the flesh on Chen Xi's entire body. The energy charged to wherever was damaged, like a tinker that was terribly busy.

"Nice!" Ling Bai's eyes lit up, yet his movements weren't slow in the slightest, and the Sickle of Slaughter was utilized by him to the limit, causing the entire Slaughter Dao Territory to drone and tremble. Killing intent shot out violently as if a storm had struck and like a group of sharks that had smelled blood, and they swarmed menacingly towards Chen Xi.

Instantly, a peculiar scene appeared on Chen Xi's body. Boundless energy of destruction and boundless energy of vitality collided, causing him to be mangled for a moment, then recover for a moment. It was

like the course of the life of the myriad of beings in the world, one withered while the other flourished, an unending circle, whereas, life obtained advancement and strengthening during this course...

Destruction, regeneration.

A moment of withering and a moment of flourishing.

The peculiar scene faintly contained an indescribably supreme Dao Insight, and it flowed and brewed on Chen Xi's body, and it was profound and unfathomable.

When he saw the scene on Chen Xi's body, Ling Bai was stunned instantaneously. The Nirvana Sword Dao that he cultivated was neither alive nor dead, and seemed eternal. It required one to possess extremely high comprehension of the Heaven's Dao of death, life, destruction, and rebirth. Presently, when he slightly inspected the peculiar scene that appeared on Chen Xi's body, Ling Bai instantly fell into a type of muddled enlightenment, and his Dao comprehension rose swiftly.

### Bang!

After an unknown period of time, the Slaughter Dao Territory shattered and dispersed, whereas Ling Bai was jolted awake as well. Instantly, he felt boundless exhaustion gush out from his mind and body, and his handsome little face went pale.

Even though the Slaughter Dao Territory drew out all my strength, it allowed my comprehension towards the Nirvana Sword Dao to deepen. It won't be long before I'll surely be able to condense the Nirvana Sword Territory! Although Ling Bai was exhausted, his eyes were instead unusually bright, and there was a feeling of great enlightenment within his eyes.

"Huff! Hiss!" The air he breathed out seemed like dragons and it seemed like whirlpools formed when he inhaled. Within the VIP Room, the sounds of Chen Xi's breathing suddenly resounded out, and the sound was like the sound of thunder, shocking the air in the surroundings to the point of buzzing.

Is he going to charge into the Golden Hall Realm already? Ling Bai instantly converged his entire attention onto Chen Xi.

Exactly. Chen Xi was indeed charging into the Golden Hall Realm. Presently, after experiencing the modification of the energies of the five elements, Chen Xi's body was already strong to an unbelievable extent, and his bones, tendons, flesh, and skin even had a trace of turning crystalline. They were flexible and hard, and contained a space concealed within that seemingly was able to accommodate anything in the world and cover every direction.

Moreover, his vital energy was at its peak condition at this moment, and if he didn't seize this opportunity to charge into the Golden Hall Realm, then when?

## Bang! Bang! Bang!

The energy within the Starsoul Meteorites were completely sucked out one by one and transformed into powder, whereas, the vast Shaman Energy within Chen Xi's body circulated madly as if ceaselessly gushed towards the nine Shaman Markings on his back.

These nine Shaman Markings were respectively the Fifth-Earth, Second-Wood, Seventh-Gold, Third-Fire, Ninth-Water, Great Yin, Great Yang, Wind, and Lightning Shaman Markings. Under the charging of Chen

Xi's Shaman Energy, the nine Shaman Marking suddenly started to tremble. The core position of the Shaman Marking formed into a torn open black hole that was like an aperture, and the position of the Shaman Markings on his back started to move as well.

Those apertures were Star Apertures.

To charge into the Golden Hall Realm was to develop Star Apertures on one's Shaman Markings and cause the nine Shaman Markings to rearrange and form the shape of the nine palaces, allowing them to be connected to each other, and it was also called a Star Bridge.

Development of Star Apertures and the connection of the Star Bridge, this was the characteristic that would only appear after the Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Arts attained the Golden Hall Realm.

Of course, if it was other body refiners, the Star Aperture would possibly be called the Fire Aperture, Water Aperture, and so on and so forth. The Star Bridge could also possibly be called the Fire Bridge and Water Bridge. The methods may vary, but the principle was the same. When a body refinement cultivation technique attained the Golden Hall Realm, all of them developed a type of mysterious aperture on the Shaman Markings and used a unique method to link up the nine Shaman Markings.

After one obtained the Golden Hall Realm in body refinement, besides one's Shaman Energy rising explosively, the flexibility and synchronization of one's body would have attained a type of limit, and it was able to exert an even more terrifying strength. If it was said that one's body was in a state of disunity before, then after one obtained the Golden Hall Realm, every part of one's entire body was like a well trained army that was vigorous and effective in their task. Within one's tendons, bones, and flesh, Shaman Energy surged, one's vigor was strong to the point that it shot up into the sky like a rainbow, and one's vital energy was raging like the tide. With a single shout, one was even able to shatter a person's soul!

At this moment, Chen Xi was gradually transforming towards this realm!

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Chapter 195: Qing Xiuyi

Bang!

Right when Chen Xi completely consumed all the Starsoul Meteorites, the Shaman Energy in his entire body arrived at the most perfect state and the nine Shaman Markings on his back transformed into the shape of the nine palaces, taking form with a bang!

At this instant, countless profound variations emerged, the five elements, Yin, Yang, Wind, Lightning... The various variations and derivations of the profundities of the heaven and earth appeared one after the other in copious amounts, and it seemed like the trail of the Heaven Dao and the striations of Chaos. It was as if a divine being from ancient times was examining the secrets of the heavens, and as he lifted his head, boundless profound scenes were born naturally.

At this moment on Chen Xi's back, the Fifth-Earth Shaman Marking was at the center spot, the Second-Wood Shaman Marking was at the west, the Seventh-Gold Shaman Marking at the east, the Ninth-Water Shaman Marking at the north, and the Third-Fire Shaman Marking at the south. These five Shaman

Markings formed the state of mutual reinforcement and neutralization of the five elements that was an endless cycle.

The northwest and northeast were respectively the Great Yin and Great Yang Shaman Markings, and they were situated at the top two poles of the nine palaces. Yin and Yang circulating like a union of halves.

The southwest and southeast were respectively the Wind and Lightning Shaman Markings, and they occupied the lower two poles of the nine palaces. Wind and lightning interweaved, causing the myriad of beings in the world to be conceived.

These nine palaces also corresponded with the dimensions of the eight trigrams, and it just happened to be like the eight great sword moves of the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture. But there was an extra Center Palace that was occupied tyrannically by the Fifth-Earth Shaman Marking like a central Emperor that commanded the world with a virtuous heart!

Moreover, Star Apertures had been developed within these nine Shaman Markings and had a luster that was contained within them, and numerous Star Bridges crisscrossed both horizontally and vertically and ran through each other. When looked at from afar, the nine palace diagram was like a profound and unfathomable star diagram that contained boundless secrets of the heavens. They were indistinct and flickered between dimness and brightness as if they were breathing, and it was extremely miraculous.

As soon as the nine palaces were formed, Chen Xi instantly felt as if his body had grown limitlessly. With a raise of his head, he'd already arrived at the vast and boundless starry sky, and his breathing, vital energy, thoughts... Everything seemed to be connected with the myriad of stars from afar. That feeling seemed as if he'd transformed to become the master of the starry sky and controlled the entire universe, and it was an indescribably wonderful feeling.

In this miraculous state, the surging energy within his flesh even seemed to steadily rise at a terrifying speed. Every single Shaman Marking was accumulating, tempering, developing, and delivering vast and mighty Shaman Energy, and the splendid feeling of ceaselessly possessing strength simply caused one to sink into it to the point of being unable to free oneself.

Chen Xi stood up and struck out with his fist.

## Rumble!

Chen Xi's instantly completely emptied out the air in the surroundings and directly caused space to collapse, and the will of his strike ran through the heaven and the earth. A single punch seemed as if the entire room was filled with the images of his fish. Over 10 types of Dao Insights transformed into horned dragons that coiled and transformed, surged and exploded, and possessed the strength to lift mountains and rivers, and it possessed the might to shake the universe!

"Chen Xi, receive a sword strike of mine!" After shouting out explosively, Ling Bai transformed into a dazzling gold light that slashed right at Chen Xi. This strike contained the supreme Nirvana Sword Insight that was neither alive nor dead, and seemed eternal. It was the peak sword strike of Ling Bai's cultivation up until now, and not to mention a Golden Hall Realm cultivator, even an ordinary Golden Core Realm cultivator wouldn't dare take it head on.

But Chen Xi neither avoided nor dodged, he took a step forward and stretched his hand before striking out with a punch. The desolate, ancient, vast, and terrifying Shaman Energy converged to a single point, and solely its aura caused the space to shatter and shook the wall in the surroundings to the point of shaking and emitting cracking sounds.

## Bang!

The strength of the punch was like a sledgehammer formed from a hill, a single strike instantly shaking the gold light to the point of emitting buzzing sounds, and it shook intensely as it flew out backward.

# Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!

The gold light instantly transformed into Ling Bai's appearance, and he seemed to be unable to control his body, causing him to successively retreat over 30m in the air before being barely able to stabilize his body.

"Formidable! An extremely simple punch is already sufficient to annihilate some Golden Core Realm cultivators. If you are to encounter that Chu Tianju once more, he's bound to lose miserably under this punch." Ling Bai exclaimed repeatedly with admiration.

Chen Xi was extremely satisfied by this punch as well, but he knew instead that by relying on his current body refinement cultivation, he would at most be able to annihilate some initial-stage Golden Core Realm cultivators. After all, there were many types of Golden Core Realm cultivators that possessed varying strengths, and they couldn't be grouped up together.

I'll cultivate slowly. The next step is the Golden Core Realm in body refinement. At that stage, at the instant the vital energy and blood in my body are circulated, it would be able to form a sphere of vital essence above me that seemed like signal smoke. When dealing with some ordinary cultivators, just the might of the sphere of vital essence is enough to scare them out of their wits and all evil will be unable to invade my body! Chen Xi clenched his fist and revealed strong confidence.

After his body refinement cultivation advanced to the Golden Hall Realm, his body and strength had risen explosively by a few times. Moreover, the vital energy in his entire body seemed like a well trained army, causing every move he executed to be condensed as one, and a light clench of his fist was able to crush profound-rank Magic Treasures. If he were to execute the Grand Astral Palm, he might even be able to annihilate Golden Core Realm cultivators.

In short, no matter if it was his body refinement cultivation or qi refinement cultivation, Chen Xi had currently attained a height that was inconceivable amongst others with a similar cultivation, and he was extremely formidable and abnormal, causing it to not be difficult for him to surmount a realm and annihilate his enemies.

"Chen Xi, let's go. Today is the day the Oceanic Desert enters into a period of dormancy!" Ling Bai leaped up onto Chen Xi's shoulder and spoke excitedly.

"What? Three days have already passed?" Chen Xi spoke with surprise. He never expected that he'd only charged into the Golden Hall Realm, yet three days had actually passed.

"Let's go. We'll first go purchase some top-grade profound-rank swords, as yellow-rank Magic Treasures are already unable to exert my entire strength." Chen Xi thought for a moment before pushing open the door and leaving.

When he left the Wanderingcloud Sword Sect, he was still at the Violet Palace Realm and was only able to utilize yellow-rank Magic Treasures, so he'd prepared a few tens of top-grade yellow-rank swords. But during the battle with Han Guyue, practically all of these swords had instantly shattered and had almost been completely destroyed. Now that he'd already advanced to the Golden Hall Realm, he was able to utilize profound-rank Magic Treasures, and coupled with the unknown dangers in his journey to the Oceanic Desert this time, he naturally had to properly prepare some Magic Treasures to protect himself.

The Treasure Heaven Pavilion had a tremendous background and possessed great wealth, and it gathered all the rare and strange treasures in this world, so it naturally had no lack of profound-rank Magic Treasures. Actually, it wasn't just profound-rank Magic Treasures, even if it was earth-rank Magic Treasures or heaven-rank Magic Treasures, all of them could be purchased at the Treasure Heaven Pavilion. It was precisely because of this that the Treasure Heaven Pavilions shocking resources and reserves were revealed.

This main hall of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion looked to be only 300m in area, yet there were numerous doors with passageways the lead to different places, and these passageways were divided according to Magic Treasures, cultivation techniques, medicinal pills, formations, spirit materials... When the halls that were divided into different categories and the space they occupied were added together, it was 500 km in area, and was extremely vast.

The Magic Treasure Hall was divided into the Sword Pavilion, Saber Pavilion, and so on and so forth.

Chen Xi refused the guidance of the female attendant and wandered about the Treasure Heaven Pavilion by himself. All along the way, he saw many precious and strange treasures that were ordinarily rare to come by, like the skin of the Fissure Whaleshark and Crimsonblood Coral that was produced in the eastern sea, the Dragonhorse Spikes and Ice Spongefruit from the northern barbaric lands, and there were even some beautiful women that weren't of the human race and lived at the outer fringes of civilization that were taken as goods to be sold. These non-human women had brown hair and jade green eyes, their skin snow white, and their figures were hot and voluptuous, causing them to be loved by cultivators that had the habit of keeping slaves.

All of this caused Chen Xi's horizons to be widened greatly. But he also noticed that there were extremely numerous cultivators in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion today. Most of them were cultivators from outside the southern territory. Through their conversations, Chen Xi gradually understood that these cultivators from outside the southern territory had come to purchase some medicinal pills and Magic Treasures for the sake of making preparations for unexpected needs when they entered the Oceanic Desert, and their thoughts were similar to his.

The strengths of these cultivators from outside the southern territory were extremely strong, and practically all of them were Golden Core Realm cultivators. There were both men and women amongst them, all with young appearances and full of vigor and vitality. Moreover, the formidable aura that some of these people revealed even caused Chen Xi to be slightly shocked in his heart, and he didn't dare look down on the outstanding figures in the world.

"Fellow Daoist, how about this flying sword? This is a sword formation formed from 36 top-grade yellow-rank Fish-Scale Swords, and there's also a formation diagram. Not only can it be used to defend against enemies, it's even capable of being set up into the Myriad Fish Lakeswallow Grand Formation. When used to guard an abode, it's able to automatically circulate and kill your enemies." Right when Chen Xi's thoughts flew by swiftly, a clear voice sounded out by his ear.

When he concentrated his gaze and looked over, he realized that he'd already arrived within the Sword Pavilion.

A beautiful female attendant wearing fine gauze and possessing a graceful body stood at the center of the Sword Pavilion, and she was introducing a sword formation to Chen Xi with a sweet smile and a respectful manner, causing him to feel as if he was bathing in a gust of summer breeze.

This Sword Pavilion covered 3 km in area and was in a circular dome shape. When one took a glance around it, it was covered in a superb collection of swords that contained oppressive bright lights, and when one was situated amongst them, it was as if one had arrived in an ocean of swords.

Chen Xi even saw that within a screen of light at the center position of the Sword Pavilion hung three heaven-rank swords. The sword blades were thin as a cicada's wings, completely pitch black like ink, and complicated and profound markings were set up at the upper area of the swords. They looked to be simple and ordinary, yet when looked at from afar, it caused one to feel a sharp qi that pierced the bone, and it seemed as if the blood in one's entire body had frozen up.

As expected of a great trading company that can be found all over the Darchu Dynasty, even a set of three heaven-rank swords are hung here for sale. Extravagance, truly great extravagance! Chen Xi gasped in admiration in his heart.

"Chen Xi, the swords here are all formed from molds, and they're far from being able to compare with Magic Treasures that are refined by one's self or precious treasures inherited in sects. I think that really good things in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion ought to be in their auctions." Ling Bai spoke via voice transmission, and his voice was filled with disdain towards the swords in the Sword Pavilion.

Chen Xi smiled, yet neither agreed nor disagreed with what Ling Bai said. Of course, he wanted to obtain some formidable swords as well, but unfortunately, he was only capable of purchasing some ordinary swords with his current wealth.

"Hmm?" However, right when Chen Xi intended to ask the female attendant where the top-grade profound-rank swords were placed, he abruptly noticed that the female attendant had abandoned him and actually gone to take care of other customers.

This was nothing. What caused Chen Xi to be astonished was he knew two of the three cultivators that stood by the female attendant!

These two people wore Daoist robes that had a white crane pattern embroidered on it. The crane's wings were unfolded, intending to fly far into the nine heavens, and a desire to soar above the clouds appeared out of thin air from it, causing this young man to seem like a dragon amongst men, an unparalleled genius. They were precisely the central plains Whitecrane Sect's Pei Zhong and Xue Chen.

These two people were both young geniuses at the intermediate-stage of the Golden Core Realm and above, and they possessed strengths that didn't allow underestimation. Before this when Chen Xi hadn't advanced to the Golden Hall Realm, he'd once come into conflict with these two people for the sake of a Six-Winged Blood Dragonbat's Inner Core, and if it wasn't for him fleeing swiftly, he'd have lost his life at the hands of these two people.

Of course, now that Chen Xi's strength has risen explosively by many times, he was naturally unafraid of these two people, and the person he was unable to see through was the woman at the center of the two.

This woman wore a plain long dress. She had a pair of elegant eyes and a peerlessly beautiful appearance that seemed as if she'd come from a painting. Her long hair that was pitch black like ink and hung loosely on her shoulders fluttered gracefully and lightly. She seemed like a fairy that was obscure in a painting of mist and rain that veiled a distant mountain and made her seem otherworldly, and the aura in her entire body circulated naturally, causing her to look tranquil, yet her strength seemed to be unfathomable.

Before this woman, the limelight of Pei Zhong and Xue Chen were completely seized away, and they dimmed in comparison.

Could it be that this woman is the Senior Sister that Pei Zhong and Xue Chen mentioned, Qing Xiuyi? Chen Xi abruptly recalled that when he eavesdropped on the conversation between Pei Zhong and Xue Chan deep in the jungle, the two of them had mentioned this name once.

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## **Chapter 196: Reincarnated Heavenly Immortal**

"Stinking kid, so you're here!" Pei Zhong and Xue Chen noticed Chen Xi as well, and Pei Zhong slightly frowned, yet Xue Chen instead laughed coldly. "I let you escape the last time, let me see where you flee this time!"

As he spoke, Xue Chen suddenly swung out his hand as nine sapphire colored paintings gushed out from his body. Every single painting formed different patterns on their surfaces. There were mists and clouds, hills, spirit beasts, and many twisting runes, yet most of them were covered in white cranes that were entirely snow white with wings that were like blades, and the red crown on their heads were brilliant like a ball of flames that leaped about. These white cranes in the paintings flapped their wings as they charged into the sky and cried out with their heads held high, and they occasionally transformed into numerous twisting runes, causing the paintings to seem extremely mysterious.

Most peculiar of it all was at the center of these nine paintings was actually a white haired old man with a youthful face that seemed to be flickering and moving about. He was actually shadowboxing, and every move he made was powerful and swift like a white crane flapping its wings. Every punch he struck out developed a myriad of white crane images that flew out, and it was extremely miraculous.

As soon as the nine paintings flew out from Xue Chen's body, they seemed to circulate like the orbit of stars, and an enormous force of suppression instantly enveloped Chen Xi.

"Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing!"

"A supreme Magic Treasure that formed a grand formation from nine earth-rank Magic Treasures!"

"This is the inheritance Magic Treasure of the Whitecrane Sect in the central plains, and it's the most difficult to refine. Even within the Whitecrane Sect, there are few people that are able to refine it successfully. Rumors say that this Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing requires one to extract the blood essence and souls of a few tens of thousands of Violet Palace Realm spirit cranes to be sealed within it. Once it's refined successfully, a soul of the mass of cranes would be condensed within the drawings, and it possesses boundless might!"

"Even though they aren't heaven-rank Magic Treasures, every single drawing is a top-grade earth-rank Magic Treasure! Their might is even much more formidable than ordinary heaven-rank Magic Treasures, and by relying on this Magic Treasure, one is completely capable of surmounting a realm to fight an opponent!"

"Formidable! This fellow is surely a Core Disciple of the central plains Whitecrane Sect. He actually possesses a set of Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, truly amazing!"

There were many cultivators purchasing swords in the Sword Pavilion. Everyone was minding their own business, yet along with Xue Chen's sudden withdrawal of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, the entire sword pavilion instantly resounded with exclamations of shock.

No wonder Junior Brother Xue Chen hasn't advanced to the perfection-stage of the Golden Core Realm until now. According to the facts, his natural talent isn't inferior to me. So it turns out that he wasted time refining this Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing. With this treasure in his possession, there will probably be a position for him in the Allstar Meeting that's held five years from now. The nearby Pei Zhong was lost in thought.

"Kid, there's still time for you to hand over the Six-Winged Blood Dragonbat's Inner Core now! After that, kowtow in apology to me and I can spare your life. Otherwise, even if the guards of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion move out, they'll be unable to save you!" After he withdrew the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, Xue Chen's entire bearing changed, and his Daoist robe fluttered in the wind as he spoke with a resonant voice that pressed straight onto Chen Xi.

"That Whitecrane Sect is a large sect of the central plains, and its disciples aren't kind people. Looks like if I encounter them in the future, I must be careful."

"This Golden Hall Realm kid is finished. But being able to die under the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing is enough for him to be proud. After all, his opponent is a Core Disciple at the Golden Core Realm of the central plains Whitecrane Sect that is extremely respected, and he's far from something a little cultivator at the Golden Hall Realm can compare to."

"Indeed. That Whitecrane Sect is an exceedingly large sect with extremely great amounts of resources and reserves. The Treasure Heaven Pavilion will probably not stand up for the sake of a kid at the Golden Hall Realm."

The surrounding people discussed animatedly, and all of them shot gazes of pity at Chen Xi as they shook their heads and sighed.

"I've already swallowed the Six-Winged Blood Dragonbat's Inner Core. As for kowtowing in apology, only a stupid pig would speak such wildly arrogant words, right?" Chen Xi spoke indifferently, yet his heart jerked. Because he noticed that under the suppression force of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, his body was actually unable to move!

"A little brat at the Golden Hall Realm like you actually dares call me a stupid pig? You're courting death!" Xue Chen instantly fumed with rage. His figure flashed out, and his hand had already fiercely clawed towards Chen Xi's head. "You're utterly unable to flee under the suppression of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing. Die!"

### Swish!

This claw of Xue Chen's seemed like a divine craned charging down from the nine heavens and tore through space. Moreover, the tip of each of his fingers contained a layer of Dao Insight, and they were multicolored and flickered with runes. This claw strike had actually completely sealed all Chen Xi's paths of retreat!

The Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing's might was already exceedingly unbelievable and had suppressed Chen Xi to the point he was unable to move even after struggling with all his effort. If this drawing wasn't present, he could rely on his formidable body to dodge this attack, yet with these nine drawings that were all top-grade earth-rank Magic Treasures and had formed a grand formation that possessed terrifying might, this level of suppression was simply able to go head on with a Rebirth Realm cultivator.

Under these circumstances, how could Chen Xi resist?

Everyone was able to discern that Chen Xi had already been completely suppressed at this moment, and he would lose his life in the next moment.

But as the person that was facing all this, Chen Xi's expression was instead exceedingly calm, and it was even to the extent that a trace of a cold and grim expression suffused his eyes. An enormous hand that covered the sky suddenly appeared before Chen Xi, and it slapped towards Xue Chen's claw that assaulted straight towards his face.

### Om!

Sparks flew in the sky and the dense swords in the Sword Pavilion seemed to have sensed danger as all of them started to buzz. This enormous hand that covered the sky had an imposing aura that shot into the sky, and it emitted an ancient, desolate, and vast aura that was mysterious. It was precisely the Grand Astral Palm.

At this moment, even though the Grand Astral Palm only covered an area of around 20 meters, its strength was much more condensed, and compared to before, it even had the extra energy the Great Yin, Great Yang, Wind, and Lightning Shaman Energy. At the instant it appeared in the sky, merely its piercingly cold and terrifying aura shook the surrounding space to be extremely tattered, and even the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Diagram's suppression force became sluggish.

Seizing this gap, the Grand Astral Palm took Xue Chen's attack head on and followed its momentum to slap out!

Bang!

Xue Chen's claw strike was instantly dissolved, and he was even blasted flying by the Grand Astral Palm. If it wasn't for him reacting in a timely manner, he would have almost been grabbed and smashed into a pile of mush.

"Divine Ability!"

"This kid actually cultivated in the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement?"

"What Divine Ability is that? The striations of the palm actually contained a myriad of stars circulation on it! How terrifying!"

Chen Xi escaping death and counterattacking to blast Xue Chen flying instantly caused the surrounding people to cry out, and their faces were covered in disbelief.

But everyone was able to discern that Xue Chen was careless after all. He thought that by relying on the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, he would be able to completely suppress Chen Xi and cause Chen Xi to be at his mercy. If he were slightly cautious and exerted the full strength of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing the instant the battle started, then he would have surely been able to instantly annihilate Chen Xi.

## Crack!

The Grand Astral Palm was still unable to go against the suppression force of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing in the end, and it instantly shattered into nothingness, causing Chen Xi to sigh in his heart as well.

He knew that since this attack was unable to kill Xue Chen, he'd probably not have another chance. After all, under the suppression of the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, he already felt it was extremely strenuous, whereas, there were still Qing Xiuyi and Pei Zhong glaring fiercely at him from afar. It could be said that he was in a situation of imminent danger!

I've already cultivated both my body refinement and qi refinement cultivation to the Golden Hall Realm. I originally thought annihilating a Golden Core Realm cultivator would be easy, yet I never imagined that a set of Magic Treasures were already capable of suppressing me to the point of immobility. It's truly ironic. I wonder if all the Golden Core Realm cultivators of the younger generation that are entering the Oceanic Desert this time are similar to Xue Chen and possess a formidable Magic Treasure like this...? At this moment, Chen Xi deeply understood the importance of a Magic Treasure, and he urgently yearned to obtain some heaven defying weapons.

Of course, he hadn't utilized the Sickle of Slaughter yet. With the Sickle of Slaughter's peerless sharpness, it ought to be easy to break open this Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing. But the Sickle of Slaughter was a rare material used to refine an Immortal Artifact, and it contained a strand of killing intent of the heaven and earth within it, causing its intent of slaughter to surge like the sea. It could only be used as a trump card, otherwise, once it was exposed, it would probably cause countless people to covet it and fight over it.

"I never imagined that your concealed your strength so deeply, you're actually a body refiner as well. But I only utilized 30% of my strength earlier, and I won't give you a chance again this time!" Xue Chen's expression was extremely gloomy as he gnashed his teeth and spoke.

Before he finished speaking, his arms shook, causing boundless white mist to gush out from the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing, and there were even waves of crane cries resounding out from it. The sound was fierce and resonant, and the sound wave was like blades that pierced one's eardrums to the point it almost exploded.

Chen Xi felt the suppression force on his entire body instantly rise explosively by more than double, and it was as if he was holding up a lofty mountain. If it wasn't for him advancing his body refinement cultivation to the Golden Hall Realm recently, his body would probably be shattered by this pressure.

Dammit! Looks like I'm finished today if I don't destroy this detestable Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing! A cold light flashed within Chen Xi's eyes and he was just about to make a move.

Right at this moment, a cold grunt abruptly exploded out in the Sword Pavilion. Although this cold grunt was only an extremely simple sound, it contained immense, vast, and surging supreme divine might that shook the people present to the point their blood roiled and their vital energy became chaotic, whereas, Xue Chen's figure even shook as his expression went pale before stretching out his hand to grab the Ninespirit Myriadcrane Drawing back, and he didn't dare make another rash movement.

"When have the disciples of the Whitecrane Sect dared to be so unbridled in my Treasure Heaven Pavilion? If it wasn't out of respect for your Sect Master, I'd have annihilated you long ago." Along with the low and deep voice, an aged and tall old man swiftly appeared within the Sword Pavilion. His face was gaunt, his figure proud, and he wore a black colored round cap on his head. Although his dressing was simple, his entire body emitted a supremely respectable aura, and he was precisely the Pavilion Master of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion, Feng Junhe.

"Old Devil Feng has actually been disturbed to the point of making an appearance, wasn't he always in closed door cultivation to charge to the Earthly Immortal Realm?"

"Old Devil Feng?"

"Exactly. An old fellow that slaughters ruthlessly. All those years ago, a tribe elder called Man Ku from the Rowdy Grasslands caused trouble in the Treasure Heaven Pavilion. He was chased by Old Devil Feng alone all the way to the Rowdy Grasslands, and Old Devil Feng completely annihilated the entire tribe that contained a population of a few tens of thousand. That scene was bloody and ruthless, and it was too horrible to look at."

When they saw Feng Junhe make an appearance, some of the surrounding cultivators revealed expressions of reverence, and they even didn't dare whisper amongst each other and only dared to communicate via voice transmission, causing the atmosphere to become exceedingly quiet.

"Let's go." However, within the silent atmosphere, Qing Xiuyi who's always been watching on coldly spoke out abruptly, and then this peerlessly beautiful woman that seemed to have walked out from behind a blurry mass of mist and rain seemed as if she completely didn't notice Feng Junhe's appearance and turned to leave.

She left extremely naturally, extremely calmly, with a carefree expression as if nothing in the world was worthy of her remembering nor was there anything worthy of her paying attention to, causing her bearing to seem even more mysterious and lofty.

She seemed as if she'd affirmed since long ago that Feng Junhe wouldn't dare stop her.

Was she arrogant?

No one thought so. But it was precisely because of this that this woman seemed to be out of the ordinary, like a celestial maiden that had fallen from the heavens and was otherworldly.

This woman is extremely formidable! As he looked at Qing Xiuyi's disappearing figure, a trace of unprecedented seriousness arose in Chen Xi's heart without reason nor rhyme. He faintly felt that if he were to participate in the Allstar Meeting, then this woman would surely be a formidable adversary of his!

"I apologize for what you experienced earlier. Qing Xiuyi is a reincarnated Heavenly Immortal, and she has the Whitecrane Sect and Qing Clan as reliance. I'm helpless against her as well, and I hope that you can forgive me."

The voice transmission of Feng Junhe that entered into his ears caused Chen Xi to instantly shudder as if he was struck by lightning. What? A reincarnated Heavenly Immortal?

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# **Chapter 197: Tantai Hong**

# A Heavenly Immortal!

An existence of legend that had survived to overcome nine waves of Heavenly Tribulation and ascend into a Heavenly Immortal that controlled the laws of the Heaven Dao and stood proudly above the myriad of beings, an eternal overlord, and every single cultivator dreamed of this supreme realm!

Qing Xiuyi actually being a reincarnated Heavenly Immortal was indeed staggering news that caused endless astonishment. Moreover, her identity was so respected that it had already surpassed every single person that Chen Xi knew, and even Bei Heng's background wasn't as great as hers.

Because one of them was an Earthly Immortal, the other a Heavenly Immortal. One in the heavens, yet the other on earth. A distance that was like a natural chasm existed between the two, and they were utterly unable to be compared.

Although Qing Xiuyi was only a reincarnated Heavenly Immortal now, and her strength wasn't even a ten thousandth of the strength of a Heavenly Immortal, but along with her cultivation growing deeper, her consciousness and inheritance related to her being a Heavenly Immortal would awaken. The Dao comprehension experience that came from the Heavenly Immortal Realm was sufficient to allow her to attain a height that ordinary people were unable to reach. She was like the brilliant sun, and no one dared look down upon her.

Just like now, as the Master of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion, Feng Junhe's cultivation was at the Nether Transformation Realm, yet he could only watch idly by as she left and didn't dare stop her.

Since she was able to reincarnate and cultivate once more, she's surely a formidable figure amongst Heavenly Immortals. So long as I cultivate with great effort, it isn't impossible for me to surpass her. Chen Xi secretly clenched his fist and awoke from his shock. Not only did Qing Xiuyi's background not cause him to feel discouraged, it instead stimulated his infinite will to fight.

"Young Master, for the sake of reparation, my Treasure Heaven Pavilion's Sword Pavilion has specially presented a gift for you. Please accept this gift." Right at this moment, the beautiful female attendant walked over once more, and she held a jade box in her hands as she spoke respectfully.

"There's no need, I didn't do anything to deserve this. You can return it." Chen Xi shook his head as he spoke, and when he raised his head to look, he noticed that the Treasure Heaven Pavilion's Master, Feng Junhe, had vanished.

"Young Master, the top-grade profound-rank swords in here are respectively a set of five elemental swords, a pair of Yin and Yang composite swords, a pair of wind and lightning swords, and a Starverse Sword. All of them are precious Magic Treasures personally selected by Madam Shui Hua for you. She said that if you don't accept it, then keeping these Magic Treasures would be useless as well, and I should toss it onto the streets for others to pick up." The female attendant explained with a pitiable expression.

Chen Xi instead felt cold in his heart when he heard this. These ten swords just happened to correspond to the ten types of Dao Insights he'd comprehended. Obviously Madam Shui Hua understood as well that Chen Xi had comprehended ten types of supreme Dao Insights, so she went through a lot of trouble to help him select these ten top-grade profound-rank swords. Moreover, she didn't appear personally, so he couldn't even refuse.

I wonder exactly what this woman is planning. But if it goes against my own intentions, then I'll be absolutely unable to agree to it. Chen Xi thought for a moment and received the jade box in the end.

"Young Master, the Madam also said that you're surely heading to the Oceanic Desert this time for the sake of absorbing the Nine-Yang Profound Qi, so you ought to lack Nine-Ying Profound Qi. Thus, she acted on her own and gathered a bottle of Nine-Ying Profound Qi for you. I hope that you can accept this." Right when Chen Xi intended to turn around and leave, the female attendant withdrew a sheepskin bottle that was completely like jade and spoke respectfully.

This woman is really capable of considering everything accurately. The two gifts she gave are both things I need urgently, and I'm utterly unable to refuse. Chen Xi sighed in his heart, and he completely didn't have the joy of obtaining a pile of precious treasures.

He thought for a moment, and then a flash of inspiration arose in Chen Xi's mind. His Divine Perception entered into the Buddha's Pagoda and gathered a large pile of the various materials that were piled into a mountain, and then he placed them into a Hundred Treasure Bag and passed it to the female attendant as he said, "Gifts require reciprocation. This is an expression of my goodwill, I hope you can pass it to Madam Shui Hua." As he spoke, Duan Ling Tian withdrew another jade bottle that contained 500 kg of spirit liquid and smiled. "Thank you for the trouble, this 500 kg of spirit liquid is a little token of my thanks, I hope you can accept it."

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Xi didn't stay any longer, and he turned and left. He was afraid that if he continued staying here and received more precious treasures, then he would truly be unable to take it.

But when he'd only just walked out of the door to the Treasure Heaven Pavilion, he encountered a familiar person right before him, Tantai Zixuan and a middle aged man with a cold expression and greyish hair stood by her side.

This middle aged man stood with a proud bearing and had his hands behind his back, and the surroundings of his body faintly seemed to flow with a shapeless field of energy, as if a casual move of his was able to shatter space and control the surroundings.

This was the sight of someone who was soon to advance to the Rebirth Realm, and it was called Half-step Rebirth Realm!

Chen Xi didn't have to guess, this middle aged man was Tantai Hong, the father of Tantai Zixuan and the Patriarch of the Tantai Clan who was also the Master of the number one trading company in Oceanic City, the Treasure Control Company.

"You're Chen Ke? Sure enough, you're an extraordinary young hero. Thank you for lending a hand and allowing my daughter to safely return to the city." Tantai Hong's gaze swept Chen Xi from head to toe, and his cold expression became much more relaxed.

Hmm? Could it be that Tantai Zixuan told him about the matter of my annihilating Han Guyue and the others? Chen Xi was stunned and looked at the nearby Tantai Zixuan.

"Fellow Daoist Chen Ke, don't misunderstand. I only reported to my Father that Han Guyue and the other Han Clan elders were killed by a mysterious senior, whereas you only passed by and sent us back to the city. My Father came here this time to thank you." Tantai Zixuan swiftly explained via voice transmission.

Only now did Chen Xi come to a sudden understanding. He wasn't a person that fussed about everything, but it was because this incident involved the Sickle of Slaughter and his Buddha's Pagoda, so he had to be slightly vigilant.

"Chen Ke, come be a guest at my Tantai Clan. Even though I didn't step into the Rebirth Realm from my closed door cultivation this time, I've instead befriended some young geniuses. You're at the Golden Hall Realm now, it's a good thing for you to communicate more with some young experts." Tantai Hong smiled as he spoke and had an appearance as if he'd considered himself to be a senior of Chen Xi's.

"My Father dotes on me the most. He doesn't have any other intention and just wants to entertain you for some time and help you get to know more people, and it can be considered to be returning a favor to you." Tantai Zixuan explained via voice transmission. She knew how terrifying Chen Xi's strength was, and when she heard her Father take Chen Xi to be an ordinary junior, she felt both amused and worried that Chen Xi would misunderstand, so she hurriedly explained.

"It's alright. I am young." Chen Xi smiled, and then he cupped his fist towards Tantai Hong. "Thank you Uncle Tantai for your good intention, but I want to head to the Oceanic Desert to gain experience and tempering today. I'll come disturb you when I have the chance next time."

"Oceanic Desert?" Tantai Hong frowned as a trace of suspicion flashed past the depths of his eyes, and then he went silent for a long time before saying, "Chen Ke, I'll be candid with you. I'm heading to the

Oceanic Desert today as well, so how about you come with me so that I can look after you?" As he spoke, his gaze locked tightly onto Chen Xi as if he was extremely anticipating Chen Xi's agreement.

But Chen Xi faintly noticed a trace of unusualness. It was as if when Tantai Hong heard him mention heading to the Oceanic Desert, Tantai Hong aroused suspicion towards him and revealed a trace of a probing intention in his words.

"There's no need. I'm going to the Oceanic Desert for the sake of tempering myself, and it would lose its meaning if I have Uncle Tantai protecting me." Chen Xi shook his head and refused, yet he was pondering the meaning within Tantai Hong's words in his heart.

Tantai Hong seemed to have secretly heaved a sigh of relief, and he pondered for a long time before saying, "Chen Ke, I'm unable to repay your kindness of escorting my daughter all the way to return safely, so I'll give you an extremely great fortuitous encounter. How about it?"

A fortuitous encounter can be given? Chen Xi didn't know whether to laugh or to cry.

"Follow me, I'll first bring you along to meet a few people." Tantai Hong smiled mysteriously and utterly didn't allow Chen Xi to refuse before heading towards the distance.

"What does your Father want to do?" Chen Xi looked towards Tantai Zixuan and asked.

"Fellow Daoist Chen Ke, to tell you honestly, my Father possesses an incomplete map, and the diagram atop this map is some clues to search for Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault. Moreover, the reason the Han Clan attacked my Tantai Clan was exactly for the sake of this map." At this point, Tantai Zixuan felt there was nothing to conceal any longer, and she revealed this secret.

A map to find the Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault?

Chen Xi was instantly shocked in his heart. He'd found out from Xue Chen and Pei Zhong that this Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault was left behind by a Heavenly Immortal, and it contained boundless precious treasures and the inheritance of this Heavenly Immortal Realm expert, causing it to draw the attention and covetous intentions of many great powers of the central plains. But even Pei Zhong and Xue Chen didn't know the location of this Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault. Supposedly, it was deep within the Oceanic Desert, and it would descend onto the world in the near future.

However, at this moment, Tantai Zixuan had instead said that her Father possessed a map related to Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault, so how could Chen Xi not be shocked?

If this is true, then following Tantai Hong into the Oceanic Desert is indeed an extremely great fortuitous encounter. Chen Xi thought to himself, and then he recalled a matter and said via voice transmission, "Right, didn't Han Guyue say that he'd sent a Rebirth Realm cultivator to assassinate your father? Did something happened while this was carried out?"

"Yes, that Rebirth Realm cultivator was forced into retreat by an extremely strong mysterious female cultivator. Her two disciples are guests at my clan now." Tantai Zixuan replied casually.

"Mysterious female cultivator?" Chen Xi spoke with astonishment, and he kept having the feeling that this incident was slightly fishy.

"Yeah, it's all thanks to her lending a hand in time, otherwise, my Father would probably have really been killed." Tantai Zixuan nodded.

Chen Xi nodded and didn't ask any further.

"He accepted everything?" At the top level of the Treasure Heaven Pavilion, Madam Shui Hua lay lazily on a crystal bed, and her voluptuous body drew out an attractive outline that stirred one's soul.

"Reporting to Madam, he accepted it. This is what that Young Master asked me to pass on to you." The female attendant held up a Hundred Treasure Bag with both hands as she spoke respectfully.

"Oh." Madam Shui Hua stuck out her hand and the Hundred Treasure Bag fell into her hand, and then she swept its contents with her Divine Sense, causing her to be stunned instantly. After a long time, she muttered. "The wings of Snowshadow Butterflies, the shells of Darksoul Beetles, Glittering Cyan Herb... What a fellow! Every single one of these materials is more precious than the other, and their worth is more than double the gifts I gave him. Looks like he's unwilling to owe me a favor. But the more you act like this, the more I won't let you off. I don't believe I'm unable to subdue a little dummy like you..."

As she spoke, Madam Shui Hua's starry eyes became misty, and the corners of her delicate and charming lips were suffused with a trace of an inexplicable smile that was filled with allure.

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# **Chapter 198: Devil's Rock**

On the way, Chen Xi noticed to his shock that Tantai Hong was leading him out of the city, and Tantai Hong seemed to want to directly head towards the Oceanic Desert. Moreover, Tantai Zixuan had silently left as well.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Within the entire Oceanic City, numerous gorgeous flowing lights tore through the sky from all directions, and they sounded like a gushing tide as they flew out of the city.

When looked at from afar, the flowing lights of a variety of colors interweaved together into clouds that were a riot of colors, and they swarmed and whistled as they flew swiftly, causing them to be an extremely magnificent sight.

Behind Oceanic City was the boundlessly vast Oceanic Desert, the terrifying existence that was called the place of death.

Chen Xi had once entered into the Oceanic Desert, but he entered from the side of the Rowdy Grasslands on that day. At that time, gales howled and sandstorms raged in the Oceanic Desert, like a god with a violent temper that was wantonly venting the entirety of the rage and resentment in his chest, and it was filled with infinite destruction and was extremely terrifying.

However, at this moment, the Oceanic Desert had instead become much calmer. Although the wind and sand still fluttered in the entire sky, the strength of this fluttering had greatly weakened. Obviously, as the rumors said, the Oceanic Desert had really entered into a period of dormancy.

Although the Oceanic Desert was reputed as the place of death, there were countless treasures of heaven and earth contained within it, and there was no lack of ruins, secret realms, and even Immortal

Abodes and treasure vaults that stored ancient precious treasures. But because it was too dangerous before, no one dared rashly step foot in it.

It was different now. Once the Oceanic Desert entered into a period of dormancy, it was like a wild beast that had put away its fangs and became unarmed, causing its dangerousness to greatly decrease. So long as one didn't head deep into the Oceanic Desert, it was sufficient for one to rake in a big amount of treasures and make a staggering profit by searching for the innumerable priceless and rare treasures within it.

It was precisely because of this period of dormancy that this period of time had become the best time for the various young disciples to enter the Oceanic Desert and search for treasures while training, tempering themselves and gaining experience. There were even some merchants that had formed a group of experts to head to the Oceanic Desert and gather materials in an effort to make a great profit.

Chen Xi saw many merchants forming large groups of guards before dashing towards the Oceanic Desert, and every single one of their faces were filled with excitement and eagerness, as if they were about to enter a mountain of silver and gold to start panning for some.

Within the dense crowd of people, the Golden Core Realm cultivators that came from various places of the Darchu Dynasty were undoubtedly the most conspicuous. All of them were experts of the younger generation, the core force of the various sects, and as they flew in the sky, they were usually able to cause waves of shocked exclamations and sharp cries that contained praise, admiration, and of course, there was envy.

Chen Xi even saw many exceedingly formidable young experts that possessed auras that weren't the slightest bit inferior to Xue Chen and Pei Zhong, and there were even some who surpassed them. Thus, it was difficult for them to not arouse shock in others.

A gathering of heroes with experts as numerous as the clouds. Pitiably, all these people are mostly cultivators from outside the southern territory, whereas, there are only a few cultivators from the southern territory itself. Truly ironic. Chen Xi sighed to himself. This also allowed him to clearly understand that the cultivation world of the southern territory was indeed too destitute, and it was utterly not on the same level as the northern barbaric lands, eastern sea, and central plains.

"Chen Ke, amongst those few Fellow Daoists, two of them are the disciples of the benefactor of my Tantai Clan, and their strengths are at the top of the Golden Core Realm, and the other few are the core Golden Core Realm disciples of the various great powers in the central plains. All of them are genius figures of the younger generation and are experts that possess the ability to participate in the Allstar Meeting. You must be careful when you meet them later, and you must not offend them." On the way, Tantai Hong suddenly spoke in warning.

Chen Xi nodded, yet he lightly sighed in his heart. When one cooperated with disciples of another sect to carry out missions and search for treasures, it would normally be exceedingly dangerous. Because everyone wasn't from the same sect, there were no rules restricting them, causing the act of stealing or murder for the sake of the wealth of others and plotting against one's companions to occur easily.

"Are you worried they would forget honor at the prospect of wealth?" Tantai Hong smiled and then thought for some time before saying, "This is something that you can't do anything about. Qian Yuan's

Treasure Vault was left behind by a peerless Heavenly Immortal, and it's covered in layer upon layer of restrictions. Every step you take within is filled with killing intent. I must gain assistance from their strength in order to be able to guarantee safe passage into it. Of course, they're moving with us for the sake of the aid of the treasure map in my possession. This is something I've distinguished extremely clearly, and it's why I asked you to watch out and adjust yourself according to the situation so as to avoid any mishaps from happening."

"Uncle Tantai possesses the profound wisdom to deal with all this, so there's nothing for me to be worried about." Chen Xi smiled.

"Don't worry, if we enter Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault this time, you're bound to benefit." Tantai Hong laughed loudly, and he increased his speed and flew towards the direction of the Oceanic Desert.

Even though the Oceanic Desert had entered into a state of dormancy, it was still extremely dangerous. Because the weather in the Oceanic Desert varied indefinitely, and not only did it possess terrifying restrictions and spatial tears that were sufficient to swallow up everything, there were even numerous formidable demon beasts raging within it. Some of these demon beasts were even comparable to Rebirth Realm cultivators and even exceedingly rare existences that surpassed the Rebirth Realm. Moreover, these demon beasts formed packs and groups and were unafraid of death.

Of course, in the eyes of experts, these demon beasts were an enormous piece of wealth, as hunting these demon beasts and seizing their blood essence, skin, and fur to refine Magic Treasures and to be sold were an enormous source of wealth. However, these experts didn't dare be neglectful and careless, otherwise, going deep into the hordes of demon beasts would surely cause one to die a graveless death.

### Swoosh!

Chen Xi and Tantai Hong tore through the sky and entered 500 km into the Oceanic Desert before arriving at a rocky hill that was formed from the corrosion of wind and sand.

"This is the Devil's Rock, and further ahead are the truly dangerous places in the Oceanic Desert like the Five Element Ruins, Baleful Fiend Burial Ground, Thunderstorm Zone, and the other places of danger are all there, and the slightest carelessness could cost your life. Moreover, the spirit energy here is extremely scarce, so we have to prepare sufficient medicinal pills to replenish our bodies, otherwise, we would sooner or later be trapped to death within this place." Tantai Hong stood on the rock hill and spoke with a deep voice. "We'll wait here, they'll be here very soon."

Chen Xi nodded and looked at this Devil's Rock. An area of rocks of around 5 km had formed a hill that was completely pitch black and glossy, and its surface possessed numerous holes of various peculiar shapes and sizes that were formed by the corrosion of wind and sand.

Rocks like this could be seen scattered about in every direction within the Oceanic Desert. Wind and sand raged deeper past the Devil's Rock, and within the depths of the thick layer of sand, Chen Xi was even able to sense some ferocious aura lying in hibernation.

Moreover, this place was covered with numerous lofty hills and mountains of sand that towered into the clouds, and the sun in the sky was extremely strong. Numerous strands of intense rays of sunlight pierced down to cause one's skin to have the feeling as if it was about to melt.

The temperature here was simply as if one was within a pill cauldron, scorching and scalding, and an ordinary person would probably have been roasted into a dry corpse since long ago.

Chen Xi instead felt extremely comfortable. Within the desert, it was so hot that even metal would melt, and the scorching airflow burnt the air to the point of distorting, yet the instant this scorching airflow approached Chen Xi, it would be absorbed by the Third-Fire Shaman Marking and Great Yang Shaman Marking on his back before starting to transform and temper the strength of his body.

## Bang!

While they waited, Tantai Hong seemed to have noticed something, and he suddenly circulated his True Essence to fiercely grab towards a small hill of sand that was 3 km away. Suddenly, he grabbed a desert lizard that was enormous like an elephant. The aura of this desert lizard was comparable to a peak Violet Palace Realm cultivator and was only a step away from advancing to the Golden Hall Realm.

Chen Xi briefly sized it up before he said, "This desert lizard has actually cultivated to the perfection-realm of the Violet Palace Realm. Looks like it has consumed a lot of spirit veins and ores beneath the desert. Unfortunately, there was no one to guide it, otherwise, it wouldn't be impossible for its cultivation to attain the Golden Hall Realm."

"This place is a comparably safe area, and it belongs to the edge of the Oceanic Desert. Once we go deeper, the demon beasts there are outrageously strong. Especially the Five Element Ruins. A variety of demon beasts formed groups and packs and were all at the perfection-stage of the Golden Hall Realm. Once they move out, it would be in a group of a few thousand, and they're extremely terrifying. There was once a Half-step Rebirth Realm cultivator like me that was directly trapped alive within there." Tantai Hong sighed with emotion, and he killed the desert lizard as he spoke and placed it within his storage Magic Treasure.

The Half-step Rebirth Realm was a cultivation above the peak of the Golden Core Realm, and it possessed an absolute advantage to a perfection-stage Golden Core Realm demon beast. But if a few thousands of perfection-stage Golden Hall Realm demon beasts were to swarm over, they were similarly capable of killing a Golden Core Realm cultivator. This was an absolute advantage formed from numbers, and it was like a powerful torrent of an army that was impossible to stop.

"So there's even something like this. Group after group of demon beasts indeed can't be looked down upon." Chen Xi imagined for a moment, and he was extremely fearful as well.

### Swish!

Right at this moment, a sharp sound of the sky tearing apart sounded out from the extreme distance, and then a sword light descended down like a flowing light with fierce momentum, and it even caused Chen Xi's clothes to flutter in the wind.

The Sword Intent was fierce and swift, yet the sword move was simple and rough, and it seemed like the earth that was exceedingly heavy. As soon as it descended onto the ground, the entire might of the sword restrained itself to reveal a young man wearing an apricot yellow Daoist robe.

This young man was tall and handsome, his bearing deep and condensed, and he looked majestic in appearance. He was like the boundlessly vast earth, deep and lofty, and he seemed like a great leader.

The instant this young man descended to the ground, he nodded to Tantai Hong. However, when he saw Chen Xi, his brows frowned instead, and a trace of displeasure flashed deep within his eyes.

Chen Xi acutely noticed this, yet his expression remained unchanged.

"Chen Ke, this is Lin Moxuan of the central plains Earthly Heaven Sect, a perfection-stage Golden Core Realm sword cultivator who's well known all over the world. He's a top figure amongst the experts of the younger generation."

Tantai Hong grinned as he introduced. "Fellow Daoist Lin, this is Chen Ke, he's the best friend of my daughter."

Lin Moxuan didn't even spare a glance at Chen Xi before frowning as he said, "Patriarch Tantai, we're going to search for Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault this time, and it's filled with danger. How could you bring over a burden? Not to mention we'd agreed long ago that we can't bring another along, it wouldn't be good if someone harbored evil intentions or wanted to sit idly while enjoying the fruits of another's labor."

Lin Moxuan's words directly took Chen Xi to be a burden that was beneath contempt. His words and actions showed superiority, and it even seemed as if he didn't take Tantai Hong seriously. It was a mystery whether he was arrogant, possessed a proud and lofty character, or he possessed the strength to look down on everything.

"Don't worry, this Junior of mine will absolutely not be a burden to everyone. This is something that I can guarantee with my honor." Tantai Hong was slightly embarrassed a hurriedly explained. He never imagined that Lin Moxuan would be so blunt, and he couldn't help but sigh in his heart. I wonder what Zixuan was thinking by forcing me to bring this kid along. Now even I've lost face along with him.

Lin Moxuan's frown grew even deeper, and he said coldly, "Fine, but if he impedes my footsteps and becomes a burden, then I'll be the first to kill him!"

When he heard this, Chen Xi still maintained a composed and carefree expression, and it was unknown what he was thinking in his heart.

# Rumble!

Right at this moment, a violent wave of explosions sounded out in the sky abruptly, and a wisp that seemed like a burning cloud of fire gushed over with an unbelievable speed, and it arrived at the Devil's Rock in the blink of an eye. The cloud of fire restrained itself to reveal a woman in a fiery red luxurious robe that walked over gracefully. This woman that wore a fiery red luxurious robe had a hot figure and an enchanting appearance. She was actually a Golden Core Realm cultivator that possessed immeasurable strength as well!

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# **Chapter 199: Arriving In A Throng**

"Miss Xiao Linger, you've arrived." When he saw the young woman in a fiery red robe, Tantai Hong smiled, and at the same time, he sent a voice transmission into Chen Xi's ears. "This is the central plains Nine Cauldron Immortal Sect's core Golden Core Realm disciple, Xiao Linger. Her cultivation is unfathomable, and she's an existence on the same level as Lin Moxuan."

"I encountered the Whitecrane Sect's Qing Xiuyi and wanted to have a spar with her, yet regretfully, that woman kept avoiding me and didn't want to fight." Xiao Linger faintly sighed. She was lightly stunned when she looked around and noticed Chen Xi, yet she didn't ask anything.

But Chen Xi sensed that this woman possessed a pressure that caused him to feel fear, and the trace of faint aura surrounding her body contained a violent energy that was fierce like fire and heavy like a cauldron and could suppress everything in the world. Obviously, she was an extremely formidable figure.

"What? You encountered Qing Xiuyi? She's come as well?" Lin Moxuan was visibly moved, and he spoke with a burning gaze. "That woman is a reincarnated Heavenly Immortal and is looked favorably upon by the leaders of many sects. I originally thought that she'd already broken through to the Rebirth Realm since long ago, yet now it would seem like she has been bitterly suppressing her cultivation as well and is waiting for the Allstar Meeting five years from now to amaze the world with a single brilliant feat!"

"Speaking of suppressing cultivations, aren't you the same, Senior Brother Lin? After all, the more Dao Insights comprehended while at the Golden Core Realm, the more benefit one would obtain when charging into the Nether Transformation Realm. As for the Rebirth Realm... Hmph! It's only a passing period. Relying on my ability, so long as I possess sufficient baleful energy of Yin and Yang, I'll be able to extremely easily pass through the seven temperings of the Rebirth Realm." Xiao Linger glanced at Lin Moxuan with deep meaning in her eyes, and then she said unhurriedly, "Not to mention once one advances to the Rebirth Realm, one would have lost the chance to participate in the Allstar Meeting, which would be equivalent to losing the chance to participate in the Primeval Battlefield and battle the monstrous geniuses of the other Dynasties. Under these circumstances, who would be stupid to the point of charging into the Rebirth Realm?"

Lin Moxuan grunted coldly and said, "Junior Sister Xiao, aren't you suppressing your cultivation as well?" Xiao Linger smiled yet didn't say anything further.

Suppressing their cultivation?!

So these fellows already possessed the qualifications to charge into the Rebirth Realm long ago. According to what that Xiao Linger said, they seem to be preparing and accumulating sufficient strength so that after they charge into the Rebirth Realm, they can press on until the Nether Transformation Realm!

The more he heard, the more he felt shocked in his heart, and if he didn't compare himself with them he wouldn't know, yet once he compared himself with them, Chen Xi realized that there was always someone stronger, no matter how strong one was.

At this moment, he deeply felt that his cultivation was lagging too much behind and was too insufficient, and he urgently yearned to possess strength in his heart. Because he knew that if he were to participate in the Allstar Meeting, these people would possibly be his opponents, and if he didn't cultivate bitterly and diligently, and he would probably be unable to enter the Dark Reverie for his entire lifetime...

At the side, Tantai Hong's expression was slightly unsightly. Especially when he heard Xiao Linger say 'who would be stupid to the point of charging into the Rebirth Realm' his face even revealed a gloomy expression.

Because before this, he was in closed door cultivation to charge into the Rebirth Realm, and he was even almost killed by the sneak attack of an enemy during that period. Xiao Linger's words had undoubtedly drawn out a painful memory in his heart, and it caused him to be exceedingly embarrassed.

### Crack! Crack!

Right at this moment, a wave of the sound of space shattering resounded out.

Chen Xi raised his eyes to look and saw three people stepping on the sky as they flew over. Every single stride they made caused a ripple of shattering in the space they strode on, and it revealed their extremely formidable cultivation.

These three people were led by the person in the front that wore a feathered crown and dragon robes, and he revealed a dignified and peerless aura. On his sides were two twins who had similar appearances and wore similar clothing. They possessed a deep gaze and a formidable aura. Every single one of them wasn't inferior to Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger.

Especially the young man in the lead, the pressure he brought upon Chen Xi was much greater than the others and much more terrifying. Obviously, this young man with a feathered crown was the strongest amongst these experts of the younger generations.

However, Chen Xi's attention was instead drawn by the pair of twin brothers, because he acutely sensed that the aura on these two people was practically identical to the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect's Xiao Jun!

"You've come." Tantai Hong couldn't help but grin from ear to ear when he saw these three people.

Of course, he sent a voice transmission to Chen Xi at the same time. "Chen Ke, amongst these three people, this pair of twins are called Teng Huaji and Teng Huaxu, and they're the disciples of a mysterious female cultivator that saved my life while I was trying to charge into the Rebirth Realm a few days ago. The person in the center is called Huangfu Chongming, and he's the Little Prince of the Darchu Dynasty's King Rui's Estate, a kinsman of the emperor that possesses a respected status and monstrous authority, and his strength is unfathomable. The cultivation technique, Nine-Python Dragon Transformation, is an ultimate technique of the Imperial Family and is extremely formidable. You must not offend this person!"

Chen Xi sensed a trace of deep fear from Tantai Hong's words. Obviously, this Huangfu Chongming brought an extremely great pressure to Tantai Hong.

But he wasn't concerned with all this, and he'd already confirmed one thing now, that pair of twin brothers were surely members of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect!

What mysterious female cultivator? Saving Tantai Hong's life during his moment of danger? All of this was a scheme of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect with the objective of getting close to Tantai Hong and then relying on the map in his possession to enter Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault. It was even to the extent that Chen Xi guessed that the mysterious female cultivator might be the person Xiao Jun spoke of, Hall Master Fan, Fan Yunlan!

The reason why Chen Xi was so sure was extremely simple, and everything was because of the female disciples of the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect, Xiao Jun. She was a pawn the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect placed by Tantai Zixuan's side, and when she found out about the treasure map in Tantai Hong's possession,

she told Fan Yunlan of it. After that, they used the Han Clan to attack the Tantai Clan, and then they seized this opportunity to play out an act of saving Tantai Hong and gaining Tantai Hong's trust and gratefulness.

What a scheme! Making use of another and deception that could be said to be linked layer by layer together. Whether the Han Clan was sacrificed or not utterly didn't affect the overall situation. Chen Xi couldn't help but praise in his heart as the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect's methods were indeed exceedingly ruthless and cunning.

Of course, all of this was his inference, and he wouldn't rashly tell Tantai Hong before obtaining a confirmation, so as to avoid being reduced to a villain and become caught between enemies from both sides.

Most importantly, there was one more link that Chen Xi couldn't understand, and that was why Huangfu Chongming would be together with this pair of twins. Could it be that this Little Prince, Huangfu Chongming, has already come to a certain agreement with the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect?

Instantly, countless thoughts flashed within Chen Xi's mind. They weren't numerous and disorderly but were instead inferred in an orderly manner by him. This was precisely the strength of the Deducing Arts of the Dao of Talismans. For example, the topmost difficult to cultivate sword technique in the world, the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture, was slowly deduced by him, thus wanting to deduce the cause and effect of some things were naturally exceedingly easy.

Moreover, once this type of Deducing Arts attained the limit, not only was it able to deduce the changes in the cycle of the heavens, it was even able to deduce a person's heart, thoughts, karma, fortune, and fate, allowing one to master the boundless variations between the heaven, earth, and humans.

Of course, Chen Xi was still exceedingly far away from this level, and even a Heavenly Immortal might not be capable of attaining it. In the rumors, only those almighty figures that were born in the primordial era were able to thoroughly understand a trace of its true essence.

"Why is there a Golden Hall Realm kid?" Huangfu Chongming noticed Chen Xi, and his reaction was even more intense than Lin Moxuan, causing his to frown and shout out coldly. His imposing aura roared like a mountain and sea as it fiercely pressed onto Chen Xi.

Chen Xi instantly felt pressure gush over from all directions, and it wanted to make him submit and prostrate himself. However, how formidable was his Dao Heart? He concentrated his mind and soul, and he remained unmoved no matter how monstrous the pressure was, causing him to faintly reveal the trace of the feeling of an old monk in meditation.

But in the depths of his heart, Chen Xi was instead furious to the extreme, and his killing intent surged. This fellow is arrogant and overbearing. The day will come where I'll suppress him like this and make him kowtow and prostrate himself before me!

"Prince Huangfu, this person is a junior of mine and we have a deep relationship. He will surely not cause trouble for everyone during our movement this time. I hope that you can show mercy and let him off." When Tantai Hong saw Huangfu Chongming's fierce deterrence towards Chen Xi, he hurriedly explained and pleaded on Chen Xi's behalf.

"Oh? Then I'll forgive you this time for the sake of Patriarch Tantai." Huangfu Chongming's expression eased up as the imposing aura surrounding him instantly vanished completely without a trace remaining, and he recovered his poised and noble appearance.

Chen Xi's heart went cold as he instantly realized that this person wasn't overbearing and unreasonable as he seemed on the outside and was instead not simple. Perhaps everything from before was faked by him for the sake of probing me.

Moreover, Chen Xi also noticed that along with the appearance of Huangfu Chongming, Lin Moxuan and Xiao Linger had restrained themselves greatly and didn't continue chatting amongst themselves as if they had a trace of fear towards Huangfu Chongming.

"I heard that Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault was left behind by a peerless Heavenly Immortal from a few tens of thousands of years ago. Not only are there countless treasures of heaven and earth, Magic Treasures, and medicinal pills within it, there are even Immortal Artifacts of legend and the Dao Insight Origin Pills condensed by this Heavenly Immortal from his own comprehension of the Heaven Dao. Immortal Artifacts are too unreal, and whether we obtain one will completely depend on our fortune. But those Dao Insight Origin Pills are real and supreme precious treasures, and so long as anyone obtains a single one of them, one would be able to instantly master a type of Dao Insight. It's simply a fortune that is a work of man yet rivals nature itself. Patriarch Tantai, I wonder if all this information is true or false?" Huangfu Chongming asked unhurriedly.

## Dao Insight Origin Pills?!

Chen Xi was shocked in his head, and some information instantly appeared within his mind. Supposedly, some formidable figures at the Heavenly Immortal Realm would refine their comprehension of the Heaven Dao into medicinal pills before they ascended. So long as someone obtained one of these pills, the person would be able to master a Dao Insight in an extremely short period of time, and it was really extremely miraculous. But, every single Dao Insight could only be condensed into a single one of these pills. Moreover, it required the consumption of a strand of the Heavenly Immortal's Blood Essence, so it could be said to be extremely precious.

In the current cultivation world, the appearance of every single Dao Insight Origin Pill was able to cause great bloodshed, and it was simply a priceless treasure that everyone dreamed of.

Tantai Hong nodded and said, "This rumor does indeed exist, and it ought to not be fake."

After they obtained Tantai Hong's confirmation, not only did Huangfu Chongming revealed a trace of burning desire, even Lin Moxuan, Xiao Linger, Teng Huaji, and Teng Huaxu were the same as well.

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# **Chapter 200: Five Element Tempest**

Dao Insight was a cultivator's comprehension towards the Heaven Dao, and if one's comprehension ability wasn't high, one would be unable to comprehend a trace for one's entire lifetime, whereas, this Dao Insight Origin Pill was instead able to allow one to instantly comprehend a Dao Insight after swallowing it. This type of effect that seized the fortune of the heaven and earth was simply heaven defying!

A supreme rarity like the Dao Insight Origin Pill is actually contained within Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault? Chen Xi was greatly moved in his heart as well upon hearing this, and he had a dreamy expression.

If it was said that the Postnatal, Congenital, Violet Palace, and Golden Hall Realms competed in the thickness of one's True Essence, then after the Golden Core Realm, besides the thickness of one's True Essence, it was more a competition of Dao Insight!

The more Dao Insights a cultivator comprehended, the higher the cultivator's strength would rise to be. Most importantly, one's assurance in overcoming the Heavenly Tribulations and becoming a Heavenly Immortal would be greater...

Take a Golden Core Realm cultivator as an example, the quality of the cultivator's golden core depended on the quality of the Yin and Yang qi absorbed and the amount of Dao Insights comprehended by the cultivator.

The Yin and Yang Qi were the foundation, the essentials, as only by using it to temper one's True Essence would one be able to condense one's Golden Core, whereas, the Dao Insight was the soul, the core. Without the soul, then no matter how great the quality of the Golden Core was, it would only be an empty shell, a puppet.

When some Golden Core Realm cultivators went against their enemies, they only had to look from afar at the amount of Dao Insights contained on their enemy's golden core to roughly determine their enemy's strength and cultivation before adapting their tactics to battle or flee.

Of course, Dao Insights were also divided by Minor Daos and Grand Daos, and their might naturally couldn't be compared.

For example, amongst the four types of Dao Insights comprehended by the Han Clan's Patriarch, Han Guyue, only the Slaughter Dao Insight was a Grand Dao, and the other three were only Minor Daos. But even then, his strength was much stronger than some Golden Core Realm cultivators that had comprehended over 10 Minor Daos, and the key was that the Slaughter Dao Insight he comprehended was a type of Grand Dao of the heaven and earth. The strength of every single Grand Dao was capable of crushing all Minor Daos!

Of course, Grand Daos were developed by countless Minor Daos, so the more Minor Daos accumulated and the deeper one's comprehension of them, the higher one's chance of developing them into a Grand Dao would be.

For example, the Grand Dao of Water was developed from the Tidal, Lake, Snow, Ocean, Rain, and many other Minor Daos that contained the energy of water. So long as one completely comprehended these Minor Daos, it would be equivalent to mastering the Grand Dao of Water.

Thus, one could know from this exactly how great the difference was between a Grand Dao and Minor Dao.

Cultivating until now, Chen Xi's day and night visualization of the Fuxi's Divine Statue had allowed his comprehension ability to become extraordinary and peerless, and the Universe Starslayer Bodyforging Arts and Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture he cultivated faintly contained numerous profundities of the Heaven Dao. Up till now, all the 11 types of Dao Insights he'd cultivated were supreme Grand Daos,

and he could be said to have already possessed an extremely deep potential in the Grand Dao. So long as he unearthed this enormous potential and completely mastered their quintessence, then the achievements he would be able to attain would absolutely far exceed an ordinary person.

But Grand Daos were extremely deep and profound. Presently, his Dao comprehension stage was only at the point of peeking into the doorway of these 11 types of Grand Daos, and if he wanted to completely comprehend them, it would be an extremely long process. Moreover, the time and energy consumed would far exceed an ordinary person by more than a few times.

"Alright, everyone, let's head out now. Our journey to search for Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault this time requires us to pass through countless dangerous areas and even encounter demon beasts that move in groups, so everyone must watch out. Patriarch Tantai must pay more attention as well and guide our path, otherwise, if we go on the wrong path in the Oceanic Desert, we'd die a graveless death." Huangfu Chongming's gaze swept past everyone as he spoke out with a clear voice, and then he was the first to fly up and head deeper past the Devil's Rock.

Chen Xi and the others flew up into the sky right away and followed behind Huangfu Chongming.

At this time, groups could be discerned. Chen Xi and Tantai Hong were together, whereas the Earthly Heaven Sect's Lin Moxuan and the Nine Cauldrons Immortal Sect's Xiao Linger had moved closer together. The two brothers Teng Huaji and Teng Huaxu and instead formed a group with Huangfu Chongming.

Their group of seven people had instead divided into three groups. When this scene entered into Chen Xi's eyes, he was even more certain that even if they entered Qian Yuan's Treasure Vault, disputes would arise because of the unfairness of the distribution of treasures, and even battles between each other couldn't be excluded.

"Chen Ke, you have to watch out. Your strength is the weakest amongst all of us, and once we encounter danger, I'm afraid that even I will be unable to be of much help to you." As they flew, Tantai Hong sent a voice transmission and instructed Chen Xi.

"I understand." Chen Xi nodded. He was pondering a single thing. Earlier, when they'd just set out, he'd unintentionally noticed that the Bloodcrescent Devil Sect twins seemed to have been always secretly watching him with flickering gazes and mysterious expression as if they'd noticed something.

These two people are surely the subordinates of that Hall Master, Fan Yunlan, whereas, that Fan Yunlan ought to have seen my appearance during the Hidden Dragon Rankings a few years ago. Could it be... These Teng surnamed brothers have already guessed my identity? Chen Xi deliberated in his mind as he secretly started taking precautions against them.

At the same time, Teng Huaji and Teng Huaxu that flew ahead of him were communicating with each other as well. "Big Brother, this Golden Hall Realm kid is surely Chen Xi, without a doubt. Look." As he spoke, a Mirage Jade Slip appeared in the hands of Teng Huaxu.

Teng Huaji glanced imperceptibly at the surroundings when he heard Teng Huaxu, and then when he saw no one was paying attention to him, he swept out with the energy of his soul right away and instantly saw the figure of a handsome young man gush out from the jade slip. The young man was tall and extraordinary, and he was exactly similar to Chen Ke that followed behind them!

"It really is this despicable kid! Not only did he kill 32 of our Bloodcrescent Demon Sect's Devilspirit Guard, he even stole the Lord's Nine Syllables of Truth talisman and the Buddha's Pagoda. Because of this matter, our Hall Master Fan suffered the fierce punishment of the Lord and was reduced to carrying out missions in Oceanic City. He's truly detestable!" Teng Huaji gnashed his teeth as he spoke via voice transmission.

"Hehe, Big Brother, calm your anger. That kid has delivered himself right into our hands now. Let's find an opportunity to kill him and seize the Nine Syllables of Truth talisman and the Buddha's Pagoda. That's a great merit and Hall Master Fan will surely heavily reward us brothers. In this way, our status in the sect will surely rise along with this and we'll be able to enjoy various resources that we've dreamed of for a long time." Teng Huaxu smiled ominously, and his eyes revealed killing intent.

"Alright! If we don't properly grasp such an opportunity sent by the heavens, then we'll really suffer the wrath of the heavens." Teng Huaji laughed coldly without end. "I heard this kid is ranked at the top in some Hidden Dragon Rankings and is well known throughout the southern territory. He looks just like an ant to me and is bound to die at the hands of us brothers."

"Big Brother, when are we making our move?" Teng Huaxu asked.

"There's no hurry. If we make a move now, it will probably draw the attention of the others. It would be really bad if those two treasures were seen by them." Teng Huaji pondered for a moment and said, "Perhaps..."

## Roar! Roar! Roar!

Right at the instant before Teng Huaji could finish speaking, shrill and ferocious beast roars and terrifying cries suddenly sounded out from extremely far away in the desert, and a myriad of multicolored clouds and mist enveloped the skies and covered the earth.

"Shit! That's the Five Element Tempest, and within the tempest is the Five Element Ruins where an inexhaustible amount of formidable demon beasts reside!" Huangfu Chongming's eyes squinted before he shouted out explosively.

At this time, Chen Xi had noticed the gorgeous and multicolored tempest as well, and it was so beautiful, yet so dangerous!