

## Talisman 61

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#### Chapter 61: Mu Kui

The magnificent and beautiful mountain range was like layer upon layer of unbroken waves.

Numerous large mountains that were nearly 33km tall wound up high into the clouds. The mountains stood high and low with various bizarre shapes, as if numerous enormous beasts of ancient times were silently settled there.

At the moment it was dusk and the afterglow of the setting sun poured down like a bloody glow that tainted clouds and mist. The vast and towering mountains bathed under the light of the setting sun and drew a grand and magnificent scene.

“What happened?”

“Where is this?”

A youth was muttering to himself on a precipitous cliff that was over 30 kilometers high. His face was thin and handsome with a crude and resolute expression between his brows, and he carried along a disposition that was tough like iron. Shockingly, it was Chen Xi.

Clouds that fluttered in the wind like cotton drifted atop the cliff. Mountain wind whistled by as he stood within the sea of clouds, his clothes flapped as the wind blew upon them, seeming as if they would fly away with the wind in the next moment.

However, at this time, Chen Xi instead had a frown on his face, and his eyes were filled with an expression of deep thought. “I undoubtedly remember that at the instant the immortal estate collapsed, I was still fleeing madly and aimlessly, and I nearly thought I’d die within the immortal estate. How did I appear here in the blink of an eye?”

“You don’t have to ponder any longer, there was an almighty expert that tore through space and saved all of you.” Ji Yu silently appeared to stand within the sea of clouds at the edge of the cliff, and his expression had a trace of bewilderment as well.

Tore through Space? Almighty expert?

Chen Xi gasped, he was truly unable to imagine an expert of exactly what cultivation would possess the terrifying ability to tear through space.

He noticed something after a short while, Ji Yu had said ‘all of you,’ Thus, it went without speaking that Chai Letian and Su Jiao’s group were saved as well.

“But why did that expert lend a hand?” Chen Xi asked.

Ji Yu shook his head and sighed. “I can’t wrap my head around it either. Perhaps he just happened to pass by and saw all of you at death’s door, so he lent a hand to help accumulate some virtue for himself.”

Accumulate virtue? Isn’t this a tad too coincidental?

Chen Xi was unable to contemplate the reason so he didn't continue pondering about it, and he murmured with a sigh. "I got away by luck, yet I'm within these layers upon layers of enormous mountains. The mountain range goes on one after the other, and there actually seems to be no end. I wonder which direction will allow me to return to Pine Mist City?"

"If it's as I've predicted, then this place ought to be the interior of the 5,000 km Southern Barbaric Mountain Range. Look over there. Demonic qi that's condensed and doesn't dissipate has shot up into the heavens. Obviously, there's a greater demon with a monstrous imposing aura residing there." Ji Yu stretched out his finger to point towards a towering mountain in the distance that rose into the sky.

Chen Xi was shocked inwardly and he raised his eyes to gaze over at the direction Ji Yu pointed at. As expected, billowing black mist coiled atop the peak of the mountain in the distance, and the black mist was like a smoke signal that that was condensed and didn't dissipate as it rose into the sky.

Although a demon beast was capable of taking human form when it stepped into the Congenital Realm, it was unable to get rid of the demonic qi on it. Moreover, the deeper its cultivation, the denser the demonic qi was.

The condensed demonic qi that soared into the sky from that far away mountain proved without a doubt that an extremely formidable greater demon resided there. As for its strength, even Ji Yu was unable to precisely determine it, let alone Chen Xi.

"Hmm?" As if he had noticed something, Ji Yu knit his brows together. After remaining silent for a short moment, his brows eased up and his expression returned to normal, then he said, "Looks like you've indeed run into a perilous place where demon beasts wreak havoc." As he spoke, his body shook slightly before vanishing.

"It's... actually... a human!"

Before Chen Xi could even wrap his head around what Ji Yu meant, a rough voice suddenly echoed out in the distance. The speech of the voice was choppy as if the owner had only just learned how to speak.

The place Chen Xi stood at was the side of the precipitous cliff at the top of the mountain surrounded by mist and clouds that coiled around it, and behind him was instead a rocky area that was bumpy.

At this moment, a black clothed young man with a hideous appearance and a strong stature stood there in the rocky area, and his pair of shiny jade eyes emitted an undisguised expression of atrociousness and ruthlessness.

"Congenital Realm greater demon?"

Chen Xi had once killed numerous Congenital Realm greater demons within the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range and had stopped being ignorant since a long time ago. Thus, he discerned the identity of the black clothed young man with almost a single glance.

"Oh, it's a human as expected. I, Mu Kui have cultivated for almost 1,000 years, yet it's the first time I've encountered a human. I heard the texture of human flesh is nice and tender. I wonder if it's true?" The black clothed young man who called himself Mu Kui muttered to himself, and the more he spoke, the more excited he became. He even occasionally extended out his scarlet red tongue to lick his mouth, revealing a mouthful of densely cold and sharp teeth.

“Want to eat me? A demon beast is a demon beast after all. Even if it has taken human form, it’s still difficult to change the bloodthirsty desires imprinted within its bones.” Chen Xi shook his head. The tip of his feet instantly stepped on the ground, utilizing the Heavenly Dragon’s Eight Steps, his body was like a cheetah that dove out towards Mu Kui in a brazen attack.

Mu Kui never imagined that Chen Xi would attack at will, and he’d only just slightly panicked when Chen Xi had already closed the distance between the two of them.

Bang!

An extremely simple explosive fist struck out to instantly blast Mu Kui flying. However, before his body could even hit the floor, Chen Xi had once again stomped on the ground to follow up before bending his elbow upwards and swinging his arm down, and his fist was like a drill as it hammered downwards.

BANG!

Mu Kui was directly smashed into the hard rocky ground, his body sunk deep into the ground, and streams of darkish red blood even flowed out of the corners of his mouth.

Whoosh!

Chen Xi raised his fist once more.

“Stop, stop! I admit defeat! I beg you, Senior, spare my life! Spare me!” Mu Kui screamed in fear, yet an expression of rage and ruthlessness slipped past deep within his eyes.

Want to deceive me?

Chen Xi sneered incessantly in his heart. He completely disregarded Mu Kui imploring for mercy as he continuously smashed his fist downwards another few tens of times. Every single punch was a full force strike, smashing onto Mu Kui to the point his flesh broke apart and numerous bones of his had already broken.

For a time, the entire peak of the mountain was filled with the shrill wailing of Mu Kui begging for mercy, and his voice was incomparably miserable to the point it would cause one’s countenance to change.

Not long after, Chen Xi gazed at Mu Kui who was on the verge of death, and asked coldly, “Now, do you still want to eat me?”

Actually, he didn’t have a heart of stone, nor did his feelings towards demon beasts come to the extent that he would spare none on sight. But, this Mu Kui was extremely cunning. When he admitted defeat the first time, it was obviously an act to deceive Chen Xi. If Chen Xi didn’t beat him to the point that fear was born within his heart, there was no telling what would happen.

The world of demon beasts was actually even more barbaric than the world of humans, and the law of survival where the strong were respected had always been carried out from within their bones. The person with the biggest fist was the one who was boss, and they completely didn’t care about reason.

“I don’t dare, I don’t dare. This lowly one has eyes but didn’t recognize Mt.Tai. I hope Senior can pardon my offense.” Mu Kui’s tone revealed reverence and terror. His face was completely red and swollen

from being hit by Chen Xi, and his originally hideous appearance had become an even more agonizing sight.

“Alright, I’ll ask you some things. If you’re able to answer it to my satisfaction, then I’ll let you go. Right, get up first.” Chen Xi had his hands behind his back as he spoke.

Mu Kui did his best to struggle off the ground and stand up, then he held back the intense pain in his entire body as he nodded repeatedly. “Of course, of course. This lowly one guarantees to speak without reserve, and will surely make Senior satisfied.”

“Where is this?”

“Reporting to Senior. This place is within the 10,000 enormous mountains of the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range. This mountain is called Moon’s Embrace Mountain, and it’s the place I cultivate.” Mu Kui really did speak without reserve, and he replied in an extremely straightforward manner.

“Oh, do you know how to leave this place?” Chen Xi expression remained unfazed as he continued to ask, causing one to be unable to perceive his true thoughts within his heart.

When this appearance entered the eyes of Mu Kui, Chen Xi seemed to become unfathomable, and he was even more certain inwardly that Chen Xi was a human expert that had entered this place by mistake.

However, Chen Xi’s second question still caused Mu Kui to be unable to avoid being stunned, and he said in shock. “Doesn’t Senior know how he came here?”

“Mmm.” The displeasure within Chen Xi’s voice caused Mu Kui to shudder in fear, but he still had a face full of difficulty as he answered. “Senior, this lowly one has been cultivating here since childhood. This lowly one has not left 500km from Moon’s Embrace Mountain in these 1,000 years at all. Even this lowly one is unable to answer this question.”

“Alright, you may leave.” Chen Xi pondered for a short moment before waving his hand in dismissal.

Mu Kui couldn’t help but be stunned. He let me go so easily? Mu Kui was in slight disbelief and for a time, he didn’t know what to do.

It was at this moment that a deep and powerful voice was like a struck drum as it resounded out from the foot of the mountain. “Mu Kui, you kid! I’ll surely kill you today! Hurry up and get your ass down here for your grandfather!”

The sound was so loud that bangs echoed out explosively all over the entire Moon’s Embrace Mountain.

“I’m doomed, this fellow, Li Hu, is here again...” Mu Kui’s expression abruptly became incomparably miserable, and he seemed as if he’d been scared out of his wits.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but say curiously, “Is this fellow extremely formidable?”

Mu Kui powerlessly said with a bitter smile on his face, “He’s on par with me. But how could I be a match for him in my current condition? Oh, earlier, if Senior didn’t...”

“Are you blaming me for injuring you?” Chen Xi coldly interrupted.

Mu Kui was shocked with terror, only now did he realize that the person beside him was an even more ruthless person than Li Hu, and he instantly explained in a hurry. "Senior, calm down. This lowly one absolutely didn't mean that. I absolutely didn't!"

"Why does that Li Hu want to kill you?" Chen Xi was only frightening him, and when Chen Xi saw that he was so docile, Chen Xi couldn't bear to make him suffer any longer.

"What else, but to seize my cultivation abode."

Mu Kui gritted his teeth and said, "Senior, to be honest, there's a section of a top-grade spirit vein within my abode. I don't know where that Li Hu acquired this information, so, he wants to seize my abode and cause me to have no place to dwell in anymore."

"Why are you telling me all this? Could it be that you're not afraid that it will be seized by me?" Chen Xi glanced at Mu Kui with a gaze that contained a profound meaning.

Mu Kui knew as well that he was unable to conceal his petty shrewdness from Chen Xi, so he answered frankly. "As long as Senior is able to kill Li Hu for me, then there's no harm if this cultivation abode is gifted to Senior."

"Then what about you?" Chen Xi compelled Mu Kui to answer completely, step by step.

Mu Kui fell on his knees with a bang and ceaselessly kowtowed as he said loudly, "I'm willing to follow Senior, stand before Senior in protection, and become a spirit beast under Senior's command. I'll serve Senior for my entire life."

Chen Xi was instead stunned, as he'd never imagined that Mu Kui would perform such a sacrifice.

A demon beast acknowledging a master was no different from establishing a vow of the heart under the Heaven Dao. The demon beast could only follow behind its master for its entire lifetime, and its life or death was controlled by the hands of its master. Unless it was under special circumstances, there wasn't a single demon beast that would willingly do this.

"Mu Kui, you kid! You can't hide! Hurry up and come out to receive death!"

The powerful and deep voice once again echoed out with a bang, and nearby the mountainside of Moon's Embrace Mountain, a fiery red figure was violently dashing towards the peak of the mountain.

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#### **Chapter 62: Li Hu**

At the peak of Moon's Embrace Mountain, at the side of the cliff that was covered in a sea of clouds.

"He's here! Senior, save me!" Mu Kui's expression became miserable and unsightly as he heard that voice that came closer and closer, and he kowtowed repeatedly.

Chen Xi shook his head and said helplessly, "If you don't get up right now, I really won't save you."

Mu Kui was overjoyed and once again kowtowed three times before saying with a voice that contained agitation that was difficult to hide, "Thank you, Senior. Thank you!"

In a moment, a red robed youth leaped up the cliff. He had a pink face with lips that were smooth as jade, and he possessed an extremely handsome appearance of starry eyes and sword shaped eyebrows. Most eye catching of it all was the flame tattoo on his forehead that contained a strand of flickering flame, and it added an evil air to him.

“Mu Kui, you kid! I never imagined that you’d actually find help! But, you seem to have been injured, right?” The red robed youth glanced at Chen Xi with a strange gaze, then he locked his gaze onto Mu Kui who was covered in injuries and he silently sneered unceasingly.

Chen Xi was hardly able to believe his eyes, as after he’d heard the powerful and deep voice, he originally thought that the even if this Li Hu had taken human form, Li Hu ought to be a burly fellow, but he never imagined that Li Hu would actually be a handsome youth!

With Chen Xi backing him up, Mu Kui’s had become much more courageous, and he shouted out explosively with an angry voice. “Li Hu, you’ve provoked me repeatedly, do you think I’m afraid of you?”

Li Hu shook his head in disdain, then he pointed at Chen Xi and said in a deep voice, “Kid, I advise you to leave as soon as possible. Don’t get yourself injured because of Mu Kui. Grandpa is a perfection-stage Congenital Realm Blaze Tiger greater demon. Killing you is like slaughtering a chicken. Hurry up and fuck off!”

“Audacious! You actually dared insult Senior? You, stupid tiger, are really courting death! Let me tell you, today, just because of what you just said, you, Li Hu, are dead for sure!” Mu Kui shouted out explosively and was about to charge forward.

“Allow me.” Chen Xi’s calm and indifferent voice sounded out and it carried with it irresistible air, and Mu Kui’s heart went cold for no reason. He moved back right away and stood respectfully at the side, and when he recalled his miserable encounter from before, the gaze he shot at Li Hu already carried a trace of pity.

Step!

Chen Xi took a step forward, and along with this step, his entire temperament suddenly changed. Dense killing intent was abruptly emitted from his thin and tall body, like a sharp sword that thirsted for blood had been drawn from its sheath.

Hiss!

Mu Kui gasped, and he suddenly realized. I’m afraid this is Senior’s true strength, right? Looks like senior didn’t utilize his full strength at all when defeating me earlier...

“Kid, who the heck are you? Quickly speak your name!?”

The unparalleled killing intent that suddenly surged out from Chen Xi’s body caused Li Hu to be shocked in his heart, and he knew he’d encountered a formidable opponent, so he decided to sound Chen Xi out.

Mu Kui was able to recognize that I’m a human with a single glance, yet this Li Hu only looks like he took no notice, he’s truly a stupid tiger. A trace of pity arose in Chen Xi’s heart, and the killing intent in his chest instead became thicker and thicker.

Chen Xi's grandfather, Chen Tianli, had always been a taboo in Chen Xi's heart, and Li Hu calling himself grandpa at every moment had undoubtedly provoked and offended Chen Xi's bottom line.

"Cut off your own tongue and I'll spare your life," Chen Xi said coldly.

"You're actually more arrogant than Grandpa Li Hu, you're truly courting death!" Li Hu burst into rage, the demonic qi on his body suffused out with a bang, and eyes were incomparably blackish red as if they were filled with blood.

Whoosh!

Under the influence of his explosive rage, Li Hu decided to make the first move and gain the advantage. On his hands that were big like fans, the nails on his fingers grew out explosively to become 60 cm long, and they were like 10 sharp sword blades that were suffused with a bloody glow. Then, his body leaped out to claw towards Chen Xi.

Rip!

As he dashed, the red robe on Li Hu's body tore into pieces that fluttered in the air, revealing his upper body that was covered in curved and strong muscles that were like rocks, and his aura explosively increased a level as well.

This tiger demon is actually on the path of the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement?

Chen Xi's eyes lit up. This was the first time he'd encountered a body refining greater demon, and the battle intent within his heart was instantly lit ablaze. Immediately, he didn't utilize his True Essence any longer as he charged straight at Li Hu.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Chen Xi and Li Hu were locked in battle, the Grand Collapsing Fist that was at the unity-stage was exerted to the limit by Chen Xi as he used a purely head-on method to battle Li Hu.

He moved like a drawn bow to explode out like a thunderclap!

Chen Xi's body was like a large bow that had been drawn fully, and the terrifying strength beneath his muscles and skin were gathered at every joint in his body. When he smashed out his fist, it was like a violently shot arrow, like muffled thunder exploding out.

The 'collapsing' within the Grand Collapsing Fist was fully utilized by him, as the formidable strength of his body surged out from his fist to quake the space to the point that circle after circle of ripples that were noticeable to the naked eye had undulated out!

Whereas Li Hu, although he was at the perfection-stage of the Congenital Realm as well, his martial techniques were simple and crude, and they had barely reached the advanced-stage. However, he was a Blaze Tiger and his body was innately extremely strong, and what he cultivated after taking human form was also the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement. So, in terms of the level of strength of the body, he wasn't inferior to Chen Xi in the slightest.

It was precisely because of this that although Li Hu was forced to retreat continuously, it was impossible for Chen Xi to defeat him in a short amount of time.

“The body refinement cultivation of this senior is too shocking. That Li Hu is a tiger demon that innately possesses a strong body, yet he’s been beaten to the point he’d unable to hit back. Moreover, if their martial techniques were compared, the fist technique of this senior is extremely formidable as well, and has obviously attained the unity-stage...”

In the distance, extraordinary splendor rippled in Mu Kui’s eyes as he watched the battle, and the deeper he understood Chen Xi’s strength, the more reverence he felt in his heart towards Chen Xi. He’d already inwardly decided that no matter what, he would stay by Chen Xi’s side!

“How is this possible? I’ve already cultivated this body refinement technique for over 1,000 years, and I’m only a step away from advancing to the Violet Palace Realm to become a demon king. How could I be forced to continuously retreat one step after another?” Li Hu’s expression became more and more serious, as every fist that Chen Xi struck out would quake his body to the point his vital energy and blood roiled, and the bones in his entire body ached extremely as well. This sort of feeling was so unfamiliar, unfamiliar to the point it caused him to be incomparably aggrieved.

Roar!

A violent and fierce roar exploded out with a bang atop the mountain peak, and Li Hu’s body slightly swayed before he’d already transformed into an enormous tiger that was 6m long and 3m tall. Li Hu’s fangs were like sabers, his enormous claws like swords, and savage and raging demonic qi suffused out with a bang from his body that was coiled in blazing flames.

“How many years has it been? You’re the first person to force out my original form. I’ll let you die a swift death!” Li Hu roared into the sky.

Whoosh!

His entire figure was like a wisp of flames as he pounced towards Chen Xi with a speed that was actually more than double from before!

“Senior, watch out!” Mu Kui shouted out loudly from afar. “After Li Hu’s returned to his body of a demon beast, his strength had at least risen explosively by 20%!”

Going all out already?

Chen Xi instead sighed inwardly. The head on battle with Li Hu earlier had allowed his comprehension towards his fist technique to deepen, and his Grand Collapsing Fist that remained at a standstill at the unity-stage even had a faint trace of being about to break through. But he never expected that at this critical moment, Li Hu had instead transformed into a demon beast and changed the method of the battle, and this naturally caused him to feel slight regret.

“Die!” Accompanied by the furious voice, Li Hu had already appeared before Chen Xi, and he opened his bloody mouth to fiercely bite towards Chen Xi’s head!

Chen Xi took a deep breath and didn’t restrain his strength any longer, under the urging of his body, his fist faintly emitted a mysterious energy that caused one’s heart to palpitate.

Ancient, desolate, icy... Since he’d attained the perfection-stage of the Congenital realm, and some mysterious veins of shaman markings had vaguely appeared on his back, Chen Xi noticed that when he



utilized the Grand Collapsing Fist purely with the strength of his body, strands of a mysterious energy would surge out from between his flesh and skin. This energy was fine like strands of hair and was incomparably scarce. If he didn't carefully sense it, he would be utterly unable to notice it.

Shaman Energy!

It was recorded on the Universe Starslayer Body Forging Arts that when the body is refined to the Violet Palace Realm, shaman markings and star diagrams would be condensed, and a terrifying and mysterious energy called Shaman Energy would surge out from within the entire body.

Similar to the True Essence that was cultivated by qi refiners, along with the increase in cultivation, the Shaman Energy would undergo a qualitative transformation. Shaman Energy was used to execute the Divine Abilities that could only be cultivated by body refiners at the Violet Palace Realm, and it was able to display an unimaginable destructive force!

Bang!

Chen Xi lowered his head and move his body sideway, dodging the bite of Li Hu's bloody mouth with a speed that was swift as lightning, and at the same time his right arm turned around and a punch rushed out like lightning.

Pu!

Chen Xi's right fist directly broke open Li Hu's lower jaw, then his fist easily made a hole through Li Hu's head from bottom to top, leaving behind a hole that surged with blood.

"Ah!" Dark red and thick blood flew out in the air above the side of the cliff, tainting the drifting sea clouds in red. Whereas Li Hu instead emitted a miserable and suffering shrill cry, and he was directly thrown out a few hundred meters with a swing of Chen Xi's arm. Li Hu then struggled for a short moment but was unable to stand up once again, and he died just like that.

It seemed slow when written out, but in actuality, from the moment Li Hu transformed into his body of a demon beast until Chen Xi broke open his head with a single punch, only an instant had passed. However, within this instant, Li Hu was already dead on the ground.

Mu Kui's pupils went wide, and he nearly thought he was seeing this. But when he saw the body of Li Hu who had died miserably in a pool of blood, he affirmed that everything that had happened was real!

Instant kill with a single strike?

Could it be that this is Senior's true strength?

Mu Kui recalled the scene of Chen Xi beating the daylight out of him from before, a cold stream of air poured out of his vertebrae into his entire body, and he couldn't help but shudder. If Senior had exerted his full strength at that time, I would probably have kicked the bucket like Li Hu since a long time ago, right?

"Let's go." After removing a storage belt from Li Hu's corpse, Chen Xi turned around and walked down the mountain.

“Oh!” Mu Kui abruptly jolted awake and hurriedly jogged to follow up to Chen Xi, and his gaze when he looked at Chen Xi’s back carried boundless reverence within it.

“Right, Li Hu is a Blaze Tiger, what about you?”

“Reporting to Senior, this lowly one is a Winged Silverwolf.”

“Oh, I heard that Winged Silverwolves possess a strand of the bloodline of the divine beast of ancient times, the Lunarwood Wolf. Is it true?”

“Yeah... It’s true indeed. But the bloodline of this lowly one is mixed to a great extent. My father was an Azurewing Windwolf, and my mother was a Winged Silverwolf, so, I’m unsure if I possess the bloodline inheritance of the Lunarwood Wolf.”

“Oh, so you’re a cross breed.”

“...”

“But, you gave yourself the name Mu Kui<sup>1</sup>, I presume that you desire extremely to possess formidable strength like the Lunarwood Wolf, right?”

“Senior really possesses an insightful gaze that’s like a torch, it truly causes this lowly one to have extreme admiration. The admiration within my heart is like a surging river...”

“...”

They chatted all along the way, and under the lead of Mu Kui, Chen Xi quickly followed along the winding mountain path to circle around for almost the time for an incense stick to burn before finally arriving before Mu Kui’s abode.

This abode was situated in an extremely hidden pavement on the mountain side. On one side was a precipice, and the other side was tightly curtained by numerous large trees that were like coiled dragons and required many people to form a circle around it. If it wasn’t for Mu Kui leading the way, it was truly difficult to notice.

“Senior, please enter.” Mu Kui stood before the abode and bowed in welcome.

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#### **Chapter 63: Continuous Pleasant Surprises**

Mu Kui’s abode covered no more than 30 meters of space. Its inner environment was cool and dry with some tables and chairs made of halogen salts placed around casually, and the entire abode seemed extremely simple.

The moment he entered the abode, Chen Xi noticed a dense spirit energy fluctuation. He swept his soul out and quickly found the source of the fluctuation.

At the corner of the abode was a meditation cushion. Chen Xi stretched out his hand to lift the meditation cushion and saw a chunk of jade stone that emitted a misty bright light silently lying within the crack in the rock. It was around 30c long and thick like a baby’s arm. The spirit energy emitted from it was thick and pure, and taking a slight breath would cause one’s mind to feel refreshed.

“This is the top-grade spirit vein you spoke of? No wonder that tiger demon wanted to seize your abode, the spirit energy here is more than 10 times denser than the outside world. It’s undoubtedly a superb place to cultivate.” Chen Xi said in amazement. It was the first time he’d seen the appearance of a spirit vein, but compared to the spirit spring he’d seen in the sword immortal’s abode, this chunk of spirit vein was rather inferior.

Mu Kui stood at the side and was uneasy in his heart. Killing one and seizing their treasures wasn’t something he hadn’t seen before, so he was naturally worried that greed would arise in Chen Xi’s heart and he would wipe him out.

Thump!

The more he thought about it, the more afraid he felt, Mu Kui didn’t dare hesitate any longer and instantly knelt on the ground before saying loudly, “This lowly one is willing to take Senior as my Master. I earnestly request Senior to keep me by your side, and Mu Kui will only serve Senior for his entire lifetime. If I violate this oath, then I’ll surely encounter the punishment of the Heaven’s Dao, and be unable to achieve rebirth, forever!”

Chen Xi knew that this fellow was afraid that Chen Xi would kill him and seize his treasures, so Chen Xi knew that if he were to refuse Mu Kui, it would surely cause Mu Kui to live in uncertainty forever, and perhaps some unexpected event may occur because of this.

Chen Xi pondered for a moment before nodding and saying, “Alright, I can accept your request, but let me state something first, I won’t bring you along to leave this place.”

“Senior, Mu Kui sincerely wants to follow Senior. This lowly one will absolutely not divert Senior’s attention to take care of me, please fulfill my request, Senior.” Mu Kui felt slightly safe in his heart, but when he thought of the second half of what Chen Xi said, he couldn’t help but feel slightly reluctant and said to himself. Is Senior afraid I’d get him into trouble?

Chen Xi shook his head. “I won’t change my decision, if you persist in this way, then...”

Before Chen Xi could even finish speaking, Mu Kui had said in a hurry, “Senior, calm your anger. We’ll do it according to what Senior said.”

Chen Xi nodded.

Mu Kui continued to chat with Chen Xi, he originally wanted to find out about Chen Xi’s background, but when he saw Chen Xi seemed to have his mind occupied with other things, he instantly left in an extremely obedient manner.

This abode was silently seized by Chen Xi, but Mu Kui thought nothing of it, as he was already extremely grateful that Chen Xi didn’t kill him after all.

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Hu~

Chen Xi sat on the meditation cushion, and the pure and thick spirit energy that surged out from the top-grade spirit vein below him caused him to be unable to refrain from exhaling in comfort.

“This place isn’t bad.” Ji Yu held the infant Pixiu in his arms as he appeared out of thin air.

Chen Xi was already used to Ji Yu coming and going like a shadow and knew that Ji Yu would only come out and meet him when there was no one around.

Roar!

The eyes of the snow white and fluffy Pixiu that was only the size of a fist lit up, then it roared towards the place Chen Xi was sitting. Obviously, it had noticed the chunk of top-grade spirit vein.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but stretch out his hand when he saw the little fellow had such a cute appearance and wanted to embrace it, but was flatly refused by Ji Yu. “You current strength is still unable to suppress Bai Kui, and would just let him run away.”

“Bai Kui?” Chen Xi was stunned.

“Yes, he’s called Bai Kui. He already possesses intelligence and was born with a spirit body. But as an auspicious beast that’s well-renowned since ancient times, he’s forever unable to take human form.”

Ji Yu said emotionally, “This is the Heaven Dao, it harms those who have too much and supplements those that don’t. If a Pixiu is able to take human form and cultivate, then relying on its terrifying ability to accumulate Karmic Luck, then sooner or later, it would probably become a supreme existence.”

“Harms those who have too much and supplements those that don’t?” Chen Xi was extremely puzzled. The Heaven Dao was extremely profound and difficult to ascertain. How could he understand the meaning within the Heaven’s Dao with his current scope of vision?

“What do you plan to do? Want to stay here forever?” Ji Yu changed the topic.

When the matter at hand was mentioned, Chen Xi’s expression seemed much more serious as he nodded and said, “Yes, I heard from Mu Kui that seven demon kings with terrifying forces under their command occupy this deep area of the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range, and are like impenetrable walls that are defending the places that must be passed to head to the outside world. So I want to temporarily stay here and leave once my cultivation has broken through to the Violet Palace Realm.”

When they chatter earlier, Mu Kui wanted to find out about Chen Xi’s identity, but Chen Xi instead changed the topic with just a few words and made Mu Kui reveal various secrets. This also allowed Chen Xi to have a certain degree of understanding towards this area where groups of mountains flowed on continuously.

The Southern Barbaric Mountain Range had a domain of 5,000km, and the central area occupied 2,500km of it. Demon beasts moved about freely and wreaked havoc in this central area, and amongst these demon beasts, the seven great demon kings held the greatest reputation.

These seven great demon kings were respectively the Copper Mountain’s Thunderhawk King, Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King, Moonlight Lake’s Dark Wyrms King, Sunset Forest’s Azure Python King, Moonhowl Ridge’s Roc King, Coldstar Mountain’s Nine-tailed Fox King, and the elusive Profound-vision Old Turtle King.

There were differences between the strength of these seven demon kings, on the lower spectrum was the Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King who was only at the Violet Palace Realm, and on the higher end of the

spectrum was the Moonhowl Ridge's Roc King and the Coldstar Mountain's Nine-tailed Fox King who almost no demon knew how formidable their cultivations were.

Of course, the most mysterious was still the Profound-vision Old Turtle King. Allegedly, this Old Turtle King had already lived for over 10,000 years and possessed a trace of the bloodline of the ancient divine beast overlord, the Black Turtle, and his strength is unfathomable.

The reason that he was called mysterious is that practically no demon had seen him battle, moreover, his whereabouts changed like how the direction of the wind changed. Unless he was willing, otherwise, no one was able to meet him.

However, no matter if it was the stronger or weaker amongst the seven great demon kings, they were all formidable existences that Chen Xi was currently unable to go against. It was precisely because of this that he didn't dare rashly leave Moon's Embrace Mountain and go around the surroundings of this central area of the mountain range that was controlled by the seven great demon kings. If he were to venture through forcefully, he would only die miserably under the fangs of the seven demon kings.

Ji Yu nodded and said, "That's good as well. Although demon beasts wreak havoc in this deep area of the mountain range and traces of humans are rare, the spirit energy of heaven and earth is extremely dense. Moreover, various spirit herbs and natural treasures grow here, seeming to be a treasure ground of nature. Cultivating here is extremely good as well."

They continued talking for some time longer, and after he instructed Chen Xi to cultivate properly and not waste time, Ji Yu held the infant Pixiu in his arms as he disappeared.

Thump!

Ji Yu had only just left when Chen Xi withdrew the jade slips he acquired in the sword immortal's abode from his storage ring, then arranged them on the ground.

There were a total of 20 jade slips, and they were personally picked by Ji Yu in the Book Reserve Hall, so they were naturally existences that were extremely precious.

Amongst these, 13 were talisman crafting jade slips, and 7 were other jade slips.

The Dao of Talismans was vast and profound like a sea of mist, it required a long time to study and comprehend, and it was extremely difficult to achieve anything within a short amount of time.

Chen Xi shot his gaze at the other seven jade slips.

Qi refinement cultivation technique, Ice Crane Technique, records the technique to cultivate the nine levels in the Violet Palace Realm. The True Essence that's produced from cultivating this technique is like a surging tide filled with icicles. Not only does it stretch continuously and unbroken, it also possessed a sharp edge effect, and was extremely marvelous.

"My Chen Clan's Violet Sky Arts 18 levels merely records the cultivation technique for the nine levels of the Postnatal Realm and Congenital Realm, yet it doesn't contain the technique for the Violet Palace Realm. This Ice Crane Technique just happens to solve my imminent need." Chen Xi hastily read over the Ice Crane Technique, and he looked at the absolutely ingenious qi refinement technique that exceeded his imagination, a wisp of gratefulness abruptly surged out from Chen Xi's heart and he said to himself, I

presume Senior Ji Yu had taken this into consideration, so he picked this Ice Crane Technique for me. I must cultivate properly to live up to his expectations!

The second jade slip — Windflow Divination Sword.

The sword technique was swift like lightning with a myriad of transformations, like the wind that whistled through the heavens and earth. When the sword was swung out, it was like a storm howling with rage and swept away all obstacles in its way. Whereas when it was used to defend, even wind couldn't pass through it... At the same time, when the sword technique was cultivated to the limit, the swung sword was swift like a gale, soft like a breeze, violent like a storm, fierce like a squall, and sharp like a hurricane... It possessed a myriad of transformations, causing its opponents to be unable to defend against it.

According to the characteristics of the wind, the Windflow Divination Sword was divided into six moves, the Galeflash Shadow, Breezy Rain, Dark Storm, Tide Squall, Wavesplit Hurricane, and Space Shattering Typhoon.

“Formidable! This Windflow Divination Sword’s first four moves are all at the level of the unity-stage, and most unbelievable are that the Wavesplit Hurricane and Space Shattering Typhoon actually already possesses the essence of the profound meaning of the Dao!”

Chen Xi was full of excitement as he read it, and his eyes were unusually brilliant.

As everyone knew, the stages of techniques were divided to the basic-stage, advanced-stage, and unity stage, whereas above it was Dao Insight!

Once this stage was achieved, regardless of if it was sword technique, saber technique, spear technique, footwork, fist technique; or even flower arrangement, painting, music, and other techniques, they would all contain the cultivator’s comprehension of the Grand Dao. When these techniques were utilized, the might of the techniques were more than 100 times stronger than the unity-stage. Although the two stages were divided by a single step, its difference was as great as the distance between the heavens and the earth!

For example in sword techniques, when Dao Insight was comprehended, one would be able to condense Sword Insight, and the might of the sword technique would have a qualitative difference from an ordinary sword technique.

“Dao Insight! This Windflow Divination Sword is probably an extremely precious existence within the Book Reserve Hall. Senior Ji Yu is so good to me...” Chen Xi took a deep breath and forcefully restrained the excitement in his heart before continuing to look at the next jade slip.

Movement technique — Divine Windwing Flight, using the wind as wings to arrogantly howl in the nine heavens!

This Divine Windwing Flight was boundlessly profound as well. After experiencing the pleasant surprise from before, Chen Xi had already become numbed. But when he saw this profound movement technique that was able to allow cultivators to mount the clouds and ride the mist to roam freely in the sky, he still couldn't stop himself from getting excited and he only calmed down after quite a long while.

Godly Illusion, God Shaker, God Killer. These three jade slips recorded soul attack techniques, moreover, according to Chen Xi's inference, these three jade slips were obviously three parts of a whole, going up level by level from the lowest Godly Illusion to the highest God Killer.

Similarly, these three soul attack techniques were techniques that Chen Xi required urgently. According to his knowledge, visualization techniques to cultivate the soul were extremely rare, and even though these soul attack techniques weren't as precious as visualization techniques, they were still extremely precious existences that ordinary powers were utterly unable to possess.

When Chen Xi's gaze descended on the last jade slip, he couldn't help but be stunned. Traceless Aura Technique?

Could it be that it's a True Essence utilization technique?

Chen Xi picked it up and skimmed through it hastily, and Chen Xi's heart that was almost numbed after being ravaged by wave after wave of pleasant surprise had once again failed him and started thumping.

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#### **Chapter 64: Advancing to The Violet Palace Realm**

"Condense True Essence at the 100 apertures around the body, then combine the spirit and qi and use an internal breathing technique to take care of breathing... When cultivated to the limit, it's able to restrain one's aura and provide stealth, and it's difficult for a person without Divine Sense to notice the cultivator." Chen Xi held the Traceless Aura Technique and savored each word as he read, and his eyes became brighter as each moment passed.

It's too formidable!

Chen Xi couldn't refrain from exclaiming in surprise after he'd finished reading the entire jade slip.

This Traceless Aura Technique was an absolutely marvelous Secret Art. When successfully cultivated, not only would he be able to restrain the aura in his entire body, his figure would become transparent and disappear as if he'd vanished into thin air.

Most worthy of attention was that after the Traceless Aura Technique was executed, unless it was a cultivator whose soul possessed Divine Sense, it would be utterly impossible for the cultivator to notice any traces of him. Furthermore, Divine Sense was an ability that only a great Rebirth Realm cultivator was able to acquire!

However, this Traceless Aura Technique could only be utilized in a motionless state. Once he moved he would be completely exposed, and this flaw caused Chen Xi to feel it was a real shame.

As far as he was concerned, if he was able to utilize the Traceless Aura Technique while dashing, he would be completely capable of leaving the depths of the mountain range unnoticed, and it would be unlikely for him to be killed by one of the seven great demon kings.

In short, possessing the Traceless Aura Technique to Chen Xi at his current strength was undoubtedly like an extra life saving method; it was also a great weapon that could be used to conduct ambushes and surprise attacks!

“The lowest requirement to cultivate these jade slips is the Violet Palace Realm. Looks like I must break through in my qi refinement cultivation to the Violet Palace Realm...”

Chen Xi pondered for a short while, then put away the jade slips on the floor. He withdrew the octagonal containment bottle from his storage ring, then placed the Icesoul Heartlotus beside the chunk of top-grade spirit vein beneath the meditation cushion.

The Icesoul Heartlotus was a treasure used to suppress inner demons during cultivation, and at the instant it appeared it started emitted strands of energy that caused one’s heart to calm.

Within this calm atmosphere, Chen Xi’s excited mood gradually returned to peace.

Not only did the octagonal containment bottle contain almost 250kg of liquid condensed from Netherezim Baleful Qi, there was still nearly 1,500kg of spirit liquid. These spirit liquids were gathered from the Hundred Herb Hall in the sword immortal’s abode, and if it wasn’t for the maturing of the Goldsoul Divine Lotus completely absorbing the spirit spring, the spirit liquid Chen Xi would have been able to gather would be much greater than 1,500 kg.

However, these spirit liquids were already sufficient to sustain his cultivation for an extremely long time.

Whoosh!

The octagonal containment bottle suddenly flew mid-air and the mouth of the bottle tipped, pouring out spirit liquid like a column as Chen Xi opened his mouth and swallowed it.

Spirit liquids were used by Violet Palace Realm cultivators that had established their Dao Foundation or cultivators above the Violet Palace Realm. At this moment, Chen Xi was instead using it to charge into the Violet Palace Realm, and this was undoubtedly a risky action.

Nevertheless, Chen Xi was unable to care about all that any longer. When situated in the extremely dangerous depths of the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range where demon beasts wreaked havoc, only by swiftly increasing his strength would he be able to have a better chance at survival!

Bang! Bang! Bang!

When the spirit liquid was ingested, an enormous sound like a great river surging forward resounded out within Chen Xi’s body. The surging and pure spirit liquid was like a fierce beast on a rampage as it started to rage about within all of his meridians. Everywhere it passed, it was like countless little knives fiercely scraped every meridian and every aperture, causing intense pain throughout his entire body.

Chen Xi emitted a muffled groan as he forcefully endured the pain and gritted his teeth as he circulated the Violet Sky Arts.

Fortunately, the strength of his soul was sufficiently strong and was quickly able to lead the spirit liquid current to follow along the meridians in his body to complete a circulation revolution. After completing 36 revolutions, all the spirit liquids were injected into his Dantian.

At this moment, his Dantian wasn’t peaceful as it used to be. The nine True Essence clouds that originally assumed a ladder shape to rise straight up seemed as if they were stirred by an enormous hand and they fiercely fluttered about within his Dantian, absorbing the True Essence that had surged within.



The process of absorbing took three days!

Three days and almost 500kg of spirit liquids later, the volume of the nine True Essence clouds had expanded 10 plus times and they were like fermented dough as they blocked up the Dantian, unable to move another bit.

Chen Xi didn't stop cultivating and still absorbed streams of spirit liquids that continued to charge into his Dantian after being refined by his Violet Sky Arts.

Crack! Crack! Crack!

After spirit energy ceaselessly surging in and fiercely assaulting it, Chen Xi's Dantian that had been completely filled started to faintly bulge, as if it would break open in the next moment.

Right at that moment.

Chen Xi's eyes abruptly sprung open and cold light revolved within his eyes as he shouted. "Open!"

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Outside the abode, Mu Kui was meditating beneath a large tree and he seemed to have noticed something as he raised his head abruptly. The scene that entered his eyes was that of all the spirit energy of heaven and earth throughout the entire Moon's Embrace Mountain seeming as if they had been summoned, as they swarmed into the abode. For a time, fierce gales sprung up and storms surged at a shocking scale.

"Drawing upon the spirit energy of the heaven and the earth?" Mu Kui's eyes lit up suddenly, then he said in agitation, "Could it be that Senior Chen Xi is about to develop his violet palace?"

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"Hmm?" 5,000km away, within a precipitous mountain that was like a sharp sword piercing the sky, a black robed and white haired young man sat on a jade bed as he drank excellent wine. Beside him, a beautiful female demon massaged his legs, and he had an incomparably pleased expression.

However, he seemed to have noticed something as he suddenly stood up and the white bone wine cup in his hand shattered on the floor with a crash. He seemed as if he didn't notice it in the slightest as he muttered to himself. "Who would be charging towards the Violet Palace Realm within my territory? It's impossible. Not a single one of those little fellows possesses the strength to charge into the Violet Palace Realm. Could it be a fellow daoist from another place?"

"My King, have you noticed something?" The beautiful female demon asked carefully.

The black robed white haired young man waved his hand and said, "Go look for my disciple Li Hu. Ask him if any other demon-kind fellow daoists have been lingering nearby."

"Yes, my King." The beautiful female demon smiled sweetly before transforming into a white feathered spirit bird and spreading her wings to fly out the abode.

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The violent fluctuation of the spirit energy of heaven and earth on Moon's Embrace Mountain had already drawn the attention of numerous greater demons that were devoted to cultivation nearby. They either stuck their heads out from the water, looked far into the distance from the peak of a tree or walked out from their abodes... and their gazes congregated on the same place in unison: Moon's Embrace Mountain.

"Could it be that fellow Mu Kui?"

"No, I fucking remember that stupid wolf had only just advanced to the perfection stage of the Congenital Realm."

"This might in the air is absolutely the development of the violet palace, without a doubt!"

"If he's successful in developing his violet palace, then Aqua Cavern's Black Ape King will probably be threatened."

It was either surprise, bewilderment, or worry that surged out within the heart of every greater demon, but no matter what, the gazes they shot at Moon's Embrace Mountain faintly carried a trace of reverence.

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Bang!

Within the abode, Chen Xi felt the hairs on his body abruptly rise up and his Dantian felt as if it was fiercely struck by thunder, causing his soul to start trembling as well.

A terrifying energy of heaven and earth suffused into the air.

Kacha!

A tiny sound like a shell breaking sounded. It was like the beginning of the world, though more like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Chen Xi felt like his entire body had been washed by clear spring water. His body was clear of impurities and his mind was clear.

Violet Palace Realm!

Chen Xi forcefully restrained the excitement in his heart as he viewed his own body internally. His Dantian had already transformed into a space that was a hundred times more spacious than before, and a lake of True Essence rippled within, seeming extremely mysterious.

Hmm?

Chen Xi was shocked to notice that at the center of the lake, the Goldsoul Lotus Fruit that was completely coiled in golden lights floated there, and it actually wasn't affected by his recent breakthrough in the slightest.

I wonder what magical effect this fruit actually has...?

Shaking his head, Chen Xi didn't hesitate any longer and recalled the Ice Crane Technique in his mind before carefully savoring the profound meaning within it.

The development of the violet palace was the establishing of the foundation of the Grand Dao, and only then was one considered to have truly stepped onto the road to the Dao of Immortality. At this moment, his cultivation was extremely unstable. If he didn't have a Violet Palace Realm cultivation technique to use, it could even cause his Dao Foundation to be devastated!

In the Violet Palace Realm, every increase in level would cause a star condensed from True Essence to emerge in the Dantian, and when nine stars were chained together, it was considered the perfection stage of the Violet Palace Realm.

What Chen Xi needed to do now was to condense a star from True Essence and make his cultivation stabilize completely.

Splash!

Merely around 1,000 kg of spirit liquid remained within the octagonal containment bottle, yet Chen Xi wasn't sparing in the slightest. After he'd confirmed every detail of the Ice Crane Technique and mastered it in his heart, he opened his mouth once again and absorbed some spirit liquid before starting to cultivate.

The Ice Crane Technique was divided into nine levels, recording the cultivation method from the 1st star of the Violet Palace Realm until the 9th star of the Violet Palace Realm. It was alternatively named the Ice Crane's Nine Transformations and every transformation was able to condense a True Essence star.

Another six hours passed.

After circulating 81 revolutions according to the pathways of the 1st transformation of the Ice Crane Technique, the True Essence throughout Chen Xi's body had completely changed.

The violet colored True Essence that he'd condensed from the Violet Sky Arts had now become a clear and bright silver color. It was like frost crystals that were extremely beautiful.

Moreover, the True Essence was continuously cold with overflowing with vigor, and as it flowed between the meridians it seemed like a wriggling ice flood dragon that was moving swiftly.

Chen Xi opened his eyes, bent his elbows and struck his fist at the air.

The fist lightly whistled out, causing an icy fist mark that was extremely striking to abruptly appear in the air wherever it passed, and the entire abode instantly became filled with cold qi.

Bang!

The hard wall of the abode was suffused with a layer of ice, and a deep fist print sunk into the middle of the wall.

"The Ice Crane True Essence is formidable as expected, even a casual fist strike possess such might. It will surely be able to display an unexpected effect when battling an enemy!" Chen Xi was extremely pleased.

"Senior, I wonder if this lowly one may enter?" Mu Kui's voice sounded out from outside the abode.

Chen Xi thought for a moment then took the initiative to walk out of the abode by himself, then he looked at Mu Kui who stood there in a bowing position and asked. "What's the matter?"

Mu Kui originally wanted to say something, but when his gaze descended onto Chen Xi, he felt as if he was facing an unmovable towering mountain. He was extremely shocked in his heart as he hurriedly congratulated. "Ah, Senior has really advanced to the Violet Palace Realm, this lowly one congratulates Senior."

Chen Xi frowned, "If you have something to say then say it, I don't like being flattered by others, so don't do this again in the future."

Mu Kui nodded repeatedly, then he deliberated for a short moment before stating the reason he came in a low voice. "Senior, a few of my friends want to meet you. They're all greater demons that cultivate near Moon's Embrace Mountain, and when they found out that Senior broke through to the Violet Palace Realm, they especially came to congratulate Senior. I wonder if Senior is able to find the time to meet them?"

"The greater demons that cultivate nearby?" Chen Xi was stunned, but when he noticed the uneasy expression on Mu Kui's face, he vaguely understood what was going on. This fellow has probably boasted about some things to the other greater demons, right?

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#### **Chapter 65: Greater Demons Visit to Congratulate**

Mu Kui was extremely nervous. He didn't dare meet Chen Xi's eye, but he didn't feel he'd done anything wrong either.

Earlier, the commotion of Chen Xi drawing upon the spirit energy of the heaven and earth to develop his violet palace was extremely great. It had drawn the attention of many greater demons that were cultivating near Moon's Embrace Mountain, so they all came over asking Mu Kui to introduce them.

These greater demons had had some friendly relations with him and they would usually gather together to drink wine and discuss the Dao. Although they weren't best friends, it still wasn't nice for Mu Kui to refuse them, so he could only summon up the courage to go see Chen Xi.

Of course, Mu Kui was still quite excited in his heart. He'd been cultivating for a thousand years on Moon's Embrace Mountain, but due him leading a solitary life and his cultivation being unable to compare with the other greater demons, practically no one would be willing to speak with him when the nearby greater demons gathered usually; they would only treat him as a dispensable fellow daoist.

But now, along with Chen Xi's advancement into the Violet Palace Realm, these greater demons carried various treasures with them as they came looking for him, and all of them conversed eagerly and enthusiastically with him. Besides causing Mu Kui to feel surprised, pride couldn't help but arise in his heart.

However, Mu Kui also knew clearly that if it wasn't for Senior Chen Xi's presence, these vulgar folk would probably still not look him straight in the eye.

"Alright." Chen Xi pondered for a moment, then agreed with a nod as he wanted to meet the nearby greater demons as well. After all, these fellows stayed here all year long and had now even become his

'neighbors.' Although it was difficult to be friends, they couldn't be enemies, so it was still necessary for him to maintain a certain level of relationship with them.

"Senior... You agree?" Mu Kui simply didn't dare believe his ears as he asked in astonishment.

"Do you not want me to back you up?" Chen Xi glanced askance at him, then said, "Only this time, and no more."

Mu Kui was both touched and prideful in his heart, and he nodded like a chick pecking grains, as he was excited to the point that he couldn't speak.

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The land was covered with green pines and verdant cypresses, with waterfalls and springs that flowed ever so beautifully. The sky was covered in a layer of mist and clouds, while cool breezes blew like a tide.

In this scene that was like a painting, over ten men and women in various clothes were laughing and chatting together. They were leaning against the azure pine tree, sitting or squatting on rocks, sitting on the ground in groups of two or three, or standing upright and respectfully.

"This fellow Mu Kui's luck is so good, he was actually able to make friends with a Violet Palace Realm expert. Truly a cause for envy."

"Oh, we can only blame ourselves for neglecting him in the past. If I knew earlier, I might be able to be like him and listen to the teachings of that Senior Chen Xi."

"Where do all of you think this Senior Chen Xi is from? In the last thousand years, human cultivators have rarely stepped foot into our mountain range."

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Various discussions resounded, and at this moment the mountainside of Moon's Embrace Mountain seemed to already be a bustling scene.

"Eh, Mu Kui is here, can it be that the youth before him is the Senior Chen Xi that just developed his violet palace Dao Foundation?" Someone abruptly cried out in surprise.

Whoosh!

The gazes of the group of greater demons shot towards the same direction in unison.

They saw Mu Kui pacing over while he followed behind a youth. The youth had a tall figure and handsome appearance, his eyes were clear and indifferent. He seemed to be absolutely ordinary, yet with every move he made, he seemed as if he'd merged with the heavens and the earth and he naturally emitted a minuscule amount of an extremely formidable aura.

His spirit is combined with his qi, his body combined with the world. He's at the Violet Palace Realm as expected!

At that moment, there was no longer a trace of doubt in the hearts of the greater demons, and even the gazes they shot at Chen Xi carried along a trace of reverence.

“I’m the Spiritdove Mountain’s Xiong Pi, I pay my respects to Senior Chen Xi!”

“I’m the Basanite Cavern’s Zhui Man, I pay my respects to Senior Chen Xi. I congratulate Senior on advancing to the Violet Palace Realm and establishing the foundation of the Grand Dao!”

“I’m the Phoenixridge Lake’s...”

The greater demons came forward one by one to bow and pay their respects to Chen Xi, and their expressions and words were filled with extreme respect.

At the beginning, Chen Xi felt slightly uncomfortable towards all this, but he became accustomed to it later on. He only nodded in reply, yet in his heart, he’d secretly remembered the name and appearance of each greater demon. Moreover, Chen Xi noticed that similar to humans, these greater demons were particular about assigning positions according to seniority. For example, when they paid respect to him, they’d followed the rule of coming forward in succession according to their strengths.

Mu Kui had prepared good wine and savory fruits a while ago. He found an empty space between the pine forest before setting up some meditation cushions and tables, and only then did he invite Chen Xi and the others to take their seats.

Of course, even though the place was simple, Chen Xi was still respectfully welcomed by all of the greater demons to sit at the head. Mu Kui directly sat on Chen Xi’s right and attentively poured wine and gave fruit to Chen Xi; he was simply like a diligent and conscientious servant. However, this scene drew the envy of many greater demons, and if it wasn’t for their status, they would be only too anxious to serve Chen Xi like Mu Kui.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be extremely curious. These demon beasts are all existences that have taken human form, so why do they flatter and curry favor with me like this?

For example, the Spiritdove Mountain’s Xiong Pi possessed the bloodline of the primordial variant beast, the Divine Herculean Bear. Xiong Pi’s identity could be said to be incomparably respectable, and his strength was only a step away from developing his violet palace. He seems to completely have no need to treat me with such reverence and respect, right?

“Senior, you don’t have to overanalyze it. You are the only one present that possesses a Violet Palace Realm cultivation, and demon cultivators like us only believe in strength. So long as your strength is more formidable than theirs, they would even be completely willing to be your slave if you wanted.” Mu Kui who was by Chen Xi’s side seemed to have noticed his bewilderment and sent Chen Xi a voice transmission in a low voice. “Senior, feel free to eat and drink. A nice way of putting it would be that they came here to form a good relationship with you, a bad way would be they came here to get acquainted with you.”

Chen Xi couldn’t help but sigh with emotion. It looks like no matter if it’s demon beasts or humans, they’re all unable to escape from fawning upon the rich and powerful.

They drank wine and chatted idly, and unknowingly, it became dusk.

“Senior, this is an Azure Spiritgourd that grows within my Basanite Cavern and only forms every 1,000 years. It contains a dimension within it that is not only able to contain 5,000 kg of good wine, it also possesses the dual attributes of fire and ice, and when used to drink wine, it can freeze or warm up the

wine. I hope Senior can kindly accept it.” When the banquet ended, the greater demon Zhui Man of the Basanite Cavern walked forward and respectfully gifted a verdant green gourd, its shape was simple and natural, and it emitted traces of a misty green light.

“Senior, this is a Darkunicorn Fruit that was dug out from deep within the lake. It’s extremely beneficial for stabilizing cultivation.”

“This Jadebone Lingzhi of mine was developed within the magma in the core of the earth. It’s able to heal any injuries, and possess boundless magical effects. Senior, you must accept this.”

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These greater demons had been prepared for a while now and they all took out some treasure or wondrous item before coming forward and offering it to Chen Xi.

Chen Xi was extremely startled, whereas Mu Kui instead took advantage of this period of time to accept all the treasures with a natural expression, and wasn’t courteous in the slightest.

“Hmph! Competing to take out some useless things.” Xiong Pi who’d always been sitting up straight on the side had abruptly snorted coldly, causing the other greater demons to be stunned in unison. They gazed at Xiong Pi with extremely gloomy gazes.

Eh, this fellow seems to be a frank person.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be surprised. When those greater demons took out their things earlier, it looked to be novel and valuable, but they were all some auxiliary items that were of no great benefit to cultivating. So, what Xiong Pi said wasn’t false.

“Hmph! Fellow Daoist Xiong, the heavens know that our intentions are good. We’re not like you who didn’t gift anything, but only knows how to spout sarcastic remarks.”

“Exactly, although your cultivation is the highest amongst us, during this time that we came to pay our respects to Senior Chen Xi, you’re intentionally sowing dissension. Your motives are very evil.”

“You think our things are useless? Alright, old freak Xiong, you take out something useful to allow us to broaden our vision.”

All the greater demons directed the spearhead at Xiong Pi, they were either disdainful or ridiculing, and their words were filled with hostility.

Chen Xi looked askance at Mu Kui, who remained completely indifferent, and he sent a voice transmission. “Aren’t you going to stop it?”

“Xiong Pi’s temper is like this, stopping him will only cause everyone to be unhappy. Senior, wait and see. Although this Xiong Pi is outspoken, since he had said this, I presume he’s prepared.” Mu Kui hurriedly sent a voice transmission to Chen Xi in explanation.

Sure enough, it was as Mu Kui had said. Xiong Pi turned a deaf ear towards the surrounding sarcasm and mockery and drank all of the good wine in his cup with a single gulp before standing up, a treasure appearing within his hand.

This item was like a fine and perfectly straight bamboo. It was one meter long with a completely dark body that was dim and dull. It looked to be ordinary, however, the moment it appeared in the air, a piercingly cold aura that caused one's heart to tremble silently suffused out into the air.

This is...

All of the greater demons stared wide eyed with expressions of disbelief.

Chen Xi's gaze couldn't help but lock on to the dark bamboo as well. After he'd advanced to the Violet Palace Realm, his soul's Perception Force had advanced a level and it acutely detected that this dark bamboo seemed to contain a terrifyingly violent energy. The energy was like thunder from the nine heavens and carried along with it a strand of an aura of annihilation, causing one's heart to tremble.

Xiong Pi whose body was tall and sturdy like a small hill swept his gaze towards the surroundings as he asked coldly. "I wonder if this one meter long Seventhgold Swordbamboo is able to enter the eyes of everyone?"

Seventhgold Swordbamboo?

When they heard this name, all the greater demons present gaped. Their gazes were already filled with boundless burning desire and greed as they gazed at the dark bamboo.

So it's a Seventhgold Swordbamboo!

At the same time that Chen Xi came to a sudden understanding, a wisp of shock couldn't help but surge out from his heart.

Just as its name implied, the Seventhgold Swordbamboo was a treasure that innately possesses the attributes of both metal and wood, and its stem was sharp like a sword. It was a rare treasure in the world as it only grew a 3cm every 100 years and would experience lightning strikes after its growth. If it was able to withstand the lightning and not die, it would then experience another 100 years of life to grow another 3cm. However, most Seventhgold Swordbamboos were blasted to dust by lightning the moment they sprouted, and only one in 10,000 was able to safely survive.

Therefore, the Seventhgold Swordbamboo in Xiong Pi's hand had probably already survived for 3,000 years. It had experienced no less than thirty lightning tribulations, yet even after experiencing so many lightning strikes, it still had not died. Thus, it was easily imaginable how terrifying the hardness was that the Seventhgold Swordbamboo had attained.

"Senior, please accept this!" Xiong Pi walked forward and held his palms up to gift the Seventhgold Swordbamboo in his hands to Chen Xi.

All the greater demons stared blankly at this scene. Even if they wracked their brains, they still couldn't understand why Xiong Pi would gift such an extremely valuable treasure to Chen Xi.

Mu Kui was extremely excited as well and was about to help Chen Xi receive it when he was stopped by Chen Xi as he said resolutely, "This treasure is too valuable, Fellow Daoist Xiong, please keep it."

"This treasure is useless in my hands; eating it would be tasteless, and throwing it away would be a shame. It would only be able to display its might in Senior's hands." Xiong Pi instead insisted on gifting it to Chen Xi and would not compromise.



“Do you have something you want to request of me?” Chen Xi was silent for a long time before suddenly asking, his gaze staring fixedly at Xiong Pi’s face.

Xiong Pi seemed to not be surprised in the slightest and he said with a firm expression, “Exactly, I, Old Xiong, have no other request in my entire life. I only request that Senior can kill the Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King for me!”

As soon as he finished speaking, everyone present was shocked.

Kill my King? On a large tree in the distance, the pupils of a spirit bird with white feathers constricted, and it flapped its wings right away to soar into the clouds, disappearing instantly.

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#### **Chapter 66: Xiong Pi**

The Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King?

Chen Xi couldn’t help but feel it was absurd. That’s one of the seven great demon kings, this Xiong Pi really thinks highly of me!

“Senior Chen Xi, thank you for entertaining us today, we’ll be taking our leave first.”

“Yeah, we have important matters to attend to and will come disturb Senior on another day.”

“Farewell!”

It wasn’t just Chen Xi, the expressions of all the other greater demons changed unceasingly when they heard Xiong Pi. They bid their farewells to Chen Xi and left right away as if they were avoiding the plague. From the beginning until the end, they didn’t spare Xiong Pi a single glance.

Mu Kui couldn’t help but become anxious when he saw this, and swiftly sent a voice transmission.

“Senior, that Black Ape King governs thousands of kilometers of the vicinity, and possesses a terrifying cultivation at the Violet Palace Realm. Which demon would dare disobey him? Although the Seventhgold Swordbamboo is valuable, Xiong Pi is obviously bringing harm to you and you must not agree to his request.”

Chen Xi neither agreed nor disagreed when he heard this and only gazed at Xiong Pi.

Now that Chen Xi had attained the Violet Palace Realm, his surrounding aura seemed to be indifferent, yet it carried along with it a trace of a formidable oppressive force from merging with the heavens and the earth.

Xiong Pi was only at the perfection-stage of the Congenital Realm and he quickly succumbed to the pressure from Chen Xi’s gaze, then he shook his head and sighed. “Never mind, since Senior is unwilling, then take it as I, Old Xiong, never mentioned it.” As he spoke, this tall and sturdy bear demon revealed a rare trace of helplessness and sorrow as he turned around to walk off in large strides.

“Can you tell me the reason?” Chen Xi asked.

“My young brother died miserably at the hands of the Black Ape King. As an elder brother, can I not seek revenge for him?” Xiong Pi stopped dead in his tracks and only spoke out word by word after a long time, his slow voice filled with sorrow and resentment.

Younger brother?

Chen Xi suddenly thought of his own younger brother, Chen Hao. He thought of the scene when he saw Chen Hao’s right hand crippled outside Pine Mist City, how overwhelmed with grief he was at the time, and he was stunned for a while.

It has already been three months now. I wonder if Little Hao has entered the Wandering Cloud Sword Sect. With Instructor Meng Kong accompanying him, he probably didn’t encounter any mishaps, right?

Chen Xi pondered for a moment and said, “I’m extremely curious, why are you sure that I can kill the Black Ape King? I want to know the reason.”

Xiong Pi swiftly turned around and said in surprise, “Senior, you’re willing to help me?”

Mu Kui who stood nearby frowned as he said, “Old Xiong, do you think that Senior Chen Xi would agree under the state of not knowing anything?”

Xiong Pi took a deep breath as if he was restraining the excitement in his heart and said slowly, “That Black Ape King possesses the weakest strength amongst the seven great demon kings. Although he advanced to the Violet Palace Realm a long time ago, he’s only cultivated up to the 4th star Violet Palace Realm.”

Mu Kui laughed out of extreme anger. “Senior Chen Xi has only just broken through to the Violet Palace Realm and you want him to kill a 4th star Violet Palace Realm Black Ape King?”

Xiong Pi expression remained unchanged as he continued. “This information is indeed unable to help Senior, but I feel that Senior will battle the Black Ape King sooner or later. One mountain cannot house two tigers, I presume Senior understands this logic better than I.”

“Moreover, I’ve already obtained the news that Li Hu died at your hands. Li Hu was the trusted subordinate and informant of the Black Ape King and had always helped the Black Ape King patrol his territory. Now that Li Hu is dead, the Black Ape King will surely not let the matter go.” Xiong Pi tossed out another bombshell.

“Li Hu is the trusted subordinate and informant of the Black Ape King? Impossible, how could I not know?” Mu Kui cried out in alarm and had an expression of disbelief. If it was really as Xiong Pi had said, then he would be in imminent danger as well. After all, Li Hu had died on Moon’s Embrace Mountain, and it was common knowledge that he, Mu Kui, had the closest relationship with Chen Xi...

“How would Li Hu be an informant for the Black Ape King if you knew?” Xiong Pi asked rhetorically.

Mu Kui was finally in a panic and he had a bewildered expression as he cast his gaze at Chen Xi. He was a Congenital Realm greater demon after all, and had lived in the Black Ape King’s territory for more than a thousand years, how could he not know how formidable the Black Ape King was?

“In that case, regardless of if I help you or not, I would still encounter the vengeance of the Black Ape King?” Chen Xi asked coldly.

Xiong Pi didn't speak, but his attitude said everything.

"Alright, I'll take your Seventhgold Swordbamboo, but I won't take the initiative to make a move against the Black Ape King unless he comes knocking on my door." Chen Xi said this because he was worried that Xiong Pi had deceived him.

"Thank you, Senior. No matter if it's a success or failure, I, Old Xiong, will never forget the great kindness of Senior in this lifetime!" Xiong Pi knelt on the ground with a thump, then kowtowed three times with three resounding bangs. When he raised his head, tears were already flowing out from his eyes.

When this straightforward, big and tall fellow had acquired Chen Xi's promise, he seemed to have put down the load he'd carried within his heart for many years. He cried silently, he cried sorrowfully, and he cried in joy!

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"Fellow Daoist Yuan Tong, please swiftly come to the Moonhowl Ridge, there's an urgent matter to discuss — Signed: Zhan Feng."

At Aqua Cavern, a white haired young man in green robes stared blankly at the message in his hand and he muttered, "I wonder what Old Freak Roc wants to do, his tone seems so anxious. I'm afraid this fellow hasn't only invited me, could it be that something great is about to occur?"

It was at this moment —

Swoosh!

A white feathered spirit bird flew in and transformed into a beautiful female demon who shouted anxiously. "Great King, a disaster is imminent!"

The white haired young man in green clothes was precisely the owner of Aqua Cavern, one of the seven great demon kings, the Black Ape King Yuan Tong. He glared at the beautiful female demon in displeasure and asked, "Xiao Ru, how many times have I said it? You must be calm on every occasion and great event, what use is being panicked? Hurry up and speak, what has happened?"

The beautiful female demon was Xiao Ru, and she took a deep breath before saying swiftly, "Great King asked me to look for Li Hu, but unexpectedly, the tiger demon died long ago!"

"What?" Yuan Tong was stunned.

"Not only that, I passed by Moon's Embrace Mountain, and not only did I discover the corpse of Li Hu, I noticed many greater demons gathered together at its hillside, and they seemed to be congratulating a human cultivator."

Yuan Tong was stunned again. "Human cultivator?"

"Yeah, those greater demons addressed him as Chen Xi. According to my observations, that person seems to have only just advanced to the Violet Palace Realm, and that's the reason why it drew these greater demons to pay their respects together."

“No wonder. So it turns out that it was this human cultivator that advanced to the Violet Palace Realm a few days ago.” Yuan Tong finally wrapped his head around the matter, and a trace of ferociousness flashed on his fair face. “Hmph! You’re on my territory, but not only do you not come pay your respects to me, you instead kill my trusted subordinate, Li Hu. You’re truly courting death!”

“Great King, that person does indeed deserve death. But the most detestable one is instead that Spiritdove Mountain’s Xiong Pi. He actually took out a one meter long Seventhgold Swordbamboo and offered it to that human cultivator...”

“What! Seventhgold Swordbamboo? And it’s even one meter long?” Before Xiao Ru could even finish speaking, Yuan Tong’s expression had become excited and he roared loudly. “This damn bear demon. He actually dared not offer such a treasure to me? Truly damnable!”

“Great King, this Xiong Pi had a condition for offering up the Seventhgold Swordbamboo. The condition was that the human cultivator must agree to kill... Kill...” Xiao Ru spoke falteringly.

“Kill who?” Yuan Tong as already angered to the point he had a savage expression, demonic qi raged on his entire body and he looked extremely terrifying.

“Kill...”

“Speak quickly!”

“Kill you, Great King.”

Bang!

Yuan Tong smashed his palm against the nearby table and it instantly transformed into a pile of powder.

“Dammit! Dammit! They all deserve to die!” Yuan Tong was transformed from a Black Ape that was cruel and ruthless by nature. At this moment, under his explosive rage, patches of hair that were black and like steel needles instantly surged out from his fair face, then his mouth opened wide and two rows of sharp fangs instantly grew out by 60cm and were exposed in the air.

Howl!

Yuan Tong emitted a long howl towards the sky, his billowing voice that contained monstrous cruelty rushed out of Aqua Cavern and surged within an area of 500km, shocking the demons that were cultivating nearby to drop flat on the ground and ceaselessly shiver.

After a long time.

Sounds of intense breathing echoed out, seeming to be suppressing the flames of rage in his heart.

“Detestable! I have to go for the matter Old Freak Roc called me for. Never mind, I’ll properly torture these damnable things to death after I return from Moonhowl Ridge!” Yuan Tong’s low, deep, and cruel voice surged ceaselessly within Aqua Cavern.

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Three days passed by.

Mu Kui instead felt as if it was three years, as every second caused him to be unable to rest in peace.

Could it be that Xiong Pi deceived us? The Black Ape King utterly doesn't plan to look for trouble with Senior Chen Xi?

Mu Kui was unable to wrap his head around it. It was precisely because he couldn't wrap his head around it that living through these past few days was too painful. He felt as if he was an ant that was waiting to die, but he just happened to not know when death would come...

When he thought of this, Mu Kui couldn't help but gaze into the distance. Within the sea of clouds on the precipice, he saw a tall and thin figure cultivating his sword technique. The figure's clothes danced lightly in the wind and his sword moved like the wind; his expression was serious and concentrated, and his posture was agile and graceful.

Senior Chen Xi's disposition is indeed steadfast like a rock!

Mu Kui already didn't know how many times he'd praised Chen Xi. Every time his thoughts were restless and uneasy during these three days, he would come to this spot. As long as he saw Chen Xi's figure, his heart would feel much more at ease, as if he wouldn't be afraid even if the sky collapsed.

Actually, Chen Xi's pressure was no different from Mu Kui. He never expected that he'd only just advanced to the Violet Palace Realm, but he'd already offended the Aqua Cavern's Black Ape King because he killed Li Hu. However, since he was unable to hide, he instead spent all of his pressure and thoughts on cultivating.

The Violet Palace Realm was a completely new realm, a qualitative transformation. If he wanted to exert all of his strength and control this strength with both skill and ease, then he must practice diligently and bitterly.

At the moment, he was cultivating the Windflow Divination Sword, and what he held in his hand was shockingly the one meter long Seventhgold Swordbamboo.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Sword lights waved out. They were like a swift gale that howled out with speeds that were swift like bolts of lightning, and they tore through the sky to leave behind numerous residual sword marks.

The first move in the Windflow Divination Sword — Galeflash Shadow!

Supposedly, when cultivated to the limit, or in other words the unity-stage, it would be possible to slash a falling leaf into over 1,000 orderly and even fine threads with a single wave of the sword as it was incomparably swift.

Moreover, what caused Chen Xi to be joyous was due to the extreme sharpness of the Seventhgold Swordbamboo and the extremely terrifying vigorous thunder qi contained within it; when he executed the Galeflash Shadow, not only was it extremely swift like lightning, it also added an awe-inspiring destructive force to his attacks, and its formidable might exceeded his expectations.

"I already mastered my sword technique to the advanced-stage before. If I'm able to break through to the unity-stage in a short amount of time, then I ought to have an extra bit of assurance when battling the Black Ape King."

Time trickled by.

At the side of the precipice covered in a sea of clouds, sword lights swept out like a myriad of waterfalls, as some emerged, some would die out, and Chen Xi was like a tireless puppet as he immersed himself into his infinitely profound sword technique.

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#### **Chapter 67: Wind Dao Insight**

One month later, at the peak of Moon's Embrace Mountain.

Chen Xi held the Seventhgold Swordbamboo in his hand while under the attentive gaze of Ji Yu. He took a breath and his wrist trembled, a Galeflash Shadow splashing out.

Hiss! Hiss! Hiss! Hiss!

Countless sharp sword streaks were like billowing waves that surged out as the sound of wind and lightning howling resounded out with a hum. The heaven and earth seemed to be filled with a cold and dazzling flowing light that was swift like a shadow.

Whoosh!

A sword light flashed, and the scene abruptly changed.

The sword images were fine and lingered in the air continuously, then caused circles of ripples to undulate in the air. The ripples seemed soft and fine, yet they instantly minced the clouds in an area of 30 meters into dust that completely dispersed.

The move was impressively the second move of the Windflow Divination Sword — Breezy Rain!

“This kid is not bad, the Breezy Rain stresses on the word lingering, and it contains hidden killing intent within it. He's obviously already mastered its essence.” Nearby, Ji Yu nodded unnoticeably.

The third move, Dark Storm — The sword images roared rapidly and swiftly as they advanced, retreated, and circled around. For a time, the sword images were like clouds as they covered the entire sky, and everywhere the sword images swept it was filled with dense and violent sword qi.

The fourth move, Tide Squall — The sword images howled out like a raging tide, the force of the sword was vigorous and unrestrained as it moved about freely and violently, like a myriad of enormous waves that had overlapped on one another to surge in the heaven and the earth, like a tide that had risen from the blue sea.

Whoosh!

Chen Xi stopped and put away his sword after executing the four moves of the sword technique, then he lightly spat out a mouthful of foul air, seeming calm and collected.

“Now bad, you've already completely mastered the first four moves.” Ji Yu nodded and evaluated. “But, the unity-stage is not bound by moves, and once you've completely comprehended it, then a casual stab of your sword will be able to draw upon the energy of heaven and earth. Only that is considered to be the true unity-stage.”

Chen Xi nodded and accepted Ji Yu's teachings.

Subsequently, Ji Yu started assessing the Divine Windwing Flight that Chen Xi cultivated.

The two of them arrived at a dense and green sea of bamboo behind Moon's Embrace Mountain.

"This sea of bamboo is roughly 50km in distance, what you need to do is shuttle back and forth through it. You're not allowed to touch any of the stems or leaves on the way, and the tip of your foot mustn't touch the ground." Ji Yu instructed indifferently. "You must complete it within the time of ten breaths."

There's difficulty in completing this task!

As he gazed at the dense and luxuriant sea of bamboo, Chen Xi couldn't help but frown.

He'd only started to cultivate the Divine Windwing Flight half a month ago, but he'd always cultivated it at the peak of Moon's Embrace Mountain. It was extremely spacious there and mountain winds whistled past. Thus he was able to willfully fly around in the air and it was extremely satisfying.

However, at this moment, when faced with this sea of bamboo, and wanting to pass through the entire sea of bamboo within the time of ten breaths without touching a single stem or leaf, this was no easy feat.

"Worried that you're unable to do it?" Ji Yu shook his head and derided. "This test is still the most basic. A battle between cultivators is carried out while flying through the heavens and earth, and would stop at nothing. It isn't like how you imagine, simple minded exchanging blows, but it's instead the utilization of your ability while using every trick up your sleeve. For example, battling while shifting about like ghosts. If your movement technique is inferior, then not to mention battling, I'm afraid you won't even be able to dodge your opponent's attacks."

The hesitation in Chen Xi's heart was completely intensified from what Ji Yu said and it transformed into unwillingness that surged out from his heart. He instantly tapped the tip of his foot on the ground, and his figure transformed into a wisp of a ray of light as he charged into the luxuriant bamboo forest in the blink of an eye.

Whoosh!

Piercingly cold wind flashed past from the sides of his body, but Chen Xi maintained his diving posture as he looked concentrated and unblinkingly into the distance.

He couldn't touch the bamboo stems or leaves, so he changed his direction to circumnavigate the bamboo that were densely gathered together. However, the change of direction was instead wasting time. Even if it was only a mere instant, to Chen Xi who had to travel through the sea of bamboo within the time of ten breaths, it was undoubtedly an enormous waste.

After a short moment, Chen Xi flew out of the sea of bamboo.

"26 breaths of time, not good enough." Ji Yu shook his head ceaselessly.

Chen Xi had an expressionless face as he flew in once again.

"18 breaths, not good enough."

“12 breaths, touched three bamboo leaves, not good enough.”

“...Not good enough.”

The words ‘not good enough’ filled Chen Xi’s thoughts throughout the entire afternoon. The voice was calm and indifferent, yet it seemed like nightmare that caused him to not only feel embarrassed, but also completely aroused the stubbornness and unyieldingness in his head. After Ji Yu left, he shuttled back and forth within the sea of bamboos by himself without slacking in the slightest.

Every time when he was exhausted to the point he almost unable to hold on, it seemed as if the words ‘not good enough’ were lightly spat out from Ji Yu’s mouth and resounded by his ear, then he would once again grit his teeth and stand up to once again charge into the sea of bamboo...

Bang!

Sweat flowed down his body like snakes and his heavy breathing resounded in the night sky. Chen Xi was unable to stand up and he fell flat on his back. The True Essence in his body was completely wrung out, to the point he wasn’t even willing to move a finger.

He just lay there like that, staring blankly at the sky above him that was suffused with an array of stars, leaving his sweat to flow down his body like numerous streams.

“Ten breaths of time, I was only a step away...” Chen Xi’s throat was extremely hoarse and his eyes filled with annoyance and unwillingness. He was completely unaware that Ji Yu was standing in the distance silently watching him attentively, and that his experienced eyes revealed a rare trace of admiration.

Ten days later.

Chen Xi vanished before the sea of bamboo with a ‘swoosh.’

Swoosh! Swoosh!

Due to his speed being too swift, everywhere Chen Xi passed the warm breeze in the air would become piercingly cold like knives, and a string of afterimages were left behind in the air. These afterimages only vanished like bubbles after one breath of time, and by that time, Chen Xi was already more than 5km away.

Looking down from mid-air, at this moment, Chen Xi was like an extremely nimble bolt of black lightning within the luxuriant sea of bamboo as he dodged past the clusters of dense bamboo leaves and flashed past the numerous sturdy bamboo stems. His speed was so swift that an ordinary person’s vision was utterly unable to catch up to him!

After a short moment, Chen Xi swiftly flashed out the sea of bamboos.

“Eight breaths of time, not bad. It’s much better than I expected.” Ji Yu nodded as he praised.

A feeling as if he was in another world couldn’t help but arise in Chen Xi’s heart when he heard Ji Yu finally stop saying ‘not good enough,’ yet he wasn’t excited, as the hardships and sweat he’d experienced these past few days had completely transformed into tranquility that was like a still lake.



“Now that your sword technique and movement technique have both attained the unity stage, if you want to continue advancing, then you must go comprehend.” Ji Yu pondered before saying, “Basic, advanced, unity, they are all attainable by relying on diligent and bitter training. The fourth stage, Dao Insight, instead requires you to comprehend the Dao of the Heavens, and when you’re able to comprehend a strand of the meaning of the Dao, you’ll be able to form Sword Insight and Movement Insight.”

Comprehend the Dao of the Heavens...

Chen Xi’s brain hummed and it was as if he was suddenly enlightened.

In the past, he’d always heard people say that the most important thing in the path of cultivation was to comprehend the great meaning behind the Dao of the Heavens, as only then would one be able to walk to the peak of the Dao. But at that time, his cultivation was low and he was ignorant to all this. He kept having the feeling that it was too far away, so he’d never once paid attention to it.

Now that he’d advanced to the Violet Palace Realm to establish his foundation of the Grand Dao and experienced many days of cultivation, he already unconsciously possessed a vague trace of hazy perception of the Grand Dao. Presently, when Ji Yu revealed the truth, it felt as if a new window had been pushed open before him, and he saw a completely new and magnificent world!

Dao Insight!

No wonder it’s only after advancing to the Violet Palace Realm that one is considered to have truly stepped onto the road to immortality! So it turns out that only at the Violet Palace Realm would one possess a completely new perception of the surrounding world.

At this moment, Chen Xi was full of excitement.

But, the Dao of the Heavens is vast and veiled in mystery, how exactly do I comprehend the profound meaning within it?

After a long time, Chen Xi’s mood finally returned to a calm state and he thought of a problem that he must solve now — How to comprehend the Dao?

“Cultivate bitterly and diligently, visualize and meditate, then wait for good luck to arrive.” Ji Yu replied in an extremely succinct, yet vague, manner.

Think about it, if there were methods to comprehend the Grand Dao, then everyone in the world would have stepped on the path to the Grand Dao long ago.

Good luck?

Chen Xi frowned as he pondered, and he still shook his head after quite a long time. These things that could be encountered by luck but not sought after, were things that were impossible for him to have the determination that he would surely obtain it.

Ji Yu couldn’t refrain from reminding him when he saw this. “Slow-witted. Let me ask you, are there any similarities between the Windflow Divination Sword and the Divine Windwing Flight?”

The similarity between the sword technique and movement technique? They seem to both be related to wind... Ah, wind?

Chen Xi's eyes lit up, as he already had a plan in his heart.

Ji Yu smiled and said, "The Dao of Wind is constantly changing: violent, gentle, sharp, lingering... It's the most unrestrained and free. If you want to master the essence of the Windflow Divination Sword and the Divine Windwing Flight, then you must first know what exactly wind is."

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Wind!

Chen Xi sat cross-legged within the sea of clouds at the side of Moon's Embrace Mountain's precipice as he felt the mountain wind whistle past him.

The mountain wind moved swiftly and was difficult to find, but Chen Xi's sword technique and movement technique had long since attained the unity-stage, and he'd quickly merged his mind with the wind within the world.

When the wind flashed past the billowing sea of clouds and swept past his face, he would be able to clearly feel its speed, trajectory, strength, and even every tiny detail in the subtle changes in the wind appeared within his mind.

"This mountain wind is piercingly cold like a saber and swift like lightning." Three days later, Chen Xi opened his eyes, seeming as if he'd comprehended something. Without the slightest hesitation, he stood up and flew into the air like a garuda, and in an instant he'd already flashed over 5km away. Compared to before, his movement technique faintly carried within it a strand of an inexplicable aura. It had become even more profound and faster.

After a short moment, before a lake in the area of Moon's Embrace Mountain.

Chen Xi didn't delay in the slightest before sitting on the ground to face the vast surface of the lake.

Swish!

The wind stirred the surface of the lake, causing wave after wave of ripples. As it flashed past the lotus flowers on the surface of the lake, it carried along a trace of gentleness, like a person that was deeply in love was stroking the face of their sweetheart.

"This lake wind is gentle and fine, and is continuous like the rain..." Seven days later, Chen Xi opened his eyes once again, and the pondering expression within his eyes had become even stronger. He then got up and flew off to vanish by the lakeside.

Day after day passed by, Chen Xi's footprints spread all over the peak of the mountain, the lake, the rocky area; during a heavy shower, under the fiercely shining sun... His perception of wind grew deeper and deeper.

"The wind contains a myriad of changes, and its form is constantly changing. Regardless of if it was a gale, a breeze, mountain wind, lake wind, and even the wind after rain; its speed, force, and trajectory

were completely different, displaying the Dao of changing to the greatest extent. But what is the source of these changes?”

Another month passed by.

Chen Xi sat alone within the abode as he meditated on every type of wind that he'd comprehended during these past few days.

Change?

Why does it change?

“Freedom! Without freedom, there is no wind!”

Chen Xi's body trembled. When good fortune comes, the mind becomes clear, and it was like he'd pierced through a piece of paper and he was suddenly enlightened!

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#### **Chapter 68: Chen Xi's Combat Strength**

Without freedom, there is no wind!

Chen Xi's mind was immersed in a profound state, Dao existed within the boundless time of the world, and the Dao of Wind existed in the land, rivers, verdant grass, rocks... everywhere.

As the wind blew past a hill, the clouds and mist that were blown away were its shadows. As it blew past lotus leaves, that swaying posture was its traces. This was the aura of the Dao, the meaning of the Dao!

Chen Xi silently sat cross-legged atop the peak of the mountain and his handsome face carried a peaceful expression, yet his mind had followed the heaven and the earth, followed the wind that was dancing in the sky, he was soaring and seeking the wind.

Dao Comprehension!

Ji Yu stood in the distance, his clothed fluttering in the wind, and his gaze was profound like lightning as he looked at Chen Xi with a gaze that carried a trace of joy and delight.

The state of Dao Comprehension was something that could be encountered by luck but not sought after, but it would surely exist after sufficient accumulation was done. Without the diligent and bitter training in the earlier days, then even if one had the opportunity to encounter a bit of the essence of Dao, it would be extremely difficult to grasp it.

Only after one had accumulated various experiences would one be able to completely bond the mind with the heaven and the earth at the instant that good luck had arrived, and only then would one be able to learn and comprehend a trace of the existence of the Dao in their chaotic and unconscious state of Dao Comprehension.

The stars changed position, the bright moon rose and the vast sun set.

Along with the passage of time, strands of wind started to gather by the side of Chen Xi who sat cross-legged there, stirring his hair and stroking his face, gentle like a lover that had just been reunited.

“Shriek!” A vulture flew over from afar, its sharp gaze stared at the youth at the side of the precipice as if it was gazing at a delicious meal. As a wild bird that hadn’t developed intelligence yet, it didn’t sense the strands of dangerous aura atop Chen Xi’s body. It was extremely hungry and had been this way for a long time, to the point it utterly didn’t care to consider much. With a plunge, it swiftly charged downwards, opening its sharp claws to fiercely grab at the youth.

When it was still 30 meters away from Chen Xi.

Hiss!

It was like a hurricane had appeared out of thin air, the swift and fierce trail of wind contained the energy of heaven and earth and it instantly completely minced the vulture into fine pieces. Due to the wind being too dense and sharp, the fresh blood that splattered out was also pulverized into balls of bloody mist, and then it was blown by the wind to vanish without a trace. From the beginning until the end, not a shred of the smell of blood escaped, and if speed hadn’t attained an extremely terrifying level, it would have been utterly impossible to do this!

“He has comprehended it. His strength has already obtained a qualitative change, and I’m afraid it won’t be long before he’s able to pass the 1st level of the Heavenpeak of Trials. Whereas I... I’m afraid it would be difficult for me to leave the Manor in the future.” Ji Yu’s expression was complicated with a trace of absentmindedness, then it was replaced with an expression of staunchness. “I’ve already helped him enough. With his current strength and mentality, he’s completely capable of taking care of himself. Continuing to stay by his side would only impede his path of the Grand Dao...”

At dawn seven days later, the vast sun had risen into the sky and light illuminated the world.

Chen Xi, who sat cross-legged on the side of the precipice, opened his eyes, and the corners of his mouth revealed a rare trace of a smile.

Whoosh!

In the next moment, Chen Xi didn’t seem to move, yet his figure had already appeared in midair, and a pair of wings that were condensed from a gale seemed to have appeared out of thin air behind him. He instantly tore through the sky, willfully soaring in the air, and under the rays of the morning sun, that figure that whirled about like a bolt of lightning and broke open countless streams of air within the clouds seemed like a dreamlike figure.

Wind!

Freedom!

Chen Xi’s figure had become even swifter, even freer and easier, and his entire body was like fluttering wind, possessing an indistinct trail causing his figure to be difficult to find.

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Cultivating deep in the mountains while isolated from the world causes time to pass by unknowingly.

Three months of time had passed in a flash. From the anxiousness and uneasiness from the very beginning, Mu Kui’s mood had gradually become tranquil.

The Aqua Cavern's Black Ape King hadn't appeared after a very long time, and this caused Mu Kui to be even more firmly convinced that Xiong Pi was deceiving him and deceiving Senior Chen Xi. That Li Hu wasn't the trusted subordinate of the Black Ape King at all, because if the Black Ape King was one who sought revenge for the smallest grievance, then how could he allow Senior Chen Xi to live for three months?

One mountain cannot house two tigers? Nonsense!

Mu Kui held a wine jug as he cozily leaned in front of the abode and ceaselessly drank to his heart's content. He liked these sort of days, quiet and peaceful. Senior Chen Xi was holding down the fort atop the mountain. He didn't have to worry that the other greater demons nearby would come disturb or swallow up his territory.

Whoosh!

A figure appeared out of thin air with a speed that was like teleportation, and it scared Mu Kui to the point his body went stiff and the wine jug in his hand fell with a clank. When he focused and glanced over, it was shockingly Senior Chen Xi.

Mu Kui couldn't help but feel a burst of embarrassment. I'm probably in an extremely sorry state right now, right? However... Senior Chen Xi's speed is truly too swift! He appeared before me in the blink of an eye, who wouldn't be scared half dead?

"Prepare a brush and a dish of ink for me." Chen Xi entered the abode as soon as he finished speaking.

"Oh, alright, wait a moment, Senior." Mu Kui stomped on the floor and got up, then started preparing swiftly, yet he was secretly curious in his heart. What does Senior Chen Xi want to do?

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Within the abode, Chen Xi removed a book from his storage ring, it wasn't a cultivation method, but was instead the little gains and experiences he obtained from cultivating.

After pondering for a long time within his mind, Chen Xi took up the brush and dipped it into the ink, then slowly wrote out all the experiences and changes in his thoughts while he cultivated during this period of time.

"His brush technique is free and graceful, yet its aura is powerful and sharp; every word he writes is exquisitely written, providing a lifelike picture. Your improvement during this period of time is indeed extremely great." After Chen Xi finished writing, Ji Yu floated in the air when he appeared and nodded as he assessed.

Chen Xi didn't even raise his head before taking out a piece of paper, then swiftly writing a line of words with a 'swish' and passed it to Ji Yu.

Since the day he cultivated the movement technique and sword technique, Ji Yu had requested that he take a day from every month for self-examination, to comprehend the changes in his strength and to summarize his combat experience.

These papers that were used to write self-examinations were called by Chen Xi as the Self-Reflection Diary.

“Don’t write this sort of thing in the future again.” Ji Yu stopped reading and passed the paper back to Chen Xi. “Self-examination is for the sake of urging your improvement and to avoid deviating from the right path. Now that you’ve already established your Dao Foundation and have truly stepped onto the road to immortality, there’s already no meaning in writing these things. What you need to do is comprehend the Heaven Dao and stay true to your heart.”

“Comprehend the Heaven Dao and stay true to my heart...” Chen Xi repeated it and seemed as if he’d thought of something. He only came back to his senses after some time, then he recalled a question that he was puzzled about right now and asked right away. “Senior, may I ask how my current strength is, and how is it compared to other Violet Palace Realm cultivators?”

“What do you think?” Ji Yu answered with a question.

Chen Xi thought for a moment then shook his head. “I’ve only fought with Li Huai who was at the Violet Palace Realm, moreover, I was only at the perfection-stage of the Congenital Realm at that time. I’m really unable to make an accurate estimate in this aspect.”

Chen Xi was indeed unable to make an estimate of his own combat strength, as strictly speaking, he had two methods of combat, after all. One method was the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement that relied on the strength of his body to conduct close quarter battles; the other method was the School of Qi Refinement that after experiencing these past few days of bitter training had already become capable of executing a sword technique and movement technique at the Dao Insight Stage. However, due to lacking combat with Violet Palace Realm cultivators, his combat strength was sometimes strong and sometimes weak, so it wasn’t easy for him to come to a conclusion.

“Killing ordinary Violet Palace Realm cultivators is like killing chickens and monkeys!” Ji Yu spoke shocking words.

Even if Chen Xi was mentally prepared since long ago, he still couldn’t help but feel a burst of astonishment. Like killing chicken and monkeys? Could it be that I’m already formidable to this extent?

“Are you extremely surprised? You should know that your sword technique already contains a strand of Dao Insight, and an ordinary Violet Palace Realm cultivator would only be at the unity-stage. Solely in terms of sword technique, your strength has already surpassed most Violet Palace Realm cultivators.

“Moving on to your cultivation.”

“In the aspect of qi refinement, you already possess the attainment of the 1st star of the Violet Palace Realm, and the Ice Crane Technique is exquisite and ingenious. As far as I’m concerned, it’s also a precious qi cultivation technique, but unfortunately, it only records the technique of cultivation for the nine levels of the Violet Palace Realm. Even then, regardless of if it was might or volume, your True Essence is far from something an ordinary Violet Palace Realm cultivator is able to compare to.” Ji Yu spoke with fervor and assurance, then he revealed a trace of regret. “Unfortunately, your diligent training in the Martial Dao has instead caused you to neglect body refinement. If you’re able to attain the Violet Palace Realm in body refinement and condense a star diagram from shaman markings, your strength would increase by at least 20%.”

“Of course, relying on your soul’s current Perception Force, it’s already sufficient for you to cultivate this soul attack technique, Godly Illusion. If you’re able to completely master it, your chances of winning against an enemy would increase a great deal.”

Ji Yu quickly returned to normal and continued to analyze Chen Xi’s combat strength for him. “All in all, your current strength ought to be able to go against a cultivator with a cultivation around the 5th star Violet Palace Realm.”

“5th star Violet Palace Realm? Continuously leaping four levels?” Chen Xi gasped, as he was slightly unable to believe it.

Ji Yu said seriously, “However, you had better not look down on Violet Palace Realm cultivators. It’s a fundamental leap from the Congenital Realm to the Violet Palace Realm, and Violet Palace Realm cultivators are already able to utilize graded Magic Treasures. These fellows have numerous skills and are adept at various different ways of attack, like formations, puppets, spirit flames, techniques... In the hands of these Violet Palace Realm cultivators, they’re all able to display monstrous might.”

“After saying so much, you actually only have to remember one thing, there’s a varying level of strength amongst Violet Palace Realm cultivators, and there are plenty of people who are able to annihilate a 9th star Violet Palace Realm cultivator with a cultivation at the 1st star of the Violet Palace Realm. There’re even Violet Palace Realm cultivators that are able to kill Golden Hall Realm cultivators!”

Chen Xi gasped, he suddenly felt that after listening to Ji Yu’s explanation, he’d instead become even more confused.

“What’s there to be surprised about? Didn’t you kill a Violet Palace Realm cultivator at the Congenital Realm? At that time, you hadn’t established your Dao Foundation yet, and you were unable to fly in the air or control Magic Treasures.” Ji Yu seemed to understand Chen Xi’s feelings and he said with a smile, “After saying all this, I only want to remind you, never underestimate any enemy, but don’t be afraid of battle. If you can’t win, then run, it’s no big deal. Some experts were chased after by others, and slowly, bit by bit, in the end they instead wiped out all the people that chased after them.”

Chen Xi’s mind slightly eased up and he couldn’t help but jest. “The fleeing ability of that fellow is surely extremely formidable, otherwise, he would have been surrounded and annihilated long ago.”

“It was indeed. I remember that expert seemed to be surnamed Han, and people gave him the nickname ‘Speedy Han,’ but unfortunately, that was a figure from before the primordial era.” Ji Yu’s eyes revealed an expression of recollection as he sighed with deep emotion, then he changed the topic and said, “I suggest you spend your time on body refinement and the cultivation of your soul from today onwards. Once your body refinement attains the Violet Palace Realm, you ought to be able to pass the 1st level of the Heavenpeak of Trials.”

The 1st level of the Heavenpeak of Trials?

Chen Xi lowered his head to glance at his palm, and under his skin and flesh, the pattern of a jade pendant could be indistinctly noticed.

Numerous scenes silently slipped past his mind. His mother, Zuo Qiuxue, leaving behind her spiritual brand and Star Secret Realm; the surging river that Senior Ji Yu hid himself in, the dark and precipitous Heavenpeak that stood at the center of the river and towered into the clouds...

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#### **Chapter 69: Come Knocking**

Deep within the mountain range, at Moonhowl Ridge.

Moonhowl Ridge occupied an area of 5,000km. The mountain stood low, yet it was like an ancient colossus that lay on the ground, giving out a desolate, bloody, and powerful aura, as if it was the king of the lands and looked down on the world!

This place was the residence of the Roc King, Zhan Feng.

The dense demonic qi here transformed into numerous ramrod straight pillars of smoke that shot into the sky and formed roiling dark clouds that enveloped the area below the sky all year long, seeming to be displaying the monstrous power of its owner.

“Have you heard, our King joined forces with four other demon kings this time, and they spent three months to capture eight human cultivators in one go.”

“How could I not know of such a sensational event? I even heard that the King intends to refine those eight human cultivators into a cauldron of medicinal pills!”

“Medicinal Pill? No wonder the King doesn’t kill them, so it’s for the sake of refining medicinal pills.”

“Shh! Softly! Do you want to die!?”

“Looks quickly! That’s...”

“The Copper Mountain’s Thunderhawk King and the Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King!”

At the outer area of Moonhowl Ridge, two greater demons on patrol were whispering in discussion. Seeming to have noticed something, they abruptly raised their heads and looked towards the sky. There, two figures covered in billowing demonic qi stepped on the clouds and mist as they swiftly flashed towards the distance like meteors.

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“Xue Yu, why are you following me?” In midair, a figure that was suffused with demonic qi had abruptly stopped before glancing backward with a gloomy expression. He wore green robes and had white hair, possessing a handsome appearance. It was shockingly the Aqua Cavern’s Black Ape King, Yuan Tong.

As he spoke, another figure followed up to stand shoulder to shoulder with him. This person had a gaunt figure and eyes that were like lightning, an eagle nose and thin lips. He wore a violet coat, seeming to be extremely cold yet graceful. He was one of the seven great demon kings, the Copper Mountain’s Thunderhawk King, Xue Yu.

Xue Yu acted curious as he said, “It’s nothing, it’s just that I saw Big Brother Yuan’s brows knitted, it seems... you have a load on your mind?”



“Hmph! What load could I have on my mind? You’re truly a strange fellow.” Yuan Tong grunted coldly, then turned and left; yet his heart was filled with misgivings.

Three months ago, when he’d complied with the invitation of the Roc King, Zhan Feng, and come to Moonhowl Ridge, he noticed that besides him, the Copper Mountain’s Thunderhawk King, the Moonlight Lake’s Dark Wyrms King, and the Sunset Forest’s Azure Python King had already been there since long ago.

Only afterwards did he find out that the Roc King had actually noticed a group of human cultivators. These cultivators were scattered throughout the depths of the mountain range and all possessed Violet Palace Realm cultivations. The Roc King invited them over for the sake of capturing these human cultivators, as he desired to refine them into a cauldron of Bloodsoul Fortune Pills!

The Bloodsoul Fortune Pills possessed a miraculous effect. Once consumed, it was able to heighten the chances of a Violet Palace Realm cultivator advancing to the Golden Hall Realm, and it was an extremely valuable medicinal pill. However, so long as they agreed to join forces with the Roc King and capture these human cultivators, then once the Bloodsoul Fortune Pills were refined, they would be able to obtain a portion of them.

When faced with such temptation, all four demon kings, including Yuan Tong, had agreed directly. They had spent three months, but were only successful in capturing eight human cultivators. They still lacked one last human cultivator before they could start refining the Bloodsoul Fortune Pill. They’d bitterly searched for many days, yet weren’t able to discover a single one.

The pill refinement plan was at an impasse, but Yuan Tong had instead recalled Chen Xi. For the sake of the extremely valuable Seventhgold Swordbamboo in Chen Xi’s possession, he was unwilling to reveal this matter to the other demon kings. He planned to go alone and seize the Seventhgold Swordbamboo before capturing Chen Xi and sending him to the Roc King. He never expected that the Thunderhawk King seemed to have noticed something and brazenly followed him...

“Big Brother Yuan, wait for me.” Xue Yu chased up once again, then glanced at Yuan Tong with a spurious smile on his face before saying, “I, your brother, am unoccupied and have nothing to do. How about I go stay at Big Brother Yuan’s place for two days?”

Rage flashed on Yuan Tong’s face, then he took a deep breath and said coldly, “Xue Yu, if you have something to say, then be frank. What’s the point of beating around the bush?”

Xue Yu rubbed his palms together and laughed loudly. “Great! Since Big Brother Yuan has said this, then little brother will be frank. I heard that there’s still a human cultivator hidden in Moon’s Embrace Mountain. I wonder if it’s true?”

“You...” Yuan Tong’s heart sank and he burst into rage. “You placed informants in my territory?”

Xue Yu laughed and replied with a question. “Big Brother Yuan, aren’t you the same?”

Yuan Tong’s face froze, yet he was speechless. His territory was right next to Xue Yu’s territory. For the sake of being on guard against each other, to prevent the other from taking over their territory, they’d placed informants in each other’s territory. This matter was something that both of them already knew.

“Big Brother Yuan, don’t be oversensitive. I have absolutely no intention of fighting for him with you. Now that the Bloodsoul Fortune Pill only lacks one Violet Palace Realm cultivator before it can be refined, if the two of us capture this person back to the Roc King, it would surely be a great merit. Once the medicinal pills are refined, both of us will be able to obtain a little more, right?”

“Alright, I agree. But after we capture that kid, all his possessions are mine. Otherwise, there’s no room to discuss this matter any further.” Yuan Tong’s expression was extremely gloomy, yet he heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. So long as he doesn’t seize my Seventhgold Swordbamboo, so what if I agree to his request?

“Big Brother Yuan is straightforward as expected!” Xue Yu laughed heartily. “With little brother helping you stand guard at the side, wouldn’t that kid be captured easily?”

“Hmph! Before we capture that kid, I still have a matter to attend to. Do you want to come along?” Yuan Tong’s gaze flickered and revealed a jet of hatred.

“Of course!” Xue Yu answered readily.

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Spiritdove Mountain.

Xiong Pi was concentrating on cultivating in his abode when he suddenly felt two terrifying Perception Forces sweep pass his body, and he was suddenly terrified. Could it be that the Black Ape King has come knocking to get even with me?

“Xiong Pi, get the fuck out!” An explosive shout abruptly resounded out, and it was like billowing thunder as it exploded out on Spiritdove Mountain, shocking the nearby demons to the point they fled hastily in all directions.

It really is the old demon!

Xiong Pi seemed to have expected the arrival of this day since long ago. He had a calm expression as he stood up and walked out of his abode, then gazed at the green robed, white haired young man in midair and said, “Black Ape King, you’re really slow.”

“Hmph! You’re still so stubborn when you’re about to die.” Yuan Tong looked down at Xiong Pi and said coldly, “Offer up your head on your own accord. Otherwise, it will be like how I killed your younger brother that year, and I will smash you into a pool of meat pudding with a single swing of my staff!”

“Younger brother...” Xiong Pi’s rugged face warped, seeming like he was crying for a moment then laughing for a moment, and his stalwart body ceaselessly trembled. He gazed at Yuan Tong who stood there in midair, his eyes were sprung open like saucers and contained a red hue yet revealed madness from extreme rage, and he roared loudly. “Black Ape King, your doom is imminent. I’ll wait for you in hell, HAHAHA!”

It was at this moment that a saber light that was like a bolt of lightning flashed past, instantly chopping off Xiong Pi’s head. Its speed was so swift that Xiong Pi didn’t even have time to react, and that enraged and insane laughter stopped abruptly along with this.

“What’s the point of talking so much with a madman? It will only bring disgrace to our status.” Within the clouds, the Thunderhawk King, Xue Yu, appeared suddenly, then he lightly laughed as he grabbed Xiong Pi’s head up from across the space and casually tossed it to Yuan Tong.

Yuan Tong said coldly, “I have to remind you, if you dare take my things the next time, I’ll surely kill you!”

“Looks like I’ve indeed made an unnecessary move.” Xue Yu laughed indifferently, and a trace of indistinct disdain flashed deep within his eyes.

After a short moment, Yuan Tong returned to his own territory. Yet, he didn’t stop and directly lead the 1,000 plus demons of various strengths under his command and moved towards the Moon’s Embrace Mountain in a formidable array.

One hundred plus Congenital Realm greater demons and over a thousand minor demons gathered together were simply like a black current that surged in a formidable array through the mountain range. Demonic qi roiled and their imposing might billowed.

“Haha! It’s still the first time that I’ve battled together with so many brothers, and we even have the King to command the overall situation. Wouldn’t we kill that kid to the point he wets his pants?”

“Why, isn’t the King being too cautious? It’s only killing a single human cultivator, is there any need to mobilize the forces?”

“Hmph! What do you know? This is called a show of force! The King wants to let all the greater demons and minor demons see that any fellow who dares offend him will die!”

“So that’s how it is, the King deserves to be called farsighted and prudent.”

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Some of these thousand plus demons still maintained their demon beast form. They were undisciplined and carefree by nature, so they naturally wouldn’t be as highly disciplined as a human army. They were clamoring and making noise excitedly all along the way. Their appearance wasn’t like they were going to kill an enemy, but was instead like they were going sight-seeing.

“What did you bring so many subordinates for? Could it be that we’re unable to capture a single human cultivator with our cultivation?” In mid air, the Thunderhawk King, Xue Yu, glanced at the ground. The unscrupulous and clamorous noise from those demons caused him to feel extreme disgust.

“I have my own plan.” Yuan Tong answered with an expressionless face.

Xue Yu smiled but said no more.

Before long, the vast and imposing crowd of demons dashed to stand before Moon’s Embrace Mountain. They didn’t rashly charge up the mountain because of Yuan Tong’s restraint.

Even then, such an enormous group of demons appearing near Moon’s Embrace Mountain had still drawn the attention of the other nearby demons.

“As expected! I knew that the Black Ape King wouldn’t let that human cultivator off so easily.”

“Fortunately, we left early that day and didn’t form a relationship with that human cultivator. Otherwise, I’m afraid we wouldn’t be able to escape disaster today as well.”

“Such a great show of strength. Could it be that the Black Ape King did this intentionally, and his objective was to make an example as a warning to others?”

“We’re doomed! The Black Ape King is finally unable to endure it and wants to purge Moon’s Embrace Mountain...”

Numerous gazes looked over here in unison. Practically all these demons that cultivated near Moon’s Embrace Mountain knew that a Violet Palace Realm human cultivator stayed in Moon’s Embrace Mountain. When they saw this scene, how could they not know what was about to happen?

At this moment, greater demons gathered and killing intent shot into the sky. Within a 50km radius around Moon’s Embrace Mountain, an oppressive and murderous aura silently suffused into the air.

A storm was arriving!

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#### **Chapter 70: Battling the Black Ape King**

Mountain wind howled, blowing away the roiling and raging demonic qi that billowed into the sky!

Why is it like this?

Such a long time passed, why has the Black Ape King come now?

My god! There’s also the Thunderhawk King...

At the side of Moon’s Embrace Mountain, he gazed at the demons that covered the sky and the earth from every direction. As he gazed at the Black Ape King and Thunderhawk King that stood loftily in midair, Mu Kui felt a chill run up his spine and unprecedented terror enveloped him, causing his entire body to shiver.

“Senior... Senior Chen Xi, disaster... A disaster is imminent!” Mu Kui, who was almost terrified to death, screamed out as he furiously dashed towards the abode. At this moment, he could only entrust all hope on Chen Xi, even if this hope was extremely tiny.

The abode’s door was closed tightly, but Mu Kui was already unable to care about all that, so he pushed open the door and shouted anxiously. “Senior Chen Xi...” His voice came to an abrupt stop.

Only now did he notice that the abode was empty, and there actually wasn’t a trace of Chen Xi.

Senior Chen Xi... Could it be that he fled long ago?

Mu Kui was scared out of his wits and sat on the floor with a thump. He had an ashen expression as he muttered. “Right, Senior Chen Xi is only one person, yet he’s surrounded by two demon kings and so many greater demons, what other way of survival is there besides fleeing?”

“You didn’t think of fleeing yourself?”

“Fleeing myself? Right, why didn’t I think of...?” Mu Kui spoke halfway before seeming to be jolted awake from a dream. He gazed at the figure before him that seemed as if it had appeared out of thin air and asked with a trembling voice, “Senior, you haven’t left?”

“Leave it to me. If you perceive that it’s not going well, then leave as soon as possible.” Chen Xi nodded. Earlier, he was cultivating the Traceless Aura technique, his aura had completely vanished and his figure was transparent, so Mu Kui was naturally unable to notice him.

Mu Kui took a deep breath, then gritted his teeth and spoke. “How could I do that? I’ve said before that I would follow by Senior’s side for my entire lifetime!” Although his expression was one of fear, it revealed a sense of staunchness and willfulness.

Chen Xi couldn’t help but moved, as he’d never expected Mu Kui would actually say this, and he instantly said seriously, “If I ask you to flee, then flee! So long as you are alive, that is more important than anything!”

As he spoke, Chen Xi withdrew a storage pouch and passed it to Mu Kui. “There’s a qi refinement cultivation technique of mine within here, take it.”

“Senior...” Mu Kui gazed at the storage pouch in his hand and he couldn’t help but be dumbstruck, and inexpressible gratitude surged out from his heart. When he looked up once again, Chen Xi had already vanished within the abode.

“Don’t worry Senior, not only will I live on, I’ll become stronger!” Within the abode, Mu Kui muttered to himself, and an expression of boundless firmness gushed out from his face.

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“He came out!”

“The human cultivator has come out!”

Waves of exclamations in surprise suddenly sounded out within the faraway mass of demons. Their gazes descended onto the same spot in unison, and there, a youth was walking over with an even pace.

The young man had a tall and thin figure with a handsome appearance. Every movement of his emitted a disposition that was relaxed and had transcended the mortal world, causing him to seem extraordinary.

“You’re Chen Xi?” High in the air, the Black Ape King abruptly shouted loudly with a voice that was like thunder, shocking the nearby demons to the point their entire body shook.

“What do you think?” Chen Xi coldly asked rhetorically, yet he was inwardly shocked. Why has the Thunderhawk King come as well?

The Black Ape King was green robed and white haired; the Thunderhawk King wore a violet coat and a pair of cold eyes, and they both stood midair. He’d noticed the two of them the instant he walked out of the abode and was naturally able to guess the identity of the two. But the appearance of the Thunderhawk King still caused him to feel a trace of seriousness.

Two Violet Palace Realm Demon Kings... Looks like this matter will be difficult to handle. Chen Xi secretly went on alert and his formidable soul covered the surroundings, as he didn't dare slack in the slightest.

"Hmph! You're in my territory and you still dare speak like this? You really have an exaggerated opinion of your ability. Take a look first and see what this is." Yuan Tong sneered before raising his right hand, and a head appeared within his hand.

This head had a hideous and distorted appearance, seeming to contain boundless rage, and when held in Yuan Tong's hand, it still dripped blood and appeared to be extremely gruesome.

"Xiong Pi!" Chen Xi's eyes squinted. His impression of Xiong Pi couldn't be considered to be good, but he extremely admired Xiong Pi's courage and resolution to take revenge for his younger brother.

At this moment, when he saw the enraged and unwilling expression on Xiong Pi's head, Chen Xi felt both guilty and furious in his heart. Because of that Seventhgold Swordbamboo, he'd promised Xiong Pi since long ago that he would kill the Black Ape King one day and take revenge for Xiong Pi's younger brother. But who would have expected that Xiong Pi would actually die miserably in the hands of the Black Ape King?

Dammit!

A stream of killing intent that was burning hot like lava surged in Chen Xi's heart, and his expression became extremely icy cold.

Bang!

The Black Ape King squeezed his fingers together and the head exploded into powder in his hand, splattering blood all over the sky. "Hahaha! Are you angry? Who asked this fellow to be too rampant, he actually dared to secretly plan to kill me! He virtually possesses the same idiotic and revolting behavior as did his younger brother!"

"The King is correct, traitors like this deserve death!"

"Xiong Pi deserved death, otherwise, how could the King maintain his prestige?"

"If it was me, I'd surely cut him to pieces while he's still alive, slice by slice. How could I possibly let him off so easily like the King?"

The numerous demons roared, their expressions filled with bloodthirstiness and ruthlessness.

In the distance, those demons that cultivated near Moon's Embrace Mountain mostly had good relationships with Xiong Pi. But at this moment, they didn't have a shred of pity in their expressions and instead revealed rejoicing expressions, seeming to be rejoicing that they'd cut all ties with Xiong Pi long ago.

However, demons were inherently like this. They'd become accustomed to the laws of the jungle while they were still wild beasts, and now that they possessed intelligence, the ruthlessness and coldness within their bones was impossible to erase.

"I promised Xiong Pi that I'd kill you to help him take revenge for his younger brother." Chen Xi's voice was cold and indifferent, yet calm, without a trace of fluctuation, seeming to be speaking of a matter of

no importance. But when it entered the ears of the demons, it instead caused their hearts to go cold and they could feel the boundless killing intent within it.

“Interesting, the killing intent on this human cultivator is extremely strong and is obviously tempered from life and death battles.” In mid air, the Thunderhawk King that had always been indifferent to everything in the surroundings seemed to have noticed something interesting, and the gaze he shot at Chen Xi carried a trace of surprise, but it quickly vanished. It was only a little fellow that had just advanced to the Violet Palace Realm, and he never took the little fellow seriously.

“Take revenge? I didn’t hear you wrongly, right?” Yuan Tong started laughing in a loud and unrestrained manner, and he gazed at Chen Xi as if he was looking at a dead person. He then said with an icy cold voice, “If I wasn’t busy and got delayed, do you think you’d be able to live until now? Stop talking nonsense, hand over the thing Xiong Pi gifted you, then cut your own throat and commit suicide, and I’ll leave your corpse intact. Otherwise...”

“Kid, with just your little cultivation, you’d better quickly do as my King says!”

“A human cultivator dares speak of killing my King, aren’t you afraid it will come back to haunt you?”

“Alas, the King is really too kind hearted. If it was me, then even if he commits suicide, I’d still cook his corpse and eat it! Only in this would it be satisfying!”

The numerous demons chimed in as they looked at Chen Xi with gazes filled with disdain and ridicule.

“Kill!” A low and deep, icy cold voice was lightly spat out of Chen Xi’s mouth. In the next instant, he’d already appeared in midair, and he was like a fierce tiger dashing down a mountain as he rushed straight towards Yuan Tong with an irresistibly imposing manner.

“Since you’re seeking death, then I’ll fulfill your wish!” Yuan Tong let out a savage laugh and an iron rod that was thick and heavy had already appeared in his hands. A surging bloody glow suffused the iron rod, and he directly swung his rod fiercely to greet Chen Xi.

Swish!

Chen Xi’s body was like an extremely nimble fish as he dexterously avoided the iron rod, and the Seventhgold Swordbamboo in his hand swiftly cut open Yuan Tong’s waist.

The Seventhgold Swordbamboo experienced lightning strikes every 100 years for it to grow 3cm, whereas the section of Seventhgold Swordbamboo in Chen Xi’s hand was an entire one meter long. Not only was it extremely sharp, it also contained an extremely terrifying and piercingly cold energy of thunder.

At this moment when he stabbed out with the sword, not only did it tear open a deep wound on the Black Ape King’s waist, the thunder energy within it even surged into the wound, striking the Black Ape King to the point his body went slightly stiff and he nearly dropped down from midair.

It’s actually a Seventhgold Swordbamboo!

The eyes of the nearby Thunderhawk King that was watching the battle lit up and greed that couldn’t be restrained arose within his heart.

“Kid, you think you can injure me with just this?”

Being injured by a single stab from Chen Xi before the eyes of so many subordinates caused the Black Ape King to be extremely furious. The wound on his waist actually healed to its former state in an instant!

School of Fiendgod Body Refinement!

Chen Xi was shocked. After body refinement attained the Violet Palace Realm, the vitality of the body and lifeblood was extremely vigorous and it allowed the ability to regrow limbs. If one wanted to kill such an opponent, then the only way was to pierce through the head or heart!

“Die!” The demonic qi on Yuan Tong’s body surged and his aura swiftly skyrocketed, and his figure instead transformed into a black shadow as he lifted the almost 5,000kg iron rod in his hand before once again smashing it towards Chen Xi!

Chen Xi moved up the Seventhgold Swordbamboo horizontally.

Clang!

A loud clang resounded out, and Chen Xi directly flew out backwards. Fortunately, this was in midair, and it allowed him to dissolve more than half of the strength behind the attack. Even then, his hands were still numbed by the shock.

The strength of a body refiner at the Violet Palace Realm is formidable, as expected. If I was only capable of body refinement, then it would really be difficult for me to defeat him. Looks like this fellow is worthy of his reputation as one of the seven great demon kings. Chen Xi understood that he’d encountered a true opponent.

The Black Ape King was undoubtedly the most formidable opponent he’d faced up till now!

“Competing with me in strength? Hahaha... Let me see how many swings of my rod you can take!” The Black Ape King roared towards the sky with laughter and his eyes were filled with bloodthirst and ruthlessness. Then, he took large strides as he charged forward with a billowing imposing manner. As the rod in his hand swept through the sky, it emitted a breathtaking sound before fiercely pounding at Chen Xi. The strength exerted on the iron rod had obviously increased a considerable amount from before.

Swoosh!

How could Chen Xi continue taking it head-on? His figure swayed as he executed the Divine Windwing Flight. It seemed as if a pair of wings that were condensed from a gale had appeared behind him, and his speed was swift like a bolt of lightning. He was like the wind that contained a myriad of extraordinary changes as he ceaselessly altered his direction, and the Seventhgold Swordbamboo in his hand repeatedly attacked Yuan Tong with an extraordinarily swift speed.

Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish! Swish!

Under the combination of sword technique and movement technique that contained Dao Insight, thousands of wounds that dripped with blood had instantly been cut out on Yuan Tong’s body, and his condition was terrifying.



How can this be possible!?

The King is actually unable to block that human youth's sword moves?

Below Moon's Embrace Mountain and a distance away from Moon's Embrace Mountain, all the demons watched with wide eyes and expressions of disbelief.

"Sword Insight! Movement Insight! Not good! This youth's cultivation in the Martial Dao has already attained the Dao Insight Stage!" The Thunderhawk King who crossed his arms and observed the fight was unable to maintain his composure any longer and his expression abruptly became grim.