

## Time 181

### Chapter 181 - 181 Xie Rong's plan

Shun Long stared at Xie Rong, who looked as if a myriad of different emotions had suddenly flashed through her eyes, the moment that she was about to speak.

After taking a deep breath, she then turned her head to look at Shun Long and Liu Mei, before she said

"I could avoid telling you all this, but I am certain that word will spread either way after today, so there is no point in hiding anything.

Actually, I come from the Xie family of the Silver Mountain, and my father is the younger brother of the current patriarch."

Although Shun Long had never heard of the Xie family, judging from Xie Rong's tone, it must be a relatively powerful family.

Xie Rong's eyes seemed as if they had fallen into reminiscence, as she continued speaking without stop

"My father's relationship with my uncle has always been very good... until one day..

One day, my mother and father were on a secret mission for the family, when my mother was inflicted with an extremely lethal poison.

When my father brought mother back to the Silver Mountain, no one from the Xie family was able to help.

In the end, even when my father's own father, the previous patriarch of the family exited his seclusion for this matter, there was nothing he could do.

My mother's symptoms were worsening, day after day, and my grandfather finally concluded, that if my mother wasn't cured within 3 months, her body would succ.u.mb to the poison and die.

Seeing that my father was devastated, grandfather left the Silver Mountain for a few days, and invited a powerful Dao King to the Xie family.

This Dao King was a well known rank 1 gold grade alchemist, and after verifying what poison my mother had been inflicted with, he claimed that he could definitely help her, but...

the price that he asked for was too high.

It was so high, that even my own grandfather, as well as my own uncle refused to pay."

Tears had unknowingly welled up in Xie Rong's eyes, as she continued

"My father begged my grandfather and uncle on his knees, for 3 consecutive days, but they both refused to change their minds no matter what.

In the end, under my grandfather's and uncle's noses, my father used all of his connections, as he sneaked the item that the Dao King had required as payment, outside from the Xie family.

After handing the item to the Dao King, my father indeed received a pill that helped my mother recover, but...

When my grandfather learned everything, he kicked my father out of the family without hesitation."

Shun Long and Liu Mei didn't know what to say when they heard this story. It seemed that Xie Rong's father had done everything as a Dao partner, but at the same time he had taken something important from his family.

Xie Rong's emotions seemed to have calmed down, as she continued speaking

"Actually, even I can't say that my grandfather's decision was entirely unfair. After all, the item that this Dao King had asked for, was something that was simply too precious for the Xie family.

Do you know, young master Shun?

That in the Night star continent, there is a very dangerous and mysterious place, called the 'Dragon Lord's villa'!?

The villa has countless treasures inside, but the dangers are also innumerable.

And to enter the villa, you need to possess a certain token called the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'.

It was this exact same item that my father traded with that Dao King, in order to save my mother."

Both Shun Long's and Liu Mei's eyes widened when they heard this.

Although she didn't know much about it, as the daughter of the sect master of the 'Floating cloud sect', Liu Mei had at least heard of the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'.

As for Shun Long? He had this medallion stored inside the 'Stone of Time'.

Xie Rong was certain that Shun Long and Liu Mei must have heard of the 'Dragon Lord's villa'. After all, how could someone who was riding on a peak rank 5 magic beast, not have heard of this place in the Night star continent?!

Xie Rong's eyes had now turned completely serious, while her voice was filled with determination as she said

"In the end, I left my home and founded the 'Pale Moon guild' by myself, in order to help my father clear his grudge, and return back to the family.

Finally, I paid more than 3 million low-grade spirit stones to learn, that the Guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild', has a similar 'Dragon Lord's medallion' in his possession. He seemed to have found it during a large mission of his guild, around 10 months ago. Thanks to my good relations with one of his Elders, I managed to purchase this information from her, the day that they found the medallion."

Shun Long finally understood why Xie Rong wanted his help.

What she wanted to obtain, was a 'Dragon Lord's medallion'!

Completely oblivious to what Shun Long was thinking, now that she had revealed everything about her past, the guild master of the 'Pale Moon guild' finally smiled as she said

"Actually, Tan Duyi and the rest of his guild, are supposed to return to the Silver sword city by tomorrow. My plan is to ambush them and obtain the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'.

I believe that since you have already promised to help me young master Shun, you won't back down now that you know everything.

Actually... I don't even need the spirit stones that Tan Duyi has.

You can keep everything else. I only need the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'."

Finally, Xie Rong didn't have anything else to say.

She had already revealed everything to Shun Long, from her past, all the way to her creation of her guild and her plan.

Everyone inside the room stared at Shun Long with bated breaths, as they waited for his answer.

Chapter 182 - 182 Ambushing the Dark Blade guild

Shun Long looked at the anxious blonde woman in front of him, and thought seriously for a moment, before he eventually nodded his head.

After all, although the value of a 'Dragon Lord's medallion' would probably exceed the 10 million low-grade spirit stones, this was Xie Rong's plan to begin with.

Besides, in his own future plans, the only thing that Shun Long currently needed was spirit stones.

The fact that Xie Rong was willing to give up all the spirit stones to him, was enough for Shun Long to agree to help her.

Xie Rong was elated when she saw the young man in front of her nodding his head, as Shun Long's voice then sounded in her ears

"Madam Xie, I can agree to your request, but I will also need your assistance with something.

I plan to leave the Silver sword city soon, and have a look at the Heaven's Dome city, but I am currently lacking a map."

What Shun Long had said was the truth. Although Cui Guoliang had given him a map regarding the 'Dragon Lord's villa' and its immediate surroundings, the map didn't show the Silver sword city inside it, making Shun Long unable to confirm their current distance, as well as a route that he was supposed to follow to get there.

Xie Rong was stunned for a second, before she hurriedly nodded her head as she answered

"This won't be an issue, young master Shun! Consider this as a gift from me."

Waving her hand, she then took out a big piece of beast skin from her spatial ring, before she handed it to Shun Long.

Shun Long took a look at the map that Xie Rong gave to him, and saw that it was indeed much better than the small, hand-drawn map that Cui Guoliang had handed to him.

Xie Rong's map wasn't only more detailed, but the area that it covered was hundreds of times bigger than Cui Guoliang's map.

On the map, Shun Long saw both the Silver sword city, as well as the Heaven's Dome city. He also noticed a place with the words Silver Mountain on it, but there was nothing regarding the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

After thinking about it for a while, Shun Long understood, that the villa's location wasn't known to most people, so it would obviously be unlikely for its existence, to be casually marked down on a map.

After placing the map inside his spatial ring, Shun Long turned to look at Xie Rong as he asked "Then, madam Xie, when do you want to leave?"

Xie Rong's eyes lit up when she heard this question, and after turning her head to look at the 30 people behind her, she said

"Right now. We don't have much time to lose, otherwise, if Tan Duyi manages to return to the Silver sword city, then even with a peak rank 5 magic beast, it would be impossible for our plan to succeed. After all, both the 'Mercenaries' Association', as well as the Silver sword clan, would prevent any fights from taking place inside the city!"

Shun Long nodded his head, as he and Liu Mei, along with the 30 people from the 'Pale Moon guild', all followed Xie Rong through a secret passage beneath the guild.

20 minutes later, they had already arrived a few tens of miles outside from the Silver sword city.

Xie Rong however, didn't stop walking, as she headed further towards the south.

While they were walking, Xie Rong turned her head to look at Shun Long and Liu Mei as she explained

"Young master Shun, according to my information, Tan Duyi and his 'Dark Blade guild' will set camp tonight, before they head towards the Silver sword city in the morning.

That will be the best time for us to strike.

If things go according to plan, Tan Duyi will have already been poisoned by the time that we get there.

I don't care if he is dead or not, but I will do my best to assist you in taking off his spatial ring!"

Turning her head to look at the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' behind her, Xie Rong then said seriously

"You all must do your best to fight the members of the 'Dark Blade guild', until I and young master Shun have taken care of Tan Duyi.

After today, the 'Pale Moon guild' will officially disband!"

The Elders solemnly nodded their heads when they heard Xie Rong's words, while determination could clearly be seen in their eyes.

Like this, the day soon passed, as the starry night once again filled the sky.

Under the glowing light of the moon, the 'Pale Moon guild's' group stopped in front of a large canyon.

Shun Long noticed a group of scouts dressed in brown robes, as they were patrolling near the canyon's entrance.

Although these 4 scouts' cultivation, was only at the early rank 2 in Heaven grade, they all had a vigilant look in their eyes as they were patrolling the area.

Xie Rong turned her head to look at everyone behind her as she whispered

"They are members of the 'Dark Blade guild', which means that the rest of their group must definitely be inside the canyon. I hope that you are all prepared."

Xie Rong then circulated her cultivation technique, before she clutched her 2 hands together.

Suddenly, the ground beneath the 4 members of the 'Dark Blade guild' split apart, before it swallowed them whole.

There wasn't even a single cry that escaped their mouths, before the 4 'Dark Blade guild's scouts immediately disappeared.

Shun Long and Liu Mei both circulated their cultivation techniques, along with the 30 Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild', as they walked inside the canyon in front of them.

Inside a tent that was surrounded by more than 100 other tents, a man in his late 30s was sitting cross-legged, while wisps of visible black aura seemed to have been floating around his body.

The man had a plain face, without any distinctive facial features, aside from a large scar that went downwards, from his forehead and his right eye, all the way to his chin.

Next to him was a large black sword, over 1.8m(71 inches) long, that seemed to release the dark aura that this man was absorbing.

The moment that Shun Long and the rest had stepped inside the canyon, the man's eyes abruptly opened, and they emitted a chilling, terrifying light, as he turned his head to look towards the entrance of the canyon.

Chapter 183 - 183 Tan Duyi's power

If Xie Rong was here, she would immediately recognize this man, as the Guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild'.

Tan Duyi stood up, as he placed his hand on the hilt of his sword, and strapped it on his back.

He then walked outside of his tent, and after taking a deep breath, he shouted

"WAKE UP!"

His loud voice that was meant to wake his guild members, resounded throughout the entire canyon, as it reached Shun Long's and the rest ears.

Xie Rong's face paled slightly when she heard this voice, as her ambushing advantage seemed to have suddenly been lost.

She hadn't expected for Tan Duyi to be scanning the valley entrance with his soul sense, right when they arrived.

Clenching her teeth however, Xie Rong continued forward.

Her eyes then turned to look at Shun Long and Liu Mei who were riding on the black panther, and the worry in her heart slightly eased.

Less than a minute later, the 'Pale Moon guild's' group had appeared in front of the 'Dark Blade guild's' campsite, when the expression in Xie Rong's face finally changed.

More than 400 members of the 'Dark Blade guild' were waiting for them in their campsite's entrance, while the severed head of a red-haired woman, was impaled on top of a spear, still dripping with fresh blood.

Xie Rong immediately recognized the red-haired woman who had her head cut off.

It was this same woman who was supposed to poison Tan Duyi today, as well as the one who had sold her the information of the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'!

The 1.9m(6.2ft) tall Tan Duyi, was staring at the people from the 'Pale Moon guild' with a frosty look on his face.

Originally, his expression was a relaxed one, but the moment that he sensed the 'Silver-winged panther king's' strength, his easy-going appearance immediately vanished from his face.

Shun Long saw the 1.9m tall guild master, who was carrying a large sword on his back, but his attention was soon focused on someone else.

It was a 2m tall man, who was staring at Shun Long and Liu Mei with eyes filled with disbelief, jealousy and hate.

Shun Long and Liu Mei both recognized this man... he was the strongest outer disciple of the 'Floating cloud sect', Wen Zihao.

It seemed that in the past 3 months, he had managed to join the 'Dark Blade guild'.

Tan Duyi didn't notice Wen Zihao's strange gaze, as he first looked at the young man and young woman on the black panther's back, before he turned his eyes on Xie Rong.

The look in his eyes was like he was looking at a dead person, as Tan Duyi said in a cold voice

"Xie Rong. So you were the one whom the bitch Zeng Chuntao betrayed me for huh?

Don't try to deny it, I already found several million low-grade spirit stones in her spatial ring. Speak! What do you want?"

Tan Duyi wasn't a person who would usually negotiate with his enemies, especially with those who were weaker than him.

However, because of the presence of the peak rank 5 'Silver-winged panther king', if he could peacefully solve this issue, he didn't mind taking revenge on Xie Rong in the future.

Xie Rong was stunned for a second, before she nodded her head and said in a sincere tone

"Alright! As long as you are willing to sell to me the 'Dragon Lord's medallion', then you can tell me your price and I will do m-'

"SHUT UP!"

The moment that Xie Rong raised her head, she saw that Tan Duyi's eyes had turned red.

The 'Dark Blade guild's' Guild master looked at her, as he said in a furious voice

"That bitch, Zeng Chuntao seems to have told you everything.

Forget about the 'Dragon Lord's medallion bitch! Just f.u.c.k off and I will consider sparing your life in the future."

Xie Rong understood that Tan Duyi was ready to kill her. The killing intent oozing off from his body brought shivers down her spine.

As a middle rank 5 Nascent Soul cultivator, Xie Rong could be considered an expert of her own right in the Silver sword city.

However, in front of the blood-honed Tan Duyi who had already reached the early rank 7 in the Nascent Soul stage, she still couldn't stop herself from shivering.

Even the people behind Tan Duyi seemed to have gotten angry when they heard Xie Rong's words, as they started shouting

"Guild master, let's kill her!"

"How dare the 'Pale Moon guild' be so arrogant in front of us?"

"In front of Guild master, what is a single 'Pale Moon guild' after all? Kill them!"

Although this wasn't the full force of the 'Dark Blade guild', the people that Tan Duyi had brought with him were still powerful experts.

Even the weakest of them was at the early rank 2 in Heaven grade, while aside from Tan Duyi, there was even an S-ranked mercenary, whose strength had already reached the peak of rank 4 in the Nascent soul stage.

The look in Xie Rong's eyes immediately turned cold.

Although she knew that she was unreasonable by asking Tan Duyi to sell the 'Dragon Lord's medallion' to her, she wasn't willing to back down.

After all, the reason that she had founded her 'Pale Moon merchant guild' in the first place, was to obtain connections and strength in order to get her hands on a 'Dragon Lord's medallion' for her father.

Although Tan Duyi had more people with him, in front of a peak rank 5 magic beast, as well as all of the elites from the 'Pale Moon guild', even he would have a hard time.

Tan Duyi seemed to have understood what Xie Rong was thinking, as he suddenly raised his black sword in the air.

Staring at Xie Rong with eyes full of bloodlust, his aura of an early rank 7 Nascent soul expert exploded from his body.

Surprisingly, under the horrified eyes of Xie Rong, Tan Duyi's aura started rising even higher.

Middle rank 7.... Peak rank 7...

Early rank 8 Nascent soul stage!

Xie Rong finally understood that she had made a blunder.

Tan Duyi was actually hiding his cultivation, as he had already reached the early rank 8 of the Nascent soul stage.

He then looked at Xie Rong with bloodshot eyes, as he gathered his qi in his black sword.

The Guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild', grabbed the hilt of his black sword with both hands, as he shouted madly

"IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN ALL DIE!"

Tan Duyi swept his black sword sideways using all of his strength as he aimed to kill Xie Rong and her guild Elders in one sweep.

His sword glowed with a black light, before it released a huge wave of qi, that brought out the full terror of the early rank 8 Nascent soul expert.

Xie Rong and the 30 Elders behind her, felt boundless terror when they watched the scene in front of them.

They couldn't even muster the slightest ability to resist, in front of Tan Duyi's horrifying power.

The black panther suddenly shot up in the sky, as its silver wings started glowing with a bright light.

Under the shocked gazes of everyone below them, the black panther's wings met directly, with Tan Duyi's powerful blast.

Chapter 184 - 184 Liu Mei vs Wen Zihao

The black wave of qi collided with the 'Silver-winged panther king's' wings, but Tan Duyi felt like his sword slash had met with an immovable steel wall.

The peak rank 5 'Silver-winged panther king' stood steadily in front of the black qi wave, while the light coming from its silver wings seemed to have completely blocked its power.

A horrified expression flashed through Tan Duyi's eyes when he saw that his attack was completely blocked, but soon, the look in his face turned serious.

Without any hesitation, he looked at Xie Rong with eyes filled with rage as he shouted

"KILL!"

Seeing their Guild master going into battle, the rest of the 'Dark Blade guild' members also followed behind him, as they rushed at the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild'.

Shun Long and Liu Mei both jumped from the 'Silver-winged panther king's' back, as the panther flew at Tan Duyi, immediately intercepting him and stopping his charge.

The rest of the 'Dark Blade guild' members however didn't stop, as they surrounded the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild'.

Although the cultivation of the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild' was higher than the normal members of the 'Dark Blade guild', each of the Elders had to fight almost 10 members from the 'Dark Blade guild'.

Shun Long and Liu Mei were also surrounded along with the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild'.

Shun Long's lips curved up when he saw the scene in front of him, as a bout of excitement filled his body.

This was the first time that he could get to test out his strength, ever since he had advanced to the Heaven grade.



Shun Long then circulated his 'Monarch's Hourglass, as his eyes immediately turned golden.

A bright blue light instantly covered his body, as he activated his second 'Monarch's Domain'.

At the same time, Liu Mei also drew her white sword, as her body started glowing with strands of silver light, as a chaotic fight suddenly ensued.

Shun Long found himself surrounded by more than 10 people, all of them carrying either swords or sabers.

The weakest among them was the same as him, at the middle of rank 7 in Heaven grade, while the strongest was at the peak of rank 2 in the Spirit realm.

One person at the middle of rank 9 in Heaven grade attacked Shun Long from the front, while 2 others at the peak of rank 9 in Heaven grade pincer-attacked him from the sides.

Shun Long's feet kicked the ground, as he moved towards the brown-robed cultivator in front of him.

The man smirked as he saw Shun Long coming towards him.

He had clearly seen him and Liu Mei sitting on the black panther earlier, which was the only reason that his boss was now in an unfavorable situation.

Indeed, the peak rank 5 'Silver-winged panther king' had completely suppressed Tan Duyi, who was already having a hard time, even though the fight had just started.

The brown-robed man brandished his saber at Shun Long's head the moment that Shun Long closed the distance between them, but to his astonishment, the speed of his saber couldn't even match up to Shun Long's speed.

Under the effects of his second 'Monarch's Domain', Shun Long moved extremely fast as he dodged the saber attack, and clenched his right fist tightly, before he sent a terrifying punch at this young man's left ribs.

Crackk

Cracking sounds resounded in the air, as the man was sent flying sideways. He tumbled on the ground for tens of meters, before his body came to a stop as it collided on the wall.

The people around Shun Long were stunned for a moment, and even the 2 peak rank 9 Heaven grade cultivators were stopped in place, when they saw the outcome of their teammate.

Their eyes turned red as they looked at Shun Long, before they continued with their pincer attack, while even the other 7 members of the 'Dark Blade guild' who were previously watching from the sidelines, now decided to join the fight.

At the same time, Liu Mei was also surrounded by more than 6 members of the 'Dark Blade guild'.

Surprisingly, among these members was also the 2m(6.6ft) tall Wen Zihao.

Wen Zihao's cultivation had already reached the middle of rank 2 in Heaven grade, while his eyes stared at Liu Mei like a hungry wolf.

He still hadn't forgotten how Liu Mei had ignored his words, when he had told her to not get close to Shun Long, the moment that they had all arrived at the 'Night star continent'.

All of a sudden, the brown robes on his torso exploded, as his body started growing strands of red fur.

Liu Mei had already heard of Wen Zihao's 'Fighting ape physique', but this was the first time that she had witnessed it herself.

With his cultivation at the middle of rank 2 in Heaven grade, after he had activated his 'Fighting ape physique', Wen Zihao could even fight against a cultivator at the peak of rank 2 in Heaven grade.

Muscles bulged from his arms and legs, as he jumped high in the air, before he sent his fist at Liu Mei's head.

It was obvious that he hadn't held back at all, and he aimed to kill Liu Mei with a single punch.

Liu Mei who was already entangled with a middle rank 5 Heaven grade cultivator from the 'Dark Blade guild', saw Wen Zihao's powerful punch that was aimed at her head and felt a feeling of lethal danger.

After all, the head and the heart were still the vital spots for every cultivator.

The brown-robed cultivator in front of Liu Mei suddenly felt the hair on his neck standing up, as he subconsciously stepped backwards.

Liu Mei's white sword had started emitting a bone-freezing cold while strands of white ice were now floating in the air around her body.

Wen Zihao's eyes widened when he saw the scene in front of him, while the countless shards of ice around Liu Mei started to merge with each other, creating 2 thick ice-pillar more than 3m(10ft) long, and 1m(3ft) thick.

Liu Mei had already expended more than 20 percent of her qi to create the 2 ice pillars, but even the middle rank 5 Heaven grade cultivator didn't dare to take them head-on.

After all, this was a Mystic middle-grade martial skill that Shun Long had given to Liu Mei 2 months ago.

Thanks to Liu Mei's Dao of Ice, her affinity with ice-related martial skills had skyrocketed, allowing her to grasp the basic principles of this Mystic middle-grade martial skill in just 2 months.

The name of this martial skill was the Hexagon seal, and at full mastery, a cultivator could create 6 giant pillars of ice that could destroy everything in their path.

Wen Zihao roared when he saw the 2 ice pillars flying towards him, while his fists started glowing with a red light as he punched at the first pillar with all of his strength.

The moment that his fist collided with the ice pillar, Wen Zihao felt the bones on his arm ready to crack.

Pain filled his hand as the terrifying cold from the pillar invaded his body, immediately destroying any feeling that he still had in his arm.

The look in his eyes finally changed, as he tried to retreat, but at that moment, Liu Mei's second pillar collided with his stomach.

Even Shun Long turned his attention at Liu Mei's battlefield, only to see a pale-blue Wen Zihao falling from the sky as he crashed on the ground.

BOOM

Wen Zihao's body raised a cloud of dust as it violently crashed on the ground, leaving completely unknown whether he was dead or alive.

Chapter 185 - 185 Shun Long's new move

Everyone around Liu Mei stared at the 2 disappearing pillars of ice above her head with trepidation in their eyes, before they turned their heads to look at where Wen Zihao had landed.

The cloud of dust slowly subsided, revealing Wen Zihao's body.

The fingers in his hand were actually still twitching, but there was a huge hole in his stomach, in the place where he was previously struck by the ice pillar.

It was unknown how he was still alive, but it was obvious that his injuries were too heavy this time.

The middle rank 5 Heaven grade cultivator who had retreated earlier, wasn't sure if he should continue to fight.

Although Liu Mei's cultivation was the lowest among the people of the 'Pale Moon guild', the strength that she showed when she used this martial skill, could probably injure even a rank 6 Heaven grade expert.

At the same time that Shun Long's and Liu Mei's fights were taking place, Xie Rong was fighting against 4 of the elites from the 'Dark Blade guild'.

A man less than 1.6m(5.2ft) tall, with a big nose, was her main opponent, while the other 3 provided support.

This man was the only S-ranked mercenary of the 'Dark Blade guild', a peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert who had also comprehended the Dao of Wind.

Although Xie Rong's cultivation was higher than this big-nosed man's, along with the help of the 3 other elites, who were at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm, the S-ranked mercenary of the 'Dark Blade guild' had managed to reach a stalemate.

Xie Rong desperately tried to take the upper hand, but with the help of his Dao of Wind, the S-ranked mercenary from the 'Dark Blade guild' could easily avoid her earth-based attacks.

Surprisingly, the biggest advantage in this fight, was held by the peak rank 5 'Silver-winged panther king' who was fighting against Tan Duyi.

The guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild' had expected to be able to hold his own against the black panther until his guild members completely crushed the 'Pale Moon guild', but the results were different from his expectations.

Even with his peak rank 3 silver grade sword, he was still sent in a miserable state while fighting against the black panther.

The only thing he could do was dodge its attacks, while every time that the panther attacked him with its silver wings, Tan Duyi would feel like his internal organs were getting displaced.

He barely hanged on however, as he waited for his guild members to support him.

Of course, the reason that he didn't try to run after seeing the difference in strength between himself and the 'Silver-winged panther king', was because he knew that the chances of outrunning it were practically zero.

As for the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild', although they were surrounded by more members of the 'Dark Blade guild', their overall strength was still higher.

Of course, Tan Duyi was an experienced fighter, who could easily understand the situation of the battle.

However, deep inside him, he still hoped that the tables would turn and he could somehow win.

After all, no matter what, he would never surrender and give up his 'Dragon Lord's medallion' to Xie Rong. Being blackmailed and giving up his most important possession would have been an insult to his honor.

At the same time, Shun Long found himself in a tough spot as he was surrounded by the members of the 'Dark Blade guild'.

The peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert who was leading the group, had already joined the fight, bringing a lot of pressure to Shun Long, and even after using both of his 'Monarch's Domains', Shun Long was still a bit slower than this man.

The peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert, was holding a curved saber in his hands, and each of his attacks was aimed at Shun Long's vital spots.

Shun Long's pointed at this man with his left hand, as his finger suddenly lit up.

A quick bolt of lightning left his finger, as it aimed to hit the brown-robed man's head.

Raising his saber, the man hurriedly blocked Shun Long's thunderbolt finger, when he felt the danger that this lightning contained.

The peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert felt pain in his hands as he blocked Shun Long's attack, while his feet slid backwards for more than 2m. However, even with his hurried defense, he still managed to retreat unharmed from Shun Long's attack.

After all, even with a Mystic high-grade martial skill, the difference between Shun Long's and this man's cultivation, couldn't be bridged.

At the same time that he pushed the peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert back, Shun Long's golden eyes lit up, as he immediately stepped to his right.

2 blades of wind traveled through the air, as they hit the ground in the place where he was just standing on.

Finally, a wooden staff around 1.5m(5ft) long, appeared in Shun Long's hands.

This was the rank 1 gold grade 'Purple Blossom staff' that he had gotten from Cui Guoliang.

At that same moment, the peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert had also closed the distance between them, when Shun Long infused his qi in the staff as he swung it sideways.

Shun Long's attack seemed simple and ordinary at first glance, but the power hidden inside the 'Purple Blossom staff' was shocking.

This was the first move from the Staff of Obliteration.

The peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert, attacked Shun Long with his saber, but surprisingly, Shun Long barely took a step back to stabilize himself.

The brown-robed man was completely shocked when he saw this. Even though it was true that he hadn't used his full strength this time, but even then, it shouldn't have been possible for Shun Long to take his attack head-on.

Shun Long understood from this man's expression that he was finally angry. Just as this peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert was about to use his full strength in his next attack, Shun Long's golden eyes lit up with a blue light, while the expression on his face changed.

Tan Duyi understood that the situation was only growing more unfavorable for him. Even if his guild somehow managed to win, he would have already lost and probably even died to the 'Silver-winged panther king' by then.

Clenching his teeth, he then expended more than 30% of his remaining qi, as he used his strongest martial skill, and managed to hit the unprepared 'Silver-winged panther king'. Although the black panther wasn't injured, Tan Duyi's attack had still managed to stall him for a single moment.

And yet, that single moment was all that he needed, as the 'Dark Blade guild's' Guild master, flew towards Shun Long at full speed.

The black panther was furious when he saw Tan Duyi rushing towards his master, as it then flapped the silver wings on its back and moved forward like a streak of black lightning.

However, the distance between Shun Long and Tan Duyi had been covered in the blink of an eye, giving Shun Long no room to dodge or escape against the rank 8 Nascent soul expert.

Seeing this scene with his golden eyes, Shun Long sighed inwardly, as he thought to himself

"I didn't plan to reveal this move just yet..."

Excitement filled Tan Duyi's eyes, as his hand reached closer and closer to Shun Long's neck.

At that moment, one word appeared in Shun Long's mind, and in front of the eyes of the rank 8 Nascent soul expert, he immediately vanished

'Blink'

Chapter 186 - 186 Ruthless Tan Duyi

Space was distorted around Shun Long, as he instantly vanished in front Tan Duyi's disbelieving eyes.

Both Tan Duyi, as well as the peak rank 2 Spirit realm expert who was fighting with Shun Long, stared at the place that Shun Long was standing just now with wide-open eyes.

Suddenly, a furious roar sounded from behind Tan Duyi, as the Guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild' turned around and saw a black claw enlarging itself in front of his eyes.

Tan Duyi raised his sword, as he tried to defend against the furious 'Silver-winged panther king's' claw, but the result was a lot worse than he had expected.

The black panther had been furious when he saw his opponent attacking its 'weak' master, as its full-powered claw met with Tan Duyi's black sword.

The overpowering force of the peak rank 5 black panther's claw, sent the 'Dark Blade guild's' Guild master flying for more than 200 meters, until his body crashed on the canyon's wall.

BOOM

Everyone's attention was suddenly attracted to the loud crashing sound, that Tan Duyi's body made upon impact with the canyon's wall.

However, the black panther didn't seem to have been satisfied, as he once again pounced on the 'Dark Blade guild's' Guild master.

At the same time, Shun Long had felt space around him distorting, as he appeared 50m away from his original location in an instant.

This was the move that he had comprehended by himself once he broke through to the third stage of the 'Monarch's Eternal body', 'blink'.

Blink was slightly different compared to opening a space tear and entering inside.

Compared to the lengthy process of opening a space tear before walking inside it, blink could be used to bend space itself and envelop it around Shun Long's body, teleporting him in an instant.

Of course, 'blinking' consumed much more qi than opening a space tear and the range was much, much lower than when Shun Long entered a space tear to teleport himself.

However, even with all these disadvantages, it was still a life-saving technique.

BOOM

BOOOM

The furious black panther was constantly bombarding Tan Duyi with its attacks, sending shivers down to everyone who heard this.

Some of the members of the 'Dark Blade guild' even were under the impression, that the entire valley was shaking from the black panther's attacks.

Surprisingly, when everyone's attention was focused on the 'Silver-winged panther king', Xie Rong took advantage of the situation, as she rushed towards Tan Duyi.

Her intention was obvious to everyone; she wanted to kill Tan Duyi in the shortest amount of time possible.'

The first one to react was actually the big-nosed, peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert, as he looked at Xie Rong and shouted angrily

"YOU BITCH! COME HERE!"

He knew that, if Tan Duyi were to die at Xie Rong's hands, there was no way that he would be able to escape alive.

Without a second thought, he immediately chased behind Xie Rong.

Tan Duyi's eyes shone with a murderous gleam as he saw Xie Rong approaching him, while one thought flashed through his mind.

"Bitch! Everything happened today because of you!"

Determination filled his eyes as he saw Xie Rong approaching closer and closer to him, and despite the attacks of the 'Silver-winged panther king', there was only one target in Tan Duyi's eyes.

At that moment, Shun Long's golden eyes lit up as another scene played through his mind.

This scene wasn't just shocking, but it was the one that Shun Long had actually expected the least to happen.

Since the 'Silver-winged panther king' was also Shun Long's contracted beast just like little Black, it immediately sensed the change in Shun Long's emotions, as it turned its head to look at its master.

At the same time, Tan Duyi put on a devilish smile on his face, as he compressed all of his qi inside his dantian.

Although the dantian was the place where the qi was supposed to be stored, if Tan Duyi chose to forcefully compress all of his qi together, there could only be one outcome.

Dantian explosion!

This was a suicidal move, where one sacrificed all of their accumulated cultivation to compress their qi, before it erupted into a violent explosion.

This was a move that one usually wouldn't use, even when they had reached the end of their lives.

After all, not only would this move bring immeasurable pain once it was used, but Tan Duyi's soul would have almost no chance of surviving after this.

Although the black panther was stronger than the Guild master of the 'Dark Blade guild', it would also suffer heavy injuries if it was caught in the center of the explosion.

Both Xie Rong, as well as the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert from the 'Dark Blade guild', saw the panther flying towards them at extreme speed, when horror immediately filled their eyes.

BOOOOOOOOM!!

Everyone on the battlefield turned to look at Tan Duyi, when a massive explosion erupted from his body.

Be it the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild', or the members of the 'Dark Blade guild', everyone felt their faces paling with fear.

A gigantic wave of black qi had erupted from Tan Duyi's body, as it swept the area around him like a powerful tsunami.

Xie Rong and the S-rank mercenary from the 'Dark Blade guild' had also turned to run when they saw the 'Silver-winged black panther' flying towards them, but in the end, they couldn't get out of the explosion radius in time.

Although Shun Long was more than 200 meters away from Tan Duyi, he still felt a lethal danger as the wave of black qi approached him.

Without any hesitation, he immediately raised his right hand and slashed the air in front of him, opening a space tear.

The moment that he entered inside the space tear, Shun Long appeared next to Liu Mei, almost 300meters away from his original location.

Liu Mei heaved a sigh of relief when she saw that Shun Long was alright, but her eyes couldn't hide her worry, when she remembered that the black panther had been caught inside this terrifying explosion.

Similarly, Shun Long was also staring at the gigantic wave of black qi, that still hadn't started to disperse.

Chapter 187 - 187 A green wisp of smoke

The fight between the 'Pale Moon guild' and the 'Dark Blade guild' had completely stopped, as everyone stared at the wave of black qi that swirled around in the air.

The terrifying explosion had enveloped everything within 300 meters around Tan Duyi, while the power inside the qi wave made everyone unable to enter inside it.

Finally, a few minutes later, the black wave of qi in the air had started to thin, before it slowly started to disperse.

3 figures could be seen in the distance, that made everyone's eyes bulge from their sockets.

Shun Long's eyes widened when he arrived in front of the black panther, as he saw the panther's silver wings covered with blood, but he eventually heaved a sigh of relief, when he understood that it was just a superficial injury.

However, Shun Long still fed the panther with the top-grade rank 4 'Sun-healing pills', that he had refined from the 'rank 4 Sunskirt grass'.

The effects of the top-grade rank 4 pills immediately healed the wounds on the panther's back, when crying was suddenly heard next to Shun Long and Liu Mei.

"Guild master!!"

"Elder brother!"

2 groups of people had gathered around Xie Rong and the big-nosed, peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert from the 'Dark Blade guild', whose injuries were extremely severe.

Shun Long turned his eyes to look at Xie Rong who was lying on the ground, with her body facing the sky, as wounds covered her arms and legs.

During the explosion, she had used all of her qi to create a 10m(32ft) tall earth wall, but in front of the terrifying explosion from Tan Duyi when he detonated his dantian, Xie Rong's earth wall ended up as nothing more than a piece of mud.

Her breathing had grown much weaker by now, while her closed eyes showed no signs of movement.

An elderly old man from the 'Pale Moon guild' dressed in red robes then walked in front of Shun Long, before he immediately fell on his knees. Without any hesitation, the old man started kowtowing as he said in a pleading voice



"Young master Shun! I beg you! Please save the Guild master!"

Shun Long looked at the old man in front of him who wasn't even willing to raise his head, when he felt a tug on his arm.

Turning his head to the side, Shun Long saw Liu Mei who had a pitying look on her face, as she looked at the kneeling old man in front of Shun Long.

Shun Long nodded his head lightly, before he walked towards the unconscious Xie Rong.

Seeing the situation that she was in, Shun Long took out a rank 4 'Sun-healing pill' and placed it directly in Xie Rong's mouth.

No one from the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' questioned Shun Long's actions, as they stared at their Guild master with anxious eyes.

Less than 5 minutes later, Xie Rong's eyes twitched before they slowly opened.

The blonde-haired Xie Rong felt pain assaulting her senses, as soon as she regained her consciousness.

Her eyes looked around her with a confused gaze, while the last thing she remembered, was her earth wall breaking down under Tan Duyi's explosion.

At the same time, many of the members from the 'Dark Blade guild' had started to stealthily leave the scene.

As for the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert from their guild, it was obvious that he was on his last breaths.

He was the one with the lowest cultivation among himself, Xie Rong, and the black panther, as well as the only one who didn't have any way to defend himself when he was swept in Tan Duyi's explosion.

By now, there were less than 10 members of the 'Dark Blade guild' left around him, while the rest had already started to flee from the canyon.

As for Tan Duyi who was at the source of the explosion? No one even dared to go near him.

The big-nosed man's body twitched one final time, before it stopped moving entirely.

The members of the 'Dark Blade guild' who were around him, pounced on his body like hungry hyenas, all of them aiming for the same thing;

The peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert's spatial ring.

The 30 Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild' looked at each other and nodded their heads, before they surrounded the members from the 'Dark Blade guild'.

Suddenly, a green-colored but ethereal wisp of smoke, appeared from the big-nosed man's body.

This, was the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert's soul.

The big-nosed man's soul watched the people below him fighting over his spatial ring with a smirk on his face.

No matter who won, he would definitely possess that person's body and start to cultivate all over again.

Most of the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild' couldn't see this green wisp of smoke, but some of them who were at the middle or at the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm, felt their faces suddenly paling when they saw the green soul above their heads.

The 'Silver-winged panther king' looked at Shun Long with a hungry look in his eyes, as he sent a mental message to him.

Although the panther's soul wasn't at a high enough level to communicate with Shun Long the way that little Black did, the panther could still express its feelings properly.

Shun Long understood that there was something near the big-nosed peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert that the black panther really wanted, and nodded his head without hesitation.

The 'Silver-winged panther king' instantly soared into the air, and under the terrified gazes of the 'Pale Moon guild's' Elders, it rushed directly at the green soul.

The members of the 'Dark Blade guild' were originally excited to compete with each other for the spatial ring, but the moment that they saw the black panther flying towards them, they immediately scattered around in fear.

After all, everyone remembered how the black panther had sent their Guild master in a sorry state during their fight.

However, the most horrified out of everyone else, was the soul of the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert.

He had never expected that the black panther would suddenly attack him.

A soul couldn't stay without a body for too long, but the big-nosed man clearly understood that if the black panther caught him, he would even lose his soul.

The 'Silver-winged panther king' however, didn't give the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert a single chance, as it instantly swallowed the green soul.

The Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' heaved out in relief, when they saw the green soul being swallowed by the black panther.

The panther then removed the big-nosed man's spatial ring, before it returned back to Shun Long.

Some of the Elders were very dissatisfied with Shun Long obtaining the spatial ring from the peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert, but with the deterrent of the black panther, no one said anything.

Completely ignoring the gazes of the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild', Shun Long placed the spatial ring inside the 'Stone of Time', before he walked towards the place where Tan Duyi had detonated himself.

The closer that Shun Long walked towards the 'center of the explosion', the denser the remnant black qi in the air around him would become.

However, the remaining black qi in the air wasn't a threat to Shun Long, who quickly arrived in front of Tan Duyi.

Tan Duyi's dantian explosion had completely destroyed his body.

On the ground, there was only a damaged spatial ring, along with a half-broken black sword, without a single sign of Tan Duyi's soul around.

The Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' felt their hearts turning green with envy when they saw the spatial ring on the ground.

They wanted to walk up and snatch it right away, but none of them dared to take the first step.

Shun Long completely ignored the fervent gazes of the 'Pale Moon guild's' Elders behind him, as his attention was completely focused on the spatial ring that was now in his hands.

After taking a deep breath, Shun Long sent his spiritual strength in Tan Duyi's spatial ring.

Chapter 188 - 188 A stunning amount of wealth

The moment that Shun Long's spiritual strength entered inside the spatial ring, an astonishing scene greeted his eyes.

Millions of low-grade spirit stones were stacked on top of each other, forming small mountains inside Tan Duyi's spatial ring.

With a rough estimation, Shun Long calculated, that the low-grade spirit stones in front of his eyes numbered more than 4 million.

However, after looking at the millions of low-grade spirit stones, Shun Long's eyes were soon glued to a small shining mound next to them.

This mound was made from spirit stones that were much brighter than the usual low-grade ones, while the qi inside them was obviously many times purer.

Shun Long immediately understood, that these were all middle-grade spirit stones.

There were less than 100.000 of them, which equaled to nearly 10 million low-grade spirit stones.

Combined with the 4 million low-grade ones from earlier, Tan Duyi's spatial ring had more than 14 million low-grade spirit stones in total.

Shun Long's eyes shone with a bright light when he saw the stunning amount of wealth in front of him, before he then turned his attention to the rest of the things inside the spatial ring.

Aside from the spirit stones, there were also 2 black-colored scrolls, some bottles of pills, along with a small bronze badge.

Shun Long's eyes instantly fell on the familiar-looking bronze badge. It was actually identical to the one that he had received from Cui Guoliang in the 'Vermilion realm'.

"The 'Dragon Lord's medallion'."

This was the reason that Xie Rong had brought the Elders from her guild, to fight against Tan Duyi.

After placing the 'Dragon Lord's medallion' to the side, Shun Long turned his attention to the 5 bottles of pills.

4 of these bottles seemed to contain low-grade rank 5 healing pills, with occasionally a middle-grade one mixed inside them, while the last bottle was actually filled with some middle-grade rank 4 anti-toxin pills.

As a mercenary who often ventured outside of the Silver sword city, Tan Duyi would always carry healing or antidote pills along with him, in case he fell in a dangerous situation.

Shun Long sighed in disappointment when he saw the pills in front of him.

Both his top-grade rank 4 'Sun-healing pills', as well as his rank 3 anti-toxin pills were of a higher quality than Tan Duyi's, making these pills essentially useless in Shun Long's eyes.

Shun Long then turned his attention to the 2 black scrolls that were left inside the spatial ring.

The first scroll was actually a Mystic high-grade cultivation technique, called the 'Dark Aura gathering'. This cultivation technique absorbed the qi in the air and turned it into dark qi, before it stored it inside the dantian.

However, the most terrifying part of this technique was, that it allowed a cultivator who trained in it, to have a chance to comprehend the Dao of Darkness.

The Dao of Darkness was a high-level Dao, similar to the Dao of Light, which very few people in the entirety of the Night star continent had managed to comprehend.

Shun Long estimated, that this technique wasn't much worse than Liu Mei's Moonlight Sigil.

As for the second black scroll, it was a Mystic middle-grade martial skill, called the 'Darkness slash'.

A cultivator had to use a sword or a saber in order to train in this martial skill, creating a horizontal qi wave that could cut everything in half.

Shun Long smiled inwardly, before his consciousness returned back to his body.

Just the 14 million low-grade spirit stones that he had obtained, were more than what he had expected to earn this time.

The moment that he opened his eyes, Shun Long saw the Elders from the 'Pale Moon guild' opening the way, as Xie Rong slowly walked towards him.

When she was just 2 meters in front of Shun Long and Liu Mei, Xie Rong bowed as she said "Young master Shun, thank you for your help. Without your pill, I don't know when I would have woken up."

Shun Long waved his hand, as a small bronze token suddenly appeared in his hand.

Not just Xie Rong's, but the 30 Elders' eyes widened as well, when they saw this bronze token.

With a slight smile on his face, Shun Long handed the token to Xie Rong as he said

"This is what you have been searching for"

Xie Rong was stunned for a moment.

She hadn't expected for Shun Long to hand her the 'Dragon Lord's medallion' like that.

Her hands trembled as she inched them forward, until they touched the 'Dragon Lord's medallion's' smooth surface.

The bronze token in her hands weighed even more than a mountain to her.

Her breathing had started to become even rougher, as she immediately placed the bronze badge inside her spatial ring.

Her green eyes had started to mist as she once again bowed deeply and said

"Thank you!!"

Her voice this time was even more sincere than before.

It was an emotion that had come from the depths of her heart.

Only Xie Rong knew, how much she had to endure for so many years, in order to get her hands on this medallion.

Shun Long nodded his head, while Liu Mei smiled at the beautiful woman in front of her.

Shun Long's eyes then fell on the half-destroyed, black sword on the ground.

Although Tan Duyi's black sword was heavily damaged, it was definitely a pinnacle rank 2 silver grade weapon, if not a rank 3.

After storing the black sword inside the 'Stone of Time', he turned to look at Xie Rong, only to see that she was staring at him with her shining green eyes.

After taking a deep breath, the gorgeous blonde-haired woman then said in a voice full of hope

"Young master Shun, do you.... want to come with me to the Silver mountain?"

Both Shun Long and Liu Mei were stunned by this sudden question.

Neither of them had actually expected for Xie Rong to invite them to the place where her family lived.

Shun Long however shook his head, as he looked at the beautiful woman in front of him. before he replied

"I am thankful for your offer Guild master Xie, but I will have to decline. After all, there is already a place that we have to go to after today."

Xie Rong's expression quickly turned disappointed, as she then looked at Shun Long and asked, in a tone that was filled with anxiousness, as well as fear

"Young master Shun... is the place that you have to go to, the Heaven's Dome city?"

Shun Long nodded his head at Xie Rong, who now had a difficult expression on her face.

Looking at Shun Long, she then steeled her heart as she said

"Young master Shun, the Heaven's Dome city is a really terrifying place!

I have already been there a few times, and I have even seen peak rank 9 Nascent soul stage experts dying in front of me!

I suggest that you don't go to that city just yet! Although your peak rank 5 'Silver-winged panther king' is extremely strong, the truth is... that there are even Dao King realm experts in the Heaven's Dome city!"

Chapter 189 - 189 To the Heaven's Dome city

Shun Long was stunned when he heard Xie Rong's words.

Although he had already expected for Dao King realm experts to exist within the Heaven's Dome city, it was one thing to speculate about it, and another one to have it confirmed.

Cupping his hands at Xie Rong, Shun Long then said

"Thank you for your warning 'Guild master Xie'."

Xie Rong shook her head, understanding that she couldn't change Shun Long's mind. She then waved her left hand and took a small white token from her spatial ring, before handing it to Shun Long.

Shun Long received the white token and noticed a silver-colored 'Xie' character engraved on it, when Xie Rong spoke with a dazzling smile on her face

"Young master Shun, if you want to...you can just call me Xie Rong.

Also, if someone has to say thank you, then that would be me. Not only did you save my life, but you also helped me obtain the 'Dragon Lord's medallion'.

Although I cannot help you with the Heaven's Dome city, if you ever require assistance, you can bring this token to the Xie family of the Silver Mountain."

Shun Long accepted Xie Rong's token, and saw a bright smile blossoming on her face.

Xie Rong then turned to look at the 30 Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' as she said

"It is time for me to return back to the Silver Mountain! Thank you for being with me for all these years. Those of you who want to follow me, you are welcome to come along.

If you want to follow your own path however, I will not stop you."

Surprisingly, less than 10 Elders from the guild chose to follow Xie Rong to the Silver Mountain. The rest bowed before they went on their own ways.

Since Shun Long had gotten the Tan Duyi's and the big-nosed man's spatial ring, there was nothing left for them to do here.

These Elders had followed Xie Rong for many years, which was why they had chosen to put their lives on the line in this battle against the 'Dark Blade guild'. But since the battle was over, they wouldn't owe anything to each other anymore, and each of them would follow their own paths.

Xie Rong wasn't angry when she saw the Elders leaving.

She understood that each of them had their own ambitions, and after bowing to Shun Long one last time, she also left towards the south.

Shun Long patted the black panther's head, while Liu Mei watched Xie Rong and the Elders of the 'Pale Moon guild' leave.

Since Liu Mei knew that the 'Heaven's Dome city' had something to do with the Dao King from the 'Vermilion realm', she didn't ask Shun Long why he wanted to go to this city.

Shun Long and Liu Mei both sat on the black panther's back, as Shun Long unfurled the map that Xie Rong had given to him.

On the map, he noticed that the Silver sword city was at the east of the Night star continent, while the 'Heaven's Dome city' was closer to the center.

Since there was nothing left for them to do in the Silver sword city, the black panther flew towards the center of the Night star continent.

The panther was like a bolt of black lightning in the air, as it crossed through many mountains and forests.

3 days soon passed like this, when Shun Long and Liu Mei arrived outside a big town.

Although the panther wasn't tired, after flying for 3 days straight, Shun Long decided to stop for today.

After all, they had already covered almost half of the distance between the Silver sword city and the Heaven's Dome city in just these 3 days.

After finding a small inn to stay for the night, Shun Long and Liu Mei started to cultivate.

Meanwhile, during the last 3 days of travel, Shun Long had already taken a look at the big-nosed man's spatial ring.

However, for a peak rank 4 Nascent soul expert, only 2 words could describe the big-nosed man; dirt poor!

Inside his spatial ring, Shun Long found just a few bottles of pills, a Mystic middle-grade cultivation technique, as well as 8000 middle-grade spirit stones.

If they were converted into low-grade spirit stones, they would just amount to 800.000 of them.

Shun Long also estimated, that Liu Mei must be running out of spirit stones by now.

After all, she only had 20.000 low-grade ones with her, when she had left the 'Floating Cloud sect'.

After making sure that Liu Mei had enough spirit stones as well, Shun Long then entered the foggy place inside the 'Stone of Time'.

It was finally time to test the effects of the middle-grade spirit stones.

After feeding the spirit stones to the 'Heaven swallowing vine', Shun Long felt an unprecedented amount of pure qi filling the air around him.

This qi was more than 10 times purer than that coming from the normal low-grade spirit stones.

Shun Long could feel his 61st ball of qi being condensed much faster than before.

By the time that the sun had started to rise in the outside world, less than 4 days had passed in the foggy place inside the 'Stone of Time'.

In just these 3-4 days, Shun Long had advanced from the middle of rank 7 in Heaven grade, to the peak of rank 7.

He estimated that he would just need 6-7 more days of cultivating inside the foggy space, until he advanced to the early rank 8 in Heaven grade.

Leaving the inn, Shun Long and Liu Mei left this town, as they headed deeper towards the center of the Night star continent.

It was unknown whether it was because of luck, or thanks to the powerful aura of the peak rank 5 black panther, but on the way, they didn't meet with any magic beasts or any other cultivators even once.

Finally, on the seventh day, Shun Long and Liu Mei could see a gigantic city in the distance ahead of them.

#### Chapter 190 - 190 Shun Long's plan

The city spanned for countless miles, while 3 majestic words seemed to have been carved on the more than 100 meters(330ft) tall city walls

'Heaven's Dome city'

Shun Long could feel an indescribable, powerful intent coming from these words.

As the black panther was flying closer to the city, Shun Long noticed many carriages on the ground, all of them heading in the same direction as them.

All of these carriages were being dragged by powerful magic beasts, and even the weakest among them was at the early rank 3.

When they were just a few miles away from the city gates, Shun Long had the black panther slow down its speed.

Similar to the Silver sword city, there were city guards that collected a fee, from every cultivator who wanted to enter the Heaven's Dome city for the first time.

A few minutes later, it was already Shun Long and Liu Mei's turn to enter the city.

The 5 city guards who were at the late stages of the Heaven grade, were astonished when they saw the black panther who had appeared in front of them.

Although they existed, it was still rare for people to ride on peak rank 5 magic beasts even in the Heaven's Dome city.

The black-robed city guards approached the panther carefully, and with a rare, respectful expression on their faces, they looked at Shun Long as the head guard among them said

"Greetings fellow cultivators. If it is your first time entering the city, I will have to ask you to pay 1000 low-grade spirit stones for each person on your magic beast, as per the city rules.

If you are members of the Mercenaries' Association however, you only have to pay 500 low-grade spirit stones for each person.

Although the price was extraordinarily high just to enter the city, Shun Long already had seen the people earlier paying the same fee.

After taking out his mercenary D-rank badge, he paid 1000 low-grade spirit stones for himself and Liu Mei, before they walked through the city gates.

The moment that he entered the city, Shun Long felt as if he had passed through an invisible layer of formations when he felt the qi in the air around him. The qi inside the city was actually many times purer than the outside world.



As for the Heaven's Dome city, the city itself was actually even more bustling than what Shun Long had originally expected.

Countless people along with luxurious carriages filled the vast roads of the Heaven's Dome city, while the street stalls were even more than those of the Silver sword city's.

Alchemy shops where one could request the services of high and low-level alchemists, blacksmithies where formation masters worked at, luxurious restaurants and inns, they all filled the Heaven's Dome city along with the houses of the residents, as far as the eyes could see.

However, for someone to own a residence in the city, they would have to pay an exorbitant amount of spirit stones.

Liu Mei looked at Shun Long's back as she asked in a curious tone

"Long-ge, where should we go now?"

Liu Mei had already understood that Shun Long had certain plans, long before they came to the Heaven's Dome city.

Smilingly, Shun Long looked forward as he said

"Let's have a look around the city first."

Liu Mei nodded her head, as the 'Silver-winged panther king' walked around the busy streets of the Heaven's Dome city.

Although people were astonished to see a peak rank 5 magic beast used as a mount, this sight wasn't unprecedented in the city.

Half an hour later, Shun Long and Liu Mei had arrived outside of a building called

'Heavenly Intoxication Restaurant'.

From the people walking close to this restaurant, Shun Long had already heard that this could be considered as one of the 5 best restaurants in the entire city.

With the black panther waiting outside, Shun Long and Liu Mei entered inside the restaurant.

A handsome young waiter dressed in striped blue robes approached them as soon as they entered inside, and with a large smile on his face he said

"Greetings, young noble, young lady! Welcome to the 'Heavenly Intoxication Restaurant'."

The waiter guided Shun Long and Liu Mei to a table near a window, as Shun Long then ordered 2 dishes of each of the specialties in this restaurant.

An incense's stick of time later, the waiter arrived with more than 6 dishes in his hands, as well as 2 jars of wine.

Shun Long was surprised when he noticed, that most of the dishes were made from rank 3 magic beasts, while one of them was even made from an early rank 4 magic beast called the 'Sharp-toothed carp'.

The dishes, as well as the wine from this restaurant, were all rich in qi, and someone who consumed these dishes daily, could even advance in their cultivation.

At the same time, Shun Long remembered, that he had been too engrossed with his cultivation, that he had actually neglected making a new wine.

After paying more than 2000 spirit stones for the meal, Shun Long and Liu Mei then both exited the restaurant, as they got on the black panther's back.

Although Shun Long hadn't heard anything interesting from the people eating in the restaurant, this didn't really matter to him as he already had his own plans.

Shun Long and Liu Mei continued exploring the southern part of the Heaven's Dome city, and 2 hours later, they arrived in front of a huge white building.

Liu Mei's eyes widened when she saw the building in front of them, while Shun Long smiled brightly, before he led the black panther to enter inside it.

This building was important to Shun Long's plans in the Heaven's Dome city after all.

2 enormous doors were wide open, both for carriages or for magic beasts to enter inside, while a pair of golden-colored cauldrons adorned the building's entrance.

On top of the building, there were 2 eye-catching words plated in a color between gold and silver that everyone in the Heaven's Dome city looked with respect

"Alchemist's Guild"