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Chapter 361 - 361 Cui Guoliang's gratitude

Under Cui Guoliang's and Wan Zedong's shocked eyes, after just one hit, the whirlpool that Cui Guoliang was suppressing instantly weakened by more than half.

Just based on the power of this shockwave alone, the 2 Dao Kings could infer, that the black panther's strength was definitely at the peak of the early stage of rank 6!

Even 2 peak rank 3 Dao Kings may not necessarily be able to win in a fight against it!

As soon as the second shockwave landed on the whirlpool's core, the whirlpool that was already weakened instantly dispersed, making Cui Guoliang who was suppressing it have his eyes lit up with excitement.

And yet, the moment that the first whirlpool disappeared, a second one moved from the surrounding ones and soon took its place, as it continued to pressure Cui Guoliang and Wan Zedong.

The look in Cui Guoliang's face however, was no longer that of wariness or despair, but instead it was one of excitement, as he stared at the silver-winged black panther with shining eyes.

As the water around him surged, Cui Guoliang used his expertise in the 'Dao of Water' to suppress the new whirlpool that appeared in front of him.

At the same time, Little Silver opened its mouth again, as it directed another shockwave towards the center of the new whirlpool.

Time passed like this, and one by one, the whirlpools around Cui Guoliang and Wan Zedong disappeared.

From the original 20, there were only 4 whirlpools left.

Even Wan Zedong's eyes were staring at Little Silver like she was looking at her own ancestor, and with a look of excitement, she shouted at Shun Long in a voice filled with hope

"Just one more whirlpool left! Please do your best!"

Nodding his head, Shun Long didn't stop Little Silver, who opened its mouth as it let out another powerful shockwave.

This time, the moment that the shockwave landed at the center of the whirlpool, all of the remaining 4 whirlpools started to tremble at the same time.

The moment that the second attack followed, the whirlpools were on the verge of collapse, but this time, they didn't instantly disappear.

It was only after the third and fourth shockwaves finally found their targets that the whirlpools collapsed one after the other.

The ground beneath Cui Guoliang's and Wan Zedong's feet started to tremble, before the seabed slowly cracked.

The formation that had been restraining the 2 Dao Kings for thousands of years finally disappeared, as Cui Guoliang and his wife anxiously shot towards the water's surface like fish that were being chased by a shark!

The moment that the golden-haired middle-aged man and the voluptuous woman appeared above the sea surface, tears welled up in their eyes as Cui Guoliang mumbled to himself

"Finally..."

Wan Zedong hugged him tightly, and with her eyes that were filled with tears of joy she looked at the golden-robed man in front of her and said joyously

"Brother Liang... we are finally free! I thought that we were going to die in this place, and get buried at the depths of the sea, without seeing the sun ever again!"

Cui Guoliang nodded his head, his eyes unable to hide the turbulent emotions inside them, before he turned his gaze towards the black panther that had just come out from the sea as well, and then looked at the handsome blue-robed young man and the white-veiled young woman who was standing next to him.

Surprisingly, Cui Guoliang cupped his hands and bowed as he said in an amiable tone, completely different from the arrogant Dao King that Shun Long was used to deal with in the past

"Little brother Shun, thank you for saving me! I always thought that you would need at least a few hundreds, if not thousands of years until you came to this place. However, you took the risk to come here and help me and Zedong escape when you are still at the peak of the Spirit realm!"

I, Cui Guoliang am not someone who forgets grudges or goodwill. Please accept my token of gratitude."

As he finished speaking, Cui Guoliang didn't wait for Shun Long to respond, before the peak rank 3 Dao King took out a small, golden-colored spatial ring from his robes and threw it towards him.

Catching the spatial ring, Shun Long didn't decline, and without checking the ring's contents, he directly placed it in his pocket, intending to have a look at it later.

Then, he turned his eyes towards Cui Guoliang before he cupped his hands and said with a smile on his face

"Senior, since I promised to help you, then of course I wouldn't go back on my word. Just the fact that you let me have Little Silver in the past, was enough for me to come and save you today. I will not forget the gratitude that you showed me in the past either!"

A shocked look flashed through Cui Guoliang's and Wan Zedong's eyes as they turned their eyes to look at the early rank 6 'Silver-winged panther king' in front of them.

Cui Guoliang clearly remembered that the magic beasts that he had allowed Shun Long to choose from, were still at the early rank 5.

As for the 'Silver-winged panther king' that he had chosen back then, it was definitely a magic beast that his own servant, Old Tao couldn't help advance to the middle of rank 5 no matter what he did.

The disappointment that Cui Guoliang had felt for this magic beast had exceeded the joy he felt for having it. He had clearly deemed that the 'Silver-winged panther king' was useless and wouldn't be able to advance again in its life.

And yet, 3 years later, this same magic beast had already reached the early rank 6, and is now probably as strong as he himself is, if it isn't even stronger!

Of course, Cui Guoliang could also read in-between the lines of Shun Long's words causing him to chuckle awkwardly.

He knew that Shun Long had surely noticed his envious gaze earlier as he stared at the rank 6 black panther, so mentioning that this was part of his reward, was the same as asking Cui Guoliang to forget any plans of asking him to return the panther.

Of course, this thought had flashed through Cui Guoliang's mind, but he wouldn't push this matter either if Shun Long refused.

Putting aside the fact that he wasn't one hundred percent certain of beating the panther in a head-on fight, even if he could, Cui Guoliang wasn't a person who would go back on his word and try to backstab the person who had just saved his and his wife's lives.

Cupping his hands, Cui Guoliang had a smile on his face as he looked at Shun Long, before he shook his head in a self-deprecating manner, as he then took out a large piece that looked like white iron from his spatial ring and held it in his hands.

His gaze turned complicated, but there was joy amidst his pain as he said to Shun Long

"If it wasn't for this little thing, me and Zedong wouldn't have suffered for the past thousands of years like that!"

Chapter 362 - 362 The reason behind the entrapment

Wan Zedong turned to look at the piece of white iron in Cui Guoliang's hands with a complicated look in her eyes, but in the end, she simply nodded her head in response.

Liu Mei turned to look at Shun Long with curiosity in her eyes, but she saw the look of puzzlement in his face as well, obviously having no idea what the white iron in Cui Guoliang's hands actually was.

Seeing that neither Shun Long nor the white-veiled young woman next to him were speaking, Cui Guoliang understood that he had yet to explain things properly, and with a smile on his face, the golden-haired Dao King waved his hand, as an old, tattered yellow beast skin appeared in his hands.

With a sigh that seemed to have been trying to expel all of the negative emotions that were bubbled up inside him, Cui Guoliang sat cross-legged in the air, before he looked at Shun Long and asked in a serious tone

"Little brother Shun, do you know what this white iron in my hands really is?"

Shun Long simply shook his head as he looked at the white iron in Cui Guoliang's hands. He was curious as to what was this item that had caused the entrapment of 2 Dao Kings for thousands of years.

Shaking his head, Cui Guoliang first turned to look at his wife who was also sitting next to him, before he said with a smile on his face

"This is actually a rank 6 'white sea ore'."

Knowing that Shun Long and the young woman next to him were most likely going to be unaware of the origins of this item, Cui Guoliang then continued

"This is an extremely rare ore that can be used by rank 3 gold grade formation masters to create peak rank 3 gold grade weapons and armor, or it can be infused to strengthen gold grade formations!

If a pinnacle rank 3 gold grade formation is infused with this ore, then it will certainly reach the absolute peak of rank 3 gold grade!

No, such a formation may even exceed the gold grade!

Of course, this also requires the formation master's level to have reached the required level as well!"

There was a fervent look in Cui Guoliang's green eyes as he said the last sentence.

After taking a deep breath, he then added with an excited tone in his voice

"Nevertheless, this is a priceless treasure that cannot be purchased, no matter how many spirit stones a powerful force from the 'Night star continent' is willing to offer!"

Shun Long and Liu Mei were both shocked when they heard Cui Guoliang's words.

The thing in Cui Guoliang's hands was indeed a treasure.

After all, Shun Long already knew, that even the strongest experts of the continent were most likely at the peak of rank 9 of the Dao King realm, with no one managing to reach the level of a Dao Emperor!

At the same time, even with his superficial understanding of formations, Shun Long easily understood that, if there really was a formation that could potentially exceed even the pinnacle of rank 3 gold grade, then no matter how many powerful Dao Kings gathered to fight against it, it would be practically impossible for them to forcefully break through such a formation using brute force!

Seeing that Shun Long could instantly recognize the value of the ore in his hands, Cui Guoliang nodded his head before he turned his eyes to the tattered, yellow-colored beast skin, and said with a look of pain in his eyes

"Back then, I found this treasure map along with a jade slip with stored information inside it, as well as a small piece of 'white sea ore' next to it, in the cave of a deceased expert.

The person who had left these items, probably knew that he was going to die, since he had also recorded a mental message inside the jade slip, saying that if one followed the map carved out in the beast skin they would be able to find an even bigger piece of 'white sea ore'."

Turning his head to look at his wife, Cui Guoliang continued with a self-deprecating smile

"Of course, the moment that I realized that the 'white sea ore' was near the core region of the 'Dragon Lord's villa', I couldn't help but rethink this matter. After all, even middle-stage Dao Kings have a high chance of dying in this place!

I who was just an early-stage Nascent Soul cultivator had no hope of surviving in this place!"

As he finished his words, Cui Guoliang looked around him warily, before he placed the 'white sea ore' back inside his spatial ring, as he then continued

"However, no matter what, the 'white sea ore' wasn't a treasure that I could let go!

I cultivated for thousands of years, and after becoming a Dao King and reached the peak of the early stages, I explained everything to Zedong before we came to this place together.

Unfortunately, the map didn't mention that the 'white sea ore' was hidden in a place filled with powerful formations."

Noticing that Cui Guoliang had fallen silent after he finished this sentence, almost as if he was still trying to realize that he had finally escaped from this endless nightmare, Wan Zedong nodded her head as she then added

"Thankfully, Guoliang had already taken precautions and created the secret realm in the Desolate East in order to find someone to help us!

Although I had always thought that such an action was worthless, in the end, I can only thank you since you were the reason why we could escape!"

Seeing Wan Zedong sincerely bow in thanks, Shun Long cupped his hands in response, accepting the Dao King's act of gratitude.

Straightening her black robes that were embroidered with silver patterns, Wan Zedong then took out a 'Dragon Lord's medallion' from her spatial ring, and with a smile on her face, she looked at Shun Long and the white-veiled, silent Liu Mei who was standing next to him, before she said

"Unfortunately, being trapped in that formation meant that we were unable to activate our 'Dragon Lord's medallions' and get teleported directly at the villa's entrance as well!"

Cui Guoliang seemed to have just woken up when he heard Wan Zedong's words, as he took out his 'Dragon Lord's medallion' from his spatial ring as well, before he looked at Shun Long with an apologetic look on his face, as he then added

"Right, little brother Shun! I forgot to mention this.

If you want to instantly escape from the 'Dragon Lord's villa', all you have to do, is to directly inject your qi inside your 'Dragon Lord's medallion', and you will be teleported to the villa's entrance!

However, you have to be careful!

If you are trapped in a formation similar to ours, then the 'Dragon Lord's medallion' cannot be activated.

If you don't find another way to escape, you will certainly die!"

Shun Long had never heard of this before, as he took out his 'Dragon Lord's medallion and examined it carefully.

He wasn't able to sense any direct connection with it, without injecting his qi inside it.

Even after examining it with his spirit sense, there was still nothing out of the ordinary with the bronze medallion in his hands.

Excited to leave this place and return back to the 'Night star continent', Cui Guoliang took a deep breath to suppress his anxious emotions, as he looked at Shun Long and the young woman next to him and asked

"Little brother Shun, should we return together then? The road forward is extremely dangerous. Even with an early rank 6 magic beast, you won't manage to reach the depths of the 'Dragon Lord's villa!'"

Understanding that Cui Guoliang was only warning him out of goodwill for the dangers that lied deeper inside, Shun Long cupped his hands at the golden-haired Dao King in front of him, before he reached out to hold Liu Mei's hand and said in a tone that had obvious hints of gratitude inside it

"Senior, we have certain matters to investigate, so we won't be able to return back just yet!"

Cui Guoliang nodded his head, not willing to pressure the matter.

After sweeping his gaze past Liu Mei, he turned his eyes to look at Shun Long and handed him a token with the words 'Cui' on it, before he said with a smile on his face

"Very well! Make sure to be careful. This is the token of my Cui clan! If you visit the 'Golden Shield city' make sure to drop by the Cui clan! Me and Zedong will definitely hold a banquet to welcome you and your wife when the time comes."

Although Cui Guoliang hadn't recognized Liu Mei, based on how close she was with Shun Long and the fact that they were traveling together in the most dangerous place of the 'Night star continent', the experienced Dao King only needed a moment to understand that the white-veiled woman's relationship with Shun Long was anything but ordinary.

As soon as he finished his words, the peak rank 3 Dao King and his wife, injected their qi in the 'Dragon Lord's medallions' in their hands at the same time.

A golden light descended from the barrier above their heads that covered the entire 'Dragon Lord's villa', before it completely enveloped the 2 Dao Kings.

Under Shun Long's and Liu Mei's eyes, Cui Guoliang and Wan Zedong's bodies slowly turned into motes of light, and just a few moments later, they finally disappeared.

Chapter 363 - 363 Arriving at the core region

Looking at Cui Guoliang's and Wan Zedong's body that disappeared into motes of light, Liu Mei turned her eyes to look at Shun Long before she asked in a gentle voice

"Long-ge, what should we do now?"

Liu Mei knew that Shun Long had been keeping the matter of Cui Guoliang at the back of his mind during the last 3 years.

After all, no matter what, as a person who had given aid to Shun Long 3 years ago, unless Cui Guoliang was intentionally trying to bring trouble to him by having him explore this region of the 'Dragon Lord's villa', Shun Long wouldn't simply let the Dao King and his wife die.

Shun Long looked at Liu Mei with a smile on his face, while a sense of relief filled his heart after finally helping Cui Guoliang escape from this place.

After patting the black panther's head, he then said in a voice that was filled with gratitude

"Little Silver, you did a good job! You can rest now."

Waving his right hand, he then had Little Silver return inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

Although it seemed that the black panther hadn't faced any major problems so far in their journey in the 'Dragon Lord's villa', Shun Long knew that this wasn't the case.

Little Silver had initially suffered some minor injuries, from the tens of peak rank 5 magic beast that lived in the mountains right before the desert that attacked Shun Long's group.

Additionally, although the heat of the desert was completely inconsequential to a powerful early rank 6 magic beast like the 'Silver-winged panther king', the terrifying sandstorms at the end of the desert weren't that easy to pass through.

Although Little Silver didn't suffer any injuries from them, it wasn't an easy journey either.

Even Dao Kings would face a certain degree of trouble and would have to expend plenty of their qi to successfully pass through the desert.

In the end, after passing through the sandstorms, the black panther still hadn't gotten any time to rest.

After all, it still had to destroy the whirlpools that entrapped Cui Guoliang and his wife, while each whirlpool needed at least 2 or 3 full-powered shockwaves in order to completely disperse.

Although Little Silver didn't whimper to complain that it had been tired and had expended too much of its strength, Shun Long could feel that after the last day's journey, it really needed the rest.

The moment that Little Silver's body disappeared from Shun Long's eyes, the body of a 10m(33ft) tall dragon, with blue eyes and a pair of majestic black wings appeared in front of him and Liu Mei.

Feeling Little Black's excited emotions after leaving the 'Stone of Time' for a while, Shun Long patted the black dragon's head, before he covered himself with the black robes that he wore earlier, and looking at Liu Mei with a smile on his face, he said

"Mei'er, let's go to the core region of the villa!"

Since Cui Guoliang's matter had already been dealt with, Shun Long wasn't willing to waste any more time.

He also didn't know if Duan Zhu would manage to obtain the dragonstone in the meanwhile, which made him even more urgent to explore the depths of the villa itself.

Looking at Shun Long, Liu Mei nodded her head, as she simply replied

"Mm!"

After covering herself completely with the black robes, she felt Shun Long's arm wrapping itself around her waist, before she quickly appeared on the black dragon's back.

Although Liu Mei had seen Little Black appear in front of her for more than once, she was still filled with shock every time that her eyes landed on the majestic black dragon.

With Liu Mei sitting behind him, Shun Long turned his eyes to look at Little Black and said with a smile

"Little Black, let's go. I am also curious to find out what really lies inside the depths of this 'villa'."

As soon as he heard Shun Long's words, the black dragon flapped his wings, as he flew right above the sea and headed towards the core region of the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

Although Little Black wasn't flying at full speed, his speed was many times faster than Little Silver's.

In just a few hours, Shun Long could already see the gigantic pillar of light in the distance ahead, slowly becoming bigger and bigger in his eyes.

At the same time, the sea that was supposed to be lethal for early and middle stage Dao Kings, didn't seem to pose the slightest danger to Shun Long and Liu Mei!

Little Black's aura had completely terrified every early and middle rank 6 magic beast that lied at the depths of the sea as they saw the black dragon that flew above their heads.

As for any peak rank 6 magic beasts, Shun Long was unaware if there were any of them hidden inside the sea and lying in wait.

Almost as if sensing Shun Long's emotions, Little Black's voice suddenly sounded in his head as Little Black said confidently

"Master, there is nothing to worry about! Even if we meet with peak rank 6 magic beasts, I can still rip them to pieces!

Unless we meet with any abnormal magic beasts that have extremely powerful defensive or offensive abilities, or those with rare bloodlines, no other beast should be able to pose any danger to us!"

Shun Long knew that what Little Black had said was the truth, as he took a deep breath and said with a serious look in his eyes

"In any case, it's not like we can ignore the Dragonstone and let it be taken by someone else."

Little Black nodded his head with a serious look in his eyes.

Indeed, even if he had to fight against the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor palace', he still couldn't allow the dragonstone to be taken away!

Half a day later, the endless sea seemed to have finally come to an end, and right in front of Shun Long's and Liu Mei's eyes, an enormous, luxurious building appeared at the seashore, right where the endless sea ended.

Shun Long could easily make out, that the gigantic beam of light that was visible throughout the entire continent was actually coming from the depths of this building in front of him.

This was the core region of the 'Dragon Lord's villa'!

At the same time that Little Black was about to enter through the half-opened doors of the building in front of him however, Shun Long noticed a group of powerful Dao Kings slowly coming out from the building's entrance.

Raising their heads, the 5 Dao Kings' gazes all fell on the gigantic black dragon who was flying towards them at the same time!

Chapter 364 - 364 Overbearing

Shock as well as confusion filled the 5 experts' eyes, while one of them couldn't help mumbling in a voice filled with disbelief

"A.. dragon...??"

Little Black had also noticed the 5 late-stage Dao Kings at the entrance of the core region of the 'Dragon Lord's villa', but he didn't seem to care too much about them, as he continued flying forward towards the building's entrance.

Seeing that the 2 black-robed people who were sitting on top of the dragon's back didn't seem to have any intention to stop, the strongest out of the 5 Dao Kings who was at the middle of rank 8 in the Dao King realm took a step forward before he shouted in a loud voice

"Stop right there!

We are Elders of the Shengtian dynasty! If you want to enter inside the villa, you need to identify yourselves first!"

Although the 5 Dao Kings could clearly sense the terrifying aura coming from the black dragon, and at the same time, they had more than 'just a little' apprehension towards the black-robed Shun Long whose aura they were completely unable to sense, they still had to verify his and Liu Mei's identities before they allowed them to step inside the villa.

Although the 'Dragon Lord's villa' didn't belong to the Shengtian dynasty, since their old king had ordered them to stand guard here and prevent any members of the dark elf race from entering inside, the 5 Dao Kings wouldn't let Shun Long and Liu Mei enter before they verified where the 2 of them actually came from.

Of course, the 5 Dao Kings were clearly aware, that Shun Long and Liu Mei weren't from the dark elf race, but this was the first time that they were seeing a living dragon!

And that dragon was 'only' at the middle of rank 6! This wasn't a chance that they could simply ignore!

Turning his head to look at the people around him, the old man who was at the middle of rank 8 in the Dao King realm said in a suppressed voice

"Unless the power behind them is a behemoth that is even stronger than our Shengtian dynasty... you know what to do!"

The 4 Dao Kings around the old man all nodded their heads at the same time, as they looked at the black dragon simultaneously, certain that the person on its back would have it stop in front of them now that they had declared their identities as Elders of the powerful dynasty.

After all, there were only a handful of powers who could be considered to be at the same level as their Shengtian dynasty in the entirety of the 'Night star continent'!

Additionally, none of these powers were even rumored to have seen a dragon, let alone to have tamed one, which made the 2 black-robed people's origins even more dubious!

It was very likely that the 2 people on the black dragon's back weren't actually from their 'Night star continent'.

However, this by itself wasn't enough to make the 5 Dao Kings to shy away.

Unless these people were from a power that was as strong as the 'Demon Emperor palace' or the terrifying 'Holy sect', their Shengtian dynasty would definitely dare to fight against them if they could obtain a powerful dragon!

A real, living dragon's existence was reason enough to even start a war between 2 continents, let alone 2 powerful forces!

Of course, the 5 Dao Kings had also taken battle positions at the same time. They couldn't neglect the fact, that the black-robed person whose aura was completely retracted, could very likely be a peak expert at the same level as their old king, Sheng Jun.

Otherwise, it was impossible to explain how he was able to ride on top of the dragon's back!

The moment that he appeared in the air right above the 5 Dao Kings, Little Black had a scornful look in his eyes as he gazed down at them, almost as if he was looking at a bunch of ants beneath his feet.

Opening his mouth, the black dragon didn't have the slightest hints of mercy in his blue eyes, as he sent out a terrifying ball of black flames towards the 5 Dao Kings.

The old Dao King who was at the middle of rank 8 instantly paled the moment that he felt the power behind the black fireball, as he hurriedly shouted

"RUN!!"

Without waiting for a response from the people around him, he was the first one to try and escape as far as he could before the black fireball approached his body.

The 4 Dao Kings around him didn't delay either, as they all split themselves, trying to escape as far as possible from the incoming black fireball.

Although the black dragon in front of them was just at the middle of rank 6, they could feel the lethality inside this fireball that could even threaten peak rank 9 Dao Kings!

BOOOM!

The entrance in front of the half-opened gates instantly burst in black flames, while 2 unlucky Dao Kings of the Shengtian dynasty actually weren't fast enough to avoid Little Black's attack.

Under the old man's horrified eyes, the powerful late-stage Dao Kings from his group didn't even have a chance to scream, as their bodies instantly turned into charred corpses.

2 late-stage Dao Kings had instantly died just like that!

It wasn't just the old man however, even Shun Long was shocked by Little Black's power!

Without waiting for a response however, Shun Long barely threw a glance at the 3 late-stage Dao Kings who had managed to escape in time, before he turned his eyes towards the half-opened doors in front of him, as Little Black flew inside them.

Even though these people had managed to conceal their greed over the black dragon's body well, how could Shun Long not guess their intentions?!

Besides, claiming that he had to show his identity before entering would place him in an even worse position later on.

It was very likely that the entire 'Night star continent', and perhaps even the 'Demon Emperor palace' would try to look for him in order to get information about Little Black!

The old Dao King at the middle of rank 8, watched the 2 black-robed people on Little Black's back entering inside the villa's core region, with a look of hate as well as fear in his eyes.

After taking a moment to calm himself down, he turned to look at the 2 remaining Dao Kings around him who still hadn't gotten over their shock, and gritted his teeth before he said angrily

"Inform our king about this!"

Chapter 365 - 365 Face off!

Snapping out of their shock, the 2 Dao Kings hurriedly nodded their heads simultaneously, before one of them took out a green jade from his spatial ring and sent his soul sense inside it.

The green jade lit up with a pale green light, as the Dao King then said in a hurried tone

"My King! Two black-robed people have forcefully barged inside the villa!"

One of them is just a junior who is still at the Spirit realm, but we were unable to identify the cultivation level of the person in the lead...

Additionally... they- they are riding on top of a living dragon!"

Finishing his message, the Dao King stopped injecting his qi in the green jade in his hands, before he exhaled a sigh of relief.

Now that they had informed Sheng Jun, they didn't need to worry about anything else.

Even if the black-robed man somehow was at the same level as their old king, there was no way that he would be able to fight against the 10 remaining Elders of the Shengtian dynasty who are accompanying Sheng Jun as well!

At the same time however, at the depths of the core region in the 'Dragon Lord's villa', the old king of the Shengtian dynasty, Sheng Jun, hadn't even noticed his jade that had suddenly lit up, as he stared at the purple-robed middle-aged man who was leisurely standing in front of him with a solemn expression on his face!

Duan Zhu was still trying to break past the gigantic beam of light that acted like a barrier and obtain the treasures at the core of the villa, when Sheng Jun and his group appeared in this place.

Sheng Jun had never managed to get this far inside the 'Dragon Lord's villa' in the past.

He knew that there were some terrifying formations, that even he and his wife had been unable to break past previously.

Even if he asked for help from the other peak Dao Kings in the Heaven's Dome city, he still didn't have any confidence in reaching this point!

And yet, Duan Zhu by himself had somehow destroyed all of the formations in his way and arrived at the depths of the villa.

Sheng Jun didn't know what kind of treasure Duan Zhu had with him that could help him reach this place, but there was a solemn look in his eyes as he stared at the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor palace'!

After all, not only had Duan Zhu managed to reach the depths of the villa, but he had also swepted all the treasures that he had found so far!

Staring at the group of middle and late-stage Dao Kings in front of him, the red-haired hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace' didn't show any fear or wariness in his eyes.

Instead, it was more like he was looking at a bunch of insignificant ants, with only Sheng Jun being worthy of his attention.

After taking a deep breath to calm himself, Sheng Jun looked at the peak rank 9 Dao King in front of him, before he said in a calm tone

"Hall master Duan, don't you think that you have obtained too many things from the 'Dragon Lord's villa'? This is a place that belongs to my 'Night star continent'! Your 'Demon Emperor Palace' should show some restraint!"

A mocking look had appeared on Duan Zhu's face when he heard Sheng Jun's words, and looking at him like he was looking at a fool, the red-haired hall master then said with a smile on his face

"Hahaha! Restraint? Because this place belongs to your 'Night star continent'?"

Fool!

You had hundreds of thousands of years to explore this place, and yet the people of your 'Night star continent' didn't even manage to get so much as halfway through the core region of this villa!

If it wasn't for me destroying the previous formations, you wouldn't even have the chance to enter here today!

As for this place belonging to your 'Night star continent'... don't tell me that you want me to cough up the treasures that I have obtained as 'compensation'? Hahahaha!"

Sheng Jun's eyes twitched, when he heard Duan Zhu's mocking laughter, but he didn't respond right away.

Instead, he took a deep breath, before he plastered a fake smile on his face and said

"Hall master Duan is right! It will indeed be better if you voluntarily give up some of your treasures!

However, I won't ask for too much either! Just the saber in your hands will do.

As for the rest, I won't even ask what hall master Duan has gathered previously! After all, you did indeed clear the way here, so you can consider it compensation for your troubles."

Duan Zhu couldn't believe what he was hearing, and was about to laugh and mock Sheng Jun even further, when the expression on his face suddenly changed.

His eyes narrowed as he stared at a golden-colored talisman that had appeared in Sheng Jun's hands, while his aura of a peak rank 9 Dao King exploded at the same time!

The saber in his hands lit up with countless patterns, as Duan Zhu took a defensive stance and shouted at Sheng Jun in a solemn tone, like he was looking at a madman

"Sheng Jun, have you gone mad you old fool? Are you certain that you dare to do this?"

I swear that my 'Demon Emperor Palace' will raze your Shengtian dynasty from this world!!!"

How could Duan Zhu not understand, that the talisman in Sheng Jun's hands was an extraordinary treasure?

Duan Zhu was already a peak rank 9 Dao King, and with the crimson saber that he had found in this place, his might was certainly enough to certainly trample Sheng Jun if they fought against each other.

He wasn't even afraid of the group of Dao Kings that Sheng Jun had brought with him!

Although he would most likely suffer some injuries if they fought, Duan Zhu was still confident that he could exterminate every single one of them with the help of his saber!

In his heart, Duan Zhu believed, that he could fight evenly even against a Dao Emperor who had newly advanced, if that person didn't have a weapon at the same level as his saber.

And yet, he couldn't help feeling fear when he felt the might inside the talisman that Sheng Jun held!

This was definitely a talisman created by a Dao Emperor, and it was someone who had stayed in that realm for a long time!

Duan Zhu was certain that if Sheng Jun activated it, there was a high chance that he would be left incapacitated, even if he managed to stay alive in the end.

At the same time, Shun Long who was still on Little Black's back, saw hundreds of Dao Kings as they flew deeper inside the core region of the villa, all of whom turned to stare at the black dragon with different emotions in their eyes.

Confusion, fear, reverence, greed, as well as many other emotions appeared in the Dao Kings' eyes, as they saw the black dragon flying above their heads and heading towards the depths of the villa!

And yet, despite their greed, none of these Dao Kings dared to step in Little Black's path!

Although they could sense that the black dragon in front of them was just a middle rank 6 magic beast, these people knew that there were Dao Kings of the Shengtian dynasty at the entrance of the villa!

If they allowed the black dragon to enter inside the villa instead of trying to capture it for themselves, then the black-robed person on top of the black dragon's back whose aura was completely retracted, must either have an extremely powerful background or his strength was certainly at least at the of rank 9 in the Dao King realm!

Of course, none of these people would think that Little Black's strength was enough to threaten late-stage Dao Kings by himself!

Even if he could, who in their right mind would dare to fight against the experts of the Shengtian dynasty in the 'Night star continent'?!

Only those monsters from the 'Demon Emperor Palace', or those who come from similar powers would have such guts, and even they would have to think twice before doing so!

As they flew deeper inside the villa, Shun Long saw Little Black passing through a group of golden-robed experts, who all turned their eyes towards the black dragon at the same time.

Confusion, shock, as well as greed, flashed through Zhao Lan's eyes who was leading the group of Dao Kings from the 'Alchemists' Guild', once he saw the dragon flying above his head.

His eyes narrowed, while at the same time he raised his hand to unleash an attack, but after thinking for a while, he gritted his teeth and allowed Little Black to fly above him.

Shun Long threw a glance at the peak rank 9 Dao King from the 'Alchemists' Guild' before Little Black soon left that group far behind them, as he continued deeper inside towards the depths of the villa!

Zhao Lan was stunned when he saw the black dragon's speed! Even if he flew at full speed himself, he would be unable to catch up to Little Black!

Half an hour later, after seeing many destroyed formations that were engraved at the walls of the villa, Little Black passed through a pair of gigantic golden gates, as he arrived inside an enormous hall.

Shock appeared in Shun Long's eyes when he noticed the tense situation of the hall, while at the same time, Duan Zhu, Sheng Jun, and the experts of the Shengtian dynasty, all turned to look at the black dragon with shock in their eyes!

Chapter 366 - 366 Plan

Absolute silence permeated the gigantic hall the moment that the peak Dao Kings saw the black dragon, as well as the 2 people who were riding on his back.

Looking at the tense situation in front of him, waves of shock appeared in Shun Long's heart, while Little Black's voice sounded in his head at the same time

"Master, the old man in golden robes and the middle-aged man with red hair are both peak rank 9 Dao Kings!

Although they aren't among the absolute strongest Dao Kings, they aren't weak either.

Especially the red-haired man. His aura is even slightly stronger than the golden-robed old man's, while his saber has already exceeded the gold grade!

However, the golden-robed old man isn't less dangerous than him either.

He can actually pose lethal danger to myself and master!

The golden talisman in his hands... most likely contains the full-powered blow of a Dao Emperor!"

The moment that he heard Little Black's assessment of the 2 Dao Kings, Shun Long could feel cold sweat rolling from his back.

Both groups that were standing in front of him, were actually strong enough to threaten his and Liu Mei's, as well as Little Black's lives.

And yet, Little Black seemed to have only thrown a glance at the 2 powerful groups in front of him, before he turned his attention towards the gigantic beam of light next to Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun with shining eyes.

Seeing the black dragon's fervent gaze, Duan Zhu turned his eyes to look at the black-robed Shun Long before he asked in a probing manner

"Who are you?"

Duan Zhu had been shocked when he realized that he couldn't feel any aura coming from Shun Long's body, instinctively making him apprehensive.

Although Duan Zhu knew that there were certain techniques that could completely conceal a person's cultivation level, this was the first time that he was unable to feel even the slightest hint of aura coming from a person.

His 'Demon Emperor Palace's'? Saint grade 'Demon Blood Refinement art', could usually detect a person's aura regardless of how much they tried to cover it with their own cultivation technique.

There have never been a precedent where Duan Zhu couldn't sense anything at all!

"This can only mean 2 things! Either that person's cultivation is already above the Dao King realm, or his cultivation technique is actually a Saint high-grade cultivation technique as well, and one that is especially suited to concealing their own aura!

In both cases, the power behind these 2 people is most likely at the same level as my 'Demon Emperor Palace'.

Even if they are weaker, they can't be too far off! After all, I have never before heard of a power taming a living dragon!

Even in our central region, only the absolutely strongest powers can maybe have a chance to see a living dragon!"

As these thoughts flashed through Duan Zhu's mind, the peak rank 9 Dao King took an even more defensive posture.

Although the power behind Shun Long could very likely be at the same level, or even stronger than his 'Demon Emperor Palace', this didn't mean that Duan Zhu would back away!

Unless Shun Long was actually a Dao Emperor, he could forget about getting the treasures from the 'Dragon Lord's villa'.

At the same time, half of Sheng Jun's army took defensive positions, as 5 late-stage Dao Kings faced the black dragon and the 2 people on its back, while the rest faced Duan Zhu, not allowing him to make any sudden movements!

Although Sheng Jun didn't speak, it was obvious that he was also waiting for Shun Long's answer.

At the same time, after hearing Little Black's voice in his mind once again, Shun Long tried to calm himself down, before he turned his attention to the 2 peak Dao Kings who were waiting for his answer.

Shun Long looked completely unfazed by the situation in front of him, and staring at the old king of the Shengtian dynasty, as well as the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', he didn't speak but instead, he simply pointed forward.

Under Duan Zhu's and Sheng Jun's astounded eyes, Little Black flew towards the gigantic beam of light like a streak of black lightning tearing through the mid-day sky.

And yet, after flinching for a moment, Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun merely snickered in response.

If it was that easy to break the gigantic beam of light, Duan Zhu would have done so long ago, and wouldn't have waited for Sheng Jun to come and ruin his plans.

Sweat had appeared on Shun Long's forehead that was covered by his black robes, but he could only grit his teeth and hope that this 'plan' would work!

Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun stared at the black dragon with mocking looks in their eyes, as they waited for Little Black to crash on the pillar of light and get injured before making their move.

However, contrary to their expectations, the moment that Little Black appeared in front of the gigantic light pillar, the entire 'Dragon Lord's villa' started to tremble!

Shock appeared in Duan Zhu's, Sheng Jun's and the other Dao Kings' eyes, but before they could realize what had happened, a large hole was suddenly opened in the barrier in front of Little Black.

Without any hesitation, the black dragon entered inside the large pillar of light, completely ignoring the shocked Dao Kings behind him.

"Quickly, after him!"

Sheng Jun was the first one to speak, barely a moment later, as the powerful old king of the Shengtian dynasty flew towards the huge hole before he had even finished his own words!

Duan Zhu had made his move at the same time, as he also followed behind Sheng Jun not even a split-second later!

The Dao Kings of the Shengtian dynasty all followed behind Sheng Jun and Duan Zhu, as they flocked towards the opening of the hole like a group of hungry magic beasts!

Having entered inside the pillar of light before Duan Zhu and the rest, a stunning scene appeared in Shun Long's eyes!

Chapter 367 - 367 Treasures!

A gigantic throne room appeared in Shun Long's eyes, filled with endless gold, silver, and rare shiny jades.

A gigantic golden throne that seemed to have been made for a 4m(13ft) tall giant was placed at the edge of the room, with a small, wooden chest in front of it.

Shun Long had been stunned when he had seen Cui Guoliang's luxurious palace in the past, but in front of the throne room in front of him, the difference was even bigger than the clouds and the mud.

Aside from the golden throne and the wooden chest, there were countless weapons on the floor of the hall, including swords, shields, sabers, spears, and bows.

And yet, Shun Long only had a chance to throw a glance at the treasures around him as soon as they entered the room, before Little Black shot towards a corner of the room.

A small, black-colored stone was levitating in the air, and it was emitting a powerful light, almost as if it was excited to feel Little Black's presence!

Even Shun Long and Liu Mei only needed a second to understand, that this was the piece of dragonstone that Little Black wanted!

Shun Long also knew, that this was this same piece of dragonstone that Little Black had formed a connection with just now, and had also stirred up some of its energy to open a hole in the enormous pillar of light!

At the same time, Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun had just passed through the hole at the same time, when the same shocking scene appeared in their eyes, dumbfounding the 2 peak Dao Kings.

Hundreds of weapons were sprawled on the ground, all of them actually being rank 3 gold-grade weapons!

This was a shocking sight to behold, causing the 2 powerful Dao Kings to stand still for a few moments, as they gawked at the scene in front of them with eyes filled with disbelief.

Even the Shengtian dynasty which was among the strongest powers in the 'Night star continent' had less than 10 gold-grade weapons in their treasury!

Among them, only 2 of those weapons had actually reached the pinnacle of the gold grade.

However, every single weapon in front of Sheng Jun right now, was at the rank 3 without any exception, while almost half of them were actually at the peak of rank 3 in the gold-grade!

This was more than enough for Sheng Jun's Shengtian dynasty to dominate the entire 'Night star continent'!

And yet, these weapons were thrown around on the ground as if they were trash!

Duan Zhu however wasn't any less shocked than Sheng Jun!

As a hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', he clearly understood the value of the weapons in front of him!

Although his 'Demon Emperor Palace' had their own peak rank 3 gold-grade formation masters who could create similar weapons, this wasn't just a matter of the weapons themselves!

After all, the materials used to create all of the weapons in here, were definitely more than what the 'Demon Emperor Palace' could afford to spend!

At the same time that the 2 peak Dao Kings were staring at the treasures around them, they suddenly noticed Little Black arriving in front of a levitating black stone.

Sheng Jun's and Duan Zhu's eyes however weren't focused on the levitating stone, but on a translucent armor as well as a black sword with strange patterns on it, that were also hovering in the air next to the black stone!

Sensing the powerful auras coming from the armor and the black sword, the 2 peak Dao Kings only needed a moment to understand, that these weapons had already exceeded the gold-grade!

They were definitely at the same level as Duan Zhu's blood saber!

And yet, before Sheng Jun and Duan Zhu could even make their moves, Little Black opened his mouth and swallowed the levitating stone, the black sword and the translucent armor all at the same time!

"STOP!"

"HAND OVER THAT SWORD!"

Sheng Jun and Duan Zhu both shouted at the same time, as Duan Zhu brandished his blood saber, while Sheng Jun took out a pair of gloves from his spatial ring and put them on his hands, before they both attacked Little Black at the same time!

Little Black however didn't seem to have paid any attention to the 2 Dao Kings, as he shot forward at full speed towards the wooden chest in front of the throne.

Duan Zhu however seemed to have already expected this, as he sent a powerful slash forward, blocking Little Black's path.

A powerful crimson slash that was even redder than the color of fresh blood erupted from the saber, infused with the full might of the peak rank 9 Dao King!

Although Little Black had already avoided the first 2 attacks, if he wanted to get closer to the chest, he would have to take Duan Zhu's attack head-on.

However, equipped with the blood saber in his hands, there was no need to even consider whether Duan Zhu's slash was strong enough to hurt him.

Taking this chance that the black dragon had to back off, Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun temporarily ignored the 3 items that Little Black had 'stolen', before they turned their attention to the chest as well.

"SCRAM!"

Duan Zhu shouted as he slashed his saber at Sheng Jun who was also rushing towards the throne at the same time as him!

Although he had expected this attack, the old king of the Shengtian dynasty barely had enough time to duck and dodge, as another powerful crimson slash erupted from the blood saber in Duan Zhu's hands!

Seeing that he was just a hundred meters away from the wooden chest, while Sheng Jun tumbled backwards, Duan Zhu had a huge smile on his face, before he extended his hand in anticipation to grab the chest.

However, seemingly out of nowhere, a space tear appeared right in front of the chest, while a pair of hands covered by black robes extended themselves to touch the wooden chest before Duan Zhu.

Under the peak rank 9 Dao King's disbelieving gaze, the wooden chest was dragged inside the space tear, before it disappeared right in front of his eyes.

At the same time, both Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun turned their heads to look at the black-robed person on top of the black dragon, only to see the wooden chest now lying in his arms.

Chapter 368 - 368 Riling up the entire Shengtian dynasty

Shun Long's heart had started to beat wildly, as the chest in his arms felt heavier than a mountain.

He could feel the pressure coming from the 2 peak Dao Kings who were about to swallow him whole.

Not only had Little Black snatched the dragonstone and the translucent armor as well as the black sword, but Shun Long was now holding what was potentially even more valuable than these items together!

"DIE!!!"

"HAND THE CHEST OVER!"

Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun shouted at the same time, as they both unleashed their attacks towards Little Black.

A crimson slash that seemed capable enough to split even a group of late-stage Dao Kings apart appeared from Duan Zhu's blood saber, while 2 gigantic fists that were shining with a bright light materialized from Sheng Jun's gloves, both of them heading towards the black dragon!

Shun Long however was already prepared for the Dao Kings' attacks, and the moment that he got his hands on the wooden chest, he hurriedly injected his qi into the 2 'Dragon Lord's medallions', while Liu Mei did the same!

The golden barrier around the villa started to tremble, before it suddenly descended to cover Shun Long, Little Black and Liu Mei like a golden blanket.

Before Duan Zhu's and Sheng Jun's powerful attacks could even approach him, Shun Long felt spatial distortions around his body, while his vision also started to blur.

Seeing the black dragon, as well as the 2 black-robed people on his back disappear right in front of his eyes, a furious expression appeared on Duan Zhu's face.

Holding his own 'Dragon Lord's medallion' in his hands, he was ready to activate it and chase after Little Black, but he hesitated for a moment.

Although Little Black had gotten everything, if he left right now, the Dao Kings from the Shengtian dynasty would definitely sweep up everything in this place.

Hundreds of rank 3 gold-grade weapons and armors were enough even for Dao Emperors to get involved!

However, Duan Zhu only hesitated for a single moment, before his 'Dragon Lord's medallion' lit up with a golden light.

After all, the treasures that Shun Long had gotten would definitely exceed the value of the rank 3 gold-grade weapons in this place.

At the same time, Sheng Jun's 'Dragon Lord's medallion' lit up as well, as both Dao Kings felt themselves being covered by the 'Dragon Lord's villa' barrier, before they disappeared from the majestic throne room.

As for Sheng Jun, he was actually in a much more favorable position than Duan Zhu.

Let alone the fact that he could hunt down a living dragon in his own territory in the 'Night star continent', he had also managed to let the Elders of his Shengtian dynasty freely gather everything inside the throne room, now that Duan Zhu decided to chase after Shun Long, while at the same time, Sheng Jun himself didn't have to activate his golden talisman just yet!

As Shun Long appeared outside of the 'Dragon Lord's villa's' entrance, he didn't wait to see the shocked expressions of the people in the crowd who were gathered outside the villa, as he had Little Black immediately leave the scene.

Before the crowd could even react, Little Black spread his majestic black wings, before he flew towards the north of the 'Night star continent' at full speed.

Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun appeared at the villa's entrance barely a split-second later and hurriedly turned their eyes to look at the sky, looking for the black dragon.

The shocked crowd instantly exploded into exclamations!

"A dragon? A real dragon?"

"Eh? Isn't that... the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace'? I saw him entering the villa 2 years ago!"

"What is he doing with the old king of the Shengtian dynasty? Don't tell me that they are chasing after that dragon? Could it be... that the dragon has been living inside the 'Dragon Lord's villa' for tens of thousands of years?"

Ignoring the speculations of the crowd, Duan Zhu looked at an early stage Dao King who was standing among the crowd, before he asked in a furious tone

"WHERE DID THAT DRAGON GO?"

The early-stage Dao King trembled when he felt Duan Zhu's aura, which was even more terrifying than the average peak rank 9 Dao King's, but he still steadied himself and pointed towards the north as he said hurriedly

"Th-That way! It flew towards the north!"

Without even considering that the Dao King in front of him could have lied to him, Duan Zhu instantly shot towards the north of the 'Night star continent' with his blood saber in hand, like a hungry magic beast that was out for blood.

Of course, if that Dao King had really dared to lie to him, Duan Zhu would make him wish that he was dead instead!

Although normal people may not know how terrifying the experts of the 'Demon Emperor Palace' really were, most of the Dao Kings in the 'Night star continent' dreaded them from the bottom of their hearts!

Sheng Jun didn't lag behind Duan Zhu either, as he soared in the sky, flying towards the north of the 'Night star continent' as well.

At the same time, he took out his green jade from his spatial ring, and completely ignoring the report that he had missed from earlier, he injected his qi inside the jade making it light up with a pale green light, as he then said in a commanding voice

"This is a command to every Nascent Soul stage cultivator of my Shengtian dynasty! Immediately head to the north of the 'Night star continent' and find clues to the black dragon and the 2 black-robed people who are riding on his back!

The person who finds the dragon's location will obtain a rank 3 gold-grade weapon!"

The moment that Sheng Jun finished his words, the entire palace of the Shengtian dynasty in the Heaven's Dome city instantly exploded with shock and excitement, as every single Nascent Soul stage expert flew out from it and headed towards the northern part of the 'Night star continent'!

Of course, this was Sheng Jun's plan as well! The moment that someone caught wind of the black dragon's whereabouts, the old king of the Shengtian dynasty would definitely hear about it before Duan Zhu!

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At the same time, Little Black was still flying in the sky a few tens of thousand miles away from the 'City of Sin', when Liu Mei turned her head to look behind them, and see if Duan Zhu or Sheng Jun had managed to catch up with Little Black, before she then asked Shun Long

"Long-ge, what should we do now? Everyone in the 'Night star continent' will be looking for us!"

Chapter 369 - 369 Attracting attention

Shun Long turned his head to look behind him and make sure that Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun hadn't caught up with Little Black, before he turned his eyes to look at Liu Mei and answered with a light smile on his face

"Let's go and take a look at the 'City of Sin'!"

Liu Mei felt confused in her heart when she heard Shun Long's answer, and after taking a deep breath, she then asked

"Long-ge... won't the people from the Shengtian dynasty find us instantly then?"

Isn't it better for us to hide and wait somewhere else?"

Of course, Liu Mei had already understood from Shun Long's tone, that he wasn't planning on hiding Little Black before they went to the 'City of Sin'!

Instead, it seemed like he wanted to attract even more attention.

Nodding his head, Shun Long's eyes suddenly turned deep as he looked in the distance ahead, at the blood-red mountain that had slowly appeared on the horizon, before he said with a serious tone

"Mei'er, you are right! The best course of action is to hide and wait or leave the 'Night star continent.

However, that hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', as well as that old man who is most likely the king of the Shengtian dynasty, won't let things go no matter what!

Even if they can't find us in the northern part of the city, I have no doubt that they will end up sweeping through the entire continent if they have to.

After all, let alone this wooden chest, or that black sword and the translucent armor that Little Black snatched away earlier, even the rest of the weapons that were randomly sprawled around on the ground were enough to make those Dao Kings excited."

Liu Mei seemed to have just realized what Shun Long wanted to do, as she then asked in a shocked voice

"Long-ge is planning to lure them into thinking that we are hiding near the 'City of Sin' then?"

Shun Long nodded his head with that smile on his face, before he placed the wooden chest in his hands inside the 'Stone of Time'.

Although he was curious about the chest's contents, he wouldn't try to open it while Duan Zhu and Sheng Jun were still chasing after him.

At the same time, Shun Long didn't think that the 2 peak Dao Kings would have been able to find Little Black once he entered inside the 'Stone of Time'.

However, it would have been much harder for him and Liu Mei to hide if they didn't direct the Shengtian dynasty's attention to the north of the 'Night star continent'.

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A few moments later, while the entire Heaven's Dome city was riled up by the experts of the Shengtian dynasty who were all heading towards the north of the continent, the familiar-looking 'Mountain of Blood' where the 'City of Sin' was located appeared in Shun Long's eyes.

As Little Black appeared above the lawless city, he let out a terrifying roar that shook the entire crimson mountain!

ROOOAR!

Every single person in the 'City of Sin' turned their eyes to look at the sky, as they stared at the black dragon who was flying above their heads!

Even the middle-stage Dao King, senior Huang, flew out from his palace at the center of the 'City of Sin', as he stared at the black dragon in the sky with shock in his eyes.

And yet, Little Black only flew above the city for a single moment, before he disappeared in the distance.

Even if 'senior Huang' wanted to give chase, he would be completely incapable of catching up to the black dragon.

After all, even Sheng Jun and Duan Zhu would at most be on par with Little Black's speed, let alone a single middle-stage Dao King like him.

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As the matter of a living black dragon started to spread throughout the city like wildfire, Shun Long had Little Black descend in a small forest 300 miles away from the 'Mountain of Blood'.

Even the strongest magic beast in the forest which was at the early rank 4, equal to a peak rank 3 Spirit realm cultivator, could only tremble and prostrate itself in front of the black dragon's aura that had covered the entire forest.

Patting Little Black's head, Shun Long said in a low voice that was filled with obvious hints of relief

"Little Black, you did a good job. You can rest now!"

Opening his mouth, Little Black spat out the translucent armor, as well as the black sword with strange patterns on it, before he returned back inside the 'Stone of Time'.

And yet, Shun Long only threw a glance towards the black sword and the armor that he suspected to be weapons at the absolute peak of rank 3 in the gold grade, before he placed them inside the 'Stone of Time' as well.

"Long-ge, what should we do now?"

After falling silent for a few moments, Shun Long looked around him before he said

"Let's find an isolated place first. I am really curious about what is inside that wooden chest."

Since the chest was placed right before that golden throne, Shun Long was certain that even if its value wasn't the highest among the things inside that hall, it would definitely be something at the same level as the dragonstone!

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At the same time, in the depths of the 'Dragon Lord's villa', the group of the 'Alchemists' Guild' that Zhao Lan's was leading had just arrived inside the throne room, when they saw the experts of the Shengtian dynasty gathering the remaining rank 3 gold-grade weapons from the floor.

Looking at the peak rank 9 Dao King of the 'Alchemists' Guild', Sheng Jun's wife, the queen of the Shengtian dynasty, Qiao Lifen shot him a cold glance when she saw the greedy look in his eyes, before she said

"Zhao Lan, I suggest that you don't get any funny ideas! My Shengtian dynasty was the one who managed to find this place first!

I suggest that you turn around and leave immediately, otherwise..."

"Hahaha! Otherwise what? Qiao Lifen, I suggest that you give up half of what you have already obtained, otherwise, I will take everything by force!

Your Shengtian dynasty found this place first? Why don't you say that you also found the 'Dragon Lord's villa' first? Do you think that I would believe you?

How could you even enter this place without Duan Zhu's help?

This is me giving you some face! Give up half of what you have already obtained, otherwise I will take everything myself!"

Although Zhao Lan knew that he most likely wasn't a match against Sheng Jun, as the strongest Dao King of the 'Alchemists' Guild', he was confident enough to completely suppress Qiao Lifen and her group by himself.

If he added the group of Dao Kings from the 'Alchemists' Guild' behind him, he was certain that he could even kill the Shengtian dynasty's group if Sheng Jun wasn't present.

An ugly look appeared in Qiao Lifen's eyes, before she fell silent for a few moments, while furious looks had appeared in the Dao Kings of the Shengtian dynasty's faces.

Gritting her teeth, Qiao Lifen drew her sword before she shouted angrily

"ZHAO LAN!

I will make you regret this!"

Without waiting for Zhao Lan to respond, Qiao Lifen flew towards him, aiming to surprise attack the peak rank 9 Dao King!

Zhao Lan however seemed to have already expected this, as a huge fight instantly erupted between the 2 peak powers of the Heaven's Dome city.

Chapter 370 - 370 Black sword and translucent armor

Sheng Jun's expression instantly darkened the moment that he received a report from one of the Dao Kings inside the throne room, that a fight had erupted between their Shengtian dynasty and the 'Alchemists' Guild'!

The peak rank 9 Dao King stood rooted on the spot, torn whether he should return back to the 'Dragon Lord's villa' and destroy Zhao Lan's group, or whether he should continue chasing after Shun Long.

In the end, Sheng Jun simply stared at the 'Dragon Lord's villa's' direction as he mumbled to himself "Zhao Lan! I will make you regret this!"

Without wasting any more time, the old king of the Shengtian dynasty continued flying towards the north of the 'Night star continent'.

After all, in Sheng Jun's mind, just that black sword or that translucent armor, were worth far more than all the rank 3 gold-grade weapons in the 'Dragon Lord's villa' together!

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While Sheng Jun kept flying towards the northern part of the 'Night star continent' with an ugly expression on his face, Shun Long and Liu Mei had left the small forest that was a few hundred miles away from the 'City of Sin', as they flew towards the east of the 'Night star continent'.

Although Shun Long knew that it would take a longer amount of time if he and Liu Mei flew towards the eastern part of the continent by themselves instead of riding on Little Silver's back, this time he had to be extremely cautious.

After all, the crowd at the entrance of the 'Dragon Lord's villa' had already seen 2 black-robed people enter the villa's gates on the 'Silver-winged panther king's' back, while 2 other people similarly dressed in black, left the villa just a day later, riding on a black dragon.

Shun Long wouldn't underestimate the intelligence of every single person in the crowd, and think that they would be unable to put 2 and 2 together to figure out that the black panther had something to do with the people on the black dragon's back.

This was also the reason why he didn't dare to summon Little Silver, and instead, he continued to fly with Liu Mei by themselves.

A week soon passed, and yet, Shun Long and Liu Mei had only crossed two-thirds of the distance required to reach the eastern part of the continent.

During this time, Shun Long and Liu Mei had spotted more than just one group of golden-robed cultivators patrolling the northern part of the continent.

From the robes that these people were wearing, Shun Long could instantly guess, that they were members of the Shengtian dynasty.

However, since Shun Long and Liu Mei were wearing their normal clothes instead of the black robes, the groups of Nascent Soul experts from the Shengtian dynasty ignored everyone who wasn't related to the black dragon!

At the same time, and especially now that there were just 2 more months left before the test of the Holy sect started, it was completely normal for peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivators to travel through

the continent in search of fortuitous encounters, just like the young man that Shun Long had met in the 'Ten thousand beasts' mountain range', Chen Yan.

After all, in the Holy sect's test, peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivators would be at the bottom of the barrel, while even Nascent Soul stage experts may not necessarily pass it successfully.

3 more days soon passed, and Shun Long and Liu Mei finally arrived outside a middle-sized city in the eastern part of the 'Night star continent'.

Although this city was smaller than the Silver sword city, there were hundreds of cultivators entering and leaving through the gates at all times.

The moment that Shun Long's eyes fell upon the city, an invisible wave of energy appeared from his body, covering the city completely, before Little Black's voice sounded in his head

"Master, this city only has a dozen Nascent Soul stage cultivators, and even the strongest of them is only at the peak of rank 3!"

Nodding his head, Shun Long exhaled a sigh of relief, before he held Liu Mei's hand and queued up at the entrance of the city.

After paying 100 low-grade spirit stones, Shun Long and Liu Mei were allowed to enter the city, before Shun Long looked around for an inn to spend the night.

As for the early-stage Nascent Soul cultivators inside the city, although Shun Long believed that he wouldn't come into conflict with them since he was planning to just stay inside the inn in the first place, he wasn't afraid of them either.

Now that he had already advanced to the peak of rank 9 in the Spirit realm as well as the peak of the fourth stage in his 'Monarch's Eternal body', Shun Long believed that he could fight against most normal early-stage Nascent Soul experts without any problems.

As for Nascent Soul stage cultivators who were newly advanced, he was certain that he could destroy them with a single move.

After spending 600 low-grade spirit stones to rent a large courtyard for 1 month, Shun Long and Liu Mei entered inside the room and closed the door, before they sat cross-legged on the meditative cushions on the floor.

Seeing the dazzling, gentle smile on Liu Mei's face after she finally removed her white veil, a warm feeling appeared in Shun Long's heart.

After all, Shun Long knew, that Liu Mei had felt extreme pressure during the time when they were facing the 2 peak rank 9 Dao Kings in the depths of the villa.

After all, one of those people was the hall master of the 'Demon Emperor Palace', a power that wasn't located in the 'Night star continent', but instead, the place where they would be going towards soon, the central region, while the other one was most likely the old king of one of the strongest powers in the 'Night star continent'.

There was practically no Spirit realm cultivator who wouldn't feel pressure when facing those 2 old monsters.

After sitting cross-legged on the floor, Shun Long waved his hand, and a black sword with strange patterns on it, as well as a translucent armor appeared in front of him and Liu Mei.

Feeling the pressure that was coming from the black sword and the translucent armor from such a close distance, waves of shock appeared in Shun Long's heart.

At the same time, Liu Mei also asked in a shocked voice

"Long-ge, are these really gold-grade weapons?"

Liu Mei had seen a fair share of gold-grade weapons along with Shun Long during the past 3 years, and her 'Four seasons azure sword' was also a peak rank 1 gold grade sword, but she could clearly feel that the aura coming from the sword and the armor in front of her was completely different from the gold grade weapons that she had encountered in the past.

After a moment of serious thinking, Shun Long shook his head before he said confidently

"They have definitely exceeded the gold-grade!

Even the rank 3 gold grade weapons in the 'Dragon Lord's villa' didn't have this kind of aura."

The moment that he finished his words, Little Black's voice sounded in Shun Long's mind as he said

"Master, these are peak 1-star weapons!"

"1-star weapons?"