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Chapter 511: Dong Ai's provocation

Shun Long was baffled by the Elders' decision to not approach him just yet and try to take him as a personal disciple, especially considering the fighting prowess that he had showed during the fourth test and his immortal-grade bloodline that he had also revealed!

At the same time, he also managed to guess another thing that caused his eyes to widen in realization

"If even the inner court Elders of the sect need to be wary of the powers that are under the sect's influence and don't want to favor any of them blatantly, then the strength behind those powers is definitely nothing to scoff at! Even if those clans and families can't match the strength of the entire Holy sect, they are definitely strong enough to rival the power of some inner court Elders, otherwise the Elders wouldn't be so wary to accept disciples of those powers in the first place!"

As he came to this conclusion, Shun Long stared at the 2 young women next to him, only to hear Dong Ai's mocking voice resound in his ears at the same time

"Hehe, since you haven't gotten picked by an Elder like your wife, it can only mean that you are a weakling, or at the very least, not someone who deserves the Elders' attention. I am curious what junior sister Mei sees in you. Maybe she will leave you now that she became apprenticed to master and won't look to carry a dead weight with her any longer. Hehehe, how tragic would it be to have such a beautiful wife only to have her leave you in the end!"

Shun Long understood that Dong Ai's spiteful words were only trying to create a chasm between himself and Liu Mei, as her venomous tongue tried to put the seeds of doubt in his heart.

However, what Dong Ai didn't know was that it was useless to try and shake Shun Long's confidence in the first place.

Putting aside the fact that Dong Ai was simply unaware of his talent and real strength, even if he was a weakling and a 'dead weight', Shun Long was still certain that Liu Mei wouldn't leave him even if that was the case.

If Liu Mei was really someone like that, both himself and Little Black would have realized that long before they met Dong Ai.

Spending the last 4 years of his life with Liu Mei and going through countless life and death experiences, wasn't something that Dong Ai could simply come and destroy with her ignorant words.

Shun Long simply shot Dong Ai a mocking look in response, making her narrow her eyes in the process as she looked at him.

As for Wei Yaling, although she heard this as well, she wasn't going to get into a fight with her junior sister over her insulting Shun Long.

Even though Shun Long was Liu Mei's husband, it wasn't worth getting into a fight with her junior sister for his sake to begin with.

And yet, the mocking look on Shun Long's face only caused an evil smirk to form itself on Dong Ai's lips as she then continued

"Do you really think that junior sister would be willing to be with you just because of your barely-passable face? Hehe, although I don't want to admit it, junior sister Mei is indeed extremely beautiful. Do yourself a favor and give up on her and walk away. Now that she is a disciple of an inner court Elder, you two don't belong in the same world anymore. Hehe, perhaps some powerful senior brother will be interested in her and take her as his wife instead!"

At that moment, Shun Long's eyes suddenly narrowed as he stared at the woman in front of him with a cold gaze, before he shook his head and responded in a frosty, yet mocking tone

"Don't judge everyone by your own low standards and don't try to provoke me either, otherwise the moment that I step into the late stages of the Nascent Soul... I will squash you like a bug."

Wei Yaling's eyes widened at Shun Long's arrogant words that held no hints of politeness even when he was facing a personal disciple of an inner court Elder inside her own master's residence, while Dong Ai suddenly burst out laughing as she said mockingly

"HAHAHAHA! You, an early rank 3 Nascent Soul stage rookie will squash me like a bug? I wonder how you even managed to pass the sect's test with such a trash cultivation level in the first place! By the time you step into the late stages of the Nascent Soul, I may have even reached the peak of the Nascent Soul stage instead. Fool! I don't even put an idiot like you in my eyes in the first place!"

Wei Yaling also shook her head as she realized that Shun Long's words that were obviously 'trying to gain back some face' in her eyes, were actually nothing more than a joke in reality.

He had obviously sensed Dong Ai's cultivation at the early rank 8 of the Nascent Soul, and yet he still dared to say something like that.

"Just from the fact that junior sister Ai is a personal disciple of an inner Elder should have made him realize the difference between them from the beginning. Challenging someone like junior sister Ai is no different than courting death. Hmph, I suppose he is really counting on junior sister Mei's strength in the end."

As she came to this conclusion, Wei Yaling simply closed her eyes, not bothering to care about the 2 of them any longer.

And yet, Shun Long simply refused to entertain Dong Ai either, as he turned his gaze towards the luxurious mansion in the end.

Although Shun Long was originally not going to respond to Dong Ai -even though she was obviously trying to provoke him- since he didn't want to worsen Liu Mei's relationship with this senior sister of his, it was obvious that Dong Ai didn't care about Liu Mei at all and only had feelings of jealousy towards her, from the moment that Liu Mei received her master's pendant.

Elder Xuan kicking them out from the room and only allowing Liu Mei to stay inside as she shared her information regarding the Dao of Death with her, only made the negative feelings in Dong Ai's heart unable to find an outlet, as she immediately set her sights on Shun Long and decided to make him her target and force him to leave Liu Mei.

Time passed like this as absolute silence filled Shun Long's and the 2 women's surroundings, until an hour later, a white-robed Elder Xuan along with Liu Mei finally appeared in front of the mansion's gates.

Chapter 512: Nipping in the bud

"Long-ge!"

Liu Mei exclaimed with a smile on her face as she landed on the ground and ran towards Shun Long's direction.

"Master."

"Master!"

Wei Yaling and Dong Ai spoke at the same time as they turned their attention towards Elder Xuan in the sky who was covered by many colorful flower petals as she stared at Liu Mei with a doting look in her eyes.

"Sigh. Little Mei, It looks like even your master isn't anything in your heart compared to her 'Long-ge'."

"Master..."

"Hehe, don't worry my cute disciple I was just joking with you. Of course it's normal for someone to place their Dao companion above everyone else."

Elder Xuan then turned her attention towards Dong Ai and Wei Yaling before she said seriously

"Remember that no matter what, all 5 of you are martial sisters right now and you share the same master. If one of you needs help in the future, the rest of you should do everything you can to help her. Also, feeling envy towards your junior sister when you are descendants of the Dong clan and the Wei family, two of the strongest clans and families in the territory of the sect, is not something that I will tolerate!"

It was obvious that Elder Xuan's words were mostly aimed towards Dong Ai who was still feeling aggrieved that Liu Mei got the pendant instead of her. Thus, she wanted her to understand that, as her master, she was not willing to tolerate this spoiled behavior of hers. After all, whether it was her current strength, background, or even her influence in the outer court right now, Dong Ai simply exceeded Liu Mei in every aspect.

However, even though she was a member of the Dong clan and her cultivation had already reached the late stages of the Nascent Soul, it didn't necessarily mean that Dong Ai would certainly be stronger than Liu Mei in the future even if she had more resources than her on hand right now.

After all, Liu Mei was someone who had comprehended the same Dao as her own master, the Dao of Death! Elder Xuan already knew some things about the terror of this Dao, and she didn't want her 2 youngest disciples to be at odds with each other simply because of pettiness and envy.

Even if they couldn't work together, she didn't want them to be enemies at the very least, since she knew that it wasn't uncommon for disciples of the same master to end up killing each other over a quarrel.

Whether she lost Liu Mei or Dong Ai, that wasn't a sight that Elder Xuan was willing to see in the future so she decided to destroy such thoughts from the very beginning!

Dong Ai nodded her head a moment later as she looked at Elder Xuan, but her eyes still glimmered with a bright light.

As for Liu Mei, she was somewhat surprised when she heard her master's words, as she looked at Elder Xuan and asked curiously

"Master, I remember that senior sister Wei also mentioned that master had 4 personal disciples before me. But..."

Elder Xuan clearly understood what Liu Mei meant. Since she had 4 personal disciples, it shouldn't only be Wei Yaling and Dong Ai who were present here today.

Shaking her head, the beautiful white-robed Elder had an apologetic smile on her face as she replied

"Your master is sorry little Mei. I know that you should have met your 2 senior sisters today during your 'master and disciple ceremony', but your 2 senior sisters are both inner court disciples who are outside of the sect in an important sect mission. However, you will be able to meet them in a few months from now. Hehe, I am sure that your eldest senior sister would be very happy to meet you as well."

With a deep look in her eyes, Elder Xuan then turned her attention towards Shun Long before she said with a mesmerizing smile forming on her lips

"Little brother, you can stay and cultivate here for the next few days along with little Mei if you want to. There is plenty of qi in my courtyard for everyone, and all of it is directly extracted from high-grade spirit stones using a special formation. Hehe, if you want to spend some time and chat with this elder sister, I may also agree to it as well!"

Elder Xuan winked seductively at Shun Long when she said the last part, before her body turned into countless flower petals as she disappeared from everyone's vision.

And yet, Shun Long simply cupped her hands towards her direction as a look of realization had dawned in his eyes.

"So this is why the qi here is almost as pure as the qi from my Heaven Swallowing vine when I use middle-grade spirit stones to cultivate. The Elders here use high-grade spirit stones for their cultivation."

The simple notion of constantly using high-grade spirit stones to fill their courtyards with qi made Shun Long's heart bleed as his greedy nature resurfaced.

After all, Shun Long had only heard of the existence of high-grade spirit stones and had yet to see one with his own eyes. And yet, he knew that a single high-grade spirit stone was worth as much as 1000 middle-grade ones.

Even if Shun Long exchanged all of his current 1 million and 210 thousand middle-grade spirit stones with high-grade ones, he would only be able to obtain 1210 high-grade spirit stones in the end.

Of course, no one was dumb enough to exchange their high-grade spirit stones for middle-grade ones in the first place.

And yet the Holy sect's Elders were able to constantly burn high-grade spirit stones to fuel their own courtyards with qi.

This showed the difference in wealth between a rich Dao Emperor and himself.

Shun Long had originally thought that even average late-stage Dao Kings would drool at the sight of his wealth, but he finally realized that this was simply the difference of the experts residing in the central region and those in the Night star continent.

Indeed, although he could be considered a rich tycoon in the Night star continent, it was very likely that Shun Long's wealth could only rival some weak middle-stage Dao Kings from the central region right now.

And yet, this didn't make him feel discouraged but instead elated that there were so many resources in the central region for him to snatch-? cough... borrow!

After throwing another look at Elder Xuan who had already disappeared, Shun Long turned his eyes towards Liu Mei who was smiling brightly as she stood by his side before he said gently

"Mei'er, let's go back."

Chapter 513: Wei Yaling's goodwill

There was only a week until Shun Long and the rest left the Holy sect to go and complete their own personal missions, so returning to his room to cultivate without wasting time was the most important thing. After all, Shun Long didn't know what unexpected issues may pop up during his sect missions.

Wei Yaling and Dong Ai both stared at Shun Long and Liu Mei who turned around to leave with eyes filled with disbelief. They were unable to understand why Shun Long and Liu Mei would both give up the opportunity to cultivate in their master's courtyard and would instead choose to return back to their courtyard in the outer sect.

Of course, the 2 girls had no idea that Liu Mei couldn't absorb the qi in the air in the first place, while the qi inside Shun Long's foggy space was even purer than the qi in Elder Xuan Jiao's courtyard. Although Shun Long wouldn't have to spend any of his own spirit stones if he decided to cultivate here, his cultivation speed would drastically reduce while the fact that he could absorb qi in huge amounts like a monster would also be revealed.

Risking to expose his secrets simply wasn't worth it.

And yet, at that moment, Wei Yaling was actually the first one to take a step forward as she shouted loudly

"Wait!"

Seeing Shun Long and Liu Mei both turn around she then asked curiously

"Do you really intend to leave? Master has already allowed for the both of you to stay here and cultivate."

Shaking his head, Shun Long cupped his hands at Wei Yaling who was clearly asking them without any ulterior motives, before he replied seriously

"No matter what, I am not Elder Xuan's disciple so I wouldn't stay in this place or it would become weird. Besides, a man shouldn't cultivate in the same courtyard with 4 other women, 3 of whom he has no relationship with, or rumors may start spreading."

Wei Yaling and Dong Ai both nodded their heads when they heard this, almost as if they had just realized this problem, as Dong Ai then said

"At least you are not as shameless as I thought!"

Liu Mei's eyes narrowed dangerously as she immediately turned her attention towards this senior sister of hers, while the aura of Death started to swirl around her body! She would never allow anyone to insult Shun Long in front of her, even if that person is her senior sister or even her own master.

And yet, Shun Long simply held Liu Mei back with a smile on his face indicating that he didn't care about her, as he looked at Wei Yaling and said without a care

"If there is nothing else, I am going to take my leave."

Wei Yaling nodded her head, not caring too much about the quarrel that Shun Long seemed to have with Dong Ai, as she turned her attention towards Liu Mei and said

"Junior sister, I won't insist that you stay here if you don't want to. I only have one thing to say.

If you want to join a faction, you can always join Xin Jia's faction. Just mention my name and say that I invited you and you can join the faction without any issue! Her faction is ranked 23rd within the top 100 factions rankings so junior sister will be able to obtain plenty of resources this way, as well as get plenty of support within the sect."

Contrary to what Wei Yaling had expected however, Liu Mei simply shook her head and thanked her before she rejected her offer without a second thought, as she said

"Senior sister, thank you for your goodwill, however, I have already joined Long-ge's faction and I will not leave."

Wei Yaling was instantly rendered speechless, obviously not having expected Liu Mei's rejection, but she still nodded her head reluctantly a moment later as she said

"Don't worry junior sister, I understand. Remember that if you ever need help, you can still ask for help from Xin Jia's faction using my name. At the very least I will personally come to help you."

Although she didn't understand why Liu Mei would want to stay in Shun Long's faction when she could enter a faction in the top 30 of the outer court, Wei Yaling still didn't pressure her to change her mind.

She had already explained everything that she had to, so the choice was Liu Mei's.

Of course, Liu Mei immediately realized that Wei Yaling was trying to form a good relationship with her this way. However, no matter what happened, she would never leave Shun Long's faction to join another one. Even if everyone else left, she had already decided that she would be the one who would stay by his side.

At that moment, Dong Ai wanted to throw a mocking remark towards Liu Mei for joining Shun Long's faction that would never even reach the top 1000, but remembering her master's words earlier, she barely held herself back from insulting Shun Long again in front of her junior sister.

Of course, Dong Ai didn't know that Shun Long really intended to crush her the moment that he entered the late stages of the Nascent Soul. He had already sensed her hostility both towards him and Liu Mei, and he wasn't planning to allow that situation to continue.

As for how he was planning to take care of her... that was an entirely different issue.

He couldn't outright kill her as the sect clearly forbade killing anyone outside of deathmatches in the arena, and Shun Long wasn't confident in assassinating her using his Dao of Space without getting caught from the sect.

After all, he didn't yet know the full capabilities of a Dao Emperor and if they had a way to find out about that, and he wasn't willing to risk his life just to kill Dong Ai to begin with.

Nodding her head, Liu Mei thanked Wei Yaling before she and Shun Long both left Elder Xuan's courtyard.

Turning her head to the side, Wei Yaling then looked at Dong Ai before she said seriously

"Junior sister, you heard master already. It's better for you to have a good relationship with junior sister Mei rather than brood over something that wasn't meant to be yours from the beginning. I know that you really wanted master's pendant but you should see things more clearly. Master will definitely pamper junior sister Mei, and even eldest senior sister will probably like her a lot. Even if second senior sister doesn't like her she won't be at odds with her either, so your attitude right now is the only problem. If you keep fighting with her husband it's certain that junior sister Mei and you will end up fighting each other!"

Staring at the disappearing figures of Liu Mei and Shun Long, Dong Ai simply smiled mockingly before she replied coldly

"Fight each other? So what? Don't make me laugh senior sister. Even if she has comprehended the same Dao as our grand master, it doesn't mean she will be as proficient in it as her either. Senior sister should know this better than me, that even 2 people who have comprehended the same Dao may have entirely different powers in the end. As for 2 rogue cultivators who have just entered the sect and will definitely have to struggle for resources right now, so what if I am at odds with them? With how arrogant that piece of trash actually was, I will make sure to crush him in the future as well! Even if master forbids martial sisters from fighting with each other, she can't say anything if I happen to have enmity with junior sister's husband. Hehehe, of course, if junior sister Mei intends to give me a certain pendant to fix our relationship, I may actually agree."

Chapter 514: Waking up

With a serious look on her face, Wei Yaling looked at Dong Ai before she asked coldly

"What about eldest senior sister? Wasn't she a rogue cultivator that was found and raised by master?"

It was obvious that Wei Yaling was trying to warn Dong Ai, and yet the beautiful yellow-robed woman simply laughed before she responded with a mocking tone

"Hahaha, senior sister, do you really think that every single rogue cultivator is like eldest senior sister? Even among inner court disciples, and even among the sect's core disciples... how many can be mentioned in the same breath as eldest senior sister? Even if junior sister Mei has comprehended a rare Dao, that's all there is to it! Besides, although eldest senior sister may have indeed been a rogue cultivator in the beginning, wasn't she raised by master using the best resources that master had on hand? Can you really call her a rogue cultivator in that case?"

Whether it is her talent or background, by being the eldest disciple of master, how can you compare her to any other rogue cultivator? I am sure that eldest senior sister was raised at the very least with the same resources that the top clans and families use on their direct heirs!"

Wei Yaling shook her head as she looked at her junior sister, finally giving up on trying to persuade her to fix her relationship with Liu Mei. After all, her words weren't wrong either. Wei Yaling also didn't believe that there was anyone else in the sect who could rise through the rankings and become a core disciple of the sect, like their eldest senior sister. Even Liu Mei would most likely be unable to replicate this feat.

After all, only the absolute best of inner disciples, in both their cultivation level, talent and fighting strength could obtain the title of core disciples in the sect, and their eldest senior sister was precisely one of those peak geniuses.

At the same time that this situation was taking place in Elder Xuan's courtyard, Shun Long and Liu Mei passed through the inner court's gates as they returned back to the outer court.

With her arms both holding Shun Long's right arm affectionately, Liu Mei raised her head and stared at him straight in the eyes before asking curiously

"Long-ge, did something happen between you and senior sister Dong?"

Hearing Dong Ai call Shun Long shameless had made Liu Mei extremely furious earlier. If it wasn't because Shun Long had held her back, Liu Mei wouldn't have cared about Dong Ai's status as her senior sister and would have immediately gone to confront her.

Shun Long however simply pulled Liu Mei closer into a hug when he heard this, and as they continued to walk towards his courtyard he simply shook his head as he said in an uncaring tone

"She is just an annoying girl, nothing more than that."

Liu Mei nodded without asking more about what had happened. If Shun Long didn't want to mention it, it was probably nothing too important in his eyes. Instead, the 2 of them kept walking for nearly an hour until they arrived back in the courtyard and entered the room.

As soon as they stepped inside, Liu Mei looked at Shun Long, and without holding anything back she started to narrate everything that happened from the moment that Elder Xuan expelled him and her 2 senior sisters from her mansion.

"Long-ge, actually, when master sent everyone outside, she taught me what her master had taught her about the Dao of Death. It seems that grand master's experiences are somewhat similar to what I experienced after I broke through to the Nascent Soul.

Master said that I shouldn't treat my summons as soulless creatures, and instead I should look at them as living beings.

However, master also said that I should never use my Dao of Death when my spiritual strength is close to depletion, otherwise if my skeletons escape my control, I will become their target instead. It seems that this happened to grand master once, and she only escaped out of luck."

Shun Long nodded his head when he heard Liu Mei's narration about what she had learned from Elder Xuan, before he actually fell silent for the next few moments.

It was obvious that Liu Mei had come to a similar conclusion regarding the first part of her experience, as she had already started to treat her undead creatures like being with a soul instead of inanimate objects. As for the second thing that Liu Mei mentioned, this seemed to be more like a warning rather than direct advice on how to use her Dao of Death.

Well, Elder Xuan's master was a peak Dao Emperor so her experience with her Dao of Death must have definitely been much vaster than Liu Mei's. However, even though it was obvious that Elder Xuan only wanted the best for Liu Mei, Shun Long wouldn't take everything that she said for granted, and instead, he had already decided to ask Little Black about this as well.

After all, it was very likely that Little Black would know a few more things regarding Liu Mei's Dao of Death too. However, Liu Mei would have to wait until Little Black had completely digested the energy inside the dragonstone first!

After a round of arduous dual cultivation on their bed, Shun Long and Liu Mei both took a shower before Shun Long entered the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' to cultivate further.

There was only a week left before his group all left the sect to go and complete their personal sect missions, and Shun Long was planning to spend this time condensing his 21st ball of qi, as well as completely purifying the previous 20 qi balls, bringing them all at the same level.

As for Liu Mei, she was planning to further enhance her control of her undead creatures.

Entering the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long took out more than 10.000 middle-grade spirit stones and fed them to the Heaven Swallowing vine in front of him.

The pure qi coming from the enormous vine instantly filled the air around him, as Shun Long closed his eyes and started to cultivate without a second thought.

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Days quickly passed like this, and as the 7th day arrived in the real world, inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time', Shun Long was suddenly woken up by the excited roar of a panther, causing a smile to slowly form itself on his lips.

Chapter 515: Day of the gathering

Turning his eyes towards Little Silver, Shun Long felt its aura that had now reached the middle of rank 6 causing his smile to become even wider.

Although Shun Long knew that Little Silver's breakthrough had high chances to succeed since Little Silver had already absorbed enough energy during the past few years by eating an almost uncountable number of stalks of 'Dragonblood grass' from the herb garden, Shun Long also knew that there was a very big risk of danger involved when a magic beast tries to breakthrough to a level that has already exceeded its natural limits.

After all, although it was extremely rare, it wasn't impossible for a 'Silver-winged panther king' to reach the early rank 6 from the peak of rank 5 if it chanced upon a fortuitous opportunity. However, reaching the middle of rank 6 was an entirely different matter, as it had already exceeded Little Silver's natural limits.

Of course, if it somehow managed to obtain the beast core of a middle or peak rank 6 magic beast, it would have also been possible for Little Silver to breakthrough that way as well, but the danger of the breakthrough would still have been there no matter what.

Nudging its big head on Shun Long's left arm Little Silver acted like an excited puppy as it looked at him instead of a ferocious middle rank 6 magic beast.

After all, if it wasn't for Shun Long's guqin, even with the energy that was accumulated inside its body after eating so many stalks of rank 5 'Dragonblood grass', it was unknown if Little Silver would have successfully broken through.

Shun Long smiled wryly as he raised his hand and rubbed the top of the black panther's head softly, before he stopped feeding middle-grade spirit stones to the Heaven Swallowing vine at the same time.

After all, it was already time for Jiang Chen, Xie Xingyi, and Bai Longtian to all arrive by now, so Shun Long knew that he had to return back to his room.

In the past nearly 70 days that he had spent cultivating in seclusion, Shun Long had used up more than 60.000 middle-grade spirit stones to condense the 21st ball of qi, as well as purify his previous 20 qi balls and bring them to the same level as the 21st.

Even though he didn't manage to enhance the purity of the qi inside the 18th, 19th and 20th qi balls, he still managed to completely purify the previous ones.

With the enhanced purity of his qi balls, Shun Long was certain that he could now use his 'Thundergod's slash' at least 8 times consecutively before he ran out of qi! At the same time, along with his cultivation increase the power of the Thundergod's slash had also increased, so using a Saint low-grade martial skill 8 times consecutively, even if it was just the first stage of that skill was something unheard of even for middle-stage Nascent Soul cultivators, let alone an early-stage one like Shun Long.

Closing his eyes, Shun Long then imagined himself leaving the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' as he returned back to his room. Opening his eyes barely a moment later, he noticed that just like the last time, he was the only one inside the room.

After changing his sect robes into a set of new ones, he opened the door of the room, only to see Liu Mei sitting with Xie Xingyi in his courtyard chatting joyfully with each other, while Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian were also sitting cross-legged on the ground with their eyes closed.

Although they were in Shun Long's courtyard, as long as Liu Mei wanted to, she could allow anyone to enter while she was inside.

As soon as the door of the room opened everyone turned their attention towards it at the same time, as they saw Shun Long's figure walking towards them.

"Long-ge"

"Brother Long"

Liu Mei's and Xie Xingyi's voices sounded in his ears as they greeted him joyously, while Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian had also opened their eyes at the same time and stood up, as they turned their eyes towards him as well.

It was obvious that all 4 of them were waiting for Shun Long to exit seclusion.

Looking at the members of his faction that had all gathered in his courtyard, a smile appeared on Shun Long's face as he then asked

"Are you all ready?"

Nodding in response, Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian all stood up at the same time, while bouts of excitement filled their hearts.

"Let's go to the Assignment Hall to choose our missions first."

As he finished speaking, Shun Long walked out from his courtyard as he led the way to the Assignment Hall.

Of course, forget about their excited expressions, even Shun Long himself was looking forward to the sect's missions. Although they were just missions that would give sect points and nothing more, Shun Long wasn't planning to spend his entire life inside the Holy sect and he looked forward to these missions instead. After all, as a cultivator, he wanted to explore the entirety of the central region and not stay holed up in this place.

Even though the D-rank personal missions would almost exclusively be contained within the territory that was controlled by the Holy sect, and wouldn't allow any of them to go too far away from those limits, for the 5 of them who had never been in the central region before this was still a completely new place that they could explore.

Half an hour later, Shun Long's group arrived in front of the huge building at the center of the outer court, while his eyes were once again greeted by the 2 eye-catching words that were plated in gold above the building's entrance.

As always, the Assignment Hall was filled with life, as hundreds of outer disciples were coming and going from its entrance at every moment.

Without any hesitation Shun Long then led his group inside the huge building, as they walked directly towards the building's depths, towards the huge, black Mission board in the distance.

Chapter 516: Choosing a D-rank mission

Just like the last time that he and Liu Mei came here, Shun Long saw more than a hundred disciples standing in front of the Mission board looking for missions that they wanted to choose.

Without needing him to say anything, Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian both took a few steps forward at the same time, as they focused their eyes on the huge black board in front of them.

Seeing that Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi had turned their eyes towards him, Shun Long looked at the 2 peerlessly beautiful women who instantly attracted a lot of attention from the disciples around them and said

"Mei'er, Xingyi, don't choose any missions where the enemies are above the early rank 5 of the Nascent Soul."

Although Shun Long was certain that both Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi wouldn't choose any missions that were impossible to complete, he still decided to remind them to be careful about this.

For Xie Xingyi who had already broken through to the early rank 4 of the Nascent Soul and had entered the middle stages of the Nascent Soul, Shun Long knew that it was possible for her to defeat a normal peak rank 4 Nascent Soul stage cultivator that didn't come from a sect without many issues. As for where her limits lied, Shun Long guessed that she could probably defeat an early rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator as well in a head-on fight, albeit with some difficulty.

After all, in the cultivation world, it was common knowledge that cultivators who belonged to sects or powerful clans and families, would almost always be much stronger than other cultivators at the same level as them who had no backing.

The reason behind that was the rare cultivation techniques and martial skills that they could use, that normal cultivators that didn't belong to powerful forces would almost never be able to touch in their lives.

This was also the reason why Dong Ai looked down on Shun Long and Liu Mei for being rogue cultivators.

After all, the difference between a Mystic-grade and a Saint-grade cultivation technique was much more important than one would think.

Just the difference in speed of the absorption of qi between a normal Saint-grade cultivation technique and a Mystic-grade one would make countless cultivators willing to kill for it, as a single Saint low-grade cultivation technique allowed a cultivator to absorb qi 50 percent faster compared to someone who was training in a Mystic high-grade cultivation technique.

This 50 percent increase may not sound like a lot, but it would make an enormous difference if one had to cultivate for 2 years or 3 years in order to breakthrough to the next stage.

And yet, it wasn't just the speed of advancement that made Saint-grade cultivation techniques so valuable.

The purity from the qi that a Saint low-grade cultivation technique allowed a cultivator to absorb was also more than 50 percent purer compared to the qi that a Mystic high-grade technique.

This increase in the purity of the qi may not allow a cultivator to advance faster, but it directly affected their combat strength, making them even stronger.

This was why, every time that a Saint low-grade cultivation technique appeared in an auction or a place that wasn't controlled by a huge power, cultivators who didn't belong to huge powers would do everything they could to get their hands on it.

Of course, even Saint low-grade techniques had their own differences as well.

For example, a Saint low-grade cultivation technique like the Moonlight Sigil that Shun Long had obtained from Cui Guoliang's collection back in the Vermilion realm, was actually at the absolute bottom among Saint low-grade cultivation techniques and would at most be categorized as a Mystic high-grade cultivation technique in the central region.

The reason behind that was both its slow qi absorption speed compared to other Saint low-grade cultivation techniques, as well as a huge flaw that this technique actually had: That whoever trained in it could only practice at night since they had to absorb the moonlight.

As for the Saint middle-grade cultivation technique that Dong Ai obtained from Elder Xuan as her gift, its effects whether it was in the speed of qi absorption or the purity of the qi, were more than 2 times better compared to a Saint low-grade cultivation technique!

This was why Shun Long believed, that someone like Xie Xingyi who belonged to the Xie family and was most likely training in a Saint low-grade cultivation technique, could fight against a weak early rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator who didn't come from a peak power head-on, albeit most likely with a lot of difficulty.

Of course, if by some crazy scenario, Xie Xingyi's opponent was not only cultivating a Saint low-grade cultivation technique but he even knew a Saint low-grade martial skill as well, then forget about an early rank 5 Nascent Soul stage opponent, Xie Xingyi would even have trouble fighting against a peak rank 4 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, even with her unique physique!

After all, even most outer disciples of the Holy sect were at that level as well.

And yet, Shun Long knew that the chances of something like that happening were practically zero.

Additionally, he also knew that Xie Xingyi's real strength didn't lie in head-on fights, but instead in assassinations. Her Vanishing Shadows unique physique was practically the perfect physique for an assassin who wanted to lie in the shadows and wait to strike. If Xie Xingyi really went all-out to assassinate someone, Shun Long couldn't estimate how high her killing potential could reach.

Perhaps even peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivators would die in her hands before they realized what was going on.

However, assassinations were always risky, both for the victim as well as the assassin. In case that an assassination attempt failed, the assassin would then be in a vulnerable spot, and in that case, Xie Xingyi would be the one who would be risking her life.

At the same time, Shun Long's words were also a hint to Liu Mei as well, for her to not try and choose any missions that were impossible either.

Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi both nodded their heads as they looked at him before their eyes started to scan the huge Mission board in front of them.

Smiling slightly Shun Long also did the same, as his gaze focused on the personal D-rank missions while he looked for a suitable one. At that moment, Shun Long's eyes suddenly fell on a single mission that seemed perfect for him to test his current strength

"D-rank personal mission: Kill the peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage slave traders Dai Lim and Dai Hao and destroy their shop in the Yanzhu city.

Reward: 190 sect points."

Chapter 517: Memory recording formation

Shun Long's eyes instantly brightened upon seeing this mission and decided to choose it without any hesitation.

Although fighting against 2 peak rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivators with a cultivation at the early rank 3 of the Nascent Soul may seem impossible for most people, Shun Long didn't think much about it.

After all, when he had just broken through to the early rank 1 of the Nascent Soul, he could actually kill peak rank 3 Nascent Soul stage opponents like the golden-robed young man during the fourth test.

Now that he had broken through to the early rank 3 of the Nascent Soul, even though he had to fight against 2 Nascent Soul cultivators who had already reached the middle stages of the Nascent Soul, he was still confident that he could complete this mission effortlessly unless something unexpected actually happened. At the same time, since he hadn't been able to fight even once ever since he had entered seclusion to advance his cultivation, he was actually itching to stretch his limbs and fight without holding back.

As for the Yazhu city that Shun Long had to travel to, it was actually located on the small map along with the mission's description, showing this city that was less than 2000 miles away from the Holy sect.

After choosing this mission, Shun Long didn't leave just yet, as his eyes kept roaming around the huge black board in front of him, staring at the rest of the D-rank personal missions while looking for a second mission to accept.

A few minutes later, Shun Long's eyes eventually landed on another D-rank mission, as he nodded his head and mumbled to himself

"This will do for now!"

Unlike the previous one, the second mission didn't need Shun Long to fight or kill someone to complete it. Instead, the mission's description was even simpler than that.

"D-rank personal mission: Join merchant Ying Gui's group in the Holy city 3 days from now, and help his caravan reach Yanzhu city successfully.

Reward: 80 sect points."

Seeing that this mission simply required him to act as a bodyguard and help a merchant transport his caravan to Yanzhu city which he was intending to go to in the first place since he had to complete his mission, made Shun Long choose this as his second mission after a moment of thinking.

Turning his gaze towards Liu Mei and the rest, Shun Long noticed that they were all almost finished choosing their own missions as well.

A few minutes later, seeing that everyone had stopped looking at the missions and had now gathered around him, Shun Long nodded his head before he said

"Let's go to the Mission counter."

Shun Long already knew that in the Holy sect, more than one disciple could accept the same mission if they wanted to. After all, all a disciple had to do was report the mission that they chose in the mission counter, and the first one who completed it could claim the rewards.

Thus, the missions on the Mission board always remained there until they were completed.

Queueing up in front of the second busiest counter aside from the Exchange Hall, Shun Long's group had to wait for 20 minutes until it was their turn.

Looking at the young man in front of him who was wearing yellow-colored robes like everyone else working in the Assignment Hall, indicating that he was an outer disciple, Shun Long took out his sect identifying token before he explained which missions he wanted to accept.

The young man behind the counter accepted Shun Long's token, before he asked in a curious voice barely a moment later

"Is this your first time accepting a mission?"

Shun Long nodded his head after hearing this question, while his face had a curious look that he didn't bother to hide.

The young man behind the Mission counter had a good-natured smile as he pointed at Shun Long's token before he explained seriously

"It is obvious that you haven't used your memory recording formation.

Since it's your first time accepting a sect mission, I am obligated to inform you that every time you are completing a mission, regardless of whether it's a personal mission or a faction mission, you must record the entire process of how you completed it through your sect identifying token.

Every single sect identifying token in the sect is embedded with special memory recording formations that you can activate by infusing a small part of your qi inside them.

Of course, this is done to ensure that you didn't receive any external help during the mission and completed it on your own, as well as serve as deterrent so no one can claim a mission without being the one to complete them!"

Although Shun Long had no idea that there was such a formation in his sect identifying token, he didn't mind it that much as he simply cupped his hands and thanked the disciple in front of him.

The thought of using Little Silver or Little Black to complete higher leveled missions hadn't crossed his mind from the beginning, since he was planning to complete everything by himself.

After all, only this way would he truly hone himself as well as become even stronger, since staying in seclusion to cultivate was useless.

If he didn't exercise, he would be unable to bring himself to his full potential and would instead hinder his advancement.

The only 'problem' that this memory recording formation could cause, was exposing his Dao of Time, but after some thought, he realized that there was no reason to be afraid of something like that happening.

The reason why he didn't mind was because Shun Long knew, that unless an Elder of the sect was present right next to him when he used his Dao of Time and sensed it personally, it would be simply impossible for them to realize what Dao he was using.

Even if they had some questions and they would start to get suspicious, Shun Long still wouldn't care and in a worst-case scenario, he would simply look to bullshit his way out of it.

In any case, even the Elders of the sect wouldn't be able to force him to spit out what Dao he has comprehended. After all, as high-leveled experts, even peak Dao Kings wouldn't risk losing face by personally asking a junior which Dao they had comprehended, let alone Dao Emperors.

Chapter 518: Everyone's missions

After cupping his hands and thanking the young man in front of him, Shun Long walked away from the Mission counter while he waited for Liu Mei and the rest to register the missions that they wanted to take.

Although every disciple in the sect could choose any level of mission that they wanted to regardless of their status or cultivation level, even inner disciples couldn't avoid the process of registering which missions they wanted to accept.

Fortunately, his wait wasn't for too long as in just a couple of minutes, everyone else had also registered their missions as well before they turned their attention towards him.

At that moment, the look on Shun Long's face turned serious as he said in a solemn voice

"Remember, that no matter what happens, always place your safety above everything else while you are alone."

Seeing Shun Long speaking solemnly for the first time in a while instead of having his usual non-caring, laidback attitude, made Liu Mei, Jiang Chen, Xie Xingyi and Bai Longtian all nod their heads at the same time.

They all understood what Shun Long meant.

Since this was their first time venturing out alone in the central region they all had to be careful.

Jiang Chen knew this as well, as his father had already told him to not underestimate anyone in the central region regardless of their strength.

Even though he was a genius with an immortal-grade bloodline, Jiang Chen knew that his bloodline had a 3-month cooldown from the day he used it until he could use it again, so that wasn't something that he could count on.

Hell, if it wasn't for the fact that he had to fight against a middle rank 5 Nascent Soul outer disciple while his cultivation was still at the early rank 4 of the Nascent Soul, he wouldn't have used his bloodline in the first place, and would have at most exposed only his Eternal Darkness physique instead.

Seeing that everyone had understood his words, Shun Long simply smiled and said

"Let's go then!"

Turning around, he then walked out of the Assignment Hall, as he led his group towards the entrance of the sect.

While they walked, Shun Long didn't ask any of them about the missions that they had chosen.

He had already seen that Liu Mei had picked 2 personal D-rank missions that required her to hunt down 2 criminals at the middle and the peak of rank 4 of the Nascent Soul respectively, while Xie Xingyi had chosen a mission to act as a bodyguard for a caravan, just like him, as well as an assassination mission to kill a bandit head whose cultivation had reached the early rank 5 of the Nascent Soul!

Missions that asked for protection were extremely popular, as the merchants wouldn't miss a chance to get the powerful disciples of the Holy sect to act as their bodyguards, while many disciples who didn't enjoy putting themselves into danger seemed to like them as well.

As for Xie Xingyi, the reason she chose this mission was the same as Shun Long.

Since the caravan was heading towards the city where the target of her main mission was located, she didn't mind completing this one as well.

As for Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian, their missions were completely different.

Jiang Chen had first chosen a mission that required him to fight against a middle rank 5 Nascent Soul stage evil cultivator, who kidnapped infants and used them to increase his own cultivation stage, while his second mission required him to take care of a small gang in a city, as the gang leader who was at the early rank 5 of the Nascent Soul had already destroyed a small village and raped every single woman while he personally beheaded everyone at the Spirit realm and above.

Of course, although Jiang Chen's first mission required him to fight against a middle rank 5 Nascent Soul stage cultivator, the same as the young woman whom he had to face during the fourth test, Jiang Chen wasn't worried in the slightest even though he was unable to use his bloodline this time.

After all, how could normal cultivators who had to steal and kill to live be compared to the geniuses of the Holy sect who cultivated in Saint low-grade cultivation techniques?!

Even if the young woman he had to fight during the fourth test was one of the 1000 weakest disciples of the sect, she would still be considered a powerful genius in nearly every single city that she was placed within the Holy sect's territory. Otherwise, how could she pass the Holy sect's test in the first place?

As for Bai Longtian, he had simply chosen to join the squad of a group of adventurers and help them hunt a middle rank 5 magic beast, as well as help guard a small sect and protect them from any attacks, while the head of the school attempts her breakthrough to the Nascent Soul stage.

Surprisingly, these 2 missions that he had chosen were ones that almost no other outer disciple wanted to pick.

Especially the last mission, since the location was more than 5 days away from the Holy sect even if Bai Longtian rushed there at full speed, and most outer disciples either didn't want to spend their time guarding a small peak rank 9 Spirit realm cultivator in her breakthrough, or they simply weren't interested in the measly 60 sect points that this mission offered since they would have to spend at least 10 days just to come and go from there.

However, Bai Longtian didn't seem to mind this as he accepted this mission with a face full of joy, making Jiang Chen shoot him a side glance in the process.

Of course, Shun Long had seen all of this but he wouldn't interfere with anyone's mission. Whether Bai Longtian wanted to hunt magic beasts or guard someone during her breakthrough, or even go and hunt down gang heads like Jiang Chen, that was completely up to him.

Although his personality seemed to be an amiable, easy-going one in the first place, Bai Longtian's choice of hunting a middle rank 5 magic beast showed that he still intended to train himself during these days that they were going to leave the sect.

The 5 of them kept walking, and 45 minutes later, they arrived in front of the familiar wooden gates that they had passed through the first time, when they entered the sect.

Chapter 519: Splitting up

It seemed that the gates of the Holy sect were wide-open, allowing anyone to pass through at will.

Unlike the 'Floating Cloud sect', Shun Long realized that the Holy sect didn't try to restrict any disciple's freedom.

If someone wanted to leave, the sect wasn't going to beg that person to stay.

Of course, no one was dumb enough to even think of leaving the sect in the first place. Putting aside the protection and the status that the sect offered to all of its disciples, just the fact that they could obtain complete Saint-grade cultivation techniques and martial skills, as well as countless other things that one would be unable to find outside of the sect while they could simply obtain them using their own sect points, was enough to make those disciples stay in the sect and even fight against anyone who tried to kick them out.

It was common knowledge that the Holy sect was practically the overlord of the region that they governed, so why would those disciples want to stop hugging such a strong thigh in the first place?

And yet, obtaining average Saint low-grade cultivation techniques and martial skills was only something that the weaker outer disciples looked forward to, as the stronger disciples who belonged in the powerful factions of the outer court had already set their eyes towards the rewards that they could obtain through the faction wars.

After all, every single disciple with even a little bit of strength and who had already reached the rank 6 of the Nascent Soul, would always set their eyes towards the bountiful rewards of the top ranks in the faction wars that would make anyone's gaze drip with envy.

The faction wars was the ultimate competition among outer disciples in the Holy sect, its intense only being matched by the top fights of the Martial Roll of Honor!

The reason why Shun Long had decided for them to venture out of the sect right now, was precisely for them to become stronger and complete a few missions for themselves before they started completing faction missions, making their factions eligible to participate in the faction wars as well.

Of course, even if he could, Shun Long wouldn't join the faction wars right now anyway, since he knew that the strength of his faction wasn't enough to compete even with any factions at the middle of the pack, let alone those at the top 100 faction rankings.

At best, Shun Long knew that they would be able to win against the weakest factions at the very bottom of the sect, and even that would probably be a stretch.

Stepping through the gates, Shun Long's group soon arrived in front of the sect's gates, where the same 2 white-robed Elders as the last time were standing guard as well.

The Elders were standing there with their eyes closed and they didn't seem to care about Shun Long's group or the other 3 groups like Shun Long's that were entering and leaving the Holy sect.

Standing in front of the enormous palace gates of the Holy sect at the top of the mountain, Shun Long gazed at the enormous city at the foot of the mountain that could barely be seen from their current location.

A few moments later, he turned around and looked at Liu Mei and the rest before he said seriously "Let's split up. We will meet each other again here 1 month from now."

Seeing that Shun Long didn't say any fancy words and simply relayed that they should meet each other again in front of the Holy sect's gates 30 days later made Jiang Chen the first one to respond, as he nodded his head while he looked at him and said with a serious look in his eyes

"Alright. Just remember that it doesn't matter what Dao you have comprehended as you are not invincible either. You can't die before I go to the Immortal Dimension so make sure to take care of yourself."

Without saying another word, Jiang Chen didn't even look at Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi or Bai Longtian. and after staring intently at Shun Long's eyes for a few moments, a pair of pitch-black wings sprouted from his back as he flew towards the north without any hesitation.

A smile was formed on Shun Long's face as he saw Jiang Chen's disappearing figure, while he understood that the words that he had simply said just now were a warning for Shun Long to take care of himself properly.

Indeed, it didn't matter if he had comprehended the Dao of Time, the Dao of Space, or even if he was a disciple of the Holy sect, Jiang Chen was still right. Even with his Monarch's Eternal body, Shun Long wasn't invincible!

Bai Longtian was the next one to move as he looked at Shun Long and smiled good-naturedly before he said

"Brother Long, like senior brother Jiang said make sure to take care of yourself as well."

Turning his eyes towards Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi he then continued

"Sister Mei, sister Xingyi, you should take care as well. I will see you all in 1 month from now. I hope that all of us will be stronger by then as well! Good luck!"

After throwing one last look at Jiang Chen's figure that had almost disappeared on the horizon, Bai Longtian smiled even further while a look filled with fighting intent appeared in his eyes, before he actually flew towards the west.

Seeing that there were just the 3 of them left, the stunning golden-haired beauty felt her face heat up as she stared at Shun Long, while even her ears had started to turn red, as she lowered her head and said gently

"Brother Long, I will see you in 1 month. Take care of yourself as well! Sister Mei... you take care as well!"

Without waiting for a response, Xie Xingyi then soared into the sky with a red face, as she actually headed towards the southwest.

Seeing that there were just the 2 of them left, Liu Mei walked up to Shun Long and hugged him gently, almost as if she was trying to take in the warmth of his body and integrate it into her own before she planted a kiss filled with love and affection on his face and said

"Long-ge, I will see you in 1 month."

Chapter 520: Splitting up (2)

Liu Mei didn't tell Shun Long to take care of himself, and simply said these simple words before she hugged him even tighter than before.

This was the second time that she and Shun Long were going to split with each other, but Liu Mei understood that this was something that couldn't be avoided. At the same time, although she didn't like being split away from Shun Long, she knew that this was also a chance for her to advance her cultivation as well using her Blood Absorption art.

Nodding his head, Shun Long placed his hands around Liu Mei's waist and held her tightly as well, only letting her go a full minute later.

Looking at Liu Mei's enchanting black eyes that seemed to be able to capture the soul of every man and woman alike, he simply smiled before he said

"Mei'er, don't worry, I will be waiting for you here 1 month from now."

A dazzling smile broke out on Liu Mei's face when she heard this, and with these thoughts in mind she didn't delay any longer, as she rose to the sky and flew towards the east.

Shun Long's lips curved up as he stared at Liu Mei's disappearing figure before he actually started to fly towards the east as well barely a moment later, instead of heading towards the Holy city that was located directly below the Holy sect, at the foot of the Holy mountain.

After opening up a distance of more than 20 miles between himself and the Holy mountain, Shun Long turned his eyes towards Liu Mei's figure that was still visible in the distance ahead of him and waved his hand, as the figure of a black panther that was more than 4 meters(13ft) tall appeared in front of him.

Patting Little Silver's head gently, Shun Long sent a mental command to the black panther in front of him who immediately turned its attention towards Liu Mei in the distance ahead of it.

After whimpering for a few moments, almost as if it was saying that Shun Long shouldn't attract too much trouble while he was by himself, Little Silver flapped its silver wings, chasing after Liu Mei who was going to disappear from his eyes in the next few moments.

Shun Long stared at Little Silver's figure that flew forward like a bolt of black and silver lightning as it tore through the sky, while he heaved out a sigh of relief.

Of course, the reason why Shun Long sent Little Silver to follow after Liu Mei, was to make sure that Liu Mei would stay alive even if she somehow ended up attracting more trouble than she normally would.

No matter what, Liu Mei was too important to Shun Long for him to gamble with her life and let her roam around the central region completely unprotected.

At the same time, Shun Long knew that sending Little Silver to protect her in the shadows was even better than sending Little Black.

As a 'Silver-winged panther king', Little Silver was innately used to lying in the shadows and hunting for prey. Thus, protecting Liu Mei secretly until her life was really about to be taken away was the best form of protection that Shun Long could offer her.

After all, despite the difference in their strength between Little Black and Little Silver, Shun Long knew that it was impossible for Little Black to stay lowkey even if Shun Long asked the black dragon to protect Liu Mei.

The moment that someone heard of the existence of a living black dragon, it was likely that all hell would break loose in the entire Holy sect, and perhaps in the surrounding territories as well!

Besides, although Little Black had started to warm up to Liu Mei in the past 3 years, Shun Long knew that it was impossible for the black dragon to act as a bodyguard for anyone else other than him.

However, it didn't matter too much since Shun Long knew that he couldn't expose Little Black's existence in the first place. Besides, although Little Silver had the strength of a newly advanced middle rank 6 magic beast, Shun Long knew that even middle-stage Dao Kings wouldn't be able to fight against it head-on.

Unless Liu Mei really offended a crazy peak-stage Dao King who didn't care about anything, there was practically no one and nothing that would be able to harm her, especially considering that she was a personal disciple of an inner court Elder of the Holy sect.

Of course, Shun Long didn't tell Liu Mei about it because he was certain that she would refuse if she knew about him sending Little Silver to protect her.

Since Little Black was still asleep, Liu Mei wouldn't accept Shun Long not having anyone to protect him just so that she would stay safe by herself.

As for the reason why Shun Long had to fly for more than 10 miles away from the Holy mountain before he let out Little Silver from the Stone of Time', it was because he was still wary of the 2 white-robed Dao Kings who were standing guard in front of the Holy sect's gates.

As peak-stage Dao Kings, the 2 Elders would definitely be alerted if a middle rank 6 magic beast appeared in front of their eyes out of nowhere.

At the same time, although Shun Long knew that the soul sense of a peak stage Dao King could easily cover an area of 10 miles around them, it was impossible for anyone to keep their soul sense active at all times.

Using the soul sense to spread it around one's body was extremely tiring and consuming towards one's spiritual strength and wasn't something that anyone could keep doing for long durations of time after all. Especially if one had to cover large areas and observe everything that happened.

So the 2 Elders would only pay attention to anyone who approached the Holy sect's gates and wouldn't give a damn about the rest.

Finally, after Liu Mei's and Little Silver's figures completely disappeared from his eyes, Shun Long turned around and cast his gaze back at the Holy mountain, before his eyes were focused on the enormous city at the Holy mountain's foot.

With a look of curiosity as well as excitement in his eyes, Shun Long didn't hesitate as he flew straight towards the famous Holy city at the foot of the mountain.