

Time 581

Chapter 581: A terrifying new faction

"Changming... are you certain about this?"

Elder Zhi's voice had turned slightly hoarse as he asked this question, while his eyes stared at the yellow-robed young man in front of him intently while he waited for confirmation.

Nodding his head, Liao Changming looked at Elder Zhi with a serious look in his eyes that failed to completely hide his fear, before he said

"Master, I am certain!

The first of them is Shun Long's wife. Her name is Liu Mei and she came from the Night star continent just like him. Apparently, she is someone who has managed to comprehend the Dao of Death, and a little more than a month ago, she was even accepted by Elder Xuan Jiao as a personal disciple! Although I don't know the specifics and neither did I dare to pry too much, I have heard that Elder Xuan is dotting on this new disciple of hers very much!"

"Elder Xuan Jiao from the inner court..."

Elder Zhi slowly slumped back to his chair when he heard the name of this terrifying Elder who instilled fear in everyone's heart. Even though both of them were Elders of the Holy sect, the difference in status between an outer court Elder and an inner court one was extremely big. It was even bigger than the difference between an outer court disciple and an inner court one.

This was even more so for an inner court Elder like Elder Xuan, whose status was even above most other inner court Elders like Elder Cao Ling, the white-robed Dao Emperor with the unkempt appearance who was present during the fourth test of the Holy sect and watched Shun Long and the rest.

If such an Elder was dotting on her new disciple, wouldn't Elder Zhi directly offend her by messing with her disciple's Dao partner?

Even if Elder Xuan didn't take any measures against him, Elder Zhi knew that it would be akin to him sitting on pins and needles if an inner court Elder had suddenly targetted him!

"No, perhaps it's still possible to do it. No matter what, he is still nothing more than a new outer court disciple!"

Elder Zhi tried to console himself as he looked at the young man who was still kneeling in front of him as he waited for him to finish explaining what else he had found out.

Unfortunately, this was only the beginning, as Liao Changming continued a few moments later, his every word mercilessly crushing Elder Zhi's hopes

"The second person from his faction is another beauty named Xie Xingyi. Apparently, she came from the Night star continent just like Shun Long and Liu Mei, and just like Liu Mei, she was also accepted as a personal disciple from an inner court Elder.

I heard that it is the Elder responsible for the Refinement Hall in the inner court, Elder Mao Jing who has accepted her as a personal disciple! That girl is rumored to have an extremely rare unique

physique, the 'Vanishing Shadows unique physique', which was why Elder Mao Jing took her as her disciple!"

It looked like Liao Changming hadn't noticed the shock in Elder Zhi's eyes that could no longer be hidden nor his pale face that was now as white as a sheet of paper, as the yellow-robed young man didn't stop speaking, his voice being the only thing that resounded inside Elder Zhi's private room.

"The third one is a kid named Bai Longtian who has comprehended the Dao of Light, and just like the other 3-

"Don't tell me that he came from the Night star continent as well!"

Elder Zhi finally interrupted him as he refused to believe that everyone in Shun Long's faction came from the Night star continent as well!

Just what kind of shit continent was the Night star continent?

In so many years, it hadn't produced even a handful of passable disciples, making the Elder even forget the name of the continent altogether, and yet in just a single batch, 3 people had managed to enter the sect and 2 of them had even become personal disciples of inner court Elders, and now there could even be another one?

Unfortunately for Elder Zhi, Liao Changming seemed to have turned as dense as a block of wood today, as he had been completely overwhelmed from the fear of the background of everyone in Shun Long's faction that he even failed to notice the shock and fear in his master's eyes.

Naturally, his master was an outer court Elder of the Holy sect so why would he be afraid of a few outer court disciples?

This was the thought inside Liao Changming's head that managed to calm him down, as the yellow-robed young man nodded his head without any hesitation before he answered

"Master is right! That kid is from the 'Night star continent as well. Apparently, not only has he comprehended the Dao of Light, but in the fourth test to enter the sect, he even revealed that he has comprehended the Dao of the Buddha!

It seems that Elder He Kun has personally accepted him as a personal disciple as well, making his status the same as Liu Mei's and Xie Xingyi's."

"Elder He Kun? What the hell is going on with every single one of those monsters? Isn't that old man He Kun from the same generation as the chief of the inner court Elders, Elder Sun Wen? I thought he wouldn't be accepting any more disciples in his life!"

Unfortunately, Liao Changming didn't give Elder Zhi any more time to daydream, as he took a deep breath and continued with a serious look in his eyes.

"As for the last person, his name is Jiang Chen. Master, for some reason, I couldn't find anything about him, not even which continent he came from.

I am not sure how that's even possible, but I did find out, that during the fourth test of the sect he actually revealed his bloodline.

In the end... he is the same as Shun Long... a monster with an immortal-grade bloodline!"

Chapter 582: I am awake

Elder Zhi's heart started to beat wildly as he stared at the yellow-robed young man in front of him, with a look of realization, as well as horror in his eyes.

As soon as he raised his head, Liao Changming was stunned when he saw the look of fear in his master's eyes.

Elder Zhi didn't even question how there was another monster with an immortal-grade bloodline in Shun Long's faction as he asked in a natural, but slightly trembling voice

"Which Elder has accepted him as a disciple?"

Naturally, for a monster with an immortal-grade bloodline, it was only natural that the inner court Elders would fight to accept him as their disciple.

Although Elder Zhi didn't know why the Elders of the Holy sect hadn't turned their eyes towards Shun Long yet, and even though Liao Changming's investigation hadn't given him an answer about this either, this Elder of the Administration Hall who had been hoping to take care of Shun Long before he was noticed by the Elders now realized that it was all a fool's dream!

He had been extremely naive from the beginning!

If Shun Long's faction had 4 members, all of whom were personal disciples of the inner court Elders, how could the inner court Elders possibly not have noticed Shun Long already?

"Something is definitely going on! I can't get involved in this matter any longer!"

As this thought appeared in his mind, Elder Zhi looked at Liao Changming who nodded his head before he answered in a respectful tone

"Master, it's Elder Yao XueDong. He is the one who accepted him as his personal disciple!"

Nodding his head, Elder Zhi looked at his disciple who was kneeling in front of him, and without asking any further questions, he said in a serious tone that brought chills down Liao Changming's heart

"Changming, you will stop any further investigations regarding that kid and the people in his faction at once! If I find out that you keep doing that, you will receive punishment from me personally!"

Elder Zhi's cold voice and his sudden order made Liao Changming shiver in fear, as he lowered his head even further and said

"Yes, master!"

Although that was what Liao Changming had said on the outside, he was actually grumbling inwardly that his master was so unreasonable.

He was the one who ordered him to investigate everything, and yet now he acted like it was all Liao Changming's idea?

Unfortunately, Liao Changming didn't dare to say anything, as he simply nodded his head before he left his master's room.

Standing all by himself inside the empty room, Elder Zhi first took out a deep breath to finally calm himself down, before he waved his hand, taking out a small black-colored crystal ball from his spatial ring.

After staring at the crystal ball in silence for a few moments he placed his hand on top of the ball's surface, before the voice of an old man sounded from the ball barely a few moments later, as it reverberated throughout the silent room

"Zhi Xiuying, what took you so long, you old fart? Do you finally have any news for me?"

"Yan Gong... I suggest you give up. Things have gone beyond your control already."

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At the same time that this conversation was taking place in Elder Zhi's room, in a private room inside a luxurious inn at the heart of the Holy city, Shun Long who had already entered the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' had no idea that 2 peak Dao Kings were discussing about him, as he kept cultivating with his eyes closed while the 'Heaven Swallowing vine' continued to fill the air around him with pure qi.

In the blink of an eye, 2 weeks had gone by as Shun Long finally opened his eyes.

A mountain of middle-grade spirit stones had covered his surroundings, but most of them seemed to have lost their luster and were just a few moments away from turning into dust.

Raising his head, Shun Long saw the 27 balls of qi that were floating above his head, all of them emitting the same light.

In the past 2 weeks, Shun Long had used more than 130.000 middle-grade spirit stones to reach the peak of rank 3 in the Nascent Soul, and fully purify every single one of his qi balls, bringing them all at the same level as the 27th qi ball.

Since today marked the end of the 1-month period where everyone had to complete their faction missions and meet up in front of the Holy sect's entrance, Shun Long stopped cultivating and stood up from his usual seat, before he closed his eyes and imagined himself leaving the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

At that moment however, before he could actually return to his room inside the inn, Shun Long felt the air inside the foggy space suddenly turn heavy and stifling as a terrifying aura erupted from behind him.

This aura that was filled with endless majesty and bloodlust was much more powerful than anything that Shun Long had ever felt so far, and yet, it only caused a huge smile to break on his face, as Shun Long turned around and stared at the scene behind him.

At the same time that Shun Long turned around, Little Black's eyes that had remained closed for more than 2 years suddenly opened, causing the powerful, chaotic aura that was coming from his body to become even more intense!

The air inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' turned even heavier, but Shun Long didn't seem to feel the slightest bits of pressure from this, as he stared at the black dragon in front of him with a relieved smile on his face.

This feeling only lasted for a single moment before the aura coming from Little Black's body instantly calmed down, causing the entire foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' to return to normal.

Staring at Shun Long with his bright blue eyes that seemed to hold a myriad of emotions inside them, Little Black's spoke a moment later, his voice sounding directly inside Shun Long's mind

"Master, I am awake!"

Chapter 583: Little Black waking up

Little Black stretched his head covering Shun Long's body with it, before he asked in a curious tone

"Master, how long have I been sleeping for?"

"A little more than 2 years."

Patting Little Black's head, Shun Long answered with a smile on his face, obviously having missed his dragon's company during this time.

Little Black stayed silent for a moment when he heard this, as he knew that the 2 years that Shun Long mentioned, only counted for the years spent in the outside world.

Since he had stayed inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' during this time, Little Black understood that he had spent more than 20 years asleep.

Naturally, for a magic beast like a dragon who could sleep for thousands of years without the need to wake up, sleeping for 20 years was nothing.

But for Little Black, things were completely different.

He knew that every time that he fell asleep to advance his strength, he would be unable to wake up and help Shun Long if he really needed it.

Little Black also knew that after the first 2 years had gone by, Shun Long would participate in the Holy sect's test.

Although Little Black didn't know what the Holy sect's tests entailed, he understood that even though Shun Long's cultivation had yet to reach the Nascent Soul stage back then, he would certainly attract a lot of attention during the test.

"Master's talents are definitely not something that people from this mortal world can compare with. Even the biggest geniuses from the Immortal Dimension wouldn't dare to compare themselves with master if they were sent in this place without any immortal-grade spirit stones."

As this thought appeared in Little Black mind, the enormous black dragon first looked around him, and surprised that he didn't find Little Silver in this place, he looked at Shun Long with a curious look in his eyes and asked

"Master, can you tell me what happened while I was asleep?"

Since Little Black had guessed that Shun Long had already entered the Holy sect, he wanted to know what Shun Long had experienced during this time.

Nodding his head, Shun Long sat back down on his seat before he started to narrate everything that he had experienced ever since Little Black had fallen asleep to absorb the Dragonstone, from his experience inside the 'Ten-thousand beasts' mountain range' with Liu Mei, to him entering the Holy sect and revealing his dragonic bloodline and forming his own faction.

He also told Little Black about Jiang Chen and his immortal-grade bloodline that came from the 'Demonic Crow of Darkness', as well as his background and the background of his mother, both of whom came from the Yu family of the 'Eternal Darkness world'.

Naturally, he also mentioned Xie Xingyi and Bai Longtian, without missing even the slightest details.

From Liu Mei and the rest of his faction members accepting the inner court Elders of the Holy sect as their masters, to the missions that he had accepted during this time, and even mentioning the Dao Tower at the heart of the Holy city, Shun Long told Little Black who kept listening quietly.

Shun Long didn't even skip the hostility that Sheng Huang had showed him after they had entered the sect, causing the black dragon to narrow his eyes dangerously.

"A brat from that Shengtian dynasty? The next time that we return back to the Desolate East, I will completely eradicate that dynasty then!"

Little Black's words didn't have the slightest hints of mercy inside them, as he mentioned destroying a dynasty that had stood for almost a hundred thousand years like it was the most trivial thing, one that didn't even need any further thought.

Shun Long however simply smiled, as he understood that Little Black was definitely strong enough to say something like that.

Before absorbing the dragonstone, Shun Long knew that Little Black was still at the middle of rank 6, but from the aura coming from his body now, it was obvious that he had definitely exceeded the rank 6 already.

Even if he was at the peak of rank 6, Shun Long guessed that Little Black would still be strong enough to fight against early-stage Dao Emperors without any problem.

Peak Dao Kings like the old king of the Shengtian dynasty, Sheng Jun, and even the hall master of the Demon Emperor Palace, Duan Zhu could no longer be mentioned in the same breath as Little Black!

But now that he had broken through to the rank 7, Little Black was at the same level as a Dao Emperor, the same level as the inner court Elders of the Holy sect!

A Dao Emperor could control an entire continent by himself, holding billions of life in his hands. It wasn't something that peak Dao Kings like the Dao King from the Shengtian dynasty could compare themselves with!

With a deep look in his eyes, Little Black ignored a 'worm' like Sheng Jun, and staring at Shun Long he then said in a serious voice

"Master, although I have never gone to the 'Eternal Darkness world' with master in the past, for a family to possess the bloodline of a mythic-rank magic beast like the 'Demonic Crow of Darkness' and still remain standing without being destroyed, even if their strength isn't anywhere close to the peak of the Immortal Dimension, they are definitely not going to be weak either."

"Mythic-rank magic beast?"

Shun Long nodded his head when he heard Little Black's warning to not take them lightly, as he already knew that the Yu family wasn't going to be easy to fight against.

However, what surprised Shun Long was the words 'Mythic-rank magic beast'.

Even though he clearly knew that the 'Demonic Crow of Darkness' belonged to the upper spectrum of the stronger magic beasts in the 'Immortal Dimension', even in the Holy sect, Shun Long had never heard of such a classification of magic beast ranks.

Nodding his head, Little Black then started to explain

"In the Immortal Dimension, magic beasts are split into different categories depending on their strength and how rare they are.

The lowest are the 'common' rank, followed by the 'rare' rank and then the 'elite' rank magic beasts.

However, in this mortal world that master is right now, there are probably only 'common' rank magic beasts and even 'rare' rank magic beasts are extremely difficult to find. As for 'elite' rank ones, I don't think that there will be any in this place.

After the 'elite rank' is the 'mythic' rank, and finally the 'legendary' rank.

The magic beasts that stand at the peak of the 'legendary rank' are even called Kings of magic beasts.

As for the 'Demonic Crow of Darkness' that the Yu family has taken their bloodline from, it is a powerful 'Mythic rank' magic beast."

Chapter 584: Little Black waking up (2)

Little Black knew that Shun Long had yet to fully regain his memories, so he knew that he had to explain the ranks of magic beasts in the 'Immortal Dimension'.

"Although the 'Demonic Crow of Darkness' doesn't stand at the peak of the 'Mythic rank', it is still among the 15 strongest 'Mythic rank magic beasts'! That Yu family is definitely extremely lucky to be able to obtain its bloodline like that!"

After pausing for a moment, Little Black then continued

"Of course, it doesn't matter if it's a 'Mythic rank' or even a 'Legendary rank' magic beast. In front of master, all of them will be able to only bow their heads in the end!"

Shun Long simply smiled as he patted Little Black's head, before he said a moment later

"Little Black, there is a problem with Mei'er's undead creatures. After breaking through to the Nascent Soul stage, her undead creatures have started to develop their own consciousness and they are no longer the soulless beings that they were before.

Even though they are now stronger than they were in the past after they developed their own consciousness, they are also more dangerous as well, since Mei'er has to use her soul sense to suppress them during a fight.

According to the words that Mei'er's grandmaster left behind, a cultivator of the Dao of Death shouldn't treat their undead creatures as tools but rather see them as living beings, and use their soul sense to completely suppress the killing intent and all the negative emotions that they emit before a fight."

Little Black instantly understood what Shun Long was trying to say, and after staying silent for a while, almost as if he was recalling something, he finally shook his massive dragon head a few seconds later as he looked at Shun Long with his bright blue eyes before he answered

"Master... that is both wrong and right at the same time.

Master must have already realized by now that the Dao of Death is one of the most terrifying Daos in existence, both for those who have comprehended it as well as their enemies.

As soon as a cultivator who has comprehended the Dao of Death breaks through to the Nascent Soul stage, her undead creatures will naturally develop their own soul too as they become stronger!

Of course, since they are undead creatures that are summoned directly from the Death Abyss, they would never have any positive emotions, and instead, they will be filled with malice, killing intent, hunger, and countless other negative emotions.

This isn't something that can be avoided by any cultivator who has comprehended the Dao of Death, since this is a trait that comes from the depths of the souls of every undead creature.

It's a risk that every cultivator who has comprehended this Dao must take care of by themselves.

However, according to that family from the Immortal Dimension, it is wrong for a cultivator who has comprehended the Dao of Death to use their soul sense and completely suppress their undead creatures or treat them like an army.

After breaking through to the Nascent Soul stage, you should allow your undead creatures to fully fight, using all their evilness and malice without holding back and only suppress the killing intent that they have towards you and those around you.

Only when they fight at their full strength without being suppressed, will the creatures from the Death Abyss be at their strongest."

Shun Long's eyes widened slightly when he heard this, but a moment later he quickly understood that Elder Xuan hadn't lied to Liu Mei, but it was simply her master's insights in the Dao of Death that couldn't compare to the those from a top family of the Immortal Dimension.

Although it seemed like a small detail, to either have Liu Mei completely suppress the killing intent from her undead creatures during her fights, or simply suppress it when it was targeted towards herself, Shun Long understood that the difference was massive for Liu Mei.

After chatting with Little Black for 2 more hours, Shun Long finally stood up from his seat and closed his eyes, as he imagined himself leaving the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time' and return back to his room.

It was time for him to return back to the Holy sect and meet up with Liu Mei and the others, before they left for the 'Blue star continent' in the 'Northern region' to complete the C-rank mission.

Shun Long knew that as long as they managed to complete the mission, their faction would automatically become eligible to join the faction wars inside the Holy sect!

At the same time, Little Black had an overjoyed expression when he heard that Shun Long had unlocked another part of his memories after breaking through to the Nascent Soul a few moments ago.

Leaving the inn, Shun Long flew past the Holy city's gates, but this time, he didn't head towards the peak of the Holy mountain.

Instead, he flew towards the opposite direction of the Holy sect, and less than a minute later, he had already arrived high above the clouds where a black panther with silver wings lazing around in the sky.

The moment that it sensed Shun Long's presence, Little Silver immediately stood up from the cloud he was lying on and flew towards Shun Long without any hesitation.

After greeting Little Silver whom he hadn't seen for the last 2 months, Shun Long patted the panther's head warmly and placed him inside the 'Stone of Time', before he flew straight towards the Holy sect a few moments later.

As soon as he arrived at the peak of the Holy mountain, Shun Long's eyes instantly landed on a group of 4 young men and women who were standing a few meters away from the Holy sect's entrance, as his lips slowly curved up into a smile.

Almost as if they sensed Shun Long's presence, Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi who were chatting together, as well as Jiang Chen who was standing with his eyes closed and Bai Longtian who had his usual warm smile on his face, all turned their eyes towards him at the same time!

Chapter 585: Climbing the highest

With the same smile on his face, Shun Long looked at Liu Mei who was the first one to approach him as she hugged him gently, before he turned his attention towards Xie Xingyi who was staring at him with a blush on her face, as well as Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian who were standing a few meters away from each other as he then asked

"How did everyone's missions go?"

"Brother Shun, no one of us faced any problems. Everyone finished their missions within the first 2 weeks before we visited the Dao Tower in the Holy city."

Bai Longtian was the first one to answer, as he took out a deep-red colored token from his spatial ring and showed it to Shun Long.

Jiang Chen nodded his head in agreement after hearing Bai Longtian's words, as he and Liu Mei, as well as Xie Xingyi, all took out their own tokens from their spatial rings.

Jiang Chen didn't even glance at the red-colored token in Bai Longtian's hand, but the moment his eyes landed on Liu Mei's and Xie Xingyi's purple tokens, he suddenly froze on the spot.

His own token was indeed a purple token, but he had just entered the purple-rank in the Dao Tower, while it was obvious that both Xingyi's and Liu Mei's tokens were a much deeper purple color than his.

Bai Longtian smiled warmly the moment that he looked at Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi's tokens, before he congratulated them without holding back

"Sister Mei, sister Xingyi, congratulations. It looks like brother Jiang and I are no match for you in terms of our Dao comprehension right now."

Bai Longtian wasn't being humble when he said this, while even Jiang Chen ended up nodding his head in agreement with a serious look on his face.

It was obvious that although Bai Longtian's token was a deep red color that was only a few steps away from entering the purple rank, while Jiang Chen's token had already entered the purple rank

instead, Xie Xingyi's and Liu Mei's tokens were already a much deeper shade of purple compared to theirs.

This was even more so for Liu Mei's token that made even Shun Long's eyes widen in response, as her 'Dao Tower' token was almost identical to his own.

This meant that Liu Mei's comprehension of her Dao of Death had already reached the peak of the Nascent Soul stage already.

As for Xie Xingyi's token, although its purple color wasn't as deep as Liu Mei's Shun Long guessed that she was just a step away from her Dao of Shadows reaching the peak of the Nascent Soul stage.

Of course, this was only in terms of their Dao comprehension.

It was unknown just yet which one of the 4 of them would be stronger if they fought with each other, since everyone had their own strengths.

Liu Mei's Dao of Death was extremely terrifying, but the same could be said about Xie Xingyi and her Dao of Shadows, as well as her 'Vanishing Shadows unique physique'!

However, although Bai Longtian's and Jiang Chen's dao comprehension seemed to be slightly inferior to the 2 girls at this moment, this didn't necessarily mean that the 2 of them were weaker than Xie Xingyi and Liu Mei, since they both had comprehended more than 1 Dao instead, and Jiang Chen's 'Eternal Darkness physique' as well as Bai Longtian's 'Golden Buddha unique physique' weren't inferior to Xie Xingyi's physique.

If anything, in terms of pure combat ability, their physique was even stronger than Xingyi's, since her Vanishing Shadows unique physique was more suited towards concealment, speed, survivability as well as surprise attacks, while Bai Longtian's and Jiang Chen's physiques were used to fight their opponents head-on.

Of course, it would be dumb for a natural assassin like Xingyi to fight her opponents head-on.

Killing your opponents with one swift strike was always the best choice for her, making her unique physique the best natural augmentation for her abilities!

Xie Xingyi and Liu Mei both smiled warmly at Bai Longtian and Jiang Chen who didn't conceal their fighting intent in their eyes.

Originally, the 2 of them were only looking at each other as their own rivals, while in their minds Liu Mei and Xie Xingyi were Shun Long's women.

Even if Shun Long had yet to 'seal the deal' with Xingyi, based on the interest that Xingyi had shown so far and the fact that she was good friends with Liu Mei and that Shun Long didn't seem to dislike her, in their eyes, it was only a matter of time before she became his woman.

However, after seeing themselves being left behind in their challenge in the Dao Tower, they both stared at the 2 girls with serious looks filled with fighting intent.

This was even more so after Jiang Chen, Bai Longtian, and even Xie Xingyi all remembered? Liu Mei's words before they had split up to complete their faction missions!

'I will see you guys in 1 month. Hehe, let's take a look at the Dao Tower that Long-ge mentioned and see which of us can climb the highest.'

Even Shun Long felt some excitement when he felt the competitive spirit in the air around him, before he smiled and said a moment later

"Let's go to the Beast Tamer hall and rent a flying magic beast to get us to the 'Blue star continent' in the Northern region then."

Liu Mei and the rest all turned their eyes towards Shun Long with both eager and excited, but also serious looks in their eyes.

This would be the first faction mission that they would be completing together, but it was still a C-rank faction mission nonetheless.

Although every one of them had completed a D-rank mission successfully by themselves, C-rank faction missions were an entirely different matter altogether!

The difficulty between each mission rank was more than a single level, making D-rank and C-rank missions simply incomparable to each other.

This was even more so for a mission at the top of the C-rank, where there was even an early stage Dao King that was possibly involved in this.

Chapter 586: Beast Tamer Hall

With a deep look in his eyes, Shun Long led Jiang Chen and the rest past the Holy sect's gates, as he started to look for the Beast Tamer hall's location.

Although Shun Long knew that he could save some of his sect points if he had Little Silver carry them all to the Northern region, he wasn't planning on exposing Little Silver's existence just yet.

Thus, he preferred to rent a flying magic beast from the Beast Tamer hall directly, and have it carry them all the way to the 'Blue star continent' in the Northern region instead.

After walking for more than an hour, Shun Long finally arrived in front of a large building with the words 'Beast Tamer hall' right above its entrance.

Even before he entered the building, Shun Long could clearly hear the occasional roars of magic beasts that sounded from the inside, before he led Liu Mei and the rest past the building's entrance.

After he entered inside, Shun Long found himself inside a large lobby with 20 other outer disciples, all of them waiting in front of the reception.

Behind the reception counter Shun Long saw 5 wooden doors, while each door was guarded by at least one outer disciple that had reached the early rank 7 of the Nascent Soul.

"So this is the Beast Tamer hall?"

Xie Xingyi mumbled in a low voice as her stunning green eyes took in the details of this spacious room and the disciples queueing up in front of the reception counter.

Shun Long and the rest joined the queue for a few minutes, before their turn arrived sometime later

"Hello, how can I help you?" The yellow-robed young woman behind the counter asked with a smile on her face.

"I want a flying magic beast to take us to the 'Blue star continent' in the Northern region." Shun Long voiced his request without any hesitation, as his eyes landed on the 5 wooden doors behind the reception counter.

He had already seen the disciples before him enter those doors after talking to the 2 girls in the reception counter, so he easily guessed that the magic beasts were all behind the doors.

"Please follow me!" The young woman nodded her head and guided Shun Long towards the third door right behind the reception counter.

The disciple that was guarding the door naturally didn't stop them, as the yellow-robed young woman opened the door and gestured for Shun Long and the rest to enter inside.

As soon as he walked past the door, Shun Long saw an enormous garden that seemed to span for more than 10 miles, with tens of flying magic beasts either sitting around in their nests, or flying around in the sky.

"This is the place where our Beast Tamer hall keeps the flying magic beasts. Unlike those magic beasts that live in the water or the land-based magic beasts who can live in any environment, we keep the flying magic beasts in this open space so they can enjoy some freedom.

Naturally, our beast tamers have made sure that each one of them are docile and won't try to escape, so there is nothing to worry about."

The yellow-robed young woman could guess that it was Shun Long's and the rest's first time coming to the Beast Tamer hall, so she explained things with a smile on her face.

"Is there a specific magic beast that you want to choose? Since you want to get to the 'Blue star continent' in the Northern region, I suggest that you pick a peak rank 5 flying magic beast or above.

A middle rank 5 magic beast will need 6 months to take you to the Northern region and 6 more months to return, so the entire journey will take more than a year."

"A year?" It wasn't just Liu Mei who was surprised, as Shun Long and the rest all stared at the young woman in front of them with stunned looks on their faces.

A year just to travel to the 'Blue star continent' and return back to the Holy sect?

The yellow-robed receptionist nodded her head matter-of-factly before she answered

"Naturally, the distance between our central region and the northern region isn't small, so a year is the minimum if you choose a middle rank 5 magic beast.

Of course, middle-rank 5 magic beasts are also the cheapest options, as each of them will only cost you 200 sect points, regardless of how long you rent them for until you return back to the Holy sect.

If you rent a magic beast to transport you during a mission, then it doesn't matter if you leave the sect for a month or a year, you will still have to pay the same amount in the end."

Shaking his head, Shun Long rejected the option right away before he asked

"What about peak rank 5 and rank 6 beasts?"

Shun Long had no idea that the distance between the central region and the northern region was so big that it would take a full year just to come and go with a middle rank 5 magic beast.

He would much rather spend more sect points to choose a faster magic beast since that was the case. There was no way he would simply spend an entire year just traveling from the Holy sect to the northern region like this.

The yellow-robed young woman's face bloomed with a bright smile when she heard Shun Long's question, before she nodded and explained

"A peak rank 5 magic beast will only need 4 months to take you to the northern region and 4 more months to return you back to the Holy sect after you have finished your mission. As for the price, it is 500 sect points."

Shun Long shook his head without any hesitation before he said

"What about the rank 6 magic beasts then?"

He had already decided that if the Beast Tamer hall didn't have any early rank 6 flying magic beast, he would sell some pills in the Holy city and purchase an early rank 6 flying magic beast for himself.

Although the price would most likely exceed 1.6 million middle-grade spirit stones and could even reach more than 2 million if he was unlucky, in his eyes Shun Long knew that this was a much better option than spending more than half a year in a magic beast's back.

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Chapter 587: Arctic blue bird

Fortunately, the young woman's face wasn't downcast when Shun Long rejected picking a peak rank 5 magic beast, but instead, she smiled even brighter before she walked deeper inside the garden and said

"Naturally, our Beast Tamer hall has rank 6 magic beasts, whose speed is simply incomparable to the magic beasts that are still at the peak of rank 5.

A single early rank 6 magic beast will cost 2000 sect points, and it will only take 2 months to get your group to the northern region.

As for middle rank 6 magic beasts, they cost 5000 sect points, but they will only take 1 month to get you all to the 'Blue star continent' in the northern region instead.

Naturally, we also have peak rank 6 magic beasts whose price reaches up to 20.000 sect points, and they will only take half a month to get you to the northern region!"

Understanding that Shun Long wasn't interested in the peak rank 5 magic beasts, she started to introduce the price of every single rank 6 magic beast, as well as the amount of time it would take for each beast to get Shun Long's group to the 'Blue star continent'.

After falling silent for a moment, Shun Long nodded his head before he handed the young woman his sect identifying token and said

"We will take a middle rank 6 magic beast."

The yellow-robed young woman was extremely surprised when she heard this, but she still nodded her head happily and accepted Shun Long's token before she deducted 5.000 sect points from it.

She knew that very few outer disciples would be willing to spend so many sect points just to travel from the Holy sect to another region.

As for a group like Shun Long's where everyone aside from Shun Long seemed to be at the middle stages of the Nascent Soul, such a group would normally do everything they can to preserve their sect points, even if that meant spending a year traveling.

After all, which outer disciple didn't complete missions to gather sect points?

Even if Shun Long's group was taking on a D-rank faction mission this time, even the toughest D-rank faction missions only gave a few thousand sect points at best.

With the strength of their group where even the strongest person, Jiang Chen, seemed to be at the peak of rank 5 in the Nascent Soul, the young woman believed that their mission wouldn't give them more than 1000 sect points at best.

As for C-rank faction missions, that thought didn't even cross her mind with their group's current strength. Although she couldn't sense Shun Long's cultivation, the young woman was certain that it was impossible for them to complete a C-rank faction mission by themselves!

Regardless, she still looked at Shun Long with the same bright smile on her face before she said "Please follow me."

The woman then headed deeper inside the garden, and a few minutes later, she arrived in front of a huge tree that was even bigger than the black trees that Shun Long had seen in the 'Giant Crane forest'.

At the top of the tree, a large blue bird with icy-blue feathers seemed to be resting in its nest that was completely encased in ice with its eyes closed, not even paying any attention to the rest of the magic beasts flying in the sky.

"Oh? A middle rank 6 'Arctic blue bird'?"

The young woman turned around and looked at Shun Long with even more surprise in her eyes than before, as she nodded her head and said

"Junior brother is very knowledgeable. I suppose I don't have to explain things then.

This is indeed an 'Arctic blue bird' that our Beast Tamer hall has found. It will take you less than a month to get to the 'Blue star continent' riding on its back.

However, I must warn you that you can't allow any strangers to approach it, nor can you carry anyone from the 'Blue star continent' back to the Holy sect other than yourselves.

Only disciples of the Holy sect who possess a sect identifying token can approach the magic beasts from our Beast Tamer hall. If anyone else approaches them, the magic beasts will instantly attack that person."

Although Shun Long didn't know about this, he still nodded his head in an uncaring manner.

He wasn't planning on getting anyone from the 'Blue star continent' back to the central region.

As for the 'Arctic blue bird', Shun Long already knew that it was an ice element flying magic beast that used its feathers as its primary hunting tool when it hunted its prey.

Although its speed was barely above average compared to most other rank 6 flying magic beasts, the 'Arctic blue bird' had a very high endurance, so even traveling for 6 months straight wouldn't be a problem for it, let alone the one month it needed to reach the 'Blue star continent' in the Northern region.

Shun Long looked at the yellow-robed young woman and nodded his head, indicating that he was satisfied with the 'Arctic blue bird' as well.

Although he had spent 5000 sect points for it, leaving him with only 440 sect points, he wasn't worried since he could sell some pills to the Golden Treasures Hall anytime that he needed sect points.

Besides, he had yet to collect the 7000 sect points that he would obtain after handing in the beast core of the 'Poison-tongued Toad' in the Assignment Hall.

Nodding her head, the yellow-robed woman took out her sect identifying token and raised it above her head, causing the 'Arctic blue bird' to open its eyes.

Seeing it spread its large, icy blue wings and float downwards from the tree, the young woman turned her attention towards Shun Long before she explained

"You don't have to worry, even if you have never been to the northern region before.

Since our Holy sect is located towards the north of the central region as well, all you have to do is order the 'Arctic blue bird' to fly towards the north, and it will take you to your destination by itself."

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Chapter 588: Traveling to the Northern region

This time, it wasn't just Shun Long, but Liu Mei, Bai Longtian, and the rest who were surprised upon hearing that the Holy sect was also located at the north of the central region.

'If a middle rank 6 magic beast needed a whole month to get to the Northern region from the north of the central region, then how long would it need to reach the eastern region or even the south?'

This thought appeared in everyone's minds, but Shun Long still nodded his head as thanks to the yellow-robed young woman, before he was the first one to jump on the 'Arctic blue bird's' back.

The bird itself was enormous and was even bigger than Liu Mei's 'Death Eater', with a height that exceeded 40 meters(131ft).

It could easily carry a dozen people on its back without it feeling cramped at all.

Once Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen, and Bai Longtian, all climbed on the bird's back, Shun Long patted the bird's back lightly with his right hand, causing it to start flapping its wings in response.

In just a few moments, Shun Long could see the Holy sect's palace getting smaller and smaller in his eyes, as the 'Arctic blue bird' flew towards the north at full speed.

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Half a month passed by in the blink of an eye, as Shun Long who was still sitting with his eyes closed, trying to deepen his insights in his Dao of Time during the past month, finally opened them and saw that they were now flying above a city that was even bigger than the Holy city itself.

In the past half a month that they spent on the 'Arctic blue bird's' back, Shun Long and the rest had already seen 2 more cities that were even bigger than the Holy city as well, and this city right below them was now the third.

Although they didn't know the city's name or which power it belonged to, Shun Long and the rest knew that they had already left the Holy sect's territory long ago.

"Brother Jiang, your father is from the central region, right? Do you know where we are then?"? Bai Longtian asked with a look in his eyes that didn't hide his curiosity.

Although he wasn't present when Jiang Chen had narrated his story the first time in Shun Long's room, he still found out about it later on. After all, since they were planning to stay together for a long time, they wouldn't act as strangers.

Shaking his head, Jiang Chen answered coldly, almost as if he had suddenly remembered something extremely unpleasant

"Although my father was a member of the Jiang family from the central region, that was a thing in the past. He has already severed all ties with them after they said they would expel him from the family so they wouldn't have to face the Yu family's fury!"

Bai Longtian nodded his head and cupped his hands at Jiang Chen without asking anything else.

Although the 2 of them seemed to be competing fairly often with each other, Bai Longtian still looked at everyone in their faction, whether that was Shun Long, Jiang Chen, Liu Mei, or Xie Xingyi, as both a rival and a friend, and thus, he felt extremely sorry after hearing about Jiang Chen's paternal family expelling Jiang Chen and his father.

He had hoped that Jiang Chen would know some more things about the central region since his father's family came from this place, but clearly, that wasn't the case.

After staring at the huge city below them for a few moments, everyone turned their eyes towards the distance ahead of them, at the enormous sea that appeared past the large city below them that didn't seem to have an end.

"Long-ge, is this the continental sea?" Liu Mei asked before she turned her gaze towards Shun Long who nodded his head in response.

"Most likely. We have already spent 15 days traveling, so we must be at the northern-most part of the central region already."

Shun Long and the rest weren't surprised when they saw the vast sea in front of them that seemed to have no end, and instead, serious looks had appeared in their eyes.

Although they didn't know anything about the powers in the central region, they all knew about the name of the sea that surrounded the central region from all sides, making it look like an enormous island that covered the vast majority of the cultivation world.

They knew that the 'continental sea' separated every single continent from each other, and it also separated those continents from the central region. Thus, if one wanted to get to another continent from the central region, they had to cross the continental sea first!

Unlike the central region or the continents that surrounded it, it was said that the continental sea was inhabited purely by magic beasts, and its vast majority was still unexplored.

Although there were rumors of some extremely rare and unique treasures being found by some lucky adventurers inside the sea, rumor had it that even some of the strongest experts would be careful upon stepping foot in the continental sea, since extremely rare and dangerous magic beasts were said to be lurking inside.

Of course, this only applied to those people who were reckless enough to explore the sea itself and look for its treasures!

If it was someone who simply wished to cross past the sea and reach another continent, the danger usually wouldn't be too high, unless they were attacked by a powerful magic beast beyond their capabilities.

As for Shun Long and his group, unless they were unlucky enough to be targeted by an extremely powerful middle rank 6 or an actual peak rank 6 magic beast, they would be completely safe.

After all, the 'Arctic blue bird' was strong and fast enough to defend against most predators at the middle of rank 6.

This was also why Shun Long had accepted it as his ride without a second thought.

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In the blink of an eye, 15 more days had passed, as Shun Long saw 5 gigantic continents slowly appearing in the distance ahead.

Chapter 589: The Blue star continent

"The northern region."

The same thought appeared in everyone's minds the moment they saw the 5 huge continents that slowly appeared in the distance ahead of them.

Shun Long already knew that the northern region was the only region that was said to have 5 continents among the 4 regions. The eastern region had 3 of them, the Night star continent, the Martial star continent, and the Sun star continent, the southern region had 4, while the western region was the only one that had just 2 continents.

As the 'Arctic blue bird' rapidly approached closer to the 5 continents, Xie Xingyi asked in a curious voice

"Which one is the 'Blue star continent'?"

"The one at the center."

Jiang Chen was actually the first one to respond, his confident voice instantly attracting everyone's attention.

Seeing that everyone had turned their gazes towards him, Jiang Chen calmly nodded his head before he pointed at the 5 continents that were shaping an X mark if one looked at them from the sky, as he then continued

"Although my father came from the central region, I grew up with him in the 'Polar star continent' in the northern region. Although I don't know many things about the northern region itself, I do know some things about the strongest powers in every continent."

Shun Long smiled when he heard this and nodded his head as he accepted his good luck, since knowing even a few things about the northern region was better than knowing nothing at all.

Patting the 'Arctic blue bird's' back, he then ordered it to fly straight towards the continent in the middle that looked like it was surrounded by the other 4.

Even with its speed as a middle rank 6 magic beast, it still took a full day for the 'Arctic blue bird' to cross the distance and arrive at the 'Blue star continent'.

A relatively big coastal city was the first thing that greeted Shun Long's and the rest's eyes as soon as they arrived in the continent.

After taking a look around this city from the 'Arctic blue bird's' back and noticing that this was indeed the biggest city in the surrounding 500 miles, Shun Long had the 'Arctic blue bird' descend right in front of the city gates.

The city guards and the people queueing up to enter the city were all terrified when they sensed the overpowering aura of a middle rank 6 magic beast looming above their heads, as they turned their attention towards the 5 newcomers on top of the bird's back and looked at them with eyes filled with dread.

It didn't matter if it was the hundreds of people queueing up to enter the city, the dozens of city guards in front of the city gates or those standing on the city walls, silence had immediately descended the moment that everyone felt the 'Arctic blue bird's' aura.

A guard dressed in silver armor that was slightly different from the rest of the guards could be seen running from the city walls, until he arrived in front of the enormous blue bird a few moments later.

Staring at the 5 young men and women on the bird's back who looked like they were preparing to enter the city, the guard started to sweat profusely before he took a deep breath and bowed as he asked in a respectful tone

"Young lords and ladies, welcome to the South blue city. I am the captain of the city guards, Meng Niu. Can I help you?"

It was only natural for the captain of the city guards to feel fear upon seeing 5 people riding on a middle rank 6 magic beast and approach the city.

Although he didn't know what Shun Long's group wanted to do in his city, Meng Niu knew that even the city lord of the city was only a middle stage Dao King himself. If he had to fight a middle rank 6 magic beast, everyone could guess what the outcome would be, as it was common knowledge that magic beasts were stronger than humans at the same level of cultivation.

Hence, although he was afraid, Meng Niu still gritted his teeth and approached the enormous blue bird before he asked Shun Long if he could somehow help them.

"Where did those people come from? They are so young and yet all of them have reached the middle-stages of the Nascent Soul! They obviously aren't members from the Tang dynasty. Did they come from one of the other 4 continents instead?"

Although this thought appeared in everyone's minds, neither the cultivators in front of the city gates nor the city guards dared to look at the newcomers group for too long, lest they end up accidentally offending them.

This was extremely hard for the young men among their group who had already had their eyes captured by Liu Mei's and Xingyi's peerlessly beautiful faces.

At the same time, Shun Long had his attention fully placed on the captain of the city guards in front of him.

He understood that Meng Niu was asking him if he could 'help them', simply because he wanted to avoid having them enter the city if he could.

Naturally, Shun Long understood that it was only natural for the captain of the city guards to look out for the city's safety, and neither he nor Liu Mei and the rest seemed to mind, since the South blue city wasn't the city they had to visit in the 'Blue star continent' in the first place.

The only reason why Shun Long had chosen to stop in this city was because this was the first big city that he had found and he wanted to purchase a map of the rest of the continent.

Nodding his head, Shun Long looked at Meng Niu who seemed to still be waiting for his answer and cupped his hands before he said

"We were planning to enter the city and purchase a map of the 'Blue star continent' since this is our first time here. I wonder if captain Meng can help us."

Meng Niu heaved out a sigh of relief inwardly the moment he heard this, as he hurriedly nodded with a smile on his face and said

"Of course! It seems that this is your first time in the 'Blue star continent'. Naturally, there is no need for you to enter the city for such a small matter. Please accept this map as a personal gift from me."

Meng Niu then took out a scroll from his spatial ring and tossed it in the air, allowing it to land right in front of Shun Long who caught it with his right hand.

After taking a look at the scroll in his hands, Shun Long took out a small pouch from his spatial ring and tossed it towards Meng Niu before he cupped his hands and thanked him.

Without waiting for a response, he then patted the 'Arctic blue bird's' back for the second time, causing it to instantly flap its beautiful light blue wings as it quickly soared in the sky.

Staring at the disappearing figure of the 40 meters tall blue bird, Meng Niu turned his gaze towards the small pouch in his hand and opened it almost out of reflex.

The moment that his eyes saw the 300 middle-grade spirit stones inside the pouch however, his heart started to beat in excitement.

Although 300 middle-grade spirit stones was nothing to Shun Long, it wasn't a small sum even for a head of guards like Meng Niu, let alone the rest of the guards.

Even as a late-stage Nascent Soul cultivator, every month Meng Niu only obtained 10,000 low-grade spirit stones, which translated to 100 middle-grade spirit stones.

As for the map that he had given to Shun Long, its price wasn't more than 2000 low-grade spirit stones. Even the most expensive maps only costed around 6000 low-grade spirit stones at most, which translated to 60 middle-grade spirit stones.

At the same time that the rest of the guards looked at their captain enviously, Shun Long was still guiding the 'Arctic blue bird' towards the heart of the Blue star continent, to the place where the Tang city was located.

Chapter 590: Tang city

"Long-ge, how far away are we from Tang city?"

Hearing Liu Mei's question Shun Long nodded his head before he took a look at the map that he had gotten from Meng Niu. After roughly calculating the distance he then said

"With the 'Arctic blue bird's' speed we should be around half a day away from reaching it."

Everyone nodded their heads when they heard this while they were unable to conceal the gleams of excitement inside their eyes.

No matter what, this was the first actual faction mission that they were doing together as a faction!

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As the 'Arctic blue bird' flew across the 'Blue star continent', Shun Long had already seen many big and small-sized cities on the ground, making him realize that the 'Blue star continent' seemed to be even more populated than the Night star continent that he and Liu Mei were in the eastern region.

Finally, a little more than 11 hours later, a huge city that seemed to be even bigger than the Heaven's Dome city in the Night star continent slowly appeared in the distance ahead, instantly attracting everyone's attention!

"The Tang city!"

Judging from the time that had passed ever since they had left the 'South blue city' and from the huge size of this city itself that was the biggest one that they had seen so far in the 'Blue star continent', everyone could easily guess that the city in front of them was most likely their target, the Tang city.

Before they arrived closer to the city walls Shun Long turned around and looked at Liu Mei and the rest with a smile on his lips, before he waved his hand, taking out a pitch black robe from the 'Stone of Time' and wore it above his yellow robes.

Everyone instantly understood what Shun Long wanted to do, and without any hesitation, Liu Mei and the rest all smiled, as they took out similar black robes from their spatial rings and wore them as well, instantly covering their yellow robes that indicated that they are outer disciples of the Holy sect.

Plain black robes was one of the necessities that every cultivator always had with them along with them, along with high-grade 'anti-toxin pills', 'healing pills' and 'Qi replenishing pills'.

"Brother Long is afraid that we will be discovered by the people from the Tang dynasty?"

Xie Xingyi asked the same question that everyone had in their minds after she completely covered herself with her black robes.

"Although most people won't recognize our yellow robes, in the off-chance that the Tang dynasty actually does, our mission will become nearly impossible to succeed. After all, 5 disciples of the Holy sect visiting the Tang city at the same time, will definitely end up alarming them."

Suddenly, Shun Long changed their direction, and instead of heading straight towards the huge city in the distance, he had the 'Arctic blue bird' fly towards a small forest not too far away from them.

The middle rank 6 magic beast landed on the forest a few moments later, before Shun Long and the others all got down from its back.

Holding his sect identifying token in his hand, Shun Long activated the 'Memory recording formation' before he patted the bird's head and ordered it to stay here for a few days.

Although Shun Long didn't have a mental connection with the 'Arctic blue bird' like he did with Little Black and Little Silver, as a middle rank 6 magic beast, the bird's intelligence wasn't inferior to an adult human's and it could easily understand what Shun Long had said.

"Keew!"

After letting out a small cry, the huge bird headed deeper inside the small forest, almost as if it was looking for a good place to stay in.

"Little Black, is there any other middle rank 6 magic beast in this forest?"

Shun Long sent a mental message to Little Black who was still munching on a stalk of 'Dragonblood grass' inside the foggy space in the 'Stone of Time'.

Although the rank 5 grass naturally didn't have any effect on a rank 7 magic beast, Little Black seemed to still be enjoying its taste quite a bit.

Closing his eyes, Little Black then spread his soul sense around Shun Long's body, before he answered a moment later

"Master, don't worry, that bird will probably be safe. The strongest magic beast in this forest is just a newly advanced early rank 6 wolf."

Shun Long nodded his head upon hearing Little Black's confirmation, before he deactivated the 'Memory recording formation' from his sect identifying token and turned his attention towards Jiang Chen and the rest.

Then, with a calm smile on his face he said

"Let's go to the Tang city!"

As soon as he finished speaking Shun Long shot to the sky as he headed towards the city in the distance, with Liu Mei, Xie Xingyi, Jiang Chen and Bai Longtian all following right behind him.

The huge city was very close to the small forest where Shun Long had just left the 'Arctic blue bird', and barely an hour later they had finally arrived in front of the city gates.

The moment that they arrived closer to the city gates, everyone noticed the words 'Tang city' that were plated in gold and were written above the city gates in a bold manner.

Although the queue in front of the city gates was long, Shun Long noticed that it obviously couldn't be compared to the bustling Holy city's.

20 minutes later, it was finally Shun Long's turn to enter the city.

A city guard wearing a bronze armor with the words 'Tang dynasty' took a step forward and approached him, before he stretched out his hand and said in a disinterested tone

"3000 low-grade spirit stones for each person."

Waving his hand, Shun Long took out 15.000 low-grade spirit stones from the 'Stone of Time' and handed them to the guard before he and his group stepped past the city gates and finally entered Tang city.

Even before he had started to walk on the streets of the city, after taking just a brief look at his surroundings, Shun Long quickly realized that Tang city was among the most bustling cities that he had seen so far, second only to the Holy city!

Even Yanzhu city couldn't be compared to the amount of life and the sheer number of people that were walking on the streets of this city!

However, just as Shun Long finished taking a look at his surroundings, Little Black's serious voice sounded in his mind a few moments later

"Master, there is a Dao Emperor inside this city."