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## Chapter 1541 Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation

Lin Mu and the Saintess watched as the two Tribulations started to rip apart the space.

~RUMBLE~

Dark Clouds had gathered in the skies, turning the red sky of the Desolate blood battlefield grey for the first time.

~WHOOSH~

Next, winds stirred around the twins coming out from the spatial tears that had appeared next to them.

~RUMBLE~

The sound of thunder echoed across the skies, as arcs of lightning flashed through the dark clouds.

Looking at the clouds, Lin Mu saw that the lightning was not the usual purple lightning that one would see. Instead, it was pure white!

"Pure White Lightning? Isn't this..." Lin Mu recalled some information.

"Extreme Yang Lightning Immortal Tribulation." The Saintess muttered.

~HONG~

Next, the sound of sharp winds assaulted one's senses. It was as if a jet was starting up and was raking up all the dust and soil around the area. The color of the winds was also different, being a mix of black and grey color.

"Black and grey color winds?" Lin Mu furrowed his brows, not being able to recognize it right away.

From what he could recall, normal Immortal Wind Tribulations were with invisible air. Thus, what he was seeing in front of him was certainly a Variant Immortal Wind Tribulation. The only question was what kind of variant was it?

"That's the Extreme Yin Wind immortal Tribulation." Xukong revealed.

Hearing this, a few thoughts appeared in Lin Mu's mind. He connected the two together and started to comprehend something.

"Extreme Yin and Extreme Yang... just like the twins' attributes..." Lin Mu muttered. "The Extreme Yin Wind Immortal Tribulation must be due to Xiao Yang, as its the opposite element of his while the Extreme Yang Lightning Immortal Tribulation should be Xiao Yin's." He understood.

The Saintess though, had a different reaction.

"It's going to be this Tribulation... this will not be easy." The Saintess spoke, her tone serious.

"You know what tribulation they are having?" Lin Mu asked in surprise.

"Yes... ~RUMBLE~" But just as the Saintess had started speaking, the skies trembled again.

### ~WHOOSH~

Next, the pure white lightning spread from the clouds and met the black winds coming from the bottom. The two tribulations seemingly mingled and merged, turning into something entirely new.

### ~BOOM~

Then with a loud explosion, a cyclone manifested around the Twins fully hiding them within it.

Immense energy fluctuations were coming from it, and a terrifying pressure had descended upon the land.

The size of the storm was also increasing, and within a couple of minutes, it had already covered over a hundred kilometers of area. Lin Mu and the Saintess quickly retreated, with the Saintess using one of her skills to send them flying tens of kilometer within seconds.

It was even faster than Lin Mu's skills, which surprised him a little.

#### ~HONGLONG~

A strange sound could be heard coming from the storm, which felt like a death knell. It was as if the very heavens were calling for the apocalypse to come, filling the entire area with dread.

All those that looked at the storm from afar would feel a terror rise up in their hearts. Those that were weaker would directly avert their eyes from the storm, feeling pricks in their eyes.

Those that were of a high cultivation base though, could sense the Dao within the storm.

Dao Traces were plentiful and even Dao insights intertwined between the storm.

"A storm that inspires fear and rips apart the space... this tribulation..." Lin Mu recalled a record from the memoirs of the Lost Immortal.

The man had witnessed this kind of Immortal Tribulation once before and had written about it in his Memoir. It described the scene exactly as the one in front of Lin Mu.

He had read about it a couple of years ago, and thus had a vague remembrance of it. Not to mention, Lin Mu's understanding back then was not as good as it was, thus it wasn't unusual for him to not have understood it right away.

But now that he was seeing it with his own two eyes, he was sure of it.

"It's the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation!" Lin Mu exclaimed.

"Indeed, it is..." The Saintess confirmed, her voice a bit strained.

'Of all the Transcendent Immortal Tribulations, it had to be this one...' Xukong knew the level of danger this posed.

Of the many Immortal Tribulations an immortal could face, the Transcendent Immortal Tribulation were considered the most dangerous. Even when one added variant Immortal Tribulations to the mix, they were still many times dangerous.

This was because Transcendent Tribulations weren't individual, but were rather formed from two different kinds of Immortal Tribulation. These would combine and turn exponentially dangerous.

Of course, even among the Transcendent Immortal Tribulation,, there were different levels. A Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that combined two elements from the five mortal elements would be easier than a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that was made from one mortal element and one heavenly element.

Thus the difficulty could be considered of three levels.

The first level was a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation composed of only mortal elements.

This was called the Mortal Transcendence Immortal Tribulation!

The second level was a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation composed of one mortal and one Heavenly Element.

This was called as the Pseudo-Heavenly Transcendence Immortal Tribulation!

Then there was the third level, which was composed of just the two heavenly Elements among four. It was called as the Heavenly Transcendence Immortal Tribulation.

There was just one such Transcendent Immortal Tribulation, and it was the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation!

And the twins were undergoing exactly this kind of Immortal Tribulation.

Their very first Immortal Tribulation was going to be the most difficult form of Transcendent Immortal Tribulation there could be. One could even consider this a miracle as there would not be any other case of something like this happening.

Xukong knew that the number of immortals that survived the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation were less than one percent. Thus he wondered just how the twins were going to survive this.

# <u>Chapter 1542 The Raging Transcendent Immortal Tribulation</u>

With the commencement of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation the topography of the area changed rapidly.

Deep ravines were carved out by the sharp winds, while the lightning blasted apart mountains.

Lin Mu watched it all with a mix of dread and awe, while feeling the immense power that was contained within the tribulation. It was certainly the strongest tribulation he had ever seen and easily exceeded the destructiveness of the Meteoric Earth Immortal Tribulation he had overcome before.

The size of the storm also kept on increasing and had reached two hundred kilometer wide at this point.

Lin Mu and the Saintess had to retreat several times now and were far enough that the border of the Sky Parasol could be seen by them.

"If it exceeds beyond this, will the Sky Parasol be affected?" Lin Mu couldn't help but ask.

They clearly had a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation to worry about, Lin Mu didn't wish for Transcendent Immortals to join the fray as well.

"It should not expand beyond this." The Saintess shook her head. "It's energy has reached the peak, you should be able to tell it too now if you focus." She explained.

Lin Mu narrowed his eyes and used the Spatial Perception with his full focus. When he did that, he could see the Dao Traces and Dao Insights that were dispersed in the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation as well as the spatial tear that had appeared.

The tear was also hidden behind the storm and could not be seen by others. But to Lin Mu it was as clear as the day. And upon observing the tears, he realized that the Saintess's words were true.

"The Tears aren't expanding any more. The energy has really reached its peak." Lin Mu muttered.

~BOOM~

A few moments after that, several lightning bolts struck the center of the storm while tearing winds assaulted it at the same time.

"Ugh!" Lin Mu felt the emotions of the Yin Yang Twin serpents change rapidly.

They were now feeling pain!

And the pain wasn't just any pain, but intense enough for even Lin Mu to feel it through their link.

"They're injured!" Lin Mu said with great worry.

"They have to bear it. This is simply the cost of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation." The Saintess spoke, trying to hold back as well.

She too could sense that the twins were injured and also the might of the Tribulation.

~BOOM~BOOM~BOOM~

But this was merely the start of it all, as the storm was not going to let the twins rest.

It struck them incessantly with lightning bolts and winds that could rip flesh.

Lin Mu felt every time the twins were struck by them, as well as the variance in their pain.

Minute after minute passed by like this, during which Lin Mu felt horrible. He wished that it was him there, but knew that it was not something possible. He could only sit here and watch the twins suffer from the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation.

Lin Mu simply gritted his teeth and held on, watching as the Tribulation progressed.

Unknowingly an entire hour had passed by like this while the twins endured the tribulation. It was by this time that Lin Mu realized something.

'The twins... they might be getting injured, but their vitality isn't weakening...' Lin Mu realized.

It was a surprising revelation as even he would have experienced something like that after that much damage. But for the twins, it was as if their vitality had stayed the same.

Normally, a part of a creatures vitality would be consumed if they were injured. More vitality would be consumed in order to heal themselves as well. The worse the injury, the more vitality would be needed.

There were even injuries that could continually drain one's vitality and eventually kill them.

The Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation could be considered similar to that, as it would continually strike a cultivator and injure them till they died. As for how long it took for them to die, it depended on their endurance, will and cultivation base.

With the twins being as special as they were, they seemed to be doing the best.

Lin Mu continued to watch as another hour passed by.

"They're still the same..." Lin Mu said in disbelief.

This time it wasn't just him that was surprised, but even the Saintess was the same.

The only thing was that her expression could not be seen due to the veil. But in reality, she was more surprised than Lin Mu.

She knew just how terrifying a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation really was and the consequences it could have.

'If a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation happens in a low ranked immortal world, there is a high chance of the world's laws collapsing and the world dying as well. I think it might be for the best that were are on a world that is close to its own ascension...' The Saintess thought to herself.

She wondered if it really was fate that Lin Mu and the twins arrived on this world.

Lin Mu had been sensing the change in the twins through their link, and knew by now the twins were somewhat used to the constant injuries. They were healing at the same time and were trying to keep a balance between the two.

They had divided the work too.

One twin would bear the majority of the damage for one strike, while the other would take the time to heal. They would switch and repeat this, keeping their condition on a strange equilibrium.

Such a method of surviving a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation was something that would not be possible for anyone else. It was a method that was unique to only the Yin Yang Twin Serpents!

~HISS~

And after another hour had passed by, Lin Mu and the Saintess felt a loud hiss.

It felt full of anger and it was none other than the twins lashing back!

They've had enough!

Chapter 1543 The Twins' Triumph

~HISS~

The twins hissed out loudly, the sound traveling far and wide.

The sound of the storm was not enough to suppress it, and it was as if the very air was carrying to according to their commands.

Every person that was within a thousand kilometer radius of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation could hear the hiss. It was as if the hiss had directly been whispered into their ears!

~SHUA~

A moment after that, Lin Mu and the Saintess felt dense energy fluctuations coming from the center of the storm. They were different than the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation's energy fluctuations and were similar to the Yin Yang Twin Serpents energy fluctuations.

"What are they—" but before Lin Mu could speak, he saw something that left him stunned.

~WOONG~

Two pillars of light rose up from the center of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation, one black and one white.

The pillars of light directly pierced through the dark clouds, deflecting the lightning and blocking the winds.

~HUM~HUM~HUM~

But that was merely the start as a few seconds later, the pillars started to move. They started to revolve forming a spiraling pillar that spun in the opposite direction to that of the cyclone.

"Is that..." Lin Mu narrowed down on the energy coming from the black and white pillars, identifying them.

"Pure Yang and Pure Yin Qi..." The Saintess muttered.

The two types of Qi were very difficult to refine and obtain, as they were directly composed of all the Mortal and Heavenly elements. One could find Yin and Yang in each of the elements and they had their aspects to it.

This commonness was what made it difficult to extract the source of the two types of Qis.

Those that could do it were those with a high affinity to it, or those who were extremely skilled.

In the case of the Yin Yang Twin Serpents, it could be said that they had both the factors within them.

It now looked like there was not one but two cyclones raging in the area.

First was the cyclone formed by the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation and the second was the cycle formed by the spinning Pure Yin and Yang Qi.

One cycle spun in the clockwise direction and the other spun in the anticlockwise direction.

It formed a great contrast, and the pressure exuding from their mix was unlike anything Lin Mu or any other cultivator in the Blood Strewn Plains had felt before. They were strong enough that it could be clearly felt for a thousand kilometers, and faintly felt for several thousand kilometers.

And if one's cultivation base was high enough and their senses sharp, they might even be able to sense it tens of thousands kilometer away!

If one looked at the two storms from the top, they would see another scene though.

They would see a swirling mass of clouds, that was filled with lightning while in the center of it they would see a circle. The circle was half black and half white and continually moved.

At the same time within the circle, one might see two smaller circles that were moving. They too were white and black, and it looked like the different halves of the circle were chasing after these dots.

But to a cultivator, this had taken the form of a symbol they should know very well.

It was none other than the symbol of Taiji!

"Storm Assaults The Unity, While The Taiji Prevails..." The Saintess recited an old poem.

### ~RUMBLE~

It didn't take long for the inner cyclone to grow bigger. It started to press outwards and caused the storm made by the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation to reduce in density.

"They're... Eating away the storm?" Lin Mu understood.

He said 'eating' and not dispersing since that was exactly what the twins were doing.

Through their link, Lin Mu could sense the twins' bellies being filled with massive amounts of energies. The constant output of the Pure Yin and Yang Qi was not something that could be maintained otherwise.

Thus in order to keep that up, they were directly taking it away from the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation itself!

It was something possible only for the twins, as consuming Extreme Yang and Extreme Yin like that would be the same as committing suicide.

"The Tribulation is getting weaker." The Saintess spoke as a smile appeared under her veil.

Lin Mu observed it with his spatial perception and saw the Spatial Tears reducing as well.

'If they are reducing, that means the power of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation is falling as well...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

After all, in order to keep the fabric of space torn open like that, one needed a lot of energy. Even if Lin Mu could do the same, it was only for a short time and not for hours on end, like what the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation was doing.

Thus if the size of the Spatial tears was falling, it meant that the energy of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation was also falling, which brought the tribulation closer to its end.

"So they've found their way. The Tribulation should end soon enough." Xukong finally spoke.

He too had been observing everything without missing a part.

After all, even for he who had lived for countless years, a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation was still rare. In his long life, he had not seen it more than a few tens of times.

That just proved how rare it was even for the Void Weaver Spider Xukong.

As for the Saintess, she had only heard about the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation and had never actually seen one herself.

~SHUA~

Finally, after an entire hour passed, the size of the Yin and Yang pillar had grown to over a hundred kilometers wide!

At the same time, the size of the storm had fallen to less than a kilometer in size.

~HUALA~

As if a dam had been broken, the storm was torn apart and the tribulation had been ended!

## Chapter 1544 Double Breakthrough

With the storm of the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation fading away, the black and white energies within it also disappeared soon.

Lin Mu and the Saintess rushed towards the location of the Twins, knowing that they might be in a vulnerable position right now.

"Be alert." The Saintess said before making a seal with her hand.

~SHUA~

In the next second, Lin Mu felt his body being covered in Wind Dao Traces. He could identify them clearly this time and understood that this was a skill of some kind.

~step~

~WOOM~

And when he took his next step, he directly soared forward several kilometers. It was as if the wind itself was guiding his path and pushing him ahead.

'Looks like this is Saintess's skill.' Lin Mu thought.

It was a good skill and had increased his speed by several times.

It didn't take the two more than a couple of minutes to cover the distance and arrive at the location of the twins.

"Xiao Yin, Xiao Yang!" Lin Mu called out upon seeing the twins.

They were floating in the air and a black and white glow was surrounding them.

"Its over now, you can calm down." Lin Mu spoke.

~HISS~

The twins opened their eyes upon hearing a familiar voice and looked at Lin Mu and the Saintess.

~SASASA~

As if excited, the two of them jumped into Lin Mu's embrace, pushing him back a few meters due to the considerable force.

"Ahaha! You two were amazing." Lin Mu praised the twins.

After all, the achievement they had set was something that might never be seen in the universe for a long time.

It was even doubtful if anyone else had survived a Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation as their very first Immortal Tribulation. Regardless of what it may be, Lin Mu was just thankful that the twins were now fine.

~SASASA~

The twins bobbed their heads in joy, while enjoying being petted by Lin Mu.

At the same time though, Lin Mu felt the difference in the cultivation base of the twins.

"Wait a second... it's not at the First Tribulation stage of the Immortal realm..." Lin Mu used his Immortal sense and checked the Dantians of the two, wondering if he was mistaken or something.

But when he did, he saw it clear as day.

Both the twins' Nascent souls had two halos around them. One of the halos was purple, while the other was azure.

"They're at the Second Tribulation Stage of the Immortal Realm?!" Lin Mu was stunned by this surprise.

"They are?" The Saintess took a look too and realized that Lin Mu was saying the truth.

"How's that possible?" Lin Mu was confused.

"Looks like overcoming the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation allowed them to cross two stages in a single attempt." The Saintess spoke, feeling surprised herself.

Since there was no precedent of anyone having survived a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation at this level before, they simply had no information as to how one's cultivation base would progress.

Lin Mu thought over it for a minute and understood it a bit more.

"I guess since the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation is composed of the Extreme Yang Lightning Immortal Tribulation and the Extreme Yin Wind Immortal Tribulation, it counts has them having overcome two Immortal Tribulations at once?" Lin Mu analyzed the situation.

"That might be it... This is something worth being added to the Records of the sect." The Saintess didn't know how valuable this information might be since it was doubtful if anyone would be able to accomplish something like this, but it was still extremely rare information.

Lin Mu looked at the twins, feeling a little strange. His tamed beasts had managed to rise above his own Qi cultivation level now. Of course, his body cultivation was about the same level and if he combined that with his Qi cultivation, it would be even higher.

'Guess I should increase mine soon too...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

He had also gotten a better understanding of the Lightning and Wind Daos after having witnessed the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation. While Lin Mu didn't have as much of an understanding of the Lightning Dao, he did know more about the Wind Dao and was one of the Daos he was currently interested in.

'Perhaps I should pick it for my next Immortal Tribulation?' Lin Mu wondered.

Xukong had told him to pick an element that he was not as versed in. Thus Wind would fall in the requirements perfectly. Not to mention, Lin Mu would have a better chance at comprehending the Wind Dao Traces and perhaps even insights, allowing him to better his skills with the Bending Will fists.

But all that was for the future. For now, Lin Mu knew it was important for them to leave this area.

"Let's head out for now. How long will the Sky Parasol last Saintess?" Lin Mu asked.

"Not for long. The Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation has greatly weakened it." The Saintess said after taking a look.

Lin Mu pursed his lips and nodded his head.

"Little Shrubby, it's time." Lin Mu brought out his first tamed beast.

"What happened here?" Little Shrubby was rather surprised by the devastated area.

He could also sense the traces of lightning Dao around the area, since he had an affinity with it too.

"It's the aftermath of the twin's Immortal Tribulation." Lin Mu replied.

This made Little Shrubby take a look at the twins.

"They... reached the Second Tribulation Stage of the Immortal realm? HOW?" Little Shrubby asked with a hint of jealousy.

"Their tribulation was the reason for it. I'll explain more later. We need to leave this area first." Lin Mu replied with a chuckle, knowing that Little Shrubby was feeling left behind.

"Okay..." Little Shrubby brought out the harness, allowing Lin Mu to get on.

"Will you leave now, Saintess?" Lin Mu asked, wanting her not to.

"No. It's too sensitive of a time." The Saintess replied. "The twins need to be watched. Who knows if there are any hidden injuries?" She added.

### Chapter 1545 The Central Area Of The Blood Strewn Plains

The Saintess was greatly interested in the twins' progress and wanted to study them further. After all, the Ancestral serpents were the legacy of the Serpent Moon Sect and they had been looking for them for countless years.

"Alright, that's good." Lin Mu was pleased that she wasn't leaving right now.

"I'll augment your speed." The Saintess spoke.

"Just like before?" Lin Mu asked.

"Yes, but this will be a bit stronger." The Saintess replied.

"Even stronger?" Lin Mu raised his brows.

The boost that the Saintess had given him before was already enough to increase his speed to almost the same level as Little Shrubby. He had thought that she would give a boost of the same level which, combined with Little Shrubby's speed, would be even greater.

But a boost stronger than that made Lin Mu wonder just what level their speed would reach.

"Get ready." The Saintess spoke and extended her palm towards Lin Mu.

~SHUA~

A pattern appeared on her palm, that had several runes on it. They were made in a circular pattern, and some of the runes seemed to be missing from it. Lin Mu observed the circle and estimated that there should have been about eight runes on it originally.

'There are four now...' Lin Mu counted.

~WHOOSH~

Just as he was thinking that, one of the runes lit up and flew out of her palm, reducing their numbers to just three. It transformed into an energy that directly covered Lin Mu and Little Shrubby.

'Do they have a limited number of uses?' Lin Mu wondered.

He didn't know what the Saintess was using, but it was certainly something that normal immortals would be unable to do.

Just the Sky Parasol and the speed boosts she had given them were skills that were likely beyond the immortal realm, or were at the very peak.

'When she made the Sky Parasol, she chanted the name of the technique too... Celestial Sylph Arts.' Lin Mu recalled. 'Is it a technique of the Celestial Realm?' he guessed.

~SHUA~

While Lin Mu was thinking about this, Little Shrubby began his sprint.

In just a couple of leaps, they had traveled tens of kilometer and barely a few seconds had passed.

#### ~BOOM~

Then with a sonic boom, their speed exceed sound and they traveled at a blinding pace. It was far greater than Little Shrubby's own speed, and even Lin Mu was having a hard time observing things.

'Can you handle this speed?' Lin Mu asked, knowing that Little Shrubby was likely unable to see clearly either.

'I can if I use my immortal sense,' Little Shrubby replied through their link.

At the speed they were traveling, speaking was useless, as the sound wouldn't even reach their ears. Plus, the wind going past them would make the sound inaudible anyway.

They continued at this speed for about five minutes, after which the speed augmentation provided by the Saintess had started to fade away. Little Shrubby's speed fell and soon reached his original speed.

'So five minutes is its limit... still, this time is enough for us to cover a massive area.' Lin Mu didn't even know how far they had come by now.

"Stop, little Shrubby." Lin Mu ordered.

### ~WHOOSH~

Little Shrubby slowed his pace before digging his claws into the ground, ripping long streaks across it.

"Looks like we're still in the Blood Strewn Plains." Lin Mu said after taking a look around.

This was expected, since the Blood Strewn Plains were said to be one of the largest areas of the Desolate Blood Battlefield. In fact, it was even said that the true scope of the Desolate Blood Battlefield was actually unknown.

Any records about its exact size and area had long since gone missing or had been lost to the annals of time. After all, this was an area that belonged to the power that had lost in the battle.

### ~THUD~

Lin Mu got down from Little Shrubby's back and tried to estimate where they were according to the map he had.

"Hmm... there's nothing specific to reference here." Lin Mu scanned the area.

There were supposedly several reference landmarks in the Blood Strewn Plains, but due to how fast they had traveled, they had gone past several of them.

"We've come more than fifteen hundred kilometers from the previous spot." The Saintess informed, seeing that Lin Mu was confused.

"Fifteen hundred kilometers?!" Lin Mu was quite shocked, but calmed down a few seconds later. 'If we're fifteen hundred kilometers from the previous location, then...' He compared the coordinates according to the maps.

"Oh? We're roughly around the center of the Blood Strewn Plains." Lin Mu realized.

This was also the area that was said to be very rich in resources, and all one had to do was search well.

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"At least we've come to the right place... the chances of us finding an Immortal Stone mine should be better here." Lin Mu spoke.

The Saintess heard Lin Mu's ambitious words and raised her brows slightly.

'I wonder if he'll be able to find them on his own?' The Saintess was curious too. 'Even I'll have a hard time finding them without my original cultivation base. Especially with the bloody aura tainting this area, finding the traces of the Immortal Stones will be difficult.' She thought to herself.

She looked at her palms as the pattern flashed on it once more.

On her right hand, there was just one rune left, while on her left palm, there were three runes left.

'Using the Celestial Sylph Arts took seven runes and the Speed Augments took five runes... I've already used up so many... I need to accumulate them once more.' The Saintess thought before looking at the Yin Yang Twin Serpents. 'But leaving them also feels risky.' She was in a dilemma.

~Sigh~

After a minute, she let out a silent sigh and made up her mind.

'I still have four of the runes left. They should be enough for now. Plus, Lin Mu should be able to handle most of the troubles.' She reckoned.

## Chapter 1546 A Systematic Exploration Plan

"That should be enough, Little Shrubby." Lin Mu spoke.

"This is deep enough?" Little Shrubby withdrew his claws.

"Yep. We don't need it to be that big. After all, we have the Sleepscape." Lin Mu replied.

"Okay~" Little Shrubby nodded his head and returned to his smaller cat form.

He looked comically small next to the hill of soil and rocks next to him.

Having arrived in the central area of the Blood Strewn Plains, Lin Mu's goal was now to find an Immortal Stone Mine. But he also knew that it would not be an easy task.

Thus in order to do it efficiently, he decided to do it systemically. Since it was hard to tell the location in the Blood Strewn Plains, Lin Mu first decided to plot his own map by dividing the area around this location into multiple sections.

The current location would be their temporary base, and they would go on expedition from here, gathering all the resources as well as searching for the traces of an Immortal Stone Mine.

It was going to be a tall task, but Lin Mu had plenty of time. At the same time he would be able to continue his other work too, and further progress his cultivation base.

He couldn't help but feel nostalgic doing all this.

'It's just like those times when we lived in the caves away from settlements...' Lin Mu recalled his history of hiding.

The difference no was that he wasn't exactly running away from anyone. He was merely doing a little excavation venture while also cultivating at the same time.

It wasn't anything unusual and many cultivators would do the same.

It wasn't unknown for cultivators to enter the Desolate Blood Battlefield for a decade before returning.

After all, while the environment inside it was harsh, it also all the resources one needed to survive within it. Albeit, it was difficult to obtain them.

But at the same time, if one was lucky enough they would be able to obtain a fortune that might last them for hundreds of years to come as well as allow them to breakthrough to a high realm.

"Well then, let's start." Lin Mu began his process of making a base.

He had first gotten Little Shrubby to dig a cave since there weren't many places to stay in the Blood Strewn Plains. Plus, it was easier to hide underground, rather than staying up above the surface.

Then there was also the fact that there were a few formations that we wished to use. Having built the Formation pavilion, he had become a bit interested in construction, which used different application of the formations.

As such, he wanted to study them more, and thus wanted to make a new kind of a cultivators cave.

After the cavity for the cave was made, Lin Mu first made a large scale reinforcing array that would prevent it from collapsing. Next, he added an earth elemental array that would compact and harden the soil around the cave, further strengthening it.

The Earth Elemental formation array he had used was usually used in making the foundations of buildings, as it made them tougher and more stable. But in Lin Mu's case, it could also be used for a cave like this.

Having added these two arrays, he then made the usual illusory formations to hide it from plain sight. He then combined it with an isolation formation and turned it into an entire illusory array.

"The base is done... now to add the other features." Lin Mu was not done yet.

Next he went to a nearby stream that was flowing in the opposite direction.

~SHING~

Lin Mu took out his sword and slashed in a straight line, going towards the cave.

~SHUA~

The sword light created a long channel that made the stream change its path. It now curved around the location of the cave.

Lin Mu went back and made a few more changes, such as making a tube that would bring the water of the stream underground. In there, it would accumulate in a pool, allowing them to make use of it for several things.

Several more minor formations were added to the cave before it was completed a day later.

~Phew~

Lin Mu let out a breath, looking at his first properly made immortal cave.

The cave had everything an average immortal might need, except an Immortal Qi gathering array.

But that was only because Lin Mu was lacking the skill as well as the method to make one. Not to mention, making an Immortal Qi gathering array here would be overkill for a cave that Lin Mu was only going to use temporarily.

"So he's finally done." The Saintess had been watching Lin Mu's work since the start and was surprised he had done all this.

Just like before, she had made a set of table and chairs, using them to calmly observe everything.

To Lin Mu, this had become a normal thing, but if others were to see a veiled woman sitting in the same place for over a day staring, they would be quite unnerved.

Though that wasn't all the Saintess was doing, she was also keeping her senses alert and observing everything that was happening around the area. Her senses could go way beyond what Lin Mu's could, but she didn't tell this to Lin Mu.

She liked that he was cautious and prepared, thus she didn't want him to get careless because of her being there. Him getting extra practice was just the cherry on top.

~HISS~

The twins lifted their head, looking at the Saintess.

Their usual spot now had become the table where the Saintess sat, and she also quite liked that. They naturally felt close to her and were comfortable around her. It also gave the Saintess the chance to study them properly.

Just like this, a strange scene of peace had been created.

But unknown to Lin Mu and his companions, an uproar was happening among the powers of the Rust Sky Kingdom.

### Chapter 1547 The News Travels Far

Far from the Desolate Blood Battlefield, or even the Holy Topaz Empire, an old man was having a relaxing time. He was resting on the balcony of a large residence that was built entirely from wood and rocks.

The large residence stood on top of a mountain that was surrounded by a vast forest. Two waterfalls could even be seen on the sides of the mountains, adding several points to its beauty.

The fine mist spreading from the waterfalls merged into the surroundings, giving it an unfathomable appearance.

Inside this residence though, though, a man was walking with a pensive appearance. He walked past several groups of servants before appearing on the topmost floor. He opened the door, revealing the elegantly decorated room that stood behind it.

And at the very back of the room, one could see the open balcony at which the old man was sitting.

"My Lord! It's an emergency! A Transcendent has been born!" The man said out loud.

"What do you mean, a Transcendent has been born?" Old Man Lao almost dropped the cup that he was holding in his hand.

"There is confirmed news that a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation has appeared in the Desolate Blood Battlefield." The man that seemed to be dressed as a steward replied.

"Impossible! Any Transcendent Immortal Tribulation will cause a great phenomenon and its energy cannot be hidden. All experts on the Rust Sky world should have known about it the moment it started, including me." Old Man Lao said, feeling doubtful.

"This is true, my lord. There isn't just one, but thousands of live witnesses of the event." The steward affirmed before taking out a crystal disk. "Please take a look, this was sent though our people form the Desolate Blood Battlefield." He stated.

### ~SHUA~

He released the crystal disk, which floated up and created a formation screen in the air. On it, the scene of the Desolate Blood Battlefield appeared. The bloody lands were hard to forget, after all.

But that wasn't all, as a few moments later, the appearance of dark clouds was seen.

### ~CRACK~

"This..." The old man let go of his cup, which fell and cracked.

Thankfully, it hadn't fallen from a high place, or it might have shattered entirely.

# ~RUMBLE~

The sound of thunder could be felt from the formation screen, still being able to inspire the fear that the live witnesses of it had felt back then. Pure White lightning streaked across the dark clouds, showing its might.

"Extreme Yang Lightning Immortal Tribulation?" But after seeing its appearance, old man Lao was once more in doubt. "This isn't a transcendent Immortal Tribulation, this is just a Variant Lightning Immortal Tribulation." He spoke.

"It isn't over yet, my lord. There's more..." The steward seemed to be quite shaken too.

Old Man Lao continued to watch and soon saw the second Immortal Tribulation.

Black winds seethed and ripped across the terrain, rising up into the sky as if announcing its presence. The change on the old man's face confirmed that the man had identified the tribulation.

"Extreme Yin Wind Immortal Tribulation... how can there be two?!" The old man was stunned.

He watched as the two Immortal Tribulations merged together before transforming into a form he had never seen before. In his thousands of years of life, Old Man Lao had actually seen tens of Transcendent Immortal Tribulations. Some he had seen in the Rust Sky world, while the rest he had seen in the myriad of worlds that were spread across the universe.

Thus, he knew just how many kinds of Transcendent Tribulations there could be, and even then, this was his first time seeing a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that was like this.

"It cannot be... this cannot be..." Old Man Lao was shaking.

~THUD~

The arrest of the chair he was sitting on was directly shattered due to his crushing grip. The composed Old Man Lao had lost control of his strength!

If the top level experts of the Rust Sky world were to know this, they would be quite stunned. They would have a hard time believing the sly old man would break his composure like this.

Still, it was certainly something that was worth him acting like this. Perhaps they would act similarly too.

"I need to speak to the Emperors! Right away!" Old Man Lao said before standing up.

He directly shoved the table away and jumped off the balcony!

"SHA'ER! COME THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!" Old Man Lao shouted.

~PIII!~

Just a moment later, the melodious cry of a bird was heard.

~WHOOSH~

A strong wind blew as a large bird beast rose from the vast forest. It had six wings of of a great span, and looked to be rather regal.

It was none other than the Six Winged Bloom Tail Crane!

The beast seemed to have recovered from the threat of the Saintess from back then.

~PII~

The beast flapped its wings and appeared under the old man.

"Fly to the Huiging Capital, right now!" The old man said firmly.

~PIII!~

Letting out a cry in acknowledgment, the Six Winged Bloom Tail Crane gathered powers within its wings and flapped them hard.

#### ~BOOM~

The beast directly broke the sound barrier and turned into a blur that disappeared over the horizon. Its speed was great and could compare to that of Little Shrubby too.

It flew past thousand of mountains before appearing on top of a massive city. This was none other than the Capital City of the Huiqing Empire. And at its center stood its royal place that was inhabited by the Emperor.

Of course, being the residence of the emperor, it had high security and hundreds of defensive arrays covered it. And yet, the Six Winged Bloom Tail Crane passed through them as if they were nothing.

It arrived at the garden behind the palace and let the Old man land.

### ~shua~

The old man took a step and was directly teleported to inside the castle. He appeared in the grand hall where two men were pensively looking at a formation screen.

## Chapter 1548 Rising Doubts And Growing Coincidences

Old Man Lao looked at the two men who were watching the same scene he had watched just a few minutes ago.

"So you got the news as well." Old Man Lao spoke.

But to it, the two Emperors, did not respond. They merely watched as the Extreme Yin Wind Immortal Tribulation and the Extreme Yang Lighting Immortal Tribulation merged into one, transforming into a true Transcendent Immortal Tribulation.

Watching the scene, Emperor Feng's eyes brows turned into stiff lines while the Huiqing Emperor's face became cold.

"What is that?" the Huiqing Emperor spoke after the recording had ended. "That's not a normal transcendent Immortal Tribulation! TWO HEAVENLY ELEMENTS!" he was shouting by the end of his sentence, clearly agitated by what he had just seen.

"I've only read about it before... legends about it." Emperor Feng spoke, his voice stiff.

"Well, what is it?" Old Man Lao questioned. "Can there even be a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that combined two Heavenly Elements?"

"The second Transcendent Immortal Tribulation you overcame also had a heavenly element in it, right?" The Huiqing Emperor said after thinking. "It was the wind element and... the Metal element. Your second Transcendent Immortal Tribulation was a combination of these two." He recalled.

"It was the Million Blade Hurricane Transcendent Immortal Tribulation, yes..." Emperor Feng confirmed. "It was a Pseudo Heavenly Transcendent Immortal Tribulation." He informed.

"Yes, this one has two... what exactly is it?" Old Man Lao questioned again.

"Back when I was still in the Immortal court, and was roaming the worlds for fortune, I had heard of a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation like this. It is considered the deadliest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation and there is only one of its kind.

It was said to have been composed of two of the four heavenly elements, Wind and lightning, but there were no specific details on how it would appear. But now seeing this, I'm sure of it. The only Heavenly Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that's said to have been recorded.

This is it... this is the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation!" Emperor Feng revealed.

"The Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation..." both the old man and Huiqing Emperor muttered the name in awe.

It was as if the name contained a might too, making them recall the scene they had seen. Even if they had only watched the recording, they could still feel the pressure that might have been exuded by it.

"Is that is the strongest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation then? The person undergoing it should not be alive, right?" The Huiging Emperor wondered.

"That's hard to say... we don't have the full information." Old Man Lao spoke.

"This Transcendent Immortal Tribulation seems to have happened two days ago... is there anyone who has gone to investigate it yet?" Emperor Feng inquired.

The appearance of another Transcendent Immortal was something that would change the entire power structure of the Rust Sky world. The Emperors needed to know where this person had appeared and who it was.

If it weren't for the fact that the Desolate Blood Battlefield was in the territory of the Holy Topaz Dynasty, they would have long since barged into it themselves to check. But as things were, this was out of the question.

After all, if they appeared anywhere near the borders of the Holy Topaz Continent, the resident Transcendent Immortal of the Holy Topaz Dynasty would know. It would be the same as intruding on enemy territory and could be considered as the declaration of a war.

A war between empires was not something that any of the Emperors wished for right now. The power structure was delicately maintained and disturbing it would be disastrous. It wasn't just for the powers of the Rust Sky world either.

The other organizations that had their hands extended to multiple worlds would also take an interest in it. After all, it wasn't just any normal Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that had happened, but the legendary Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation.

This was a Transcendent Immortal Tribulation that even the great experts of the Immortal Court themselves hadn't seen. With how long it had been, this tribulation was already considered as a legend.

Even if someone had triggered it in the recent times before the current one, it was likely that they had never survived it to tell the tale.

"My general Niu Juo is there. This recording that I got was obtained by him as well and sent to us." The Huiqing Emperor replied. "There is no way he would not be investigating this." He added.

"That's good... at least we have someone competent looking into this." Old Man Lao nodded his head.

"Still... it is not enough. With all that is happening in the Desolate Blood Battlefield, this is too suspicious." Emperor Feng stated.

Hearing this, the other two became silent.

Both of them knew of the news of the Violet Mystic Life Tree, as well as its sudden disappearance. Then there was the Demon which was said to have been behind all this, and had caused waves among the nobles of the empires.

There were rumors that were people supporting the demons, and that they had never been truly eradicated.

And with the personalities of the nobles, there was no lack of people wanting to take this chance to frame their enemies.

Demons had been feared for a long time after all, and they were said to have been an old evil eradicated by the current ruling powers of the Rust Sky world. Their reappearance was the same as spitting on the face of these powers and showing that their might was not as big as they had shown it to be.

"Do you really think the Violet Mystic Life Tree, the demon, and now this Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation are all linked?" Old Man Lao questioned.

"There are far too many coincidences for it to not be linked. What did the Grand Sky Pavilion estimate the strength of the Violet Mystic Life Tree to be at?" Emperor Feng asked in turn.

"Should be about the peak of the Immortal realm." The Huiging Emperor replied.

## Chapter 1549 The Two Emperor's Request To An Old Man

Upon hearing the Huiqing Emperor's words, Old Man Lao seemed to have grasped something.

"Exactly. And that demon had uprooted a tree of that cultivation base! His strength must be similar." Emperor Feng spoke again. "Don't you see... If it was a demon that was also at the peak of the Immortal realm, what are the chances that it was also close to a breakthrough?" he asked.

"Heavens... if the Demon really did take the Violet Mystic Life Tree away and made off with it somehow... it might have really been behind it all." Old Man Lao's face became pale.

"So the Demon utilized the tree and triggered the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation... just what kind of trouble is coming for us..." The Huiqing Emperor was at a loss.

In his thousands of years or rule, this was definitely the biggest trouble he had come across.

After all, a Demon at the Transcendent Immortal Realm was no joke. Especially one that could trigger the Grand Tempest Transcendent Immortal Tribulation.

"We need to know if that demon survived this or not." Emporium Feng said firmly.

"Yes... we cannot leave this be." The Huiqing Emperor agreed. "The Emperor of the Holy Topaz will surely act on this news, and will alert the Former Emperor as well." He said after thinking.

"They will investigate this sure, but there is no telling if they would mislead us too. After all, this is something that can affect the entire Rust Sky world. I wouldn't put it beyond the Holy Topaz Emperor to do something like this.

After all, we would do the same if we were in his place." Emperor Feng replied.

"Then what should we do?" The Huiqing Emperor asked, feeling lost. "It's not like we can enter to check it ourselves. There's no way the Holy Topaz Empire would allow us on his land."

"Well, he won't allow us since we are the emperors. But there is someone else that can still go in." Emperor Feng said before turning to Old Man Lao. "Why don't you go to take a look, uncle?"

"Of course! Uncle is not affiliated to any empire and can still gain entry there. I'm sure even the Emperor of the Holy Topaz Dynasty wouldn't reject the only Peak Grade Immortal Alchemist of our world from paying a visit." The Huiqing Emperor said in agreement.

"You two... ~SIGH~" Old Man Lao couldn't help but shake his head. "You do know, if I go there, I'll have to owe the Holy Topaz Emperor a favor? He's definitely going to ask for me to make a pill for him."

"Even if he does ask, it's fine uncle. If you need anything, we'll provide it for you." Emperor Feng replied.

"Yes! Yes! You just go there. We'll handle the rest. You need not worry about any expenses at all." The Huiqing Emperor nodded his head in agreement.

~Sigh~

Letting out another sigh, the old man finally nodded his head.

"Fine... I'll go. But the only reason I'm doing this is because of your masters. This is the last time I'll do this." Old Man Lao stated, feeling a bit upset.

"That will be fine, please do this for us, Uncle." The two Emperors pleaded.

If anyone else were to see the two mighty emperors of the Two great empires act like this, they would feel that the world was coming to an end. After all to them, the Emperors were supposed to be regal and millions of experts would have to kneel before them.

And yet, there was an old man before which the two emperors needed to plead.

"Very well. I'll leave after doing some preparations. Keep me informed of any news that comes next." Old man Lao ordered.

"I'll inform you right away. Niu Juo should be investigating this as we speak too. Though tracking and analyzing aren't one of his fortes, so I don't know what kind of results we will get." The Huiqing Emperor agreed. "Uncle Lao will still have to do a proper check himself." He added.

"I'll do that... I also want to take a look at the Violet Mystic Life Tree... Even in my travels, I've never seen one before. And now one had appeared so close to me and has disappeared. It'll be a shame to not look for it." Old Man Lao finally showed some interest.

Though it was an interest in the tree due to him being an alchemist.

~SHUA~

After saying that, Old Man Lao teleported back outside and flew away on the Six Winged Bloom Tail Crane.

The two emperors stayed in the hall, discussing several more details. After all, this was merely the first part of what they needed to deal with. It was just the internal part that they needed to deal on the Rust Sky world itself.

There were still people from outside that they needed to worry about.

"The Shang Dao Emperor will likely know about this soon too." Emperor Feng spoke. "And so will the Three Aster world." He added.

"Why would they find out?" The Huiqing Emperor questioned furrowing his brows.

"A princess of the Shang Dao Empire is here... my son seems to have brought her along from the Immortal Court." Emperor Feng replied.

"Oh? So she's here... that makes it simple then. It shouldn't be difficult to restrain her and prevent any news from leaving her side." The Huiqing Emperor said calmly.

"It isn't that simple... that princess... she's not someone I'd like to harm." Emperor Feng said.

"Oh? Because of your son?" The Huiqing Emperor asked in doubt.

"No... not that." Emperor Feng shook his head.

Seeing his expression though, the Huiging Emperor seemed to have thought of something.

"Wait... it can't be her... Don't tell me you're still not over that?" The Huiqing Emperor asked, finding it a bit absurd. "That princess is Shen Mue's daughter?!" he asked.

"Yes..." Emperor Feng nodded.

"Are you sure of it?" The Huiqing emperor asked in a serious tone.

"Yes... that face is not something anyone else can have." Emperor Feng repleted.

~Sigh~

"Looks like you'll owe me after this."

### Chapter 1550 Two Months Of Peace

Lin Mu was unaware of the machinations that were happening due the series of actions that he had set off in the past.

Though he was still in luck, since the start of the investigation was botched from the very start. After all, they were trying to search for a target that didn't exist in the first place.

This was also why his time of peace was still continuing.

After having made the base in the central area of the Blood Strewn plains, Lin Mu had spent his days searching for an Immortal Stone mine. Of course, finding one was easier said than done and he would have to scour the entire area.

He had divided it into different sections that he would search through every day. And while he didn't find the Immortal Stone mines there, he still did find other resources like herbs and even Blood Essence crystal.

The number of Blood Essence crystals in the central area of the Blood Strewn Plains seemed to be quite high. But that was not all, as the accompanying baleful energies were also quite dangerous.

Their concentration was higher and could also harm Lin Mu.

Thankfully though, with the twins being there, Lin Mu had no issues. The twins actually got to have some extra meals and improved their Qi stores. Having reached the Second Tribulation stage of the Immortal realm, their ability to consume and store Qi had increased as well.

Lin Mu was worried that the rapid increase in their cultivation base might lead them to becoming a bit uncontrollable. But that didn't happen. Instead, Lin Mu could see that their intelligence was growing along with it too, and they could already understand his words clearly. Though they were still unable to talk so far.

But the Saintess had told Lin Mu that this wasn't an issue with their innate intelligence but rather them simply being young.

It made Lin Mu think about Little Shrubby.

After he had made a contract with Little Shrubby, the beast was able to communicate with a few words right from the start. But if he compare his age to the twins, he realized that there was a great difference.

When Little Shrubby had met Lin Mu in the form of a Brown Forest Shrubby cat, he was already ten or so years old.

Thus he had a head start compared to the twins.

The twins were still about three years old as of now, so they had time to go before they'd be able to speak normally.

Even Little Shrubby had some improvements with his own skills.

Lin Mu got to learn that the Saintess had actually been teaching Little Shrubby too. She was guiding him to use his fire better, by improving his control over the Fire Dao Traces.

It was interesting to Lin Mu and made him wonder if the Saintess had the ability to use fire Dao too.

So far he had seen her use the Wind Dao, the Air Dao and the Cloud Dao. Though all abilities she had shown so far were supportive ones and none of them were used offensively, so Lin Mu hadn't seen her true strength.

Other than this, he also got to learn a bit more about the Saintess simply by observing her. Since they would have meals together now, he learned of her preference as well as dislikes.

The Saintess preferred savory food over bitter or salty, and she also liked sweets occasionally.

All this was something that Lin Mu could only grasp by seeing the faint reactions of the Saintess, as her face was always hidden under the veil.

Lin Mu was certainly pleased with all this though. Even if he wasn't exactly living in a 'beautiful' location, the daily routine and peace that he had was calming for him. And just like that, two months passed by.

It was now the third month, and Lin Mu was in the middle of his practice with one of his main offensive skills.

~HUU~

Lin Mu took a deep breath and stood in the horse stance.

He brought his fists to his waist and held them there while gathering power in them.

~SHUA~

Immortal Qi gathered within his hand and started to spin, turning into a long stream.

Boulder Collapsing Fist: Second Form- Piercer!

Lin Mu punched out, sending forth an energy construct that was in the form of a needle. This was none other than the compressed Immortal Qi that had been transformed by the Boulder Collapsing Fist.

~ZING~

It traveled at a great speed, covering ten kilometers in the blink of an eye before meeting its target at the end.

~BOOM~

The hill in front of it was pierced clean before it exploded behind it.

"Hmm... the stability of the second form has certainly improved." Lin Mu muttered to himself as he looked at his fist.

There was no damage on it, unlike before when he would cut his knuckles.

"Modulating the amount of Immortal Qi I used was indeed to key to preventing the damage. Though this also reduces the maximum power of the skill..." Lin Mu muttered.

He had spent the last few days in improving his own skills. After having reached the immortal realm, Lin Mu hadn't worked with the Boulder Collapsing Fist as much and needed to get familiar with it again.

And now, he knew his new limits.

'As long as I use less than five percent of my immortal Qi in the second form of the boulder collapsing fist, its fully stable. I can increase it up to 10% for better power, but then I'll also sustain damage.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

This was the conclusion he had come to after having tested the skill for the past two days.

But this was just one of the forms that Lin Mu had worked with. There were still the first and third forms that he hadn't gotten started on yet.

And that was because of Immortal Essence.

<sup>&#</sup>x27;I guess it is time to get used to it now...' Lin Mu thought.