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When the Sect Master stared at the silver-haired human, he became a bit alarmed. He couldn't sense the man's cultivation level! This shouldn't be possible unless the other party was a lot stronger than him or he had a Celestial God-rank item that can conceal his aura. No matter what it was, he knew that this guy was dangerous. He finally understood why Elder Vincent gave him a warning earlier. He must have noticed the irregularities of this man.

'I was careless! Dammit!' The Sect Master stared at Jiu Shen solemnly. The silver-haired human remained calm and he still had that annoying smile hanging on his face.

"Are you the owner of this dragon building?" The Sect Master asked as he looked at Jiu Shen warily.

This time, Jiu Shen was the one who ignored him. He took out a chair from his space earring and took a seat. He then stared at the Sect Master with a look of contempt.

The lack of nervousness from Jiu Shen and his mysterious strength made the Sect Master feel deeply unsettled. He then used his spiritual power to check the area and he soon noticed that he couldn't use his spiritual power! After realizing this, a seed of fear slowly budded inside his heart.

"You finally noticed it, huh?" The silver-haired human suddenly muttered with a voice filled with mockery. The look in his eyes seemed to be telling that he was looking at a group of fools.

The Sect Master calmed his breathing as he slowly took out his weapon.

Seeing this, the others from the Shadow God Sect also grabbed their weapons.

Elder Vincent sighed and shook his head. It looks like they had no choice but to fight. Although Jiu Shen's mysterious power distressed him, he felt that they could still escape since the Sect Master was with them.

Jiu Shen's smile became more vibrant when he saw this scene.

A huge crowd of onlookers suddenly arrived outside the golden fences to spectate. They sensed that things are suddenly becoming more exciting! Their anticipation intensified when they saw the Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect taking out his weapon.

"Are they finally fighting?"

"Maybe, but what is that guy doing there sitting on a chair?"

The crowd chatted animatedly as they watched the drama.

"Atlas, come out and take out these people. They are disturbing the peace of the dragon building." Jiu Shen muttered with a nonchalant look as he remained seated in his chair. He even took out a bottle of wine and began chugging it down under the stupefied gazes of the onlookers.

The people from the Shadow God Sect suddenly felt a violent tremor coming from the still pond behind the dragon building.

The Sect Master frowned and a grave look covered his face when he sensed a strong aura from that direction. "Heavenly God Realm! There is one more?! Sh*t!"

Because of Jiu Shen's indifference, the Sect Master thought that he was a Heavenly God Realm expert. Now, another expert at that level has suddenly shown himself.

Things are becoming more dangerous for them!

An old man holding a walking cane emerged from the golden pond. He had an amiable look on his face as he slowly walked toward Jiu Shen. He ignored the stunned looks of everyone and bowed respectfully at Jiu Shen. "Master."

Jiu Shen waved his hand. He didn't know if this was Atlas' way to establish of helping him establish a strong image for everyone.

'The Heavenly God Realm expert called him master?! Who is he?!' The Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect could no longer hide his fear. The faces of the others from the Shadow God Sect finally changed into uncertainty. They thought that everything would be fine if the Sect Master was with them, but from the looks of it, things might not go according to their plans...

"Atlas, I change my mind. I think I want to exercise my muscles for a bit... Don't let anyone of them escape here..." Jiu Shen suddenly stood up from his seat and patted Atlas' shoulder. The old man was a bit surprised when he heard Jiu Shen's words, but he still nodded his head.

"As you wish, Master!"

"Good. Now, let's begin this, shall we?" Jiu Shen took out his Baleful Dragon Sacred Sword and activated his peak stage Heavenly God Realm aura! He also took the initiative to launch an attack on the Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect!

"Peak stage Heavenly God Realm! F*ck!" The Sect Master cursed in fear when he sensed the aura released by Jiu Shen. He was only an early stage Heavenly God Realm expert and even if he used all of his power, he wouldn't be able to overpower someone of Jiu Shen's caliber! Each advancement in the Heavenly God Realm means a huge qualitative increase in strength!

The Sect Master abruptly raised his weapon to block Jiu Shen's strike, but he noticed that Jiu Shen's silhouette had suddenly vanished from his field of vision! And with his spiritual power being unusable, he couldn't pinpoint the exact location of Jiu Shen!

Suddenly, he felt a warm sensation on his back and the area around his stomach. He looked down and saw the edge of Jiu Shen's sword poking a huge gaping hole in his body!

He didn't know what happened and he had absolutely no idea how Jiu Shen did it...

The Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect felt his strength slowly leaving out of his body.

'So this is how I die, huh? What a pathetic ending for me...' He muttered to himself with a look of remorse. He was too careless and he didn't even investigate the opponent's strength before coming here. He also ignored the warning of Elder Vincent.

Jiu Shen pulled his sword out of the Sect Master's body.

Blood sprayed like a fountain from the gaping hole and the Sect Master slowly collapsed!

Everyone witnessing the scene was silent! No one dared to breathe when they saw what happened...

A Heavenly God Realm expert died! He died in just one sword strike!

Chapter 482: Widespread Fame

The Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect was killed by Jiu Shen in just one sword strike! However, after he killed the guy, he felt a piercing sensation in his head. He overdid it this time...

Although he had already reached the True God Realm, his body still found it taxing every time he releases his Heavenly God Realm aura. Furthermore, he used up a huge bulk of his power in that one sword strike. Jiu Shen deliberately did this to show a strong image in front of everyone.

"Did the Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect say that Wine Master Jiu Shen is a peak stage Heavenly God Realm?" Someone from the crowd suddenly asked with a look of disbelief.

"Yeah, I heard it too... That explains how he killed the Sect Master in just one move! Only a peak stage Heavenly God Realm expert could do that!"

"To think that there's actually such an individual living in this region... Perhaps, a huge change in the power structure is about to happen..."

Jiu Shen felt weak all over his body, but he didn't let out a frown. His face was calm and indifferent as he looked at the remaining members of the Shadow God Sect. He then stared at Atlas and said. "Atlas, seal their cultivation levels. These people will be punished for trying to steal from me!"

After saying those words, Jiu Shen went back inside the dragon building under the admiring gazes of everyone. Besides their admiration, everyone also revealed a hint of fear as they stared at his figure.

Atlas bowed his head lightly at Jiu Shen. He then sealed the cultivation of the remaining members of the Shadow God Sect. They couldn't even muster the courage to fight back since their only backbone had already died. All of them had a look of despair in their eyes as Atlas sealed their cultivation...

Suddenly, Elder Vincent from them pounced toward Atlas with a crazed look in his eyes.

"Die!"

He slashed down his weapon, hoping that he could kill this Heavenly God Realm expert by surprise.

However, as if the old man had eyes behind his back, Atlas moved to his left to evade the attack. He then grabbed his attacker by the neck and crushed it!

Crack!

Elder Vincent's neck broke and Atlas threw his corpse to the side without even a change in his expression.

After Atlas sealed their cultivation, he stared at the dragon building. A look of worry flashed before his eyes, but it soon vanished. He then turned his gaze towards the

armored guards and said in a cold voice. "Find a place to imprison these people. We will wait for the master's verdict!"

The armored guards nodded their heads and they immediately tied the shivering members of the Shadow God Sect.

After dealing with the situation, there was still a huge crowd of people left at the scene. Everyone couldn't believe that such a surprising drama has unfold right before their very eyes.

"Now I finally realize why the dragon building has so many Heavenly God-rank spiritual plants and other precious items..."

"They also have two Heavenly God Realm experts in their midst... One at the early stage and the other at the peak stage... Who would dare to offend them?"

Among the crowd, a group of Galagads can be seen forming a small circle. Suddenly, one of them spoke.

"Boss, are we still doing what we planned?"

"Are you an idiot? Did you not see what happened earlier?! Even a Heavenly God Realm expert died in just one sword strike! Do you think I'm tired of living?!" The boss smacked his subordinate's head and left the scene with a fuming expression.

The others who had similar intentions as them also sighed and left with looks of regret.

Soon, the news about the collapse of the Shadow God Sect spread like wildfire. It was one of the top sects in the Primordial God Realm with a Heavenly God Realm expert protecting them. However, such a strong force was destroyed overnight because of the death of their Sect Master. All the core members of the Shadow God Sect were also captured by the armored guards of the dragon building, so no one was left to protect the sect.

Enemies showed up one by one and the defenseless sect was destroyed just like that...

Many people also began to take notice of the new force that caused the destruction of the Shadow God Sect.

The Immortal's Wine Store...

It was a strange name for such a strong force, but when everyone investigated, they discovered that the man responsible for the collapse of the Shadow God Sect was, in fact, a wine store owner!

The name 'Jiu Shen' became famous and everyone began talking about this mysterious expert.

Meanwhile, the man behind the incident was now recuperating inside the cultivation hall. It was now a week since that happened, but Jiu Shen barely recovered his strength.

He slowly opened his eyes and exhaled a long breath. "I ended up spending a week to recover..." He muttered as he stood up. He then let out a smile as he wondered what changes happened in Hard Rock City during the past week after that event.

"Wine Master Jiu Shen, the City Lord of Hard Rock City wishes to speak with you privately." An armored guard came and informed him.

"Oh? I wonder what that brat is up to now..." Jiu Shen smiled as he went down to the first floor.

Everyone inside the dragon building turned their gazes towards Jiu Shen when they saw him walking down the stairs. Some were looking at him with a worshipping gaze, while a few revealed looks of fear.

"Wine Master Jiu Shen!"

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The customers enthusiastically greeted him.

Jiu Shen ignored them and scanned the dragon building. His gaze stopped when he saw the familiar figure of the City Lord. His right-hand man, Serek was also there sitting with him.

When the City Lord saw Jiu Shen look his way, he immediately stood up and walked toward Jiu Shen.

Chapter 483: God Sword Region

"Greetings, Wine Master Jiu Shen!" The City Lord did not dare look Jiu Shen in the eyes as he bowed at him respectfully. When they first met, he thought that this guy was just someone with equal standing as he was, but who knew that he was actually just hiding his strength? He shuddered when he remembered that he tried to kill this fellow when he came to the City Lord's manor. He realized how lucky he was at that time...

Serek stood behind the City Lord without saying a word. He was just a peak stage Mystic God Realm expert. In front of Jiu Shen, even the City Lord had to humble himself like a lowly servant.

Jiu Shen glanced at the City Lord with a calm look. He then gestured for him to sit on a nearby chair.

The City Lord felt nervous as he sat before Jiu Shen. He had been coming here in the dragon building every day because he couldn't cultivate properly. The reason for that was because he knew about Jiu Shen's secret. He has another force outside of Hard Rock City! At first, he thought that he could sell this information to a top sect, but when he witnessed Jiu Shen's strength, he immediately buried that thought.

"I heard that you're looking for me..." Jiu Shen muttered indifferently. When he saw the anxious look of the City Lord, he already had a few guesses on why the guy was here.

"Wine Master Jiu Shen, it's like this..." The City Lord glanced to his left and right to check if there was someone listening to their conversation.

"No need to worry. I've already isolated the area around us. Even if a Heavenly God Realm uses his spiritual power to eavesdrop, they wouldn't hear anything, so you can speak freely." Jiu Shen suddenly said.

The City Lord let out an embarrassed smile as he said. "Wine Master Jiu Shen, I came here to promise you that I won't tell anyone about your connection with the force outside of Hard Rock City. Other than that, I also came here in hopes of becoming your subordinate." He looked nervously at Jiu Shen when he said the last sentence, but the man's expression didn't even change, so he couldn't tell what Jiu Shen was thinking...

"The dragon building doesn't lack people. Besides, you are still too weak to even become an armored guard here..." Jiu Shen's words were like a direct stab to his chest, but the City Lord already expected this rejection.

"However, I can give you the opportunity to reach the Supreme God Realm. Once you reach that level, you can become an armored guard of this dragon building." Jiu Shen's next words made the City Lord extremely ecstatic. This was a promise from a peak stage Heavenly God Realm expert!

The City Lord immediately rose to his feet and bowed at Jiu Shen gratefully. "Wine Master Jiu Shen, I won't disappoint you!"

"But you still have to pass a trial in order to become one of us. You see, I don't want people to betray me, so I created an item that is capable of seeing the true heart of someone. Your loyalty will be tested, are you prepared?" Jiu Shen muttered in a cold voice. This Corpse Lord was quite a questionable individual, so Jiu Shen had to be careful.

The City Lord panicked when he saw the cold gaze of Jiu Shen. He hurriedly nodded his head and expressed his determination. "Wine Master Jiu Shen, I'm ready!"

Jiu Shen nodded his head and gave him a token. "This is a token of my Heavenly Sword Tower. It is a sect that I created just recently. You already know their location, so go there and show this token to the people there and tell them that I sent you to be tested."

The City Lord accepted the token and kept it inside his space ring carefully. "Thank you so much for your trust, Wine Master Jiu Shen!"

Jiu Shen turned his gaze towards Serek and handed him another token. "Since you are here, you can go with him to be tested."

"This... I-..." Serek was at loss for words. He wanted to say something to Jiu Shen, but the man was already gone. He glanced at the token in his hands and kept it.

"Congratulations, Serek! It seems like we will become colleagues in the future!" Corpse Lord patted Serek's shoulder encouragingly.

"City Lord..." Serek felt slightly emotional.

"Come on! Don't give me that look. Haha! Let's go!" Corpse Lord chuckled and grabbed Serek out of the dragon building.

Far from Hard Rock City, there was a humongous castle surrounded by tall walls. The castle was heavily guarded by hundreds of experts and there was even a Protective Array Formation inscribed on the walls!

This impenetrable fortress was the headquarters of a major sect called God Sword Region. The God Sword Region was the true overlord of this part of the continent and they have three Heavenly God Realm experts behind them! Furthermore, the founder of this sect was once the student of a renowned individual crowned as the second strongest swordsman in the history of the Primordial God Realm. This renowned individual also became the fourth strongest in all realms just right after the three Celestial Emperors!

The God Sword Region once had eight Heavenly God Realm experts, however, five of them died including the founder. As for the reason for their deaths, the remaining members of the God Sword Region chose to remain silent about it...

Now, in the main hall of the God Sword Region, the three Heavenly God Realm experts were seated before a round table. One of them suddenly spoke.

"Are you sure that someone that goes by the name of Jiu Shen had suddenly caused a commotion in Hard Rock City?" The one who spoke was an old man with a fat figure.

An old man with gray sword-like eyebrows and long white hair nodded his head. "I'm sure of it. I've heard of it from a core disciple who was out on a mission. I don't know if this is a coincidence, but he has the same name as the teacher of our founder..."

Chapter 484: Yin Long

"You think that this Jiu Shen person might be connected to the founder's teacher?" The last person was an old man with a thin and sickly look.

The old man with sword-like eyebrows shook his head and replied. "I don't know, but that guy also uses a sword... There might be some sort of connection between them..."

"But the founder's teacher has been dead for millions of years! This was announced by Celestial Emperor Lao Gou himself!" The fat old man interjected.

"You're right... I may be wrong, but I will still investigate this person..." The elder with sword-like eyebrows said.

"Hey, Brother Yin Long! Are you sure about this? Although the Celestial Paragon Tower has stopped monitoring our movements, there still might be people observing us in secret! It will be dangerous if you come out alone!" The fat old man furrowed his eyebrows as he uttered those words.

"Brother Yin Long, Brother Gu San is right. To be safe, I'll go with you..." The thin and sickly-looking old man muttered.

Yin Long shook his head immediately upon hearing his friends' words. "Brother Ka Wayan, I can protect myself, so you don't have to go with me. Besides, there would only be Brother Gu San left here to guard the castle if you come with me. Just stay here while I investigate this matter..."

Ka Wayan and Gu San sighed upon hearing this. In the end, they could only reluctantly agree with him.

"Don't worry. I, Yin Long, am a mid stage Heavenly God Realm expert. Even if I encounter someone stronger than me, I'm confident that I could escape from their grasp!" Yin Long assured his buddies with a confident look.

"I knew that we could not convince you once you have decided on doing something. Just be safe, Brother Yin!" The fat old man, Gu San, patted Yin Long's shoulder.

Yin Long smiled and nodded his head. "I will!"

Jiu Shen was seated on a chair outside the dragon building. He was looking at Balmond and the others who were tending the garden.

Standing behind Jiu Shen was an old man dressed in plain white robes.

"Master, what are you planning to do with the remnants of the Shadow God Sect?" The old man suddenly asked to break the silence.

Jiu Shen took a sidelong glance at him and replied. "I don't know, but they might be useful for Theia since they are still in the process of building a new sword tower. They lacked manpower right now because they couldn't casually ask for someone to build the sword tower for them."

"Do you want me to send a Soul Puppet and bring them there?"

"Sure, but you have to make sure that their cultivation would remain sealed. Theia and the others are still too weak right now, so we have to be careful." Jiu Shen muttered solemnly.

Atlas nodded his head. "Yes, master! I will double-check everything before sending those people there..."

After saying those words, Atlas' figure vanished.

Jiu Shen stood up from his chair and went inside the dragon building. There were many customers inside, but no one was causing trouble. No one was brave enough to become enemies with the owner of this store! Besides, the wines here were very valuable and they didn't want their chance to be here to disappear just because of a simple mistake.

When Jiu Shen entered the dragon building, his presence immediately caught the attention of everyone. They were now used to his presence, but they still couldn't help but feel nervous every time he was here.

Jiu Shen ignored the customers and went to the cultivation hall. However, he stopped when he was already midway to the second floor. He stared in a certain direction and furrowed his eyebrows.

"A mid stage Heavenly God Realm expert?" He muttered to himself. He had just barely recovered his strength after overexerting himself in the fight against the Sect Master of the Shadow God Sect. He was not in his best condition to fight and if he was forced to use his peak stage Heavenly God Realm aura, it would be dangerous for him. Doing it

forcibly would damage his foundations and his plan of reaching the Celestial God Realm would be jeopardized.

"Who is it this time?" Jiu Shen disappeared and reappeared outside of Hard Rock City. He could already do long-distance teleportation, so this wasn't difficult for him.

Jiu Shen hovered in midair with an indifferent look on his face. He placed his hands behind his back as he waited.

Not long later, he saw the figure of an old man flying towards him with great speed! When he finally got a clearer look, Jiu Shen noticed that the old man didn't reveal any malicious movements.

'This must be just another curious individual. Well, that saves me from a fight...' Jiu Shen thought to himself.

Yin Long had long noticed Jiu Shen, so he wasn't surprised to meet him outside Hard Rock City. The only thing that made him feel shocked was the fact that he couldn't sense this man's cultivation.

"Hello, friend! My name is Yin Long! I came here to visit the rumored dragon building here in Hard Rock City. I wonder if you could help find this place?" Yin Long let out a smile as he introduced himself briefly. He also stated his intentions in coming here to prevent the other party from thinking that he had ulterior motives.

Hearing this, Jiu Shen's expression didn't change. He wore the same calm look as he glanced at Yin Long.

"Oh? It appears that my wine store has become quite reputable. Pardon me for blocking your path. I am Jiu Shen. The owner of 'The Immortal's Wine Store' or the famously known dragon building. It's a pleasure to meet you." Jiu Shen said with a smile.

Yin Long was pleasantly surprised when he heard this. "It seems like I don't have to look around aimlessly. Brother Jiu Shen, could you take me to your store?"

Chapter 485: Nostalgia

Jiu Shen looked calmly at the old man. He had long white hair and sword-like eyebrows. He looked sharp for his age and there was a strong sword aura gushing out of him unconsciously. 'A swordsman?' Jiu Shen thought when he sensed the sword aura.

"No problem!" Jiu Shen answered with a smile. If a fight was to happen here, it would be disadvantageous for him, but things wouldn't be the same in the dragon building!

Yin Long smiled upon hearing this. "Great! I've heard that the wines sold in your store have beneficial effects even to top cultivators. Can you tell me more about this?" He initiated a conversation. He wanted to see if he could dig up something from this man without being suspicious.

If this man was indeed connected with the founder's teacher, he wouldn't casually tell others about his origin. After all, Jiu Shen, the teacher of the founder was killed by Celestial Emperor Lao Gou himself! To be specific, he was captured and sealed inside the God Sealing Tower and was subjected to cruel torture for millions of years! Just thinking about that made Yin Long's spine crawl in dread.

Yin Long was planning how to get information from Jiu Shen.

The two flew towards the dragon building. It was the most beautiful place in Hard Rock City, the area around the dragon building was also beautified under the City Lord's order.

Yin Long was a bit surprised when he saw the appearance of the dragon building. He thought that the disciple who informed him about its existence was just exaggerating his words, but it seemed like he was truthful. However, when he moved closer to the golden gates, he frowned. He noticed that there was a strong Protective Array Formation inscribed to protect this place. He wouldn't have noticed it if not for his strong spiritual power!

"So you noticed it?" Jiu Shen glanced at Yin Long with a smile when he saw the sudden change in the latter's expression.

"Don't worry. That Protective Array Formation is only meant for dangerous situations. I didn't even use it when the Shadow God Sect's people came here to cause trouble." Jiu Shen muttered with the same nonchalant smile.

Hearing this, Yin Long no longer dared to treat Jiu Shen casually. From the disciple's information, he said that this Jiu Shen revealed the strength of a peak stage Heavenly God Realm expert! If it was true, even he wouldn't be able to escape his grasp!

"I can't believe that there's actually a hidden expert living in our region. It's truly surprising!" Yin Long let out a smile, though it was a bit forced.

When they entered beyond the golden gates, Yin Long saw a massive garden filled with spiritual plants that emitted strong suppressive auras. 'Heavenly God-rank spiritual plants?! It's actually true! Just how much good stuff is in this man's possession?! No wonder the Shadow God Sect decided to open steal from him...'

'His name is Jiu Shen. His strength is at the peak stage of the Heavenly God Realm. His weapon is also a sword... Could it be, he's alive? No way!' Yin Long frowned as he drowned in his thoughts. He didn't even notice that they were already inside the dragon

building. He only became aware of this when he heard the loud noise coming from the chattering of the customers.

"There are a lot of people here, so I apologize in advance for the noise." Jiu Shen with an apologetic look. He then led Yin Long to an empty spot and gestured for him to sit down.

The two men sat opposite each other.

"Tell me your real intentions." Jiu Shen broke the silence. His voice was calm as he uttered those words.

Yin Long was a bit surprised that he was seen through. It seems like he had underestimated this man. He then put on a serious look as he asked. "Do you know Xuan Kaisheng?"

Jiu Shen's expressionless face revealed a hint of nostalgia when he heard this name... He recalled the face of a young man who had a high talent in swordsmanship. This young man begged him for many years to take him as a disciple, but Jiu Shen always rejected him. After many years of pleading, Jiu Shen finally decided to start a lecture about swordsmanship for the young man and also for the others who wanted to take him as their master. That was when his lonely days began to take a different turn.

"Xuan Kaisheng... Is he still alive?" Jiu Shen glanced at Yin Long as he slowly calmed himself.

Yin Long's eyes widened when he heard this. This was equivalent to him admitting that he was Jiu Shen! But how was he still alive?

"You are... It's you!" Yin Long stood up from his seat and wanted to bow at Jiu Shen, but the latter immediately pushed Yin Long back to his chair.

"There are many people here, so don't do something that would attract their attention. Yes, it's me, Jiu Shen, the teacher of Xuan Kaisheng. From the way you act, you must be his friend." Jiu Shen sighed. He couldn't believe that he would meet someone that was somehow connected to him in his past life.

"I'm from the God Sword Region! The sect that Xuan Kaisheng created after he became a Heavenly God Realm expert!"

Yin Long's face was enveloped with excitement when Jiu Shen admitted his identity.

He is alive! The founder's teacher is alive!

"Pardon me for asking this, but how did you survive being sealed inside the God Sealing Tower?" He could not help but ask.

Jiu Shen let out a mocking smile as he replied. "Survive? I didn't survive. I died, but it's a long story, so I'd rather skip that part. Since you are a friend of Xuan Kaisheng, tell me, how did die?" He asked solemnly.

Yin Long's face suddenly turned grim as he slowly answered. "When he heard about your death, he rallied the Sword God Region and a few other sects to join him in avenging you. However, we were effortlessly defeated by the Celestial Paragon Tower. He was killed at that time..."

Chapter 486: Proposal?

"Celestial Paragon Tower?" Jiu Shen uttered coldly. His calm and indifferent face revealed a look of rage and contempt. In his past life, the Celestial Paragon Tower sent more than a dozen Heavenly God Realm experts and tens of thousands of other experts just to capture him, in the end, they miserably failed. Celestial Emperor Lao Gou had to intervene to reduce their casualties.

"Yea, it's them! In order to let us escape, Brother Xuan sacrificed his life. Including me, two more Heavenly God Realm experts survived, and a few more of our core disciples also managed to escape. However, because of our severe losses at that time, we were forced to isolate ourselves for millions of years. It is only recently that we started going outside again..." Yin Long muttered with a heavy expression. He could not forget the events at that time. The sacrifice of his friends and the downfall of their God Sword Region.

Jiu Shen glanced at Yin Long and suddenly thought of something. "Yin Long, go back to the God Sword Region and bring the other two Heavenly God Realm experts to me, but don't tell them about my existence yet. It is better if I do the explanations myself. Once all three of you are gathered, I will offer a proposal."

Yin Long furrowed his eyebrows as he pondered deeply. He wondered what Jiu Shen had in mind for them. "Yes, Lord Jiu Shen! I will bring those two here immediately!" He replied.

"Alright. You can try the wines next time. We still have important things to discuss, so you must go now." Jiu Shen waved his hand.

Yin Long nodded his head and stood up from his seat. "Lord Jiu Shen, I will come back with them."

After saying those words, Yin Long left the dragon building and went back to the God Sword Region's headquarters at his greatest speed.

"With those three Heavenly God Realm experts, I could hasten the growth speed of my Heavenly Sword Tower. And if they agree to my proposal, things would become much faster..." Jiu Shen muttered to himself.

Heavenly Sword Tower's temporary camp.

Corpse Lord and Serek trekked the area with nervous expressions. They were afraid that they would be accidentally killed by Jiu Shen's people without being able to explain things.

"Are you sure that this is the place?" Corpse Lord asked Serek as he tried to hide his anxiety.

Serek nodded his head solemnly as he observed the surroundings. He could not forget this place. This was where they were spotted by a Supreme God Realm expert! "I'm sure of it. The armored guards would be here soon to give us a warning. Hopefully..."

Corpse Lord became even more nervous when he heard the uncertainty of Serek. He could only pray that they wouldn't be killed right away.

Suddenly, they felt their bodies stiffening as a man with a tall and lean figure appeared. He was wearing the same outfit as the armored guards, so Corpse Lord and Serek immediately identified him.

"It's you again!" The armored guard muttered in a cold voice as he looked at Serek's familiar face. He was preparing to take out his sword, but Corpse Lord immediately shouted.

"Wait! Wine Master Jiu Shen sent us here to be tested!"

The armored guard frowned as he looked at Corpse Lord. "Do you have proof?" He asked in the same cold voice.

Corpse Lord hurriedly nodded his head. "Yes, we have his token with us. Remove this restrictive force and we will show it to you..."

The armored guard glanced at Corpse Lord and then towards Serek. "Fine! But if you show me something fake, then I wouldn't be polite anymore!" He then released the restriction force that he had cast towards the two.

Corpse Lord and Serek felt the force that was restricting them vanished and they immediately sighed in relief. They then took out the token given by Jiu Shen and showed it to the armored guard.

The armored guard took their tokens. He could feel the familiar aura of Jiu Shen within the tokens. He nodded his head and returned them to the two as he muttered in a less cold voice. "Follow me..."

The eyes of Corpse Lord and Serek lit up when they heard this.

The two trailed behind the armored guard and they soon reached a temporary settlement. They could see hundreds of young humans dressed in white robes. Their robes had an insignia that they couldn't identify, but they guessed that this was the insignia of Jiu Shen's sect.

The armored guard led them to a cold-looking blonde lady. She was only a peak stage Mystic God Realm expert, but surprisingly, Corpse Lord and Serek felt a wave of pressure when she looked in their direction.

The blonde-haired lady frowned when he saw the armored guard leading two unfamiliar faces. "Who are they?" She asked in a frosty tone.

The armored guard lightly bowed his head towards Theia and explained. "They have the master's token with them." He then turned his head towards the two and said. "Take out your tokens and show them to the Vice Sect Master!"

Corpse Lord and Serek were both surprised. This Mystic God Realm young lady was actually a Vice Sect Master?

The two immediately took out their tokens and passed them to Theia.

She inspected the token carefully and when she sensed Jiu Shen's aura within the tokens, her expression eased up. "Why did he send you here?" She looked at the two curiously.

Corpse Lord and Serek glanced at each other before answering. "Wine Master Jiu Shen told us to be tested here. We don't know the exact details, but he said that if we tell you this, you will know what to do. If we pass the test, we will become armored guards of the dragon building!"

Theia nodded her head. "I see. Follow me. Once you pass the test, you will also become members of the Heavenly Sword Tower." She muttered as she gestured for the two men to follow her.

Chapter 487: Deacons

Yin Long came back to the God Sword Region's castle and he immediately called Gu San and Ka Wayan. The two old men were surprised when they saw the sweaty face of Yin Long. They wondered what this guy encountered outside for him to be like this.

"What happened, Brother Yin Long? Did the Celestial Paragon Tower ambush you?" The thin old man, Ka Wayan, asked with a frown.

Yin Long shook his head. He suddenly smiled and said eagerly. "Follow me! You will be surprised by what I've discovered!"

Gu San and Ka Wayan glanced at each other with surprise. Yin Long was usually calm, so it was a bit shocking for them to see him act like this.

"Brother Yin, just what did you discover?" The fat old man, Gu San, asked with a perplexed look.

Yin Long grabbed the two old men and said. "I'll explain later! Go with me to the dragon building first! When we arrive there, you'll know what I'm talking about! Besides, this might be an opportunity for our God Sword Region!" There was a trace of expectation in his eyes as he said this. He saw hope when met Jiu Shen! Although he hasn't stepped into the Celestial God Realm, based on Jiu Shen's qualifications, it was only a matter of time for him!

Hearing this, the eyes of Gu San and Ka Wayan flashed with radiance.

"Alright! We trust you, Brother Yin! But if you're just wasting our time, I promise that I'll beat you up after I reach the mid stage of the Heavenly God Realm!" Gu San put on an ugly smile as he gave Yin Long a warning look. Every time he sparred with Yin Long, he would always end up beaten up.

Yin Long chuckled at his words. "Don't worry, Brother Gu San. You will be surprised later..." He muttered with a mysterious look.

Gu San and Ka Wayan felt their fists itch when they saw his expression.

"Come on! Let's go!"

"A mirror?" Corpse Lord and Serek both muttered in surprise when they saw Theia taking out a door-like mirror. It was like a portal that leads to a different location, but they could sense that something was different about this thing.

Theia saw the confusion in their eyes, but she didn't bother to explain things to them. This is the Mirror of Truth and Deceit and it could read the minds and hearts of anyone

who try to pass through it. If their hearts and minds didn't have any malicious intentions, they would be able to pass through the mirror.

"This is the Mirror of Truth and Deceit. This is your only test. If you pass this test, you will become armored guards and also members of our Heavenly Sword Tower! We will start with you. What's your name?" Theia asked as she pointed at Serek.

"Ah, my name is Serek, Vice Sect Master!" Serek introduced himself. Although this blonde-haired young lady has the same cultivation level as him, he didn't dare understand her. Even the armored guard who had the strength of Supreme God Realm was respectful to her!

"Serek? Alright. Step into the mirror!" Theia said in a commanding voice.

Serek nodded his head at Theia. He then slowly walked in front of the Mirror of Truth and Deceit. It looked like a Teleportation Array Formation, but the more he went closer to it, the heavier his heart has become. This feeling made him nervous, but he didn't stop walking toward the mirror. 'We were sent here by Wine Master Jiu Shen to be tested, so this mirror should not be dangerous.' He consoled himself.

Serek's heart almost stopped when he was just a few inches away from the mirror. The moment he stepped into it, he felt as if he was stripped naked with everything about him being scrutinized by an invisible force! The feeling was weird and uncomfortable at the same time, but it only happened for a second.

When Serek opened his eyes, he realized that he had come out to the other side of the mirror. "What just happened?" He glanced at Theia and asked her in confusion.

Theia's cold expression slightly eased up when she stared at Serek. She nodded her head at him and said. "Congratulations! You passed the test!"

"Huh? I... What?!" Serek exclaimed in surprise, but he immediately smiled joyfully.

"Thank you, Vice Sect Master!"

Theia ignored the grateful Serek and moved her gaze towards the old man, Corpse Lord. "What's your name?" She asked.

Corpse Lord wanted to say 'Corpse Lord', but that wasn't his name. It was only a title that people call him. He cleared his throat and answered. "My name is Garyun. I'm a Necromancer and an Alchemist."

Theia nodded her head calmly. Though she was a bit surprised when the old man revealed that he was also an Alchemist. "Enter the mirror!" She said coldly.

Garyun nodded his head with a solemn look. He saw the entire process of Serek stepping into this mirror, but he still had no idea what this mirror was capable of doing. He thought their test would be something difficult, but they were actually given a weird test.

As he drew nearer to the mirror, Garyun's face changed. He felt an unknown force sweeping his consciousness! If he was to describe how it felt, it was like he was electrocuted for a short moment. He unconsciously closed his eyes and when he opened them, he saw the cold-faced Vice Sect Master revealing a light smile. She looked beautiful, but Garyun immediately looked away from her. 'She might be Wine Master Jiu Shen's wife...' He concluded.

"You also passed the test! Congratulations! Now, I officially announce that the two of you will become the newest armored guards of the dragon building and also new members of our Heavenly Sword Tower! With your cultivation level, you can already become Elders of the sword tower, but I can't do that. We have to follow the rules set by Jiu Shen himself, so I could only appoint you guys as deacons for now. Also, as the new deacons of the..." Theia began to explain their new position and also the job attached to it. Garyun and Serek listened to her with serious faces.

Chapter 488: The Proposal

"Brother Yin, can you at least tell us what to expect? This feeling of knowing absolutely nothing makes me feel a bit uncomfortable." Gu San stared at Yin Long, hoping to get an answer from him. However, the latter merely smiled at him.

"Brother Gu, we're already here! Just follow me inside the dragon building!" Yin Long chuckled when he saw the upset Gu San.

Ka Wayan was strangely silent because his focus was on the garden that they just passed by. He was shocked when he saw the spiritual plants. Some of which even gave him a sense of crisis! He only felt this way in front of Heavenly God Realm experts or creatures of the same level! That means those spiritual plants...

"Hey, Brother Ka, are you alright?" Gu San turned his head towards Ka Wayan. The man was standing straight with a blank look on his face, Gu San was confused when he saw this.

"Hey, Brother Ka!" Gu San grabbed the thin Ka Wayan's shoulder and lightly shook him to get his attention.

"Ah, yes? Brother Gu, what is it?" Ka Wayan glanced at his friend. He was still shocked by what he saw!

"What happened to you? Why are you suddenly spacing out?" Gu San asked as he looked at Ka Wayan's face.

Ka Wayan let out a forced smile as he pointed at the garden. "Take a look yourself..." He muttered weakly.

Gu San followed the direction he was pointing and soon, he saw a garden. He didn't see this earlier because was too occupied with asking Yin Long about what he was trying to show them.

"Brother Yin, is this the surprise you are talking about?" Gu San grabbed Yin Long and asked him in a serious voice. The number of Heavenly God Rank spiritual plants in the garden was more than enough to make the three of them increase their cultivation!

Yin Long chuckled when he saw the expression of his two friends. He then shook his head and replied. "Of course not! The owner might punish you if you steal one of his herbs. Come on! Just get inside the dragon building and you'll know!"

Yin Long pushed his two buddies inside the dragon building without waiting for them to say anything.

Gu San and Ka Wayan discovered that there were a lot of people here, so they tried to remain as calm as possible to maintain their image as top experts of the Primordial God Realm, but they almost failed to hide their surprise every time they saw something valuable inside this dragon building. To be precise, everything they have seen is precious!

Finally, they realized that someone who could own such a luxurious dragon building wasn't someone so simple. Not to mention that he also have that mind-boggling garden outside this building!

Gu San and Ka Wayan remained silent as they followed Yin Long. The latter brought them towards a spot occupied by a lone person. He was holding a bottle of wine as he reclined lazily on his chair. The man had a distant look as if he was deep in his thoughts.

"Lord Jiu Shen, I have brought them here." Yin Long cupped his fists towards the man as he pointed at his buddies who were standing behind him with shocked gazes.

'Lord Jiu Shen?' They were both surprised when they heard Yin Long acting so respectfully towards this person. Isn't this the man who caused the downfall of the Shadow God Sect?

Jiu Shen put down the bottle of wine and turned his gaze towards Yin Long. He then moved his gaze towards the two old men behind him. One was a fat man whose eyes

were barely visible, while the other was a thin old man who looked as if he might collapse at any moment.

"Oh, take your seats." Jiu Shen said as he pointed at the chairs in front of him. He already prepared this earlier.

Yin Long nodded his head. He then glanced at his buddies and said. "Lord Jiu Shen, this fatty right here is Gu San, and this guy here is Ka Wayan. We are the only remaining Heavenly God Realm experts of the God Sword Region!"

Gu San and Ka Wayan who had just taken their seats almost fell from their chairs when they heard this. Why is Yin Long suddenly telling this to someone he had just met?! No one was supposed to know about them!

"Brother Yin!" Gu San and Ka Wayan glared at Yin Long.

Yin Long was speechless when he saw his friends acting like this, but he realized that he was yet to introduce Jiu Shen. "Oh, right! I haven't introduced Lord Jiu Shen to you guys yet. He is Jiu Shen, the owner of this dragon building, the teacher of our founder, and the man recognized as the fourth strongest in all realms!"

"Huh?!"

The mouths of Gu San and Ka Wayan gaped wide open upon hearing this. Didn't Jiu Shen die millions of years ago? How is he still alive?!

Jiu Shen was a bit embarrassed by the flashy introduction of Yin Long, but he didn't show it on his face. He looked calmly at the three and said. "It's indeed me. I know you guys have so many questions, but you can save them for later. For now, we have a more pressing matter to discuss. I learned from Yin Long about what happened to your God Sword Region and I know that the reason for your collapse has something to do with me. I can't let you guys suffer for nothing, so I have a proposal."

"A proposal?"

Jiu Shen nodded his head. "I want your God Sword Region to merge with my Heavenly Sword Tower! In return, I will make sure that the three of you will have an increase of at least one minor realm in your cultivation! You saw the garden outside, right? So you should know that I'm not speaking nonsense here." He said with an air of dominance.

Chapter 489: Cultivation Hall

Gu San and Ka Wayan frowned upon hearing this. Even Yin Long was stunned after Jiu Shen said those words. They didn't even know anything about this Heavenly Sword Tower that he mentioned.

"Lord Jiu Shen, even if you are the founder's teacher, we can't agree to this. The God Sword Region has stood tall even after our defeat against the Celestial Paragon Tower. We can stand on our own." Ka Wayan said with a slightly cold voice.

Gu San was silent, but he nodded his head after Ka Wayan said his piece. He was also against Jiu Shen's proposal.

Yin Long glanced at them. He didn't know how to respond since he was surprised about Jiu Shen's proposal. They would become stronger once their two groups merged, but they would also become Jiu Shen's subordinates. He knew that his buddies who had been leaders for millions of years wouldn't agree to this easily.

Jiu Shen let out a smile filled with contempt. "Stand even after being defeated? Do you even know what you are saying? If Xuan Kaisheng was alive, he would have strangled you! Listen closely because I will only say this once. If you agree to my terms, I will promise you that I would help you guys reach the late stage of the Heavenly God Realm within a hundred years!"

The eyes of the three old men widened when they heard this. Reach the late stage of the Heavenly God Realm within a hundred years?!

"What absolute nonsense are you talking about?! Ka Wayan felt that Jiu Shen was lying. Was that even possible? No one in the Primordial God Realm had reached the late stage of the Heavenly God Realm in just a hundred years! Not even the three Celestial Emperors were able to do that!

Gu San and Yin Long also found this absurd, but when they saw the calm and unchanging expression of Jiu Shen, they tactfully remained silent.

"Of course, I will give you proof. In fact, I can even show it to you guys now." Jiu Shen muttered with a confident look.

Hearing this, the three old men became silent. If Jiu Shen could give them proof of his claims, they might change their minds, but they still found it hard to believe for such an impossible thing to happen.

Seeing their doubtful looks, Jiu Shen stood up from his seat and gestured for them to follow him. "I'll take you guys there." He said in a calm tone.

Yin Long and the other two glanced at each other. They then stood up and followed Jiu Shen upstairs. They wondered what Jiu Shen was about to show them. Was it a Celestial God-rank spiritual plant or was it a Celestial God-rank item that could enhance their cultivation? They were dying to know what it was despite the doubt in their hearts...

Jiu Shen led them to an empty hall. The space here was quite large and it could accommodate thousands of people.

"Hm?" Yin Long and the other two noticed another old man sitting cross-legged at the center of the hall. His eyes were shut tight and he appeared to be cultivating.

"He is Atlas. A subordinate of mine." Jiu Shen said in a soft voice.

"This is the place that I'm talking about. If you cultivate here, your cultivation speed will increase exponentially."

The three old men furrowed their eyebrows. They were expecting more than this. They couldn't believe that Jiu Shen would actually bring them to a cultivation hall! Even if the cultivation hall had the effects of increasing their cultivation speed, the enhancement would still be negligible for experts at their level, so they felt disappointed by this.

"Lord Jiu Shen, if this is your proof, then I-" Ka Wayan wanted to say something, but...

"Try cultivating first and you'll know..." Jiu Shen cut him off before he could even finish his words.

Ka Wayan gritted his teeth, but Yin Long grabbed him and shook his head. "Brother Ka, he is Lord Jiu Shen, so please control yourself and be more respectful."

Jiu Shen was one generation older than them and he was also the fourth strongest in the Primordial God Realm, so Yin Long didn't want Ka Wayan to act like this.

"Fine. I apologize for being rude, Lord Jiu Shen. We will begin now." Ka Wayan sighed and shook his head before he sat down. The other two soon followed suit and adjusted their posture.

When the three old men started to cultivate, they sensed the sharp increase in their cultivation speed. They felt a giant surge of true essence gushing towards their dantian like a storm! If not for their stable foundations, they would have drowned from this amount of true essence!

They could not help but open their eyes in shock when they sensed this!

"What in the world..." Ka Wayan muttered with a blank look on his face. With this cultivation speed, he was confident in reaching the late stage of the Heavenly God Realm in just fifty years! That was only a rough estimate, but it should be close to that!

Yin Long and Gu San were similarly shocked. Jiu Shen wasn't lying to them! In fact, the effect of this cultivation hall was more than what he had described!

"To tell you the truth, this cultivation hall would help you guys reach the late stage of the Heavenly God Realm in less than fifty years. You should know that I'm not lying to you since you've felt it yourselves. What do you think? If you agree to my proposal, I will allow the three of you to cultivate here." Jiu Shen smirked when he saw their expressions. He knew that they couldn't reject him now that they've experienced the effects of the cultivation hall!

"We agree! We agree to your proposal!" Yin Long immediately said before the other two could even say anything. This was a rare opportunity for them!

Gu San and Ka Wayan soon nodded their heads. "We also agree with the proposal."

Only a fool would reject this offer once they've experienced it...

Chapter 490: Winged Devil Race

After Jiu Shen reached an agreement with the three Heavenly God Realm experts, he told them to gather everyone from the God Sword Region and bring them to the location of the Heavenly Sword Tower. The sword tower was yet to be finished but it should be done soon since Jiu Shen was planning to send the surviving members of the Shadow God Sect as free labor.

With the construction of the sword tower off of his mind, and the merge with the God Sword Region being handled by Yin Long and the others, Jiu Shen was now free to cultivate.

"You may leave now and prepare for the merging process. I will send one armored guard to inform the Heavenly Sword Tower about the details. Once you're done with everything, you can start cultivating here. You can also bring the elites of the God Sword Region to cultivate here."

"Yes, Lord Jiu Shen!" Yin Long and the other two bowed at him with grateful expressions. They then left the cultivation hall with excitement written all over their faces. They could already imagine their future under Jiu Shen's command!

After the three old men left, only Jiu Shen and Atlas remained in the cultivation hall. Atlas was still cultivating, so he didn't disturb him. He came out of the cultivation hall and went downstairs.

The wine store was still packed with people. With the fame of the dragon building spreading far and wide, experts from all over the region decided to pay a visit. They wanted to see if the rumors about the legendary dragon building were all true. As a result, more and more experts with high cultivation came to see 'The Immortal's Wine Store'.

Jiu Shen called an armored guard and gestured for him to come close.

"Wine Master Jiu Shen!" The armored guard bowed at him respectfully.

"Go to the Heavenly Sword Tower's camp and tell Theia to bring all the elites of the sword tower here. Make sure that they will come discreetly and they

can only go inside the dragon building after it closes. Their safety will be in your hands." Jiu Shen muttered solemnly. Although he could already kill a Heavenly God Realm with his current power, he could only do it for a short amount of time. In a prolonged battle, he would be at a disadvantage. Once the God Sword Region has fully merged with the Heavenly Sword Tower, he wouldn't need to be that cautious anymore.

The armored guard realized the gravity of his job. He nodded his head at Jiu Shen and patted his chest as he declared with a cold look. "Don't worry, Wine Master Jiu Shen! I won't allow anyone to harm them!"

"Good! You may leave now."

The armored guard saluted at him before he left the dragon building.

"I can finally start cultivating. This time, I might be in seclusion for many years... Theia..." Jiu Shen muttered silently to himself. He then went back to the cultivation hall to begin his seclusion.

When he left, a man who was seated in a corner of the dragon building all by himself suddenly furrowed his eyebrows. He didn't dare glance at Jiu Shen for he might be noticed by the other party. He only used his peripheral vision to look at Jiu Shen discreetly.

This man had a pair of silver horns that protruded slightly above his ears. He had dark and gloomy eyes. There was also a pair of wings behind his back!

"The man who came here... I saw a picture of him on the wanted list of the Dark Devil Race! Yin Long of the God Sword Region... As for the other two who were with him... from their bearing and their unfathomable strength, they should be Heavenly God Realm experts as well. From what I can remember, there are only three Heavenly God Realm experts left in the God Sword

Region... If it's them, why did all of their remaining Heavenly God Realm experts come here to meet Wine Master Jiu Shen? Strange... I should report this to the Leader!" He muttered to himself with a grave look before leaving the dragon building in haste. He then went inside an inn near the dragon building and entered his room.

From his physical appearance, this man was from the Winged Devil Race! They were the newest subordinate race of the Dark Devil Race, the strongest demonic race in the Primordial God Realm!

He took out a communication crystal from his space ring and activated it. "Leader, I discovered a piece of important news! This is about the God Sword Region! Yin Long..." He narrated everything he had seen inside the dragon building.

"You mean Yin Long and the other two came out of their turtle shells to visit this dragon building? This is indeed strange... If you're sure that it's them, those three old codgers might be plotting something... Where are you right now?" An aged and demonic voice sounded behind the communication crystal.

"Leader, I'm in Hard Rock City. After I completed my mission, I came here to rest. I didn't think that I would discover something like this here..." The demon muttered.

"Good job in discovering this information, Kadhar! Stay where you are! I will send a team of experts to come there and help you in investigating more about this. If everything you said is proven to be true, you will gain a huge amount of merit! The Elders from the Dark Devil Race might even reward us for this!"

Kadhar was elated when he heard this. He clenched his hands joyfully as he muttered. "I will cooperate with the others to learn more about this, Leader!"

"Alright. I will send Elder Hadji and a few Supreme God Realm experts to aid you in your investigation. The future of our Winged Devil Race is in your hands, Kadhar!"

"I won't disappoint you, Leader!" Kadhar kept the communication crystal in his space ring. His eyes flashed with determination.