## The Immortal's Wine Store

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"Lord Berith, what should we do now that we've ascertained that Jian Wang is the man behind this wine store?" Domas transmitted a message to Berith.

The wine store seemed to be connected with the remnants of the God Sword Region, an old enemy of the Dark Devil Race. If they make a move on the God Sword Region, the wine store might intervene. They didn't want to offend the wine store especially after seeing Jian Wang's presence here.

Berith shook his head as he replied. "This matter has already exceeded our scope of power. The only thing we can do is report this to Celestial Emperor Lao Gou. Only Celestial Emperor Lao Gou would have the ability to stand against Jian Wang."

Domas nodded his head in understanding. They might be top experts among the Heavenly God Realm cultivators, but there was a wide chasm that separated them from the Celestial God Realm experts! The three Celestial Emperors were like an insurmountable mountain that they could only look up to.

Meanwhile, Ice suddenly felt bored, so she decided to have quick look at the garden outside the dragon building. Looking at the high-rank spiritual plants might be her only solace before she returns to the cultivation hall.

Ice jumped down from her chair and walked towards the exit. However, she suddenly stumbled when she accidentally stepped on someone's foot.

Ice expertly did a front flip to prevent herself from falling face-first. After managing to stand on her feet, she immediately glared at the man who almost made her fall. She pointed at the man's face as she hollered. "Why are you blocking the way with your dirty foot?!"

Nothing good happened to her today and she has been in a bad mood since a while ago. Now, someone almost caused her to fall head-first on the floor! What a bad day!

Berith who was at the receiving end of her furious shout frowned. Since when did he experience this kind of treatment? If not for Jian Wang's presence deterring him from making a move, he would have already killed this annoying brat!

Berith could only gnash his teeth as he glared at Ice with dense killing intent. Since he couldn't make a move, he might as well punish this little brat by scaring her out of her wits! She could only blame her impudence!

Ice felt her body turn cold after sensing the sharp killing intent of Berith. She finally realized that this man was no ordinary expert!

Jian Wang glanced at the scene with interest.

Furion was about to intervene, but a hand firmly grabbed his shoulder and prevented him from standing. He turned his gaze and saw Jian Wang shaking his head as he whispered. "You want to see the owner, right? This is your only chance to see him. If that girl is truly connected with the owner, he would surely come down to protect this young lady. Let's just wait and see."

Jian Wang's words made sense so Furion nodded his head in agreement. Nonetheless, he still positioned himself in a way that he could prevent Berith from harming the little girl.

The other customers also noticed the commotion. Initially, they also wanted to intervene, but the overwhelming aura of a peak stage Heavenly God Realm coming from Berith caused them to back down. In the end, they could only pray for the little girl's safety.

Ice felt her knees going soft as Berith coldly glanced at her. She felt as if thousands of knives were piercing her body!

The eyes of the young waitresses suddenly flashed with a fierce glint after witnessing the scene. This little girl was their Sect Master's beloved Young Miss Ice whom he treated as his little sister. Aside from that, she is also a Protector of their Heavenly Sword Tower. Seeing her being treated like this made the young waitresses angry.

"Guest, please don't cause trouble inside the store." A young waitress stepped forward and glanced at Berith with a hint of nervousness. This man was a Heavenly God Realm expert. Just one move from him was enough to kill her many times over! How could she not be nervous while facing such an existence?

Ice who was feeling anxious earlier slowly calmed herself. They were inside the wine store and she knew that nothing would happen to them as long as they were inside.

Now that she had regained her courage, Ice gently pushed the young waitress to the side and pointed her finger at Berith as she said in a contemptuous voice. "You think I'm afraid of you? I'll stand here and do nothing. Come on! Attack me!"

Berith's face twitched when he saw the cunning smile of the little girl. He could barely contain his anger at this point. A weak fledgling actually dared to humiliate him in front of many people?

"Girl, watch what you say!" He muttered through gritted teeth.

Inside the cultivation hall, the eyes of Jiu Shen suddenly snapped open.

"Someone is causing trouble? Atlas check the situation below and kick out those people who are causing trouble." Jiu Shen said in a calm voice.

The old man, Atlas, immediately answered. "Yes, master." He then stood up and hurriedly went downstairs to check what was happening.

"The little tiger isn't here... The moment she came out, she is already causing trouble... It looks like I have to punish that little brat to make her more obedient..." There wasn't a hint of anger in his voice, only amusement.

After muttering those words, he gently closed his eyes and resumed his cultivation. With so many Protective Array Formations inscribed all over the dragon building, Jiu Shen wasn't the least bit worried about Ice's safety. And with Atlas overseeing things, he has nothing to worry about.

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Atlas came down with his cane in hand. After arriving downstairs, he saw the face-off between Ice and a member of the Dark Devil Race. He frowned after sensing the strength of the man.

"Peak stage Heavenly God Realm? Young Miss Ice is truly courageous. No wonder the master treats her highly." The old man muttered.

#### **Chapter 512: Shocked Jian Wang**

Jian Wang sensed the presence of another Heavenly God Realm expert. He turned his head and saw an old man holding a cane walking down from the second floor. His body looked thin and fragile, but Jian Wang knew that this seemingly harmless old man was a top expert.

Jian Wang inspected the old man's cultivation using his spiritual power. 'He is quite weak. Is he the owner of this dragon building? With his power, how did he amass so many precious materials to build this place?'

The old man might be a Heavenly God Realm expert, but he wasn't that strong in his realm. Even the two Dark Devils were stronger than him.

"Green Dragon Tortoise..." Jian Wang mumbled when he identified the bloodline that the old man possessed. With his strength as a Celestial God Realm expert, he could see through the divine beast bloodline running through the old man's veins.

'Why is a creature from the Crystal Lake here? I thought that they never want to come out of that place...' Jian Wang was familiar with the Green Dragon Tortoise. They were divine beasts that lived in the depts of Crystal Lake, the territory of many dragon-blooded creatures.

After many years, dragon-blooded creatures of the Crystal Lake never came out of that place. They continued to protect the lake from outsiders for many years. Even the strongest of experts dared not to venture into their territory.

Jian Wang poked Furion as he pointed at the old man.

The red-haired phoenix followed the direction he was pointing and saw a frail and hunched old man. He was walking down from the second floor with careful steps.

After what happened earlier, Furion no longer dared to casually use his spiritual perception inside the dragon building. He believed that this place was very mystical.

"Is he the owner?" Furion muttered in a whispering voice as he looked at Jian Wang.

Jian Wang shrugged his shoulders and replied. "How would I know?"

Furion was speechless after getting his answer. He then chose to stay silent and just watch the scene from the sideline. He wanted to see how the old man would deal with the situation.

The one causing trouble was a peak stage Heavenly God Realm expert. Someone at that level was difficult to handle and there was still a late stage Heavenly God Realm expert who was yet to make a move.

Soon, Ice discovered the presence of an old man in the corner of her eyes. Her eyes lit up when she saw him and she immediately waved her hands as she shouted. "Hey, old man! This guy right here is causing trouble!"

Atlas' aged face cramped severely when he heard the little girl's words. He sighed and slowly walked toward them while maintaining a calm look. 'Young Miss Ice is truly mischievous. I bet the master would punish her the moment she comes back to the cultivation hall.' He thought to himself, feeling slightly amused.

Berith and Domas narrowed their eyes as they looked at the old man. Their fierce malevolent eyes were glaring at him coldly.

'An old tortoise who had just taken a step into the Heavenly God Realm? What can he do to me?' Berith was already clouded by his anger and he had already forgotten about Jian Wang's presence inside the dragon building. He didn't notice that Domas was already signaling him to back down.

When he saw that Berith was ignoring him, Domas felt nervous. He regretted bringing Berith to this place. Things would have been better if they had reported their discovery to Celestial Emperor Lao Gou or the higher-ups of the Celestial Paragon Tower.

"Guest, this Young Miss is the precious adopted little sister of Wine Master Jiu. If she did something to anger you, I apologize on her behalf." Atlas stared at Berith as he pulled the little girl behind him.

The young waitresses and the customers sighed in relief when they saw the old man. They knew that this ancient being was an expert. With him around, the situation should be under control.

However...

Berith, consumed by rage, suddenly chuckled coldly as he stared back at the old man. "You think that just because you came I will let that little bastard go?! Who do you think you are?!" His aura flickered wildly as he lost control of his temper.

Seeing that the situation has developed out of control, Domas stood up and tried to hold Berith. However, the latter slapped his hand away and murmured. "You don't have to be afraid, Domas. Celestial Emperor Lao Gou will protect us, so there's nothing to be worried about. I only want to punish that little bastard for ruining my mood!"

Domas wanted to say something but swallowed down the words he was about to say when he saw the dark expression of Berith. He sighed heavily and stood beside Berith to give his support. Now that things have gone wrong, he could only choose to follow his leader.

The genteel eyes of the old man suddenly reflected a frigid look when he heard the words of the Dark Devil. This guy actually dared to call the master's adopted sister a little bastard?

"You have gone too far, Dark Devil! Since you can't be reasoned with logic, then don't blame this old man!" Atlas muttered icily as he draw strange symbols in midair.

As the strongest subordinate of Jiu Shen, he already knew how to activate the Protective Array Formations in the entire dragon building. Initially, he didn't want to scare their customers, but this Dark Devil has gone overboard!

A dozen golden symbols suddenly lit up around the dragon building, giving off a sacred and overwhelming aura that subjected everyone inside the store to a heavy mountain-like pressure!

Jian Wang who was sitting on the sidelines was surprised when he sensed the power behind the Protective Array Formations. He even unconsciously summoned his spiritual power to protect himself and Furion. "The Protective Array Formations inscribed in this dragon building are at the Celestial-rank level!" He muttered in surprise.

## **Chapter 513: Ice Kicking Asses**

Jian Wang frowned after his initial surprise. From the way the old man spoke, he was merely following the commands of this Wine Master Jiu Shen. That means the old man wasn't the owner...

The owner should be upstairs. How did he inscribe dozens of Celestial-rank Protective Array Formations? The number of resources needed to make them is already more than enough to make a powerful country! However, all those precious materials were used to protect a mere wine store!

What was even more shocking was the fact that the owner was capable of making such high-level Array Formations. Even Jian Wang wasn't capable of such a feat! After all, he wasn't a master of Array Formation making.

'That means the owner of this dragon building already has the power to stand on equal footing with the three Celestial Emperors! Jiu Shen... The only man I know with this name has already died. Could he be alive?' Jian Wang thought to himself after sorting out all the clues he had found.

Including himself and Lao Gou, the third Celestial Emperor is Asmodeus, the guardian of Hell.

Among the three of them, Lao Gou was the most high-profile, and practically everyone in the Primordial God Realm has already heard of his name. As for himself, the people of the Primordial God Realm only knew of his name and only a few top experts would be able to recognize him. And finally, Asmodeus was an individual who was difficult to understand. He had so much power in his hands, but he never involved himself in the power struggles. Asmodeus was even more discreet than Jian Wang.

"It looks like the Primordial God Realm will welcome the fourth Celestial Emperor soon." Jian Wang muttered with a hint of expectation in his tone. The presence of another behemoth would be the start of a new age! He might even have the chance to improve his swordsmanship further when the time comes.

Furion who heard his words was stunned. "Fourth Celestial Emperor? What do you mean by that, Brother Jian?" He asked in a whispering voice.

Jian Wang stared at him and remained silent. It was only his speculation and he was not yet certain about his claims, so it was better not to tell Furion about it. The guy was a huge blabbermouth and it was a bad idea to tell him such things.

When the dozens of Protective Array Formations inside the dragon building lit up, the faces of Berith and Domas fell drastically. They never thought that the old man would actually activate the Array Formations for a mere child!

"Hold on! The wine store would be destroyed if you release the power of these Protective Array Formations!" Domas was sweating profusely as he tried to speak to the old man. However, he was only met with a look filled with extreme coldness. The murky eyes of the old man made him feel a sense of anxiousness.

He might be stronger than the old man in terms of cultivation, but the latter was controlling more than a dozen high-level Array Formations capable of vanquishing them!

Berith finally realized the predicament they were in. He regretted running his mouth against the little girl. He forced out an ugly smile as he said. "Wait! We will co-"

Before he could continue his words, the Array Formations suddenly released their oppressive might that bored down to the two Dark Devils, forcing them to crawl on all fours.

The arrogance on Berith's face was replaced with sheer terror and panic. There was no longer a semblance of a mighty expert on his pale face.

The two Dark Devils were subjected to a heavy and overwhelming pressure that almost tore their bodies. They could feel their internal organs churning in protest.

The customers shivered when they witnessed the scene.

Those two unruly Dark Devils were at the late stage and the peak stage of the Heavenly God Realm respectively, but they couldn't even raise their heads under the intense pressure brought upon them by the dragon building's Array Formation. They swiftly swore in their hearts to never provoke anyone in the dragon building...

Domas was the first one to succumb to the intense pressure, he fainted and collapsed on the floor with white foams in his mouth.

The pressure on Berith intensified after Domas fainted and in less than ten seconds, he also lost consciousness.

After seeing that they had fainted, Ice who was behind Atlas snickered coldly as she looked at the two Dark Devils. She then walked towards them and grabbed them by the neck as if she was holding a pair of chickens.

"You're lucky that it wasn't Jiu Shen who came here. If it was him, you two wouldn't have the chance to see tomorrow's sunshine." Ice muttered as she casually kicked the asses of the two Dark Devils, sending them flying out of the dragon building.

Everyone could only stare at her speechlessly throughout the ordeal. None of them dared to make a sound. This little girl was too mischievous and cunning. She might be weaker than most of them here, but inside this dragon building, no one was brave enough to make trouble with her, not after what they had witnessed.

Ice watched the bodies of the two Dark Devils soaring through the skies. A devious grin can be seen on her chubby face. After a little while, she turned around and stared at everyone inside the dragon building, making the guests feel slightly uncomfortable.

The girl was threatening them! And it was effective! Now, no one would dare to provoke her!

Ice tilted her head upwards and walked towards Atlas with a lovely smile. "Old man, you can go back now. I'll stay here for a while."

Atlas chuckled upon hearing that, but he shook his head as he replied. "Young Miss Ice, you escape from the cultivation hall without the master's approval. I advise you to come back with me upstairs lest you anger him any further."

The face of the little girl contorted after hearing his words. She shrunk her neck as she pouted. "Okay." Her voice was as small as a mosquito. She knew that Jiu Shen would punish her the moment she comes back, but knowing that guy, her punishment would be more severe if she doesn't return.

Atlas gently rubbed the little girl's head when he saw her glum look. "Don't worry. I'll put in a good word for you."

"Really?"

"Of course!"

The crowd watched as the old man and little girl went upstairs.

#### **Chapter 514: Celestial Paragon Tower**

Jian Wang and Furion stared at the old man and little girl as they walked upstairs.

"Too bad. I thought the old man was the owner, but based on his strength, it would be impossible for him to gather so many Celestial-rank materials even if he spend millions of years looking for them. He also said earlier that the little girl is the adopted younger sister of Wine Master Jiu Shen. Hey, Brother Jian. Do you know anyone else with the name Jiu Shen?" Furion asked the man in front of him.

Upon hearing the question, Jian Wang thought about the man who inadvertently provoked Lao Gou. "You also know him, but he's already dead." He answered calmly.

Furion furrowed his eyebrows and nodded his head in agreement.

"Let's find somewhere to stay and then we'll go back here tomorrow. Their wine here can help me improve my Sword Intent. Although the increase is not much, there is still progress. If we visit here every day, my sword intent will break through to the next level in less than a thousand years." Jian Wang said with a smile. He didn't expect to find something so surprising after coming out of seclusion.

Furion's eyes lit up upon hearing his words. He also loved the wines in the store and he was already thinking about how to persuade Jian Wang to come back here with him, but who knew the guy would beat him to it?

After paying for the wines they ordered, the two men left the dragon building.

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Outside Hard Rock City, two bedraggled figures can be seen walking side by side. Their faces were filled with trepidation as they recalled what happened earlier. Luckily, the old man didn't use the power of the Protective Array Formations to kill them.

"Lord Berith, I think it would be wise to report this to the Celestial Paragon Tower. Once their higher-ups learn about this, I am certain that they would immediately inform Celestial Emperor Lao Gou. Without his help, we can't do anything to the wine store." Domas said with a helpless voice. The strength possessed by the wine store was unexpected. They thought that the Protective Array Formations were merely a display of power and wealth. They never thought that the Protective Array Formations were still active!

Berith gritted his teeth as he recalled the hateful figure of the little girl they met in the dragon building. Because of her, he was humiliated in front of many people! He couldn't let this go!

"You're right. Only Celestial Emperor Lao Gou can help us in this situation. I can't believe that the solitary expert, Jian Wang, would actually build a wine store, but what I don't understand is his connection with the Sword God Region. Once we have the support of the Celestial Paragon Tower, we must get to the bottom of this!" Berith's

demonic eyes glinted coldly as he muttered those words. He then soared through the skies with Domas in his tow.

The direction they were going to was the center of the continent. With their cultivation, they could already manipulate the power of space to a certain degree and enhance their flight speed.

After flying for more than a few hours, they finally saw a towering skyscraper that pierced the clouds!

The outer coating of the tower was made of pure gold and even though they were still quite a distance away from the tower, the two Dark Devils could already see the brilliance it reflected.

Numerous high-level cultivators can be seen flying outside the tower and they were all wearing a set of white robes with golden dragon patterns. They were filled with pride as they watched the respectful gazes of the other experts.

The men wearing white robes were the disciples of the Celestial Paragon Tower. All of them were the cream of the crop in the Primordial God Realm. Their talents were unrivaled since the day they were born and because of their unique constitution and natural endowments, they became disciples of the number one superpower in the Primordial God Realm!

The Celestial Paragon Tower was very strict when it comes to the recruitment of disciples. They only conduct recruitments every one hundred years and the minimum requirement to have the chance to join the tower was to have a supreme physique! Despite the harsh requirements, thousands upon thousands of geniuses still try to register. However, the tower only accepts five hundred disciples every recruitment and because of this, the competition for the final five hundred positions was very fierce and many top geniuses even die during the filtering process!

Soon, Berith and Domas arrived at the entrance of the tower. They descended and greeted the disciple guarding the entrance.

The disciple glanced at them coldly and remained silent.

Seeing this, Domas took out a golden token with the words 'Dark Devil Race' engraved on it. He then showed it to the disciple.

"Oh, so you guys are from the Dark Devil Race! What can I do for you?" The gaze of the disciple softened after seeing the black token, but there was a hint of ridicule in his eyes.

The golden tokens were given to the subordinate races of the Celestial Paragon Tower. The two Dark Devils might be stronger than him, but as a disciple of the tower, he had a superior identity to them!

"We have something to report to the Elders of the Celestial Paragon Tower. It is of utmost importance and is related to Celestial Emperor Lao Gou. I hope you can lead us inside." Domas was respectful to the disciple. He didn't have the guts to flaunt his power in this place.

The disciple's eyes flashed briefly upon hearing his words. He then nodded his head with a serious look.

"Alright. I'll take you there. Follow me." Anything that involves Celestial Emperor Lao Gou must not be taken lightly. The disciple was arrogant, but he knew that this wasn't the time to show his superiority towards the Dark Devils.

Berith and Domas followed the disciple inside the tower. The two Dark Devils were feeling a bit unsettled as they stepped foot inside the renowned golden tower.

#### **Chapter 515: Vice Sect Master Valir**

The disciple brought the two Dark Devils to the upper floors of the golden tower. It was strictly prohibited to fly inside the tower. Even those with power and status didn't dare to disobey this rule.

Berith and Domas rarely came here and they only visit this place when they have something important to report.

As they ascended the upper floors of the golden tower, the two Dark Devils witnessed the abundance of geniuses inside. They had already seen hundreds of True God Realm and a few dozen Supreme God Realm experts! To make things more shocking, these disciples were just a small part of the true power of the Celestial Paragon Tower! After all, they have millions of disciples all over the Primordial God Realm!

Not long later, the three arrived in front of a huge hall. There was a pair of Heavenly God Rank Elders guarding the entrance of the hall.

The disciple bowed respectfully at the two Elders and reported their arrival. "Greetings, Elders! These two are from the Dark Devil Race. They came here with a piece of information that is related to the Celestial Emperor."

The eyes of the two Elders narrowed upon hearing the report. Anything related to the Celestial Emperor was of utmost importance, so they carefully inspected the two Dark Devils.

Suddenly, the eyes of the two Elders jumped in surprise. They could recognize these since they were one of the strongest subordinates of the Celestial Emperor.

"We never thought that Brother Berith and Brother Domas would come here in person." One of the Elders smiled as he greeted the two Dark Devils. Although they had a higher status compared to the two Dark Devils, they were a bit weaker than them, so it was necessary to show them a bit of respect.

The young disciple who brought the two Dark Devils was stunned when he saw how the Elders treated them. He thought that those guys were merely messengers from the Dark Devil Race. Who knew that they were actually the leader and the second in command of the said race! Thinking about his earlier attitude towards them, the disciple sweated a bit.

Berith and Domas smiled and also greeted the two Elders.

"Since you guys came here with an important piece of information, follow me inside."

One of the Elders volunteered to take them inside the hall.

The two Dark Devils nodded their heads and followed the Elder inside the hall.

When the door opened, they saw a bald old man with dark red skin. He was seated behind an azure table with golden edges.

The old man frowned when he sensed the entrance of the three. He glanced at them with a questioning look.

The Elder and the two Dark Devils immediately bowed when they spotted the old man.

"Greetings, Vice Sect Master Valir!" The three greeted the old man respectfully. Even Berith who was usually arrogant and conceited didn't dare act pompously in front of this old man.

Valir is the Vice Sect Master of the Celestial Paragon Tower. His cultivation was already at the peak stage of the Heavenly God Realm millions of years ago. He was one of the oldest experts of the Primordial God Realm with power second only to the Sect Master and the Celestial Emperor!

Valir nodded his head in response. "Mn. Speak. Why are you guys here?" The old man eyed the three with a cold gaze. He was in the middle of researching the fourth Heart Realm, so he was a bit irritated by their arrival.

Seeing the displeasure on the old man's face, the Elder hurriedly explained. "Vice Sect Master Valir, Berith, and Domas said that they have information related to the Celestial Emperor. After I heard that, I immediately brought them here."

Valir furrowed his eyebrows upon hearing that. "Is that so? Alright, you can leave them here."

The Elder sighed in relief and immediately left the hall.

After the Elder left, Valir glanced at the two Dark Devils with a cold look on his face. "Make sure that the information you have is valuable. Alright. Tell me."

He was still angry about the fact that his research was disrupted, so he didn't let the two Dark Devils sit.

Berith composed himself and glanced at the old man as he said. "Vice Sect Master Valir, it's like this. We suddenly heard of rumors about a unique wine store in the desert regions. When we were investigating the wine store, we discovered that the remnants of the God Sword Region are somehow related to them. After knowing this, Domas and I personally visited this wine store to observe the situation. When we arrived at the said wine store, we saw someone we didn't expect to be there!"

"Cut the crap and just tell me who is it?!" The old man lashed out when he saw Berith putting on a mysterious look.

Berith cleared his throat and muttered the name slowly. "Jian Wang."

Valir's eyes widened when he heard the name.

Jian Wang.

How could he not know who the man was?

Valir's anger dissipated and he gestured for the two Dark Devils to sit down. "Tell me the details and make sure that you don't leave out even the smallest information!"

Any information related to the three Celestial Emperors was valuable. It was very rare to see them in public and even Celestial Emperor Lao Gou who was the most active among the three only shows himself seldomly.

When he saw the look of anticipation in the old man's eyes, Berith smiled internally. He then narrated what they had witnessed in the dragon building, including their altercation with people from the wine store and the power they showed on the surface.

After hearing everything from Berith, Valir frowned as he pondered deeply.

According to Berith, Jian Wang was most likely the owner of the wine store. Although they had no conclusive evidence, Valir believed that Berith might be right.

A wine store with dozens of Celestial-rank Protective Array Formations? Only a Celestial God Realm expert would have the wealth and energy to create such things!

"You may be right, but Jian Wang isn't skilled in Array Formation Making. Could it be that he got the help of Asmodeus?" Valir muttered in confusion.

## **Chapter 516: Celestial Emperor Lao Gou**

Asmodeus, another name that sent waves throughout the entirety of the Primordial God Realm!

Initially, people thought that there were only two Celestial God Realm experts. However, Asmodeus suddenly appeared out of nowhere and revealed his existence. Along with his appearance, the existence of Hell, a place of pure evil and chaos, also surfaced.

Hell, it is a world that is almost as large as the Primordial God Realm. It has trillions of inhabitants and they were collectively called as 'Infernals'. These beings were filled with malice and darkness! If not for Asmodeus sealing this dark world, its baleful inhabitants would have already brought chaos to the Primordial God Realm.

Asmodeus' first appearance was when an entrance of hell suddenly surfaced in the central lands of the Primordial God Realm.

At that time, countless ferocious-looking Infernals came out one by one from the entrance and their numbers soon reached in millions. When the Infernals noticed the land of paradise in front of them, they immediately brandished their claws and summoned their powers to claim these lands. It took the collective effort of thousands of Heavenly God Realm experts to quell the invasion. However, more and more Infernals came out of the portal and each one of them was stronger than the ones who came out earlier!

The central parts of the Primordial God Realm became the battlefield between the ferocious Infernals and the top experts of that time!

Millions of corpses, young and old, were strewn all over the land! Their blood flowed like a river as more and more fell from the battle!

It was then that Asmodeus suddenly appeared and seal the gates of Hell!

Celestial Emperor Jian Wang and Celestial Emperor Lao Gou also helped in destroying the Infernals that invaded the Primordial God Realm.

Starting then, everyone gave the three experts the title 'Celestial Emperor'...

Valir could still vividly recall the scene at that time when all three Celestial Emperors stood shoulder to shoulder. He had just entered the Heavenly God Realm during that moment and he had never forgotten that battle.

"If it was Celestial Emperor Asmodeus, creating a dozen Celestial-rank Protective Array Formation should be possible. However, I don't recall Celestial Emperor Jian Wang and Celestial Emperor Asmodeus having a good relationship. Perhaps they made a secret deal..." Valir mumbled to himself, but the more he spoke, the more he became worried.

The major powers in Primordial God Realm maintained a fragile balance with the three Celestial Emperors silently overseeing the world. If the two of them suddenly decide to work together, Celestial Emperor Lao Gou wouldn't have an easy time. The Primordial God Realm would once again descend into chaos and with their powers, the scale of destruction that they would cause would be enormous!

Just the thought of it made Valir's body tremble in dread.

Valir glanced at the two Dark Devils and grabbed their shoulders solemnly. "You two did a great job this time. I will report this matter to the Celestial Emperor immediately, but you have to make sure that no one else would know about this! I'll also ask the disciple and those two Elders to keep quiet about what they have heard."

When Berith and Domas heard the seriousness in the old man's tone, they could not help but nod their heads gravely. From the looks of it, things might be a lot more complicated than they had thought!

"Don't worry. You guys will be rewarded for giving this valuable information. Once I come back, I'll immediately notify you two about your reward!" Valir gave them a rare smile of encouragement.

The eyes of Berith and Domas lit up upon hearing the old man's words. Vice Sect Master Valir was a credible man and he wouldn't go back on his words. After getting his promise, the two Dark Devils soon excused themselves. They were then escorted out of the golden tower by a bunch of Elders.

After they left, Valir immediately took out a communication crystal from his space ring. And with a respectful voice, he greeted. "Greetings, Celestial Emperor Lao Gou!"

"Mn. Why did you call me, Valir?" A deep and ancient voice sounded behind the crystal.

"Domas and Berith came here earlier to report about a piece of information. They told me that they spotted Celestial Emperor Jian Wang in a backwater city in the desert regions. From how they describe the situation, it appears that they are speaking the truth." Valir said carefully. The voice behind the crystal was silent for a moment. After a couple of seconds, the ancient voice once again echoed. "Jian Wang? So he has finally come out of seclusion after millions of years... That man...he never once stopped training his swordsmanship, so how come he is suddenly spotted in a backwater city? What is he doing there?"

"I was also surprised when I heard about this information, so I asked them to clarify things. According to them, they Celestial Emperor Jian Wang in a wine store and from..."

Valir explained what he had heard from the Dark Devils to Celestial Emperor Lao Gou. He didn't dare leave any details and told him everything he has heard.

"Dozens of Celestial-rank Protective Array Formations? Jian Wang actually invested so much in a mere wine store? I bet that old man has become bored of playing with his sword!"

"Celestial Emperor, do you want the Celestial Paragon Tower to investigate this wine store? If we are not careful about this, it might be too late to salvage the situation. Once those two Celestial Emperors decide to form an alliance, we might be in trouble." Valir voiced out his thoughts worriedly.

The Celestial Paragon Tower might be considered the strongest force in the Primordial God Realm, but he still felt anxious at the thought of facing two Celestial Emperors.

Jian Wang and Asmodeus were both terrifying figures with unparalleled might! Even though he was confident in Celestial Emperor Lao Gou's strength, one man isn't strong enough to fight against those two deities!

#### **Chapter 517: Celestial Emperor Lao Gou's Task**

"You have nothing to worry about, Valir. I've interacted with Asmodeus a long time ago and I'm sure that the man isn't here in the Primordial God Realm. As for allying with Jian Wang, that is even more unlikely. Jian Wang is a proud man. He won't do something that would damage his reputation, but it's not a bad idea to monitor his wine store."

Valir was stunned upon hearing those words and he could not help but ask in disbelief. "Celestial Emperor, you mean Asmodeus is not here? In that case, where is he?"

"That guy... he is quite the peculiar one. He didn't even display an ounce of interest in the bountiful lands of the Primordial God Realm. When I last met him, he told me that he would stay in Hell to monitor the Infernals. I don't know why made such a decision, but Asmodeus didn't answer me when I asked him about it. Anyway, enough of that... Just order some people to monitor the movements of Jian Wang and the wine store. Make sure that none of our men would provoke them!" Celestial Emperor Lao Gou warned.

Valir nodded his head and replied. "Alright. I'll summon a few Elders and disciples and have them observe Jian Wang and that wine store regularly."

"Mn. Just call me if something comes up." The communication crystal became silent after that.

Valir kept the crystal inside his space ring and sighed.

"Celestial Emperor Lao Gou seems to be at ease about this matter. Perhaps I'm just overthinking things..." He muttered to himself. He then went out of the hall and summoned two Elders and a bunch of high-ranked disciples.

"Greetings, Vice Sect Master Valir!" The two Elders and the disciples greeted him in respectful voices.

Valir nodded his head calmly and said. "I called you guys here because the Celestial Emperor has given us a task."

What?! The Celestial Emperor has given a task?!

The eyes of the two Elders and the disciples turned wide upon hearing the words of Vice Sect Master Valir.

Celestial Emperor Lao Gou had become silent for many years and no one has seen him for a very long time. How could they not be surprised after hearing that had given them a task?

Seeing the excited faces of everyone, Valir chuckled in his heart, but he still maintained a stern look. "Quiet! We receive intel saying that Celestial Emperor Jian Wang is spotted in Hard Rock City of the desert region. To be specific, he was spotted drinking wine in a unique wine store and according to our informant, this wine store is quite famous in that area, so it should be easy for you guys to locate it. Your mission is to go into that wine store and observe things secretly. Remember, you must not provoke anyone in the wine store and if you notice something abnormal, report to me at once!"

Jian Wang?!

After hearing the name, the faces of everyone turned serious. Although their mission was merely a reconnaissance, they still felt a bit nervous since they would be observing the man named Jian Wang!

Valir harrumphed coldly when he saw their anxious expression. "Hmph! A bunch of cowards! If you don't dare take this mission, then I'll just ask for someone else!"

"Vice Sect Master, please wait! W-We will take this mission!" An Elder stepped forward and said through gritted teeth. Although the mission was quite dangerous, he believed that the Vice Sect Master wouldn't be stingy with their rewards.

Soon, the others also voiced their participation in the mission.

Valir smiled contentedly when heard them. "Good! Remember, just act like you are normal customers of the wine store. From what I've heard, that wine store is owned by Jian Wang, so never antagonize the workers there!"

"Yes, Vice Sect Master!"

"Alright! Set off at once!" Valir dismissed them with a wave of his hand.

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"Wait! I think I've forgotten to tell Vice Sect Master Valir about those rumors saying that the owner of the wine store is a swordsman named Jiu Shen. Ays, never mind, I think that guy is just a figurehead that Jian Wang placed to maintain his peaceful life..." Berith who was on his way back to their territory muttered to himself.

"What do you think, Domas? You've seen that man called Jiu Shen, right?" Berith glanced at the guy behind him.

Domas furrowed his eyebrows as he recalled the young human he saw when he first visited the wine store. "Now that you've mentioned it. That man is quite mysterious. When I tried to probe his power, I didn't sense any strength from him. It's as if he is a normal human with no cultivation. However, the old man in that wine store seemed to be respectful to that guy. I believe that he isn't someone so simple. Maybe he is a disciple of Jian Wang..." Domas was also uncertain, but he still told Berith about his speculations.

Berith frowned upon hearing that. The wine store in Hard Rock City seemed to be veiled in mystery. The more they investigate it, the more mysterious it becomes. "It doesn't matter. We have already informed the Celestial Paragon Tower about it anyway. It would be better for us if we remain on the sidelines. After all, this matter involves Jian Wang!"

No matter how arrogant he was, he could only admit defeat in front of Jian Wang.

Domas nodded his head in agreement. Their Dark Devil Race might be stronger than the other races and major powers in the Primordial God Realm, but there were still some hidden forces that were much stronger than them!

"Are we not going to continue our investigation on the wine store, Lord Berith?" He asked.

Berith shook his head immediately. "There's no need to involve ourselves in this matter anymore. As long as the Celestial Paragon Tower doesn't say anything, let's just stay silent about this."

Domas nodded his head. He could understand the misgivings of Berith, so he didn't bring up the matter anymore.

## **Chapter 518: Slip of the Tongue**

Jian Wang and Furion became regular visitors of the wine store. They would arrive in the morning and leave at noon. The two of them also tried to be friend the young waitresses of the dragon building and asked them about the owner.

Soon, the wine store became more renowned in the desert region. More and more people became their patrons and they even attracted some bigwigs. However, none dared to create a ruckus inside the wine store since there were rumors about it being protected by dozens of high-rank Protective Array Formations.

A few months later, Jian Wang and Furion walked towards the newly opened golden gates.

"We've been here for a few months, but we still haven't seen the owner of the wine store. Even that old man and the little girl never once stepped out of the second floor since then. Brother Jian, I think those people are purposely avoiding us." Furion muttered while scratching his head thoughtfully.

Jian Wang shook his head upon hearing his words. "No. I think they are cultivating in seclusion. I asked one of the waitresses and she told me that the little girl back then had escaped from her training. I don't know what they are up to, but it is not our business to pry. If we wait, we would eventually meet the owner of the dragon building. Once he comes out of seclusion, I'll try to ask him if he's willing to sell his wines in bulk."

Furion nodded his head understandingly. They've been coming here daily just to drink wine. They even rented a small mansion in Hard Rock City just to save time from traveling.

When the two stepped inside, they were warmly greeted by a pair of young and beautiful waitresses.

"Good morning, Mister Jian and Mister Furion!"

Since they were already regular visitors, the waitresses already knew these two. Of course, they still had no idea that their loyal customer Mister Jian is actually Jian Wang!

Jian Wang and Furion smiled at the two young ladies. They enjoyed the unique atmosphere of the wine store. They also have a good impression of their polite young waitresses.

After the two were escorted to an empty table, a young waitress asked them with a smile. "Do you want the usual?"

Jian Wang and Furion nodded their heads.

"Alright. Two bottles of Sword Divinity Ardent Spirit, three bottles of..." The waitress expertly stated their usual order.

After the waitress left, Furion inched closer to Jian Wang and muttered. "Brother Jian, those people are here again. They have been monitoring us for several months. If not for the fact that they have no ill intentions, I would have already burned them to ashes! Who do you think are those people?"

The first time they encountered these people was a few months ago. At that time, they just ignored them and didn't think too much about their presence. However, the same group would come to the dragon building daily. Although they were discreet in their actions, Furion and Jian Wang still noticed their weird actions.

"They have the unique battle aura of the Celestial Paragon Tower's secret cultivation technique, the Almighty Sacred Flame Canon. They are using a Heavenly God-rank cloaking technique to mask their battle aura, but they can't escape my detection." Jian Wang muttered calmly under his breath.

Furion was surprised when he heard those words. He tried to probe the group for a few months using his spiritual perception, but he didn't even sense their battle aura! That means their cloaking technique was among the very best in the Heavenly God-rank! "That means that old man Lao Gou has already discovered your presence here. Maybe he is using them to monitor our movements. Since when is that old fart so nervous?! He even dared to send his underlings to observe us!"

Although he wasn't angry, Furion still felt vexed at the thought of being observed. Not everyone would be calm if their every action is being scrutinized.

"Just let them be. We've been living in seclusion for millions of years, so I can understand why that old man is curious about our sudden appearance in this remote area. I believe that his underlings had already told him about the effects of the wines sold in this store. We might meet that old man Lao Gou soon..." Jian Wang shrugged his shoulders with an uncaring look. He didn't mind those few bugs observing them as long as they don't disturb his peaceful life.

"Mister Jian, Mister Furion, here are wines. Enjoy!" A clear and melodious voice echoed beside them. A young waitress with long black hair and a curvaceous figure smiled at them as she placed their wines on the table.

"Thank you, Miss Phoebe! Oh, by the way, is the owner going out of seclusion today?" Furion casually asked. He wasn't really expecting too much, but he still asked her.

The young waitress named Phoebe shook her head. "Wine Master Jiu Shen has never come out of seclusion. Everyone else inside the second floor hasn't come out yet. However, I heard that an important figure from our Heavenly Sword-"

Phoebe hurriedly covered her mouth after realizing that she had almost slipped a piece of important information. Her face paled and she repeatedly apologized to the two men before she left.

"Interesting." Furion revealed a look of interest as he watched the escaping young lady. From her slip of tongue, the young lady mentioned something about 'our Heavenly Sword'. "What do you think, Brother Jian? It appears that this dragon building has a mysterious background. You also told me that the Protective Array Formations inscribed here are at the level of Celestial-rank. Among the three Celestial God Realm experts, only Asmodeus is an expert in Array Formation Making. From how it looks, there might be a connection between them."

"You're right, but all these are just speculations. We would only know about these things once the owner comes out of seclusion. For now, let's just enjoy this rare moment of peace." Jian Wang replied as he drank his wine.

#### **Chapter 519: Jian Wang's Shock**

Inside his private hall, Valir took out his vibrating communication crystal.

"Vice Sect Master Valir, I led the group out of the dragon building. We noticed that Furion has been giving us weird looks, so I immediately ordered the group to come out of the wine store. From the way he is acting, I think they already discovered our identities." A slightly urgent voice echoed from the crystal.

Valir frowned upon hearing the report. "Don't go to the dragon building in large groups. Just go there in groups of two or three. With Jian Wang and Furion's level, it isn't surprising for them to notice you guys. Don't worry. They wouldn't do anything to you as long as you don't provoke them. Make sure to warn the others to hold their haughty attitudes."

"Alright. I'll inform them right away."

Valir kept his communication crystal and sighed in relief. "Luckily Jian Wang and Furion are not arrogant people, but it is only a matter of time before they lose their temper. Should I go there in person?"

The old man rubbed his temples as he thought of the next course of action. In the end, he shook his head as he muttered. "Not now. The Sect Master is still out on a mission and Celestial Emperor Lao Gou is still in seclusion. I should wait for either of them before I take action."

The Sect Master of the Celestial Paragon Tower is Telu, the firstborn son of Celestial Emperor Lao Gou and also the most talented among his many children. Because of his fast cultivation progress, his father immediately handed the Sect Master title of the Celestial Paragon Tower to him.

At the moment, Telu was out on a mission. It has been a while since he had taken the mission, so he should be back soon.

"If I bring Sect Master Telu with me to the dragon building, Jian Wang and Furion would give us a bit of face. After all, he is Celestial Emperor Lao Gou's most favorite child." Valir wanted to visit the wine store as soon as possible especially after he heard about the reports sent by the small group he sent to Hard Rock City.

"According to our men, the wines sold in that store are quite special. Even the two Elders I sent praised the wines there." Valir's eyes shone with anticipation.

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"Vice Sect Master Theia, we have finally arrived. The new batch of disciples and Elders who would cultivate inside the cultivation hall are already prepared." Ren Shuang reported to the blonde young lady wearing dark battle armor.

Theia nodded her head calmly. She stared at the dragon building with a look of longing. She had been dealing with the matters of the Heavenly Sword Tower. Now that everything has been dealt with, she could finally go back to his side. "It is still early and the dragon building is serving many customers this time. The next batch of people that would cultivate in the cultivation hall is about five hundred. Let's send them inside in groups of ten every five-minute interval to avoid making a ruckus." She commanded in a calm voice.

Ren Shuang nodded his head after getting her command. He then led everyone to the back of the dragon building and sorted them into groups of ten.

"I'll go inside first. You handle the rest here." Theia said before going inside the dragon building.

"Ah! Greetings, Vice- Young Miss Theia!" The young waitresses were flustered when they saw the blonde beauty wearing battle armor.

Theia glanced coldly at them.

Their Heavenly Sword Tower was still hiding from the eyes of the public. They would only reveal themselves once everything has been stabilized, but without Jiu Shen's commands, they could only wait for that day to come.

Theia's arrival caused a bit of commotion among the customers inside the dragon building. She was very beautiful and her beauty even exceeded the young misses of the major powers!

The eyes of the men immediately lit up when they saw this unparalleled beauty. However, when they saw her cold and unapproachable demeanor, no one dared to strike up a conversation with her. They would only invite humiliation among themselves if they do that.

Furion and Jian Wang also noticed this cold-looking ice beauty.

Theia headed straight to the second floor and ignored everyone's gazes.

"Brother Jian, she went to the second floor. Is she someone from this dragon building?" Furion mumbled to himself.

"I don't know, but I think she has something to do with that Heavenly Sword that Phoebe mentioned earlier. Could it be a hidden major power?" Jian Wang answered with uncertainty. He followed Theia through his spiritual perception and when the door of the second floor opened, he caught a glimpse of its interior.

The space inside the second floor seemed to be larger than the first floor. Jian Wang also sensed that the true essence inside this vast room was hundreds or even thousands of times denser than the outside world. He also saw several thousands of people sitting cross-legged inside. All of them had their eyes shut tight as they sat in a lotus position.

Before the door closed, Jian Wang saw the old tortoise and the little girl with white hair. The two of them were sitting beside a young man with long silver hair.

At that time, the eyes of the silver-haired young man suddenly opened as if he had noticed Jian Wang's prying eyes!

Bang.

It was the last thing Jian Wang saw before the door of the second floor was shut.

"I failed to sense his cultivation... How is this possible?!" Jian Wang was stunned. It was the first time he had failed to sense someone's cultivation level after becoming a Celestial God Realm expert! Even Lao Gou and Asmodeus couldn't escape the detection of spiritual perception, but that silver-haired young man... he couldn't discern his power!

Furion saw the unnatural look of his friend, so he immediately asked. "What's going on, Brother Jian?"

### **Chapter 520: Weakening Seal**

"I saw him. I saw the owner of the dragon building!" Jian Wang muttered with shock.

Furion was surprised and he could not help but look to his left and right as he said. "Where? Where is he?"

"Inside the second floor. His cultivation... I couldn't discern his cultivation..." Jian Wang was still reeling in shock.

"What did you say?! You failed to sense his power?!" Furion was stunned upon hearing his words. Who was Jian Wang? He was recognized as the number one in the Primordial God Realm! And now he was saying that he couldn't discern someone's cultivation using his spiritual perception!

Soon, Jian Wang's eyes regained clarity. He turned his head and stared at the stairs leading to the second floor. That silver-haired young man was able to sense his spiritual perception!

Although Jian failed to sense the other party's power, he felt a sense of familiarity when he recalled the silver-haired young man's golden eyes.

One could say that the eyes are the windows of one's soul. And those pair of calm and indifferent golden eyes that seemingly contained the universe, he swore that he had seen it before!

"Furion, this Jiu Shen... I think I know who he is..." Jian Wang glanced at his buddy with a serious look on his face.

"What do you mean, Brother Jian?" What is Brother Jian saying? Furion was confused as he stared at his friend.

However, Jian Wang shook his head and refused to speak. The matter was too inconceivable. If he didn't see the man's eyes, he wouldn't have been so sure about his identity. 'So you're still alive... Jiu Shen... Now, I know why you are hiding in this dragon

building... Since you want to hide, I won't tell anyone about your presence. Not even Furion...'

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Jiu Shen furrowed his eyebrows as he stared at the closed door.

Earlier, he discovered a fluctuation of spiritual power following behind Theia! If not for the system forcefully weakening the spiritual power, he wouldn't be able to notice it. 'A Celestial God Realm expert has come to my store. Among the three of them, only Jian Wang and Asmodeus have refined control of their spiritual power, but Asmodeus should be in Hell, guarding the entrance. That means it is Jian Wang! He is here!'

For the first time after coming back to the Primordial God Realm, Jiu Shen felt an inexplicable sense of urgency. If Jian Wang could come, that means Lao Gou could also do the same!

Suddenly, Jiu Shen stood up and held Theia in his arms as he whispered. "Jian Wang is downstairs, we must speed up our cultivation. I think it won't be long before Lao Gou comes to this place. The Heavenly Sword Tower must seal its gates for the time being. The Teleportation Array Formation is almost complete, I only have to inscribe the last symbols to make it work. Once it starts working, the members of the sword tower don't need to travel on foot anymore. Inform Ren Shuang about this and have the rest of them enter the cultivation hall at once."

Theia could sense the urgency in his voice, so she nodded her head in understanding. She then left his embrace and went back downstairs to send his message to Ren Shuang. Now that it has come to this, they could only hasten their plans.

Jiu Shen stared at everyone who was inside the cultivation hall. All of them were members of the Heavenly Sword Tower. They would be his aides when the time for his revenge comes!

Jiu Shen took a deep breath and went back into lotus position with his eyes closed.

He was still far from reaching his past cultivation, but inside the cultivation hall, his progress wouldn't be slow!

"I won't come out for the next one hundred years!" He said in his heart before he drove straight into cultivation.

One hundred years might be a long time for mortals, but to cultivators at their level, a hundred years would pass by in just a blink of the eye. Some people even spend thousands or even millions of years in seclusion!

Spurred by the sense of urgency, Jiu Shen's cultivation increased by leaps and bounds. With his experience, he felt no bottlenecks whatsoever. He also had the Seamless Deity Physique, a special physique that has never been seen in the Primordial God Realm!

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Meanwhile, inside a different dimension. The crimson sky was blazingly hot and the dreary land filled with nothing but sand and dried-up soil became increasingly hotter. In this kind of extreme temperature, no ordinary creatures would survive! However, there were strange beings that can be seen roaming this apocalyptic land! All of them had dark skins and grotesque-looking figures. Their malevolent faces could make anyone's skin crawl at a mere glance!

Not far from this area, a small house made of stones can be seen.

Sitting cross-legged inside this small house was a man who had three pairs of wings! He had long golden hair and a handsome face with an aquiline nose. If not for the long scar that blinded his right eye, he would have been perfect!

Suddenly, the man frowned and turned his gaze behind him.

There was a door-like rift that was covered in multiple Sealing Array Formations. The rift trembled and produced an eery cry as if it was about to shatter, but the Sealing Array Formations lit up and stabilized the rift!

The man with long golden hair stood up and stared at the door-like rift with a frown. "I can no longer suppress the entrance. If this continues, the seal could only hold for another one hundred years! By then, the entrance leading to the Primordial God Realm would once again be opened! I've already consumed all my power to seal this place for millions of years... My strength has become weaker and weaker. The Infernals would use my moment of weakness to escape from this place!"

## Sigh!

The man stepped out of the stone house and glanced at the crimson sky with helplessness. "Why are you doing this?" He muttered.