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Chapter 2131: Deeper Into the Mountain

Zhao Hai explored the periphery of the Mountain of Demon Beasts for seven days. However, he still wasn't able to find anything. He explored the mountain during the day and returned to the nameless town at night. By this point, he was very familiar with the people in the town. Any time he hunted a demon beast in the mountain, he would invite people from the town to eat and drink.

Fortunately, there weren't a lot of people in the town. There were only about a dozen people who would go to the restaurant to drink and eat. Two spirit stones were enough for everyone to drink. And not to mention a couple of spirit stones, Zhao Hai could even afford to use jade essence.

Zhao Hai didn't dare take out liquor from the Space. Although the Space's wine was much better, Zhao Hai doesn't have the means to explain its origins.

If Zhao Hai was still using his status as a disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect, then he wouldn't mind taking out a few bottles of wine. Sect cultivators were treated well, so it was understandable if they had a few good things with them.

However, Zhao Hai was now using the identity of a rogue cultivator. No rogue cultivator would waste the space in their spatial equipment to bring wine. Even if they have enough space, they wouldn't use it for wine. In any case, rogue cultivators couldn't easily get their hands on good liquor.

Despite going around for several days, Zhao Hai didn't make any progress. Zhao Hai also discovered five newcomers to the town three days ago. These five seem to be a team. From their equipment and their clothes, their status wasn't low.

These people looked like they were familiar with the situation of the nameless town. They didn't go to the restaurant to inquire for information immediately and instead looked for a huge courtyard to inhabit. Then they went to the restaurant to order some food while chatting with Shopkeeper Two. They wanted to inquire if there were any outsiders in the town recently.

Shopkeeper Two thought that these people were here with Zhao Hai. Therefore, he told them about Zhao Hai. As soon as they heard about Zhao Hai, the group immediately inquired for further information. But as Shopkeeper Two introduced Zhao Hai more and more, the group's expression became more confused. Finally, Shopkeeper Two saw that something was wrong, so he asked them if

they knew Zhao Hai. Naturally, these people didn't know him. This caused Shopkeeper Two to be suspicious. He immediately stopped telling them about Zhao Hai. When Zhao Hai went to the restaurant to eat in the evening, Shopkeeper Two told him about the new group.

Hearing this information, Zhao Hai immediately knew that the group had the same goal as him. But because of what he had done before, the group of five were confused. When the group first heard about Zhao Hai, they immediately tagged him as someone who was also searching for the seal. But when they heard about Zhao Hai's actions, their thoughts changed.

If one was simply seeking for a seal, they wouldn't waste several days telling everyone to look for a red-clothed cultivator. They wouldn't go around the same routes in the mountain every day. If Zhao Hai was looking for the seal, he would certainly have a map. He wouldn't have wandered aimlessly around the mountain.

After a period of consideration, the group thought that Zhao Hai didn't seem to be looking for the seal. However, they couldn't completely eliminate their suspicions. His appearance was too coincidental. The group didn't believe that there was such a coincidence.

Therefore, that night, when Zhao Hai went to the restaurant to drink with everyone, the group observed him. In the end, they were disappointed with their observation. Zhao Hai didn't seem to be a threat. He drank with the rogue cultivators every day and even treated everyone. Zhao Hai even made the group look at him in a favorable way.

What the group didn't know was that while they were observing Zhao Hai, Zhao Hai was also observing them. Although the group were also at the Soul Fusion Stage, they weren't good at hiding their status. Judging from their words and their clothes, they certainly weren't rogue cultivators. Even if they were rogue cultivators, it was clear that they had taken refuge under a certain group.

However, Zhao Hai didn't intend to get too much contact with these people. After all, they were competitors in the end. Zhao Hai just said hello to them and asked them to keep an eye out for a red-clothed sword cultivator.

The group of cultivators didn't know whether to laugh or cry when they heard Zhao Hai. They were still suspicious towards Zhao Hai, yet Zhao Hai was now asking them to help him look for a red-clothed cultivator.

In the next few days, Zhao Hai continued to walk around the periphery of the Mountain of Demon Beasts. However, Zhao Hai found that those people were following him. They also used a special artifact to control the smell and spiritual force coming out of their bodies. All of them were hidden. It seems like they were using an invisibility artifact.

It was also because there were people following him that Zhao Hai didn't head deeper into the mountain. Then two days later, the group of cultivators were no longer following him.

Zhao Hai knew that it was impossible for the group of cultivators to follow him all the time. They still had a goal to accomplish. If they continued to follow him, they wouldn't make any progress.

On the third day after the group left, they finally followed the route shown on the map. Every step and action made by the group didn't escape Zhao Hai's eyes. This was because Zhao Hai planted silver needles in their bodies. Although these people had artifacts on their bodies, they were still in the Soul Fusion Stage. It was impossible for them to detect liquid silver's dust.

With the other group leaving, Zhao Hai also prepared to enter deeper into the Mountain of Demon Beasts. But before leaving, he went back to the nameless town to say goodbyes to his friends. He said that he was heading back to Roaring Flame City to hand in the mission.

The nameless town has already been mapped by the Space. And since he had no need to stay there anymore, Zhao Hai said that he was leaving.

Hearing that Zhao Hai was going to leave, the people in the nameless town were a bit reluctant. There weren't a lot of people who were as generous as Zhao Hai. He has been a good friend to them these days.

When he left the nameless town, Zhao Hai received his horse and then rushed back to the Mountain of Demon Beasts. He was going deeper this time since he wasn't able to find any clues in the periphery.

Zhao Hai followed the route on the map this time. The road went very smoothly. After all, the route has been found after the clan sacrificed the lives of countless people.

Despite this, Zhao Hai didn't advance quickly. He was also mapping the surroundings with the Space. This way, liquid silver's dust could travel farther into the mountain.

Fortunately, the day passed without any danger. However, the route wasn't short. It was impossible to traverse it in a day. Therefore, Zhao Hai needs to stay in the mountains for a few days.

When evening came, Zhao Hai didn't want to encounter any trouble. Although he didn't enter the Space, he still looked for a big tree and rested inside.

Several days passed as Zhao Hai continued to go deeper into the mountains. Ten days after Zhao Hai entered the mountain, two groups of people arrived in the nameless town. The first batch had 10 people while the second only had three.

The two groups used the same method as the first group of five when they arrived at the nameless town. They also went to Shopkeeper Two to inquire about the people who arrived in the town.

Because Zhao Hai had already left the town, Shopkeeper Two didn't say anything about him. However, Shopkeeper Two told the other two groups about the group of five who came first.

Zhao Hai also noticed the two groups. He knew what these people were doing. But what made Zhao Hai feel strange was that the two groups were all cultivators in the Soul Fusion Stage. Wouldn't it be better to send an Earth Monarch to the Mountain of Demon Beasts? Why were all the people that were sent in the Soul Fusion Stage? The strength of the groups couldn't even contend with the rogue cultivators in the nameless town.

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that the matter of looking for the seal was an open secret in the clan. Everyone who wanted to be on top would send people to the Mountain of Demon Beasts every year to look for the seal. But again and again, they were left disappointed. Slowly, it became a tradition for people to send people to the Mountain of Demon Beasts every year for about three months before attending the Clan Leader's birthday.

To hide from the outsiders that something was wrong, almost everyone who sent people to the mountain would only send Soul Fusion Cultivators. Although it wouldn't attract any attention, this action also caused a large number of casualties. Sometimes, not a single person in a group returned alive. Even

so, the people in the clan would still send people. After all, finding the seal was the fastest way to the top.

For this reason, all of the cultivators that Zhao Hai saw were in the Soul Fusion Stage. He wouldn't see cultivators with a higher level.

But lately, although the people sent were still in the Soul Fusion Stage, these cultivators would have artifacts on their bodies. All the artifacts made the Soul Fusion Cultivators formidable to anything below the Earth Monarch Stage.

In this way, the casualty rate of the Soul Fusion Cultivators would be reduced. It can also make the surviving cultivators more familiar with the nameless town and the Mountain of Demon Beasts. So, in the next year, these cultivators could still be sent and search through the places they haven't searched in the previous year. This increased the efficiency of the search.

Shopkeeper Chen didn't know about this matter because he just joined the Pavilion in recent years. This was the first year he knew about this, so he was more formal in his approach. He only invited Zhao Hai to search and even spent a lot of money to obtain a basic map.

Shopkeeper Chen didn't know that the map he bought had almost become rotten goods in the clan. It was simply not worth any money. The person who sold the map to Shopkeeper Chen basically scammed him for a lot of money.

It was because of this that the group of five that followed Zhao Hai had an invisibility artifact with them. Moreover, they were more familiar with the nameless town.

Chapter 2132: Running Out of Time

Zhao Hai lurked quietly in the woods. He didn't merge with the trees, nor did he dive underground. He wasn't hiding from demon beasts now; he was preparing to hunt.

It has been one month since Zhao Hai entered the Mountain of Demon Beasts. He still hasn't found out anything for the entire month. Now, Zhao Hai has determined that there were already seven groups of cultivators who came to the mountain. The total number of cultivators has reached around a hundred.

The target of Zhao Hai's hunt this time was a group of seven. All seven cultivators were in the Soul Fusion Realm. Originally, Zhao Hai didn't want to kill them. But he didn't expect the group of seven to kill three rogue cultivators outside the nameless mountain. Zhao Hai knew those three rogue cultivators. The group of seven killed uninvolved people!

Because of this, Zhao Hai decided to eliminate these people. If he didn't kill them, Zhao Hai would have failed his friends from the nameless town.

Although Zhao Hai was only casual friends with the people in the nameless town, he still shared a connection with them. As for the people who went to find the seals, they had no connection with Zhao Hai. Therefore, Zhao Hai has to clean them up.

All cultivators who went to look for the seals have liquid silver dust on them. Zhao Hai was fully aware of their exact locations. Therefore, Zhao Hai knew that the group would appear near him after a while; and he was ready to ambush them.

Zhao Hai wasn't idle in the past month. Although he hadn't found the seal, he received plenty of beasts and plants from the Mountain of Demon Beasts. What surprised Zhao Hai was when he sent the beasts and plants to the Space, the Space prompted that they were genetically incomplete organisms. This made him feel strange.

Genetically incomplete lifeform? This was the first time Zhao Hai heard a prompt like that. In other words, the reason there were so many demon beasts in the Mountain of Demon Beasts might be because their genes were incomplete.

As Zhao Hai was thinking, a rustling sound was heard. Zhao Hai immediately concentrated, and he pulled his blade out. At the same time, he restrained his aura and his killing intent.

The rustling sound was getting closer and closer. Before long, several figures appeared in Zhao Hai's sight. When the group was about 100 meters away, Zhao Hai made a command in his mind. The group quickly felt a pain in the soles of their feet, then their feet became numb.

The group were also cultivators with rich experience. Feeling a numbing feeling in their feet, they immediately knew that they were under attack. They responded quickly and sealed the acupuncture

points in their feet. They immediately attacked the ground underneath them. However, they didn't sense any response.

The group of cultivators were attacked by small insects from Zhao Hai's Space. The poison of the insects was very strong. Once one was bitten by them, the poison would immediately spread to the entire body. If the target's reaction was slow, they would die within the minute.

As soon as the cultivators sensed that they didn't hit anything, they quickly took out bottles from the spatial items. Then they poured out a pill and threw it into their mouths.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai knew that they should be eating detoxification pills. Detoxification pills weren't extremely valuable pills. However, they were divided into levels according to certain poisons. Detoxification pills of higher levels could detoxify more poisons compared to pills of lower levels. Even if a poison couldn't be solved, the pill could still alleviate the symptoms. It would give the cultivator enough time to expel the poison themselves.

The moment the cultivators threw the detoxification pill into their mouth, Zhao Hai made his move. He wielded his long blade and attacked the group.

The group immediately discovered Zhao Hai. Their complexions couldn't help but change. They thought that they had run into an unknown demon beast. Now, that doesn't seem to be the case. They were deliberately ambushed.

The group immediately raised their weapons to fight back. At this time, Zhao Hai's blade technique completely unfolded. The group was already poisoned, so their combat strength was a sixth of their peak. Although they have their own artifacts, Zhao Hai's blade was too ferocious. They could only passively defend. They didn't even have the opportunity to release their artifacts.

It didn't take long before pitiful yells were heard. Zhao Hai received his blade and then waved his hand. He sent the corpses of the cultivators to the Space and then immediately left.

Zhao Hai knew that demon beasts would arrive soon. Although the fight was relatively quiet, the demon beasts could still smell blood.

In the past month, Zhao Hai fought against demon beasts more than once. He was clear about the capabilities of the demon beasts. The more he fought against the demon beasts, the more Zhao Hai was surprised about their instincts. Their five senses went way beyond a cultivator's.

Demon beasts had ten times more sensitive hearing compared to other beasts. This enhancement was truly astonishing. These senses were what made the demon beasts terrifying.

Just as Zhao Hai thought, not long after he left, demon beasts began appearing at the site of the battle. They didn't leave the area until half a day passed.

When Zhao Hai was in a relatively safe place, he immediately released the Undead that he had just gained. He asked the Undead about the situation of the mountain.

From the Undead, Zhao Hai became aware of the mountain's situation. However, the information didn't matter a lot. Although they had returned to the mountain for several years, the group didn't actually go to many areas. They only lingered around a specific route. Their understanding of the mountain couldn't compare to Zhao Hai.

After receiving the Undead, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. Staying in the mountain for one month, he understood the state of the surroundings. He even mapped it and added the terrain to the Space's map. After searching inch by inch, he still didn't discover anything.

Zhao Hai was convinced that if he followed the map given to him by Shopkeeper Chen, finding the seal would be impossible. Therefore, Zhao Hai was preparing to head even deeper into the mountain.

Although heading deeper into the mountain would increase the present danger, Zhao Hai doesn't want to break his promise with Shopkeeper Chen. Most importantly, if Shopkeeper Chen attains a higher position, the Blackwood Group would gain advantages. Zhao Hai might even be able to join the mysterious clan. Zhao Hai wanted to know what kind of family it was.

Zhao Hai hasn't heard of the clan. He thought that the strongest powers in the True Spirit Realm were the Great Sect. But this doesn't seem to be the case. This the strength of the mysterious clan absolutely wouldn't be bad. The fact that Zhao Hai hadn't heard of it was evidence of their power.

Zhao Hai wasn't the kind of person who quickly gave up. He will do the task if he thinks that he could. This time isn't any different. Up until now, people were present in the areas he explored. Therefore, he could collect information from them and analyze the situation of the mountain.

However, the deeper parts of the mountain were devoid of any presence of people. If Zhao Hai entered the deeper mountain, he wouldn't have the means to obtain additional information. He needed to go on his own.

Zhao Hai was very aware of the strength of the demon beasts. If he wants to head into the deeper parts of the mountain, he will need to be extremely careful. If he didn't hide from the demon beasts, he would be in trouble. Don't overestimate Zhao Hai's current strength. Even cultivators in the Teleportation Stage or stronger have fallen in the deeper parts of the mountain.

The people looking for the seal in the mountain were also looking for more routes. Now that Zhao Hai had mapped the surrounding area, he knew that the seal wasn't on those routes.

With liquid silver leading the way, Zhao Hai carefully advanced. But because of the Space's current level, liquid silver's dust couldn't fly too far. Zhao Hai was distressed about this. Otherwise, he wouldn't have gone deeper into the mountain. He would just send liquid silver and scan through the mountain.

Zhao Hai thought that his levels would no longer matter. But he didn't expect that leveling up would be his biggest desire right now. If he leveled up, the Space's capabilities would improve. He needs more treasures of heaven and earth.

Since he needed liquid silver to advance, Zhao Hai's speed wasn't fast. He continued to advance and mapped everything he passed through. Even with the Space looking for the seal, Zhao Hai still achieved nothing.

Zhao Hai was alone in the depths of the Mountain of Demon Beasts. He cautiously moved forward. He didn't believe that a Clone Stage cultivator from the clan would reach this far into the mountain. But since the seal wasn't in the periphery, Zhao Hai could only head deeper.

Time progressed bit by bit, Zhao Hai spent another half a month in the mountains. Zhao Hai wasn't just blindly seeking. He knew the region where the clan's cultivator was killed. From that place, there were several routes that branched outward. Even if the demon beast took the seal, it wouldn't go too far from

the route. A demon beast has its own territory. They wouldn't willingly go and cause trouble in another demon beast's domain.

In other words, even if the demon beast took the seal away, they wouldn't be too far. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't go too far from the known routes.

Even so, Zhao Hai still didn't discover anything. Although he was somewhat worried, there was nothing he could do. He could only push through slowly and patiently.

Time continued to pass, and it has been three months since Zhao Hai began looking for the seal. However, there were no traces of the seal. Zhao Hai became anxious. He felt that he may have overextended himself this time.

Chapter 2133: Mischievous Monkey

After letting out a sigh, Zhao Hai was preparing to give up. There's not enough time. There were three days left before the agreed time with Shopkeeper Chen. But until now, Zhao Hai has no clues about the seal. Even if Zhao Hai didn't want to give up, he would have to. Even if he could use the Space to return to Roaring Flame City directly, he wasn't confident enough to find the seal within three days.

Looking at the expansive forest around the Mountain of Demon Beasts, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. The mountain was too big. If he was given more time, he might find the seal after scouring the entire mountain. But there was no way. Zhao Hai felt that he only explored a tenth of the mountain. With this metric, nobody would be able to find the seal in the mountain.

Zhao Hai plans to continue exploring the mountain in the last three days. Even if he couldn't find the seal, he could still find plants to enrich the collection of the Space.

Although the beasts and plants of the Mountain of Demon Beasts have genetic defects, they can still grow well. Their genetic defects were a miracle in itself. The Space has been analyzing the plants and beasts, which benefited the various species inside the Space.

As Zhao Hai stepped forward, he suddenly heard a noise. When he heard this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. He heard this sound before. It came from a very special demon beast that was called the Mischievous Monkey.

The name Mischievous Monkey sounded lovable. In fact, the monkey's appearance was indeed cute. It looked like a snub-nosed monkey that had bigger eyes which looked intelligent.

However, this demon beast was known as the most annoying demon beast in the mountain. Firstly, they were extremely numerous. They were also quite strong. They were fast and were very well suited to the forest. Most importantly, they were known to actively attack people.

Fortunately, although the monkeys loved to attack people, they seemed to be playing around. They used nuts and other things to attack, which doesn't hurt anyone. But for a cultivator, being provoked like this was very embarrassing.

If the cultivator attacked, the monkey would pursue them endlessly. Because of this, most cultivators wouldn't enter the domain of a Mischievous Monkey.

Zhao Hai inquired about Mischievous Monkeys in the nameless town. Mischievous Mountains were a special type of demon beast. They were more shrewd than average demon beasts. Most importantly, they weren't so insistent on having a territory.

Zhao Hai also met a Mischievous Monkey once in the past. However, he didn't mess with them. Regardless, Zhao Hai saw the monkey attacking other cultivators.

Because of this, upon hearing the sound of the monkey, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. He wasn't planning on annoying these monkeys. Just as Zhao Hai was about to turn around and leave, he suddenly heard the Mischievous Monkey issue a sharp cry.

This cry didn't sound right. Even Zhao Hai could understand what this cry meant. There was a tone of panic on the monkey's cry. It seemed as if the monkey was in trouble.

However, Zhao Hai has no plans on rescuing the monkey. The mountain was the world of demon beasts. A Mischievous Monkey being attacked was very normal.

To Zhao Hai's surprise, the Mischievous Monkey was heading towards him. As Zhao Hai was leaving, he saw a bunch of leaves running towards him. Countless Mischievous Monkeys were jumping and screaming away from the trees.

Zhao Hai stared for a moment. He discovered two golden figures behind the monkeys. Zhao Hai looked and saw that there was two Gold Leopards. They were filled with golden spots all over their body, they looked beautiful.

The leopards were also very fast. They looked healthy and energetic. It seems that the two leopards were hunting the monkeys.

But at this time, the two leopards suddenly jumped towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai thought that the two leopards were hunting the monkeys. He didn't expect the leopards to change targets in the blink of an eye.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but sneer. In the past few days, he was feeling suffocated by the mountain. He hid every time there was a demon beast. This caused Zhao Hai to be unhappy. But he has no choice, he can only do this.

Now, there was a demon beast who attacked him. The anger in Zhao Hai's heart couldn't help but leap out. He took his blade out and sent blade qi towards the Golden Leopards.

As soon as Zhao Hai and the Golden Leopards clashed, the Mischievous Monkeys squealed and ran back. All of them had nuts and rocks in their hands. However, they didn't attack Zhao Hai. They just watched the battle.

The two Golden Leopards weren't weak. They were as strong as Earth Monarchs. And with their instincts, it can be said that they were stronger than cultivators at the Earth Monarch Stage. Unfortunately for the Golden Leopards, they were faced against Zhao Hai. They kicked an iron plate this time. They were quickly surrounded by Zhao Hai's blade qi. They couldn't run even if they wanted to. Although the leopards roared again and again, they were still trapped.

The fight lasted for about ten minutes. By the end, Zhao Hai used two flying knives and shot directly at the eyes of the leopards. The leopards roared a couple of times before they lost their lives.

Zhao Hai continued to hold his blade as he looked at the Mischievous Monkeys. Surprisingly, the monkeys didn't attack him. Instead, they were calling at each other while on the trees.

Zhao Hai couldn't understand the monkeys. But soon, he understood that the monkeys were communicating, which confused him even more.

At this time, a Mischievous Monkey jumped down from the tree. Then went to Zhao Hai's side and then bent its knees as if kneeling towards Zhao Hai.

Looking at the situation, Zhao Hai quickly understood. The two Golden Leopards were slaughtering Mischievous Monkeys. Therefore, they were clearly hated by the monkeys. Now, after seeing the two leopards getting killed, the Mischievous Monkey was giving respects to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai walked towards the Mischievous Monkey who was kneeling on the ground. The monkey seemed to be old. Although its body trembled, it didn't get up.

Zhao Hai arrived by the old monkey's side and gently held the monkey up. The old Mischievous Monkey looked at Zhao Hai. While smiling, Zhao Hai gestured towards the corpses of the Golden Leopards, then he pointed towards the old monkey.

The old monkey looked at Zhao Hai's movements but couldn't understand what he meant. Zhao Hai took the two golden leopards and handed it over to the old monkey. This time, the old monkey understood Zhao Hai. It excitedly called out several times. The monkeys on the trees were also calling out with excitement. Some of the stronger monkeys rushed to the leopard corpses and lifted them up before taking them towards the mountain.

The old monkey walked towards Zhao Hai's side. Looking at the old monkey, Zhao Hai was somewhat confused. Then the old monkey held Zhao Hai's hand and pulled him forward. Although he didn't understand what was going on, Zhao Hai still followed the old monkey.

After walking for half an hour, they arrived at a specific part of the forest. The trees here were especially big. While Zhao Hai was looking at the tree, the old monkey cried out. Before long, large numbers of Mischievous Monkeys appeared from the surrounding trees. Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He didn't detect these monkeys, which was abnormal.

He passed through this region before. But because it was the domain of the Mischievous Monkeys, he didn't penetrate deep into it. However, it was mapped by the liquid silver dust.

But during that time, he didn't see so many Mischievous Monkeys. This confused Zhao Hai. He looked at the huge trees and discovered something special. The trees seem to shield against spiritual force. One's spiritual force could only detect the trees and not anything beyond its branches.

Zhao Hai's complexion couldn't help but change. Up until now, the liquid silver dust has been focused below the tree's canopy. As for anything above, he didn't pay attention to them.

The Mischievous Monkeys carried the gold leopard corpses and called out. The surrounding Mischievous Monkeys excitedly jumped down from the trees.

The old monkey didn't mind the actions of the other monkeys. It led Zhao Hai to the largest tree and then jumped up. Zhao Hai saw this and followed behind.

When he caught up with the old monkey, Zhao Hai smelled a very rich wine fragrance. The fragrance was mellow, but its mere smell caused Zhao Hai to feel a bit drunk.

At this time, the old monkey arrived by the tree trunk and scratched out a bark on the tree. Before long, an even rich wine fragrance came out. Zhao Hai investigated the hole and saw that it was filled with a golden liquid. The rich wine smell was coming from the hole.

The old monkey took out a nutshell from the side and filled it with the golden liquid before handing it over to Zhao Hai and screeching twice. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and accepted the nutshell before drinking the wine in one gulp.

Zhao Hai was stunned as soon as the wine entered his mouth. The wine was surprisingly good. This must be the legendary monkey wine. Whether it was on Earth or the True Spirit Realm, there would be legends about monkeys making wine. Zhao Hai never thought that he would be drinking monkey wine right now.

The wine wasn't easy to make. It needs good water, enough fermentation time, and the correct ratio of fruits.

The flavor of the monkey wine caused Zhao Hai to be in a daze. He didn't expect monkey wine to be so tasty. It wouldn't lose against the fruit wine produced by the Space. Its flavor might even be better.

Zhao Hai's face couldn't help but show an intoxicated expression. Looking at Zhao Hai's face, the old monkey let out a happy screech. It was obviously satisfied with Zhao Hai's reaction. Zhao Hai recalled his senses when he heard the old monkey. He smiled towards the old monkey and returned the nutshell.

The old monkey waved its paw and pointed towards the tree hole. Zhao Hai knew that the old monkey was allowing him to drink more. He couldn't help but smile faintly. He wasn't polite and filled the nutshell. But this time, he wasn't planning to drink it, he was going to send the wine to the Space to be analyzed.

Zhao Hai returned the nutshell to the old monkey. He just pretended to drink the wine and instead sent it to the Space. The old monkey didn't suspect anything.

Seeing that Zhao Hai no longer wanted to drink, the old monkey blocked the tree hole and then led Zhao Hai to another big tree. However, the hole in this tree had a fishy smell. This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised. This was the smell of rot. Was this the tomb of Mischievous Monkeys?

However, Zhao Hai soon denied these thoughts because he heard the sound of breathing from the hole. The old monkey seemed to notice Zhao Hai's confusion. It screeched twice towards the hole which elicited a weak reply. Then a Mischievous Monkey crawled out of the cave.

Seeing this monkey, Zhao Hai stared. This monkey had a large hole in its belly. The belly muscle had clearly rotted. This was the source of the fishy smell.

This Mischievous Monkey didn't look too old, but its appearance was very miserable. Looking at the monkey's appearance, it didn't seem to be sick for a day or two. It didn't look like it had long to live.

The old monkey immediately ran towards the wounded monkey and made it sit. Then it called towards Zhao Hai and screeched a few times. It was clearly apologetic about this scene.

Zhao Hai didn't mind it. He looked at the wounded monkey and then referred to its wound. Then he waved his hand and a white light appeared. The white light gave out a warm and relieving feeling.

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The old monkey seemed to understand what Zhao Hai meant. It looked at Zhao Hai and then to the injured Mischievous Monkey and then nodded as it screeched two times.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then waved his hand. A beam of light shone on the injured monkey. The injured monkey immediately showed a comfortable expression. When the white light vanished, Zhao Hai found that the injured monkey wasn't fully cured.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. He got closer to the injured monkey and looked at the wound. The fishy stench was still present. Zhao Hai concluded one thing, this monkey wasn't only injured, it was also poisoned.

Zhao Hai quickly turned his hand and took out a cup of water. He handed the cup of water to the injured monkey. The monkey received the water and chose to trust Zhao Hai. It drank the water in one go. It didn't take long before black blood dripped out of the wound. Then the fishy smell slowly vanished.

When the wound was no longer dripping black blood, Zhao Hai used light element magic once more. This time, the injured monkey's wound completely disappeared.

The injured Mischievous Monkey touched its belly and screeched excitedly. Then it turned around and ran into the tree hole it came from. When it came out, it had a stretch of snakeskin in its hand. The monkey placed the snakeskin in front of Zhao Hai and screeched. It kept referring to the snakeskin using its paw.

Zhao Hai looked at the snakeskin and immediately understood the monkey's intention. The healed monkey wanted him to take the snakeskin as thanks.

Zhao Hai didn't decline. He thought that declining might cause the Mischievous Monkey to be unhappy. It might think that Zhao Hai was looking down on it.

Zhao Hai took the snakeskin and gave it a careful look. He discovered that the skin was perfectly preserved, it even had bones inside. From his estimates, the snake was about ten meters long, but it wasn't thick. The entire snake was dark green which showed on its preserved skin. Moreover, its scales were very beautiful. Each scale was as big as a fingernail and shone like ink jade.

Zhao Hai traced the snakeskin carefully. He wanted to know why the snake became like this. It was obviously dead. Its internal organs and flesh were gone. And after being killed, it looked like its skin was peeled off and its bones were placed inside.

Just as he was touching the skin, he smelled a sweet fragrance. Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately understood how the snake became like this. The snake must have been poisoned. Its flesh and internal organs have been turned into liquid and might be eaten by another demon beast. This only left its skin and bones behind.

Upon knowing the fate of the snake, Zhao Hai wanted to put it down. But all of a sudden, his hand suddenly touched something hard. Zhao Hai was stunned. Did this snake have stones in its body?

Zhao Hai quickly denied this thought. He traced the skin and pushed the stone to the mouth of the snake. Then a small square item fell out.

Zhao Hai was stunned. He picked up the square item and took a closer look. It turned out to be a seal. Above the seal was a carving of a coiling dragon. Zhao Hai couldn't help but be in a daze. Then a burst of joy appeared on his face. He turned the seal over to see the bottom. However, there were only the characters of "coiling dragon" on it. But with Zhao Hai's eyesight, he could see that the lines of the characters formed a certain pattern. Most importantly, the handiwork of the seal wasn't something that an ordinary person could do.

Zhao Hai suddenly had an unreal feeling. He had been looking for nearly three months without any progress. Now, the seal practically fell into his hands. This seal was likely the one he was looking for. He couldn't believe what just happened.

However, Zhao Hai quickly returned to his usual expression and received the snakeskin. The two Mischievous Monkeys were excitedly screeching when they saw Zhao Hai put the snakeskin away.

Zhao Hai smiled towards the two monkeys and cupped his fist towards them. Seeing Zhao Hai, the two monkeys were also happy. Then they led Zhao Hai outside. When they appeared, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. The monkeys seemed to have procured an assortment of fruits from somewhere. The entire group of monkeys were joyfully celebrating.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly. No wonder they said that monkeys were the closest to people. Even when they celebrated, they looked like people.

After partaking in the monkey clan's fruit feast, Zhao Hai left the group. When he left the domain of the Mischievous Monkeys, Zhao Hai's figure disappeared from the Mountain of Demon Beasts. The next moment, Zhao Hai was already in the forest outside Roaring Flame City.

Seeing the forest outside the city, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh. Then he waved his hand and released Shopkeeper Chen's horse before riding towards the city.

Once he entered the city, Zhao Hai immediately led the horse to the Blackwood Group. Before long, Zhao Hai appeared in front of the gang's door. Like before, the Blackwood Group's gate was shut tight. Zhao Hai dismounted from his horse and knocked on the gate.

The gate opened a bit as a member of the Blackwood Group poked their head out. Seeing Zhao Hai, the gang member stared, then his expression lit up as he said, "Elder, you're back!" As he said that, he opened the door and immediately ran towards the courtyard yelling, "Elder Zhao is back. Elder Zhao is back!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and led the horse into the courtyard. Just as he entered, Liu Wei and Li Shan walked towards him. The two had an excited look on their faces.

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and said, "I have seen the Gang Leaders. Have you been well?"

Liu Wei and Li Shan stepped forward. Liu Wei sized Zhao Hai up and said, "Good, you're back. I thought you had an accident. I'm glad you're fine."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I made the Gang Leader worry. Let's go in and talk."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Liu Wei stared for a moment. Then a look of disbelief appeared on his face. He knew that if Zhao Hai had something to say, then it would be about his task. It's possible that Zhao Hai has succeeded!

Liu Wei immediately led Zhao Hai inside. Before long, the two were inside a private room. Once they settled in, Liu Wei looked at Zhao Hai and said, "How is it? From your words, I reckon you succeeded?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and nodded, "I managed to complete the task."

Liu Wei stood up and opened the door. Then he shouted, "Quickly, someone. Go call Full Moon Pavilion's Shopkeeper Chen. I have something to discuss with him."

The people outside immediately complied. Liu Wei closed the door and looked at Zhao Hai, "Brother Zhao, how did you find it? People have been looking for it for many years. It's not easy to track it down."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Let's wait for Shopkeeper Chen to arrive. This saves me from telling the story twice."

Hearing Zhao Hai Liu Wei laughed and said, "Right, right. Good, let's wait for Shopkeeper Chen to arrive." All this time, Li Shan has been quiet. Liu Wei has absolute trust towards Li Shan. Because of this, Li Shan was also aware of this matter. He also knew how difficult it was to accomplish. To be honest, he expected that Zhao Hai would have suffered an accident. But surprisingly, Zhao Hai actually succeeded.

To be honest, Li Shan admired Zhao Hai for accepting the task. He knew that the task was extremely dangerous, yet Zhao Hai still went. Moreover, he didn't do it only for himself but also for the Blackwood Group. It was precisely because of this that Zhao Hai gained Li Shan's admiration.

Before long, Shopkeeper Chen arrived at the Blackwood Group. Hearing that Zhao Hai was back and had something to discuss with him, Shopkeeper Chen's heartbeat couldn't help but speed up. Nobody knew clearer than him what the seal represented. Now that Zhao Hai was back and called him over, Shopkeeper Chen thought that Zhao Hai might have succeeded. This was a pleasant surprise. Shopkeeper Chen was still in disbelief. Therefore, his heart was beating hard when he arrived in the Blackwood Group.

When Shopkeeper Chen settled in the room, Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, I managed to complete the task. Shopkeeper Chen, take a look, I don't know if this is what you want. I did my best to find it." After speaking, Zhao Hai took out a seal and handed it over.

Shopkeeper Chen excitedly received the token. The seal looked worn out and its surface was a bit scratched. However, the shape was still there. Shopkeeper Chen has been fortunate to see the clan seal in the past. The seal of the clan had the same shape. He didn't tell Zhao Hai what it looked like, so Zhao Hai shouldn't know that it came in this form. Now that Zhao Hai took out the seal, Shopkeeper Chen was more convinced that the seal was the one he was looking for.

After receiving the seal, Shopkeeper Chen immediately turned it over. He saw the coiling dragon carving as well as the characters on the bottom. Shopkeeper Chen's lips couldn't help but tremble. The clan took the dragon as its symbol. Therefore, the clan's carvings always had a coiling dragon. Seeing the coiling dragon carving, Shopkeeper Chen knew that this was the true seal.

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Shopkeeper Chen let out a long sigh. Then he put the seal down and then turned to Zhao Hai, "Brother Zhao, I really want to thank you. This is the seal I was looking for. I really didn't expect that you would find it. Moreover, you found it in time. This is great. I will depart for the clan tomorrow with you. We'll go together to celebrate the Clan Leader's birthday."

As soon as he heard what Shopkeeper Chen said, Zhao Hai breathed a sigh of relief. Then he smiled bitterly and said, "You don't know how dangerous it was to look for the seal. I almost lost my life. The map you gave me is practically useless. In the end, I went deeper into the Mountain of Demon Beasts and met a group of Mischievous Monkeys. I was lucky enough to find the seal in their possession. I also clashed with other people who were looking for the seal."

When he heard this, Shopkeeper Chen couldn't help but be stunned. He asked, "What happened?"

Zhao Hai nodded and explained the matters in the nameless town and the Mountain of Demon Beasts. Although Zhao Hai was clearly back, Shopkeeper Chen and the others were still nervous upon hearing his recollection.

After Zhao Hai was done, Shopkeeper Chen and the others relaxed. They didn't expect how much effort it took to find the seal.

Liu Wei let out a long sigh as he said, "I didn't expect the Mountain of Demon Beasts to be really dangerous. I was planning to go there, but now I changed my mind."

Shopkeeper Chen also frowned, "It seems like a lot of people in the clan have been looking for the seal. I'm afraid I was fooled by the person who sold me the map. Fortunately, it was still me who won in the end. Brother Zhao, I wasn't joking with you. Come with me to the birthday celebration of the Clan Leader. As long as I get a high rank, I will definitely treat you well."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "The important thing is the Blackwood Group's matters. Shopkeeper Chen, you have to help the gang."

Shopkeeper Chen laughed and said, "Of course. With my relationship with Brother Liu, Blackwood Group's matters are my matters as well. You don't need to worry. Brother Zhao, I'll be taking the seal with me. Tomorrow morning, meet me in the Full Moon Pavilion."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. Shopkeeper Chen can rest assured, I will come on time."

Shopkeeper Chen nodded and said, "I can't stay here for a long time. It's possible that people might suspect something. I'll leave first." Then everyone sent Shopkeeper Chen out.

When Shopkeeper Chen left, Liu Wei, Zhao Hai and Li Shan returned to the private room. Liu Wei looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Zhao, I have to thank you. You've been in the Blackwood Group for a short time, but you already gave us a lot. If Old Chen really gets a high position in the clan, then our Blackwood Group will gain a lot. I must thank you. If it weren't for you, I really don't know how to improve the gang."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I won't be too confident. I still am not sure if finding the seal was a good idea or not. Shopkeeper Chen can help us, but he is just an ordinary person in the end. If something happens to him in the future, then the Blackwood Group might face suppression from all angles. It's because of this that I'm contemplating joining the clan. If I can get a foothold in the clan, even if Shopkeeper Chen is gone, the Blackwood Group can still survive."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Liu Wei couldn't help but stare. He smiled bitterly and said, "You're thinking too far in the future. But no matter what, I still have to thank Brother Zhao."

Zhao Hai shook his head, "Alright, we've said everything we have to say. Let's drink. I will be leaving tomorrow. I still don't know what will happen."

Liu Wei nodded. At this time, Li Shan stood up and said, "I'll go arrange the food and wine." Then he walked out. Before long, the table was filled with food and wine.

After the group shared a session of drinking, Zhao Hai returned to his room to rest. He immediately contacted Laura and the others to monitor the Blackwood Group. He wanted to see if there were any bad elements in the gang. If there were, they might leak the matter of the seal. Revealing the seal's existence this early might cause other people to become reckless. When the time comes, Shopkeeper Chen would be in danger.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai's worries were dashed. Shopkeeper Chen went to the Blackwood Group often to settle the matters regarding his caravans. Therefore, it was normal to see him at this time. Nobody would think that Zhao Hai had brought the seal back from the Mountain of Demon Beasts.

In fact, nobody expected Shopkeeper Chen to send Zhao Hai to find the seal. Shopkeeper Chen raised his own group of cultivators. These cultivators were in the Soul Fusion Stage. Who would have thought that Shopkeeper Chen would rather trust someone from the Blackwood Group than the cultivators he raised.

Additionally, the Blackwood Group was rather special compared to other gangs. When Liu Wei formed the gang, he looked for people he could trust. And later on, the people they absorbed were all from Blackwood Alley. Therefore, nobody would betray the gang. It can be said that the current Blackwood Group was more united than the Tyrant Blade Sect.

Because of all these factors, the business between Zhao Hai and Shopkeeper Chen remained unknown to everyone. Nobody knew that Zhao Hai managed to find the seal.

The night passed silently. Zhao Hai's expectations of a surprise attack didn't arrive. On the other hand, Shopkeeper Chen couldn't sleep the entire night. He was too excited as well as afraid.

It wasn't only Zhao Hai who was worried about being exposed. Shopkeeper Chen cared about the matter's secrecy even more. He didn't rest the entire night, nor did he let anyone guard his room. Shopkeeper Chen knew that reinforcing his defenses at this time would definitely attract unwanted attention.

The next morning, after eating breakfast in the Blackwood Group, Zhao Hai immediately went to the Full Moon Pavilion. When he arrived, he saw Shopkeeper Chen who had black circles around his bloodshot eyes.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Shopkeeper Chen smiled bitterly and said, "I've made you laugh. I was too anxious last night, so I wasn't able to sleep. Let's go." Zhao Hai smiled faintly but didn't say anything. He could understand Shopkeeper Chen's experience.

The two arrived in the back courtyard of the Full Moon Pavilion. Then Shopkeeper Chen adjusted the transmission formation on the ground. Before long, the two stepped on the transmission formation and disappeared after a flash of white light.

The next moment, the two appeared in a small city. They actually appeared in the small city's transmission formation square.

Zhao Hai looked around and saw that the small city didn't seem different to other small cities he's been in before. However, this town had a very big mansion. Moreover, the mansion was extremely grand. It looked like a royal palace.

Shopkeeper Chen, who already introduced himself to Zhao Hai as Chen Feng, led Zhao Hai out of the transmission formation and said, "This is Coiling Dragon City, the main city of the clan. There are no outsiders in this city. Every resident you see are branch members of the clan. There are some families that have served the clan for more than five generations. They are the foundation of the clan. Therefore, don't offend anyone here. An old man walking around the street might be the brother of the Clan Leader. If you offend them, you will be miserable. During this part of the year, talents would arrive in this city. Besides us, the other would bring a trusted guard. However, one couldn't bring too many guards. Otherwise, they would be struck down by the clan's experts."

Zhao Hai nodded and looked at the people on the street. There were plenty of people walking around. Most of these people weren't wearing warrior clothing. There were also old people taking leisurely walks. Young people greeted each other with smiles on their faces. Some of the children were holding wooden swords and playing around.

However, Zhao Hai didn't dare to underestimate these people. He saw that several of the old people walking in the street were in the Teleportation Stage. There were also Teleportation Stage experts among the young people. Even the most ordinary looking person on the street seemed to have reached the Clone Stage or the Soul Fusion Stage.

As for the children, although it looked like they were recklessly swinging their wooden swords about, Zhao Hai could see that their swings were very organized. In other words, they weren't just playing around but instead practicing according to a sword or a blade technique. This was what surprised Zhao Hai the most.

After looking around the city, Zhao Hai discovered that there were at least hundreds of thousands of people living inside. This number could only be larger, not smaller. And these hundreds of thousands only counted the adults.

What kind of population was this? To put it bluntly, this clan had at least a hundred thousand adults! How could a clan reach a hundred thousand members?

This huge clan definitely wasn't weaker than sects. They were even stronger than some huge sects. But until now, Zhao Hai didn't know the name of this clan, which surprised him the most.

When Zhao Hai and Chen Feng walked out of the transmission formation, a person wearing a serviceman's clothing walked over. Then they cupped their fist and said, "Shopkeeper Chen, you came quite late this time. Your room has already been prepared. Please come with me."

Chen Feng didn't look down on the man, he immediately cupped his fist and said, "Is it Second Master's turn to experience life today? This Old Chen must have cultivated well in my past life. I will definitely tell my descendants about the day the Second Master served me. I'll write it down on my family records."

The Second Master referred to by Chen Feng couldn't help but laugh when he heard this, "Old Chen, you really know how to lighten up people's day."

After Zhao Hai and Chen Feng settled down in the inn, Chen Feng respectfully sent the serviceman off. After closing the door, Zhao Hai looked at Chen Feng and asked, "Shopkeeper Chen, what is the status of that person?"

Chen Feng smiled bitterly and said, "That was the Second Son of the Second Branch. The clan has a special tradition. Children of the clan have to go to the family's businesses for trials. The clan wants them to think like ordinary people. This was to let the children of the clan understand the difficulties of doing business as well as learn how to run a business. This process also refines the heart."

Zhao Hai nodded, "It's truly a special rule. But it's very interesting. So, what should we do now?"

Chen Feng smiled and said, "Nothing. There are still a few days before the Patriarch's birthday. In these few days, I will meet other Shopkeepers who are my friends. Although these days are for the clan to celebrate, it is also the time to report our work. It's also a good time to get in touch with other shopkeepers."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Do you want me to go with you?"

Chen Feng shook his head, "There's no need. If I take you with me, it might cause others to be suspicious. Go play around in the city. At this time of the year, disciples from all around come back. There should be all kinds of shops opening up. As long as you don't go to the clan mansion, nobody would care where you go."

"By the way, there's also another place you can't go to. That is the martial arts ground. Naturally, you can go see the children's martial arts playground. You can even give food to the children. In any case, you'll be fine as long as you don't cause any troubles."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright. I also want to see the city."

Chen Feng added, "Remember, don't offend people here. Otherwise, you will be killed like an ant." Zhao Hai nodded.

After explaining a few more things to Zhao Hai, Chen Feng left. Zhao Hai also returned to his room. Once his room was settled, Zhao Hai walked out of the hotel. At this time, Chen Feng already went and visited his shopkeeper friends.

Zhao Hai strolled around the city. The people in the city didn't dislike Zhao Hai at all, nor did they put on an arrogant appearance. There were just some children looking at Zhao Hai with curiosity. Some of the children were even running around behind Zhao Hai.

After walking for a while, Zhao Hai discovered that he was followed by a group of kids. Being someone who likes children, Zhao Hai couldn't help but look at the children and made an ugly face.

Unexpectedly, the children weren't afraid of him at all. When they saw Zhao Hai showing an ugly face, they became even happier. They continued to follow behind Zhao Hai.

After walking for half an hour, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stop. By this point, dozens of children were following behind him. The grownups around the city couldn't help but smile as they looked at Zhao Hai.

Seeing Zhao Hai stop, the children ran away and looked at Zhao Hai from a distance. Zhao Hai glanced around and found a small square not far away. There were plenty of such squares in the city. Children would use these squares to practice martial arts. Zhao Hai walked to the small square with a group of children following behind him.

When he reached the square, Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out a chair. Then he sat on the chair and waved to the children to come over.

Seeing Zhao Hai's actions, the children stopped. They don't understand what Zhao Hai wanted to do. All of them were looking at him with confusion. Some of the more courageous ones walked towards Zhao Hai and stopped ten steps away from him.

Looking at their reactions, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. Then he said, "Don't be afraid. I won't eat children. Do you want to eat something delicious? I brought some." After he said that, a table appeared beside him. On the table were several trays of fruit and dried meat.

Each of the fruits were juicy and beautiful. The color of the dried meat was also appetizing. Both the fruits and dried meats let out an irresistible fragrance.

Zhao Hai's actions didn't only attract the children. The grownups around the square couldn't help but turn their heads. Zhao Hai didn't care about the grownups, he looked at the children and said, "Do you want a taste?" After he said that, he took out a fruit and bit it, which caused the sweet fragrance to intensify.

Seeing Zhao Hai's movements, the children couldn't help but gulp. However, they didn't move. The grownups didn't mind Zhao Hai's actions either. They believed that Zhao Hai wouldn't do anything to the children. People who came to this city understood the rules of the clan. No matter who Zhao Hai was, he wouldn't do anything to the children of the clan. Otherwise, he would face the clan's wrath.

Finally, one of the children could no longer hold back. He ran towards Zhao Hai and received fruit. Now that someone went first, the other children also ran over. Some grabbed fruit while the others took dried meat. All of them were happily eating.

Everything that Zhao Hai took out were high-quality goods that the Space produced. Naturally, all of them tasted heavenly. Each and every child were very happy with the food.

Looking at the children, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh. He took out more fruits for them to eat. This time, more and more children gathered in the small square. Zhao Hai counted more than 50 children in the square.

However, Zhao Hai didn't mind how many children there were. He also didn't let the children eat too much. When the children saw that there were no food, they all looked at Zhao Hai with eager eyes.

Zhao Hai found that although the children were wearing similar clothes, they couldn't hide their temperament. The identities of these children differed. Some of the children had better family backgrounds while the others had lower backgrounds.

Naturally, this wasn't what Zhao Hai noticed. What he found out was that these children weren't hierarchical. Children with high status wouldn't use their identity against those with lower status. The children with low status also didn't idolize those with higher status.

Others might not know what this meant, and others might think that it was going against order, but Zhao Hai thought differently. Zhao Hai saw the clan's successful education from the conduct of their younger generation. If a family wants to maintain its vitality for a long time, it can't raise their children's status too high. Otherwise, the child wouldn't have any friends. When the time comes, the family's division would become more and more rigid. In the end, nepotism would take root in the family which would lead to a small number of people getting most of the resources. Such a structure would sooner or later collapse.

The education of these children would maintain the clan's vigor for a very long time. This kind of system would produce talented and loyal talents for several generations. From this, one could see how such a clan was able to reach its current scale.

Looking at the eager eyes directed at him, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile, "What? You still want to eat?"

The children simultaneously nodded. Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh, then he said, "Alright. But I have to test you. Looking at you, you should have learned martial arts. How about you show me your martial arts? If you do well, I'll reward you with food. What do you think?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the children couldn't help but stare. Then they immediately complied with a bang. In any case, they were learning basic martial arts. They weren't afraid of being seen. As soon as the adults heard Zhao Hai, they also gathered around, wanting to see how the children performed.

Seeing that the children agreed, Zhao Hai immediately waved his hand and said, "Alright, don't push each other. Make some space. Let's start with the youngest and then end with the oldest. Where's the youngest?"

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, the children immediately dispersed. Before long, an empty circle appeared in the small square. A three-year old appeared from the crowd. The child was so young that it still had mucus coming out from its nose from playing all day. However, this didn't retract from the fact that they looked very lovable.

Actually, these children weren't short of food, they just liked to eat good food. Additionally, Zhao Hai had a good affinity with children. At the same time, the children were no longer present for the food, they were treating Zhao Hai's challenge as a fun game. Because of this, the children quickly listened to Zhao Hai's words.

Zhao Hai looked at the small child and smiled. Then he said, "What's your name? How old are you?"

The child wiped his mucus and looked at Zhao Hai with his big eyes before answering, "My name is Long San. I am three years old. My punches are the best, my father praises me a lot."

Upon hearing the child, the surrounding adults couldn't help but chuckle. Zhao Hai also smiled and said, "Alright, Little San, show me your punches. Let me see how strong they are."

Long San nodded and then his small face turned serious. He steadied his body and got into a punching posture. Although the child was being serious, because of his young age, it looked cute instead. His martial aura was a bit insufficient.

Before long, Long San began to perform his punches. It was a good fist technique that followed a set pattern. Zhao Hai nodded at the child's movements. When Long San was done, Zhao Hai saw that the child was already panting.

Although Zhao Hai knew that this little child had yet to begin practicing with spiritual qi, his physical strength was still too poor. Most importantly, Long San didn't regulate his breathing while throwing his punches. And regulating one's breathing was the most basic thing when learning boxing.

Naturally, this basic thing refers to Earth. In a world of cultivators, what people pay attention to was the practice of spiritual qi. Therefore, nobody would pay attention to breathing. In their opinion, as long as one practiced their spiritual qi and used it with their fist, there was no need for other miscellaneous things.

However, Zhao Hai knew very well that this wasn't the case. Adjusting one's breathing when practicing punches could make the mind completely calm. The whole person would be immersed in the fist technique and their breaths will change with the changes of the technique. In turn, one's aura would be integrated with the punches. Eventually, this would allow the practitioner to vary their punches from the routine and dish out more powerful punches.

Long San looked eagerly at Zhao Hai and discovered that Zhao Hai was frowning. The adults around the small square were also confused at Zhao Hai's reaction. They didn't know what Zhao Hai was thinking about. In their opinion, Long San, a three-year old child, was already pretty good at executing his fist

routine. Zhao Hai should be rewarding Long San. But instead, Zhao Hai was unresponsive. This caused a discussion around the square.

Zhao Hai was brought back by the discussions. He looked at the eager Long San and laughed, "Very good. Long San, come." As he said that, Zhao Hai took out a paper bag with several fruits as well as a bottle of juice.

Long San no longer cared about what Zhao Hai thought. Looking at the fruits and the juice, the little child was immediately happy. He received Zhao Hai's gift and then turned around to leave.

However, before Long San could leave, Zhao Hai stopped him. Long San looked at Zhao Hai in confusion. Zhao Hai smiled at Long San and said, "Long San, let me ask you. Do you like practicing your punches?"

Long San couldn't understand why Zhao Hai was asking this question. But he still shook his head and said, "I don't like it. Punching is very tiring. But if I said that I don't like it, my father would hit me." Long San's admittance caused the adults to start laughing.

Zhao Hai also smiled and then asked once more, "Then, Long San, do you like to play?"

Long San quickly nodded, "I like playing the most!"

Zhao Hai looked at Long San and said, "Long San, in fact, practicing punches is the most fun thing in the world. You're tired when punching because you aren't punching correctly. Meanwhile, you aren't tired from playing because you are playing correctly. If you punch correctly, then you won't be tired."

Long San looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Impossible. Father told me that I punch very well. So, my punches are good."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I'm not saying that your father is wrong. How about you let this uncle teach you a fun method to practice punching. Do you want to learn? If you learn this, your punches will hit stronger, and your father will be happier. What do you think?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Long San stared at him with his big eyes, "Really? Uncle, are you telling the truth?"

Zhao Hai smiled, "I'm not lying to you. What do you think? Do you want to learn?"

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"Uncle, if I give you these things, will you teach me?"

Long San's action of using Zhao Hai's gift to pay Zhao Hai immediately caused everyone to laugh. These were originally Zhao Hai's things, now Long San wants to give them back to Zhao Hai. Only a child like Long San could think of this.

Hearing Long San, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh as well. Then he said, "There's no need to give anything. But if I teach you, you need to study it well. Understood?"

Long San nodded and said, "Alright. Long San will study properly."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then raised his hand. The fist technique used by Long San can be used to lay the foundation to learn the fist techniques of the True Spirit Realm. It was nothing special, Zhao Hai can learn it in just one glance. It was precisely because of this that the clan allowed others to watch the children practice.

After raising his hand, Zhao Hai said to Long San, "Long San, when you use this pose, you have to take a deep breath. Then when you punch, you have to exhale. At the same time, you shout. Ha!"

As he said that, Zhao Hai curled his hand into a fist and then punched out. At the same time, he shouted. Then Zhao Hai explained to Long San when to inhale and then when to exhale. In order to make Long San understand more, Zhao Hai used a sound to inhale and then shouting 'Ha!' when he exhaled.

Long San looked interested at Zhao Hai's shouts. His eyes couldn't help but light up in anticipation. After Zhao Hai was finished, he looked at Long San and said, "Now you try."

Long San nodded and began to punch. However, he still couldn't get a grasp on when to inhale and exhale. Zhao Hai guided him through the routing.

The other children were also interested in Long San's practice. They were the same group who practiced. This became convenient for Zhao Hai as he could teach all of the children together.

The adults were also watched as Zhao Hai guided the children to practice martial arts as though they were playing. They didn't mind it too much. Some parents were even joking around and giggling at their kid.

But upon seeing the enthusiasm of the children, some parents couldn't sit still. Their children had always been practicing martial arts as though it was a chore. This kind of mentality wouldn't benefit the children. Thus, they didn't stop Zhao Hai. They quietly left and returned home. They practiced according to Zhao Hai's method to see if there were any danger to the children. If there was no danger, then there's no problem allowing the children to practice according to Zhao Hai's method. At the very least, it looked beneficial.

When the parents returned to their homes and practiced Zhao Hai's method, they were shocked. If they practiced according to Zhao Hai's method, they would unconsciously use their spiritual qi in conjunction with the fist technique. They couldn't help but be amazed at the power of their punches. Their fist increased by at least one part. Moreover, the amount of spiritual qi they used was a layer less than normal.

This discovery greatly surprised the parents. They didn't expect to learn from this encounter. Adjusting one's breath could actually have such an effect.

Before long, those who went home secretly returned to the small square. They looked at Zhao Hai with complicated gazes. They couldn't understand how such a simple breathing change could have a huge change in their punch.

As for the children, they discovered that if they followed Zhao Hai's instructions, they weren't as tired as before. On the contrary, they were having fun shouting with each punch.

All of a sudden, an old man white hair and beard arrived beside Zhao Hai. He cupped his fist and said, "Little Brother, how about accompanying this old man for a while?"

Zhao Hai hurriedly returned the greeting to the old man, "Old Master is too polite. It would be my honor." After saying that, he smiled at the children and said, "Alright, you can all go home. Don't forget to practice what I told you." The children obviously knew the old man. When they heard Zhao Hai, they cupped their fist to the old man and then scattered.

Zhao Hai turned to the old man and cupped his fist, "Old Master, let's go." The old man patiently waited for Zhao Hai to settle the children first. When Zhao Hai turned towards him, the old man smiled and said, "Come with me." After he said that, he led Zhao Hai to the side.

Before long, the two arrived in an ordinary courtyard. The gate of the courtyard was wide open, and its ground was paved with cyan stone. On the corner of the yard was a stone table and chair. At this time, there was a pot of tea on the table as well as fruits and dried meat.

The old man invited Zhao Hai to sit down on the stone chair. Then he cupped his fist towards Zhao Hai and said, "This old man is a bit muddled. When did little brother arrive in Coiling Dragon City?"

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "I came to the city with Chen Feng, the Shopkeeper of the Full Moon Pavilion in Roaring Flame City. We just arrived today. If it wasn't for the Old Master, I wouldn't know that this place is called Coiling Dragon City."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the old man nodded and said, "So it's Chen Feng. I know that kid. Although his cultivation is lacking, he's an expert in business. What relationship does little brother have with Chen Feng?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "We don't know each other that long. I originally came out for a trial and met a group of cultivators from Roaring Flame City. They formed a small gang to help their neighborhood. I saw that their character is good, so I joined the gang. I didn't expect the Gang Leader to know Shopkeeper Chen. And through certain events, I got to know Shopkeeper Chen. Then he took me here to experience the city. I hope Old Master won't blame Shopkeeper Chen."

Hearing Zhao Hai, a flash of light went through the old man's eyes, "From what I can hear, little brother is from a Great Sect? Did you teach your sect's method to the children?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "It's not the sect's methods. What I taught are all methods I thought up myself."

The old man nodded; he didn't ask which sect Zhao Hai came from. It was clear that Zhao Hai wasn't planning on telling him.

The old man looked at Zhao Hai and said, "This old man wants to ask you to be a teacher to the children. Are you willing to agree?"

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect the old man to suddenly say this. He hesitated for a while and said, "I'll be honest to Old Master, I have no problems teaching. But as you know, I belong to a sect. I need to do tasks for the sect and look after it. I'm afraid I have no time to teach the children."

The old man looked at Zhao Hai and smiled faintly, "Little Brother isn't afraid that he doesn't have enough time, you're afraid of the clan having conflict with your sect. Am I right?"

Zhao Hai just smiled and didn't speak. Looking at Zhao Hai's expression, the old man continued, "Little Brother, don't worry. Our Long Clan has no conflict with any of the powers. The various sects also know about the existence of the Long Clan. No matter where you came from, you won't be an enemy to our clan. You can rest assured."

Hearing the old man's words, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. The old man's message was full of information. No conflict with any powers? How was that possible? If they didn't have any conflict with anyone, it's only one of two things. It was that they were so strong that no sect dared to provoke them, and the second is that they were too weak to take notice of. It was obvious that the second option wasn't possible.

Zhao Hai could see the strength of the Long Clan. Not to mention the clan itself, the people walking around the city was evidence enough of the clan's power. Zhao Hai knew that the Long Clan wasn't weak enough for someone to bully. Then this only leaves one explanation, the Long Clan was too strong for other powers to offend them.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown, then he said, "I hope Old Master can forgive me. But I cannot promise you anything."

The old man smiled and said, "Little brother is too polite. It's normal for you to hesitate. This old man has caught you off guard. By the way, did you say that you came up with the breathing method yourself? Does your sect know about this? Have you thought about teaching this method to your sect?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I won't hide it from Old Master. I haven't passed this method yet. Only my unofficial disciple has learned this method. Since I observed that my disciple was having good results, I decided to teach the children as well."

The old man nodded, "I see. Thank you for that. You helped us a lot today. Our Long Clan naturally wouldn't treat you unjustly. We will pay you back in the future. But now, let this old man treat you to a meal. I don't know if little brother can give me this bit of face?"

Hearing the old man, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile, "I can't ask for anything else. I don't have other hobbies aside from eating food. I haven't eaten much since arriving in the city. I'll have to bother the Old Master today."

The old man appeared happy when he heard Zhao Hai. He laughed and said, "Alright, that's good. Little Brother, come with me." After saying that, he stood up and made a gesture of invitation to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai quickly stood up and cupped his fist towards the old man. Then the two walked out. Zhao Hai was neither anxious nor bored through the whole process. He also wasn't arrogant nor too humble. This gave the old man a good impression of him.

Not long after leaving the courtyard, the two arrived in a restaurant in Coiling Dragon City. The restaurant wasn't very big, but it was very clean and well-kept.

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Chen Feng settled Zhao Hai in the inn and left. He didn't want Zhao Hai to get into trouble. Although he didn't have much contact with Zhao Hai, he knew that Zhao Hai wouldn't casually offend anyone. He believed that Zhao Hai wouldn't mess around.

Chen Feng knew that people like Zhao Hai knew their own place. They weren't like the arrogant young masters who stirred trouble everywhere.

Because he knew this, Chen Feng felt relieved visiting his old friends. With how late Chen Feng arrived, he was confident that his friends should already be in the city.

Although Chen Feng believes that he could get a high rank because of the seal, he also knew that if he didn't have low-ranking people supporting him, then his position would be useless. Therefore, he needed to garner support.

Those who met with Chen Feng this time were all shopkeepers from the Full Moon Pavilion. They didn't hold too much power and most of them couldn't cultivate. It was because of this that they all became friends.

After congregating at their meeting area, Chen Feng and his friends walked towards an inn. They chose the inn where Chen Feng was staying.

As the group was walking, another group of people appeared in front of them. Seeing this group, Chen Feng and the others' expressions couldn't help but change.

The people opposite Chen Feng's group were also shopkeepers from the Full Moon Pavilion. However, they were different. All of them were cultivators. Due to the culture of the True Spirit Realm, this group of cultivators have always looked down on Chen Feng and the others.

Naturally, Chen Feng and his friends also look down on these people. The two sides never found a common ground. Although they belonged to the same Full Moon Pavilion, their difference in status caused them to have open and secret battles. However, neither side dared to go too far. They knew very well that their future and fate were given to them by the Long Clan. If they went too far, the clan only needed one sentence and they would become nothing.

The other group also noticed Chen Feng and the others. As soon as they saw Chen Feng's group, the other group retreated. The two groups were about twenty steps apart.

Chen Feng's group was headed by Chen Feng. Because of his ability, he became the group's leader, and everyone was convinced by his skills. The other party was headed by a person named Lu Fang. Lu Fang was also good at business, but he's also a cultivator. In the Long Clan, his status was slightly higher than Chen Feng, but not too high.

The two groups walked towards each other. When they were ten steps away, Lu Fang looked at Chen Feng and laughed, "Chen Feng, what gift did you prepare this time? Don't embarrass yourself like last year." After speaking, he laughed. The people behind him laughed as well.

Actually, the gift that Chen Feng prepared last time wasn't bad. However, it was worse than Lu Fang's gift. It was this fact that Lu Fang used to ridicule Chen Feng.

Chen Feng looked at Lu Fang and coldly snorted, "Don't worry about me, Shopkeeper Lu. But I wonder what Shopkeeper Lu prepared this year. In any case, I'm sure that your gift is worse than mine."

Lu Fang coldly snorted, "Worse than mine? Keep dreaming, Chen Feng. I really don't know why the clan keeps using you as a shopkeeper. A waste like you should have been expelled from the clan a long time ago."

Chen Feng looked at Lu Fang and sneered, "Why, do you think that you know more than the clan? If you do, then why not write a letter to the clan. Let them decide to remove me from my position and drive me out."

Lu Fang heard Chen Feng's words and coldly snorted. He doesn't have a good response to Chen Feng. He knows that Chen Feng got his position because of his ability. The clan didn't go wrong in trusting Chen Feng's skills. Moreover, the clan's decisions weren't something that a small shopkeeper could question. Therefore, Lu Fang didn't say anything.

At this time, a person next to Lu Fang said, "Shopkeeper Chen looks calm. But the clan has rules. If the gifts you give are ordinary ten times in a row and you don't gain the favor of the clan head, then you won't be able to maintain your status in the future."

Chen Feng coldly snorted and said, "You don't have to worry about me."

Lu Fang looked at Chen Feng's appearance, he didn't know why Chen Feng looked calm. But he also has stiff lips. Lu Fang couldn't help but sneer, "Let's see if you can be calm after the Clan Head's birthday."

At this time, Chen Feng's eyes wandered behind Lu Fang and couldn't help but freeze. This caused Lu Fang and the others to be confused. When they followed Chen Feng's gaze, they found two people walking behind them. One was an old man with white hair while the other was a cultivator with an ordinary appearance. The old man looked like a clan member while the cultivator looked unfamiliar. Nobody from the two groups knew why Chen Feng suddenly froze.

Chen Feng's heart was quite turbulent at this time. This was because one of the two people was Zhao Hai. Although he doesn't know the identity of the old man, he was sure that he was from the Long Clan.

Chen Feng couldn't understand how Zhao Hai could know someone from the Long Clan less than a day after arriving in Coiling Dragon City.

At this time, Zhao Hai also saw Chen Feng. He cupped his fist and said, "Shopkeeper Chen, you're here. I was just about to look for you. I want to inform you that I'll be returning a bit late."

Chen Feng gave a stiff nod. He looked at Zhao Hai and didn't know what to say. He was still wondering how Zhao Hai knew the old man from the Long Clan.

The old man who was with Zhao Hai looked at Chen Feng and smiled, "So this is Chen Feng. I recognize you, but we haven't spoken yet. Young man, you're doing very well. I also want to thank you for bringing such an excellent person to Coiling Dragon City. Let me borrow him for a while, you can go ahead."

The old man wasn't polite at all to Chen Feng. However, Chen Feng wasn't dissatisfied. Although he didn't know the status of the old man, he seemed to be in a high position from the tone of his voice. Most importantly, the old man said that he was familiar with Chen Feng's appearance, but he couldn't remember when he saw it.

Chen Feng didn't dare ignore the old man, "Sir is too polite. If you need Zhao Ming, you only need to ask." The old man nodded and then led Zhao Hai to a small restaurant nearby.

Seeing this, Chen Feng became even more confused. But the people next to him looked at each other. Their eyes were shining. Even Lu Fang's eyes shone. Nobody knew what each other were thinking.

At this time, a shopkeeper next to Chen Feng asked, "Old Chen, who was that fellow?"

Chen Feng knew that they were asking about Zhao Hai, not the old person. No matter what status the old man held, it wasn't something they could look into. Therefore, Chen Feng answered, "He came here with me. He's a guest elder of the Blackwood Group in Roaring Flames City. His name is Zhao Ming. He helped me before, so I promised to bring him into the clan. We just arrived, and I allowed him to roam around the city. I didn't expect him to get to know that Elder."

Hearing this, the shopkeeper next to Chen Feng said, "Old Chen, this seems like an opportunity. I reckon Zhao Ming did something that attracted the Elder's attention. If that's the case, you need to develop your relationship with Zhao Ming."

Chen Feng replied, "There's no need. Zhao Ming isn't the kind of person to forget someone. Alright, let's go back to the inn. When Zhao Ming comes back, everything will be revealed." The others nodded and then walked back to Chen Feng's inn. As for Lu Fang, he has long been forgotten.

When Zhao Hai and the old man entered the restaurant, a waiter immediately ran over. Seeing the old man, the waiter couldn't help but stare. Then they immediately said, "Second Grandfather, why are you here? Do you want to eat? I'll immediately tell the kitchen to prepare."

The old man smiled and said, "So it's Little Seven's turn today. Go to the kitchen and get me a few decent dishes. I invited someone to eat. If you embarrass me, I will kick your butt."

When the waiter heard the old man, he quickly complied. He turned around and rushed to the kitchen. After a while, he came back to Zhao Hai's table and prepared tea. He offered a cup to the old man and Zhao Hai. At the same time, he gave Zhao Hai a glance before leaving.

The old man invited Zhao Hai, "Little Brother, have some tea. It seems like the kid is very attentive. This tea is good." The tea was very fragrant. It was precisely because of this that the old man said that the tea was good.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The tea is indeed good. This should be a heavy tea made according to a secret recipe. Its flavor is quite heavy. The tea leaves should be over a hundred years old. At the same time, the water used should be plum blossom snow water. When paired with the tea, it gives the tea an unyielding and prideful fragrance. Good tea, good water!"

Zhao Hai studied the tea ceremony in the Space. As soon as tea was brought over, he didn't need to drink it to analyze it. He could tell the tea's composition by its smell. As soon as Zhao Hai said this, the old man's eyes lit up, "Little Brother, you know about tea?"

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Zhao Hai smiled faintly and drank from his cup. Then he closed his eyes and savored the flavor. He nodded and said, "It really is good tea. Only high-grade tea leaves can achieve this degree of flavor. Good, really good tea."

The old man also drank his tea and nodded. Then he laughed and said, "It's rare to meet a young man who understands tea nowadays. Little Brother, you have a unique character."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I made Old Master laugh. I'm just an amateur. I'm only good at eating and drinking. I'm not good at anything else."

The old man laughed, "Eating and drinking is life's greatest pleasures. How could it be ignored? We practice the difficult path of cultivation, why couldn't we eat and drink? That's a boring life."

When he heard the old man, Zhao Hai stared for a moment before he laughed, "Right, right. Old Master is correct. If we cannot eat and drink after cultivation, then there's no purpose to life." Then the two couldn't help but laugh.

At this time, the Seventh Young Master came carrying a tray in his hand. On it were four plates of dishes. The dishes weren't particularly high-end. But from its appearance and smell, it was bound to be very good.

After the dishes were laid down, the Seventh Young master bowed to the old man and said, "Second Grandfather, enjoy."

The old man nodded and said, "Go and bring me the wine I left here." When the Seventh Young Master heard the old man, he couldn't help but be shocked. Then he turned and looked at Zhao Hai for a while before walking away.

The old man didn't mind the Seventh Young Master's reaction. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "This old man is happy today. Little Friend, share a couple of drinks with me. This old man enjoys tea and wine. I usually leave two jars of good wine in this store. Little Friend, do you understand wine?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "This one also has a few good jars of wine. Why don't we taste them first?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, the old man stared, then he laughed and said, "Alright. Let's taste your wine first." Zhao Hai smiled faintly. Then he turned his hand and two jars of wine appeared in front of him. The two jars were still covered with soil. The old man couldn't help but turn serious. These jars were placed in a spatial item, so there was almost no flow of time. Even if the wine looks like it has been dug out of the earth, there was nothing surprising about it.

However, the old man still had a trace of expectation regarding Zhao Hai's wine. Good wine must be stored in jars. And the longer it was stored, the more fragrant it would be.

Zhao Hai removed the mud seal on the wine and a very strong aroma spread. Zhao Hai picked up new chopsticks and reached them into the wine jar. He twisted his chopsticks gently. When it came out, there was a layer of jelly on it.

Zhao Hai handed the chopsticks to the old man and said, "This wine jelly can be diluted with other wines. But before we dilute it, Old Master should taste it first. See if you like its raw flavor."

The old man looked at the liquor jelly on Zhao Hai's chopsticks and couldn't help but be excited. He received the chopsticks and placed them under his nose. After taking a long whiff, he tasted the jelly. The old man closed his eyes and an infatuated expression appeared on his face.

After some time, the old man opened his eyes and removed the chopsticks from his mouth. He let out a long breath and said, "Nice wine, nice wine!"

At this time, the Seventh Young Master walked over with two jars of wine. When he saw the two jars of wine on the table, he couldn't help but be stunned. Then he looked at the old man.

The old man beckoned him over and said, "Take these two jars of wine. Dilute the first jar with 50 catties (25 kg) of wine. Remember, use the best wine in the store to dilute it."

The Seventh Young Master stared but then complied. He put the two jars on the tray down and then took Zhao Hai's two jars before leaving. The old man picked up one jar and slapped its mud seal open. He looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "This wine is far from your wine, but let's drink it first. After a while, when your wine is ready, we'll drink it. Come, Little Friend, let's drink this wine together." As he spoke, he served Zhao Hai a cup and then raised his own cup as an invitation.

Zhao Hai held his wine up and said, "It's rare for me to meet the Old Master. We must drink a few cups today. Old Master, please." The two of them clinked their cups and drank the wine in one go.

At this time, a man walked in from outside. He arrived at the side of the old man and then bowed. Then he took out a piece of jade and handed it over to the old man. The old man didn't say anything. He took the jade slip and waved his hand. The man didn't say a word, he turned around and left silently.

The old man searched the jade with his spiritual force and nodded. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "So Little Friend is actually the Tyrant Blade Sect's Zhao Hai. Little Friend's name is like thunder reverberating on one's ears."

Zhao Hai has long known that the old man was checking up on him. He also knows of his status. With the Great Long Clan's ability, secrets were rarely kept from them. Therefore, he wasn't surprised. He just smiled faintly and said, "I've made the Old Master laugh. My trivial reputation isn't worth mentioning. I came out this time for a trial, so I hid my name. I hope the Old Master isn't offended."

The old man laughed and said, "It's not strange at all. Trials are a normal thing. By the way, your masters are the Yin Yang Blades right? This old man has some friendship with them. When you go back, tell them that the old man Long Tian is asking about them. Ask them why they didn't visit me for so long."

Hearing the old man, Zhao Hai quickly replied, "It turns out the Old Master is familiar with my masters. I have been disrespectful. I will certainly carry Old Master's words back."

Long Tian chuckled, "There's no need to be so serious. You're quite pleasing to this old man's eyes. It's nothing to do with those two Yin Yang boys. But since this is the case, there's no issue with you joining the Long Clan. Those old men from the Tyrant Blade Sect would certainly give me some face."

Zhao Hai stared, then his heart moved. He knew that the old men from the Tyrant Blade Sect that Long Tian referred to were not the Yin Yang Elders. When he talked about the Yin Yang Elders, Long Tian seemed to be talking about two kids. It seems like Long Tian was referring to the Supreme Elder-level figures of the Tyrant Blade Sect.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "If the sect approves, then I'll accept the Old Master's invitation and join the Long Clan. However, I have something to say first. The Tyrant Blade Sect has treated me well. If the sect needs my help, then I will definitely do my best to lend a hand."

Long Tian nodded, "That's natural. We won't force you to quit the Tyrant Blade Sect, you are still the sect's disciple. But at the same time, you will also be a member of our Long Clan. We have no conflicts with your sect, you don't have to worry."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Then that would be best."

Long Tian looked at Zhao Hai and smiled, "You're a good kid. The Tyrant Blade Sect is very lucky to get you. Come, let's drink." Zhao Hai raised his cup and then drank it all.

Before long, the Seventh Young Master arrived at Zhao Hai's table. Then he looked at the old man and said, "Second Grandfather, the wine has been dissolved. Do you want me to bring it over?"

Long Tian nodded, "Bring it over. Right, send some dishes as well. Let it be quick." The Seventh Young Master complied and then left. Before long, a pot of wine was brought over along with several dishes.

Zhao Hai picked the wine jar and poured a cup of wine for Long Tian. He also poured himself another cup. Then he raised his cup and said, "Old Master, cheers." Long Tian also raised his cup and said, "Cheers." Then they drank the wine in their cup.

The two looked like drinking mates as they drank happily. The more they drank the happier they became. In the end, neither knew how much wine they consumed. When it was dark and the street was finally empty, the two left the restaurant.

When Zhao Hai returned to the inn, he saw Chen Feng waiting for him. Chen Feng immediately pulled Zhao Hai to his room. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Zhao, what did you do today? Why did that old man ask you for a drink?"

Hearing Chen Feng, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. Then he told Chen Feng about what he did. Naturally, he didn't mention the identity of the old man. He was afraid of scaring Chen Feng. Also, nobody else revealed the identity of the old man. Even if Chen Feng inquired, he would have nobody to ask. Coiling Dragon was the territory of the Long Clan, snooping around about the clan members wasn't a good idea.

As soon as Zhao Hai finished speaking, Chen Feng couldn't help but clap his hands and said, "Good. Good. It seems like you don't have to rely on me to join the Long Clan. But three days later, you still have to go with me to attend the Clan Head's birthday. With this, your status in the Long Clan wouldn't be low."

Zhao Hai smiled and didn't say anything. He still can't figure out what kind of influence the Long Clan was. But he just found out that the Yin Yang Elders and the Tyrant Blade Sect were aware of the clan's existence. It seems like the two didn't have any conflict, which was what mattered the most.

After talking with Chen Feng, Zhao Hai returned to his own room. When he was inside, Zhao Hai immediately took his communicator out and called the Yin Yang Elders.

The Yin Yang Elders hardly slept. Their current duty was controlling their murderous aura and building their willpower. Therefore, they weren't busy most of the time.

The Yin Yang Elders quickly appeared on Zhao Hai's communicator. The Yin Elder had a frown on his face as he asked, "Little Hai, what's the matter? You actually called us this late."

Zhao Hai immediately replied, "Master, I arrived at a clan territory today. They call themselves the Long Clan. I happened to meet an old man named Long Tian. He told me to ask you why you haven't visited him in a long time. Master, do you know the Long Clan?"

When they heard Zhao Hai, the Yin Yang Elders couldn't help but stare. Then their complexion changed. The Yang Elder anxiously asked, "You went to the Long Clan, and you even met Long Tian? Are you telling the truth?"

Zhao Hai looked at the two and confirmed that they knew Long Tian. He nodded and said, "Yes Master. I was in Roaring Flames City under the alias of Zhao Ming. Then I joined a small gang. Afterwards, I met a shopkeeper of a business belonging to the Long Clan. The Clan Head's birthday was coming up, so the shopkeeper brought me with him. In the end, I met Long Tian and shared some wine with him."

The Yin Yang Elders couldn't help but exclaim at the same time, "Drink? You drank with Long Tian?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I drank wine with Long Tian. He also asked me to join the Long Clan. He said that the sect would definitely agree. Masters, will the sect agree?"

The Yin Yang Elders didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Then the Yin Elder smiled bitterly and said, "Agree, of course the sect will agree. Little Hai, if the Long Clan really invites you, then you can join. As for the other things about the Long Clan, you shouldn't ask what you shouldn't know."

Zhao Hai stared, then he nodded and said, "Yes Master, I understand." From what he heard, Zhao Hai understood that the Long Clan wasn't simple. Otherwise, the Yin Yang Elders wouldn't have such a response.

This made Zhao Hai even more curious about the Long Clan. He wanted to know the clan's origins. He wanted to know why the Yin Yang Elders were so surprised when they heard that he was going to join the clan. The Yin Yang Elders rarely hid anything from him, but they concealed the clan's matters to him.

After chatting with the Yin Yang Elders, it was obvious to Zhao Hai that the Yin Yang Elders attached great importance to the Long Clan. They also implied that he should get along well with the people of the Long Clan. Although they didn't say much about the clan, their attitude told Zhao Hai plenty of things. It seems like the Tyrant Blade Sect couldn't provoke the Long Clan.

The next morning, just as Zhao Hai had his breakfast, he heard a loud laugh from outside the door. Then Long Tian walked in and said, "You're done eating. Good, good. Come with me to see the children practice martial arts."

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and then walked out with the old man. Before long the two arrived at a small square. There were plenty of children practicing their punches. Zhao Hai also saw children that he met

the day before. When they launched their fists, they used the method that Zhao Hai taught them. This caused their aura to be fuller and imposing.

Long Tian stood on the side and looked at the children. His eyes showed affection as he said, "These little fellows are the future of the Long Clan. Little Brother, you helped us a lot this time. With your method, these little fellows would achieve higher achievements in their martial arts."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "They are good kids. Just like Long Shan, as soon as they heard that the method could make their punches better, they learned it immediately. This shows that they were earnest in learning boxing. However, their previous exercises were too boring, so they didn't like it. My method only played a supporting role. It's the kids that made a major contribution."

Chapter 2140: Before Meeting

Chen Feng and Zhao Hai were walking slowly, not because they didn't want to go fast, but because they couldn't go any faster. There were too many people on the street.

For the Long Clan, this day might be the liveliest day of the year. Even the festivities weren't as lively as this day. This was because today was the birthday of the Clan Head.

On this day, the small city was filled with countless people. Although Chen Feng was a shopkeeper for the Long Clan, he was only one of the shopkeepers employed by the clan.

Everyone has the opportunity to meet the Clan Head and give their gifts at the same time. Then the Clan Head would ask people to arrange a seat for them. The seats weren't decided at random. If you give an ordinary gift, then you could only sit in the few rooms outside to eat. You can only enter the main hall to meet the Clan Head, then you have to go back out.

If you present a good gift that the Clan Head liked, then he would make you dine in the main hall. This meant that you're important to the Clan Head. This also meant that you would be promoted soon.

Chen Feng's current position wasn't very good. He was located close to the back. This also represented Chen Feng's status in the Long Clan. Chen Feng was currently lining up to see the Clan head. This

position in the line couldn't be ignored. If you accidentally stand in front of someone with a higher status, then you would be suppressed by them.

The Long Clan employs a system of smooth competition. As long as it's within the rules, they wouldn't interfere. The only premise was that nobody damages the benefits of the Long Clan.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but admire the Clan Head of the Long Clan. Generally, the leader of huge powers wouldn't be too strong. At least among those who surrounded them, the leaders wouldn't be the most powerful. This was because the most powerful members of the group would hold the position of Supreme Elders. These Supreme Elders wouldn't go out and interfere with the sect unless the Leader becomes too unruly.

The Long Clan was different. The Long Clan's Head possessed formidable strength. Even if he wasn't the Long Clan's most powerful expert, he's still one of the top powers in the Clan. He was a great expert that didn't seclude himself and took charge of the clan to deal with worldly affairs. Such a thing sounded impossible.

But even if it sounded impossible, this was the situation in the Long Clan. The Clan Head of the Long Clan was a sturdy pillar of the family. Because of this, his birthday became a huge matter in the Long Clan.

In front of Zhao Hai was a long line. After some time, he said, "Although I haven't joined the Long Clan, I could see from this line that the clan is very strong. And this is only the strength that they decided to show. As for how much strength they are hiding, nobody would know."

Chen Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "What? You think it's strange that you haven't heard of the Long Clan?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "There's a lot of things I don't know in this world. Although I don't know much about a hidden clan like the Long Clan, I can be sure that they must have their aces to last until now. So, I'm not surprised that I haven't heard of them."

Chen Feng couldn't help but smile, "It's best for you to think like this. We'll be able to see the Clan Head in a moment. I'm sure you'll be able to join the Long Clan this time."

Zhao Hai smiled and didn't make any noise. At this time, a cold snort was heard not far away. Zhao Hai and Chen Feng turned their heads and saw Lu Fang.

The two didn't deliberately lower their voices when they were talking, so the people around them also heard their words. Although they felt a bit strange about the contents of their conversation, they didn't say anything. After all, they were all members of the Long Clan, they wouldn't have second thoughts regarding the family.

However, regarding the fact that Zhao Hai could join the clan, the surrounding people weren't so sure. Despite this, they didn't say anything. They knew very well that if they spoke out, they would offend Chen Feng. Even those who were a bit higher in status than Chen Feng wouldn't offend him easily. After all, Chen Feng's influence in the Long Clan was quite substantial.

Chen Feng could still be considered as a rookie according to the Long Clan's system. However, this rookie was very skilled. Although the gifts that Chen Feng gave to the Clan head haven't been outstanding, the performance of his Full Moon Pavilion Branch has been constantly improving. Nobody in the Long Clan could deny it.

Because of this, plenty of people in the Long Clan favored Chen Feng. Because of this, Chen Feng had quite a few supporters in the clan. This made it hard to be in conflict with him.

It wasn't only Zhao Hai and Chen Feng who noticed the cold snort. Everyone heard it as well. They all turned their eyes towards Lu Fang.

Lu Fang looked at Zhao Hai and Chen Feng, then he sneered, "What big words. Chen Feng, although you're from the Long Clan, it doesn't mean that anyone can enter the clan just because you said so. What an idiot."

Chen Feng looked at Lu Fang, his expression was gloomy. Then he coldly snorted and said, "Lu Fang, I don't want to fight you right now. It's the Clan Head's birthday, quarreling would be too embarrassing."

Lu Fang coldly snorted and said, "Chen Feng, you're still a coward. You can't even retort with a few words? How did an incompetent guy like you become a shopkeeper for the Long Clan? What a disgrace."

Chen Feng sneered, "You should worry about yourself. I heard that your store's performance is still the same as last year's. I can't get such results even if I try."

Lu Feng's face turned green upon hearing Chen Feng. His store's performance has stagnated for several years. He felt embarrassed every time he thought about it. Now that Chen Feng brought it out to light, it was the same as slapping him in public. If he could still maintain a calm face, then he would either be a saint or an idiot.

Naturally, Lu Fang wasn't a saint nor an idiot. He and Chen Feng were enemies. Although they haven't reached an irreconcilable feud, there were plenty of contradictions between the two of them. This fact was known by many people in the Long Clan. It's only because Lu Fang was a cultivator that he could suppress Chen Feng.

Chen Feng's results had always caused Lu Fang to be jealous. Therefore, every time they see each other, sparks will always appear.

As soon as the surrounding people heard the opposition from the two sides, they couldn't help but smile. Naturally, there was no politeness between the two. But comparing the two, it seemed like Chen Feng was more imposing than Lu Fang.

However, just as Chen Feng said, this was Coiling Dragon City, the territory of the Long Clan. If they caused trouble here, the Long Clan wouldn't take it lightly. So, everyone chose to behave.

Zhao Hai didn't join in on the fight. He just glanced at Lu Fang and treated him as air. In the eyes of other people, it might be as simple as choosing to stand on the sidelines. Chen Feng and Lu Fang's quarrel was because of him. His silence made other people look down on him a bit.

But only those who were near Zhao Hai understood Zhao Hai's inaction. Since they were so close to Zhao Hai, they could see the expression on his face and the look in his eyes.

Zhao Hai didn't quarrel with Lu Fang not because he was afraid of him, but because there was no need for it. In other words, Zhao Hai didn't put Lu Fang in his eyes. To him, Lu Fang was too small to be treated as an enemy.

Those who saw Zhao Hai's expression closely understood that Zhao Hai didn't treat Lu Fang seriously at all. From what they could see, Zhao Hai didn't think that Lu Fang deserved to be his enemy. He was just like a king who wouldn't bother punishing a beggar who slandered him. This also showed the gap between the two.

Chen Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You aren't angry?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's no need. The results will prove everything." At this time, the group began to move slowly forward. Besides those who had status and could talk to the Clan head, the rest could only go in, give their gifts, and then leave. They almost couldn't say anything to the Clan Head. Therefore, the speed of the line wasn't slow.

Everyone didn't carry anything at this moment. They wouldn't show their gifts until they were in front of the Clan Head. The only way for the people to know what gifts the others gave was from the location of their seats.

Time passed little by little. At around 10 am, Chen Fen finally arrived at the door of the main mansion. The main mansion could no longer be regarded as a mansion, it was practically a huge palatial complex. Naturally, this complex wasn't the same as the ones used by secular kings. Although the hall also had a throne for the Clan Head, there were no eunuchs, only serving maids.

There were also a lot of people living in the mansion. Some of them were Supreme Elders of the Clan while the others were important descendants. It can be said that the people living in the mansion were the core strength of the Long Clan.

Those who want to meet the Clan Head need to wait in front of the mansion door. Once the previous person had finished their meeting with the Clan Head, the next person would enter.

Chen Feng was currently right in front of the mansion's door. In other words, as long as the previous person was finished giving their gift, it would be Chen Feng's turn.

People like Chen Feng can bring another person with him when he goes to the mansion. However, the other person could only wait outside while Chen Feng presents his gift. If Chen Feng's gift was appreciated by the Clan head, then he could stay in the main hall to eat. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai would

also be placed in a good position. If Chen Feng's gift was average, Zhao Hai could only be placed on a corner to eat. The Long Clan had always done things like this.