

## **A Father 1161**

Chapter 1161: Dao Fruit Evolves, Invincible as Mo City Sovereign—Great Vista's No. 1 City Confronts Ji Moli \_5

In the distance, many children were watching, each one incredibly tense. Zhang Ya stood at a distance, holding Yun E's chubby bunny, watching her daughter and husband spar.

Besides them, Zhao Fangzhou, Supervisor Hong Shifu, and others were also observing the battle.

On the top floor of the pavilion, Lv Taibai's silver hair was flowing as he drank tea and observed as well.

However, this battle was largely without suspense.

Lv Taibai knew Li Che's identity as the Underworld Divine Monkey, indicating that Li Che had reached the Martial Saint Realm in the Martial Path.

How could he be someone Xi Xi, the little girl, could deal with?

Xi Xi was just a sliver away from becoming a Great Grandmaster, and although her Divinity had long reached the Divine Phase Realm, due to her age, her Martial Path was still stuck because of her bones.

As expected.

On the deck, after a series of flashy attacks, Xi Xi ended up being flicked on the forehead by Li Che.

Emperor Xi Xi's grand counter-strategy... ended halfway, tragically.

"Daddy! Cut me some slack!"

Xi Xi felt aggrieved and plopped down on the deck, not wanting to get up at all.

This was her twenty-eighth challenge against her dad in the past half month, all ending with a forehead flick defeat.

Xi Xi felt a bit downcast and deflated.

Xi Xi might not be strong now, but she'll change greatly when strong... it seems to be of no use!

In the past half month, Xi Xi had already become adept at using the power of the Divine Minister, even capable of invoking the power to wield Divine Weapons.

Unfortunately...

Against the inscrutable father, Xi Xi felt all her strength was fake.

"This is to let you experience the feeling of failure early... It's said that this Flat Peach Victory Meeting is extremely challenging, so you won't end up crying after losing later on."

Li Che walked over with a smile, rubbed Xi Xi's head, and picked her up.

Xi Xi wrapped her arms around Li Che's neck and proudly lifted her head: "Emperor Xi Xi will never lose! Xi Xi will win the Flat Peach for mom and dad!"

"No one will see Xi Xi cry!"

Emperor Xi Xi was wildly confident.

"Except for dad and mom!"

But after thinking, she decided to add another sentence.

Li Che laughed heartily, putting Xi Xi down, letting her practice with her little friends. Every time Xi Xi felt frustrated against Li Che, she would go and regain confidence with her friends.

Among them, Tie Shancai was the biggest victim.

Tie Shancai truly couldn't keep up with Xi Xi, who had broken through to the Divine Phase Realm, almost always getting beaten.

This made Tie Shancai extremely frustrated, vowing that once they reached the Divine Capital, they would attempt to break into the Divine Phase, break through to Great Grandmaster, and redeem themselves at the Flat Peach Victory Meeting!

Watching Xi Xi mingling enthusiastically with her friends, Li Che smiled and walked over to his wife Zhang Ya's side.

Zhang Ya handed the little bunny back to Yun E, then linked her arm around Li Che's, and they strolled leisurely around the deck.

Both of them remained silent, just walking slowly like that.

Zhang Ya thoroughly enjoyed this peaceful moment, resting her head on Li Che's arm, breathing in her husband's scent, listening to Xi Xi and her friends' screams and laughter in the distance, feeling utterly at peace inside.

She wished time would freeze right now, capturing this serenity forever.

Li Che also immensely enjoyed this, with his wife and daughter by his side, his emotions became calmer.

However, he was also contemplating the threat in the Divine Capital.

Fortunately, Li Che's cultivation had increased significantly, now capable of colliding with top-level peaks, providing him with far more confidence in protecting Xi Xi.

He would not place all his hopes on Lv Taibai.

Sometimes, Li Che preferred to have the main power to protect his daughter in his own hands for peace of mind.

"The Corpse God Cult's presence in the Divine Capital... shouldn't be extensive, given that the Divine Capital is filled with strong figures. How could a major rebel force hide their power in the political center of Great Vista?"

"But it's essential not to be lax or underestimate it."

"Furthermore, the threats within the Divine Capital are not few, Lv Taibai mentioned... the Heavenly Pill Vajra Avatar of that Guangling Dao Heavenly Pill Divine Sect Master, disguised as the King Hunter Killer, is targeting Xi Xi, possibly backed by the State Preceptor..."

"Dajing National Master Xie Yushen... why would he want to take Xi Xi away?"

"And the Su Family... the Su Family is not lacking in foundation within the Divine Capital, supporting the Third Prince with all they have, thus the Third Prince could also threaten Xi Xi, as the Underworld has foiled the Third Prince's plans, and the Underworld is closely tied with Xi Xi..."

Li Che frowned, silently analyzing the threats in the Divine Capital.

It must be said that although they had not yet entered the Divine Capital, the threats within it were indeed numerous.

"Moreover..."

"The greatest threat..."

Li Che's eyes flickered slightly, thinking of something.

Suddenly.

As he pondered,

"Arrived at Divine Capital Zone— —!"

On the Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Ship, the captain's voice rang out powerfully.

The shout echoed around.

Suddenly, the entire Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Ship seemed to come alive.

On the deck, the children excitedly began to run, sprinting on the deck with their small feet.

"We've reached the Divine Capital!"

"Finally arrived at Dajing First City!"

"We finally arrived! Finally, we can fight!"

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Excited children ran tirelessly.

Suddenly.

While madly running on the deck, Xi Xi stopped her steps.

Raised her head, staring at the thick fog beside the deck of the Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Treasure Ship.

Within the dense fog, an incomparably massive black shadow slowly emerged!

That shadow...

Was enormously large and oppressively imposing, making Xi Xi subconsciously tilt her head, her chubby cheeks slightly twitching, blinking her eyes as she tried to see the top of the shadow.

Whoosh—!!!

The thick fog was suddenly torn apart.

Then, a gigantic dark-black battleship three times as tall as the Nine-layered Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship emerged from the river mist!

It slowly came to a stop at the side of the Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Treasure Ship.

In comparison, it was like the gap between a canoe and a giant ship.

And the bow of that massive dark-black battleship.

An immensely burly figure wearing Xuan Armor, with a black cape fluttering behind in the wind.

Arms folded across the chest.

Looking down at everyone on the Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Treasure Ship from on high.

Finally...

A slight shift of gaze.

Landed on Xi Xi, who appeared tiny like an ant as she looked up.

Li Che, who was walking with Zhang Ya, his eyes suddenly narrowed.

In the pavilion, Hong Shifu, who was playing go with Zhao Fangzhou, trembled and dropped the piece he was holding.

In the nine-story pagoda.

Lv Taibai, who was meditating, his eyes suddenly fixed.

In the next moment.

Disappeared from inside the pavilion.

Appeared above Xi Xi.

Staring gravely at the figure standing at the bow of the massive dark-black battleship.

"King Ping Luan——"

"Ji Moli!"

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The dark armor, covered in mysterious patterns, further embellished with intertwining runes, seemed to harbor an immensely majestic divine power.

The warship, towering several hundred zhang high, resembled a colossal beast, as if it had risen straight from the Grand Canal, exuding a terrifying and oppressive aura that appeared to dim the entire world around it.

All light was lost, siphoned away by the figure standing with arms crossed, cloaked in armor, and a great black cape billowing behind.

The warship was truly enormous, filled with a formidable aura, like an ancient ferocious beast returning from the battlefield, each weathered mark upon it an emblem of its glory.

Ji Moli!

It was Ji Moli!

At this moment, the atmosphere on the entire Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Ship was oppressive; the captain and crew responsible for the treasure ship were trembling, utterly terrified.

King Ping Luan... Ji Moli!

A truly legendary figure, more renowned and powerful even than Lv Taibai, the Sect Master of Qian Yuan Divine Sect.

After all, Ji Moli ranked higher than Lv Taibai on the Great God List and at the Heavenly Gate!

"This is... the Mystic Dragon Battleship of King Ping Luan! The Mystic Dragon Navy he commands is rumored to have received support from the Dragon God Lineage and, through meticulous training, has already become one of the three great navies of the Great Vista!"

"Each Mystic Dragon Battleship is said to match the supreme mechanism beasts of the Five Elders Upper Rank, and the ship king even rivals the Supreme Mechanism Beast of the Four Imperial Ranks!"

"Indeed! This Mystic Dragon Battleship is the result of Ji Moli's incorporation of the Tang Family's mechanism beasts, and it dominated the battlefield in Jizhou!"

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The chaotic voices on the Nine-layered Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship echoed incessantly.

Everyone felt an immense oppression, their eyes filled with shock, and unmatched awe and reverence.

Lv Taibai appeared in an instant, his white robe fluttering, silver hair streaming like water plants in the breeze.

He stood above Xi Xi, enveloped in a shroud of gray mist, emanating a silvery glow. Sword Qi relentless and fierce, hidden within the wide sleeves of his robe was the Taibai Sword, vibrating incessantly, its brilliant chant echoing like a dragon's roar.

The oppressive force, as if mountains were descending, was completely blocked by Lv Taibai.

"Prince, it's been a long time."

Lv Taibai, stepping on sword light, ascended into the air, meeting Ji Moli at eye level.

Ji Moli stood with arms crossed, his towering form emanating such terrifying Qi-blood that the very air seemed to warp.

His deep eyes barely betrayed emotion, like a dark ink pool capable of siphoning away the darkness.

He withdrew his gaze and focused on Lv Taibai.

"Lv Taibai."

"Two of my sons died on the Lingnan Circuit, as well as the Princess Consort, and two disciples... all perished there... "

A faint voice, somewhat hoarse, yet filled with a chilling murderous intent.

Lv Taibai squinted, a slight vigilance rising in his heart.

He hadn't noticed when this Mystic Dragon Battleship drew near, not even within his perception.

Indeed, battlefields have means to shield perception, providing significant advantages in war.

If the presence sense of a Divine Fetus Great God cannot be blocked, any strategy becomes meaningless.

Lv Taibai understood Ji Moli's implication.

In truth, what Ji Moli most cared about... was Ji Lishou's death.

Ji Lishou had been slain personally by Lv Taibai, using some hidden techniques, otherwise, it would indeed be uncertain if he could have defeated Ji Moli's Heavenly King Avatar.

However, at that time, Ji Lishou had come as an assassin from the Hunting God Pavilion, so Lv Taibai feigned ignorance.

"What a pity that is... Prince, my condolences."

Lv Taibai responded indifferently.

Without a hint of retreat or remorse.

As if the killing of Ji Lishou was not by his hands, with a conscience clear and untroubled.

In fact, Lv Taibai indeed felt no guilt; as the sect master of Qian Yuan Divine Sect, killing intruders in Qianyuan Taoist City intent on harming the sect—how could there be any remorse?

Their auras began to clash and confront above the great river, air currents swirling and crashing fiercely.

The thick mist was suddenly torn apart, clearing everything within ten thousand zhang.

In the distance, ships could be seen sailing slowly on the river, belonging to the various divine sects.

Of course, the number of treasure ships did not encompass all the divine sects.

Some treasure ships shone with splendor, releasing concentrated divinity, tall and luxurious, pressing over the surface of the Grand Canal, waves surging.

That was a treasure ship from the Dragon Abyss Dao Seven Treasures Divine Sect, just this treasure ship alone was a vessel of no lesser value than a Four Imperial Lower Divine Weapon, clearly crafted by a Divine Weapon Saint Hand!

The treasure ship pressed forward, noticing Ji Moli's Mystic Dragon Battleship from afar, then halted.

Clearly, unwilling to involve themselves in the matters between Ji Moli and Lv Taibai.

Ning Caisen, Sect Master of the Seven Treasures Divine Sect, leisurely sat within the fabulously exquisite pavilion of his treasure ship, enjoying the company of maidens like flowers and jade, watching on with a smile.

Other divine sect treasure ships also observed with a mindset eager for spectacle.

Curious, perhaps, whether Ji Moli would directly clash with Lv Taibai, though, likely they wouldn't come to blows.

After all, both were top-level peak rankers of the dual lists, belonging to the true pinnacles of the Grand Prospect Dynasty.

Chapter 1163: Six Years of Cultivation: Nurturing Nature and Transforming the Divine Fetus; The Prince Proposes, Labor Brings a Good Daughter [Monthly Ticket]

It's not easy to enter a state of combat and confrontation, and neither King Ping Luan nor Lv Taibai, the Sect Master of Qianyuan Divine Sect, were here because of the Flat Peach Victory Meeting set up by the Empress in the Divine Capital.

They shouldn't engage in confrontation or collision easily before the Flat Peach Victory Meeting ends.

However, the clash of auras between them is inevitable.

The events in Qianyuan Dao City are constantly under the watch of top-tier experts from various sectors.

Especially with intelligence selling agencies like Hunting God Pavilion present.

Various experts dispatched for the Heart-following Gold Iron Divine Rod at the Two Hearted Great Saint Mysterious Temple continuously report events.

Thus, everyone is aware of what's happening in Qianyuan Dao City.

And they are aware of the conflict between Ji Moli and Lv Taibai.

Despite Lv Taibai wearing the King Hunter Killer's mask, killing the past life of Grandmaster Huang Mei of Little Lingyin Temple, he also slew Ji Moli's Heavenly King Avatar evoked through his son Ji Lishou's bloodline.

These events are known by all top forces in Great Vista.

Ji Moli and Lv Taibai faced off for a moment.

Then they stopped confronting each other as Ji Moli's gaze fell on Xi Xi behind Lv Taibai.

"Is this your last direct disciple?"

Ji Moli appeared majestic and divine, exceedingly handsome, with pitch-black eyes and bulging muscles.

"A good seedling."

"My son Ji Haihui had good judgment, but alas, Ji Haihui died. Surely this girl killed him?"

Ji Moli said indifferently.

"Prince, you can eat recklessly but don't speak recklessly... My disciple Xi Xi is carved from jade and pure as snow, too gentle to even kill an ant... She's only a six-year-old little girl who wouldn't dare harm an ant, let alone kill your son Ji Haihui?"

Lv Taibai saw that a fight wouldn't happen, waved his large sleeves and withdrew the Taibai Sword, speaking calmly.

Ji Moli sneered: "You, Lv Taibai... are famous for having skills in accepting direct disciples, your disciples... what good things can they be?"

"A reincarnated Temple God Zhuang You, an Outer Ancient Clan Star Thunder, a betrayer who joined Corpse God Cult Wei Yuan, a Royal Clan Chi Kuang of Da Li Royal Court, and one joining the Underworld's Huang Jianjiu..."

Ji Moli crossed his arms, stood like a divine pillar, and laughed coolly: "Do you think this little girl you took as a direct disciple... what good can she be?"

Lv Taibai's silver eyebrows knit in anger.

"Prince, they are theirs, Xi Xi is Xi Xi, don't mix them together, I've trained her from a young age; Xi Xi is someone to inherit my legacy."

Ji Moli heard and glanced at Xi Xi.

The little girl faced him with no fear, holding the Prison Lotus Yang Divine Sword with a fighting spirit like a little lion.

"Not bad indeed..."

Ji Moli remarked: "Unfortunately, she won't live long enough."

"Being targeted by those bald donkeys from Western Regions Buddha Land is equivalent to being marked..."

"Of course, even if those bald donkeys don't target your disciple."

"I will kill her."

Ji Moli said coolly.

His words fell, filled with some coldness and a hint of killing intent.

Lv Taibai's eyes turned cold and sharp.

"Just taking revenge for my useless son..."

Ji Moli said indifferently.

Then his gaze turned, landing on Li Che, who was holding Zhang Ya's hand, standing on the distant deck.

For some reason, Ji Moli was drawn to Li Che's gaze on the treasure ship, meeting his eyes.

Ji Moli's eyes flickered with a strange color.

Back then, the bloodline power hidden in Ji Haihui... the Martial Saint's Will that was evoked was forcefully suppressed.

At the Third Prince's Mysterious Temple in Golden Light Prefecture, his intention for Ji Haihui to sacrifice was to leverage the Martial Saint's Will to arrive with Heavenly King Avatar, seizing all Prison Lotus Seeds at the Third Prince's Mysterious Temple, accepting the inheritance.

Unfortunately... it was ruined by Cheng Yaojin's sudden interference.

At this close confrontation, a strange color flickered in Ji Moli's eyes.

On Li Che, he sensed the familiar aura that suppressed his Martial Saint's Will, even the aura of "Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods" he passed to Ji Haihui.

Ji Moli, as the creator of "Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods," this martial art, now transformed into Divinity Transformation True Martial, is very sensitive to the aura of Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods.

He sensed it on Li Che...

Yet, even a powerful figure like Ji Moli had a strange color flickering in his eyes at this moment.

During that time at Golden Light Prefecture, what was Li Che's cultivation, daring to intercept his Martial Saint's Will...

If his Martial Saint's Will had merged with Prison Lotus Yin Divine Sword into Ji Haihui's physical form, becoming a true Heavenly King Avatar, everyone would have died...

Unfortunately, there are no ifs; everything is in the past.

"Li Nuanxi's father?"

Ji Moli said coldly.

Li Che's hunting-god-embroidered jacket fluttered as he courteously smiled: "Fifth Elder of Shen Diao Ridge of Qianyuan Divine Sect, Second-rank Astronomical Observatory Li Che, greetings to Prince."

Ji Moli looked at Li Che coldly.

Though various reports described Li Che as a candid and honest Divine Sculpture Half-Saint.

But with just one glance, along with his recent speculation and judgment, Ji Moli felt this Li Che...

Couldn't be an honest person.

It was a kind of...

Sensing the aura of a kindred spirit.

"You can't walk out of the Divine Capital alive..."

Ji Moli gave Li Che a deep look.

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He wanted to kill Li Che without needing any evidence, as a matter of fact, the aura of Ten Thousand Dragons Subduing Gods was the greatest evidence.

It ruined his setup in the Third Prince's Mysterious Temple, causing many of his plans to vanish in an instant...

This enmity, Ji Mo Li would not easily let go.

However, at the moment, Ji Mo Li did not have the intention to act.

Turning around, his imposing figure disappeared from the towering deck of the Mystic Dragon Battleship.

The terrifying pressure, as if a pillar connecting heaven and earth had collapsed, dispersed and vanished.

Indeed, they didn't fight, many people sighed in relief.

But this was normal; before reaching Divine Capital, all experts would be slightly more cautious.

Divine Capital is not just any Dao City; it is the center of the Da Jing Dynasty's power. Leaving aside the Cloth Robe National Master Xie Yushen, who rose from humble origins to wield power, just the governor of the Temple Control Bureau and the Chief Supervisor of the Qintian Observatory are figures that any Divine Sect Master would dread.

The Mystic Dragon Battleship set sail again, tearing through the currents, cleaving the dense fog, and heading towards the direction of the Divine Capital, whose bustling and majestic outline was already faintly visible.

Upon entering Shendu Dao, and following the Grand Canal, one would reach the vicinity of Divine Capital.

The Grand Canal sprawling into Divine Capital is an extremely magnificent project, enhancing the connection and control between Divine Capital and the outside world.

Great Vista is vast and rich, with vast expanses between Dao and Dao; the presence of the Grand Canal narrows the distance between cities.

It's rumored that the canal, carved from north to south, stretches a full 30,000 li. Except for the two central inland Dao, Xiling Road and Tongyou Road, the other nine are all under the Grand Canal's influence.

It passes through countless cities, numbering in the hundreds.

After encountering Ji Mo Li's Mystic Dragon Battleship, the atmosphere on the Nine-layered Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship was no longer as joyous as it initially was.

Many were still immersed in the oppressive and intimidating aura brought by Ji Mo Li, the fearsome King Ping Luan.

Zhang Ya clutched Li Che's arm, her eyes filled with intense worry.

"Husband... is that King Ping Luan... Ji Mo Li?"

"I've heard he's cruel and has killed countless people... That young prince Ji Haihui seems to be his son, and Ji Haihui previously clamored about wanting Xi Xi to be his concubine. I wonder if this King Ping Luan would blame Xi Xi for Ji Haihui's death?"

Zhang Ya was genuinely worried.

Such a vicious person is best kept at a respectful distance if possible.

"Don't be afraid, Xi Xi is now the Sect Master's direct disciple. With the Sect Master around, nothing will happen."

Li Che gently patted his wife's tightly clenched hand and spoke soothingly.

Zhang Ya quickly calmed down because Li Che's tone and words always managed to disperse her worries like mist.

After finishing their walk, Li Che and Zhang Ya came to the top floor pavilion.

Lv Taibai sat inside, carefully wiping the Taibai Sword.

"You're here?"

Li Che nodded, found a chair to sit on, and skillfully began to brew tea.

"First impressions of Ji Mo Li?"

Lv Taibai took a sip of the tea brewed by Li Che and asked.

"Very strong."

Li Che said gravely.

Incredibly strong, even though Li Che's strength had increased considerably due to the Dragon Elephant Furnace, enhancing his physical capacity enormously, allowing the detonation of six divine seeds...

Against Ji Mo Li... Although he could put up a fight.

The odds of winning were probably less than ten percent.

Mainly because... Ji Mo Li's foundation was inscrutable to Li Che; such powerhouses have depths that are simply unimaginable.

In fact, Li Che, despite having killed Yue Huanglong, who briefly reached the top-level peak after an eruption.

Even at the top-level peak, Yue Huanglong had a gap between him and a top-level peak with an open Heavenly Gate.

That gap lies in the double list!

At Martial Saint Heavenly Gate, the ten gatekeepers are the top ten of Dajing Martial Arts.

Li Che also understood there was a gap between himself and those ten.

After all, Li Che's brush with absolute peak power was achieved through the eruption of Qimen Divine Seeds.

But he could explode...

Couldn't those people explode too?

Li Che did not believe that figures at the absolute peak of martial arts could not withstand the impact of two or three exploding Qimen Divine Seeds.

Five might be an exaggeration, but two or three exploding divine seeds with no major side effects...

Should be manageable.

So if they could also erupt divine seeds, breaking the human body's shackles...

Li Che's advantage would be nullified.

Ultimately, one's cultivation must be sufficiently powerful...

Li Che just recently stepped into the Qi Sea Realm, with the cultivation level of Second Level Martial Saint, still far from those top experts...

And there is plenty of room for improvement!

As for those top-level experts, unless they break through to Divine Tribulation or Martial God, otherwise...

What room do they have for improvement?!

"Being strong is normal. The Heavenly Gate and Great God List... are ordered by the Chief Supervisor. The Chief Supervisor of the Qintian Observatory is unfathomable, and I estimate that his cultivation might have reached the Divine Tribulation Realm..."

Lv Taibai said solemnly.

Li Che paused in drinking his tea, a hint of astonishment in his eyes.

"Divine Tribulation?!"

"Wasn't it said that there are no Divine Tribulation experts in this world?"

Fang Hanshu had once explained to Li Che that Divine Tribulation experts... cannot exist in the current world.

Once cultivation reaches Divine Tribulation, one must face the Three Calamities and Nine Tribulations. Even though Divine Tribulation cultivators' lifespans can be extended greatly, facing the Three Calamities and Nine Tribulations is not something that longevity alone can combat.

Every confrontation with the Three Calamities and Nine Tribulations is a near-death experience, with the danger of falling.

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Therefore, the Divine Tribulation Cultivators will create a Small Cave Heaven to avoid tribulations.

However, the Divine Tribulation Cultivators cannot hide in the Small Cave Heaven every day, as then their cultivation cannot improve, leading to a slow death.

Therefore, Divine Tribulation Cultivators generally hide in the depths of the Strange Que of the Four Imperials or the Three Pure Bizarre Temples, where they can engage in Divine Cultivation and avoid the Three Calamities and Nine Tribulations.

"It's just speculation... Moreover, Divine Tribulation Cultivators are not truly incapable of operating and acting in the current world."

Lv Taibai said with a smile.

"Techniques like the Three Lifetimes of Little Lingyin Temple and the Heavenly King Avatar of Ji Moli are prepared so that after avoiding tribulations, they can still act in the current world."

Lv Taibai's expression turned slightly solemn.

Li Che was startled by these words; this was something he truly didn't know.

“Speaking of which, the Great God List and the Heavenly Gate set by the Chief are not likely to have significant errors in their rankings... So, Ji Moli's strength might really be above mine, even though I have hidden strengths, Ji Moli... probably has hidden strengths as well.”

“Unless there's a life-and-death battle, no one knows the hidden strengths of each other.”

When Lv Taibai mentioned Ji Moli, his expression was incredibly serious.

Li Che took a deep breath, the seriousness in his eyes growing stronger.

“Sect Master, Ji Moli wants to kill me.”

Li Che said in a deep voice.

Lv Taibai was taken aback.

“Why?”

Li Che exhaled again: “There's no need for a reason.”

“However, it might be related to the Golden Light Prefecture incident; Ji Haihui... indeed died at my hands.”

“The Divine Monkey killed Xue Dufu, also killed Ji Haihui, and during the Temple God Resonance, I even hindered the descent of his Heavenly King Avatar...”

Li Che calmly stated.

Lv Taibai's face suddenly showed an indescribable expression.

At the time Li Che was in the Golden Light Prefecture, what level of cultivation was he at, perhaps just a newly minted Great Grandmaster?

Just at the Great Grandmaster level, he dared to disrupt King Ping Luan's arrangements and calculations.

This truly shows courage!

"In the Divine Capital, one can still be assured of their safety. Even though Ji Moli wants to kill you... he wouldn't dare to act openly, and even more so, he wouldn't dare to act hastily because, in the Divine Capital, Ji Moli cannot ignore the rules."

"He has not reached a level where he can ignore the rules."

Lv Taibai comforted with a sentence.

Li Che gently hummed in acknowledgment, but did not entirely relax, after all, Ji Moli might not dare to ignore the rules, but once he puts on the Hunting God Pavilion's assassin mask, sometimes rules cease to be rules...

As for whether the top strongmen in the Divine Capital would act for their family when Ji Moli disregards everything and puts on the mask to become an assassin, it remains unclear.

Li Che didn't dare to place his hopes on these people.

Even...

Neither Lv Taibai nor Li Che placed much hope.

After all, Lv Taibai is Lv Taibai...

He is not Li Che's Soul Capturing.

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In the luxurious mansion.

Lu Chi stood respectfully beside a splendidly dressed woman, holding a cup of hot tea in green porcelain, his head lowered in submission.

"Mother Consort, please drink tea."

Lu Chi said with no expression, yet displayed respect.

"By calculating the time, the treasure ship of Qian Yuan Divine Sect should be arriving at the Divine Capital soon, right?"

The elegant woman's slender fingers took the tea cup and lid, lightly caressing them.

"Yes, probably in another two or three days."

"From Lingnan Circuit to the Divine Capital, taking the Grand Canal waterway, about fifteen days."

Lu Chi said.

Elder Mo also stood respectfully in the distance, as the woman before him was Lu Chi's biological mother, the Noble Consort most favored by the Emperor of Dajing, Ji Yan.

From the third giant Ancient Family in Divine Capital, the Ji Family.

Her status and position were extraordinary.

Similarly, Ji Yan was not only Lu Chi's birth mother but also the birth mother of the Third Prince. Ji Yan rarely appeared in Lu Chi's residence on ordinary days, but recently she had been coming frequently.

Elder Mo lowered his eyelids, puzzled in his mind.

But thinking of the State Preceptor's advice, he didn't ponder too much.

"That's good... I've already sent people to watch at the docks outside the Ninth City of Divine Capital. As soon as the treasure ship of Qian Yuan Divine Sect arrives, we will start the carriage, and your things, mother has prepared all for you."

Noble Princess Consort Ji blew on the hot steam on the tea cup with her red lips.

Lu Chi's eyes showed a hint of confusion: "Mother Consort... what have you prepared for your child?"

However, Noble Princess Consort Ji didn't even look at Lu Chi, she sipped the hot tea lightly, frowned her delicate brows, and then disdainfully spat it back into the cup, uttering two words indifferently.

"Proposal."

Even Lu Chi, who had severed his emotions, couldn't help but have his eyes abruptly narrow when he heard this.

Elder Mo in the distance also could not help but raise his head.

"Pro... proposal? To whom... propose?"

“Naturally, to that little labor girl from Fei Lei City...”

“Chi’er, you quite fancy that little girl from the labor family, although she is Lv Taibai’s direct disciple, you Lu Chi as a prince are not inferior... Establishing this engagement can help you draw Lv Taibai as a significant backer.”

Noble Princess Consort Ji said lightly.

“As for her origin as a little labor family... it’s not that detestable now.”

“Being able to become imperial relatives...”

“One can only say he had a good daughter.”

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After bidding farewell to Lv Taibai, Li Che came to the pavilion where Zhao Fangzhou and Supervisor Hong Shifu were playing chess.

When Li Che arrived, Supervisor Hong Shifu’s eyes slightly narrowed with excitement, and he called Li Che over enthusiastically.

“Li Half-Saint, care for a game?”

Zhao Fangzhou, hearing someone to take over, immediately threw down the chess pieces and leaped away from his seat.

My goodness, finally liberated!

Li Che smiled, sat down in the chair, and leisurely picked up the chess pieces from the box to play a game with Hong Shifu.

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With the Chess Saint's Dao Fruit, Li Che can directly master any chess skill.

And the Chess Saint Dao Fruit at level 5 further elevates Li Che's chess skills to an exceedingly exquisite level.

After a while, Hong Shifu's face turned extremely dark, because playing against Li Che was even more distressing and hopeless than playing against Xi Xi.

At least Xi Xi can kill him quickly.

But Li Che is different, tormenting him without winning, nor allowing him to win or lose.

Li Che seemed more skilled than a national master, even while playing Gomoku, his every move was precisely anticipated and arranged.

What kind of move is this?

Hong Shifu subconsciously intended to overturn the chessboard, but was restrained by Li Che.

"Lord of the Supervision, I have an inconvenient request."

Li Che said with a smile.

Hong Shifu lifted the chessboard but couldn't flip it, his face twitched: "Since it's an inconvenient request, then let's not request it."

Li Che chuckled: "Once we enter the Divine Capital, I hope the Supervisor can introduce me so I can quickly qualify for the Special Class Guest examination."

Li Che said with a smile.

Hearing this, Hong Shifu exhaled, not too difficult to accept.

After all, Li Che himself needs to participate in the Special Class Guest examination once he enters the Divine Capital.

This favor is almost effortless, why not do it?

He stroked his beard with a smile: "That's easy, Elder Li is a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint, naturally he can skip the First-Class Guest examination and directly participate in the Special Class Guest examination; it's a benefit for being a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint."

"If it really can't be done, I still have some influence in the Divine Capital and can help you prepare for the Special Class Guest examination sooner without fail."

Hong Shifu, from the Hong family in the Divine Capital, belongs to an Ancient Family watching the world's rise and fall for millennia, extremely deep-rooted, although not as strong as the Gongshu Family where the Chief resides, it's not too weak.

There is still some influence.

After hearing this, Li Che stopped playing chess, stood up, cupped his hands in thanks.

Hong Shifu also sees great potential in Li Che, it's a favor given, otherwise following the procedure, it's not easy to apply for the Special Class Guest examination, needing layer by layer of applications and

selections, only then the examination process and time are determined, potentially taking several months.

Special Class Guest examination is a significant event for the Qintian Observatory in the Divine Capital.

It's said that each person's Special Class Guest examination differs, thus preparation is required in advance.

The major reason is seeing Ji Moli this time, Ji Moli's cold and reckless murderous intent, causing Li Che to become somewhat urgent.

Ji Moli speculated many things, perhaps lacking evidence, but for Ji Moli, killing seems unnecessary for proof.

Xi Xi is Lv Taibai's direct disciple, this identity can be intimidating to others.

However, for Ji Moli, it's mostly ineffective... After all, the two are fraught with contradictions.

Ji Moli might enjoy killing Xi Xi, affecting Lv Taibai's mindset and state.

Hence, Li Che plans to become a Special Class Guest soon upon entering the Divine Capital, fearlessly even if it means being high-profile.

Indeed, Li Che seeks to be high-profile.

Only when sufficiently high-profile can we attract the attention of powerful figures in the Divine Capital, making Ji Moli wary.

Li Che walked out of the pavilion, stood by the railing, resting his hands upon it, gazing at the misty river, the Brow Niwan Palace within, akin to an ancient bell reverberating, the sound waves continuously spreading.

Li Che's physical body had long become exceedingly strong, possessing the opportunity to break into the Divine Fetus Realm.

However, Li Che had just broken through to the Martial Saint Realm before, needing to consolidate his Martial Saint Cultivation, not rushing to achieve the Divine Fetus Great God's realm.

In addition, needing to siphon the Temple God's power sealed within the Heaven and Earth chessboard.

Li Che's Shen Yuan Golden Elixir had already reached Fetal Breath Transformation Perfection, yet hadn't touched the transformation of the Divine Fetus.

Having undergone this intense battle.

Li Che felt the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir, within the Inner Scene of the Energy Center [Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape], had reached its peak.

It is time...

To step into the Divine Fetus!

"Wanting to become a Special Class Guest of the Qintian Observatory, Divine Cultivation is also a key criterion, I've previously shown the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir cultivation, now breaking through to the Divine Fetus... is not too out of reach."

"One year from Shen Yuan to Divine Fetus... seems reasonable, right?"

Li Che chuckled.

With this thought, Li Che strolled upon the Nine-story Yellow Dragon Xuanmu Ship, slowly walking to the bow.

The ship's bow gently lifted with a protruding point.

Sitting cross-legged at the bow, Li Che's Mo Shan instantly fluttered in the wind.

Between the Heaven and Earth, snowflakes the size of hands fell.

Descending slowly.

Landing on Li Che's body, evaporated clean by an invisible force.

Within the cabin.

Xi Xi holding Zhang Ya's hand, curiously peeked out.

Lately, Xi Xi was quite joyful, being able to see mother and father every day.

"Mother, what's Father doing?"

Xi Xi asked curiously.

Zhang Ya scratched her head, also unsure.

However, no one interrupted Li Che.

After all, Li Che's status is not ordinary, being a Divine Sculpture Half-Saint, perhaps... comprehending the Heaven and Earth?

Many Divine Children still revere Li Che's Divine Sculpture Half-Saint status.

Not only these children, but also many cultivators aboard were equally puzzled.

Nie Yang, Li Qingshan, Zhao Fangzhou and others were puzzled but did not disturb.

Nie Yang even voluntarily held his sword to protect Li Che.

On top of the pavilion.

Lv Taibai stepped out, silver hair flying, sleeves fluttering, looking at Li Che sitting cross-legged at the ship's bow with a flicker in his eyes.

Holding the chessboard, Hong Shifu appeared beside Lv Taibai: "Elder Li requested my help, wishing for me to expedite the Special Class Guest examination matters of the Qintian Observatory... Seems Ji Moli has brought much pressure to Elder Li."

"Pressure is necessary, after all, it's Ji Moli, besides, Ji Moli harbors a murderous intent..."

Lv Taibai said lightly.

"Li Che, what does he want to do?"

Hong Shifu squinted, calculating Li Che's intentions.

The next moment, his face twitched: "He actually is..."

Lv Taibai's eyebrows slightly raised, feeling the Godly aura gathering in the Heaven and Earth, also clearly aware of Li Che's intentions.

"He actually wants to... break through to the Divine Fetus?!"

Lv Taibai's eyebrows sharply creased.

"Is he crazy?!"

However, recalling Li Che's Martial Arts Talent, an Underworld Divine Monkey with Martial Saint Combat Power.

Perhaps... there is a real chance of successfully breaking through to the Divine Fetus?

Still, Lv Taibai felt a bit dazed.

Based on Li Che's records...

Li Che began cultivation... how long ago?

Starting from Fei Lei City, until now...

Six years from Nurturing Nature... to break into Divine Fetus!

Even Lv Taibai couldn't help but feel amazed.

This really is too fast, isn't it?

Lv Taibai became silent.

Is Li Che... rushing?

Rushing because of Ji Moli's pressure?

That's not good news.

Forcibly breaking through to the Divine Fetus, if failed... the impact is too significant.

However, Li Che had already entered into the brewing and accumulating momentum state.

Lv Taibai was unable to obstruct him.

Suddenly, Lv Taibai chuckled: "This is planning, upon entering the Divine Capital, to astonish the Divine Capital, using fame to make Ji Moli cautious..."

"Our honest and straightforward Elder Li is finally going to be high-profile this time."

Lv Taibai's sleeves fluttered, his eyes gleaming.

"It begins!"

"Cultivating for six years, Nurturing Nature transforms the Divine Fetus..."

"After years unnoticed, suddenly achieving Divine Fetus known by the world!"

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The rain and snow pour, the great wind adds to it.

Warming the cold, bringing the distant near!

The Nine-layered Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship raced swiftly on the Grand Canal, the heavy ship floating on the water, with an incredible speed, the hull pounded, occasionally causing water to explode and fly to the sides.

The deafening roar, the constant booming, the wind and waves roared wildly!

Li Che sat cross-legged at the bow, the whole person seemed completely frozen, like a sculpture, though the black clothes on him fluttered and swayed incessantly.

He appeared to be in a mysterious state!

Within the Inner Scene of his Brow Niwan, earth-shattering changes were occurring.

Golden Cores shimmering brightly surrounded two exceptionally radiant ones, namely the [Heaven and Earth Spirit True Ape Golden Core] and the [Six Desires Lu Xuan Sword Immortal Golden Core], the grade of these two Golden Cores was evidently higher than the other Seven Emotions Golden Cores.

Regarding the accumulation of Golden Core Divinity, Li Che had rapidly improved by frantically siphoning the Divinity of the Temple God, but the other Seven Emotions Golden Cores, compared to the two Big Golden Cores, were slower in siphoning the Temple God's Divinity.

Though many Golden Cores had reached the stage of Fetal Breath Transformation, breaking through to the Divine Fetus remained extremely difficult, the timing was not yet mature, lacking foundation and opportunity.

Inhale—

Exhale—

Li Che sat upright at the bow, bathing in the fierce wind rushing past the ship, his heart gradually becoming clear.

In his chest, the Dao Fruit [Pure Heart] thumped vigorously.

The Dao Fruit concerning Divinity is mainly [Pure Heart], even now for Li Che, as his daughter grows, he has gained more and more Dao Fruits.

Yet the ones truly aiding his cultivation significantly are still [Dragon Elephant Vajra] and [Pure Heart].

The former allowed Li Che's Martial Arts Talent to be unleashed, continually improving, having long reached the Martial Saint Realm, even the Martial Saint Second Opening, opening the Kai Tai Qi Sea.

Pure Heart of course also provided Li Che with a lot of assistance in Divinity.

However, compared to Martial Arts, Li Che always felt his Divine Talent couldn't match up, but thankfully... he eventually caught up with the cultivation speed of the Divine Path.

This naturally relied on the various Divine Skills derived from the Immaculate Heart Taoist Fruit.

After Summoning Gods, siphoning the Temple God's Divinity, he could extract the Divinity from the Divinity Crystal at a speed far exceeding ordinary people's refinement of Divinity Crystals.

This was Li Che's greatest asset in cultivating Divinity.

However, in Divine Cultivation, Li Che has indeed tempered for a long time.

Now, it's almost time to attempt breaking through to the Divine Fetus Realm.

Divine Fetus, what is the Divine Fetus, actually, Divine Cultivation has an unexpected resemblance to Martial Arts, except Divinity is more ethereal and elusive, unlike the simplicity of qi-blood, born from the human body, using it as the foundation.

Divinity is the product born from the Mysterious Temple breaking out of the earth.

Permeating between heaven and earth, bringing new cultivation to the human world.

The former Martial Path only had Pure Martial, making cultivation difficult, Martial Saints were scarce, unlike now, where although Martial Saints are still rare, the inclusion of Divinity has made Body Refinement easier, significantly increasing their numbers.

Divinity brought earth-shattering changes to the world.

Of course, it also gave Li Che hope for Divine Cultivation.

Li Che's Shen Yuan Golden Elixir relied more on the absorption of Temple God Divinity to break through.

With a flick of a finger, a Divine Crystal floated before Li Che, glowing brilliantly, it was a Four Imperial Lower Divine Crystal.

For the current Li Che, the Four Imperial Lower Divine Crystal was sufficient.

The Four Imperial Upper Divine Crystal taken from Daoist Master Yue Huanglong, if used now, would be somewhat overkill, even wasteful.

Sitting cross-legged at the bow, siphoning Divinity!

The world is vast, with Divinity continually gathering quickly from all directions, forming an enormous Divine Vortex above Li Che's head.

The vortex was small at first, not large, but over time, as more and more Divinity accumulated, the Divine Vortex grew larger!

Whoosh, whoosh, whoosh—

Li Che exhaled a long breath.

In the long breathing sound, Li Che's entire body glowed, as if covered by Divinity, tens of thousands of pores around him unleashed beams of Divinity.

However, these beams of Divinity spread from his brow, flowing into the limbs and bones, as if replicating and perceiving Li Che's body.

Li Che clenched his five fingers, seizing a Four Imperial Lower Divine Crystal, his palm seemed to burst with strong suction, frantically extracting the Divinity, turning into a silk-like strand, like a thin snake drilled into Li Che's brow.

The wind and waves continued to howl around him!

In fact, Li Che's Divinity had somewhat conflicted with his physical body, because the Dragon Elephant Furnace purified Pure Martial Body, which almost didn't merge with Divinity, but Divinity did not forcibly merge, rather replicating and depicting...

As if to create a small figure identical to Li Che within the Inner Scene of the Mud Pill.

"Divine Fetus, is actually the process of Shen Yuan Golden Elixir transforming into a Divine Embryo, with the embryo undergoing four Divine Transformations, growing five viscera, limbs, bones, and a head..."

"It's like being pregnant for ten months, but the difference is that it uses the world's Divinity as amniotic fluid to nurture the Divine Fetus!"

Li Che suddenly understood, as if a great bell rang in his mind!

Boom, boom, boom—!!!

Divinity spread around Li Che, like a pool, extremely rich and abundant.

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Jet-black, mighty strands of hair whipped through the void, crackling fiercely!

The Divine Method of Heaven and Earth Spirit Bright True Ape, Li Che only reached the level of the Divine Primordial realm.

However, even though he didn't have the subsequent Divine Embryo Method, it no longer mattered to Li Che.

With a slight shift of his mind.

Within the Heaven and Earth chessboard, the two faces equal to Heaven's Face found there emitted a faint glow, seeming to leap forth, enveloping Li Che's Primordial Spirit that sat within the Heaven and Earth chessboard.

Buzz—

Instantly, Li Che's mind became as clear as day.

Though he didn't know the Divine Embryo Method, it was not a big problem, as if a Divine Monkey opened its eyes within the unknown, gazing across heaven and earth at the Spirit Bright True Ape breathing like thunder within the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir!

An invisible energy guided the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir to madly devour the divinity, with countless divinities pouring in, pouring in!

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Huff huff huff—

The entire Nine-layered Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship seemed, at this moment, engulfed and devoured by divinity.

Numerous Divine Children aboard couldn't help but tilt their heads, looking in shock and surprise at the divine whirlpool surging above!

"Is this... a divine whirlpool?!"

"How could there be such vast, rich divinity... It seems to be all for Elder Li!"

"All these divinities are drawn by Elder Li? Is he about to break through?"

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The Divine Children were dumbfounded.

Tie Shancai and Jin Taixui, with exceptional insights, couldn't remain calm!

"Such immense divinity... It's far beyond the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir level, surpassing the power of the Shen Yuan Golden Elixir realm entirely!"

"This is... this is about to impact the Divine Embryo!"

Tie Shancai exclaimed in astonishment.

Xi Xi's father is about to impact the Divine Embryo?!

What madness?!

Tie Shancai often stayed by Xi Xi's side during this time, and was quite familiar with Xi Xi's affairs.

Li Nuanxi, six years old, born in Yun Province, Lingnan Circuit, Fei Lei City in Golden Light Prefecture!

Her father Li Che, before Xi Xi was born, was only a laborer in a small city's wood carving shop, one of the lowest commoners, an insignificant presence!

After Xi Xi was born, Li Che began receiving guidance in the martial path, then acquired the Divine Method, and started nurturing nature...

Although recorded by the Divine Sect Branch in Golden Light Prefecture...

Xi Xi's father, with pure divinity, seemed like a Spirit Child or Divine Child...

But to start nurturing nature and cultivating divinity so late, and yet... yet in six years, he's about to impact the Divine Embryo?!

What kind of prodigy is this?!

Even Xi Xi's talent seems feeble in comparison to her father!

Tie Shancai blushed, feeling bewildered.

Jin Taixui was equally confused, as the honest, simple, kind-hearted Li Half-Saint...

Could he have such high talent in divinity?

No wonder he could have a daughter with such frightening talent, Xi Xi!

At this moment, the Divine Children could comfortably accept Xi Xi's talent.

“Elder Li... breaking through to the Divine Embryo?”

Nie Yang held his sword, standing on the deck, his eyes filled with disbelief and wonder.

He still remembers the first time he saw Elder Li, back then... Elder Li was just at the Divine Foundation level, wasn't he?

How long has it been!

Why does it feel like a sea change!

Lv Taibai stepped out from the pavilion, grasping with five fingers, instantly sword qi spread like a net, shielding the many Divine Children from most of the divine shock.

Only a little divinity leaked down, like a spring breeze and light rain.

Xi Xi widened her eyes, and after realizing what was happening, she beamed with joy!

She always knew, her father was super powerful!

Even though Xi Xi is so strong, she can't beat her father!

But Xi Xi needs to continue getting stronger, continue growing!

Dimples blossomed on Xi Xi's cheeks, then she sat cross-legged and began to operate the Divine Method.

Buzz buzz buzz—

An Eight-Armed Three-Faced Hell Lotus Unbeatable Divine Image appeared behind her.

Xi Xi started to siphon the spring-like divinity filtered by Lv Taibai.

Other Divine Children came to their senses as well, each sitting cross-legged with great excitement, beginning to capture the divinity between heaven and earth.

After all, this was a time when a Divine Origin Great True Man was impacting the Divine Embryo realm, the divinity stirred by this event was extremely active and the perfect opportunity for cultivation.

At this moment, the entire Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship seemed to transform into a Cave Paradise.

Even though Zhang Ya's divine cultivation level wasn't high, she too sat cross-legged and seriously began to capture the blessings shed by her husband.

The whole Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship sank into a deathly quiet.

“Huff—!!!”

“Inhale—!!!”

Only the sounds of the ship sailing, and a terrifying great beast lurking...

The sound of breathing like thunder!

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The time spent cultivating always flies by swiftly, and unwittingly, three days turned in a flash.

On the third night's evening.

Lead clouds piled up in the night sky, blocking the stars.

From Qianyuan Dao City, along the Grand Canal heading north, the Qianyuan Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship finally arrived at the dock of the Ninth City of the Divine Capital.

Great Scenic Divine Capital, established in the central region of Shendu Dao, covering a vast area.

And the entire main city of the Divine Capital was built around a treasure mountain, atop the mountain lay the Dajing Palace Divine Temple.

Faintly, one could see a Divine Temple standing tall on the mountain peak, like a sharply edged spear, seemingly piercing the heavenly dome, with a vast divine hierarchy pressure rolling in waves.

It's said this Divine Temple was transformed from a mysterious temple, captured by the Grand Ancestor when founding the Great Vista, with a group of powerful figures sieging the Four Royal Mysterious Temples, while the temple god in the mysterious temple was jointly suppressed and sealed by many experts who founded the dynasty.

The Divine Temple was the First City, in sequence down to the Ninth City.

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The nine cities are arranged like steps, clearly dividing the hierarchy.

The nine cities are said to be interconnected, yet they are not. For the powerful, they are naturally connected, but for ordinary people, one city might be the sky for their entire lives.

The Ninth City, the houses and buildings are also quite luxurious. Although it's said that among the nine cities, the Ninth City is the most impoverished, just by looking at the architectural quality, it's not at all inferior to Qianyuan Taoist City, and in the Divine Capital, the cost of living is high, making housing extremely expensive.

Even a Great Grandmaster from outside finds it quite difficult to own property in the Divine Capital.

Rumble—

Deep into the night.

The river wind blows fiercely, rippling the waters, sending waves across the surface.

As they get closer to the port, the river surface becomes even wider. The port's riverside is constructed vast and high, with numerous small boats anchored. However, all these boats have now been moved away, leaving a large open space.

The Ninth City's port is bustling with noise, even at this late hour, the sound of voices is unending. The many small people struggling to survive in the Divine Capital surely won't miss this excellent money-making opportunity.

One by one, rare and luxurious treasure ships usually moored at the port, from which descend the cultivators of the Divine Sects from various Taoist cities.

The citizens of the Ninth City are aware that these Divine Sect members have come to attend the Empress of Great Vista's upcoming [Flat Peach Victory Meeting]. For them, each Flat Peach Victory Meeting is a rare opportunity to relieve the pressure in their harsh lives.

There are lively scenes to watch, and sometimes there might be cheap goods to pick up.

The noble lords of the Upper Three Cities, if they're in good spirits, might even bestow plenty of Gold Leaf, allowing these common folk a few good months' worth of days.

"That's the treasure ship of the Guangling Dao Heavenly Pill Divine Sect! Heavenly Pill Divine Sect... claimed to be the second wealthiest Divine Sect in the world! The oil dripping from the Divine Sect disciples' fingers is enough to fill our plates and bowls!"

"Second wealthiest? Then who's the wealthiest?"

"Nonsense, of course it's the Seven Treasures Divine Sect of Dragon Abyss Path. It's said that the Sect Master of the Seven Treasures Divine Sect has a Divine Weapon Treasure Cauldron that can produce Gold Leaf, wealth beyond compare!"

"Impressive, that's Qingyun Road's Xuanfu Divine Sect, right? I heard the female disciples of the Xuanfu Divine Sect are all of stunning beauty, like fairies from the heavens."

"Here they come, Jiangnan Dao's Haoran Academy! All scholars, I heard that the top scholars in Great Vista's imperial examinations come from Jiangnan Dao!"

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At the port, the sound of voices filled the air, heads crowded together, and the cold night wind could not suppress the enthusiasm of the residents of the Ninth City in the Divine Capital.

A large mob charged toward the Divine Sect disciples disembarking from the treasure ships.

Some offered to guide the way, some offered to find inns, some offered to act as servants, and some sought patronage...

It's only fair to say that the people of the Divine Capital are truly insane in their struggle for survival.

Suddenly.

A gigantic Mystic Dragon Battleship slowly approached, tearing through the thick mist of the night, docking at the shore.

Subsequently, everyone felt an extremely oppressive aura sweeping continuously.

The citizens of the Ninth City suddenly fell silent.

This Mystic Dragon Battleship, in which their ancestors had lived all their lives in this Ninth City, was naturally well-known to them.

It is the Black Armored Xuanlong Battleship of Ji Moli, one of the Eight Great Vassal Kings of Great Vista!

"Is it King Ping Luan Ji Moli?"

"I wonder how many of the Eight Great Vassal Kings will come to the Imperial Court's Flat Peach Victory Meeting this time... I've heard that quite a few Vassal Kings have rebelled."

"It seems like these are rumors spread by gossipers. Isn't this King of Quelling Chaos the most mentioned rebel?"

"What do gossipers know, if King of Quelling Chaos dares to come to the Divine Capital, what does that tell you? It tells you that he could not possibly have rebelled; if he did, would he still dare to come to the Divine Capital?"

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The citizens whispered softly among themselves.

The boarding ladder lowered.

Ji Moli, clad in profound black armor, stood helmetless, his majestic figure exuding a terrifying sense of oppression.

Behind him followed four even more burly and sturdy figures, wearing masks with blue faces and fangs.

They were Ji Moli's four proud sons, some carried a lute, some wielded a long sword, some shouldered a treasure umbrella...

Diverse in posture, each figure was over three meters tall, as imposing as small mountains, filled with a sense of oppression, and the thick scent of blood surged like waves.

Unfortunately, one of his sons, Ji Lishou, has died, and now among these four sons, one is a fake, disguised by Ji Moli's eldest disciple.

All the citizens were overwhelmed by the oppressive force, trembling uncontrollably, unable to resist.

Ji Moli's prestige was such that it was rumored he was someone who killed without blinking.

Ji Moli walked with his hands folded behind his back, not giving any attention to these ant-like commoners, his eyes didn't register them at all.

"Lord Ji, long time no see."

Gu Changqing, the Sect Master of Heavenly Pill Divine Sect, in a comfortable long robe, fluttered in the wind, clasped his fists and greeted Ji Moli.

Also, Ning Caisen, the Sect Master of Seven Treasures Divine Sect, made a gesture of courtesy.

As for the other Divine Sect Masters, they weren't as friendly towards Ji Moli.

"Has the Qian Yuan Divine Sect's treasure ship not arrived yet?"

Gu Changqing squinted his eyes, smiling as he spoke.

However, a glint of heartache flashed in his eyes.

He had lost a Heavenly Pill Vajra to Lv Taibai, and that had cost him three Fourth Rank Middle Stage heavenly pills!

Ji Moli glanced at him, seemingly aware of something, and let out a sneer.

Suddenly, his sneer stopped.

A faint voice carried a hint of coldness.

"Isn't it here?"

"Hmm?!"

Ji Moli halted his steps, clad in Profound Black Dragon Armor, turned around with hands folded.

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Behind him, his four towering sons, as robust as small mountains, each between three to four meters tall, stepped aside to make way.

Ji Moli lifted his gaze towards the expansive surface of the Grand Canal beyond the dock.

Gu Changqing, the Sect Master of the Heavenly Pill Divine Sect, Ning Caisen, the Seven Treasures Divine Sect Master, and Xuan Jiu Zhuan, the Sect Master of the Xuanfu Divine Sect, as well as other masters, all turned to look in the direction of the Grand Canal, their eyes flickering with strange light.

The Qian Yuan Divine Sect has certainly been making quite an impression recently...

"The Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect, but... why is it glowing?"

Gu Changqing squinted his eyes.

"It's not glowing, someone is breaking through the Divine Fetus stage, causing a great commotion, and greedily absorbing the divinity of heaven and earth."

Xuan Jiu Zhuan, the Sect Master of the Xuanfu Divine Sect, said with a focused look.

The Divine Talisman Saint, with his unparalleled sensitivity to the divinity of heaven and earth, because in the strictest sense, a Divine Talisman is a method to mobilize the divinity of heaven and earth, transforming it for personal use.

"What a huge commotion, breaking through the Divine Fetus can cause such a large disturbance... what rank of Divine Fetus is being broken through here?"

Many strong individuals focused their gazes with uncertainty and puzzlement.

Like Ji Moli, they all lifted their gaze, and saw the mist-enshrouded surface of the river being split open by waves.

And then, a hazy Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Ship that seemed to have sailed from endless darkness came into view!

"That's... the Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship from Qianyuan Taoist City!"

"Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship? Isn't that the treasure ship of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect?"

"The Qian Yuan Divine Sect... is someone breaking through the Divine Fetus?"

Many were astonished.

Especially on the treasure ships of each great Divine Sect, exclamations rang out continuously.

For someone to break through the Divine Fetus is actually not surprising, to the many Sect Masters of the Divine Sects present, a newly broken through Divine Fetus isn't worth astonishment.

However, seeing clearly the young man sitting at the prow of the ship, several showed a look of intrigue.

Ji Moli's eyes slightly narrowed.

"Li Che."

The voice was not loud, yet it echoed in the ears of many Sect Masters present.

"Li Che? Is this the newly anointed Divine Sculpture Half-Saint of the Qian Yuan Divine Sect? The same Divine Sculpture Half-Saint who defeated Huang Tuo of Little Lingyin Temple?"

"It truly is him, and how old is he... already attempting the Divine Fetus breakthrough?"

"Twenty-five? It seems so, having only cultivated for six years, in six years reaching the Divine Fetus attempt... how does he cultivate like this? Even a Temple God's reincarnation might not be this fast, right?"

Gu Changqing, Ning Caisen, Xuan Jiu Zhuan, and other Divine Sect Masters all had expressions of absolute astonishment in their eyes.

Breaking through the Divine Fetus is not unusual.

What's unusual is that Li Che is so young, with such a short period of cultivation...!

When something is abnormal, it is bound to be strange!

The various Divine Sect powerhouses who originally intended to leave the Ninth City, all halted their steps, standing quietly in the night breeze, looking towards the distant Yellow Dragon Mysterious Wood Treasure Ship, seeming to emit light while drawing the divinity of heaven and earth.

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"We've arrived at the Divine Capital."

Lv Taibai stood at the peak of a pavilion, flanked by Zhao Fangzhou and Hong Shifu, his white sleeves fluttering, and silver hair fluttering incessantly.

"Most of the Sect Masters of the great Divine Sects have also arrived..."

Lv Taibai easily spotted many familiar figures standing on the dock.

As Sect Masters, they naturally have met each other numerous times, and the Divine Sects communicate with each other.

"Indeed, A Che's breakthrough to the Divine Fetus has drawn the attention of these people... well, attempting the Divine Fetus breakthrough after only six years of cultivation, even they, as Divine Sect Masters, have not achieved that, naturally, they would be curious."

Lv Taibai said casually.

Hong Shifu stroked his beard and smiled, squinting his eyes, experiencing peace after the initial shock.

"I wonder how many of the Eight Great Vassal Kings will attend this Flat Peach Victory Meeting, with Ji Moli being here... the other major Vassal Kings should also come, right?"

As the treasure ship sailed slowly, watching Li Che, with divinity becoming richer on him, just a step away from breakthrough, Hong Shifu began to change the topic.

"That's hard to say... heard many Vassal Kings are secretly plotting rebellion, they are not like us Divine Sect Masters, without their leaders, their armies naturally fall apart."

"And us Divine Sects... doesn't every Divine Sect have an ancestor? Those ancestors can hide in Strange Que, even avoid the Three Calamities and Nine Tribulations, and naturally the Great Supervising Minister's deduction techniques can't determine if those old ancestors of the Divine Sects are alive or dead..."

Lv Taibai gave a faint smile, showing little worry about entering the Divine Capital.

The Imperial Court can actually be seen as the greatest Divine Sect in the world.

The Great Supervising Minister, the State Preceptor, along with the Governor General of the Temple Control Bureau, are exceptionally powerful...

But as Lv Taibai said, which Divine Sect doesn't have an elder?

If they were to openly take action against the Divine Sect Masters, the resulting upheaval would shake the entirety of Great Vista.

For the Imperial Court, maintaining the status quo is just fine.

The Imperial Court, though wary of the Divine Sects, always trying to curb their development, is only concerned about another structure like the Equal Heaven Temple emerging.

The rise of the Equal Heaven Temple, occupying numerous paths of the world, erodes the foundation of the Imperial Court.

Of course, though the current Great Vista is not at its peak, it hasn't declined into the terminal years of a dynasty either...

To the Imperial Court, the Vassal Kings secretly plotting rebellion and disrupting the balance of Great Vista are the greater threat.

"We Divine Sect Masters aim for the Ten-thousand-year-old Peach in the West Queen Mother's Mysterious Temple, within which is but a single Flat Peach Tree, fruits ripening every hundred years, producing two at a time, one kept by the Emperor of Dajing, and the other for us Divine Sect Masters to contend for..."