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Chapter 571: Liang Sheng meets sloppy Elderly Taoist, the opening of fate's gear wheels

Divination!

Of all the divine abilities, none could be taken lightly by this solitary Elderly Taoist, especially not the ability to gamble with Master Heavenly Fate.

Because of this, when he caught a glimpse of Liang Sheng's face, he couldn't figure out why he couldn't see through the appearance of a mere Golden Core cultivator.

Is this the Golden Era?

Although the Slovenly Old Taoist had known that the Golden Era was unique and during the Grand Competition, gifted children would emerge in abundance.

However, at his level, these so-called gifted children were merely ordinary. The more he thought about it, the more he felt uncomfortable, so he simply stood up and headed directly towards the Second Floor.

Meanwhile, Liang Sheng was also in the private room, marveling at the coincidence that he had encountered the other party in Yaoxiang Pavilion.

But when the Slovenly Old Taoist suddenly walked towards him, it caught him off guard. Although he could perceive the heavenly secrets and cause and effect using the Law of Cause and Effect, he could only see the general direction. If he could know everything in detail, how could he allow changes in the heavenly secrets to happen?

Could it be that there had been a change?

Liang Sheng couldn't help but feel puzzled. However, the scene under the Rule of Cause and Effect did not change, which somewhat reassured Liang Sheng.

After calming down, Liang Sheng decided to prepare for any changes that may come, go with the flow and trust that his data panel's concealment would prevent anyone from seeing through him.

So, there must be a reason that the Slovenly Old Taoist noticed him.

However, before the Elderly Taoist could reach the door of the private room, he was stopped by Madame. Although all guests were supposed to be equal, there was a difference between guests.

No wonder her Disciple Bodhisattvas were not willing to entertain him, they had no discernment. Madame's mood changed in an instant.

Looking at the slovenly face of the Old Taoist, she suddenly felt disgusted. It seemed that her Disciple Bodhisattvas' actions hadn't been that severe after all.

The other party really had no sense.

She was prepared to gently remind the Old Taoist, after all, Yaoxiang Pavilion wouldn't tarnish their reputation by offending guests.

However, before Madame could speak, a gentle voice came from inside the room, "This is my friend, Daoist Friend. Don't worry about it, let him in."

This was the Cultivation World, even Madame was considered a Daoist Friend, pursuing the Immortality Cultivation Path. After all, who on the cultivation journey was more noble than anyone else?

As soon as the voice fell, Madame's serious face instantly changed, and the words in her mouth were retracted in an instant.

At this moment, she lowered her head, submissive to the utmost, with a tray in hand, upon which rested a pot of wine.

She opened the door and welcomed the Slovenly Old Taoist into the room. She gracefully left the room, placed the wine pot on the table, closed the door, and left without a second glance.

After leaving, Madame felt some lingering fear. This man was a friend of a Golden Core True Person, how could he be an ordinary cultivator?

It seemed that she needed to discipline her Disciple Bodhisattvas thoroughly. They had almost offended an important guest. Didn't they know that some Great Cultivators liked to keep a low profile?

However, thinking about the Slovenly Old Taoist's imposing manner, she was still somewhat bewildered, but this important guest was really too low-key.

When Madame returned, the Giving Bodhisattvas were naturally scolded, and they felt extremely wronged.

Who could have known that a Great Might cultivator would be so low-key?

In their hearts, they regretted being so judgemental. If they hadn't been so, would they have gained some opportunities?

After all, there were too many legends in the Pavilion about such situations. There once was a senior who had Foundation Establishment in one day, which was very admirable.

Even Giving Bodhisattvas had dreams of cultivating immortality!

Who wouldn't want to become Higher Beings?

Regardless of the Giving Bodhisattva's regrets, at this moment, in the second-floor private room, the Slovenly Old Taoist and Liang Sheng finally met.

At this moment, Liang Sheng seemed to see the slow opening of the gears of fate!

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Longevity Immortal City.

Yaoxiang Pavilion.

This was the first time Liang Sheng faced the Slovenly Old Taoist in reality, and the moment he saw the other party, Liang Sheng knew he absolutely couldn't escape should a fight break out.

As for the other party's cultivation realm, he couldn't see through it at all, but the Slovenly Old Taoist, who was intently staring at Liang Sheng, was even more sentimental.

Such facial features, I have never seen before, is this heaven's will?

He always remembered the delighted expression on his Master's face when he first met him, and now it seemed to be his turn.

But he was much luckier than his Master. At least when he encountered a cultivator with a face he couldn't see through, his lifespan was full, unlike when he met his master, who was already in decline.

The rules of their Complete Heaven Freedom Sect, or the favoritism of heaven and earth towards them, meant they always encountered people whose faces were hidden from them.

This would also indicate that the person was the destined successor of their lineage.

What an unexpected joy today!

The Slovenly Old Taoist was full of joy, and at this time Liang Sheng also regained his senses, and respectfully asked, "Senior, may I ask the reason for your visit?"

As Liang Sheng spoke, he signalled for the beauties around him to step back, but the Slovenly Old Taoist stopped them.

His initial purpose in coming to Yaoxiang Pavilion was to enjoy, so how could he disrupt his pleasure due to his sudden whim?

And when Liang Sheng saw his actions, he couldn't help but admire the fact that the other party was indeed a wonderful person, but he didn't lower his guard.

Liang Sheng had no intention of running away for the time being. Since they had met face to face unintentionally, even if he wanted to run now, there would be no point. Rather, his hasty departure might arouse the other party's suspicions.

Just at this moment, the Slovenly Old Taoist suddenly uttered a sound of admiration, "Who would have thought that these blind men of the East Victory Immortal Dynasty, who claimed to spy on heavenly secrets, would remain oblivious to this person of fortune right under their noses."

Liang Sheng continued to play dumb as if he didn't understand, a look of confusion on his face, while the Slovenly Old Taoist seemed to think of something and chuckled.

Master Heavenly Fate, Master Heavenly Luck, you two old men, who always relied on your formidable cultivation to bully me, this time I'm going to show you what First Fate Second Luck truly means.

Does our Complete Heaven Freedom Sect have a new recruit?

For a short while, he could even imagine the scene of himself appearing in front of Master Heavenly Fate and Master Heavenly Luck with Liang Sheng after the Immortal Dynasty Competition, their dumbfounded expressions making him burst into laughter.

Unable to contain himself any longer, he earnestly said, "Young man, from now on, you will be my only disciple!"

This time, Liang Sheng was really taken aback. He had not expected such words to come out of the other party's mouth.

For a short while, in his stupefaction, he immediately sensed a major shift in the scene under the influence of his Divine Ability, the Law of Cause and Effect.

Liang Sheng couldn't help but feel like weeping but there were no tears. If he hadn't met with the Slovenly Old Taoist in person today, he probably wouldn't have had such an encounter.

If only he had known, he wouldn't have snuck out alone tonight, hiding it from Huang Yifan. He was ultimately too careless.

While Liang Sheng was dumbfounded, the Slovenly Old Taoist seemed not to mind this reaction at all.

Instead, he took a large sip of wine, sitting at the table quite at ease.

He thought about these past ten thousand years or so, how he had suffered repeatedly at the hands of Master Heavenly Fate and Master Heavenly Luck, and now he finally saw a glimmer of hope, how could he not be delighted?

Because of this, the more he looked at Liang Sheng, the more he liked him. Although he couldn't see through such a face, he felt that neither Master Heavenly Fate nor Master Heavenly Luck could compare.

Although Liang Sheng's current performance was only at the Golden Core Realm, it was now the Golden Era of the Immortal Dynasty Competition, a time filled with opportunities. How could there be a fear of rapid advancement in cultivation realm?

As for whether Liang Sheng would encounter a bottleneck afterwards, the Slovenly Old Taoist didn't care at all, because possessing such a face and his own help, at least until the Refinement Void Dao Monarch, the other party wouldn't have any problems.

Even the hurdle of Refinement Void Dao Monarch was encountered because of worry about Fate Calamity. Although he lost the bet, Master Heavenly Fate and Master Heavenly Luck owe him a favor. At that time, they should lend a hand to help his disciple, right?

But at that moment, Liang Sheng suddenly spoke, the following sentence brought the Slovenly Old Daoist back to reality.

“Senior, are you joking? We didn’t know each other previously. Could you have mistaken me for someone else?”

The Slovenly Old Taoist was stunned, the other party’s words were actually a refusal. Otherwise, why would he say that?

He had never considered such a situation, then he quickly realized, and couldn’t help shaking his head with a bitter smile.

He really was too arrogant.

But he didn’t care too much, the young man in front of him only wanted to refuse him because he didn’t know what his cultivation was.

So, thinking of this, he said nothing, just smiled and stretched out his hand to gently point in the air. Instantly, Liang Sheng stood there, unable to move a bit.

But the Slovenly Old Taoist, regardless of Liang Sheng’s reaction, continued to enjoy his wine. The Giving Bodhisattva, who originally served at the side, naturally withdrew quietly, sitting silently without making a sound.

However, they didn’t know that just now, Liang Sheng was trying hard to control his reaction because his instinct was to dodge the Slovenly Old Taoist’s finger.

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Afterward, he took the initiative to hide his Sea of Consciousness and made no resistance, entering the realm of spiritual connection created by the Slovenly Old Taoist's finger.

He saw the heaven and earth stretching out, the years passing by, flowers blooming and withering, clouds rolling and dispersing...

This was the world of the Slovenly Old Taoist's Dao...

Although Liang Sheng's true realm was far higher than the surface Golden Core Realm, he was still somewhat shocked at this moment.

Perhaps the cultivation level of this old Taoist had already surpassed his own, and even Emperor Dongsheng, who was rumored to be in the Unification Realm, was far inferior to this Slovenly Old Taoist.

Then, in the upcoming illusion, scenes appeared that the old Taoist wanted him to see, showing the lives of cultivators after the ancient catastrophe.

Though the scenes were fleeting, Liang Sheng could still feel the changes in the world, until a cultivator with a special fate emerged.

Complete Heaven Freedom Sect.

This was the sect created by this special fate, adhering to heaven and earth's will, and the modern practice methods were gradually taking shape at this time.

Then there was the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect walking in the world, entwined with the Holy Land of the Cultivation World. Everything became part of history, and gradually, no one knew...

In fact, Liang Sheng had awakened from the illusion long ago, but he had not shown it and remained in a stupefied state.

The reason was simple: first, he was now just a minor Golden Core Daoist, and second, he was still weighing the pros and cons and whether he really wanted to become the Slovenly Old Taoist's disciple.

Thinking of the greatly changed scenes under the Law of Cause and Effect Divine Ability, Liang Sheng pondered over it and eventually decided to accept the discipleship.

Because for him, there were many benefits and no harm, after all, all his previous worries no longer existed.

Moreover, with the identity of the disciple of the Slovenly Old Taoist, the things he wanted to do before became much easier.

After all, standing behind a big tree, whoever wanted to deal with him would have to weigh the consequences. If a cultivator of the "same realm" came to make trouble, would he really need to be afraid?

After making up his mind, he no longer hesitated and opened his eyes after a while, but still looked bewildered.

However, before he could speak, the Slovenly Old Taoist laughed and took the initiative to ask, "Are you willing to be my disciple now?"

"Master?"

Liang Sheng seemed too shocked to react, and uttered the disrespectful words in a daze.

But the Slovenly Old Taoist didn't mind at all. Instead, he laughed heartily, considering acquiring a good apprentice today as an unexpected gain.

Thinking about it, he moved his mind, and the Giving Bodhisattvas in the room, who had been silent, walked out of the room one by one.

By the time they left the room and came to their senses, they were all astonished but dared not say anything more.

Madame, who had been waiting not far away, came over to inquire about the situation when she saw the Giving Bodhisattvas come out.

However, in the face of her questioning, the Giving Bodhisattvas knew nothing about it, and she got no news.

The more it was like this, the more relieved she felt that she hadn't offended the Slovenly Old Taoist, who was far more terrifying than she had imagined.

Because her Giving Bodhisattvas were all carefully selected and were very beautiful. They received a lot of cultivation resources from the generous guests, so they were not just good-looking but also had some cultivation.

But they didn't know how the Slovenly Old Taoist got them out, and she certainly couldn't do that. Thinking of this, she immediately had the guards outside Liang Sheng's private room strengthened to prevent anyone from disturbing them.

Meanwhile, in the room, the Elderly Taoist became serious for the first time, his face looking stern.

"Since you have already become a disciple of my sect, you should know the origin of my sect from the illusion just now.

My Daoist name is Zi Zai independent cultivator. The Complete Heaven Freedom Sect traces back to ancient times, and each generation of disciples is passed down one by one.

You can continue to use your original name and Daoist title for now, but when you inherit my mantle, the name Zi Zai independent cultivator will be on your head.

This is the first principle of our sect's inheritance. As for the rest, as long as it is not deceiving the master or annihilating the ancestor, act according to your own heart and never forget it."

When these words came from the Slovenly Old Taoist's mouth, Liang Sheng's scene under the Law of Cause and Effect Divine Ability rippled a little but then returned to calm.

However, before Liang Sheng could speak, the Slovenly Old Taoist dropped his grandmaster demeanor and returned to his previous appearance.

"Now, if you have any doubts, you can ask them. But before that, I can explain why I accepted you as a disciple directly.

This cause and effect is a rule of our Founder. You could also say it was the rule of our sect when the Founder inherited heaven and earth's fate.

Whenever someone in our sect has great cultivation, and they meet someone whose appearance they can't see through, that person becomes their disciple.

So, you should know that I can't see through your appearance. Now tell me, what is your background?"

At this point, the Slovenly Old Taoist had a faint smile on the corner of his mouth. Liang Sheng hurriedly responded without any hesitation.

"Disciple Liang Sheng is a cultivator of Immortal City. At home, there is an old servant, and there is one more situation that I have hidden from Master."

Liang Sheng briefly described the situation. The next moment, his aura changed, revealing the cultivation level of a Nascent Soul Monarch.

At this time, the Zi Zai independent cultivator was not surprised. Instead, he had an amazed and even slightly delighted expression. Indeed, people with unseen fates had their special aspects.

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Seeing his appearance, Liang Sheng wanted to continue speaking, but was interrupted by the Zi Zai independent cultivator before he could go into detail.

“Alright, no need to explain every little detail. Our master-disciple fate is already set, no need to say more. First, engrave your name on it.”

With that said, the Zi Zai independent cultivator handed over a deep bronze-colored Bronze Token. Liang Sheng took it with both hands and carefully carved his name.

He had already seen such a situation in the illusion previously, and coupled with the scene under the Law of Cause and Effect, he had no resistance in his heart. Moreover, if it were not for this, he might not have revealed his Nascent Soul cultivation level.

After all, even with the cultivation level of the Zi Zai independent cultivator, he could not see through his true cultivation level hidden under the data panel Concealment attribute.

However, the inheritance of the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect is extraordinary. If he did not write his name on the Bronze Token, he might lose some opportunities and face extra trouble.

Of course, as a result, Liang Sheng would need to make additional arrangements to completely cover up his past.

At the very least, there should be no major discrepancies. When the Zi Zai independent cultivator saw that Liang Sheng had carved his name, he lightly tapped his finger, and the token returned to his hand.

Only then did the Zi Zai independent cultivator fully breathe a sigh of relief. From now on, they were family. Carving the name on the Bronze Token was a divine act witnessed by Heaven and Earth.

At this moment, his unkempt appearance was gone, replaced with a wretched and lewd face as he whispered with a smile:

“Disciple, you must have spent quite a bit today. Since that’s the case, don’t waste it. Wasting is being disrespectful to Heaven and Earth.

The fact that our master-disciple relationship has formed today is all thanks to the Xiaoyao Pavilion. We must not go against the will of Heaven.”

The words of the Zi Zai independent cultivator eased Liang Sheng’s tension. Indeed, the pursuit of the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect was to be carefree.

Liang Sheng even understood why the Zi Zai independent cultivator was like this. Perhaps it was because he wasn’t carefree previously, but who else could make his cheap master unhappy?

Before they met, Liang Sheng had seen under the Law of Cause and Effect divine ability that his cheap master would later perform a shocking move.

But now, everything had changed. With that in mind, Liang Sheng didn’t think too much and directly shook the bell in the private room.

After a while, Madame led a group of Giving Bodhisattvas into the room. Liang Sheng immediately ordered:

“Prepare more food and wine. Today, my master and I will not return until we’re drunk.”

“Please wait, sir.”

After leaving the room, Madame wiped the non-existent cold sweat from her forehead and breathed a sigh of relief.

She hadn’t expected that the man was actually the master of such a VIP. He must be a truly important figure. No wonder he acted so unrestrained and carefree.

At this moment, the unkempt appearance of the Zi Zai independent cultivator had been replaced in her mind with the carefree and unrestrained demeanor of a Hidden World Expert.

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On the other side.

Liang Sheng's Mansion.

Huang Yifan hurriedly got up and went to Zhou Shen's door. As Liang Sheng's puppet body, passing on information was just a thought away for him.

At this moment, he informed Zhou Shen that he had to leave Liang Residence. Liang Sheng had made this decision as a precaution, as Zhou Shen had Liang Sheng's cause and effect on him.

Ordinary people couldn't see it, but just in case the Zi Zai independent cultivator could, Zhou Shen immediately cooperated and went to another secret place of Liang Sheng upon hearing Huang Yifan's words.

Liang Sheng had prepared countless secret places like this. As for Jin Quanxiu of the Zhou Family, he naturally also received Huang Yifan's communication.

The content of the communication was simple: From now on, Jin Quanxiu must stay in Zhou Family and not come to see Liang Sheng without permission. All of this was for safety considerations.

In order for Jin Quanxiu to feel at ease, Huang Yifan informed him of Zhou Shen's whereabouts. However, they could not meet without Liang Sheng's permission.

They must be careful and keep their connections to Liang Sheng temporarily silent. If they were in danger, Liang Sheng would sense it.

In the Yaoxiang Pavilion, Liang Sheng and the Zi Zai cultivator continued their feast, their actions simple and straightforward, showing their true colors even in the Yaoxiang Pavilion.

As Liang Sheng raised his cup, there was not a trace of drunkenness in his eyes.

From now on, he was a disciple of the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect, Liang Sheng!

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Yaoxiang Pavilion.

At this moment, only Zi Zai independent cultivator and Liang Sheng were left in the private room. The two of them had thoroughly enjoyed the night. However, at this time, a clear consciousness lurked beneath their hazy gazes.

At this moment, the Slovenly Old Taoist, Zi Zai independent cultivator, suddenly looked at Liang Sheng and sighed softly. "Disciple, don't burden your mind too much, relax."

Before Liang Sheng could comprehend what he meant, he pointed at him once more. Liang Sheng let it happen as naturally as before.

Then, in Liang Sheng's conscious, it was as if a bell tolled at dusk and dawn and a thunderclap rang from outer space, reviving the surroundings, and a cultivation method lingered in Liang Sheng's mind.

Great Freedom Heavenly Method!

At the stunned look on Liang Sheng's face, Zi Zai independent cultivator could only shake his head in pity, lamenting that his disciple took things too seriously.

If it wasn't for that, why would he always hide his cultivation level, revealing it only after their master-disciple relationship was confirmed?

Thinking of this, Zi Zai independent cultivator felt a warmth. If Liang Sheng didn't trust him, why would he reveal his cultivation level so directly?

What does this represent?

It represents that he is the destined disciple of the Free Gate passed down by heaven.

Disciple, when I'm gone, you will be the new Zi Zai independent cultivator. So enjoy your time henceforth, for I will take care of everything behind the scenes.

Just like how it was for him, Zi Zai independent cultivator, back in the day.

This is the confidence of the Complete Heaven Freedom Sect. Freedom is the foundation of cultivation.

However, the life of an independent cultivator is tough. He, Zi Zai independent cultivator, wasn't a disciple of Free Sect from the beginning. Remembering this, his gaze became distant, as if he could see through time, looking at something unknown.

He then brought his thoughts back, glanced at City Lord Mansion, and smiled ambiguously. At this moment, there is no definitive answer to who the opportunity of Longevity Immortal City would fall upon.

At the moment, he passed the cultivation method, he made up his mind. Now, he is prepared to honor his previous promise and protect the Seeking Truth Lineage.

But as for the process, that is a different story. Originally, he didn't plan on wading into these troubled waters in the city, but now he was going to actively take part in them.

The one who will take action is not him, but his newly accepted disciple. Of course, how to proceed depends on the decisions of the two young men at the City Lord Mansion.

At this time, Liang Sheng came back to himself. Just now he had gained an entry-level understanding of the Great Freedom Heavenly Method. This cultivation technique was quite unique.

However, to understand its effects, he would need further study. The Slovenly Old Taoist, looking at the Great Freedom Heavenly Method aura that Liang Sheng intentionally revealed, gave a slight smile.

Indeed, he was the disciple destined for him. Just like him back in the day, he mastered the entry-level of the Great Freedom Heavenly Method instantly.

At this time, Liang Sheng unexpectedly held the hand of Zi Zai independent cultivator and pleaded, "Master, come back with me. I have good wine at my place."

Liang Sheng stood up, throwing a pile of spirit stones on the table, and then pulled Zi Zai independent cultivator out of Yaoxiang Pavilion, heading straight for Liang Sheng's Mansion.

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Liang Sheng's Mansion.

At this moment, only Huang Yifan was left. When Huang Yifan saw Liang Sheng bringing back a Slovenly Old Taoist, he was stunned at first, but when Liang Sheng said, "This is the master I worshipped today. You can call him the Great Master." He quickly came forward to assist, not showing any excessive reaction.

The Zi Zai independent cultivator couldn't help but look at Huang Yifan, his expression somewhat surprised. This Puppet Fusion Soul Technique was extremely amazing.

It seems that his disciple's ancestry is not ordinary. Yet, he didn't comment on this. He reclined in the back yard's room to rest after being addressed as 'Great Master' by Huang Yifan.

This was the Slovenly Old Taoist's request. His disciple needed to comprehend the Great Freedom Heavenly Method that night, and he didn't want to waste his disciple's time.

Of course, Liang Sheng wouldn't refuse. After entering a trance, he examined the changes in his body's cultivation method. This Great Freedom Heavenly Method was not an ordinary cultivation method, but a divinity refining technique!

You, however, are even more unique. Once the path has been achieved, the Dao follows naturally. This is called the Great Freedom, and it's more like a cultivation aiding method.

Once completed, the Great Freedom Heavenly Method will naturally present a suitable cultivation method. Truly relaxed, and even safer.

A little remarkable indeed!

But after mastering the Great Freedom Heavenly Method, Liang Sheng tried to practice it and ended up activating the Primordial Mysterious Technique by mistake. He had no choice but to immediately halt the experiment.

As expected, he chose the most suitable cultivation method for himself.

However, he couldn't reveal the ancient techniques, so Liang Sheng could only temporarily stop practicing. But at this moment, his Law of Cause and Effect (innate ability) had undergone some changes.

He saw more specific scenes under the fragmented images he had seen previously, which was a pleasant surprise.

Hereafter, his actions would have to differ from his past. He's afraid he'll have to meet more of these gifted children from the Immortal Dynasty Competition.

As for troubles....

Now, he has a backing too!

Liang Sheng glanced at the room of the Slovenly Old Taoist, never thinking that the uncertainty he was worried about before would become his biggest support.

If he knew this would happen, why would he hesitate?

At this moment, his data panel changed again, adding an additional cultivation method.

Name: Liang Sheng

Age: 2637

Talent: Innocent Foolishness (Top-Grade)

Cultivation Method: Primordial Mysterious Technique (Fourth Layer), Ascending Immortality Scripture (Twenty-second Layer), Twenty Life-Nurturing Techniques (Twenty-eighth Layer), Nail-Head Seven Arrows Technique (Curse), Great Freedom Heavenly Method (Entry Level), Grand Solar Golden Crow Contemplation Method (Divine Ability)

Realm: Refining Spirit from Qi (Soul Emergence-intermediate stage)

Lifespan: 105689

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Early the next day, the bright sun was high in the sky.

Liang Sheng got up early to freshen up, then went to the room of the Zi Zai independent cultivator. He listened to the sound transmitted from the room and knocked on the door only when it was appropriate.

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"Master, breakfast is ready."

A sense of helplessness filled the Slovenly Old Taoist's heart as he opened the door, because he had never been treated like this in all these years.

The thought made him feel somewhat ashamed. He hadn't shown such courtesy after becoming a disciple. Had he been too disrespectful to his master?

However, before he could ponder more on it, Liang Sheng was already leading the way, causing the old Taoist to gradually recover his composure and calm his mind.

He is my disciple. Why should I worry so much? He even regretted not coming to the Longevity Immortal City earlier.

It was all that ordinary man, Master Heavenly Fate's fault. If it hadn't been for the bet he lost, would he have stayed in the Xihe Immortal Dynasty for so many years?

But the next moment, his resentment dissipated, it still wasn't too late. Considering this, he happily followed behind Liang Sheng.

After breakfast, he couldn't stop praising Huang Yifan's cooking skills, making the entire dining area feel harmonious.

But then, the Slovenly Old Taoist suddenly turned, "Disciple, I fear you may need to journey outside tomorrow to meet few individuals."

"Huh?"

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City Lord Mansion.

Feng Yuan was closely watching the city's movement, their brows raised slightly. Exchanging glances, they felt a hint of surprise, all left unspoken.

The Seeking Truth lineage was finally stirring again.

Turns out Chen Chen was quietly meeting someone in a concealed location at this moment. The person he was meeting had a high cultivation level, having already reached the Divinity Transformation Realm.

"Brother Pei, I didn't expect you to personally come. But did only you came?"

Chen Chen frowned, Pei Linyu also shook his head.

"Junior Brother Chen, I also don't know if I'm the only one who came. But since the elder asked me to come, I must obey orders.

But I guess there might be more than just me, based on the information you sent back. Considering that the Longevity Immortal City Lord is a Soul Emergence power, with their wisdom, they'd never send us on a suicide mission."

Chen Chen nodded at his words. However, no matter what the elder thought, it couldn't solve his urgent need. He now could only hope that Pei Linyu could make a decision for him.

"Brother Pei, did the elder mention anything about the Zhou family?"

Unexpectedly, Pei Linyu shook his head, "Junior Brother Chen, aside from being careful, the elder didn't say much else. He just said that once I get here, I should contact you as soon as possible.

As for the subsequent actions, the elders have left it to us to act according to the situation. So, what's the situation with Zhou family?

Chen Chen nodded in understanding and then proceeded to whisper the circumstances of the Zhou family to Pei Linyu.

After hearing Chen Chen's account, Pei Linyu was incredulous, "The bloodline of the Desolate Regions from the East Victory Immortal Dynasty can actually cultivate in the Longevity Immortal City?"

How is that possible? But it's no wonder that the elders were so anxious for me to come, so that's the situation."

With this in mind, Pei Linyu couldn't help pacing as he thought it over, his own cultivation method was different from Chen Chen's, despite them both being from the Seeking the Truth lineage.

Pei Linyu's cultivation method was actually more compatible with the former Sky Covering Sect. After a while, he suddenly stood still and focused on Chen Chen.

"Junior Brother Chen, can you arrange a meeting with the Zhou family tonight?"

Chen Chen naturally understood Pei Linyu's feelings, but he didn't immediately agree and urged Pei Linyu to wait a little longer.

"Brother Pei, I have been watching the Zhou family for a while now. Their behavior in these past few days hasn't changed much from normal.

The more it is like this, the more it indicates they don't want any change, i.e., they do not want to get involved with us.

Of course, it is understandable for them to have such thoughts. They have been in the Desolate Regions for thousands of years and have long severed ties with us from Seeking the Truth lineage.

We can't abruptly recognize each other now, especially under the circumstances where the Seeking the Truth lineage is being roundly denounced. No one can accept these circumstances.

So, Brother Pei, I feel we shouldn't rush this. We should calm down. Only by gradually working on it, we may be able to win them over."

When Pei Linyu heard Chen Chen's words, he felt like a bucket of cold water had been poured on him, calming his heart's excitement.

He shouldn't be too impulsive at the moment, but he also didn't intend to completely follow Chen Chen's advice, after all, how could he not make a few more efforts?

"Junior Brother Chen, I of course understand what you're saying. But we can't just sit around either, because we don't have much time.

Longevity Immortal City is not our hiding place in the Xihe Immortal Dynasty, and they were previously aware of your existence.

When I entered the city, I saw them continuously searching for you, so the situation is urgent.

Of course, it is not suitable to disturb the Zhou family tonight. Why not let them know that you will meet them again tomorrow?"

Chen Chen, hearing this, realized that Pei Linyu had compromised somewhat, he couldn't make more demands and had to agree.

"Okay, then you wait for my message, Brother Pei."

"I will be counting on you, Junior Brother."

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City Lord Mansion.

Feng Yuan watched the meeting between Pei Linyu and Chen Chen, and after discussing it with Kaiyuan Child, they unanimously decided that it was not the right time to take action against the two of them.

They believed that the Seeking Truth lineage would not just send one person to Longevity Immortal City, and taking action now may alarm the others.

If they are fishing, of course patience is required.

Wait for a while.

But the weight of the Zhou family was greater than they had imagined, which might require them to alter their plans.

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Before the snakes had a chance to be startled, Feng Yuan hatched a plan to make things worse for the Zhou Family, causing self-inflicted chaos.

Tomorrow, a good show is bound to begin.

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Zhou Family.

Zhou Ning had been feeling restless these days since Chen Chen left. However, in such a situation, he was even more afraid to contact Zhou Family's hidden members.

Fortunately, Jin Quanxiu had stayed in the Zhou Family since that day, which slightly reassured Zhou Ning. However, he suddenly felt more uneasy tonight.

Under the influence of his bloodline ability, Zhou Ning sensed a great omen of misfortune, making him restless.

Despite the deep hours of the night, Zhou Ning eventually went to Jin Quanxiu's door.

"Ancestor."

Jin Quanxiu saw Zhou Ning's anxious appearance and couldn't help but feel moved. A gentle breeze arose, and in an instant, Zhou Ning calmed down.

Only then did Jin Quanxiu speak.

"Don't lose your composure. Tell me what happened, but take it slow."

After listening to Zhou Ning's concerns, Jin Quanxiu frowned deeply, he naturally believed what Zhou Ning said, but had difficulty making a decision.

In addition to Liang Sheng's previous instructions not to contact him easily, Zhou Ning, who had just calmed down, became anxious again due to Jin Quanxiu's reaction.

Time passed slowly in silence, and Jin Quanxiu ultimately couldn't come up with any countermeasures.

Because there were many crisis situations he could think of, but he had no foolproof plans for any of them.

If only he could contact his senior at this moment.

Unfortunately, there were no ifs.

Just at that moment, the communication token on his waist trembled slightly, Jin Quanxiu couldn't help but be overjoyed, for his senior's arrival was too timely.

After all, who else could communicate with him besides his senior?

So in the next moment, before Zhou Ning could receive an answer from Jin Quianxiu, he was pushed outside the door by a gentle force. By the time the door closed, he still hadn't recovered.

And in just a few breaths of time, the door to Jin Quianxiu's room opened again. However, the worried expression had disappeared from Jin Quianxiu's face.

"Ancestor?"

Zhou Ning was surprised but before he could ask what happened, Jin Quianxiu spoke with a smile.

"Patriarch, you need not worry. Let everything take its course. Tomorrow, a guest will come, no matter who it is, you must invite them into the mansion."

"Ah?"

"You heard me right, no matter who they are, let them in and have them stay in the same room. After that, you don't have to say or do anything. Just remember."

Zhou Ning felt Jin Quianxiu's confidence, and no longer had any doubts. Moreover, after receiving Jin Quianxiu's response, the great omen of misfortune had disappeared without a trace.

Perhaps the Ancestor's ability was even more powerful than he imagined. With the Ancestor protecting the Zhou Family, it was really a blessing for them.

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The next day.

Zhou Family.

Chen Chen, following Pei Linyu's plan, visited the Zhou Family once again. However, as soon as he appeared, he was welcomed into the living room by Zhou Ning, who then left without a word or action, leaving Chen Chen confused.

What's going on?

Not long after, Zhou Ning welcomed another person in, and Chen Chen was startled when he saw who it was, immediately putting up his guard.

Su Wu!

Why did he come?

Of course, Su Wu was also surprised. He had just received instructions from City Lord Feng Yuan to investigate the Zhou Family today and didn't expect such a pleasant surprise.

Since Chen Chen is here, the Zhou Family and the Seeking Truth Lineage must be involved. However, Zhou Ning seemed to be unconcerned and even invited him in. This situation made Su Wu somewhat vigilant.

There must be something fishy going on. For a short while, Su Wu, who was slightly puzzled, didn't dare to act rashly.

Zhou Ning, on the other hand, seemed oblivious to the tension between the two. He turned and left, leaving both of them completely baffled.

What on earth was happening?

In the next moment, another person was welcomed in by Zhou Ning – the one whom Chen Chen and Su Wu had never met before, Liang Sheng!

Immediately after, Zhou Ning left, leaving Liang Sheng, Chen Chen, and Su Wu sitting at the same table, without anyone speaking hastily.

However, Liang Sheng wasn't a familiar face for Chen Chen and Su Wu. And since he was only a Golden Core Realm practitioner, their attention quickly turned to each other.

Chen Chen wanted to escape, but he didn't dare to. How could he leave the Zhou Family?

Su Wu stared intently at Chen Chen. Thinking of City Lord Feng Yuan's instructions, he finally decided to take a gamble!

But just as he was about to make a move, Liang Sheng's qi changed, and Chen Chen and Su Wu both looked at him at the same time.

Nascent Soul Master!

Who was this!?

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Longevity Immortal City.

Zhou Family.

At this moment, Liang Sheng actually felt somewhat helpless, because when he left, Carefree Hermit had given him just one principle to follow.

That was to be arrogant.

Extremely arrogant!

This situation made Liang Sheng feel somewhat unaccustomed, as he had always been careful and cautious in his actions, whether as an individual or when he joined the Dan Ding Sect in the past.

But now that he has become a disciple of Carefree Hermit, he is forced to make such a choice that attracts hatred, isn't this courting death?

However, seeing Liang Sheng's slightly puzzled expression at the moment, the Slovenly Old Taoist looked up at the sky at a 45-degree angle, his voice still calm.

"Disciple, my Free Gate was born between heaven and earth, and we have never retreated. The word 'free' runs through our life.

With me, your master, behind you, there is no need to be timid. Free people, in the face of enemies, if not arrogant, how can they be confident in their hearts?

You can go ahead and act, and it's best to teach all the villains behind the Longevity Immortal City a lesson, otherwise, how can you be free?"

Upon hearing this, Liang Sheng could not refute it for a while, for he didn't know that Carefree Hermit was also whispering curses in his heart.

This disciple of his was obviously used to hiding something, ingrained in his bones. If no strong medicine was applied, it would be difficult to change his thinking.

So he encouraged him, hoping that he would eventually knock down the opponents, and in doing so, transform himself, gain freedom, and achieve great freedom.

Just like himself, even though he still has to protect the Seeking Truth Lineage, his actions are constantly demonstrating the charm of being carefree.

Moreover, according to his thoughts, he could protect the Seeking Truth Lineage and give his disciple the opportunities, while also removing the mental block, killing two birds with one stone.

Forced by Carefree Hermit's coercion, Liang Sheng could only obey his orders and reveal his Nascent Soul cultivation level.

At this moment, facing the arrogant actions of Su Wu and Chen Chen, he couldn't help feeling...

Secretly pleased!

Indeed, it felt a bit carefree!

Now his true cultivation level was at the final stage of Refining Spirit from Qi, equivalent to the intermediate stage of the Soul Emergence cultivation in the modern cultivation method.

However, even with such strength, he had never shown such confidence before. It could only be said that having a strong backer made a big difference!

However, his provocation of the Zhou Family was not solely for the reason of Carefree Hermit helping him to "remove his mental block," but also for other gains.

Because Carefree Hermit told him that this Golden Era was a time of great contention, and under the threat of killing, it was filled with great opportunities.

Fight!

Cannot help but fight!

This period is when heaven and earth force cultivators to fight. The more people fight, the more casualties there will be.

For heaven and earth, having more deaths at regular intervals would be beneficial for the operation of the universe. No matter if the cultivators have ambitions or not, as long as they are within the range of the Era of Great Contention, they will be forced to become involved.

So, it's better to fight early than late, and it's better to be proactive than passive. Otherwise, why would Carefree Hermit force Liang Sheng so strongly?

It wouldn't be possible for such a big event as the so-called Golden Era to rely solely on the two old guys from the Holy Land; they were just going with the flow.

In the past, Carefree Hermit didn't care about the Golden Era, but now that he has an inheritance disciple, he naturally needs to plan well.

Since the appearance of the Free Gate, although there has been only one lineage passed down, there have never been any problems, because they have always followed the fortune of heaven and earth, and their inheritance is unbroken.

Since it's so, why not fight during this Golden Era? This is also the information Liang Sheng inferred from the few words Carefree Hermit had mentioned.

Also, with the scenes he saw under the Law of Cause and Effect and the Complete Heaven Great Freedom Method, Liang Sheng naturally made the optimal choices. In the end, he still chose to visit the Zhou Family in person.

According to Carefree Hermit, today is the prelude to the grand fighting event in Longevity Immortal City. As a disciple of the Free Gate, how could he be absent?

Today, it's time to fight!

"Disciple, today is your first step to formally compete for the opportunities in the Golden Era. You just go ahead, and leave the rest to your master."

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Liang Sheng didn't know about Carefree Hermit's thoughts, and at this moment, he sat down aggressively. Su Wu and Chen Chen couldn't help but stare at him.

At this moment, suddenly having a Nascent Soul Master whose background they didn't know appear, how could they not care? What if it was the opponent's reinforcements?

However, Liang Sheng continued to sip his tea leisurely and not speak. The originally tense atmosphere between Su Wu and Chen Chen was instantly confused.

Neither of them dared to act rashly. Su Wu was waiting for the support from the City Lord Mansion. After all, with City Lord Feng Yuan's cultivation level, the situation must be clearly seen by him, so he should have responded as soon as possible.

Chen Chen, on the other hand, was waiting for instructions from Pei Linyu. Since he set foot in the Zhou Family, he had been in constant communication with Pei Linyu, to deal with any unexpected situations.

Both of them looked serious, while Liang Sheng appeared in front of them for the first time with such arrogance. Watching their reactions and feeling the changes in the atmosphere, he suddenly gained a special insight.

Cultivation should sometimes be a glorious path. It's not the only way to be careful and cautious in the Cultivation World to ensure your own safety. However, isn't it another way of seizing opportunities by living cautiously?

Especially since he was not like ordinary cultivators, under the Law of Cause and Effect and the Complete Heaven Great Freedom Method, he vaguely felt that he had already overwhelmed the two opponents at this moment.

At the moment when their momentum was low, Liang Sheng indistinctly felt the strands of their fortunes being transferred to him.

It wasn't obvious, but it was indeed happening. Was this the so-called competition for opportunities in the Era of Great Contention that his master, Carefree Hermit, had mentioned?

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He couldn't help but vaguely understand the reason for the Zi Zai independent cultivator asking him to compete. With this thought, he suddenly looked up at Chen Chen and the other person.

Since he was already competing and behaving arrogantly, why not be even more arrogant, as he would not be in any danger anyway. At this moment, in Liang Sheng's perception, the two City Lords in the City Lord Mansion did not dare to move, and Liang Sheng felt the pleasure of having a backer for the first time.

Master is indeed amazing!

Thinking of this, Liang Sheng took the initiative to break the silence, "Both of you, please go back. The Zhou family has no problems today..."

"I said so!"

You!

Upon hearing this, how could Su Wu endure any longer? When had such an arrogant person ever appeared before him in the Immortal City?

In Su Wu's heart, the current City Lord Feng Yuan was merely temporarily residing in Longevity Immortal City, which was not a secret.

So Su Wu had always regarded Longevity Immortal City as his own private property, but he quickly calmed down.

Because up to this point, City Lord Feng Yuan had not responded to his communication, so the unexpected appearance of the Nascent Soul True Monarch was definitely not simple.

Thinking of this, he took a deep look at Liang Sheng, and then, without caring about Chen Chen, he got up and left.

Now that the situation of the Zhou family is unclear, if he takes action without authorization, he might be courting death. Su Wu got up and left, which made Chen Chen hesitate.

Today, he came here to test the Zhou family to see if he could arrange a smooth meeting between Pei Linyu and the Zhou family. But at this moment, Pei Linyu felt a change in her Communication Jade Slip's movement and changed her face immediately.

Pei Linyu, who had always advocated coming to the Zhou family, surprisingly stepped aside, which made Chen Chen realize the seriousness of the situation and immediately stopped talking. He glanced at Liang Sheng from the corner of his eye and then turned around and left.

When Chen Chen left, he was somewhat relieved as he considered this a blessing amidst misfortune, at least the other party was not from the City Lord Mansion.

However, who exactly is the other party?

After the two of them left, Liang Sheng got up and saluted in midair. The Zi Zai independent cultivator in Liang Sheng's Mansion saw this and couldn't help but smile slightly.

Everything is under control, and my disciple will surely get this opportunity.

However, just now Liang Sheng used his powerful strength to deter others, and made a domineering move. I wonder how he will face the Zhou family in the future?

Will he continue the domineering strategy and coerce them, or will he use persuasion and bribery?

Previously, he only pointed out the objective of Liang Sheng's actions, but as for how he should do it, it was up to Liang Sheng to decide.

After all, it is the Era of Great Contention now, and many things later on will require Liang Sheng to act personally. However, the situation that followed made the Zi Zai independent cultivator feel surprised and couldn't help but nod again and again.

My disciple is both brave and resourceful!

However, how could he know that with Jin Quanxiu around, where would Liang Sheng need to make any other plans or schemes?

Jin Quanxiu was originally resting in the backyard, but suddenly got a report from Zhou Ning that today's guests had arrived. He was also curious about the arrangements Liang Sheng communicated yesterday, so he quietly tried to take a look at the living room.

But in an instant, Jin Quanxiu was stunned on the spot.

Senior?

How could senior personally take action?

Jin Quanxiu couldn't help but feel puzzled, but when Liang Sheng asked Zhou Ning to invite the elders of the family, he immediately got ready.

When Zhou Ning came over with a frown to invite Jin Quanxiu to make a trip, Zhou Ning, who had already prepared for rejection, saw Jin Quanxiu get up directly and head towards the living room.

Huh?

Did the Ancestor already anticipate this situation?

When Jin Quanxiu arrived at the living room and saw Liang Sheng, the two initially just exchanged polite remarks on the surface, but privately, Liang Sheng transmitted a message, and Jin Quanxiu's performance that followed was extremely tacit.

Under the concealment of the data panel, the Zi Zai independent cultivator did not discover Liang Sheng's little movement. He only saw his disciple using eloquent speech to persuade Jin Quanxiu, and then making alliances.

My disciple is even smarter than I imagined. Of course, with this situation, his heart was filled with joy.

After all, the better Liang Sheng performed, the more he could gain in the upcoming Golden Era of Great Contention.

Indeed, he asked Liang Sheng to protect the Zhou family because the struggle between the City Lord Mansion and Seeking the Truth Lineage would center around the Zhou family.

Since that is the case, it is better to hold the Zhou family in one's hand and take the initiative. As for whether Liang Sheng could handle the relationship between the three parties, the Zi Zai independent cultivator didn't think too much about it.

After all, it is just a small struggle over Longevity Immortal City now. If he couldn't win here, how could he compete with other talented individuals in Zhou Tian?

Of course, Feng Yuan and Kaiyuan Child cannot take action now. Otherwise, the fight between Out-of-Body cultivators and Nascent Souls would be like crushing an ant.

While Liang Sheng and Jin Quanxiu were talking happily at the Zhou family, Feng Yuan and the other person in the City Lord Mansion frowned at this moment.

When they received Su Wu's call for help just now, they were already prepared to take action. However, at that moment, an inexplicable pressure made them afraid to move.

"Cultivators of the same realm can compete, but if you dare to bully the weak, death awaits!"

Both of them instantly broke into a cold sweat, their whole bodies drenched, as if they had just been fished out of water, full of horror in their hearts.

Who exactly is the other party?

At this moment, a sudden realization came into their hearts that the situation in Longevity Immortal City was far more complicated than they had imagined, but now they could only endure and not contact Lingge of Capital City.

Because if Ling Xiaozi and the others were involved, their plans would completely fail, and how could they talk about being a talented individual?

After all, the warning from the person just now had already implicitly stated that if cultivators of the same realm took action, they would not intervene.

Since that is the case, why not devise another plan and give Su Wu more means? Thinking of this, Feng Yuan and Kaiyuan Child's faces were rather awkward.

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I must become stronger and never suffer such humiliation again.

However, the opponent seems to be even stronger than my own master...

Weren't we told not to act if they're above the third heaven of Refining Void Dao Lord?

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On the other side.

Liang Sheng has already brought Jin Quanxiu back to the Liang Family. The Zi Zai Independent cultivator can't help but sigh at this, unworthy as his disciple, with high ambitions, he previously underestimated him.

After all, if Liang Sheng dares to bring Jin Quanxiu back, it means that he is already prepared to directly deal with all the troubles the Zhou Family will face later on.

And more importantly, this shows that he has made up his mind to resist to the end, even expressing his attitude towards this battle.

In the same realm, he is invincible!

If Liang Sheng had made another choice, it would have been safer, as he could hide behind-the-scenes without directly facing the Seeking Truth Lineage and the troubles of the City Lord Mansion.

The Zi Zai Independent cultivator is somewhat self-satisfied, it seems his disciple has understood his intentions, in that case, let him do as he pleases.

After Jin Quanxiu returned to the guest room, he sighed in his heart, not expecting his senior sect members to have such opportunities and even be able to worship a great power as a master.

Liang Sheng had just secretly explained the current situation, and since it was like this, Jin Quanxiu would see the act through to the end.

This tacit understanding didn't need much explaining, and what excited him even more was that Liang Sheng had plans to bring Zhou Shen back next.

According to Liang Sheng's plan, even if someone recognized Zhou Shen by then, it wouldn't matter, and Liang Sheng even wanted to actively expose him.

Jin Quanxiu couldn't help but feel a little dazed, how did things suddenly turn out like this? All he could say was that the seniors' actions were truly unpredictable.

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Immortal City.

Chen Chen's hiding place.

At this moment, Pei Linyu had already disappeared, with Su Wu's appearance indicating that Chen Chen might have been exposed; how could he possibly stay in the same place waiting to die?

As soon as Chen Chen returned to his residence, he immediately contacted Pei Linyu, who was pacing back and forth restlessly in a hidden location.

Given that a person in the Divinity Transformation Realm was so anxious, it was obvious this matter was extremely difficult.

"Senior Brother Pei, what should we do next?"

Pei Linyu thought for a moment, but in the end, he was unable to make a decision.

"Let's wait a bit longer."

Pei Linyu naturally had his own considerations, as he was now in no hurry to meet the Zhou family. He was more afraid that his whereabouts would be grasped by the Longevity Immortal City Lord Mansion.

No matter what, safety comes first, as for the mysterious Nascent Soul Taoist Master Chen Chen encountered at the Zhou family, it was unclear if they were friend or foe.

However, according to what they said, it seemed they already knew the plans between him and the City Lord Mansion, and a Nascent Soul Master couldn't accomplish this alone.

This person definitely had a great power behind him, and if that was the case, even more urgency was uncalled for!

Having thought of this, Pei Linyu dared not make any rash moves temporarily, waiting to see what would happen.

However, the situation took a sudden turn for the worse, catching him off guard.

The Zhou family was so cautious that they didn't even dare to meet him, but how did they suddenly become so bold?

What exactly did this Nascent Soul Master do?

Where did their confidence come from?

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Liang Sheng's Mansion.

After Jin Quanxiu entered the bedroom, Liang Sheng carefully whispered a few words into the Zi Zai Independent cultivator's ear, and when he finished, the Zi Zai Independent cultivator couldn't help but widen his eyes.

"Disciple, have you thought it thoroughly?"

"Master, didn't you say that as a disciple of the Free Gate, I am in a lineage succession and will never have any trouble?"

Since I've already made a move, why not make this storm even bigger?"

Upon hearing this, the Zi Zai Independent cultivator could hardly believe that his cautious disciple of yesterday had become so bold today!

Disciple, how could you be so brave? Who exactly was it that was telling the other to dare to fight yesterday!?