

## Disciples 1421

### Chapter 1421: Wherever They Went, Not a Blade of Grass Grew

How could Yu Zhenghai's saber attack not be ferocious when he managed to kill the beast king, a Drought Demon, with just a strike?

Yu Zhenghai was very satisfied. Under everyone's watchful eyes, he harvested the life heart from the Drought Demon's carcass.

The harvesting process was rather gruesome. Pan Zhong and Zhou Jifeng who could not adapt to this situation threw up immediately.

At this time, Yan Zhenluo asked, "Brother Kong, I remember reading somewhere that the Drought Demon was one of the zombie kings. How did it become a fierce beast?"

Kong Wen said with a smile, "The book must be wrong."

"Then, what are the chances of us running into the zombie kings?" Yan Zhenluo asked.

Kong Wen replied, "The possibility is quite high. It's rumored that a supreme being placed the ten zombie kings around the Pillars of Destruction to guard them. Ying Gou replaced Ya Yu as one of the ten zombie kings, but he was at the Great Qin's Emperor Emeritus' mausoleum instead. This means that something must have happened. Not many people can subdue a zombie king, after all."

"Then we're really lucky we didn't encounter any zombie kings when we were at Yu Zhong," Yan Zhenluo said with a nod.

"In any case, Ying Gou was a coward when faced with the Pavilion Master. Moreover, Tian Wu and Lord Zhennan whom we encountered at Yu Zhong aren't any easier to deal with compared to the zombie kings," Kong Wen said.

Everyone nodded.

Since the four elders and the guardians did not follow Lu Zhou to the Unknown Land, they were inwardly amazed by the stories of Lu Zhou's feat. They were determined to seize this chance to see and listen more.

"As long as we don't run into the first few zombie kings, there shouldn't be any problem," Kong Wen said.

"First few zombie kings?"

"The first few zombie kings were said to be true gods in ancient times. Otherwise, how could they have gained immortal bodies? For example, there's Princess Mulberry whose name is Yao Ji. She was apparently the daughter of an emperor before she died and transformed into a zombie king. In any case, I've never met her before so I'm only speaking about what I've heard."

When the conversation grew more ridiculous and irrelevant, Lu Zhou looked ahead and said, "Zombie kings don't have a will of their own. Hence, there's no need to worry so much."

“Pavilion Master is wise.”

After killing the fierce beasts near the Cloud Peak Swamp, the group continued to move forward.

At this time, Pan Zhong hurried to Yu Zhenghai’s side and said, “Mr. First, let me do it, let me do it! You don’t have to do this!”

After that, Pan Zhong took the life heart from Yu Zhenghai and cleaned it before he put it away.

Zhou Jifeng could only drop his hands and muttered under his breath, “You f\*cking beat me to it again.”

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The people from the Evil Sky Pavilion continued to kill fierce beasts as they traveled. All the fierce beasts they encountered were killed, and their life hearts were harvested.

Lu Zhou did not make a move at all.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong’s strength had already passed that of a Two Trial cultivator. There was also Qin Naihe whose strength was close to a Venerable Master, Lu Wu, and Cheng Huang.

With them around, the beast emperors they encountered were easily beaten up.

They maintained this rhythm for a full five days before they found a quiet place to rest at the foot of a mountain.

When night fell, Lu Zhou sent the Pillar of Impermanence into the ground before he said, “I’ll increase the speed of the Pillar of Impermanence by 100 times. Your cultivation speed will increase by 100 times, but your lifespan will also decrease 100 times faster. If you feel uncomfortable, you can leave the range of its effect, which is about a kilometer away.”

“Understood.”

Everyone bowed before they moved out to find a place to cultivate.

Meanwhile, Lu Zhou chose a beast king’s life heart to activate his 19th Birth Chart. Since he had just activated his 18th Birth Chart and passed the third Birth Trial, he could use a more ordinary life heart to activate his 19th Birth Chart.

With the 100 times speed from the Pillar of Impermanence and the ease at which one could activate a Birth Chart after passing a Birth Trial, Lu Zhou thought he would be able to easily activate his 19th Birth Chart. Hence, he decisively placed the life heart into his Birth Palace.

He decided to use the life heart of Fei. Fei was a fierce beast that resembled a bull. Its defenses were astonishing, its attacks were strong, and its body was burly. Apart from not being able to fly, its abilities were quite well-rounded. Moreover, since it was a beast king, Lu Zhou thought it would be good to use its life heart to activate his 19th Birth Chart.

As expected, the process was very smooth. It quickly entered the second phase.

Since his disciples did not lack life hearts at the moment, he decided not to recycle the life heart.

At this time, Lu Zhou brought his blue avatar out to have a look. He muttered to himself before putting it away, "I still need some time before I can upgrade it."

Sprouting a leaf would cost him 10,000 years. After passing three Birth Trials, he indeed had quite a lot of years, but he could not be certain about the blue avatar's lifespan consumption after it reached the Thousand Realms Whirling stage. Hence, he still had to be cautious.

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At Cloud Peak Swamp in the Unknown Land.

A large number of people appeared in groups. They were tall and sturdy. All of them held a quarterstaff that was engraved with strange runes.

The leader of these people was taller than the others. He was the only person wearing a purple robe and a golden crown. The corners of his eyes were smudged with colors, and he wore a piece of silver nose jewelry on the bridge of his nose.

All of them, including the leader, had one thing in common: there was a hole in their chest.

These were the Void Chest tribesmen.

At this moment, several of the Void Chest tribesmen crawled around in the swamp, sniffing the ground and the air. Soon after, they left the swamp and came to their leader. Then, one of them said, "High Priest, I found them! It's their smell!"

The high priest waved the scepter in his hand and said, "Chase after them!"

"B-but they're very powerful..."

"We're the kings of the Unknown Land! We have to get rid of these foreigners!" the high priest said.

With that, the other Void Chest tribesmen shouted in unison, "Get rid of the foreigners!"

The high priest waved his scepter, and the runes on the quarterstaffs in the tribesmen's hands lit up immediately.

The runes connected and formed an inescapable net immediately.

Buzz!

The sound of energy resonating spread in all directions for 100 miles.

With this, all the Void Chest tribesmen within 100 miles received the signal from their high priest. They raised their heads to look at the sky and made a low humming noise.

The humming noise seemed to grow in intensity as Void Chest tribesmen gathered from all directions at an unimaginable speed.

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Before dawn.

Lu Zhou, who was cultivating with his eyes closed, heard the humming noise and the sound of energy resonance.

“Hm?”

When he opened his eyes, he saw that he had already successfully activated his 19th Birth Chart.

He could feel a powerful force coursing through his entire body at this moment, and the rich vitality energy in his body made him feel as though he had become younger.

He looked at the system interface.

Name: Lu Zhou

Race: Human

Merit points: 1,526,680

Remaining lifespan: 13,650,509 days (37,398 years)

Items: Critical Block Card x118(passive), Golden Taixu Mirror, Deconstruction Card x2

Mount: Whitzard, Bi An, Ji Liang, Qiong Qi, Dang Kang, Di Jiang, Ying Zhao, Lu Wu

Weapon: Unnamed, Purple Glazed Ceramic(infinity grade), Confinement Seal(fusion grade), Pillar of Impermanence(infinity grade)

‘Not bad. I gained another 10,000 years of life,’ Lu Zhou thought to himself. His speed of improvement was not bad. Next, he would have to help his disciples and the others grow stronger.

Since he wanted to take the initiative to strike, it was imperative for him and everyone else to grow stronger.

Lu Zhou recited the mantra for the power of sight to observe his disciples.

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Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong were meditating and cultivating, making steady progress.

Lu Zhou had always felt at ease with his eldest second disciples.

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His third disciple was talking to Lu Wu at this moment.

“Lu Wu, you brag about how powerful Venerable Master Duanmu was every day. Is he really that powerful?” Duanmu Sheng asked.

“Of course!” An expression of nostalgia appeared on Lu Wu’s face as it said, “Among all the Venerable Masters, the only person who could defeat him was Lu Tiantong. Apart from that, he had never lost!”

“Then, how strong is my master compared to him?” Duanmu Sheng asked.

“This...” Lu Wu hesitated for a while before it lay down and closed its eyes after it said, “I’m tired.”

“Hey, you haven’t answered me yet! Isn’t it just a sentence? You can rest after answering me! Tell me, who’s more powerful?” Duanmu Sheng leaped to his feet.

The sound of snoring rang thunderously in the air.

Just as Duanmu Sheng was about to raise his Overlord Spear to poke Lu Wu, Lu Wu suddenly turned around and sent Duanmu Sheng flying with a swipe of its paw.

Bang!

“You!” Duanmu Sheng flipped in the air before he landed, sliding back for quite a distance.

Lu Wu opened one eye to have a look before it hurriedly closed it again.

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When he tried to observe his fourth disciple, he discovered it was pitch black. It was likely that he was asleep.

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His fifth disciple, Zhao Yue, was also improving tremendously.

Upon seeing this, he looked at the system interface. The effects of Eternal Paragon and Mentor were still effective on her. He sighed. It was still best to bring his disciples with him so they could improve faster.

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His sixth disciple, Ye Tianxin, had benefited greatly from cultivating in the white tower’s training hall. Her speed was rather fast, and she was chasing up to Mingshi Yin.

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“Old Sev...” Lu Zhou paused.

As the saying went, ‘Old habits die hard’.

He sighed. He wanted to skip to Zhu Honggong but could not bear to do so. Instead, he chanted the mantra for the power of sight again.

“??For all living things in the universe, their lives, deaths, kindness, evil, merits, and sins can be clearly seen.”

“Ding! Ineffective target.”

Without hope, there would be no despair.

Lu Zhou sighed before he checked in on his eighth disciple.

Zhu Honggong was trying to sprout his twelfth leaf. However, since the process of sprouting the twelfth leaf was rather difficult, it seemed like it would take a while for him to do so.

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The progress of his ninth disciple, Little Yuan'er, was exaggerated as usual. His worries were unfounded and unnecessary.

During their time here, she had already activated her ninth Birth Chart.

What made him feel the most speechless was that she did not feel even the slightest bit of discomfort when activating her Birth Chart.

In comparison, his tenth disciple, Conch, had fallen to the back among all his disciples. Fortunately, she had a good mentality and was very stable. She was not greedy for success nor was she overly competitive.

Lu Zhou was just about to cut off the power of sight when he heard Qiong Qi barking. He frowned slightly before he observed Mingshi Yin immediately.

Woof! Woof! Woof!

Mingshi Yin, who was startled awake, asked, "Why are you barking?"

Woof!

Qiong Qi stood on its hind legs and continued barking.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong rushed over. The duo looked at Qiong Qi in confusion.

Mingshi Yin rose to his feet and spread his arms as he said, "Eldest Senior Brother, Second Senior Brother, I didn't do anything. I don't know why it's going crazy. Ignore it."

Qiong Qi growled at this moment, baring its fangs. Then, its fur stood on end.

Mingshi Yin, who was the most familiar with Qiong Qi, had never seen it like this before. He crossed his arms and looked at it curiously as he asked, "What do you want? If you can't give me a good explanation, I'll stew you for dinner tomorrow!"

"..."

Mingshi Yin leaned against the tree and observed Qiong Qi.

Yu Shangrong smiled slightly and said, "Fourth Junior Brother, it must be having a breakthrough of some kind."

"A breakthrough?"

Yu Shangrong looked at Mingshi Yin and said, "The Great Void energy. After following you for so long, it's been nourished by the Great Void Seed. Its aura and strength have clearly grown stronger."

Yu Zhenghai glanced at Yu Shangrong and said, "This is what it means to ride someone else's success..."

Ming Shiyin: "..."

Yu Shangrong said with a hint of envy, "It's a pity Ji Liang didn't stay by my side for long. Otherwise, with its talent, it would be very strong now."

Yu Zhenghai said, "Bi An has never stayed by my side before."

“Eldest Brother, don’t you have Kui Niu? It’s a rare fierce beast as well,” Mingshi Yin said.

“During the battle in the Divine Capital, when Eldest Senior Brother died for the third time, Kui Niu left after sensing his death,” Yu Shangrong explained.

“Oh...” Mingshi Yin turned to Yu Zhenghai and said, “I’m sorry, Eldest Senior Brother. I didn’t mean to bring that up.”

“It’s not a big deal.” Yu Zhenghai shrugged.

At this moment, Qiong Qi began to grow bigger. Its fur began to brighten and grow longer as well.

Mingshi Yin looked at it in surprise.

After an hour, Qiong Qi finally stopped growing.

Yu Zhenghai nodded and said, “It can still grow a lot. From the looks of it, it might not be any worse than Lu Wu in the future.”

Mingshi Yin grinned. He was in a good mood. He patted Qiong Qi as he said, “Thank you for your praise, Eldest Senior Brother.”

With that, Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong left.

The others who were alarmed by Qiong Qi’s barking came over to have a look as well but quickly left once Mingshi Yi briefly explained what had happened.

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Lu Zhou cut off the power of sight.

“No wonder all these fierce beasts like my disciples so much.”

In the past, he had thought the fierce beasts only liked the Great Void energy. Later on, he learned that the Great Void energy could nourish them and help them to increase their strength greatly.

With this, he thought about Whizard.

“Purchase beast essence.”

“Ding! Used 100,000 merit points. Obtained: one beast essence.”

Since Lu Zhou did not have the Great Void Seed or Great Void energy, he could only give Whizard beast essences.

“Whizard.”

Whizard had been lying next to Lu Zhou. Who knew what it was chewing on, but it had been chewing for a long time. When it saw the beast essence in his hand, it stood up excitedly.

Lu Zhou threw the beast essence over.

Whizard swallowed the beast essence whole into its stomach and bleated once.

“...”

“You’re Whitzard, after all. Your intelligence shouldn’t be low, right? You can’t be greedy.”

Whitzard retreated to the side, but it clearly looked dissatisfied as it digested the beast essence.

Lu Zhou nodded his head in satisfaction when sensed that Whitzard’s aura was changing.

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When the sky brightened, Lu Zhou put away the Pillar of Impermanence and led the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion to Ji Ming.

During their journey, not a single blade of grass grew in the places they flew past.

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Five days after the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion left.

A huge group of Void Chest tribesmen appeared at the foot of the mountain where the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion had rested previously.

“High Priest, it’s their scent!”

The high priest raised his head to look at the sky with a deep gaze as he said, “Their speed isn’t slow. Chasing after them like this isn’t a solution.”

Then, the high priest set his scepter down before he brought out a string of bamboo slips. Squiggly letters could be seen on the bamboo slips he held in his wizened hands. When he joined his palms together with the bamboo slips in between, the letters suddenly lit up. Following that, he dropped the bamboo slips to the ground.

After a short moment, the bamboo slips flew out one after another before they stabbed into the ground, and the light from the letters dimmed.

Upon seeing this, the high priest exclaimed in surprise, “Ji Ming?”

“Ji Ming? T-the Pillar of Destruction? There are zombie kings protecting that place. D-do we still have to chase after them?”

The high priest said, “Those foolish foreigners are seeking death. I will represent the Void Chest tribe and represent the superior race to fulfill their death wish! I will use those foreigners’ blood to pay tribute to our superior race!”

“Pay tribute to our superior race!”

Everyone cheered passionately.

“Let’s go!”

## **Chapter 1422: Outer Area**

The Unknown Land was too vast. It would be hard to catch up to the other party. Hence, the method of the High Priest of the Void Chest tribes was the best. Since they were familiar with the Unknown Land,



they hoped to wait for the other party at the destination. However, it was not easy to travel in a huge group in the Unknown Land. Nonetheless, even if they failed to arrive first, they would not lose anything.

Under the lead of their high priest, the Void Chest tribesmen changed their direction and cut across the inner area to go to Ji Ming.

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On the other hand, the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion were not in a rush. After all, they did not have to reach Ji Ming at a specific time. Their main goal was to grow stronger; they were not in a rush to meet danger and confront the Great Void.

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Five days later.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion stopped to rest near a rift valley.

After taking stock of their harvest over the past five days, Yan Zhenluo reported to Lu Zhou seriously, "Pavilion Master, we've obtained three beast kings' life hearts, 15 high-grade life hearts, 58 mid-grade life hearts, and 120 low-grade life hearts. There's also a small number of earthly treasures and divine materials."

Lu Zhou nodded. The harvest was not too bad. After a while, he said, "The beast kings' life hearts we have are still too few."

Kong Wen, who was standing nearby, said, "We set off from the Misty Forest, and we've been walking around the periphery of the Unknown Land. Hence, the fierce beasts we encountered weren't that powerful. If we want to harvest the life hearts of powerful fierce beasts, we'll have to go to the inner area, but that's too dangerous."

Lu Zhou was not alone, after all. Almost all of the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion were with him. With so many people, it was inevitable that mistakes would occur. It was safer to stick to the periphery for now.

"Is anyone injured?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Just small scratches here and there. They're not serious."

Lu Zhou nodded before he walked to the side of the rift valley with his hands on his back. When he looked down the rift in the valley, he felt an inexplicable feeling. He frowned and asked, "There's such a strange rift valley in the Unknown Land?"

Kong Wen said, "It's very rare. This kind of valley can only be found in the outer area. The legend says this fissure was how the land split."

"The land split?" someone asked.

"At the beginning, there were no nine domains; everything was one. When the land split, the nine domains were formed, becoming what they are today," Kong Wen said.

Lu Zhou asked, "Is there water in the rift?"

"No one knows," Kong Wen replied.

Lu Zhou waved his hand and brought a pebble into his hand before he tossed it down the rift.

Swoosh!

After some time had passed, there was still no sound of the pebble landing.

"Since the fissure was the cause of the land splitting, does the appearance of this fissure mean that a new domain is forming?" Lu Zhou asked.

Kong Wen was stunned. He did not expect Lu Zhou to be like Si Wuya, so filled with questions. After a moment, he said, "I apologize for my ignorance, Pavilion Master. This matter is beyond my understanding."

"It's fine. If Old Seventh were here..." Lu Zhou stopped speaking abruptly and did not finish his sentence. Then, he turned around and walked back.

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At noon.

The Unknown Land was still dark. No sunlight could be seen at all.

Lu Zhou sighed. "The Great Void is high up, blocking the light from the world. This is the reason there's no sunlight in the Unknown Land all year round."

Kong Wen chuckled before he said, "I might not have a high cultivation base, but I do have a few words to say."

"Speak."

"The ancient Saints said there's no such thing as eternal life or immortals. The Great Void is high up, but the people are still humans. The difference is our life spans are shorter," Kong Wen said.

Lu Li seemed to be interested in this topic. He said, "That's interesting. It's just like how cultivators don't harm ordinary folks. Ordinary people are the root and foundation of the land. They're also where the cultivation world obtains new talents. This should be the reason why the Great Void tries so hard to maintain the balance in the nine domains."

"The Great Void has always been like that. They would eliminate every factor that threatens their position so they can forever stay in their high and mighty position," Kong Wen said.

"Perhaps, if we were in their shoes, we would do the same as well. As we are now, naturally, there's no need for us to act the way they do," Lu Li said.

Kong Wen was stumped.

Since ancient times, dynasties had been changing. The new rulers would repeat the same mistakes of the previous dynasties. History had a tendency of repeating itself.

In the end, Kong Wen only chuckled and said, "Well, if I'm ever in that position, I hope I won't turn into a person I hate."

Lu Zhou nodded upon hearing these words, but he did not express his opinion.

At this moment, Hua Wudao walked over from afar. He bowed and called out, "Pavilion Master."

"What's the matter?"

"During the years I was in the red lotus domain, I've been painstakingly cultivating the Six Compatible Daoist Seals and mastering the usage of the Square Box. Although I'm nowhere near the peak, I've made some achievements. Hence..." Hua Wudao stammered, "H-hence, I'd like to ask for Pavilion Master's guidance."

Back then, Hua Wudao had painstakingly cultivated his tortoise technique for twenty years before he challenged Lu Zhou.

Times had changed Hua Wudao. He had long accepted the reality. Now, he was sincerely asking for Lu Zhou's guidance.

Everyone's interest was piqued in just an instant. One by one, they gathered around Hua Wudao.

"Elder Hua, aren't you just asking for a beating? Although your tortoise technique is very powerful, faced with the Pavilion Master..." Pan Litian said with a smile.

"Elder Pan, how can I be unaware of that? However, without suffering, there won't be any improvement. Without the guidance of an expert, you'll forever be stuck in a rut," Hua Wudao said.

Leng Luo clasped his hands on his back and said, "It's a good thing that you're brave enough to challenge an expert."

Everyone nodded. Most of them truly did not dare to ask Lu Zhou for guidance or a sparring session.

Lu Zhou nodded at Hua Wudao and said, "Alright. To be fair, I'll suppress my cultivation base to that of a Three Chart cultivator."

Hu Wudao bowed and said, "Thank you, Pavilion Master."

Then, Hua Wudao took a step back.

Lu Zhou did not move.

Then, when Hua Wudao took a step forward, he formed the Eight Trigrams and Six Compatible Daoist Seals. Ten scripts flew out consecutively as he brought out the Square Box.

"Oh, the Square Box has been upgraded to the flood-grade."

"Over the years, the Sky Martial Academy has accumulated a lot of forging materials. Moreover, we have many talented weaponsmiths. It's normal that it's been upgraded to the flood-grade. Moreover, it was already at the desolate-grade, to begin with," Meng Changdong said.

"Elder Hua's Six Combination Daoist Seal has already reached perfection."

At the moment the ten golden scripts formed a circle, Lu Zhou took the initiative to attack. He pushed his hand out and unleashed the Great Seal of Fearlessness.

Everyone held their breaths when the Great Seal of Fearlessness shot out. Perhaps, they had gotten used to seeing Lu Zhou killing people with just a palm seal, they instinctively retreated as their hearts trembled.

Hua Wudao was also extremely nervous, but he kept cheering himself on, inwardly. He told himself he had to stand firm.

Boom!

The Great Seal of Fearlessness collided with the Six Combination Daoist Seal.

Energy rippled out in all directions.

Hua Wudao stumbled three steps back and barely managed to stabilize himself.

Lu Zhou said as he nodded, "Your defenses have improved a lot. Not bad."

"Thank you for your praise, Pavilion Master," Hua Wudao said. When he stepped forward, energy seals burst forth from his body.

Lu Zhou waved his hand and flew ten meters up in the air.

"Abandon Wisdom!"

The familiar golden palm seal appeared before everyone's eyes. In just a second, it appeared in front of Hua Wudao. The ten golden scripts quickly converged, forming a strong defense.

Boom!

Energy rippled out again.

Everyone activated their protective energies immediately. They saw half of Hua Wudao's legs had sunk into the ground. His Six Combination Daoist Seal only shook slightly, but he was otherwise unharmed.

"Elder Hua, you're amazing! You managed to withstand the Pavilion Master's palm seal," Meng Changdong said as he clapped his hands.

Lu Zhou looked at Hua Wudao as he struck again.

"The Great Vajra Wheel Hand Sign."

The golden palm seal was even faster than the one before.

Hua Wudao had just barely caught his breath, but he had no choice but to hurriedly lift his hands to support the Six Combinations Daoist Seal.

Swoosh!

The Six Combinations Daoist Seal expanded rapidly before...

Boom!

This time, the Six Combinations Daoist Seal shattered, and Hua Wudao was sent flying back.

Everyone: "..."

Everyone had their own thoughts at this moment, but outwardly, they were all smiling.

'It seems like the Pavilion Master couldn't stand the thought of losing. That doesn't look like the palm seal of a Three Chart cultivator at all.'

'The Pavilion Master still wants to maintain his dignity. In any case, uh... he was also... quite considerate by letting Hua Wudao withstand the first two moves...'

'As expected of the Pavilion Master, he secretly increased the strength of the palm seal. Nevertheless, no one should be able to tell he had increased the force...'

After Lu Zhou descended, he asked, "Do you know where you made a mistake?"

Hua Wudao stood up and sighed. "The Pavilion Master's final palm seal wasn't as powerful as the first two palm seals, but it managed to shatter the Six Combinations Daoist Seal. This shows that the seal is reaching its limit. It'll only become less and less useful in the Thousand Realms Whirling stage."

Everyone: "..."

At this time, everyone shared the same thought: Elder Hua is really skilled at bootlicking!

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "At the Hundred Tribulations Insight stage, coupled with the Square Box, your Six Combinations Daoist Seals can indeed block all attacks. However, it's of little use when you're in the Thousand Realms Whirling Stage."

Hua Wudao said, embarrassed and discomfited, "I've been looking for a breakthrough over the past two years, searching for a way to resolve this problem. Unfortunately, I haven't found a solution."

Lu Zhou clasped his hands on his back and said, "Originally, there were no paths in this world. Paths are created by people."

Zhu Honggong clapped his hands and said, "W-what an amazing... poem!"

Everyone turned to look at Zhu Honggong immediately.

'How's this a poem?!'

Zhu Honggong scratched his head awkwardly as he said, "Ahaha... I meant to say, master's words are like golden pearls of wisdom! They're capable of enlightening those who listen to them! They hold the meaning of life..." His voice grew smaller and smaller as he continued to say, "Uhh... They make people think deeply..."

Hua Wudao was puzzled. "Pavilion Master, what do you mean?"

Lu Zhou said confidently. "You have to be innovative. The cultivation methods in the golden lotus domain are different from the other domains. It's the only domain where severing the lotus is a cultivation path. You don't have to follow the old path; you can't carve out your own path that suits you."

"A path that suits me..." Hua Wudao fell deep into his thoughts.

The others nodded their heads.

Lu Zhou raised his hand and said, "For example, the red lotus cultivators can't use their lotus as blades, but the golden lotus cultivators can."

A miniature golden avatar appeared above Lu Zhou's hand. The golden flames that burned around it were dazzling.

Then, Lu Zhou flicked his hand, sending the golden lotus out.

Boom!

The golden neatly cleaved a huge rock into two.

"The Six Combinations Daoist Seal is the same. There's no need to follow the existing framework. Take this for example..." Lu Zhou said as he stepped forward.

As soon as Lu Zhou stepped forward, the ten scripts appeared one after another: heaven, earth, life, death, water, fire, being, non-being, separation, and union.

Hua Wudao thought this was the end.

However, as Lu Zhou continued to stride forward, the scripts continued to appear: heaven, earth, life, water, fire, being, non-being, separation, and union. They only came to a stop when there were 24 scripts.

Hua Wudao was stunned.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion were stunned as well.

"24 scripts seal?!" Hua Wudao exclaimed.

Pan Litian rubbed his eyes confirming there were 24 scripts before he said, "Although we should break the limit and innovate, isn't it too exaggerated to raise the limit by forming 24 scripts at once?"

Lu Zhou shook his head and said, "You're wrong about breaking the limit. How can you break the limit if there's no limit?"

Lu Zhou continued to walk forward as scripts began to appear again according to their order. He quickened his pace as more and more scripts surrounded him. When he finally arrived in front of Hua Wudao, the golden scripts had formed a huge golden sphere. He said, "There's no limit."

"..."

The golden lotus domain had already broken the shackles. The cultivators should not place another limit on themselves; doing so would be foolish.

When Lu Zhou placed his hands on his back, the scripts scattered all in directions looking like golden butterflies fluttering in the air. Wherever they flew, the plants, flowers, and trees were reduced to ashes. Under his perfect control, the golden scripts whizzed past everyone's ears and bodies harmlessly.

When the golden scripts finally vanished, silence returned.

This was the end of the guidance from Lu Zhou for now.

Lu Zhou's expression was calm as he looked at Hua Wudao silently. He could tell Hua Wudao understood his words. He saw the inspiration and enlightenment that flashed in Hua Wudao's eyes. Before he turned to walk away, he said, "It can attack and defend; it has both offense and defense."

After a moment of silence, when Hua Wudao regained his senses, he hurriedly said, "Listening to Pavilion Master's words is better than studying for ten years. I've learned a lot from you today."

Lu Zhou came to a halt. He turned around and swept his eyes across everyone as he said, "If any of you have questions, you can ask me. I will guide you."

Swoosh!

Zhu Honggong fell forward suddenly, landing on his knees. He looked shocked; no one knew what he was thinking at this moment. Suddenly, he turned around and asked through gritted teeth, "Who the f\*ck kicked me?!"

Lu Zhou furrowed his brows. "Someone kicked you?"

"Uh... No, no, no. I... I want to ask for master's guidance," Zhu Honggong said with a smile, changing his expression in just a blink of an eye.

Lu Zhou nodded in satisfaction as he looked at Zhu Honggong. He placed his hands on his back and walked toward Zhu Honggong before he said, "You've been away from me for a long time. I do need to test your strength. Rise to your feet."

"Ah? There's no need to test my strength. I admit defeat!" Zhu Honggong said with an ingratiating smile, "Master, you can just tell me the key points, and I promise I'll remember all of them! Don't worry. I'll cultivate diligently according to the key points!"

Lu Zhou shook his head and calmly said, "I can only advise you after I test your strength."

"Ah?" Zhu Honggong's mouth dropped open. He swayed slightly, looking as though he did not know if he should laugh or cry. Then, he reluctantly manifested his avatar.

Bang!

As soon as Zhu Honggong manifested his avatar, Lu Zhou pushed his hand out. It felt as though the mountains were collapsing and the earth was splitting.

Zhu Honggong yelped and leaped up in the air. "Master! I'm not ready yet!"

"You have to catch your opponent off guard," Lu Zhou said as he flew forward and struck with his palm again.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Three palm seals landed consecutively on Zhu Honggong's avatar.

Zhu Honggong did not even have an opportunity to land after leaping into the air before he was sent flying again.

“...”

‘What’s this move called?’

‘Taking advantage of the situation?’

### **Chapter 1423: Princess Mulberry (1)**

Lu Zhou’s consecutive palm seals made Zhu Honggong unable to fight back. He could only cry out for his parents. In the end, he resorted to begging for mercy.

“Master! Spare me! Spare me!”

When Zhu Honggong finally managed to land on the ground, he turned around and fled.

Everyone was speechless and felt embarrassed for Zhu Honggong.

Lu Zhou ignored Zhu Honggong. He returned to stand in front of the crowd and waited.

Not long after, Zhu Honggong returned with his head lowered. Then, he imitated Little Yuan’er’s manner of speaking and held his pinky up as he said, “Aiyo, master! You went all out, how can I be a match for you? I’m not even as good as one of your pinkies.”

“I only used 10% of my strength,” Lu Zhou said tonelessly.

“Ah?!” Zhu Honggong exclaimed in surprise, “Master, you just used 10% of your strength, and I already felt helpless. If you go all out, I’d probably be reduced to ashes!”

Everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion: “...”

Mingshi Yin scratched his head fiercely when he heard that.

Lu Zhou frowned slightly and said, “This is the Unknown Land. Danger lurks everywhere. Time is precious. What are you doing when I’m trying to teach you?”

Zhu Honggong fell to his knees as soon as he sensed his master was being serious. “I’m sorry.”

“Do you know where you made mistakes earlier?” Lu Zhou asked.

Zhu Honggong shook his head.

Lu Zhou said, “You should learn from Old Second. Confidence is very important. I only use 10% of my strength, but you gave up immediately out of fear. If you encounter opponents who put up a strong front, won’t you lose immediately?”

Zhu Honggong nodded. “Master is right.”



Lu Zhou continued to say, "When facing a strong enemy, confidence and judgment are especially important. Your cultivation is not weak, but you can only display half of your strength because of your lack of confidence. You have to properly reflect on yourself in the future."

"Oh." Zhu Honggong was the second to sprout his 11th leaf after Yu Shangrong, after all. He also enjoyed an abundance of cultivation resources in the yellow lotus domain. Hence, it was only a matter of time before he sprouted his twelfth leaf.

"Alright, step aside," Lu Zhou said.

After Zhu Honggong retreated to the side, Lu Zhou looked at the crowd again and asked, "Who else?"

Everyone looked at each other.

Indeed, this was a rare opportunity. Who could easily receive guidance from the Pavilion Master of the Evil Sky Pavilion in this world? Even his disciples were like dragons and phoenixes among men. It was just that his teaching method was a little painful.

At this moment, a strange noise rang from the sky.

Everyone looked up immediately.

"Pavilion Master, over here!" Kong Wen pointed at the back.

When everyone looked in the direction Kong Wen pointed, they saw humongous white cranes the size of humans flying under the black fog. There were tens of thousands of them. When they flew, they were like white clouds moving in the sky. It was a spectacular sight.

The powerful flying beasts chose to avoid the white cranes and took detours while those who could not avoid them in time could only hurriedly drop to a low altitude.

Countless white cranes lowered their altitude and flew until they were only about 100 meters away from the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion.

"So beautiful!" Little Yuan'er exclaimed as she clapped her hands excitedly.

Kong Wen hurriedly shushed Little Yuan'er before he said, "Little ancestor, the more beautiful they are, the more vicious they are as well."

"Why?"

"The habitat of these white cranes is a mulberry tree. It's said that the second daughter of the Red Emperor learned some strange methods and turned into a white crane. Then, she made a nest on the mulberry tree near the southern sea. The Red Emperor was very sad when he saw his daughter in that state and begged her to come down from the tree. Alas, she refused. In order to force her down, the Red Emperor burned the mulberry tree and burned her as well. The big tree was later named the Princess Mulberry Tree. Later on, she became one of the zombie kings, and she's even ranked third," Kong Wen said with a sigh.

Initially, Little Yuan'er had been filled with curiosity as she listened to Kong Wen. However, as soon as zombie kings were mentioned, she shrank back immediately.

Conch said, "The Red Emperor was so ruthless! He even burned his daughter to death."

"We can't judge things based on appearance. There's a reason for everything; it's just that we don't know what it is," Kong Wen said.

Everyone sighed as well.

Swoosh!

At this moment, one of the larger white cranes swooped down.

Kong Wen's eyes widened in shock as he said, "Pavilion Master, we must hide as soon as possible!"

"Why do we have to hide?" Yu Zhenghai asked.

"There's no time to explain! Pavilion Master, please trust me!" Kong Wen said as his eyes widened in fear.

Lu Zhou turned around as he looked at the white crane swooping down from the sky. It was different from the others. Its body was bathed in a strange energy as it streaked across the sky.

"Freeze," Lu Zhou said in a deep voice as he raised his hand.

The Hourglass of Time flew out and landed on the ground.

Electric arcs that had been imbued with the divine power froze everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion immediately. Then, he chanted the mantra for the power of concealment.

With one's body and wisdom in the heavenly arts, one can reveal one's vast strength. With the cloud medallion, one will be able to hide from sight and avoid detection through various heavenly arts.

A wave of energy rippled out like water from Lu Zhou's body and gently shrouded everyone.

When the white crane was ten meters in the air, it lowered its head to have a look before it flew up again, joining the other white cranes and continued to fly north.

When Lu Zhou looked up, he saw a white crane that was dozens of feet long flying slowly at the end of the flock. A young girl wearing a light yellow dress sat on the back of the white crane. Her eyes were bright, and her facial features were pleasing. Her hair was tied up, and a sparkling headdress sat on her head.

"Princess Mulberry?" Lu Zhou frowned. He was not certain if the person in front of him was Princess Mulberry. However, based on her appearance and movement, she did not look like a zombie at all. Her skin was indeed a little whiter than ordinary humans, but other than that, she looked normal. Was she really a zombie king?

Lu Zhou lowered his head and looked at the hourglass of time.

The blue sand flowed rapidly from one end to the other end. When all the sand fell to the bottom, the effect would vanish as well.

Lu Zhou waved his hand, using the divine power to stop the sand from dropping too quickly. With this, the freezing effect would last longer. However, the price he had to pay was a large amount of his divine power.

All of a sudden, that white crane stopped above everyone else. Then, it spread its wings.

Swoosh!

Its wings were just a few feet in length when they suddenly expanded. The snow-white wings covered the sky in just an instant.

At the same time, the white crane's beak slowly fell from the sky.

Lu Zhou could feel the effect of the Hourglass of Time was almost gone. It would likely be gone in another five or six seconds.

At this time, he hurriedly flipped his palm and brought out a Deadly Strike Card. He would add another one if it was necessary. If she dared to attack, he would not hesitate to kill her.

At this moment, the disadvantage of having so many people with him was made very clear. If he were alone, he would not have to do this.

At this moment, the young girl's long dress fluttered in the air as she leaped down.

#### **Chapter 1424: Princess Mulberry (2)**

The tail of Princess Mulberry's dress was very long. It glittered as it fluttered in the air. She was as silent as a statue as she leaped down.

At this time, Lu Zhou felt as though time was flowing faster than ever. Three seconds passed in just a blink of an eye; the last grain of blue sand was about to hit the bottom.

Princess Mulberry looked around as her nose twitched slightly.

Swoosh!

After a moment, she leaped onto the white crane's back and said icily, "Let's go."

Swoosh!

In just a blink of an eye, the white crane carried Princess Mulberry away into the distance.

"..."

Although it was just eight seconds altogether, time seemed to pass quickly and slowly at the same time.

Buzz!

The Hourglass of Time returned to its original state, and Lu Zhou cut off the power of concealment.

To the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion, they did not experience the excruciating time earlier. They looked at the black fog in the sky in confusion. The white cranes had all disappeared.

“Where are the white cranes?” Zhu Honggong asked curiously.

Kong Wen was puzzled. “Huh? This is really strange. How could they just disappear?”

After putting away the Hourglass of Time, Lu Zhou returned to his original position and activated the Purple Glazed Ceramic to recover his divine power.

Kong Wen said, “This is Princess Mulberry’s entourage. It doesn’t make sense, it really doesn’t make sense.”

Zhu Honggong rolled his eyes and said, “I’ve overestimated you.”

“I guess I was mistaken,” Kong Wen said.

Only Lu Zhou alone knew Kong Wen was not mistaken. He looked at the northern sky and whispered to himself, “Perhaps, it’s not a bad idea to avoid danger.”

No one knew that those eight seconds were Lu Zhou’s limit. Even Chen Fu would not be able to easily maintain the freezing effect for eight seconds. Lu Zhou had only managed to achieve this after using the sacred relic, the Hourglass of Time, and depleting more than half of his divine power.

Lu Zhou sighed. It was really difficult to control time. He wondered if there was truly no one in the world who could reverse time.

At this time, Zhu Honggong said, “Was I hallucinating?”

“You’re not. Perhaps, master beat them up,” Yu Zhenghai said, patting Zhu Honggong’s shoulder.

“...”

Then, Yu Zhenghai turned around said, “Alright. Rest here and cultivate! It’s time to increase your strength. We have so many life hearts here. How can you still have time to talk?”

With Yu Zhenghai showing his might as the first disciple of the Evil Sky Pavilion, no one dared to continue their discussion anymore. They scattered and found their own places to cultivate and attempt to break through.

After all, during this period of time, the members of Evil Sky Pavilion had improved their cultivation tremendously due to the effects of the Pillar of Impermanence.

At this time, Qin Naihe came to Lu Zhou’s side and asked in a low voice, “Pavilion Master, I keep feeling like something isn’t right. It’s like I missed something.”

Lu Zhou glanced at Qin Naihe and asked, “You felt it?”

Qin Naihe nodded. “It feels like something is missing.”

When time was frozen by the Hourglass of Time, only those who had comprehended the power of the Dao could sense it, and perhaps, they could offset the effect slightly. For example, the Hourglass of Time could freeze time for eight seconds. For ordinary Venerable Masters who had comprehended the power of the Dao, they could offset the effect by a second, which meant that they would be frozen for seven seconds instead of eight seconds.

In other words, Qin Naihe was already beginning to comprehend the power of the Dao.

Lu Zhou asked, "You've activated your 18th Birth Chart?"

Qin Naihe smiled and said, "Yes. Thanks to the blue crystal with the Great Void energy that you gave me, the process of activating the 18th Birth Chart was very smooth. Moreover, it even opened up the next region in my Birth Palace."

Lu Zhou nodded and said, "Very good. The Evil Sky Pavilion will have another Venerable Master."

Although Lu Zhou's voice was not loud, everyone heard him. They looked at Qin Naihe in shock.

"Venerable Master?"

Kong Wen stepped forward and said, "Congratulations, Brother Qin!"

The others congratulated Qin Naihe as well.

After all, everyone knew it was not easy to become a Venerable Master. Take the green lotus domain for example, after so long, they only had four Venerable Masters. Every time there was trouble, the four of them would have to step forward. Now that Tuoba Sicheng and Ye Zheng were gone, there was now Qin Naihe. Perhaps, this was heaven's will.

"Thank you for your kind words. I'm only able to reach this stage because of the Pavilion Master's care. If you need my help in the future, please don't hesitate to speak to me," Qin Naihe said modestly with a smile on his face.

"Hmm? You're not putting on airs at all?" Mingshi Yin asked after he flew to Qin Naihe's side.

"Mr. Fourth, don't joke. I'm not that kind of person," Qin Naihe said.

Everyone nodded, filled with praise. With the appearance of a new Venerable Master in the Evil Sky Pavilion, they were also greatly motivated to work harder. With this, they did not waste time and hurriedly returned to cultivate.

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The next morning.

Since Lu Zhou had recovered his divine power, he continued to lead the others and flew toward Ji Ming.

The journey was smooth sailing.

Apart from divine beasts, the other fierce beasts were no match for the Evil Sky Pavilion at all.

With weapons of mass destruction like Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong, most of the time, they would easily sweep up the fierce beasts.

The more powerful fierce beasts could be dealt with by Qin Naihe.

Most importantly, they had Lu Zhou, the Great Venerable Master, who could deal with the powerful fierce beasts with just one palm seal.

Just like that, the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion spent each day in a boring and repetitive manner.

As they traveled, they would kill fierce beasts, harvest their life hearts and the cultivation treasures they encountered.

When they stopped to rest, they would cultivate diligently under the effect of Lu Zhou's Pillar of Impermanence.

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In just a blink of an eye, they had spent two months in such a way.

They were not too far away from Ji Ming now.

At this time, Yan Zhenluo seriously reported their harvest.

"Over the past two months, we've obtained about 25 beast kings' life hearts, 65 high-grade life hearts, 156 mid-grade life hearts, 3 mystic microstones, 5 stalks of mystic life grass..."

Yan Zhenluo did not bother reporting the number of low-grade life hearts. With the current strength of the Evil Sky Pavilion, everyone could easily find low-grade life hearts.

Lu Zhou nodded. "Distribute them accordingly to those who need them."

During the past two months, the cultivation of the people of the Evil Sky Pavilion had increased slightly. As long as they continued on this path and traveled to the other Pillars of Destruction, their cultivation would only continue to improve

"Understood."

Over the past two months, Lu Zhou had used another beast king's life heart to activate his 20th Birth Chart. The process was rather smooth, and with the Pillar of Impermanence, the difficulty was not high.

At this time, he was thinking about his blue avatar's eighth leaf.

'Is the blue avatar's limit eight leaves as well?' Perhaps, it was due to the shadow left over from the eight-leaf limit in the golden lotus domain, he could not help but wonder if his blue avatar would be restricted as well.

At this moment, Kong Wen and his brothers flew over from afar and landed in front of Lu Zhou.

Kong Wen said, "Pavilion Master, the Pillar of Destruction is about thirty miles to the north. This is a crude map that I've drawn."

Then, Kong Wen laid the map on the ground.

Everyone gathered around him immediately.

After taking a look, Yan Zhenluo asked, "Is that a ring-shaped lake?"

"There are many lakes near the Pillar of Destruction. Some are big, and some are small, but this ring-shaped lake is rather special. It covers an area of 3,000 feet, and a huge mulberry tree stands in the middle of the lake. That should be where Princess Mulberry lives. I suggest we take a detour to avoid the ring-shaped lake during our journey to Ji Ming."

Everyone nodded.

Lu Zhou recalled Princess Mulberry with her long dress and white crane before he asked, "Is Princess Mulberry human or a zombie?"

"Based on ancient books and word of mouth, she's a zombie. However, not many people have seen her before," Kong Wen said.

At this moment, Little Yuan'er said in a small voice, "Master, I think we should take a detour..."

Lu Zhou turned to look at Little Yuan'er before he said, "Alright, let's take a detour then."

With that, Lu Zhou leaped onto Whizard's back and flew north.

The others got on their mounts and followed suit.

With their strength and mounts, it would not take long for them to cover a distance of thirty miles.

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On a cliff.

Lu Zhou sat on Whizard's back as he looked at the Pillar of Destruction that towered into the dense fog.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong stood at each of Lu Zhou's sides and looked at the Pillar of Destruction as well.

"We've finally arrived at Ji Ming," Kong Wen said, "It's slightly brighter here since Ji Ming represents dawn. It's also the place closest to the Red Line."

"Where's the ring-shaped lake?"

"We went around the lake previously. It's about 30 miles to the west," Kong Wen replied.

"30 miles..." Lu Zhou thought the ring-shaped lake was too close. After all, that girl's cultivation base was not low. With only 30 miles between them, if there was a battle here, it would definitely attract her attention.

He could not understand. Her appearance and movement did not like that of a zombie at all. Moreover, she clearly had a will of her own. If she was not a zombie, it would be easy to suppress her with a Deadly Strike Card.

After a while, Lu Zhou said, "Lead the way."

Kong Wen nodded before he and his brothers flew out in succession.

Since Kong Wen and his brothers joined the Evil Sky Pavilion, they had worked very hard and did their best at everything. Moreover, they did not complain no matter the task given to them. Everyone in the Evil Sky Pavilion acknowledged this so they were also given the corresponding respect. This was something they could not even imagine when they were solitary cultivators in the green lotus domain. Now, when they worked, they were no longer driven by profit alone.

Kong Wen tossed out a large number of tracking seals as he flew.

At this time, Lu Zhou turned to the side and looked at the towering ancient tree in the distance before he called out, "Hua Wudao, Hua Yuexing."

"Your orders, Pavilion Master?"

"Both of you take to a higher altitude. If there are any strange movements from the fierce beasts, kill them without mercy. Nonetheless, remember that your survival takes precedent over the mission."

"Understood!"

The duo cooperated very well; one would focus on offense while the other focused on defense. Hence, Lu Zhou did not think they would encounter a big problem

"Zhao Hongfu."

"Yes, Pavilion Master," Zhao Hongfu replied as she stepped forward.

"Build a runic passage in a hidden area. Can you complete it in three days?" Lu Zhou asked.

Zhao Hongfu smiled. "I can build a small one in two days, but I'd need a month for a large one."

"A small one will do."

"Understood," Zhao Hongfu said confidently.

Lu Zhou nodded before he said, "The Left and Right Envoys, the three Guardians, and the four elders will be in charge of protecting Zhao Hongfu."

"Yes, Pavilion Master!"

Lu Zhou began firing out instructions again after that. "Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe. The three of you have the highest cultivation base now so you will act as Free Men for the time being."

The trio nodded.

Lu Zhou swept his gaze across the remaining people and said, "As for the rest of you, stay here with Lu Wu and Cheng Huang. Wait for my orders."

"Yes."

With Lu Wu and Cheng Huang, this group of people were the safest.

Lu Zhou leaped on Whitzard's back and said before flying away, "I'll go and investigate first."

Swoosh!

Lu Zhou and Whitzard disappeared into the horizon in just a blink of an eye.

Everyone rubbed their eyes.

Zhu Honggong asked in confusion, "When did Whitzard become so fast?"

"It is rather fast now."

Zhu Honggong grabbed Dang Kang's ear and said, "Why aren't you so fast?"



Dang Kang snorted before it lay on the ground, pretending to be dead.

Yu Zhenghai patted Bi An and said, "Bi An doesn't specialize in speed."

Yu Shangrong added, "It's the same for Ji Liang."

Little Yuan'er looked around before she said, "My little Fire Phoenix can't fly yet so I won't compare with you old people."

"..."

Lu Wu, Cheng Huang, Ying Zhao, and Di Jiang turned to look at Yuan'er.

'Little ancestor, what's the meaning of bringing up your divine beast? Isn't this an overkill?'

Then, Di Jiang cried out twice. After all, in terms of speed, if it claimed second place, no one would dare to claim the first place.

On the other hand, Ying Zhao looked at the Pillar of Destruction uneasily.

Zhao Yue, who had been traveling with Ying Zhao, could sense Ying Zhao's uneasiness. Hence, she asked, "Tenth Junior Sister, what's wrong with it?"

Ying Zhao raised its head and made a few strings of noises.

After that, Conch said, "Ying Zhao came from the core area of the Unknown Land. Although this is just the outer area, it said that the pressure and dangerous aura of this place are similar to those at the core area. That's why it feels uneasy."

"Don't worry. With the Pavilion Master around, everything will be fine."

Everyone nodded.

...

At the same time.

Lu Zhou and Whizard passed through a forest. In order to avoid falling into formation traps, he brought the Golden Taixu Mirror and shone it forward.

"Whizard, raise the altitude."

Whizard obeyed immediately.

When they were about 100 meters in the air, the range of the Golden Taixu Mirror widened. It revealed the true forms of everything it shone on.

One after another, traps were exposed.

"As expected, there are formation traps."

Lu Zhou and Whizard avoided the traps and flew through a jagged stone peak before Lu Zhou called out, "Stop."

Lu Zhou observed the formations again. If it were left by Saints or people from the Great Void, they should not be so new.

“Are the other people here?”

Lu Zhou immediately brought Whitzard to a lower altitude before landing on a huge boulder.

The Pillar of Destruction stood not far away. The roiling black fog was reflected on the pillar, looking like the rippling shadows of waves.

The surroundings were completely silent.

Lu Zhou silently recited the mantra for the power of smell. Soon after, he frowned, “Void Chest tribesmen?”

Lu Zhou had smelled the familiar pungent and slightly sour stench he had smelled back in the ruins of Transient City.

“500 meters ahead,” Lu Zhou said.

Whitzard understood immediately. It flew out and came to a stop after crossing 500 meters.

When Lu Zhou looked down from the sky, he saw a huge group of Void Chest tribesmen lying silently on the ground like dried loaches. A few of them wore clothes. Most of them were dark and bald.

Lu Zhou wondered inwardly, curious, ‘Why are the Void Chest tribesmen here?’

Lu Zhou looked at the Pillar of Destruction before he said in a low voice, “Go around them.”

Lu Zhou did not want to alarm the Void Chest tribesmen and decided to go around them to investigate the situation at the Pillar of Destruction.

Whitzard turned around and began to fly around the Void Chest tribesman.

It did not take long before they arrived at the Pillar of Destruction.

The Pillar of Destruction in Ji Ming was basically the same as the one in Yu Zhong.

Lu Zhou saw a few fierce beasts resting nearby.

‘There should be a beast emperor guarding this place...’

Lu Zhou was not in a hurry to enter the Pillar of Destruction. He wanted to check the surroundings before making plans. Soon after, he saw a ring-shaped lake.

The ring-shaped lake covered an area of 3,000 feet; it was not too big. In fact, in the Unknown Land, it was considered insignificantly small. In the middle of the lake stood a huge mulberry tree in full bloom. Golden spots of light flickered around it, and they were reflected in the lake. The scenery completed the gloomy dark fog quite well. It looked like a scene out of a dark fairytale.

“Princess Mulberry,” Lu Zhou murmured softly to himself.

**Chapter 1425: I’m Not a Guardian**

30 miles were nothing to cultivators, especially to those in the Thousand Realms Whirling stage. It was not different from sticking together.

Lu Zhou recalled the scene when he saw Princess Mulberry again. It was hard to imagine she was one of the ten zombie kings. He could not even smell a hint of a zombie from her with the power of smell. Was there such a difference between the zombie kings? Princess Mulberry and Ying Gou were completely different.

It was abnormally quiet at the ring-shaped lake.

White cranes hovered above the surface of the lake near the giant mulberry tree. They looked scattered, but in fact, with a discerning eye, one would be able to see they were incredibly organized.

The ring-shaped lake was not big and was not particularly remarkable. In contrast, the beautiful and ancient giant mulberry tree was rather eye-catching. It did not look like it belonged in the Unknown Land.

Driven by his strong curiosity, Lu Zhou used the power of hearing and the power of smell. With the combination of these two abilities, he could cover a wide range with his senses.

The wind and grass in a radius of 1,000 meters were all within his perception.

‘Where’s she?’ Lu Zhou was puzzled.

The faint fragrance from the mulberry tree was similar to that of Princess Mulberry.

Lu Zhou continued searching for her, hoping to find his target as soon as possible. Alas, he did not find anything. There was no strange movement or smell in the vicinity of the mulberry tree.

‘No one? She’s really not here?’ Lu Zhou was further puzzled. When he thought about Princess Mulberry’s action back then, he thought she looked as though she had something to attend to.

Lu Zhou cut off the power of smell and the power of hearing before he turned to look at the Pillar of Destruction again.

At this moment...

Splash!

A figure broke through the surface of the sea, stirring up waves that reached the sky.

Lu Zhou turned around and saw the slender figure of Princess Mulberry.

Swoosh!

Her long dress, pale yellow and white, was like the bright moon. Her dress swirled before it turned into feathers in just an instant.

“...”

When she tucked them away, the feathers disappeared, returning to the unassuming form of a dress that fluttered in the wind.

The lake water decreased significantly.

Lu Zhou frowned as he thought to himself, 'Even if she's not a zombie, she's not completely human.'

His frown deepened when he realized the system did not show her information.

After a moment, he looked up at the black fog. It was time to leave. Now that he had confirmed Princess Mulberry was here, he now had to think of a way to bring his disciples here to obtain the recognition from the Pillar of Destruction and activate the Great Void Seed.

Just as he was about to leave, a voice that contained a hint of a smile rang from the mulberry tree. The voice was calm but contained a hint of playfulness.

"Since you're here, why don't you come over and have a chat?"

"..."

Lu Zhou frowned. He was discovered in the end. Indeed, her cultivation base was not simple.

Under such circumstances, he did not have to use the power of concealment. After all, his disciples and the others from the Evil Sky Pavilion were not around. Even if he fought, he did not have to worry about hurting them.

Lu Zhou turned around and looked at the mulberry tree.

Princess Mulberry sat on a branch elegantly as she looked at Lu Zhou with a smile. She swayed her feet gently as she occasionally plucked the flowers from the tree.

Lu Zhou leaped on Whitzard's back and flew toward the ring-shaped lake before coming to a stop about 100 meters away. Then, he calmly said, "Princess Mulberry?"

Princess Mulberry asked, "Were you the one hiding near the rift valley?"

"Hmm?"

"One of the white cranes smelled the scent of humans, but it couldn't find anyone. You're quite powerful," Princess Mulberry said.

'Is this how a zombie king should behave?'

Although Lu Zhou did not sense any hostility from her, he did not let his guard down. The more harmless a person looked, the more likely they were hiding something terrifying.

Lu Zhou asked, "You discovered me a long time ago?"

"Yes," Princess Mulberry said with a smile, "I was in a hurry to return so I didn't disturb you. Where are your companions?"

Lu Zhou asked, puzzled, "Why?"

Princess Mulberry let out a long sigh before she said, "I'm bored and lonely. I haven't seen a living human being in a very, very long time..."

"...."

These words really sent chills up people's spines.

"Is it true that you're the daughter of the Red Emperor?" Lu Zhou asked.

Princess Mulberry's smile vanished immediately as soon as Lu Zhou's voice fell. Then, she stood up on the branch. Although the branch was very slender, it strangely could bear her weight. After a brief moment, she smiled again and said, "I hate this topic. Anyway, what's your name?"

"My surname is Lu," Lu Zhou replied.

"Oh," Princess Mulberry asked again, "Why are you here?"

When she said, "Oh", it reminded Lu Zhou of Little Yuan'er.

He answered truthfully, "The Pillar of Destruction."

Princess Mulberry looked at the Pillar of Destruction and said, "It's been a long, long time since a human was able to come close to this place. Why did you come to the Pillar of Destruction?"

It felt like she was interrogating him so he asked cautiously, "Are you a guardian of the Pillar of Destruction?"

"I've never cared about the Pillar of Destruction. Why do humans like creating and spreading rumors?"

"You don't care about it?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I've never been a guardian of the pillar," Princess Mulberry said.

"If you're not a guardian of the pillar, then why are you here?" Lu Zhou asked.

A hint of melancholy appeared on Princess Mulberry's face as she said, "I can't leave this place; I can't leave the Unknown Land. I'm really afraid of becoming old. I'm afraid one day I'll become an old woman."

As she spoke, she raised her hand to touch her jade-like cheek.

"..."

"Forget it. You should go your way, and I'll go mine," Lu Zhou said. When he was about to leave...

Swoosh!

The water in the lake soared into the sky before turning into pillars of ice that blocked Lu Zhou's path.

"???"

Lu Zhou frowned.

Princess Mulberry leaped off the branch of the mulberry tree into the air with nimble movements. Then, she asked, "Do you want to live forever?"

Lu Zhou asked in confusion, "What do you mean?"

"Well, I think you're a good person. Why don't you stay here and be the master of this lake?"

“ ... ”

“With a human around, I’ll have someone to talk to. My future days won’t be so boring anymore,” Princess Mulberry said. Then, she flew higher into the air before she continued to say, “Why don’t you think about it?”

Lu Zhou glanced at the ice pillars and said, “There’s no need to think about it. I’m not interested.”

“Not interested?” A disappointed expression appeared on Princess Mulberry’s face when she heard Lu Zhou’s words. She did not move for a long time as though she had been frozen.

“I still have many important matters to attend to. Moreover, it’s not possible to live forever,” Lu Zhou said.

“Who said that?!” Princess Mulberry shook her head vehemently. “I can!”

“You?”

“That’s right. Me!”

“Heaven and earth are eternal; time is endless. How can you be sure that you’ll live forever?” Lu Zhou asked.

Princess Mulberry waved her hand. The hem of her dress slowly fell into the lake. She said, “But I’ve been here for 100,000 years! 100,000 years! Isn’t that immortality?”

Lu Zhou looked at Princess Mulberry skeptically. He felt like he was talking to a little girl. Then, he said, “If you can answer a few questions, then I’ll admit it’s possible to live forever.”

“Ask then.”

“How long has the world existed?” Lu Zhou asked.

“This...” Princess Mulberry shook her head, indicating she did not know.

“Alright. Then, how high is the sky?”

“...” Princess Mulberry shook her head again.

“How deep is the land?”

“ ... ”

Princess Mulberry was stumped by all three questions. She could only shake her head helplessly.

Lu Zhou said, “You’ve been here for 100,000 years. However, are you sure you’ll still be alive after 200,000, 300,000, or even 400,000 years later?”

Princess Mulberry was speechless. Her mood gradually sank. Like her mood, the lake roiled uneasily, and the ice pillars barring Lu Zhou’s path shattered.

Lu Zhou did not ask any more questions. Instead, he patted Whitzard.

Whitzard understood Lu Zhou’s intention and began to return to the way they came.

Lu Zhou thought to himself, 'She's just a gullible little girl. From this, it's obvious that age and wisdom aren't always directly proportional...'

"Wait a minute," Princess Mulberry suddenly called out.

"Don't stop," Lu Zhou said to Whizard in a low voice.

Whizard increased its speed.

Princess Mulberry flew out, and her dress turned into wings in just an instant. She smiled happily as she said, "I've figured it out! You can stay here with me to verify the matter of my immortality!"

"..."

Swoosh!

Lu Zhou asked Whizard to speed up. Just as he was about to leave the range of the lake...

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

Icicles shot up into the sky.

Lu Zhou leaped off Whizard's back and flew into the sky.

Princess Mulberry arrived in front of Lu Zhou in just a blink of an eye. With a smile on her face, she reached out to grab Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou pushed a hand out.

Bang!

A palm seal as big as the sky shot out, breaking the icicles before it crashed against Princess Mulberry's small and exquisite hands. She flew back 100 meters immediately as she flipped in the air.

Since Lu Zhou did not sense any killing intent or hostility from her, he looked at her strangely and asked, "What are you doing?"

Princess Mulberry looked slightly aggrieved as she said indignantly, "You're too fierce!"

"I've already said that I have no interest in your suggestion," Lu Zhou said.

"Well, interest can be cultivated!" Princess Mulberry said determinedly.

Lu Zhou understood now. The girl in front of him looked harmless and pitiful, but she was in fact a high-level obsessive and unpredictable person!

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you," Lu Zhou said lightly, "If you dare to pester me again, don't blame me for being merciless."

"Oh... Okay..." Princess Mulberry's disappointment was palpable at this moment. Her entire person turned listless. However, all of sudden, she lifted her head, seeming to regain life again, as she asked, "You really want to go to the Pillar of Destruction?"

"That's right. Are you going to stop me?"

Princess Mulberry shook her head and said, "I have no interest in doing that."

"That's good." Lu Zhou leaped back onto Whizard's back. When he turned back, he saw Princess Mulberry rubbing her hands together as though she was in pain.

Then, she said, "Fine, you can go! But let me tell you, none of the humans who went to the Pillar of Destruction in the past had a good ending! I won't care about you when you call for help later!"

Lu Zhou was even happier that she would not meddle. He urged Whizard and flew back.

...

Lu Zhou leaped off Whizard's back once he returned to the others.

Kong Wen ran over and asked, "How's it, Pavilion Master?"

Lu Zhou clasped his hands on his back and said, "It's a little troublesome."

"..."

"There's a large number of Void Chest tribesmen about a close distance away from the Pillar of Destruction. I'm afraid they came to seek revenge. Let everyone know about this, and we come up with a plan over the next few days.

"Understood."

...

After three days.

Everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion gathered.

Zhao Hongfu stepped forward and said, "Pavilion Master, I've completed the construction of the runic passage. However, it can only transport three people at most."

The runic passage had been concealed after its construction. It was for future preparations.

"Very good," Lu Zhou said to Zhao Hongfu before he said to the others, "Follow me."

With that, the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion marched forward in a grand fashion.

When they arrived near the Void Chest tribesmen's hiding spot, Lu Zhou raised a hand and said, "There are a huge number of them up ahead. Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, both of you will flank them from both sides. Clean them up."

"Understood."

"Hua Yexing, coordinate with them up in the sky on the left."

"Understood." Hua Yuezing held the Wind Spirit Bow and flew to the top left.

Then, Lu Zhou continued to lead the others forward. When they had advanced about 1,000 meters forward, from up ahead, they saw a huge number of Void Chest tribesmen swarming over. There were far more people than they had imagined.



At this time, the high priest, dressed in a long robe, held his scepter and flew up with the momentum of a thousand warhorses. His skin was like that of the bark of a tree. Apart from his eyes, he did not resemble humans at all. At this time, he said, "I've been waiting for you for a long time."

"You've been waiting for me?" Lu Zhou furrowed his brows.

The high priest's eyes shone with killing intent as he said, "You stupid and ugly human! What happened in Transient City was your doing, right?"

"That's right," Lu Zhou replied honestly.

The high priest nodded slightly. "You dare to admit your mistakes. You are much smarter than the other humans."

"Kill them!"

"Kill them!"

The other Void Chest tribesmen began to shout.

One Void Chest tribesman leaped up and shouted passionately, "I really don't understand why the heavens created such ugly creatures like the humans! Look, their chests are without holes, and they're so short! They're an insult to my aesthetics!"

"..."

These words really made Lu Zhou and the others feel speechless. Indeed, it was difficult for different species to share common aesthetics.

At this time, Lu Wu stomped on the ground and leaped into the air. Its eyes flashed coldly and it bared its fangs before it said, "Lowly reptiles and ants! Face my wrath!"

Boom!

As soon as Lu Wu landed, thousands of Void Chest tribesmen were sent flying by the shockwave. It swept its body to the side, easily flattening everything within 1,000 meters.

The high priest flew higher into the sky. At this time, the scepter in his hand began to glow. Soon enough, the light turned into strands of light that shot into the holes in the chests of the Void Chest tribesmen who were sent flying. It was like he was threading a thread through a needle hole. With just a flick of his wrist, he pulled thousands of Void Chest tribesmen back up..

#### **Chapter 1426: The High Priest's Formation**

The high priest's long robe shone with a faint green light. After he pulled the group of Void Chest tribesmen up, he threw them to the side.

After the strands of light dissipated, the group of Void Chest tribesmen hovered in the air as the holes in their chests began to shine brightly.

Lu Wu naturally would not give them a chance to attack. It opened its mouth and exhaled a wave of white mist.

Creak.

Ice Seal!

As the chilling frost energy swept out, it froze all the Void Chest tribesmen in the air and on the ground, turning them into ice sculptures.

Surprisingly, not only was the high priest not afraid, but he scoffed before he flipped backward. "A mere beast emperor dares to be so arrogant?"

"Where did he get the courage to look down on a beast emperor?" Yan Zhenluo was speechless.

"Don't look down on the opponent. Clearly, he's aware of Lu Wu from before. Lu Wu, be careful!" Duanmu Sheng cried out.

Roar!

Lu Wu stomped his front legs, shattering the ice sculptures.

Alas, Lu Zhou did not receive any merit points. After becoming a Great Venerable Master, it was getting harder and harder to obtain merit points. He could no longer obtain points from low-level targets.

Lu Wu's Ice Seal got rid of thousands of Void Chest tribesmen.

At this time, the high priest thrust his scepter up into the air. Following that, a ray of light rippled out. In just a moment, it had expanded about 10,000 feet away.

Cries and shouts rang out from the mountain, shaking the sky and land. Subsequently, countless Void Chest tribesmen rushed out of the mountain and forest as though they had disregarded their lives. At the same time, the Void Chest tribesmen in the air began to fall into position, sealing off all exits in the air.

"Heavens! There are so many of them?!" Zhu Honggong exclaimed.

With so many of them, most people would have been frightened.

At this time, the high priest asked in a deep voice that traveled to the distance, "Do you know why I want to kill you?"

"Why?" Lu Zhou asked.

"My family, the Void Chest tribe, stayed within the range of our Pillar of Impermanence for more than 1,000 years. My people sacrificed their lives to let the pillar grow. However, you took it away," the high priest said.

Lu Zhou said disapprovingly, "When did the Pillar of Impermanence belong to your tribe? It's your business if you want to sacrifice your life to the pillar. Since I'm capable of taking it away, it's mine."

"You have a point. Nevertheless, the flames of fury in my heart burn high. This kind of flames can only be extinguished with your death," the high priest said.

Lu Zhou shook his head and called out, "Lu Wu."

Although there were many Void Chest tribesmen, there was still no need for Lu Zhou to make a move.

Boom!

Lu Wu leaped into the air as its tails swept across the Void Chest tribesmen.

The high priest did not seem to care at all as he watched his tribesmen being killed by Lu Wu.

When Lu Zhou looked down, he felt chills running up his spine. Those Void Chest tribesmen who had fallen would split open when they touched the ground, forming many smaller Void Chest tribesmen.

"Damn! They're really strange! Master!" Mingshi Yin, who was just about to seize the chance to show his skills, suddenly changed direction and appeared behind Lu Zhou.

"The high priest cursed them. What a vicious curse," Kong Wen said.

Meng Changdong, who was standing at the back, said, "Mr. Seventh and I have come across this kind of curse before. It's indeed a vicious curse. We can't kill them like this. Their number will only increase."

"Lu Wu, stop."

Lu Wu leaped back behind the crowd and sat on its haunches immediately.

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong, one on the left and one on the right, attacked the Void Chest tribesmen.

The high priest continued to watch indifferently.

The more they killed, the more the number of the Void Chest tribesmen multiplied.

"This is too f\*cking disgusting!" Mingshi Yin cursed.

"Mr. Fourth is right! It's really too disgusting," Pan Zhong chimed in.

At this moment, high up in the sky, Hua Yuexing drew the bowstring back. In just a few breaths, she released hundreds of arrows that pierced the spot under the Void Chest tribesmen's armpits accurately.

"Great Dark Heaven Memorial!"

The Jasper Saber spun along with a huge energy saber like a windmill, crushing the Void Chest tribesmen.

When Yu Zhenghai saw the smaller Void Chest tribesmen, he frowned. "How troublesome."

"Interesting," Yu Shangrong said tonelessly.

Needless to say, the duo did not need Lu Zhou to stop them. Their judgments were accurate. They put away their sword and saber before flying back to join the others.

Pan Zhong turned around and asked, "Isn't there a way to deal with this curse?"

Meng Changdong shook his head and said, "No. We only have a shallow understanding of the curse."

The number of Void Chest tribesmen began to grow as they advanced.

At this time, the high priest said again, "Ignorant and ugly humans! What curse? This is a holy technique of my tribe! It's a blessing!"

"A blessing? Your bodies break open and you multiply. You can still call this a blessing?" Mingshi Yin said.

"There's no pain and no death, only strength. How's this not a blessing?" the high priest said in return.

"Oh, then the big ones are the fathers; when they split into smaller ones, they're the children. Come, tell me, where are their mothers?" Mingshi Yin said mockingly. Then, without waiting for a reply, he continued to say provocatively, "Wait, don't tell me that Void Chest tribesmen don't have parents. After all, this is how you 'procreate'! How disgusting. Do you have ancestors? If you do, won't you feel ashamed to face them when you die for treating a curse as a blessing? If you don't, then you're truly pitiful. You're even worse than animals!"

The high priest was enraged by Mingshi Yin's words. He waved his scepter and said, "I'll skin you alive!"

Buzz!

The scepter thrummed as strands of light connected the Void Chest tribesmen. Following that, the sky full of Void Chest tribesmen pounced forward without any regard for their lives.

"Retreat," Lu Zhou said.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong stayed at the sides, using energy seals to keep the Void Chest tribesmen away. However, they had no choice but to kill a few of them with their sword and saber. At least, they could use the time while the Void Chest tribesmen were multiplying to retreat.

Lu Zhou pushed his hand out.

Boom!

A mountain-like palm seal fell, knocking a great number of Void Chest tribesmen away. Alas, as soon as they touched the ground, they would split and form new Void Chest tribesmen.

Lu Zhou frowned, wondering how he should deal with them.

The high priest said frostily, "You'll die at the foot of the Pillar of Destruction in Ji Ming today! Kill them!"

Under the control of the high priest, the Void Chest tribesmen charged forward mindlessly.

"What to do? What to do? Master?" Zhu Honggong panicked.

"Calm down," Mingshi Yin said as he rode on Qiong Qi's and flew to Zhu Honggong's side, "Have you forgotten master's words to you? You lack confidence, and you're too timid!"

Zhu Honggong said with a sad face, "I'm not timid. When we were going to the red lotus domain for the first time, I bravely leaped out of the Sky Shuttle to buy everyone time! However, this... this is too scary!"

Mingshi Yin said, "Coward."

"Fourth Senior Brother, why aren't you afraid? Do you have some tricks up your sleeve?" Zhu Honggong asked in a low voice.

"Tricks?" Mingshi Yin looked at Zhu Honggong with an inexplicable gaze.

At this moment, a big Void Chest tribesman whose body was blood-red broke through the energy seals and pounced at them.

Mingshi Yin's eyes widened. "Dodge!"

Swoosh!

Mingshi Yin and Qiong Qi were like a shooting star as they shot into the forest, leaving the others behind.

Everyone: "..."

They felt speechless.

Among the group, the person who was working the hardest was Qin Naihe. He was close to becoming a Venerable Master, after all. His energy seals kept the Void Chest tribesmen away, protecting everyone. However, as time passed, the enemies' frenzied attacks did not stop at all, causing him to feel pressured.

"Pavilion Master!"

Lu Zhou turned to look at Qin Naihe who was being pressured. With a tap of his feet, he flew out. Since he could not kill the Void Chest tribesmen, he would capture their leader.

Swoosh!

"You dare to behave atrociously in front of me?"

Everyone held their breaths as Lu Zhou flew out. They looked forward to seeing how Lu Zhou would solve this problem.

The high priest swung his scepter, and over 1,000 Void Chest tribesmen stood in front of him to shield him.

Lu Zhou pushed his hand out as he flew horizontally.

Boom!

With the force that could split the sky and the land, Lu Zhou breached the line of Void Chest tribesmen and continued to fly toward the high priest.

The high priest said in a deep voice, "I have long expected this. You humans are inferior to us! Poor wretches, prepare to die!"

Then, the high priest roared as he spread his arms.

Buzz!

Nearly 10,000 Void Chest tribesmen on the ground formed an eight trigrams formation. Their chests were pointed up at Lu Zhou. Following that, beams of light shot out from the holes in their chests toward Lu Zhou.

A lotus bloomed under Lu Zhou's feet. The bottom of the lotus easily blocked the beams of light.

"As it turns out, you're a Venerable Master. No wonder you dare to behave arrogantly in the Unknown Land," the high priest said as he flew back 1,000 meters at high speed.

Void Chest tribesmen on both sides leaped into the air, trying to stop Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou had to slow down due to the obstruction.

"Flaming Golden Lotus."

Flaming golden lotuses shot out of the golden lotus under Lu Zhou's feet and swept out in all directions like a tornado. In just a moment, the area within 1,000 meters was turned into a sea of fire.

"When did master become so strong?" Zhu Honggong gulped.

"Master has always been strong. Eighth Senior Brother, did you knock your head while you were in the yellow lotus domain?" Little Yuan'er asked.

The sea of fire kept burning the Void Chest tribesmen even as they multiplied. This kept repeating until the Void Chest tribesmen were only the size of a fist. Not long after that, miserable cries began to ring in the air.

"It's effective! The karmic flames work!" Meng Chandong exclaimed excitedly as he pointed at the charred miniature Void Chest tribesmen who had stopped multiplying. When he calmed down slightly, he said, "As expected of the karmic fire! It'd be great if I understood Dao inscriptions. Mr. Seventh said that curses are a kind of Dao inscriptions as well, and there are always ways to break curses."

Lu Li nodded and said, "Mr. Seventh was truly knowledgeable. In a way, this curse is somewhat like our Birth Charts. They have to be killed many times before they finally die. Everyone, pay attention. They can multiply five or six times at most before they die. The bigger ones likely can multiply more times, but there's a limit!"

With this, hope bloomed in everyone's hearts.

Yu Zhenghai stomped on the ground and rushed forward, bursting forth with golden karmic fire.

Yu Shangrong also burst forth with the karmic fire.

Since most of the disciples of the Evil Sky Pavilion had the karmic fire, it did not take long for the entire eastern side of the Pillar of Destruction to turn into a sea of fire.

Lu Wu continued sitting on its haunches. Since it could not spit fire, it could not help.

Duanmu Sheng stood at the side and watched as well.

Lu Zhou turned around and saw that his disciples were slowly turning the tide after being enlightened with his Flaming Golden Lotus. Feeling relieved, he continued flying toward the high priest.

The high priest continued to fly backward. He was not afraid nor was he sad that his tribesmen were being burned to death. On the contrary, his eyes were bright, and he looked strangely excited. Then, he began to laugh as he looked at the sea of fire, looking as though he had lost his mind.

Lu Zhou frowned. "Freeze!"

The Hourglass of Time shot out.

Blue electric arcs swept out, covering an area of 1,000 meters.

Everything fell silent.

In just a blink of an eye, Lu Zhou appeared in front of the high priest. His hand was like a divine mountain as he pushed it out.

Time resumed and...

Boom!

The high priest's eyes widened in shock and anger as he cried out, "Impossible!"

Then, the high priest spat out a mouthful of blood.

Lu Zhou's protective energy prevented the blood from splashing on him.

The high priest continued to fly back. His eyes were filled with shock.

Lu Zhou brought the Hourglass of Time back and turned around to survey the situation. The tide had turned in their favor now.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong's karmic fire burned the Void Chest tribesmen, forcing them to retreat.

At this moment, the high priest gripped the scepter in his hand tightly. Blood spurted out from the hole in his chest; the droplets of blood like scarlet butterflies in the air. They circled the scepter before flying down.

Subsequently, the high priest tossed the scepter down.

Bang!

The scepter pierced into the ground.

From the very beginning, Lu Zhou had already felt the Void Chest tribe was very strange. They were able to survive in the Unknown Land for so long, and they seemed to be growing stronger as well. Clearly, they were not without means.

Lu Zhou brought out the Pillar of Impermanence.

The Pillar of Impermanence buzzed loudly.

"You want the Pillar of Impermanence?"

The high priest's face twisted into a ferocious expression as he roared, "Hand over the Pillar of Impermanence!"

Lu Zhou said tonelessly, "That'll have to depend if you have the ability to snatch it back."

Then, Lu Zhou pressed the Pillar of Impermanence into the ground. It began to expand and spin immediately. Vitality energy and life force began to converge toward it as it absorbed them.

The high priest's face paled as he shouted, "Get into formation!"

Boom!

The blood butterflies that were churning like a vortex next to the scepter suddenly flew toward the Void Chest tribesmen, leaving red lines on their bodies.

At the same time, a large number of Void Chest tribesmen rushed in from the distance. Their number was astonishing.

With this, the red lines on their bodies began to connect with each other.

#### **Chapter 1427: The Flying Sword Technique; Sweeping in From Six Directions Through the Desolate Land**

When the red lines were connected, everyone looked at the sky in amazement.

Meng Changdong hurriedly brought out formation canvases from his bag and handed them to Shen Xi and Li Xiaomo as he said, "Set up the formation."

"What are these?" Yan Zhenluo asked with a frown.

Meng Changdong handed the formation canvases out as he said, "Pan Zhong, Zhou Jifeng, don't just stand there. Hurry up..."

The duo returned to their senses and hurriedly took the formation canvases.

Meng Changdong said, "The formation the high priest is casting is called the Blood Priest Sealing Formation. Its essence is similar to parasitic techniques and the great blood sacrifice technique. Basically, it's a formation despised by the cultivation world. No wonder he doesn't care about the lives of his tribesmen!"

When everyone heard about the Blood Priest Sealing Formation, they frowned, realizing the seriousness of the problem. Then, they hurriedly followed Meng Changdong and cast the formation.

"The Blood Priest Sealing Formation is a dark formation woven with blood. Only someone at the level of a Venerable Master can control this formation," Meng Changdong said. Then, he pointed in front of him and said, "Stand in the direction of the formation."

"Okay."

Everyone quickly flew in all directions. All of them felt extremely pressured by the uncertainties of the battle.

"What are the effects of the Blood Priest Sealing Formation?" Yan Zhenluo asked.



“Once we’re sealed in the formation, we’ll lose our will and be controlled by the other party. We’ll be no different from the zombies.”

Thump!

Zhu Honggong fell to the ground. “It’s so terrifying?”

“Eighth Senior Brother, you’re so cowardly!” Little Yuan’er said. Then, she turned to look at Conch and said in a small voice, “Junior sister, Guardian Meng’s words are too terrifying!”

Everyone: “...”

‘Little ancestor, what’s with this double standard?’

Little Yuan’er and Conch stood behind the crowd when suddenly, several Void Chest tribesmen pounced on them.

Conch exclaimed, “Watch out!”

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Little Yuan’er left afterimages in her wake as she leaped up and kicked the Void Chest tribesmen away. When she landed, she said, surprised, “Uh... They’re not very scary...”

Meng Changdong called out, “Miss Ninth, Miss Tenth, come here.”

“Oh.”

The duo stood in the middle, surrounded by the others.

The blood thread that had connected swiftly sealed the area.

Meng Changdong smacked his hands on the ground, and the formation lit up.

A golden area with distinct edges appeared immediately.

Overjoyed, Meng Changdong said, “Everyone, come into the formation!”

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and the others also felt the strangeness of the blood thread so they hurried back. When they entered the golden area, the blood threads were instantly repelled.

Hua Yuexing and Hua Wudao hurriedly entered the golden area as well.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

“What about Lu Wu and Cheng Huang?”

The two mounts were too big to fit into the golden area, and it was even more difficult for them to avoid the blood threads.

Duanmu Sheng, who was standing on Lu Wu’s back, held the Overlord Spear with one hand and clenched his other hand as he asked, “What Blood Priest Sealing Formation? I don’t feel anything?”

The purple dragons flew out from Duanmu Sheng’s wrist as his eyes glowed with a purple light.

“The corrosive energy!” Meng Changdong exclaimed, “No wonder Mr. Third is unaffected by the Blood Priest Sealing Formation!”

Boom!

Duanmu Sheng and Lu Wu rushed out immediately, cutting through the sky. As Lu Wu fanned his tails out, Duanmu Sheng manifested his avatar. Then, they swept through the Void Chest tribesmen.

Upon seeing this, the high priest exclaimed in disbelief, “The corrosive energy?!”

Lu Zhou turned to look back. When he saw the golden formation protecting everyone, he relaxed. His gaze was piercing as he turned back to look at the high priest and said clearly, “From today onward, the Void Chest tribe will no longer exist.”

Buzz!

A towering avatar appeared, knocking away the blood threads.

When Lu Zhou felt numbness creeping up on him after coming in contact with the blood threads, he used the divine power to dispel the feeling.

Faint blue lightning bolts flashed in the golden avatar and...

Boom!

Tens of thousands Void Chest tribesmen were sent flying, splitting as soon as the attack landed.

Lu Zhou knew they were going to multiply again so he mobilized his karmic fire and drowned all of them in a sea of fire.

The high priest continued to laugh wildly as he retreated again. Tens of thousands of blood threads were connected to him.

Lu Zhou brought his hand up.

The Hourglass of Time once again released blue electric arcs, and the area within 1,000 meters came to a standstill.

Lu Zhou flashed and appeared in front of the high priest.

When time flowed again, the high priest looked shocked and furious. Then, a blood-red beam of light shot out his chest.

Bang!

Lu Zhou held up Unnamed in the form of a shield in front of him with one hand and pushed his other hand out.

“Flawed Perfection.”

Bang!

The high priest was sent flying back.

Lu Zhou flashed again, unleashing several Flawed Perfections. Each of them landed accurately on their target.

The high priest struggled to resist the attacks. However, the consecutive palm seals left him with no room to resist.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang!

Lu Zhou pushed the high priest until he was pushed out of the range of the Blood Priest Sealing Formation.

“W-why are you so strong?” The high priest’s confidence finally wavered. It grew even worse when he saw Duanmu Sheng, with his corrosive energy, rampaging in the Blood Priest Sealing Formation with his irrational fighting style, killing his fellow tribesmen.

“You only realized it now?” Lu Zhou asked. He appeared in front of the high priest in just a blink of an eye.

“Great Seal of Fearlessness!”

A Great Seal of Fearlessness as big as the sky shot out.

Boom!

The high priest was sent flying even further than before. When he arrived near the Pillar of Destruction, he suddenly vanished.

Lu Zhou stopped and chanted the mantras for the power of smell.

“Hm?” He quickly caught a familiar smell. When he turned around, he saw the high priest had appeared near the scepter.

The high priest pounced at Lu Zhou, attacking with his hand that turned into a bloody blade.

Lu Zhou was caught slightly off guard by the sudden transformation. Fortunately, with the divine power, it was nothing he could not handle. He attacked with his hand again.

Bang!

When the two palms seals met, the backlash swept toward the Pillar of Destruction, causing it to tremble.

Lu Zhou looked at the high priest.

“My life is connected to all of them. With the Blood Priest Sealing Formation in place and the life connection technique, you won’t be able to kill me?”

“Won’t be able to kill you?”

“Open your eyes and take a good look, lowly humans!”

Lu Zhou flew higher into the sky and saw an endless stream of Void Chest tribesmen coming from all directions.

“...”

There were too many of them that there was no quantifier to describe them.

How could the Void Chest tribe thrive in the Unknown Land?

The high priest laughed. “They’re my life, and I’m their lives. This is the power of a superior race! We’re a revered race! Only we can live forever in this world!”

As soon as his voice fell...

Swoosh!

Under the dense fog near the Pillar of Destruction, an elegant young woman dressed in a yellow dress sitting on the back of a white crane appeared, watching everything with great interest. The hem of her long dress fell off the white crane’s back. Her eyes were limpid, and her five fingers were slender and fair.

“Live forever?”

Her melodious voice entered everyone’s ears.

The high priest was shocked. He burst forth with energy and shot to the other end across from the woman. Then, he said, “Yao Ji?”

Princess Mulberry frowned slightly and asked, “Eh? You know me?”

The high priest said, “In the Unknown Land, who doesn’t know the name Yao Ji...”

“Oh.” Then, Princess Mulberry asked in a leisurely manner, “You can live forever?”

She seemed to be very invested in this question, as though she was eager to know the truth.

The high priest said, “There are many ways to live forever. Only ignorant humans deny the possibility of eternal life! Whether it was the all-powerful Prince Ye or the Great God She Bi, didn’t they both obtain eternal lives? Naturally, this includes the princess.”

Princess Mulberry chuckled. “Your words are pleasing enough.”

The high priest asked somewhat fearfully, “I heard the princess doesn’t usually leave the ring-shaped lake and the Pillar of Destruction. Is the princess going somewhere?”

Princess Mulberry looked down and said in a low voice, “No. I’m not in the mood.”

“That’s great.”

“You guys continue,” Princess Mulberry said as she stood quietly in the air.

At this time, Lu Zhou looked at the high priest and asked, “Do you really think I can’t kill you?”

The high priest laughed and said, “Lowly humans like you can only rely on Birth Charts! Look at us! We, the superior race, have mastered the life connection technique! These countless tribesmen symbolize my eternal life! How can you kill me!”

At this time, the blood threads began to wrap on the scepter.

“Alright, let’s give it a try then,” Lu Zhou said as he swooped down. He did not give the high priest time to react and arrived before the high priest at lightning speed. Then, he smacked his palm that was like Mount Tai down.

Boom!

The high priest tried to block the blow but was pushed down.

“Confinement Seal!”

Boom!

The Confinement Seal pressed down on the high priest’s head. With the additional pressure, he continued to fall and hit the ground.

Lu Zhou looked at the Void Chest tribesmen in all directions, connected by the blood threads. He knew the high priest was not dead. He stepped on the Confinement Seal and stomped his foot repeatedly.

Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom! Boom!

Lu Zhou did not stop stomping on the Confinement Seal. When his speed reached its peak, the others could only see afterimages moving up and down.

The Confinement Seal sank 1,000 meters in the ground, forming a pit.

After stomping on the Confinement Seal one more time, he leaped up into the air. When he raised his hand, Unnamed in the form of a sword hovered before him.

“One gives birth to two; two gives birth to three; three gives birth to all things. All things bear and embrace Yin and Yang!”

With that, Unnamed released countless energy swords and eight flying swords that swept out in all directions. They pierced through countless Void Chest tribesmen.

Energy swords filled the area within 10,000 meters.

The flying sword technique was too domineering. The energy swords swept forth from six directions through the desolate land!

At this time, a hint of surprise could be seen on Princess Mulberry’s face. She had to rise higher to avoid the energy swords. As she looked at the energy swords reaping lives, the severed limbs, and dismembered corpses, she muttered under her breath, “It’s been a long time since I last saw such a powerful human.”

The energy swords continued attacking until the Void Chest tribesmen could no longer get up, and silence descended on Ji Ming.

High up in the sky, Lu Zhou clenched his hand and said, “Withdraw.”

Whoosh!

There was only one sound before all the energy swords vanished in unison.

Unnamed hovered in front of him, spinning slowly.

On the white crane's back, Princess Mulberry took two steps forward as she nodded. "Hmm? Void? As it turns out, it's a 'void'?"

Meanwhile, everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion was shocked by Lu Zhou's flying sword technique. The energy swords were too visually impactful! When they looked at the mountains of VTC's corpses, they could not speak for a long time. No matter how many times they saw Lu Zhou in action, each time he would not fail to shock them and refresh their worldviews.

After Lu Zhou put Unnamed away, he raised his head and asked, "Void?"

Princess Mulberry said in a leisurely manner, "Yellow, mystic, earth, heaven, desolate, flood, fusion, and infinite. Everything has spirits, and they will return to the great void. Void is the highest grade weapon known at present. Why do you have a void-grade weapon?"

Lu Zhou did not answer her question. Instead, he asked, "Why? The Great Void claims to be the strongest so the highest grade weapons are called void?"

Princess Mulberry thought that Lu Zhou had a point so she nodded. "Yes."

It had to be said that Lu Zhou did not have a bad impression of Princess Mulberry. At least, for now, she seemed like a very straightforward and harmless person. Naturally, there was no guarantee this was truly the case; she could just be extremely cunning.

"You still haven't told me how you have a void-grade weapon?" Princess Mulberry asked.

"Why can't I have one?" Lu Zhou asked.

"Those who can wield void-grade weapons are at least Saints. Although some of your earlier attacks are like that of a Saint, you're not a Saint," Princess Mulberry said.

Lu Zhou thought for a moment and asked, "Do you want a void-grade weapon?"

Who knew if the woman had the intention to seize Unnamed. There was no harm in being cautious. After all, dangers come with treasures.

Princess Mulberry shook her head and said, "I have no interest in it." Then, she pointed at the Confinement Seal and said, "Even if you have the void-grade weapon in your hand, you can't kill him."

"Hmm?"

"Look."

Lu Zhou looked at where she was pointing and saw the blood threads on the scepter.

At this moment, the Confinement Seal began to tremble.

"His life is shared with the Void Chest tribesmen and heaven and earth. If he doesn't die, the others won't as well; it's the same vice versa," Princess Mulberry said, "However, I can kill him. I'll consider it if you beg me..."

“...”

‘Did I think she was straightforward and harmless earlier? After going around in circles for such a long time, she was actually digging a hole for me to jump into?’

Lu Zhou asked, “You can kill him?”

Princess Mulberry clasped her hands in front of her. Her slender figure and her yellow dress made her look like a blooming magnolia. Then, she said confidently, “There’s no one I can’t kill.”

“Do you speak to the people of Great Void in such a manner as well?”

“I can kill the people from the Great Void as well... except for those old antiques,” Princess Mulberry said, “Hurry and beg me. He’s going to come out soon!”

Buzz!

The Confinement Seal trembled again.

#### **Chapter 1428: Princess Mulberry’s Method**

Lu Zhou frowned.

The Void Chest tribesmen were known for their tough skin. He had experienced this during his first encounter with them at Transient City. However, things had changed since then. He was now a Twenty Chart Great Venerable Master, and his strength had increased greatly. The Void Chest tribesmen were still the same; killing them would not be difficult. Nonetheless, he did not expect the high priest to be stubborn. The high priest should have almost the strength of a Venerable Master.

Princess Mulberry urged anxiously, “Why don’t you beg me?”

“Why would I do that?”

“You can’t kill him.”

“How do you know I can’t kill him?” Lu Zhou asked.

“Well...” Princess Mulberry looked at him and said, “Trust me. It’d be troublesome for you.”

“What do you mean?”

Princess Mulberry pointed at the scepter and said, “You might be stronger than him, but he’s more prepared. Look.”

The blood threads on the scepter had grown even brighter. At the same time, blood threads appeared on the bodies of the Void Chest tribesmen again.

They were still in the Blood Priest Sealing Formation, after all. Those who died in the formation were still under the control of the high priest.

It was this kind of witchcraft technique that Lu Zhou hated most. He had experienced this in the past before. In hindsight, the witchcraft spells of the past could not compare to what they were now.

"It's too late. What a pity! It's not easy to meet a human that I like. What a pity!" Princess Mulberry kept muttering to herself as she returned to the white crane's back. She sat down before she patted it lightly.

Then, the white crane let out a cry before it flew into the distance so Princess Mulberry could watch from afar.

Boom!

The high priest flew up, holding the Confinement Seal. His body and robe were drenched in blood. Then, he threw the Confinement Seal away with all his might.

Lu Zhou was rather surprised by the hp's strength and tenacity.

The high priest lifted his hand, and the blood on his body turned into butterflies again and flew out in all directions. In just a moment, the burned area was teeming with the blood butterflies.

Following that, the corpses of the Void Chest tribesmen stood up lifelessly. Their limbs were stiff, and their movements were mechanical.

The blood threads on the scepter were like a net that covered the ground, shining with a fluorescent light. The scepter stood in the center as the blood threads spread out.

With this, the Void Chest tribesmen's eyes shone with hatred and were filled with the overwhelming urge to destroy everything.

The high priest laughed and said, "I told you, you can't kill me."

"It's too early for you to say so!" Lu Zhou threw out the Hourglass of Time again. Then, he shattered an Insight Card.

The blue sand in the hourglass began to fall, causing everything to freeze, except for Princess Mulberry. This meant that she had a deeper comprehension of the power of the Dao or was skilled in the law of time.

"The Hourglass of Time?" Princess Mulberry exclaimed, "It belonged to the Unholy One. Unfortunately, I've never met the Unholy One before."

Princess Mulberry grew even more curious about Lu Zhou. She studied Lu Zhou carefully, hoping to discover some secrets. Then, she continued watching the show. Even if the world collapsed, she would not interfere with the matter in front of her.

Time began to flow again.

Lu Zhou had already arrived in front of the high priest. Under the effect of the Insight Card, he saw the high priest's weakness clearly. He was stunned when he saw red dots covering the high priest's whole body. However, he soon realized that it was not that the high priest's body was filled with weaknesses; it was that his weak point was moving, and because it was moving at such a high speed, it looked as though the red dot was all over his body.

Although the speed was truly fast, Lu Zhou resolutely drew his sword at a high speed.



This was the fastest speed of the sword that Yu Shangrong had ever seen. When he was young, he had asked his master, "What's the fastest sword technique in the world?"

At that time, his master had replied, "The killing sword."

Yu Shangrong had thought it was a perfunctory answer for the longest time. It was not until he became known as the Sword Devil in the golden lotus domain that he understood what the fastest sword technique was. There was no fastest sword technique in the world. As long as one was faster than one's opponent, it was enough.

Like his master, Yu Shangrong stood up high when it came to the sword path, overlooking the world. It was difficult for him to explain the sword path to others just like how his master had difficulty explaining it to him back then.

At this moment, Yu Shangrong held his breath, trying his best to capture his master's every move. Unfortunately, it only lasted for three breaths before it ended. He could not see anything at all. He only felt the fluctuations in the air as Unnamed disappeared.

It was even more difficult for the others to catch Lu Zhou's movement.

However, the high priest who had the cultivation base of a Venerable Master saw it. He saw the sword coming at him from all directions at the same time. It was as though there were tens of thousands of hands wielding the sword. He only saw this for a moment before he felt the sensation of being pierced.

The battle seemed to have ended before it even started.

The high priest lowered his head and looked at the bloody holes on his body in disbelief.

Every strike was just right; no more, no less, they were just right.

"This..." The high priest raised his head and looked at Lu Zhou. His body started to tremble as blood gushed out from the holes. "Y-you... W-why, why did you come to Ji Ming?"

"Why do I need to tell you why I came here?" Lu Zhou thought the high priest was really stupid.

The high priest grunted before he said, "Y-you... Why's the Hourglass of Time in your hands?"

The high priest glanced at the Hourglass of Time on the ground with an expression of confusion.

Lu Zhou did not answer. This question was as stupid as the one before. He would only lower his IQ if he answered them.

The high priest chuckled as he panted heavily. Then, he muttered over and over again, "You can't kill me, you can't kill me..."

Subsequently, Lu Zhou saw a strange scene.

The blood gushing out of the high priest's body began to flow backward.

"Hm?" Lu Zhou frowned. He could no longer use the Hourglass of Time for the time being. If he did not kill the high priest now, it would be even more difficult later on. It was beyond his expectation that the high priest could survive such a powerful sword technique that struck at his weak point.

In the sky, Yao Ji, or Princess Mulberry, who was standing on the back of the white crane, smiled faintly and said, "It's really been a long time since I've met such a powerful human like you. Since you're not willing to beg me, you should run now. Run far away."

"..."

Lu Zhou was speechless as he watched Princess Mulberry point in the direction of Yu Zhong with bright and limpid eyes.

The high priest shook his head and said, "Your Highness, you've underestimated me and overestimated him... The ultimate secret of the Blood Priest Sealing Technique isn't with me. It lies with heaven and earth. As long as heaven and earth aren't destroyed, I'll live forever."

Princess Mulberry was slightly annoyed when she heard the words 'live forever'. She did not like the idea of a second immortal in the Unknown Land. In the end, she said, "However, even heaven and earth can be destroyed."

"???"

The smile on the high priest's face froze before it disappeared. He shook his head and said, "Your Highness, why did you say that to scare me? You're the daughter of the Red Emperor. You must abide by the rules that the Red Emperor had laid down and not interfere with the affairs of the outside world. As it is, your words have already disturbed the battle."

Previously, the high priest did not care about what Princess Mulberry said. As long as she did not interfere, he was sure everything would be fine. However, he discovered that the ugly and stupid human in front of him was much stronger than he expected. With this, Princess Mulberry's words could easily affect the battle.

Princess Mulberry smiled and asked, "Are you threatening me?"

The high priest felt the majesty from Princess Mulberry bearing down on him, and he hurriedly said humbly, "I don't dare!"

"Boring creatures," Princess Mulberry slowly said, "You've already offended me. Let me tell you, the so-called gods are just old geezers. No matter what the result is today... you'll be buried in Ji Ming."

"..."

The high priest raised his head. Chills ran up his spine. He looked at Princess Mulberry who was hovering right below the dark fog. Her eyes were like pools of stagnant water; they were devoid of emotions. Then, he saw the silhouette of a huge fierce beast in the dark fog that took a detour to avoid Princess Mulberry.

Lu Zhou turned and said, "You don't have to interfere."

Princess Mulberry remained silent.

Lu Zhou flew out. He sensed the vitality energy and the VTC who were being resurrected before he said, "Lu Wu, bring everyone far away."

Lu Wu felt an inexplicable pressure. It was a beast emperor, but at this moment, it felt its fur stand on end. It spun around and brought Duanmu Sheng to his head before it stomped heavily on the ground with its two front legs.

Boom!

The earth and the mountains shook!

Everyone from the Evil Sky Pavilion had underestimated Lu Wu's strength. With just a stomp, everyone, except for Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe, was tossed up into the air.

Then, Lu Wu spat out a cloud of white mist, forming a strong wind that blew everyone away.

Yu Zhenghai, Yu Shangrong, and Qin Naihe hurried toward the others immediately.

Lu Wu called out, "Young Master."

"I'm fine," Duanmu Sheng said.

"Hold on tight," Lu Wu said. It glanced back once before it leaped into the air.

Seeing that the members of the Evil Sky Pavilion had left, Lu Zhou pressed his hand down.

The Pillar of Impermanence spun even more rapidly than before absorbing the life force in the surroundings, causing the ground to quake.

The high priest said, surprised, "You subdued the pillar?"

Lu Zhou did not reply to him. Instead, he landed on the ground and said, "I think I understand now."

"What do you understand?"

"If you possess the Pillar of Impermanence, the Blood Priest Sealing Formation will be even more difficult to deal with," Lu Zhou said.

The high priest glared at Lu Zhou and said, "So what if you know this? You still can't kill me!"

With this, Lu Zhou smacked his hand on the ground.

The Pillar of Impermanence's circulation speed was increased to 5,000 times faster.

After that, Lu Zhou sensed the Pillar of Impermanence. Its spirituality seemed to have increased.

The high priest gestured with his hand, sending the blood butterflies toward Lu Zhou.

Lu Zhou tapped the tip of his foot lightly.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence broke out of the ground. The dazzling golden pillar with a diameter of 100 meters spun and rose into the sky.

Princess Mulberry murmured to herself, "It's really the Pillar of Impermanence."

Previously, she did not pay attention to this item. Now, she counted as she muttered, “Void, fusion, infinite... Hmm, he’s really not simple. Why hasn’t anyone from the Great Void brought him there? Oh, right, the imbalance!”

Lu Zhou did not look at the Void Chest tribesmen as he unleashed his second Birth Trial ability, the Water Lotus Storm.

The water lotus was the polar opposite of the flaming lotus. Water and fire were incompatible, after all. The heat from the earlier flaming lotuses and the coldness from the water lotus combined were truly uncomfortable.

Those who tried to attack Lu Zhou were all frozen by the cold and shattered into pieces.

The high priest flew over, surrounded by the blood butterflies. He held a blood knife that was formed from his blood as he roared, “Die!”

Lu Zhou spun around and raised his hand to block the strike.

Bang!

The blood knife was blocked by Lu Zhou’s palm seals.

Swoosh!

However, the blood knife was rather special. It actually managed to cut through the palm seals.

Upon seeing this, the high priest laughed as though he had seen hope.

Alas, Lu Zhou turned the high priest’s hope into despair soon after. He unleashed another palm seal and imbued it with the divine power.

Bang!

The high priest’s blood knife broke into pieces immediately.

Lu Zhou stepped on the Pillar of Impermanence before he flew forward.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence pressed down on the high priest’s chest and knocked him to the ground. In the end, he was pushed several meters into the ground.

“It’s really strange. From the beginning until now, you didn’t even have the ability to come close to me; you didn’t manage to hurt me at all. You don’t even have the ability to force me to use my full strength so where does your confidence come from?”

The high priest spat out a mouthful of blood. Lu Zhou’s words poked at his sore spot. After all, Lu Zhou was right. During the entire battle, he did not even manage to leave a scratch on Lu Zhou. Lu Zhou was still spotlessly clean and even had a lot of strength left. On the contrary, he was in a sorry state, riddled with holes.

Lu Zhou stepped on the Pillar of Impermanence again, increasing the speed to 10,000 times faster.

Boom!

The Pillar of Impermanence sunk into the ground, pushing the high priest deeper into the ground as well.

Lu Zhou could feel the vitality energy and life force surging into the Pillar of Impermanence even faster than before, stimulating the pillar's spirituality.

At this moment, the high priest finally felt scared. He tried to escape but the Pillar of Impermanence was firmly pressed against his chest so he could not move. In the end, he roared crazily, "Your Highness, save me! Save me!"

Lu Zhou bent down and mobilized his divine power before he smacked the top of the Pillar of Impermanence.

"100,000 times!"

An even more powerful vortex appeared. Even Lu Zhou, the owner of the Pillar of Impermanence, felt his life force draining away. He steadied himself as he stood above the pillar. He took a step forward and focused the energy in his Dantian's sea of Qi before he shouted, "Pillar of Impermanence!"

With this, the last of the purplish-black runes on the Pillar of Impermanence faded away and was replaced with dazzling golden runes. With this, it had complete spirituality now. Now that it had completely acknowledged Lu Zhou's as its master, the pulling force around Lu Zhou stopped immediately.

Upon sensing the change, Lu Zhou thought to himself, 'I finally have complete control over you.'

The 100,000 times faster circulation speed did not affect Lu Zhou at all now that the pillar gained spirituality. In less than 15 minutes, the Pillar of Impermanence had already gathered 10,000 years of life.

"Your Highness! Save me!" the high priest roared again.

In the sky, Princess Mulberry looked at Lu Zhou, who was standing above the Pillar of Impermanence, with a complicated expression on her face as she said, "What a powerful human."

The high priest continued to shout, "Yao Ji! You're a princess in vain! If the Red Emperor knows about what happened today, he'll definitely punish you! Just you wait! You can't kill me!"

The high priest laughed maniacally.

Princess Mulberry frowned slightly before saying tonelessly, "Alright. It seems like I can't spare you."

With a tap of her toes on the snow-white crane, she vanished. She reappeared in front of Lu Zhou, unaffected by the Pillar of Impermanence. Her yellow dress fluttered and glittered like dim stars. The headdress on her head was dazzling as well.

Princess Mulberry walked elegantly past the vortex and the Pillar of Impermanence in the Blood Priest Sealing Formation. A circle of light rippled under her feet with each step she took.

Suddenly, the speed of absorption of the Pillar of Impermanence increased again, causing the void to distort.. In just a blink of an eye, tens of thousands of years swiftly converged and surged into the pillar.

## **Chapter 1429: Fei Huang**

The 100,000 times circulation speed turned everything into a blur. Nothing could be seen clearly from outside the range of the Pillar of Impermanence. The trees in the surroundings were distorted, looking deformed.

Now, with the boost from Princess Mulberry, the circulation speed increased by several times. Although she was not the owner of the Pillar of Impermanence, with her profound cultivation base, it was not difficult for her to increase the circulation speed from 100,000 times faster to 300,000 times faster.

All living things; people, plants, flowers, and trees; withered rapidly.

The high priest that was pressed under the Pillar of Impermanence looked as though all the blood and liquid in his body had been sucked out. He was just like a dry husk, only made from thin skin and brittle bones. His eyeballs that were brimming with anger, unwillingness, and despair looked as though they were going to pop out of their sockets. No matter how much he struggled, he could not stop the pillar from absorbing his lifespan. It was like a leech, sticking close to him and greedily sucking away his life.

The large amount of vitality energy and lifespan made the Pillar of Impermanence shine even more dazzlingly.

Like the sound of wind whistling, a wheezing noise came from the back of the high priest's throat before his head tilted limply to the side... and he died.

"Ding! Killed a target. Reward: 5,000 merit points. Race bonus: 1,000 merit points."

This reward was that of a Venerable Master.

Although Lu Zhou was a Great Venerable Master, it took him so much effort just to kill the high priest.

As soon as the high priest died, the walking corpses fell limply to the ground immediately.

Lu Zhou pressed his hand down, slowing down the speed of the Pillar of Impermanence.

After the effect faded and the golden light dissipated, Lu Zhou was shocked to see the withered surroundings. A huge circular area was completely devoid of life. Not only had everything withered, but they had withered to the point where they had turned into dust.

Princess Mulberry stood in front of Lu Zhou as she looked at him quietly. After a long time, she asked, "Do you know the Unholy One?"

"The Unholy One?" Lu Zhou was reminded of Ying Gou, Yue Qi, and the Hourglass of Time.

Princess Mulberry said, "The Hourglass of Time is one of his possessions."

"It's not strange for things in the cultivation world to change owners," Lu Zhou replied.

Princess Mulberry nodded. "You're right."

Lu Zhou asked in return, "Do you know the Unholy One?"

"I've heard legends about him. Unfortunately, I've never met him before," Princess Mulberry said with a smile.

Lu Zhou asked, "What's so special about him?"

Princess Mulberry replied, "I used to wonder about this as well. Why was everyone in the cultivation world so afraid of him? Why did everyone call him a demon and named him the Unholy One? Why did he suddenly take the unorthodox path? Why did he suddenly disappear?"

"..."

Lu Zhou asked, "Is he from the Great Void?"

"I don't know. All I know is that in the past the world was one. There was sunlight and colors just like the lotuses," Princess Mulberry said. Then, she said, "You seem to be very interested in him."

"I possess the Hourglass of Time now so it's natural that I'm curious," Lu Zhou said.

Upon hearing this, Princess Mulberry nodded as though she thought his words made sense. Then, she said, "Well, I don't know anything so don't ask."

Princess Mulberry hovered in the air as Lu Zhou put the Pillar of Impermanence away. Soon enough, the white crane flew over, and she stepped on its back.

'How's she a zombie? She looks more like a human than a zombie!'

Lu Zhou tried to sense Princess Mulberry again. Human bodies had warmth, heartbeats, pulse, blood flow, breathing, and such, but Princess Mulberry's body was completely still, devoid of life and movement. There was no temperature and no heartbeat.

'So she's really a zombie?'

Lu Zhou found this hard to believe even if the results were rather conclusive.

At this moment, Princess Mulberry suddenly said, "He's dead. Now, it's your turn."

"Hm?" Lu Zhou shook his head and asked, "You want to kill me?"

"He offended me so he has to die. You saw me make a move so you have to die," Princess Mulberry said casually as though death was nothing to her.

It was as though she did not know what was right or wrong. It was very different from Little Yuan'er innocence. In other words, she was cold-blooded.

"So you're trying to silence me by killing me?" Lu Zhou asked.

Princess Mulberry did not reply.

Lu Zhou said, "It seems like you're very afraid of the Great Void."

"I'm not afraid of anyone," Princess Mulberry said as she shook her head.

“Then why is there a need for you to silence me?” Lu Zhou asked.

This question stumped Princess Mulberry. With this, killing Lu Zhou would be admitting she was afraid of the Great Void.

Lu Zhou clasped his hands on his back and continued to say, “Moreover, no one in this world can kill me.”

“...”

Princess Mulberry frowned slightly as she asked, “Aren’t you afraid of the Great Void?”

“Make you sure have a good look,” Lu Zhou said before he flew toward the Pillar of Destruction.

Swoosh!

“Whitzard!”

Bathed in auspicious qi, Whitzard flew over and carried Lu Zhou on its back.

Princess Mulberry looked at Lu Zhou, curious and confused. She did not know what Lu Zhou was planning to do.

As the duo drew close to the Pillar of Destruction, Lu Zhou said to Whitzard, “Now.”

Whitzard spat out an orb of white light that shrouded both of them. Under the dark fog, they looked like the moon.

Now that Lu Zhou recovered his divine power, he launched a shocking palm seal at the Pillar of Destruction.

Boom!

A burst of light appeared in the air as energy rippled out violently.

Princess Mulberry flew toward the Pillar of Destruction immediately.

At this time, the people from the Evil Sky Pavilion had also flown over after seeing that everything had quietened down. They landed on a peak and looked at the Pillar of Enlightenment when they saw a huge bald circular area. Everyone was shocked.

“What happened here?”

Meanwhile, Princess Mulberry who had arrived at the Pillar of Destruction asked, “What are you doing?”

“Do you want to try destroying it?” Lu Zhou asked.

Princess Mulberry shook her head. “No.”

“Why?”

“If it’s destroyed, the sky will collapse,” Princess Mulberry replied.

“The sky will collapse?”



Princess Mulberry said, "I don't know anything. All I know is the sky will collapse if it's destroyed."

"Isn't the Great Void that will collapse?" Lu Zhou asked.

"I don't know."

What was the nonsense about the pillars supporting heaven and earth? Lu Zhou, who had learned of the truth, knew it was just nonsense. The Great Void was not the heaven, and the Unknown Land was not the earth. Everything was just a lie.

"I'm not afraid of the Great Void," Lu Zhou said.

"Alright, I believe you," Princess Mulberry said. Then, she added, "If the sky collapses, then my home will be gone."

"Your home?" Lu Zhou said skeptically, "You're the daughter of the Red Emperor. Where's your home?"

"The mulberry tree is my home. It's everything to me," Princess Mulberry said as she looked back at the towering tree.

Lu Zhou looked at the huge mulberry tree. A thought appeared in his mind; it seemed like the mulberry tree was Princess Mulberry's weakness. However, it was very difficult to get close to the mulberry tree.

There were many white cranes in the ring-shaped lake. Each of them glowed mysteriously as they surrounded the tree and flew back and forth as though they were protecting the mulberry tree. They would even drive away fierce beasts that came to close.

Lu Zhou descended.

Upon seeing this, Princess Mulberry descended as well.

Lu Zhou looked at her and asked, "Why are you following me?"

"The powerful Fei Huang is at the foot of the Pillar of Destruction. Anyway, are you here to take the Great Void Seed? No, that can't be it. The Great Void Seed has yet to mature," Princess Mulberry said to herself.

'This woman is really troublesome.'

Lu Zhou said, "Alright, you can go back now."

Princess Mulberry shook her head, unwilling to go back.

Lu Zhou asked, "Fei Huang?"

"You're very powerful so you should be able to take him down. However, you'll still be wasting quite a bit of energy. Why don't you ask for my help?" Princess Mulberry asked.

Lu Zhou was speechless. 'Why would I ask for help when I can deal with it?'

Lu Zhou was truly puzzled by Princess Mulberry's behavior. He thought that if he really owed her favor, it would not be easy to repay the favour.

Lu Zhou remained expressionless as he continued to descend.

As expected, a dark shadow suddenly appeared at the foot of the Pillar of Destruction, charging out like a gigantic bull.

The white crane carried Princess Mulberry away to watch the show from a distance.

Fei Huang's speed was as fast as lightning.

Lu Zhou instinctively struck out with his palm.

"Abandon Wisdom!"

Boom!

The two horns glowed with a black light as they pressed against the palm seal.

Due to the suddenness, Lu Zhou was pushed back.

Upon seeing this, Princess Mulberry covered her mouth and laughed. She knew that Fei Huang was no match for Lu Zhou, but it was still great to see Lu Zhou in a sorry state.

Lu Zhou mobilized the divine power, and the palm seal expanded.

Boom!

Moo!

Fei Huang did not last more than three seconds before it fell to the ground, stirring up a cloud of dust.

The originally happy Princess Mulberry turned dejected when she saw that Fei Huang had fallen.

"Boring."

Lu Zhou was still spotless and calm. The magical robe he wore played a huge part in this. Although he did not know what the robe was weaved from, he could sense that it was impervious to fire, water, and weapons.

"Lu Wu." Lu Zhou called out.

Lu Wu raised its huge head before it flew over.

"I'll leave this Fei Huang to you," Lu Zhou said.

Lu Wu was overjoyed. It could no longer hold back and roared before it pounced on Fei Huang.

At this time, Duanmu Sheng rushed over with the Overlord Spear in hand. He cried out, "Don't forget about me!"

Although the foot of the Pillar of Destruction had now turned into a battleground of beast emperors, Lu Zhou did not pay attention to it. With Lu Wu's ability, it was not difficult for it to deal with Fei Huang.

"Lu Wu?" Princess Mulberry tilted her head to the side slightly.

"Do you know it?"

"No, I know its... grandfather."

“...”

At this moment, Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong arrived on Bi An and Ji Liang's backs.

Princess Mulberry was surprised. If it were just Lu Wu alone, it would be fine. However, how could she not be surprised by the arrival of so many mounts? Moreover, they were not ordinary mounts.

At this time...

“Master, I'm coming! I'm here to help you!”

Mingshi Yin and Qiong Qi flew over at high speed.

Following that, Cheng Huang, Dang Kang, Di Jiang, Ying Zhao, and the others appeared one after another in the sky.

Princess Mulberry lowered her gaze and murmured, “A group of special people...”

“Special?” Lu Zhou did not let down his guard around Princess Mulberry so he had been standing close to her when he overheard her words.

Princess Mulberry stood on the white crane's back as it circled the air a few times. When it came to a stop, she asked again, “What do you want to do here?” Then, she added, “Don't destroy the Pillar of Destruction. Since I've broken the rules once, I can break it again.”

“Do you think I can destroy the Pillar of Destruction?” Lu Zhou asked.

“This...” Princess Mulberry lowered her head and thought about it for a moment before she said, “It seems like I'm overthinking things.”

Swoosh!

Then, Princess Mulberry and the white crane flew back to the top of the ring-shape lake. At the same time, a fluorescent light shone from the tree. It truly looked like a scene from a fairytale.

Ye Tianxin said, filled with praise, “She's really extraordinarily beautiful.”

Little Yuan'er nodded repeatedly and said, “That's right, that's right.”

Zhu Honggong hurriedly chimed in, “She's indeed beautiful, but she is just slightly inferior to Sixth Senior Sister's beauty.”

“...”

Lu Zhou said, “She's Princess Mulberry, one of the ten zombie kings.”

Little Yuan'er and Ye Tianxin: “...”

These words really refreshed their views of zombies. Was there such a beautiful and otherworldly zombie in this world?

Everyone was surprised.

Kong Wen muttered to himself, "This is really eye-opening. It's too unbelievable! Even if I brag about it, no one will believe me!"

Sounds of fighting continued to ring from below.

"Maybe she's just pretending to be a zombie. In any case, before we figure it out, no one's allowed to approach the ring-shape lake without permission. Although she seems restricted by the rules of the Great Void, remember that these rules have little to no meaning," Lu Zhou said.

"Pavilion Master is right."

Zhu Honggong did not miss the chance to say, "Master is wise!"

"..."

Everyone continued chatting, but after a while, the battle still did not show any sign of ending.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong looked down at the same time. The battle was still going on intensely. They did not know when the battle would be over.

Looking at the situation, Lu Wu had already gained the upper hand.

However, Fei Huang was not an easy opponent either. Its defenses were astonishing, and its strength was so immense like it could topple mountains.

"Master, why don't I go down and help out?" Yu Zhenghai's hands were already itching.

"I'm willing to go down and help as well," Yu Shangrong said.

Lu Zhou shook his head and looked at the tenacious Fei Huang that was covered in wounds before he called out, "Lu Wu."

Lu Wu raised its head in confusion. "Hm?"

"You're too slow."

Lu Zhou flipped his hand that had been imbued with the divine power and pressed it down with the force of a mountain.

A Flawed Perfection fell from the sky and landed squarely on Fei Huang, easily smashing it into the ground and turning it into a bloody pulpy mess.

"..."

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"..."

It was as silent as a graveyard as everyone stared blankly at the bloody and pulpy mess that used to be Fei Huang. No matter what, it used to be a beast emperor, perhaps, the pavilion master should have spared it a little dignity and not killed it so quickly.

Zhu Honggong had just opened his mouth when Mingshi Yin said, "Master is really decisive and killed it with just a move! Whether it's a beast emperor or a fierce beast, their endings are the same in front of master!"

"..."

Zhu Honggong chimed in loudly, "Fourth Senior Brother is right!"

Lu Wu, who stood on the ground, had already lost the light on its face. Then, it said proudly, "It's because that I've injured it greatly that it died with just a palm strike."

"Well, everyone in our Evil Sky Pavilion is powerful!" Zhu Honggong said as he clapped his hands.

Lu Zhou looked at Fei Huang and said, "Take the life hearts."

"Yes." Kong Wen descended and hurriedly picked the life hearts up. Since it was crushed, there was no need to dissect it. After cleaning them, he said, "There are four life hearts. Pavilion Master's control is really great. The life hearts are completely undamaged. They're all in good condition."

"Of course," Zhu Honggong proudly said, "I still remember how my master forced back the ten great sects in the past. What a spectacular scene!"

"Stop flattering me," Lu Zhou said with a slight frown. Back then, an Eight-leaf cultivation base was second to none, and everyone respected him, but now, eight leaves were even more insignificant than ants.

Zhu Honggong said, aggrieved, "Master, you can't say that. If telling the truth is considered flattery, then you might as well seal my mouth."

"..."

"Although it was a different time, the cultivation world had a clear understanding of things. They knew who was the strongest person in the world; they knew who stood at the top of the world! Uh... Fourth Senior Brother, stop glaring at me! If telling the truth is a crime, then the hundreds of thousands of people in the Divine Capital are all criminals!" Zhu Honggong said.

"..."

Zhu Honggong then carefully added, "It's the truth."

Mingshi Yin felt as though he was going to have a mental breakdown.

Yu Zhenghai and Yu Shangrong had never participated in these topics. They were the two eldest disciples of the Evil Sky Pavilion, after all. As senior brothers, they were like elders. How could they bother with the children?

Lu Zhou flicked his sleeves and said, "That's enough."

He descended.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion followed suit.

"Master, Fei Huang's body is emitting a dense corrosive energy," Duanmu Sheng said.

With that, everyone saw a cloud of corrosive energy rising from the mangled carcass. The surrounding flowers, plants, and trees had already withered since before so it was impossible to tell if the corrosive energy was strong enough to affect the plants.

"It's fine." Lu Zhou was not affected by the corrosive energy at all. Moreover, he also had the Purple Glazed Ceramic, and the divine mark robe.

The others took a detour as they followed Lu Zhou toward the Pillar of Destruction.

As they flew, Kong Wen said, "Fei Huang is considered an ominous beast. People dislike it. Some scholars like to paint it as a god of misfortune. It's said that those who meet it will be met with misfortune."

"You believe this?" Mingshi Yin asked.

Kong Wen shook his head and said, "No. If it's true, then what do you think its life heart's ability is? To bring your opponent bad luck?"

Everyone burst into laughter.

Then, Kong Wen brought one of the life hearts out and said, "Mr. Fourth, help me."

"How?"

"Just give me some light."

Mingshi Yin cast a dazzling golden seal.

When the light shone on the life heart, one could see a faint energy in the center of the life heart.

Kong Wen explained, "The energy is not bad. Its ability is both defense and strength-based."

Everyone nodded.

Mingshi Yin said, "I didn't expect you to have such a deep understanding of fierce beasts."

"It's not bad. I wandered the Unknown Land all year round in the past, after all. My little bit of knowledge now is to be expected," Kong Wen modestly said.

"My eldest brother doesn't have any special abilities, but in regard to knowledge about fierce beasts, if he claims second place, no one will dare to claim first place!" Kong Wu said.

"Stop bragging," Kong Wen said to his brother. When Si Wuya, a well-read person, was around, he really did not dare to show his knowledge. Now that Si Wuya was not around, he felt he must pay attention to any topic that might lead to Si Wuya and nip them in the bud.

When they arrived at the entrance of the Pillar of Destruction, they discovered it was similar to the entrance of the Pillar of Destruction in Yu Zhong. They looked up at the pillar that towered into the fog; its top could not be seen at all.

"Those from the Great Void really have a lot of time. Why must they prop themselves up in the sky? Do they have a lot of energy?" Mingshi Yin said.

The people of the Evil Sky Pavilion had already learned about the Great Void's location. Initially, they found it hard to believe, but since Lu Zhou had said it, they knew it must be true.

"Who knows what they're thinking? I really didn't expect the Pillars of Destruction are actually used to support them. The higher it is, the thinner the vitality energy would be. They must have a shocking formation to counter that problem. Moreover, they have to make sure the pillars are stable and undisturbed. No wonder the ten zombie kings are used to protect the pillars. It's also no wonder they keep bringing powerful people to the Great Void."

"Why?"

"With the zombie kings guarding the pillars, they won't collapse. Then, bringing all the powerful and talented people to the Great Void also ensures that no one in the nine domains will be able to do anything to do pillars."

Mingshi Yin asked, "Wait. Then, what about the powerful beasts in the core area?"

"There's a supreme being who restrains them..."

"How do you know when you're not from the Great Void?" Mingshi Yin asked.

"I'm just guessing," Kong Wen replied.

At this time, Lu Zhou turned around and swept his eyes across the crowd.

Everyone fell silent immediately.

The surroundings were also quiet. Princess Mulberry did not show up again.

This was undoubtedly the best time to enter the Pillar of Destruction.

Lu Zhou clasped his hands behind his back and said, "As my disciples, you need to obtain the recognition from the Pillars of Destruction. Old Fourth has already obtained the recognition at Yu Zhong. Now, it's one of your turns."

Qin Naihe said helplessly, "But to obtain the recognition, you must possess a rare and precious quality. Let's all give it a try."

In fact, Mingshi Yin wanted to say that the rare and precious quality was just the Great Void Seed. However, he felt it might deal a huge blow to the others so he held back.

Lu Wu, on the other hand, sat on its haunches and closed its eyes. 'Why does a group of future supreme beings need recognition? How boring.'

"Let's go."

Everyone followed Lu Zhou into the Pillar of Destruction. Most of them had some experience so they were not surprised. For those who had been to a Pillar of Destruction for the first time, they looked around curiously.

"What kind of craftsmen is able to build such a tall building? Even a god can't do so, right?"

Many things were easy to destroy but difficult to build. Everyone was naturally curious how the pillars that were capable of supporting the Great Void were constructed.

“Now’s not the time to discuss this. Look ahead!”

Everyone saw a spherical barrier that glowed with a faint blue light in the center. That was the core of the Pillar of Destruction that protected the Great Void Seed. It was this barrier that prevented cultivators from easily obtaining the Great Void Seed.

“I’ll go first,” Kong Wen said as he rushed forward. Just as he drew close, he was sent flying back.

Bang!

Everyone shook their heads. It was clearly not Kong Wen.

“This is different from the ultimate killing formation!” Kong Wen exclaimed after he landed on the ground.

“If it’s that formation, you would’ve died,” Mingshi Yin said as he rolled his eyes.

“Different paths lead to the same destination. This is purely for defense,” Kong Wen said as he endured the pain and rose up.

Everyone took turns trying; one by one, they were sent flying.

Zhu Honggong swaggered over, and with a bang, he was sent flying back. He said unwillingly, “Why is it so difficult to get the recognition from this pillar in Ji Ming? I clearly have the qualities!”

“You have the qualities?” Mingshi Yin was speechless.

Zhu Honggong said, “If you don’t believe me, you can ask Zhao Hongfu!”

Zhao Hongfu revealed a puzzled expression on his face. ‘What does this have to do with me? I’m just a runemaster! I don’t even listen to your conversations. I’m confused!’

Zhao Hongfy said, clearly unsure, “Uh...?The rarest qualities? Uh, being able to eat and sleep easily?”

Zhu Honggong: “....”