

## Leveling Up 301

### Chapter 301 – Turbulent Undercurrents

“Extra, extra!”

“A mysterious Alchemist Grandmaster has improved the ten thousand year old Profound Burst Pill! There are no side effects and the cultivation restriction has been increased by a whole realm! All experts below the Profound Saint realm can consume it! Once the pill is ingested, your cultivation will instantly increase by two small realms!”

“Extra, extra!”

“The mysterious Alchemist Grandmaster killed an ancient Jiao Dragon! Its blood essence and its bones have been forged into four xuan weapons possessing the powers of the Jiao Dragon! There are only four of them! Only four of them in the world! This is a rare opportunity for you all! It will be exhibited and auctioned off in tomorrow’s Dao Shang Alliance’s auction!”

“Extra, extra!”

“Surpassing the old and dazzling the new! The number one person of the ages! An Alchemy Grandmaster and a Forging Grandmaster – he is absolutely the first in all history! Things that come from his hands are definitely worth having! They all have a high collection value so don’t you wish to have one too?!”

This was marketing on an overwhelming scale!

All the main streets and small alleyways were filled with advertisements of the Profound Burst Pill and the xuan weapons made of a Jiao Dragon’s bones.

It was even stronger than the advertisement for An Chunchun’s mother.

In order to suppress Qi Fu, Cheng Danian went all out to market this!

He believed...

When the news of the Profound Burst Pill and the Jiao Dragon xuan weapons were spread out, it would definitely cause a sensation. Tomorrow will absolutely be riotous and he can definitely suppress Qi Fu. After all, the only thing he had on his hands was the demon fox clan woman.

“Qi Fu...”

“You just wait and see. Don’t think that just because you have the support of the Vice President, you can mess with me. Competing with me? You aren’t even qualified to carry my shoes! You only know how to plot and scheme in the dark, humph!” Cheng Danian was standing up on a loft with a smile as he looked at the bustling street.

Advertisement.

Advertisement that covered the skies and the earth! Not to mention martial cultivators, even 3 year old toddlers to 80 year old elderlies knew about this matter.

At this time...

Practically everyone in the city was discussing this.

“Who is so powerful that can improve the Profound Burst Pill? Most likely only Alchemist Grandmasters from those Immortal Sects are capable of doing this.”

“I believe even those alchemists from the Immortal Sects cannot improve that pill. If they could do it, they would’ve done it already. This mysterious alchemist is out of this world! Even if he or she isn’t of the Immortal Sects, they definitely must be some godly expert!”

“Profound Burst Pill, those below the Profound Saint realm can use it and there are no longer any side effects. Isn’t this too crazy? There will probably be lots of battered and bleeding heads tomorrow when they fight for it. Hurry and go buy a ticket!”

“Buy a ticket? Can you even afford the items they’re auctioning off?”

“F\*ck! What do you know?! Even if you spend 10,000 gold, you may not even see such a sensational scene in your life! Spending 10,000 gold to see such a lively scene is absolutely worth it!”

“That’s true... Hey, hey, wait for me!”

“Wait your sister! If I wait for you, the tickets might be all gone by then!”

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All the retail outlets in Heavenly Sword City were filled with people.

In less than an hour, the several thousand remaining tickets had been cleaned out.

Those that couldn’t get their hands on them were going everywhere trying to buy them at higher prices.

Entrance tickets were being bid up to 80,000 gold each!

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Dao Shang Alliance Headquarters in Heavenly Sword City.

Qi Fu had a fat jiggly face and a somewhat unhappy expression. His gaze turned gloomy as he said:  
“Cheng Danian, you wish to compete with me? Humph! You don’t have the qualifications to fight it out with me. Do you really think you can rise up again by conjuring up a few improved medicinal pills?”

“Then you are really looking down on me, Qi Fu.”

“Isn’t it just a Profound Burst Pill?”

“I still have with me a medicinal pill from the Immortal Sects. With your puny strength, you should just obediently keep staying below me!”

At this time...

Someone came in from the outside.

He bowed and said: “General Manager, I have done everything you’ve requested of me. Not a single person is missing from the list of thirty. I have given them all the demon fox clan girl’s starting bid price and auctioning time.”

Qi Fu’s mouth curved up as he smiled in satisfaction. “Great!”

The demon fox clan woman can be auctioned off at over 100 million.

The final auctioning price of the demon fox clan girl will be several times that! I want to see what you’re going to bring out to compete with me!

Qi Fu then asked: “Their private rooms have all been set up properly, right?”

That person immediately replied: “Everything has been properly arranged. Even experts at the Profound Venerate realm won’t be able to withstand the Nether Soul Engulfing Smoke. They will immediately drop upon smelling it, so General Manager can rest assured.”

Qi Fu started laughing while his large belly shook. He then said: “The Nether Soul Engulfing Smoke is an earth grade knockout drug. I spent 5 million gold to buy this knockout fragrance just to prepare for today.”

“Great!”

“You did very well. By then, everyone else may withdraw and you will immediately bring the little girl to private room number one. You can then withdraw after leaving her there and don’t bother with anything else. Do you understand?”

“This little one understands!”

He quickly left after saying that.

Qi Fu’s mouth curved up into a smile again. His expression then turned evil as he said internally: “Once the Vice President refines the little girl’s special ability, we can immediately send her off for auction. By that time, my status in the Dao Shang Alliance will be unshakeable! A mere Cheng Danian wants to compete with me? This daddy will fight you to your death!”

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Minister Li’s manor.

Inside Li Wenzong’s room.

Advisor Bai bowed as he respectfully said: “Old master, we’ve found out about everything. Tomorrow, that kid will be in private room number five while we will be perfectly located in private room number six. Once you command it, we can immediately have them killed.”

Li Wenzong’s brows quivered as he coldly chuckled: “Luo Tian, let’s see how you’ll escape this time. Let’s see who can save you! Don’t think that your identity has changed and this daddy doesn’t dare to move against you. I’ve wasted 3000 top grade xuan stones this time just to buy your head.”

Advisor Bai smiled excitedly as he said: “Ranked eighteen out of the Skynet Assassins and an expert at the Profound Venerate realm. Even if they possess heaven-defying abilities, they won’t be able to escape their deaths. This time, young master Qiu and young master Liu’s death can be avenged. But the Emperor...

“Humph!”

“I am the Internal Supervisory Minister.”

“As long as Luo Tian dies, the Emperor won’t give me any trouble over a dead and useless person. Don’t worry; this matter won’t lead back to my head no matter what. Don’t forget that the Sea Cloud Sect’s junior sect leader had his lifeline destroyed. They hate Luo Tian more than me, so we can just push the crime entirely onto the heads of that trashy Sea Cloud Sect. Then everything will come to a successful conclusion, hahaha...” Li Wenzong started laughing happily.

Luo Tian will definitely die this time!

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Imperial Palace.

The location of Luo Tian’s courtyard.

Luo Tian had used up some more spiritual herbs from the national treasury to concoct some rather unique types of medicinal pills.

Nighttime.

The night was dark as ink, and the sky had no traces of stars because they were all covered by dark clouds. The atmosphere seemed to have a depressing feeling to it.

At the center of the main hall.

Luo Tian frowned as he said: “If everything goes smoothly tomorrow, then everything will naturally be fine. If it doesn’t go well tomorrow, I’m afraid we’ll be up for a fierce battle. We can only count on ourselves this time. Ninth brother, it’s best if you and Tang Tang don’t make an appearance tomorrow.”

“No way!”

“Like hell I’m going to be left out!”

The two of them immediately rejected.

Luo Tian then said: “You two understand the strength of Dao Shang Alliance more than me. I don’t want the Great Tang swept into the mess so you two aren’t allowed to show up for the auction.”

Without giving them a chance to speak...

Luo Tian brought out a pile of things that were properly separated already. Each person would be getting something different. “I have with me some pouches for you. You can open it up and see what I’ve written once I have entered the auction house. Everyone should have a good rest tonight.”

“Xuan Yuanyi, Fatty.”

“Ninth brother, I need to borrow your Uncle Chen and Uncle Wang for a bit.”

“You four shall follow me,” said Luo Tian.

Qin Yue’er couldn’t help asking: “What are you guys up to?”

Luo Tian smiled mysteriously in response but didn’t say anything.

The five of them then flew off towards the Spectral Forbidden Grounds.

Chapter 302 – Just A Bit Away From Becoming A Devil

Early morning.

The eastern sky seems to be slower in revealing the white light of dawn.

The sunshine was rather mild bringing a hint of cold air.

There were already a lot of people moving about on the main streets as they hurried towards the eastern city for the Dao Shang Auction House.

To many people, today was a big day.

At least it was for Cheng Danian.

It was also true for Qi Fu.

Same with Li Wenzong.

It was also a big day for Luo Tian.

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Main gates of the imperial city.

Qin Yue'er and Blindman Liu had brought An Chunchun with them as they waited anxiously.

Around this time...

Tang Jiu and Tang Tang had hurried out. They didn't listen to Luo Tian's advice to stay inside the imperial palace.

Throwing away his identity, Luo Tian was his brother, his friend, and his brother-in-law. No matter what happens, he will forever stand at the side of Luo Tian. If he can't even help Luo Tian within Heavenly Sword City, then what place can he help him out at?

Originally...

Tang Jiu wanted to bring Luo Tian to the Sea Cloud Sect to give him a large stage to rise up in. But now it seems like Sea Cloud Sect is too small and cannot support Luo Tian's future accomplishments.

Ever since Luo Tian came to Heavenly Sword City, Tang Jiu never thought about this matter again. Especially with the matter with Nangong Hao, it was absolutely impossible for Luo Tian to go check out Sea Cloud Sect anymore.

Tang Tang had the same thoughts.

She couldn't just stand on the side as she watches her man enter dangerous grounds. Even if death was the outcome, she would still choose to die together with him.

Therefore...

Those two didn't listen to Luo Tian words at all and had snuck out early in the morning. Surprisingly, Tang Zhanlong didn't intervene in this which meant he had silently acquiesced to their actions. Perhaps he may have even made some preparations regarding Luo Tian and company.

"How come that smelly scoundrel still hasn't returned yet?"

"What were they up to last night?"

"Since they aren't back by now, could it be that they have forgotten today is the day of the auction?" said Tang Tang as she looked off into the distance.

Qin Yue'er couldn't figure it out either as she said: "Who knows what the bastard is doing? He still hasn't shown himself at this point..."

An Chunchun's head was tilted as she muttered: "Didn't big brother Luo Tian tell us last night that if he doesn't return by the morning, for us to open up the pouches?"

"That's right!"

"How could I have forgotten about this?" Qin Yue'er quickly opened up the little pouch that Luo Tian had given her. There was a letter, some medicinal pills, and an exquisitely crafted small dagger. The dagger was made from the bones of some sort of demonic beast.

Blindman Liu and An Chunchun also followed suit.

After opening the pouches...

An Chunchun started crying: "Mother! Mother! It should be mother... wuuu~..."

No one told her any information about a demon fox clan woman being auctioned off. Luo Tian had deliberately done this because he didn't want An Chunchun to worry or be unhappy over it.

"Don't worry Chunchun, I will definitely rescue your mother."

"We pinky swore on it."

"You are all grown up now so don't cry. You need to learn to be strong. Inside are several things I've specifically prepared for you in case of danger. You don't need to do anything and only need to eat these medicinal pills. They can make you near invisible and cause the aura from your body to disappear."

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"Yue'er, this dagger is something I personally forged for you. I used the Jiao Dragon's strongest skeletal area, the skull, in order to create this. I have also infused the peak rank 8 Jiao Dragon's demon core powers into it. If you encounter any danger that you cannot solve, just use your spiritual intent to make

it move. Remember that this power is extremely strong so you need to be extra careful the moment you use it. There are also several Profound Burst Pills inside and you can consume it without worry because they don't have any side effects."

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"Brother Blindman, your talent in playing the erhu is really mediocre so please do it further away in the future."

"Inside are several Profound Burst Pills and a bone sword. There's also two pouches that I hope you can give to Tang Tang and Ninth brother. Tell them that I, Luo Tian wish to thank them for being viewed so highly by them, and to thank them for their care all this time."

"Brother Blindman, I left you here because there is something I need your help with."

"No matter how you do it, you must block Yue'er, An Chunchun, and the Tang siblings on my behalf. You cannot let them enter the auction house. If I am successful in my endeavors, I will return very soon. If I'm not successful... I hope that you will take good care of them all. Thanks for taking care of my request."

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What's going on?!

Is this considered leaving a will?

Qin Yue'er's eyes turned blurry with tears.

It was the same for An Chunchun as the "popping" sounds of tears landing on the ground was heard.

Tang Tang and Tang Jiu received the pouches. Inside were several medicinal pills and weapons made from the bones of the Jiao Dragon. They were all spirit grade or higher. Each weapon contained great powers of the Jiao Dragon who had cultivated for about ten thousand years.

“Smelly scoundrel, what on earth are you doing?” said Tang Tang as she angrily stomped her feet.

Tang Jiu frowned as he said: “Brother Luo wants to enter the auction house by himself.”

“No way!”

“We can let him go alone!”

“I want to go too! I want my mother; I want big brother Luo Tian!”

Everyone wanted to leave but Blindman Liu blocked in front of them.

A very strong power in his body surged out. This was Blindman Liu’s first time demonstrating his strength! He then said: “I’m sorry but I cannot allow you guys to go there. Even though I want to go as well, dragon head left instructions for me to stop you all from entering the auction house.”

Luo Tian predicted this auction session will be fraught with grim outcomes.

He didn’t want An Chunchun and the others to be involved in the dangers so he planned this move way in the beginning.

No matter what, they cannot go there!

He clearly knew it would be dangerous so if he allowed them to go, wouldn’t Luo Tian be a retard?

Blindman Liu’s strength was sufficient to block them all.

This was the reason Luo Tian left Blindman Liu behind. He had the calmest personality out of all these people. He usually acts like the joker of the group but when things reach their critical moments, he's the most calm and decisive of them all. If it was Xuan Yuanyi or Feng Lei, most likely either one of them would've brought the whole group to rush into the auction house already.

"Blindman Liu! You...!"

"Move aside!"

"Quickly move aside! We can't let that smelly scoundrel brave the dangers alone!"

Blindman Liu was blocking in front of the group without moving. His gaze was still very firm and resolute!

Inside Blindman Liu's pouch was still another smaller pouch. It was for him to open up when he couldn't block Qin Yue'er and the others anymore...

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Dao Shang Alliance Auction House.

There was a huge crowd of people and the four entrances were filled with troops.

Qi Fu was standing in an elevated place as he softly asked: "Have those people appeared yet?"

"They still haven't appeared yet."

"Tell me the moment they show up."

“This subordinate understands.”

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Li Wenzong had sent people to observe the auction house’s entrance. He faintly frowned as he said: “Kid, as long as you show up today, you will definitely meet your death.”

Spectral Forbidden Grounds.

“BOOM~!”

“BOOM~!”

“BOOM~!”

The five of them were exhausted as they crazily fought with the specters. When the specters were beaten half dead, they would then be passed over to Luo Tian.

Luo Tian looked at how many deceased souls of the devil race he had and said internally: “Quickly, quickly, only a little bit more to go!”

The auction this time will not be normal.

Ever since Luo Tian left the national treasury, he could feel those quiet days before the auction was filled with a thick sense of murderous intent!

In regards to this...

He had to get more souls of the deceased devil race to complete his quest. He had to become a devil in order to equip the Blood God set...

## Chapter 303 – That Person Is An Idiot

“Fuuu~...”

“We finally made it.”

“Uncle Chen, Uncle Wang, this is a small gesture of my goodwill so you two must accept it.” Luo Tian was standing at the entrance of the auction house. His forehead was covered in sweat and he was gasping for air. They had rushed over like crazy maintaining their top speed so it was very exhausting.

As he was saying this, Luo Tian brought out two small vials.

Inside were his improved Profound Burst Pills and each person got five of them.

When Chen Donglai and Wang Jinke received them, they glanced at it and both became stunned. Four eyeballs stared at Luo Tian and one of them asked: “This is the improved Profound Burst Pills?”

“Kid, didn’t you auction them off already? How come you still have so many left?”

“How can we take this when you’ve given us so many? These five Profound Burst Pills most likely have a value of over a hundred million!”

Those two were truly shocked.

Luo Tian suddenly gave them five Profound Burst Pills each so it was rather hard for them to accept such a large gift.

Luo Tian smiled faintly and said: “I can concoct as many of these pills as I want, so you two can be at ease when accepting them. If it weren’t for your help the entire night, there would be no way for me to breakthrough into the Profound King 5th rank. And I wouldn’t be able to complete...”

Luo Tian didn't continue saying the rest of the sentence.

He was grateful inside. If it weren't for those two experts at the Profound Ancestor realm not holding back any strength, it would be impossible to finish collecting the souls of the deceased devil race in a single night. And that naturally meant he wouldn't be able to get the rewards of Becoming A Devil.

Hearing those words from Luo Tian, Wang Jinke directly stuffed the medicinal pills away. He then grinned: "Since this kid is a perverted existence, we might as well just accept them. Kid, the auction is going to start soon so if you don't enter now, you'll be late for it."

Luo Tian then seriously said: "Uncle Chen, Uncle Wang, thank you for looking after me during this time. I can enter the auction house by myself. You two should return back to Ninth brother since he might have matters for you guys to take care of."

Luo Tian really didn't know what would happen inside the auction house.

But...

He really didn't want the government officials of the Great Tang to participate in it. If any problems arise in a country's finances, the country itself would fall into a monetary crisis. The Dao Shang Alliance controlled one-third of the continent's wealth and trade. If they happen to fully commit their financial strength to deal with the Great Tang Dynasty, most likely the country would fall into a crisis in less than a month. That's why no matter what, Luo Tian didn't want anyone belonging to the Great Tang's government to get caught in his plans.

Both Chen and Wang didn't detect the subterfuge. When they heard Luo Tian's words, they too felt it was time to return to the side of the Ninth Prince.

Immediately after...

Those two didn't continue staying and quickly left towards the imperial palace.

Luo Tian turned around to look at the huge structure that was similar to his previous life's sports stadium. He then took a deep breath and asked: "Are you guys prepared? The moment we step into this place, there's a 90 percent chance of death and only 10 percent chance of survival."

"Boss, I'm prepared for this already."

"Same with me."

"Hahaha..."

Luo Tian laughed excitedly before saying: "Good. If we encounter danger and the opponent is too strong, you guys quickly escape. There's no need to fear wasting the Profound Burst Pills if we get into any fights. It's not an issue if you keep consuming them one after another. If we encounter a hopeless situation, you can escape by consuming the Stealth Pill I gave you."

"En!"

"En!"

Feng Lei and Xuan Yuanyi nodded heavily. They were both thinking the same thing: "I won't leave boss behind no matter what. I still won't do it even if I have to die."

Luo Tian saw a ticket scalper in the front and faintly smiled. "You two wait for me here, I'll be back real soon."

Not long after...

Luo Tian brought three normal tickets and entered the auction house.

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“We still haven’t seen them.”

“Could it be that they aren’t going to show up?”

“Impossible. Cheng Danian gave them a gold card for a VIP room so they should show up.” Qi Fu was a bit confused as his brows formed a frown. “Was there a leak in my plans?”

“Impossible!”

Qi Fu immediately rejected his thoughts.

At this time...

One of the staff members of the auction house came over and respectfully said: “General Manager Qi, some people have entered VIP room number five.”

Qi Fu started smiling in a smug and excited manner. His expression was cold and evil as he said: “They’ve finally come!”

At the same time...

Li Wenzong received the same news. He was worried Luo Tian wouldn’t show up but now that he had appeared, he felt like something heavy had been lifted from his heart. He then ordered: “Tell Number 18 from Skynet to kill everyone inside room number five and leave no survivors!”

“Understood!”

Advisor Bai hurriedly withdrew.

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There was a sea of people everywhere inside the auction house. Luo Tian had only seen over ten thousand viewers on the television back then but he was now experiencing it personally. He couldn't help start feeling excited and worry at the same time. He then said to himself: "I hope everything will go smoothly today."

"I have three tickets; the three of us will sit in separate areas and not expose ourselves unless necessary."

"Yes, boss!"

Xuan Yuanyi and Feng Lei took their tickets and sat down in inconspicuous spots in the south and west sections.

Luo Tian didn't sit down immediately and went to the restroom to make some slight changes to his appearance. He made himself unrecognizable at first glance.

Only after finishing his preparations did he head for his seat.

At this time, the host of the auction had just about finished rambling and praising their own organization.

"Good!"

"Let's start off our Dao Shang Alliance's annual auction with our first item."

As the host's words faded, two women wearing seductive uniforms pushed out a small cart that was covered by a red cloth.

Luo Tian wasn't paying attention the cart but at the two women in seductive uniforms. He then shouted internally: "Shit! Those two came here which means Blindman Liu wasn't able to block them!"

“Wow!”

“Look at those pretty girls!”

“This Dao Shang Alliance is truly one of the biggest three commercial powerhouses – even their staff workers are so pretty. At the level these beauties are at, just auctioning them off would reach at least a hundred million!”

“Do you guys see the chest on that woman? It’s really big! I’m actually getting excited just from looking at them!

If those two didn’t put on thick makeup, most likely they could charm even more people.

They deliberately put on such thick makeup so that people couldn’t recognize their identity at a glance.

The host was somewhat surprised as he said to himself: “When did we change the staff? But these two women are much more prettier than the previous two. General Manager Qi is truly attentive when it comes to things like this.”

Immediately after...

The host walked up to the small cart and excitedly said: “The first item is a spatial ring found in an ancient tomb. The space inside the spatial ring is a hundred times larger than your typical ring. Whether you are training in the mountain ranges, mining for ores, searching for spiritual herbs, or commercial transportation, it will all be very easy with this spatial ring.”

The host continued rambling on praises for the ring.

“The starting price will be 100,000. Each bid cannot be less than 10,000. And we will start the auction now.”

The host had just finished his words when...

A person in the audience stood up and raised his sign. "One million."

Almost everyone turned their heads to look at him while thinking inside their heads: "That person must be an idiot!"

Chapter 304 – A Bunch Of Bumpkins

"One million!"

As the voice faded, the entire auction rose up in a clamor.

"Is that person an idiot?"

"No matter how good a spatial ring is, it's merely slightly bigger in size. Even if it's a spirit grade spatial ring, it isn't worth the one million gold price. That person is absolutely a dumb idiot."

"Just one look and I can tell he's a bumpkin that hasn't seen the world before."

"He can't be calling out for fun, right? A person like him can take out a million? I refuse to believe that."

The originally quiet auction house was now filled with sounds of discussion.

They were either saying Luo Tian was an idiot or he was a bumpkin that cannot produce the money.

The host was also shocked. He had just announced the starting bid and someone immediately gave a price. And the price happened to be the highest price the Dao Shang Alliance has ever received for a spatial ring. It directly went to one million! This...

He had the same thoughts as the crowd.

He thought that Luo Tian wouldn't be able to produce such a large amount of money.

If he truly had money, then he wouldn't be sitting so far away. Even the number on the sign he raised was in the 8000's, which was how it was concluded this person had no identity or money whatsoever. The host smiled awkwardly and said: "Little brother, this is the Dao Shang auction house so don't try to cause any trouble. If you mess around again, our staff will kick you out of the auction venue."

As those words were being said...

Several burly looking staff members glared at Luo Tian.

Luo Tian had a serious look and said: "I'm not joking, I'm offering one million. Could it be that I'm not allowed to offer such a price?"

He really needed a spatial ring.

He needed one desperately.

He ate a huge loss due to not having a spatial ring. If he had one on him when he was in the gnome territory, then he would still be a huge wealthy tycoon right now. But... he didn't have enough storage space so he couldn't fill his plaques up with more demon cores.

Also...

There were many opportunities inside the national treasury. All those xuan metals and spiritual herbs, but he didn't have a spatial ring.

Therefore...

He was feeling resentful inside his heart. He had to win that spatial ring, even if he had to spend five million!

The crowd became surprised at his response and started laughing.

The people around Luo Tian started moving as far away as possible from him, afraid that they might catch his idiotic syndrome.

Two staff members walked over and stood next to Luo Tian. One of them then impolitely shouted: "If you continue causing trouble, I will directly kick you out right now!"

Luo Tian coldly scoffed and said: "Is this how the Dao Shang auction house treats their customers? This daddy has money and you won't let me buy things? You two can try touching me and see how I'll beat the shit out of you guys."

Motherf\*ckers...

His anger was rising. It was difficult for Luo Tian to see something he liked yet he was being hindered because people looked down on him? What the hell was this when one couldn't even buy something with money?

As long as the two staff members dare to touch him...

He will kill them immediately!

The host was somewhat embarrassed because he didn't know how to reply to Luo Tian's words.

At this time...

One of the managers gave a signal to the host.

The host immediately smiled and said: "Fine! One million going once, one million going twice... is there anyone else bidding higher?"

“One million going three times!”

The host raised his wooden gavel and smacked down, “Sold!”

“Congratulations to this brother for winning the first item; this ring is now yours.” The host gave a professional smile and then loudly said: “Would this brother please come on stage to pass us the money? Thank you.”

Generally speaking...

The trade would happen at the end of the auction.

They wouldn't have the guests immediately pay up front.

This action by the Dao Shang auction house somewhat annoyed Luo Tian.

But he was the only one annoyed by this.

The crowd of guests knew this didn't meet the rules of engagement but no one said a word. They all wanted to watch Luo Tian make a fool of himself.

Luo Tian then forced himself to have a carefree attitude. Paying now or paying later, it didn't matter because one couldn't escape paying. Moreover, he didn't know too much about the rules of an auction house so he immediately went up. Behind him following were the two staff members treating him with disdain.

They were following very closely.

They were afraid Luo Tian would suddenly try to run away.

If that were to really happen, they would not hold back and give Luo Tian a vicious beating.

What disappointed them was that Luo Tian didn't try to run away.

Luo Tian went up on stage and suddenly said: "Oh crap, I don't have that much gold currency..."

Once those words came out...

The expression on the host's face became extremely ugly looking.

The crowd below started laughing their asses off.

"A complete dumbass!"

"Hahaha... this is a show the Dao Shang Alliance did to liven the atmosphere right? It's too funny!"

"They have my admiration!"

"..."

There were endless ridiculing comments being made, and one could see veins popping out of the forehead of those two burly staff members behind Luo Tian. They stepped onto the stage with murderous gazes, ready to send a punch towards Luo Tian.

Also at this time...

Luo Tian pulled out an attributed demon core and said: "I have this thing with me. I saw the advertisement for your auction house and it said this thing can be used as a currency here too, right?"

The host suddenly made a “stop” signal with his hands towards the two burly guys. He took the demon core from Luo Tian and suddenly smiled excitedly and said: “A wind attributed demon core? It can! It can absolutely be used!”

“Are you sure it can be used?”

“Then this spatial ring belongs to me now.”

Luo Tian took the spatial ring and turned around. His gaze stopped at the two women with heavy makeup. He continued staring at those two without moving away.

The first woman was getting angry as she sneered: “If you keep staring at this old lady, be careful that I might just scoop out your eyeballs.”

The second woman viciously said: “What an idiotic retard. Wasting so much money on a spatial ring, you definitely have some sort of mental illness. What are you looking at? If you keep looking, this Prin... this Miss will break your dog legs!”

Those two women were naturally Qin Yue’er and Tang Tang.

Luo Tian was staring at them and trying to give them eye signals but those two girls couldn’t recognize him.

Immediately after...

Luo Tian couldn’t keep standing there so he could only shake his head with a bitter smile before getting off the stage.

As for the crowd and their expressions of being forced to eat their words, Luo Tian didn’t bother with them. He only coldly smiled and used a voice that the ten thousand plus participants could hear: “A bunch of bumpkins...”

Everyone's cheeks started burning like that had been viciously and loudly slapped. Over ten thousand people couldn't make a sound in retort.

Painful.

Extremely irritating!

But for Luo Tian, it was completely the opposite since he was feeling great!

Who told them to look down on people with their snobbish attitude?

The host was also somewhat embarrassed with an unpleasant expression. He then reminded himself: "Maintain your professionalism and never look down on anyone. Anyone here right now could be some wealthy tycoon, a super expert, or some kingdom's Prince..."

After that brief storm...

The host quickly adjusted his mentality.

He cleared his voice and showed a professional smile. He then said: "Just then the spatial ring was sold at a high price of one million. That honored guest truly has an eye for great things. Now the next item up for bid will be four precious gems."

"Seven-star gems!"

"They came from the mysterious Lunar Star Tribe and the starting bid is one million..."

Luo Tian hadn't returned to his seat yet when excitement surged in his heart. He turned around and immediately shouted: "I bid 10 million!"

Everyone became instantly dumbstruck!

## Chapter 305 – I Enjoy Slapping Your Face

What a typical auction house wanted to see was intense auctions where high bids were continuously made, people vying for an item, and the sound of the wooden hammer sealing the deal.

Now that's what an auction was.

An item was brought out and Luo Tian directly called out 10 million.

Is this even allowing others to join in?

Can you give them a chance to enjoy themselves as well?

Suddenly...

Everyone was dumbstruck. Where did this person crawl out from? Looking at the way he was dressed, he didn't look like someone wealthy at all. Did this guy rob a bank last night?

What was a Seven-star gem?

If it was back in the days, Luo Tian would have no clue what it was.

But now...

He was very clear on their use and needed it badly. When he heard the words "Seven-star gem," his heart started pounding like crazy. "Wasn't this the precious gems he precisely needed? Both the Seven Star Sword and Seven Star Armor needed to be filled up by those gems. Four gems should be able to raise it to a much higher level, right?"

Immediately after...

He didn't contemplate any further and directly called out a high bid of 10 million.

As long as it was something he needed, Luo Tian wouldn't care about a small amount of money like this. Moreover, he was currently on par with a wealthy tycoon so a mere 10 million was nothing in his eyes.

When everyone was looking at him, Luo Tian shook his head and said: "I don't think the way I'm acting is too good. Fine then, can I go back on my bid? I will offer 2.1 million."

The host was staring at him.

Tang Tang and Qin Yue'er were staring at him.

Everyone present was staring at him.

They were all staring at him without blinking.

Over ten thousand pair of eyes were staring at him. Luo Tian felt a bit embarrassed and eventually said: "I misspoke earlier; I don't think I have 10 million. I, I, I only have 3 million so I'll offer 3 million then."

"3.5 million!"

Suddenly, a man in the front rows stood up and glanced at Luo Tian with disdain. He then sneered: "If you don't have money, then you should randomly shout out a price. Damn bumpkin, don't think by spending a million on a piece of trash and you can start thinking you're rich. You're still too young to compete with this daddy on money."

Finally, someone couldn't keep watching and did something.

The clothes and accessories the man was wearing looked rather luxurious and would probably cost over 30 thousand on the market. He indeed looked like a wealthy individual.

When the crowd saw someone stand up, they were feeling quite happy.

“That’s right! Stop acting here if you don’t have any money. Do you really think you’re something after spending a million?”

“I’ve seen many nouveau rich before; all they want is attention to raise their status but in reality, they are just a country bumpkin. They don’t know anything and don’t know how to appreciate the finer things in life. From the looks of it, I think he might not even know how to use the ring he just bought.”

“Raise the price if you have the guts.”

“Raise it! Aren’t you very wealthy?”

“Damn bumpkin, I want to see you raise the price!”

The crowd started their ridiculing once again. That previous formless slap to their faces made them very uncomfortable, that’s why that started making fun of Luo Tian as brutally as they could now.

From what they saw...

There was no way Luo Tian could take out 10 million gold.

This was a large sum of money that normal people couldn’t take out. And a typical person would not spend such a large amount of money on four gems that they didn’t know what uses it had.

Many people have never heard of the name Seven-star gem before.

As for the Lunar Star Tribe, they had only read about in ancient records and no one knew where it was located in the Tianxuan Continent.

It was purely out of coincidence that the Dao Shang Alliance got their hands on these four gems. And it was only through high leveled appraisers that they found out these gems came from the Lunar Star Tribe. Very few people knew what uses they had but the gems looked like they could sell well. They were very beautiful looking and when it was dark out, they gave off an illumination like the stars which was capable of lighting up a house.

They looked like a more upscale version of the Luminous Pearl. 1

A wealthy individual could purchase it as a collectible.

The man looked smug as he saw Luo Tian's surprised expression. He then coldly said: "A bumpkin likes you wants to compete with this daddy on money? You are still too tender! I have no clue what these four Seven-star gems are for but this daddy is interfering because I can't stand your attitude."

"Good!"

"Well spoken!"

"Don't let this bumpkin ruin the atmosphere of this auction."

"Good for you!"

Immediately after...

The man continued saying smugly: "Mr. Host, quickly strike your hammer. There's no way this bumpkin can afford more than 3.5 million."

The host smiled politely in response. Seeing how there was no reaction from Luo Tian, he also came to the conclusion that Luo Tian couldn't afford it. The spatial ring he bought was most likely to make himself stand out. Many people would bid on the first item at high prices just for good luck's sake, and Luo Tian seems to be this type of person.

In an instant...

The host cleared his throat and said: "3.5 million going once, 3.5 million going twice, 3.5 million the third time. Anyone else going to bid a higher price?"

The host swept his eyes through the crowd.

The man's mouth was curved up as he looked at Luo Tian with a tilted head. He then smiled in an arrogant fashion and said: "Bumpkin, competing money with this daddy? This daddy can compete with you until you die!"

When the host was about to strike his hammer down and say the words "transaction has been successful..."

Luo Tian suddenly said: "Now that I think about it, I will bid 10 million again."

"Boom~!"

"Waaa?!"

The crowd erupted into a clamor again.

The man almost fell out of his chair with an ugly look on his face. He stood up fiercely and shouted: "Damn dog thing! Do you know who this daddy is? Contending with this daddy? Do you believe I can smash you to death with my money?!"

Luo Tian didn't bother with him and loudly said: "Mr. Host, I am bidding 10 million."

When the man was ignored, his rage erupted sky high. He glared at Luo Tian and scolded: "Damn dog thing! If you can't take out 10 million today, you can forget about leaving this place!"

Luo Tian looked at the man with a tilted head and said with a smile: "What if I can take out 10 million? Are you going to crawl out of here under my legs?"

"Courting death!"

Suddenly...

Two bodyguards behind that man stood up.

They were dressed in a black robe with an emblem sewn on their chest. The emblem depicted a purple mountain peak.

Southern Mountain Sect!

Their strength was on a slightly higher level than the Sea Cloud Sect!

Luo Tian showed no fear and glared at those two before saying: "Touch me if you have the guts. You guys are seeking your own death if you dare to make a move inside the Dao Shang auction house."

The expression on those three instantly changed.

The Dao Shang Alliance was a force they couldn't provoke. If anyone dares to use violence during their auction, they were naturally clear on the consequences. And they were here today because of the Profound Burst Pill so if they happened to be kicked out, how were they going to get their hands on the pill?

The host immediately became the middle-man and said with a smile: "We should be more harmonious with each other and not let trifling matters like this ruin it. This brother, didn't you previously say you only had 3 million? How come you suddenly have 10 million now?"

Luo Tian chuckled and said: "I just wanted to see if anyone was going to raise the price. It's only fun if people join in to bid a higher price. Didn't you see that guy participate as well? He was then slapped down by my bid. Now that's more interesting and cooler. I love smacking people's faces, hahaha..."

Arrogant!

Unrestrained arrogance!

The man was so angry that his face turned purple and cracking sounds could be heard due to him clenching his teeth so hard.

He started walking one step at a time towards Luo Tian...

Chapter 306 – A Fierce Smack To The Face

Face smacking!

One needs to smack as fiercely as possible!

There are many ways to do it and physical force is not always necessary.

Just like now.

Luo Tian's 10 million gold smacked the man to the point of distorting his face and causing him to be enraged. A thick killing intent was coming from his body as he walked one step at a time towards Luo Tian. His eyes were fiercely glaring at Luo Tian like he wanted to swallow Luo Tian whole.

Luo Tian was a face full of smiles as he stood there unmoving.

The two bodyguards behind that man quickly walked up and whispered to him: "Young lord, don't act recklessly."

“This place is Dao Shang Alliance’s auction house.”

“When the auction is over, I will personally kill him so please endure it for now.”

Indeed...

This was the Dao Shang Alliance’s auction house and no one can arbitrarily cause trouble here.

Those who dare make a move against others here means they aren’t putting the Dao Shang Alliance in their eyes. You may think these staff workers you can see have low cultivation levels, but there are also many strong experts hidden around the place. After all, they have to ensure the auction will maintain their smooth operations.

The man then said: “I know where I am right now and I know what I’m doing, so my two Elders need not to worry about it. I won’t be causing any trouble.”

After saying that...

The man coldly scoffed while staring at Luo Tian. His gaze towards Luo Tian was similar to someone staring at a dead person. “I would really like to see how you’re going to bring out 10 million. And no matter if you can bring it out or not, you will still be dying today.”

Southern Mountain Sect’s junior sect leader!

Wu Lieyang!

When the others found out this man’s identity, they all started coldly smiling towards Luo Tian.

“This kid is going to meet his end.”

“Wu Lieyang is the Southern Mountain Sect’s most favored disciple. He became the junior sect leader at only thirty something years old, so one can already tell how strong he is. This kid thinks he can act like top shit just because he has some money. He deserves it for provoking the Southern Mountain Sect.”

The crowd started discussing this in low voices.

Luo Tian coldly grinned and said: “Whether I can take out 10 million or not doesn’t have anything to do with you. Seeing how your face looks like you had just eaten shit, I will give you an opportunity. If I can’t take out 10 million...”

Without waiting for Luo Tian to finish, Wu Lieyang fiercely said: “If you can’t take out 10 million, you will die immediately!”

Luo Tian merely smiled and continued: “If I can take out 10 million, are you going to crawl under my legs? Do you dare to take this bet? If you don’t, then stop acting smug in front of this daddy. You damn poor bastard, raise the price if you have the guts. If you don’t dare to raise it, then scam aside for this daddy!”

Infuriating!

Luo Tian’s words were deliberately provoking him!

Wu Lieyang had an irritated look on his face. Luo Tian was also feeling irritated inside his heart.

Luo Tian originally didn’t care too much about it yet this guy actually walked on over with a look like he wanted a beating. Since that was the case, not giving the guy a few slaps was basically going against his own personality!

The corner of Wu Lieyang’s eye was twitching while his gaze looked like they could spew flames of rage. He then shouted lowly: “We can bet on it! Does it look like I’m afraid of a damn dog thing like you?!”

“Good!”

“Everyone heard it.”

“You will crawl under my legs like a dog in a bit.” Anger was rising inside Luo Tian’s heart as he shouted: “Mr. Host, have someone bring over the stuff! I’ll hand over the money when the items are handed to me. Hurry it up; it seems like someone can’t wait to become a dog and crawl under my legs!”

“You...”

Wu Lieyang had an incomparably ugly look on his face as he tried to suppress his flames of rage.

The host ordered someone to bring over the four Seven-star gems while he too went over to Luo Tian. He had to ensure everything went smoothly in the auction house and nothing could go wrong.

“Take out the money.”

“This daddy wants to see how you’re going to take out 10 million.”

“If you can’t take it out, you can die right here for me!” Wu Lieyang shouted ferociously.

The two Elders behind him looked like they were prepared to make a move.

Luo Tian smiled coldly. When the host came up to him smiling, Luo Tian then said: “Umm... so, can I write an IOU? I can go home and get the money; I have lots and lots of money at home. What do you think?”

“Hahaha...”

“Kid, you are going to die.”

Wu Lieyang’s face was glowing red with excitement, and the thick killing intent from his body was surging out without a care.

The face of the host faintly changed as he felt like Luo Tian was messing with him. His voice contained a trace of anger as he said: "This auction only facilitates face-to-face transactions."

"This kid indeed doesn't have money."

"Damn, I thought he really had money and didn't expect he was playing with us."

"Putting on a face when you're actually penniless. You dare to act arrogant in front of Southern Mountain Sect's junior sect leader? You're practically courting your own death!"

Wu Lieyang became excited as he shouted: "Kid, go to hell now!"

As his voice faded...

A fist containing powerful energy struck towards Luo Tian.

Luo Tian was searching through his body and suddenly smiled. "Oh yeah! I believe I do have some money on me. Can you take a look and see if this is enough money?"

As he was saying this...

Luo Tian brought out ten attributed demon cores and handed it over to the host.

Also at this instant...

An incomparably ugly look appeared on Wu Lieyang's face. He was given several fierce hot formless slaps yet again. He was completely pissed off because Luo Tian had played with him again!

Suddenly...

Wu Lieyang didn't pull back his punch and actually increased its power! He was roaring internally:  
"Die!!!"

In a split second...

Luo Tian coldly grinned and said playfully: "You've lost, now go crawl under my legs."

Before his voice faded, Luo Tian roared internally: "Nine Dragons and Elephants, level 4 Berserk, activate for me!"

"Ommm~!"

The strength of a dragon and an elephant was applied to his body. Then, the power of level 4 Berserk's sixteen times his attributes exploded forth instantly changing Luo Tian's aura. Before Wu Lieyang's fist was able to land, Luo Tian's fist already torpedoed out as he roared: "Lie down for me!"

"Bang~!"

"Boom~!"

Wu Lieyang was smashed onto the ground like a dead dog. His body was twitching and didn't even have the strength to wail in pain.

Luo Tian sneered and spat on his body. He then scolded: "Motherf\*cker, acting like an asshole in front of this daddy? Courting your own death!"

While saying that...

Luo Tian widened his legs and walked over Wu Lieyang's body. He then started smiling: "One must honor their bet when they lose. I will consider this you crawling under my legs, hahaha! Southern Mountain Sect is nothing but a dog's fart!"

Arrogant to a complete mess!

The entire crowd was shocked by Luo Tian's actions.

Wu Lieyang, the Southern Mountain Sect's junior sect leader was instantly smashed sprawling into the ground?

This...

Who the hell is this person?

The mouth of the host was opened large and wide as he couldn't believe what Luo Tian had just done. Looking at the ten attributed demon cores in his hands, he finally swallowed a few times before saying to himself: "What... what background does this kid have?"

Luo Tian swept his eyes past the entire audience and said with disdain: "Don't think you have a bit of money and you're all high and mighty. You should never look down on people like f\*cking snobs."

Another two formless slaps were given to the crowd.

It was stinging hot and extremely hard to endure!

The two Southern Mountain Sect Elders were about to go berserk as powerful auras exploded from the both of them.

Luo Tian pretended to show a fearful expression. He quickly took the four Seven-star gems from the staff worker and then said in a cheap manner to the host: "Those guys want to attack me so isn't the Dao Shang Alliance going to something about it?"

What a cheap and despicable looking face!

After saying that, Luo Tian already started moving far away while excitedly saying to himself: “I have the Seven-star gems now so should I raise the grade of the Seven Star Sword or the Seven Star Armor?”

Chapter 307 – Take Action

Rage that reached the sky!

The two Southern Mountain Sect Elders wanted to rip Luo Tian apart and cut his flesh off one piece at a time!

But...

Eventually, they supported Wu Lieyang up and back to their seats. They turned to stare at Luo Tian fiercely as if they wanted to say with their eyes: “Kid, you will definitely die once the auction is over.”

They wanted to show their rage.

They wanted to kill Luo Tian immediately, but their brains were working better than Wu Lieyang’s.

This place was the Dao Shang auction house.

Making a move here could mean none of them would be leaving this place without suffering the consequences.

No one stopped Luo Tian from striking because Wu Lieyang was the first to make a move. Luo Tian was technically defending himself so no one from the Dao Shang Alliance would go after him.

Luo Tian returned to his seats and didn’t even give them another look. His eyes were closed like he was taking a nap.

At this moment...

Luo Tian didn't care about the something something Southern Mountain Sect or some dog's fart junior sect leader.

He was only thinking of one thing: Should he raise the grade of his Seven Star Sword or the Seven Star Armor?

As he was contemplating this question...

The auction house continued on with their auctions.

Luo Tian no longer called out bids.

But whenever someone called out a bid, they would unconsciously glance to the rear towards Luo Tian as if they were in fear. No one knew what background or from where this kid came from, but he was definitely not simple if he could easily pull out over ten plus attributed demon cores.

When they saw that he looked like he was taking a nap, their minds couldn't help turn serious.

There was still some faint shock when they recalled how Luo Tian was able to smash Wu Lieyang sprawling with a single punch. With that lingering fear, no one dared to ridicule anyone else in the crowd when bids were being called out.

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"Seven Star Sword!"

"Placing all four Seven-star gems onto a single item?"

"Four pieces of gems will allow the Seven Star Sword's grade to rise to the Sky grade. At the same time, the Seven Star Armor could also have the same upgrade. How should I choose?" Luo Tian was stuck in a dilemma since he didn't know what enemies or difficulties he would face in the future.

But...

One thing he decided was he would place all four Seven-star gems into a single item. He wasn't going to change his mind on this.

After contemplating for a long time...

Luo Tian then decided to put all four Seven-star gems into the Seven Star Armor.

He possessed the Blood Devouring Wild Blade so when it came to weapons, he wasn't in a hurry to change it. Since his cultivation level wasn't strong enough, it would be difficult for him to protect himself when encountering experts at the Profound Ancestor or Venerate realms. The Seven Star Armor will definitely improve his survival rate!

As long as one had their life...

There would always be chances in the future.

Without a life, you basically had nothing!

Upon this moment of clarity, Luo Tian no longer hesitated and opened up the system interface to start filling the armor up.

"Ommm~!"

"You have successfully inserted the Seven-star gem!"

"Ommm~!"

“You have successfully inserted the Seven-star gem!” The Seven Star Armor has been raised to earth grade.”

“Ommm~!”

“...”

“...”

“You have successfully inserted the Seven-star gem!” The Seven Star Armor has been raised to sky grade. Will you be equipping it?”

They were all successes!

The success rate was 100%. This made Luo Tian extremely surprised as he said to himself: “Could it be that this daddy’s character is simply too outstanding? It’s already out of this world if two successes in a row appear inside a game. I somehow got four successes in a row, which shows my character is simply too awesome!”

This was really unexpected.

After playing countless online games, Luo Tian understood the success rate of inserting gems should be very low.

Many players would lose money like crazy when they wanted to upgrade the attributes of their equipment. It would be impossible to succeed unless they had over a hundred gems on hand.

Four successes in a row made the Seven Star Armor rise to the sky grade.

The moment he succeeded, Luo Tian could sense the Seven Star Armor had a flow of power from the Seven Star Sovereign. It was so strong that it felt like the entire constellation’s power was inside it. This made the excitement inside Luo Tian surge up!

But...

Luo Tian didn't immediately equip it.

Putting on such a treasure will automatically make his person give off a holy light glow. One look and anyone can tell he had something good on him. Luo Tian was very clear on the saying that an innocent man can easily get into trouble because of his wealth.

The moment Luo Tian inserted those gems...

A flash of holy light was seen in a certain corner of the auction house.

It was very faint.

So faint that no one noticed it. Only Blindman Liu who was off to the side frowned slightly. Looking at An Chunchun beside him who was dressed up like a doll, his heart faintly skipped a beat but he didn't dwell on it.

At this time...

The original host was suddenly changed.

Cheng Danian walked up with an excited expression.

When people saw his appearance on stage, their expressions immediately changed as well.

It was like they had been stimulated by something.

"Ancient Jiao Dragon xuan weapons!"

“Profound Burst Pills!”

“I will take those two things no matter what! I must get it!”

“The good stuff is finally making an appearance. No matter what price I have to pay, I must get at least one Profound Burst Pill!”

They were all clear on why Cheng Danian had appeared on stage.

To the martial cultivators participating here today, their only goal was the Profound Burst Pill!

The Southern Mountain Sect had come today for the Profound Burst Pill.

It was the same for the country’s Northern Snow City.

It was the same for the Southern Barbarian Sect.

It was the same for the Heavenly Time Sect.

Many large forces and Sects had come for the Profound Burst Pill!

Cheng Danian went up onto the stage with a light chuckle before saying: “I will be the host as we continue forward from here. I believe that every cultivator on the martial path is pursuing the highest realm possible, but most of us have been stuck at a certain stage and are unable to advance anymore.”

“Today, a mysterious Alchemist Grandmaster has appeared!”

“With his great abilities, he has improved on the 10,000 year old Profound Burst Pill so that it no longer has any side effects. It is also no longer restricted for those below the Profound Saint realm!”

“This is one of the greatest breakthroughs in 10,000 years!”

“This will allow the martial cultivators stuck in the Profound Ancestor or the Profound Venerate realm to experience a higher power. Today...”

“Their day of awakening has come.”

“The improved Profound Burst Pill will bring you a brand new sensation!”

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Everyone became excited.

Their blood started boiling up.

At this moment, all those experts at the peak of the Profound Ancestor realm were eagerly anticipating. They understood their own strengths and knew that they would most likely be unable to rise up into the Profound Venerate realm. But with this Profound Burst Pill, it will allow them to experience the strength of someone at the Profound Venerate realm and might even give them an inspiration for a breakthrough!

Apart from this...

The most important thing with having this Profound Burst Pill was that when they met an opponent at the same level as them, consuming it will allow them to completely crush their enemy!

The good things about this medicinal pill were already beyond words to describe.

Everyone’s enthusiasm was rising. When Luo Tian heard the clamor from the crowd, his eyes finally opened a bit. Seeing the excited expressions on everyone’s face, he was somewhat shocked. “My improved Profound Burst Pill can actually cause such a big ruckus?”

Luo Tian wasn't expecting such magnitude of excitement.

Of course, he was a perverted existence that wasn't restricted by cultivation barriers. He could surpass them as long as he had experience points, but it wasn't the same for the other cultivators of this world.

Cheng Dalian had successfully riled up the crowd. He then deliberately stopped before the climax and said: "Such good things will naturally be left at the end. But the next items we have for auction are xuan weapons forged by the bones of an ancient Jiao Dragon, still containing the powers of that dragon..."

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In a certain private room.

Qi Fu was annoyed by Cheng Dalian's high spirited face. He lips curved into a smile as he shouted: "Take action now!"

Chapter 308 – Sky High Prices

Before Qi Fu gave the order...

Li Wenzong ordered his people to have the Skynet Assassin make their move.

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Private room number five.

A man in a long black robe with a cold expression was giving off a faintly discernible killing intent. There was a machete in his hand as it still had a trace of warm blood dripping off the body of the blade. "Plop plop" sounds could be heard as the fresh blood landed on the ground. The sound was extraordinary harsh to the ears in this eerily silent private room.

The black robed man slightly frowned.

From the information he was secretly given, the people here shouldn't be this weak.

There weren't even signs of a symbolic resistance as they were all practically killed in an instant.

This was unexpected for him.

But...

This sense of unexpectedness didn't linger for too long because he was the strongest assassin of Skynet. Thinking up to this point, a smug and cold looking sneer appeared on his face. At this moment, he was planning on leaving the room to hand over the completed mission and then get the rest of his xuan stones.

Except...

Within an instant, a faint fragrant smell drifted past his nose.

The gaze of the black robed man turned serious. A brief glint of light could be seen in his eyes as he immediately stopped breathing. He sat down cross-legged and his Profound Venerate energy started surging out from his body. He was focusing all his powers in resisting the knock-out fragrance that had already entered his brains.

"I fell into a trap?"

"Was this purposely used to deal with me?"

At this moment...

Countless scenarios played through the mind of the black robed man.

His expression turned gloomier as time went by. Green veins started popping out and every pore on his body was slightly opened. With every inhale and exhale, he would force out a portion of the fragrance with the ability to disrupt one's mind. This was actually a very tough process.

This type of knockout fragrance was simply too powerful.

If he was a few seconds slower in detecting it, most likely he would have already toppled to the ground by now.

Fortunately...

He was an expert at the Profound Venerate realm and he had luckily realized this early on. Strength was extremely important to an assassin but a quick reaction speed was even more so. A slight sense of abnormality and they can immediately react to meet the challenge.

"Fuuu~... fuuu~..."

Several minutes passed by.

Sounds of people outside the room could be heard.

"It should be about time now, right?"

"I heard General Manager Qi say that this knockout fragrance can even make a person at the Profound Venerate realm faint. There's not even a Profound Ancestor within this group so I think they should be all unconscious in less than ten seconds. Most likely they are all lying on the ground right now."

"What you've said makes sense since General Manager Qi is very reliable when he does things."

"Enough chatting. Let's quickly find that child that the General Manager wants so we don't waste any more time."

While saying this...

Two staff workers of the Dao Shang auction house went into the room.

The lights had been damaged inside the room so the dim lighting made one unable to see things clearly.

“Why aren’t there any lights?”

“It’s fine, I brought a match with me.”

After striking it, a small light illuminated the area. In front of the workers was a pair of eyes glaring back at them like it was going to eat them alive...

Back to the auction.

“The starting price will be 2 million and the minimum increase is 200 thousand. We shall now begin the auction!”

This was a completely black long sword without a handle that was giving off a strong amount of energy. The energy of a demonic beast to be exact.

From time to time, one seemed to hear the roar of a Jiao Dragon.

“Since the ancient times, this Jiao has been cultivating to the point of reaching dragonhood. This Jiao Dragon has almost reached the point of becoming a true dragon! This xuan weapon even has traces of dragon might, so I believe all the guests here can imagine the value of this weapon” said Cheng Danian with a smile. If it weren’t for the fact that he wasn’t a sword user, he would’ve bought this blade for himself already.

“3 million!”

“3.5 million!”

“5 million!”

“5.2 million!”

Good things would naturally have many people vying for.

This xuan weapon was really not bad. With its peak spirit grade powers, combined with the powers of the Jiao Dragon, an oppressive suppression would automatically be activated during a fight. This was considered a xuan weapon that was truly not bad.

Moreover...

This xuan weapon was perfectly suited for the orc race of the Wilderness and those of the demon races. They understood this better than the humans and knew how to utilize the sword’s power to its highest potential.

“1 bid 8 million!”

Suddenly...

A person stood up from private room number seven. To be precise, it was an orc.

He was wearing beast fur armor, muscles bulging out, and covered in an unstoppable power. His voice alone made the auction hall faintly shake.

An orc from the Wilderness had come?!

And his status wasn't low either. Just by the look of the jewelry worn around his neck, he was most likely a Prince or a character at the Prince status level.

Cheng Danian smiled excitedly and said: "Good! Prince Ke Lei of the orc race is offering 8 million! Is there anyone that wishes to bid higher?"

"8 million going once!"

"8 million going twice!"

"8 million..."

"Sold!"

With a "clank" sound, Cheng Danian smacked down the hammer and said with a smile: "Congratulations to Prince Ke Lei for winning the first xuan weapon. It is definitely an excellent value for the money."

Cheng Danian had the staff workers take the long sword away.

It wasn't like before where someone had to hand over the money immediately before getting the goods in return. There was no mention of money at all this time.

This was the disparity of one's identity!

Cheng Danian cleared his throat before continuing: "The next xuan weapon is also forged by the bones of a Jiao Dragon. It is a pair of battle axes and it still doesn't have a name. The winner of the item can personally give it a name."

"The starting bid price is 3.8 million!"

It was another round of intense bidding.

This too was won by Prince Ke Lei, and this time at the price of 10 million.

The third item was a large warsword.

It was won by another member of the orc race at 14 million.

The fourth item was a long spear and won by Prince Ke Lei once again – the final price at 16 million.

The xuan weapons Luo Tian had forged from the Jiao Dragon bones had pretty much been mostly bought by Prince Ke Lei. It was a powerful number of 48 million gold in total!

Flowers were blooming inside Luo Tian's heart. "I'm rich... I'm rich... I am truly freaking rich this time!"

This had completely exceeded his expectations.

Luo Tian's original thoughts were that if all four xuan weapons could be sold for 10 – 20 million gold, it would already be heaven defying for him. He never imagined the total price would almost reach 50 million! After taking out the auctions fees of 2 million, he would still get to keep 46 million gold. This gave Luo Tian a boost of confidence when the auction will reach An Chunchun's mother.

He possessed a colossal sum of money!

This kind of feeling was just too cool!

Inside private room number seven.

Ke Lei's expression was excited to the max. Looking at the four pieces of xuan weapons before him, he muttered: "Lord of the Wilderness, I pray to you with my most sincere heart. I pray that our orc race of the Wilderness will become stronger from here on out and rule the entire Wilderness territory. I also pray for the Grandmaster that forged these four xuan weapons. I sincerely thank him for bringing us these powerful battle weapons made from demonic beast bones."

He had a devoted expression on his face.

Inside the private room, several other orcs had the same look.

They were all extremely grateful towards Luo Tian because the appearance of his four xuan weapon will allow the orc race to gradually rise up in the Wilderness.

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“They haven’t made their move yet?”

“Why hasn’t anyone returned to report to me?”

Qi Fu was extremely unhappy.

Standing inside private room number two and seeing the rosy glow of Cheng Danian’s face, he was quite unhappy. He was even more annoyed and when he watched the four xuan weapons being auctioned off at shockingly sky high prices.

Suddenly...

The door to the private room opened.

A staff worker stumbled in with a pale white face. He then stuttered: “General Manager, not, not, not...”

Before he could finish his words, a cold blade penetrated through his chest. As the body toppled over, a pair of chilly looking eyes behind the worker was revealed. A ferocious smile then appeared at the entrance of the room...

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Twenty minutes later...

The Skynet assassin came out of the room with a calm look. Within the calm look was a hint of fierce excitement.

Inside the room.

Qi Fu was safe and sound with a rather smug look on his face. “The enemy of an enemy is considered my friend. Even though that kid Luo Tian isn’t qualified to be my enemy, there’s no harm in making a new friend.”

“General Manager, since they weren’t inside private room number five, where could they be then?”

Qi Fu turned around to look at the entire venue. He swept his vision past everything with narrowed eyes before saying with a smile: “They are definitely somewhere here in the auction house. Go find them for me. Send out all of my men and find them, especially that little girl!”

“Understood!”

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Luo Tian didn’t really trust the people of the Dao Shang Alliance.

His attitude was the same towards Cheng Danian.

A human’s heart can be full of treachery; there’s no way to tell if the person standing in front of you was good or bad.

There was no harm in having additional backup plans.

Therefore...

Before Luo Tian entered the auction house, he traded his gold card with access to the private rooms and only got three normal entrance tickets.

As for those ticket scalpers...

They decided to enjoy themselves in private room number five in order to celebrate their huge profits from re-selling the tickets. They never imagined that this would lead them to their demise. They didn't even know how they died!

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"What?"

"Luo Tian's people weren't inside private room number five?"

Li Wenzong's gaze turned gloomy as he said: "He's definitely somewhere in the auction venue. Find him for me! You have to find his location. Killing my nephew and my brother-in-law... does he really think that I, Li Wenzong am some sort of pushover? He is not putting me in his eyes at all. No matter what, he has to die today."

"I obey!"

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For a brief moment...

Many additional staff workers with shifty looking eyes were searching through the venue. There were also some martial cultivators in strange clothing combing through the place!

Luo Tian naturally noticed this slight change in the auction house.

A slight frown appeared on his face as he said internally: "It looks like something really happened in private room number five. The only thing I'm unsure of is if it was Cheng Danian that made a move or not. If it really is him..."

Luo Tian narrowed his eyes at Cheng Danian who was still on the stage with an excited countenance.

On the stage...

Cheng Danian was so excited that his voice even trembled. "The next item up for auction will be the Profound Burst Pill. We have invited the President of the Great Tang's Alchemist Association – Xie Long. He is an Alchemist of the 8th rank."

"I understand there are some people who didn't believe what I have advertised."

"But there's no way you would doubt President Xie, right?"

While saying this...

A white-browed elder with a faint smile went up onto the stage. He then said: "I am someone that does not believe that the Profound Burst Pill that has been passed down for ten thousand years can be improved by someone. Before seeing this medicinal pill for myself, I will definitely not believe in it."

Cheng Danian faintly smiled in response and asked: "President Xie, what needs to be done in order for you to believe it?"

Xie Long stroked his mountain goat like beard and said: "Unless you use a person as an experiment, there's no way I nor anyone here would believe it. All businessmen like to blow their own trumpet and your Dao Shang Alliance is no different."

“The Profound Burst Pill hasn’t been changed for ten thousand years. This old man has concocted pills for several centuries and naturally has studied the Profound Burst Pill. It is simply impossible for it to be improved on. When one stimulates the fleshly body to increase their cultivation by unorthodox means, its benefits would be offset by drawbacks. It’s impossible for the body to not suffer any side effects. Within the ten thousand years, our alchemist progenitor created the Profound Burst Pill’s maximum efficacy for those below the Profound Venerate realm. This is one thing that cannot be changed, and that’s why I refuse to believe it.”

Cheng Danian didn’t get angry.

It was very normal for people to have doubts.

Even though he didn’t deliberately arrange this scene before the audience, Cheng Danian did already hear that Xie Long refused to believe the Profound Burst Pill had been improved on. That’s why he invited Xie Long to attend this auction.

Cheng Danian smiled and said: “According to your opinion, we need a person to test the effects of the Profound Burst Pill. Who do you think we should invite? This person should be an expert at the Profound Venerate realm or else they wouldn’t be able to detect the efficacy of the Profound Burst Pill.”

“Is there any experts at the Profound Venerate realm that wishes to give this a try?”

Give it a try?

Playing the role of white mice?

When Xie Long questioned the pill, many people started to question it as well.

Can it really be that miraculous?

Since the President of the Alchemist Association didn’t believe in it, doubt started growing in the minds of the audience.

When they really thought about it, it did seem like an impossible matter.

But...

It was also impossible for the Dao Shang Alliance to bring out fake stuff to cheat people, or else even a powerful organization like them would collapse in less than a month.

Cheng Danian's words were heard throughout the venue but no one stood up.

Because...

Once someone tries the pill and it still has side effects, the stimulation of the fleshly body would force one's cultivation to stagnate. That means you can forget about making any breakthroughs for the rest of your life! Moreover, experts at the Profound Venerate realm were top tier existences so there weren't many of them inside the venue.

When Cheng Danian noticed no one made a sound, he then said: "You will be trying it for free!"

There were still no volunteers.

Cheng Danian then turned to Xie Long and said: "President Xie, no one wants to try it so what should we do?"

Xie Long was in thought for a while. Since the request was made by him, he should be the one to solve it. In order to test the medicinal pill, he then turned serious as he said: "I will try it. Even though I'm not at the Profound Venerate realm, my cultivation is at the peak Profound Ancestor realm. If the medicinal pill is really effective, I will possess powers at the Profound Venerate realm. This way, I can monitor my internals to see if the Profound Burst Pill has really been improved on."

The limit of the original Profound Burst Pill was stuck at the Profound Ancestor realm.

Taking the medicinal pill at the peak Profound Ancestor realm will not make the user step into the Profound Venerate Realm. This was a shackle that couldn't be broken.

Cheng Danian faintly smiled since this was all within his plans. Xie Long personally taking the pill was the best outcome because it would produce the greatest impact. He immediately said to the side: "Bring a Profound Burst Pill up here."

When Xie Long received the Profound Burst Pill, he sent his senses out and a faint frown was seen on his face. He then said: "It is indeed different from the original Profound Burst Pill."

After saying that, he immediately consumed the pill.

The moment the pill went into his mouth, it quickly dissolved!

In less than ten seconds, a powerful energy similar to a ferocious beast wanted to burst out of Xie Long's body! Xie Long's face turned red with shock! He didn't bother saying anything and directly released his Profound Venerate realm power.

"Profound Venerate..."

"Profound Venerate realm!"

"I... I... it's been over a hundred years. I finally get to experience the powers of the Profound Venerate realm. Hahaha... This medicinal pill is inconceivable! Who concocted this? I need to worship him as my master!"

Xie Long was excited.

Shocked and excited to a complete mess!

In an instant, everyone inside the auction house started boiling in excitement.

Luo Tian was silently sitting into the side. His eyes were like sharp blades as a faint sneer was seen on his face. He then muttered: "Shit, like this daddy wants an old fogey like you as a disciple."

"Quickly start the auction!"

"Hurry and start the auction! This daddy can't wait any longer!"

"Quickly give us the starting bid!"

Many people started shouting in the crowd.

Cheng Danian wasn't in a hurry. He looked over at Xie Long with a smile and asked: "President Xie, do you feel if there are any side effects after experiencing the pill for a while?"

At this moment...

Xie Long sat down cross-legged with a calm expression.

After several seconds...

Glimmers of light made of profound energy started shining on his body. The light suddenly brightened as Xie Long opened his eyes. He then crazily shouted in joy: "Hahaha... I made a breakthrough! I made a breakthrough and stepped into the Profound Venerate realm!"

Within an instant...

The entire venue went crazy!

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A breakthrough out of the blue!

This...

The entire auction venue boiled in excitement since no one imagined Xie Long would make a breakthrough at such a time.

Cheng Danian didn't expect this either.

Breaking through at such a time would definitely double the price of the Profound Burst Pill or maybe even more! The insides of Cheng Danian were practically blooming flowers from joy! "Qi Fu, this daddy will definitely suppress you this time. Let's see if you dare act arrogant in front of me from here on out! Don't think you're all that just because you have the Vice President as your backer, humph!"

Everyone witnessed Xie Long's breakthrough.

Breaking through into the Profound Venerate realm from the Profound Ancestor realm wasn't something people could do whenever they wanted. They needed an opportunity or a sudden enlightenment.

If it weren't for a sudden opportunity, then it would be the assistance of a medicinal pill.

Cheng Danian immediately said with a smile: "Everyone please quiet down. Let us first ask President Xie his feelings on the pill to see if there's any side effect."

"Ask your own fart!"

"Stop wasting time!"

"Immediately start the auction! What side effects? He instantly made a breakthrough already! This daddy will get this medicinal pill at all costs!"

"Hurry up!"

Agitated.

Everyone was extremely agitated! Their faces looked like they were all saying “if you don’t start the auction now, this daddy will take you down! Do you believe that I’ll rob you right now?”

Cheng Danian didn’t panic. When he saw how everyone was acting, he was internally ecstatic! The entire venue had been driven to the point of nearly exploding with anticipation!

Immediately after...

Cheng Danian didn’t continue with any nonsense and directly said: “Fine!”

“We’ll cut right to the chase.”

“We shall now start the bidding – the starting price will be 10 million!”

“Each time someone raises the price cannot be less than 500 thousand.”

After saying that...

Qin Yue’er greeted the audience with a smile as she brought out a small black box. Inside the small black box was the new and improved Profound Burst Pill! She then said to herself: “That bastard is truly powerful. A little medicinal pill of his can make so many strong experts excited out of their minds.”

“12 million!”

“13 million!”

“16 million!”

“18 million!”

“Motherf\*ckers, you can forget competing with this daddy! This daddy offers 20 million!”

“Is 20 million very awesome? Don’t you feel shame when a little sect like yours dares to act arrogant here? I bid 25 million.”

“Competing with my Southern Mountain Sect with money? This daddy bids 30 million!” Wu Lieyang had recovered by now. Back then when he was bidding for the Seven-star gem, he did have more money but it was specifically prepared for the Profound Burst Pill. That’s why this time he definitely had to get his hands on the pill.

Cheng Danian’s smile was similar to blooming flowers as he pushed the crowd: “30 million! 30 million! Is there anyone going to bid higher? You need to know that this Profound Burst Pill might allow you to step into the Profound Venerate realm from the Profound Ancestor realm. How can a mere tens of million purchase such a chance? 30 million going once, 30 million going twice... 30 million going...”

“35 million!”

Suddenly...

Luo Tian slowly raised his hand and said this in a calm and soft voice.

The audience went into an uproar once again.

A single medicinal pill. Even if it was a sky grade pill, it would be impossible for it to be sold at 30 million. And now someone actually raised the price all the way to 35 million.

This...

Everyone all looked at Luo Tian once again.

This time no one ridiculed him.

Wu Lieyang's anger almost erupted in flames. He then pointed at Luo Tian and shouted: "Back then I didn't want to compete with a piece of trash! This time, this daddy will compete with you to the end! I refuse to believe my Southern Mountain Sect cannot beat a country bumpkin on wealth!"

Luo Tian faintly smiled and said: "Stop blabbing and state your bid."

Wu Lieyang then said: "38 million!"

Luo Tian pretended to be angry and shouted: "This daddy will compete with you! 50 million! Motherf\*cker, compete with me if you have the guts! The little financial resource your Southern Mountain Sect has is beneath the notice of this daddy. Competing with me? You still aren't qualified!"

Disdain!

Extreme disdain and contempt!

Luo Tian was treating the Southern Mountain Sect like it wasn't even worth a single cent.

Wu Lieyang was so angry that he started shaking. Seeing Luo Tian's smug expression, the flames of anger inside him almost burned his brains to a crisp!

One of the two Elders behind him reminded him: "Young lord, 50 million exceeds the amount we can handle. Don't compete with him any longer."

"This kid might be a person of the Dao Shang Alliance and deliberately raising the price. Young lord shouldn't compete with him anymore."

Luo Tian maintained his smug expression and said: "Who do you think you are? Just stop pretending if you don't have any money. Since the Southern Mountain Sect can't even bring out 50 million, don't you

guys think it's a rather trashy sect? And why are you still called the junior sect leader? You should have the identity of a broom that sweeps the latrine floors!"

"Hahaha..."

"Hahaha..."

Many people started laughing out loud in the auction house.

Wu Lieyang was so angry that he almost shattered his teeth from clenching so hard. He then yelled out: "I bid 60 million!"

Cheng Danian immediately responded: "Young master Wu; you should know that our Dao Shang Alliance doesn't accept IOU's. Sixty million is not a small sum so you need to consider this carefully."

"There's no need to reconsider!"

"You think this daddy can't compete with him?"

"I confirm that I bid 60 million!"

Wu Lieyang's flames of anger were boundless as he glared at Luo Tian.

Luo Tian then started smiling cheaply and said: "Damn, you are way too honest. I was really afraid that you wouldn't make another bid and didn't expect you would actually make one. You almost scared me to death! If they really made me bring out 50 million, even selling me wouldn't be enough to cover it. Southern Mountain Sect is truly powerful, hahaha..."

After saying that...

Luo Tian looked at Cheng Danian and said with a smile: "I'm not making any other bids. Only an idiot would take out 60 million to buy a single medicinal pill."

The entire venue started clamoring once again.

He was played.

Completely played once again.

Wu Lieyang was turning purple in anger as he said in a gloomy manner: "You, you, you..."

Luo Tian smiled smugly in response and said: "I deliberately raised the price. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to bite me?"

It was very direct.

Luo Tian's words showed he had no intentions of holding back.

His heart was laughing heartily since 60 million was entering his pocket just like that. Hahaha, earning money like this felt way too good!

Cheng Danian quickly said: "60 million going once, going twice, going the third time, sold!"

He didn't give Wu Lieyang any chance to deny it and directly smacked his hammer down.

In the end, Cheng Danian said unhurriedly: "Congratulations to the junior sect leader of the Southern Mountain Sect. Congratulations! Young master Wu; please pay the bill all at once."

After saying that...

Cheng Danian didn't bother to look at the flabbergasted Wu Lieyang and loudly said to the crowd: "Everyone's enthusiasm towards the Profound Burst Pill has exceeded my imagination. In order to give back to everyone, I've decided to auction off a batch of Profound Burst Pills."

"One batch will have five pills!"

"The starting price will be 50 million. Each time someone raises cannot be lower than 1 million!"

There's more?

Just when the crowd thought there wouldn't be any more Profound Burst Pills, Cheng Danian's words made them enter a state of frenzy once again.

And at this time...

Xie Long stood up and loudly said: "It doesn't have any side effects and is of great assistance to one's cultivation. Manager Cheng, can I ask a question first? I wish to know the name of this Alchemy Grandmaster, so can you tell me it? I wish to have his name etched into the annals of history for us humans."

Cheng Danian smiled and said: "I'm really sorry, but I cannot divulge his name because this was his request."

Xie Long gave a long sigh.

At this moment...

Inside Qi Fu's room.

"Reporting to General Manager, we still haven't found Luo Tian's location. But the fatty that's close to him, Xuan Yuanyi, and the blind guy have all been found..."