

## **My Master 1491**

Chapter 1491:

"This is the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman of the second-generation Sect Leader True Person. If the second-generation Sect Leader True Person knew from the underworld that the Sect Leader had transformed his Divine Weapon into a Yellow Level Upper Grade Treasure, he would undoubtedly be gratified."

"This means that every time Ling Xi wields the Treasure, it's like fighting side by side with the second-generation Sect Leader True Person!"

Cao Zhen, after crafting two Treasures, was somewhat exhausted. He rested for a day, then called Ling Xi over, intending to modify the Grieving Anger Dragon Blade for Ling Xi!

However, before he could start the modification, Wan Ren Di appeared before him.

"Master, the people from the Void Breaking Sect have arrived." Wan Ren Di, known for his speed, was the youngest disciple of the Four Treasures Peak, so he was responsible for reporting any events.

"Hmm? They came so quickly?" Cao Zhen handed the Grieving Anger Dragon Blade back to Yan Yourong, stood up, and flew outside, asking as he moved, "How many of them came?"

Upon hearing, Wan Ren Di immediately claimed credit and said, "Master, I've already counted. They openly came with fifty people. But they have many experts hidden in other places; those people have not shown themselves.

I calculated that this time they brought a total of one hundred and twenty-one people, all at the Earth Immortal Realm."

"Hiding people means they want to negotiate with us, and then catch us off guard after the negotiations?" Cao Zhen's expression turned serious. One hundred and twenty Earth Immortal Realm individuals were not a small number. If the Void Breaking Sect had sent one hundred and twenty Earth Immortals the first time they came, the Hundred Peaks Sect probably wouldn't have been able to withstand it.

Fortunately, during this period, he had fully imparted the Spell.

Even though he taught them Spells tailored to their respective Cultivation Techniques and Immortal Bodies, time was tight. He didn't know how many had cultivated the Spells he taught, and even if they did, he wasn't sure about their power.

Actually, if the opposition really attacked, he would rather look forward to Ling Xi.

Right now, Ling Xi is undoubtedly a major weapon!

In no time, he had flown to the entrance of the Hundred Peaks Sect.

At this moment, the Mountain Protection Array of the Hundred Peaks Sect was already activated, and Earth Immortal Realm individuals had gathered above the entrance.

Compared to the last attack by the Void Breaking Sect, although not much time had passed, the Hundred Peaks Sect had increased its Earth Immortal count by three.

Outside the Hundred Peaks Sect, individuals in Void Breaking Sect attire gathered. They apparently recognized Cao Zhen, and seeing him appear at the entrance of the Hundred Peaks Sect, the leader among them quickly stepped forward and shouted towards Cao Zhen, "Sect Leader Cao, we've had many misunderstandings with your Hundred Peaks Sect in the past.

Let's not talk about previous events for now. I know you've captured some of our Void Breaking Sect disciples, and I've read the letters they wrote.

We can agree to those demands. Can Sect Leader Cao release them now?"

"Since you've brought the items, we can release the people," Cao Zhen said, a cold smile already forming in his heart. Coming just to exchange without even bargaining shows they plan to rescue their people and then attack immediately.

However, it seems there might be an opportunity to exploit.

Cao Zhen turned to look aside and said, "By the way, where are those lists? Bring them for me to see."

Nie Jie quickly came up with the list of captured Void Breaking Sect disciples. Pointing to the first name, he shouted towards below, "Go bring this person called Feng Yulan up here."

He then looked at the opposite side and said, "You, bring the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird first. We'll exchange people and items hand in hand. I clearly stated I want a female Seven-Colored Splendid Bird, not a male one."

When he captured those people, the first thing he asked was about what significant Strange Beasts the Void Breaking Sect had.

Finally, he found only one Seven-Colored Splendid Bird worth considering that could barely match Little Yin. He then demanded the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird, although the captured Feng Yulan already confirmed it was female, he still wanted to confirm it again.

Without a male, Little Yin can't have Little Little Yin, and that's not what he wanted.

As for the fact that the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird wasn't a Dragon?

So what if it's not a Dragon?

Dragons have nine sons, and it's not only Dragons that can give birth to little Dragons.

Besides, Dragons are known to indulge quite a bit; otherwise, they wouldn't have nine sons.

He's also helping Little Dragon. After all, Little Dragon is quite grown now, and holding back wouldn't be good either.

"Alright, bring Feng Yulan up first," the people from the Void Breaking Sect immediately agreed. Feng Yulan was a descendant of Elder Feng, so it was naturally better to ransom Feng Yulan first.

Cao Zhen, speaking, then looked at the people behind him and said in a low voice, "What are you all gathered here for? We don't know how long these hostage exchanges will take. After Void Breaking Sect exchanges their people, they will surely start a battle with us. You should all go back, go back to cultivate the Spells I taught you, as much as you can."

At this point, Cao Zhen's prestige within the Hundred Peaks Sect had reached a very high level due to his selfless teaching of various Spells, but his words had not yet caused the crowd to disperse. Instead, concerns were raised.

"Sect Leader, what will you do if we leave?"

"Yes, Sect Leader, what if they suddenly attack the Hundred Peaks Sect?"

Cao Zhen waved a hand and said, "I will leave the disciples of the Four Treasures Peak. You can return to cultivate. They won't dare act until the hostage exchange is complete. Even if they do attack, we can hold them off, and you can fly over then.

Enough, don't waste time. Quickly go back and cultivate the Spells."

Under normal circumstances, delaying for a day or two might not matter much. However, now, delaying for a day or two might allow one or two people to cultivate the Spells he taught or enhance the Spells further.

Everyone was aware that a battle was inevitable. Each person becoming slightly stronger could increase the chance of victory for the Hundred Peaks Sect, so they left the entrance and returned to cultivate.

Not long after, Feng Yulan was escorted up.

From the opposite direction, the other side took down a peacock that was tightly bound from their Flying Boat!

The Seven-Colored Splendid Bird!

The people from the Void Breaking Sect wanted to take it away, but of course, it didn't agree, so the Void Breaking Sect people had no choice but to seal it and tie it up.

Chapter 1492:

"Come on, hand over the money, and the goods will be delivered."

Above the gates of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Cao Zhen carried Feng Yulan and flew towards the opposite side. The opposing party, seemingly wary of Cao Zhen's strength, sent out two people, who each grabbed the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird from the left and right and flew towards Cao Zhen.

When they were about ten zhang away from Cao Zhen, the two stopped and looked at Cao Zhen, saying, "Sect Leader Cao, that's far enough. Let's exchange them at the same time."

As if to show their sincerity, the two of them even threw the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird over.

Cao Zhen casually tossed Feng Yulan towards the opposite side, while his other hand gently emitted a soft force, pulling the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird in front of him.

Since the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird was bound, he couldn't clearly see how colorful its tail was.

Looking at this small peacock, he frowned slightly. According to the rumors, the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird is a descendant of the Phoenix, fitting well with Little Yin. But this aura, it's equivalent to the cultivation base of the Wind Fire Tribulation, not having broken through to the Earth Immortal Realm yet.

Can it handle Little Yin with its current small stature?

Even if it can, the offspring of a strange beast at the Wind Fire Tribulation level and one at the Earth Immortal Realm will definitely be different.

Troublesome; once I go back, I'll have to raise its cultivation base a bit before handing it over to Little Yin Dragon.

Cao Zhen turned back with the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird and flew back to the mountain gate of the Hundred Peaks. He then handed it to a disciple nearby, saying, "Take it to Four Treasures Peak for now. Let Little Yin Dragon watch over it."

Then, he looked at the second name on the roster.

Although, during the previous attack on the Hundred Peaks Sect by the Void Breaking Sect, there were quite a few Golden Core Stage casualties, most had surrendered—altogether, there were one hundred and twenty Golden Core Stage cultivators.

However, after trading six Golden Core Stage individuals with the opposing side, Cao Zhen waved his hand downwards, saying, "Alright, that's enough. I have matters to deal with. The space outside looks big enough anyway; you have flying boats. Just wait here for a while. Once I'm done tomorrow, we'll continue trading."

"What? No more trades?" The opposing side was stunned, as only six people had been traded. They quickly exclaimed, "Sect Leader Cao, if you're busy, go ahead and handle your matters. You have so many disciples at the Hundred Peaks Sect; can't you let other disciples handle the trades for us?"

Upon hearing this, Cao Zhen shook his head immediately, saying, "Others? Others won't do. With so many Earth Immortal Realm people, if in the exchange moment, you attack them, what then?"

"Attack? How could we possibly attack? We came with sincerity."

"That's right, we brought fifty Earth Immortal Realm people just to ensure our safety. We simply want to take our people back, Sect Leader Cao, you overthink."

Cao Zhen coldly chuckled inwardly and shouted loudly, "If that's the case, waiting here for a few days shouldn't matter. It's only a few extra days. To a cultivator, especially those of Earth Immortal Realm, a few days isn't even time."

Saying this, Cao Zhen turned and left the gates of the Hundred Peaks Sect. Naturally, there were still a few Earth Immortal Realm disciples left at the gates.

In the distance, the Earth Immortal Realm members of the Void Breaking Sect looked at one another, vexed.

"What does he mean by this?"

"He was available before; how could he suddenly be busy?"

"He's clearly stalling for time."

"But what use is stalling for time? How long can he delay? Ten days, half a month? During that time, how many Earth Immortal Realm cultivators can the Hundred Peaks Sect produce? It wouldn't make much difference."

"Or perhaps they've secretly contacted people from some Great Teachings, like the Dragon Chant Sect, for support?"

"Not likely. Now that the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth has ended, those in the Longevity Period of the Dragon Chant Sect have all awakened. They wouldn't let Bi Yue do as they please."

"Let them stall; let's see how long they can delay."

Originally, Cao Zhen intended to guard behind the gates. If an accident happened, like a sudden attack by the Void Breaking Sect, he could immediately fly to the gates to defend.

But his curiosity about the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird was overwhelming, so he decided to return to Four Treasures Peak for a look, planning to come back afterward.

As a result, just as he landed at Four Treasures Peak, he heard strange bird cries.

Then he stumbled upon a scene that was not suitable for a Taoist Boy to see.

Immediately following, Little Yin Dragon's angry voice sounded, "Cao Zhen, you shameless thing, why did you come back? Get out quickly; wait for a couple of hours before returning."

Cao Zhen was completely dumbfounded, "I only just sent the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird over and now, you've already made a move. I sure did name you right, you really are a Little Yin Dragon!"

"You ask me to leave and wait? You're a dragon and a peacock; you don't usually wear clothes, so what's there to be shy about, still asking me to wait..."

"And now your courage has grown so large; you're no longer calling me Master but directly calling by my name."

"If it weren't for me, would you be where you are now, able to break into the Earth Immortal Realm!"

"And you're still asking me to wait, I... never mind, although Little Yin Dragon has broken through into the Earth Immortal Realm and can speak, he hasn't completed his transformation, nothing much to see, better to go out and wait for a while."

Chapter 1493:

Cao Zhen flew away.

It hadn't been two hours, not even an hour perhaps, when the birdsong ended and Cao Zhen flew back once more.

At this time, Little Silver Dragon was already luxuriating back in the water, while the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird lay exhausted on the bank.

Cao Zhen said disdainfully, "You're no good at this, talking about two hours, but it's barely been the time it takes to burn a stick of incense."

Upon hearing Cao Zhen say that it's no good, Little Silver Dragon immediately argued, "Who says it was only a stick of incense's time? It was at least two sticks, plus the time before you came, altogether at least an hour."

"Alright, alright, no more arguing." Cao Zhen waved his hand, then pointed to the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird, "Although you're not of our Four Treasures Peak, as you're here, you're already half a disciple of our Four Treasures Peak. One of our peak's rules is not to start something and then leave it unfinished. So, you need to take responsibility for Little Peacock."

However, she is too weak right now. For these days, be patient, and when I have time, I'll prepare some pills for her to break through to the Earth Immortal Realm, then we'll discuss it further."

Before Little Silver Dragon could speak, the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird had already chirped loudly.

Little Dragon had a baffled expression.

But Cao Zhen nodded and said, "Rest assured, when I say I'll refine pills for you, I will, and they'll surely succeed. This Little Silver Dragon reached the Earth Immortal Realm after eating my pills."

The Seven-Colored Splendid Bird chirped again upon hearing this.

Cao Zhen nodded slightly, "Alright, I know. Now that you've come to our Hundred Peaks Sect, just stay here in peace. As for your parents, if you wish to find them in the future, you can."

Little Dragon was instantly unsettled, looking at Cao Zhen and exclaiming, "Cao Zhen, what are you mumbling about? Acting like you understand bird language, I can't understand it. Can you?"

"Why can't I understand?" Cao Zhen pointed to the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird and said, "It just told me it was caught by the Void Breaking Sect, along with its brother and sister, although people of the Void Breaking Sect thought they were its parents. Its brother and sister have already succumbed to slumber there. Only it hasn't yet, and they all want to return and find their parents, who are really powerful but aren't aware they were captured by the Void Breaking Sect; otherwise, their parents would have returned to rescue them."

Having said this, Cao Zhen looked at the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird and said, "Am I right? Nod your head if I am, shake your head if I'm not."

The Seven-Colored Splendid Bird immediately nodded upon hearing this.

Little Dragon was thoroughly dumbfounded, wondering how Cao Zhen could even understand bird language.

Cao Zhen ignored the Little Silver Dragon; given the situation, the Little Silver Dragon was even more impatient and shameless than he had imagined, certainly a perverse dragon, giving him reassurance.

He warned Little Silver Dragon once more not to be hasty, to wait until the Seven-Colored Splendid Bird reached the Earth Immortal Realm before thinking about those matters, and then hurriedly flew back to the rear of the Hundred Peaks Sect's main gate.

Upon arriving, he discovered someone missing, and Wanshou had again vanished without explanation.

Moments later, Wanshou suddenly emerged from the rear of their Hundred Peaks Sect's main gate, with a grave expression, as if he had made a significant discovery, running to Cao Zhen and saying urgently, "Master, I just went over to listen to what they were discussing, then went further to see if more people would come.

As a result, I really did make another discovery."

Wanshou gestured the number six with his fingers and said, "Master, I discovered six more Earth Immortal Realm individuals, yet these clearly do not align with the Void Breaking Sect.

They are separately hidden in two locations, more secretly concealed than the people from the Void Breaking Sect. Moreover, each one exudes a dense atmosphere of Evil Qi, a gruesome sanguinary aura very strong as well. They give off the impression of assassins from the Human World."

Assassins?

Ling Xi immediately zeroed in on these words, prompting the thought of an organization she voiced in a low tone: "People from the Assassin's Society?"

After they had arrived recently in the Eastern Province, they encountered the Four Sons of Snow Mountain and then someone who asked for directions. Later, the Four Sons of Snow Mountain perished, likely killed by the person who asked for directions, who should be from the Assassin's Society.

Wanshou nodded and affirmed, "They should be from the Assassin's Society; it's unclear if these people were hired by the Void Breaking Sect."

"Probably not." Cao Zhen shook his head, "The Void Breaking Sect dispatched so many here, they surely believe they can annihilate our Hundred Peaks Sect. If they felt uncertain, they could send more, no need to hire people from the Assassin's Society separately."

To my understanding, the people from the Assassin's Society charge an extremely high price."

The richest among those who held grudges against them was the Rare Treasures Commerce Association; they must have been the ones to hire the Assassin's Society, likely intending to assassinate him.

It seemed these people intended to wait for the Void Breaking Sect to act, then seize the opportunity amidst the chaos to kill him.

Cao Zhen was a bit troubled, as he now had to contend with the people from the Void Breaking Sect while guarding against those from the Assassin's Society.

Subsequently, each day he engaged in negotiations with people from the Void Breaking Sect, exchanging those they held captive, and before long, seven days had passed, with the Void Breaking Sect redeeming over fifty people.

Chapter 1494:

The hundred-plus Golden Core Stage disciples captured by the Void Breaking Sect could not all demand others to bring resources to ransom them, with only about sixty of them writing letters.

"It's about time, by tomorrow, we will trade once more. After those people are released, the people from Void Breaking Sect will probably launch an attack."

Cao Zhen stood behind the mountain gate, instructing Nie Jie beside him, "Tomorrow when I trade with them, you should call all the Earth Immortal Realm cultivators back and prepare for battle at any moment. It's just a pity we haven't first fixed our mountain gate."

Although he wanted to repair the great formation in front of the mountain gate first, there was no time, and according to his plan, changing the mountain gate's formation required an extraordinary amount of resources. Even though he and Xiang Ziyu had brought back a lot of resources, it still wasn't enough. At most, he could first modify the Golden Light Array.

As for these captives, they could be returned to the other side, but if they did that, the other side would still attack.

After all, the Void Breaking Sect, a great teaching, suffering losses time and again in front of the Hundred Peaks Sect, if they really gave up attacking the Hundred Peaks Sect for just these few people, where would they put their dignity?

In that case, it's better to ask for some resources first.

Void Breaking Sect.

With Elder Li's departure, another Elder Fang temporarily took charge of handling the sect's affairs.

At this moment, the entire Void Breaking Sect was in extreme chaos, with explosions continuously ringing out, and spells constantly falling from above.

Elder Fang, flying outwards, asked, "What's the situation? Why is someone suddenly attacking our Void Breaking Sect? What about our Mountain Protection Array? Why wasn't the formation activated?"

"Elder, the two disciples guarding the Mountain Protection Array broke through to the Earth Immortal Realm at the end of the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth. I don't know why they defected;

they didn't activate the formation at all! They let the enemy charge into our Void Breaking Sect, even changing into the attire of the Weeping Blood Demon Sect to attack us together!"

"Damn, they actually defected! You shouldn't let those people guard the mountain gate; if an awakened Earth Immortal Realm cultivator was guarding it too, this wouldn't have happened."

Elder Fang cursed, flying out from the cave mansion.

Soon, in his line of sight, appeared black-clad Earth Immortal Realm cultivators, each wearing different attire.

"Soul Breaking Demonic Sect, Weeping Blood Demon Sect, and Sect of Ten Thousand Beasts!"

Elder Fang's eyes widened, glaring at the crowd, shouting angrily, "Why are you attacking our Void Breaking Sect without reason? We have no enmity with you!"

Moreover, we are all demonic sects. You should unite to attack the so-called famous great teachings instead of attacking us, who are also a demonic sect! What exactly do you want to do!"

"How naive, do we need a reason to attack others as a demonic sect? Besides, is your Void Breaking Sect even a demonic sect? If you are a demonic sect, why isn't there a 'demonic' character in your name?"

"What's the point of saying so much, let's destroy them first!"

In just one day, spells continuously bombarded down.

Elder Fang dodged the attacks while looking back, clearly seeing one after another Earth Immortal Realm cultivators from the three large demonic sects flying toward their Void Breaking Sect, as Void Breaking Sect disciples fell continuously.

Can't hold it!

The opponents were three demonic sects united, especially as even one of these demonic sects was stronger than their Void Breaking Sect, with the Weeping Blood Demon Sect being extremely powerful among all great teachings in Eastern Province.

And their Void Breaking Sect?

First, they lost thirty Earth Immortal Realm experts, then sent out another hundred and twenty Earth Immortals. Altogether, this was a hundred and fifty Earth Immortal experts.

Their great teaching, although having many Earth Immortal Realm cultivators, this time only the Longevity Period Earth Immortals awoke, and their number was limited. Losing so many Earth Immortal experts had a very big impact on their Void Breaking Sect.

Moreover, some people defected, not activating the Mountain Protection Array, so how could they resist like this?

Seeing disciple after disciple of the Void Breaking Sect fall, Elder Fang gritted his teeth, shouting loudly, "Retreat, everyone flee, whoever can escape, escape!"

As he spoke, he hurriedly fled outward.

Immediately some people wanted to pursue, when suddenly a red-haired female demon shouted, "No need to chase them. Our goal wasn't to kill but to plunder resources; let them run, running away won't change much."

Just a portion of people escaped, and without a great teaching's backing, what could they do?

Besides, after some time, the Earth Immortal Realm's Indestructible Period experts will awaken too, these escapees won't matter then.

They were people from three large teachings united, and whoever grabs the resources will keep them. Chasing these people would naturally reduce the number of those who snatch resources, and she didn't want people from the Weeping Blood Demon Sect to chase them.

Since this plan was her idea, and the two insiders from the Void Breaking Sect were arranged by her, their Weeping Blood Demon Sect's hierarch specifically arranged for her to lead the team this time.

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Elder Fang quickly flew out when not being pursued. The first thing he did was open the sect's communication device and send a message to their temporary Sect Hierarch Elder Li, informing him of everything that happened to their Void Breaking Sect.

Eastern Wasteland, Hundred Peaks Sect.

On a high mountain a hundred miles away from the Hundred Peaks Sect, Elder Li waited anxiously, his face showing a trace of impatience.

"Haven't the people from the Hundred Peaks Sect released everyone yet? If they don't release everyone today, we will attack directly."

After all, the most important people have already been released by the Hundred Peaks Sect. As for the remaining ones, even if they are not released, he can't care too much anymore.

He really didn't want to wait any longer, worried that delay might breed changes.

Suddenly, a light appeared in front of him.

"What's going on? The sect's communication device? Why send a message at this time?"

Elder Li quickly opened the communication device, and the next moment his eyes widened abruptly.

"Damn it, the Soul Breaking Demonic Sect and the Weeping Blood Demon Sect, they're not attacking the Hundred Peaks Sect but our Void Breaking Sect instead! They want to annihilate our Void Breaking Sect! Those two damn Great Teachings! Return, everyone return, retreat!"

Elder Li shouted, already piloting the flying boat, gathering everyone quickly to return to the Void Breaking Sect.

He knew that even if they flew back to the Void Breaking Sect, it would naturally be too late. But now that their Void Breaking Sect was under attack, they could no longer think about attacking the Hundred Peaks Sect.

What they need to do now is return, find the disciples who fled from the Void Breaking Sect, and then discuss what to do next, whether to retake the Void Breaking Sect or something else.

Furthermore, he feared that he could no longer fulfil the role of Sect Hierarch!

It was because he insisted on attacking the Hundred Peaks Sect, leading many people away and leaving their Void Breaking Sect defenseless, allowing others to exploit the opportunity.

If they hadn't lost those thirty Earth Immortal Realm cultivators, and these one hundred and twenty Earth Immortal Realm cultivators hadn't left the Void Breaking Sect, the three demonic sects wouldn't have attacked their Void Breaking Sect.

Now, the Void Breaking Sect is doomed to fall at his hands!

Even if the other side hasn't completely destroyed their Void Breaking Sect and leaves their mountain gate intact, can they still return?

Once they return, their resources would certainly be plundered clean, and the graves of their not yet awakened predecessors in the Void Breaking Sect would undoubtedly be dug up, with all the predecessors certainly killed.

What kind of Great Teaching are they still?

Moreover, with the mountain gate damaged, the fortune of their entire Great Teaching would decline significantly.

The fortune, though invisible and intangible, is indeed real.

There was once a Prosperous Void Sect, who also suffered similar disasters. Their Sect Hierarch quietly took a group of experts to an adventurous place and somehow, news was leaked out, leaving the Prosperous Void Sect vulnerable, and their entire sect's resources were plundered completely.

The Great Teaching was also left in a ruinous state.

Afterwards, the Sect Hierarch of the Prosperous Void Sect returned.

In that dangerous place, they indeed gained great rewards, hoping to use those to revive their Prosperous Void Sect, but no matter how hard they tried, the Prosperous Void Sect kept declining.

Not only were they unable to recruit any genius disciples, but their people also returned fruitless from expeditions to ruins and perilous places.

In fact, somehow their experts always ended up dead upon entering dangerous places.

Without genius disciples to supplement them, without disciples growing to a high status, losing an expert meant losing a crucial resource.

Eventually, the Prosperous Void Sect didn't even dare to send experts into perilous places.

With continuous decline, when facing disasters again, they naturally failed.

Such occurrences in the Eastern Province are not rare; everyone knows that if the mountain gate is destroyed, their fortune will greatly decrease.

Thus, even if they return to the Void Breaking Sect, even if they can survive, without resources, and with all dormant experts dead, during the next disaster, they will inevitably fail.

In fact, without experts, they might already perish before then.

After all, when more time has passed and the experts in the Indestructible Period awaken, how will they face the Indestructible experts then?

The Void Breaking Sect has offended many sects over the years, but those sects didn't dare provoke the Void Breaking Sect. Once they know the Void Breaking Sect's situation, how could they not confront them?

Elder Li sighed helplessly; he knew he had become the sinner of the entire Void Breaking Sect.

But he also understood that most of those who joined the Void Breaking Sect for less than a thousand years would likely defect and hurriedly join another Great Teaching, seeking shelter.

Even others have begun considering joining other Great Teachings.

After all, the next sect disaster for the Void Breaking Sect is several thousand years away. If they don't breakthrough, they might not live until then.

Joining other Great Teachings could help them do something for their descendants, accumulating resources and such.

If one person joins another Great Teaching, those within may not value them, and being newcomers, they may face rejection.

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Therefore, it would be best for them to find more people and form an alliance, joining other Great Teachings. That way, they can look out for each other in everyday situations, such as when they go out on adventures.

Obviously, it's not possible for so many of them to join a single Great Teaching simultaneously, as other teachings would definitely have their concerns.

Hence, they need to return quickly, so everyone can discuss what to do next.

Cao Zhen stared at the mountain gate, bewildered by the sudden departure of the fifty Earth Immortal Realm members of the Void Breaking Sect: "What's going on? We were about to trade, why did they suddenly leave?"

Beside him, Nie Jie whispered: "Sect Hierarch, could they be deliberately trying to confuse us? Pretending to flee and then ambushing us?"

"There's no point in them doing that. They've already appeared; it's impossible for us to be unprepared!" Cao Zhen shook his head in confusion and looked at the crowd, "Go and see how those hidden ones are doing, and check on those assassins as well."

A fleeting shadow passed by at Cao Zhen's command, disappearing from his sight briefly before returning to inform him: "Master, all of them are gone; they hastily left on a flying boat."

"Everyone left?"

"Over a hundred Earth Immortal Realm people came all this way to our Hundred Peaks Sect mountain gate, then left after redeeming a few people?"

"Could they really have just come to redeem some people?"

"Definitely not. If they were redeeming people, why only some and not all of them?"

"There's only one possibility left – something major happened within the Void Breaking Sect."

Little Bei Yan called out upon hearing this: "What could have happened? Surely, the Void Breaking Sect hasn't been wiped out, right? And those assassins—what about them?"

"The assassins haven't made any moves; perhaps they're waiting for the Void Breaking Sect members to return as well. Besides, now that our attention is highly focused, they might fear being discovered by us, so they're staying put."

"No movement? It's good that they're staying put."

Chilling murderous intent flickered in Cao Zhen's eyes: "Leaving these people only leads to trouble sooner or later. Since the Void Breaking Sect people are likely gone, let's deal with them first."

Having said that, he looked at the crowd, "Take your third brother and quietly approach them underground."

The crowd was the weakest in combat among all disciples, but he excelled at escaping and hiding.

Assassins are definitely skilled at concealing themselves, yet they were found by the crowd who remained undetected by the assassins, showcasing the crowd's remarkable concealment skills.

Thus, he had the crowd take Xiang Ziyu to approach the enemy.

Xiang Ziyu has mastered all things very well, and during this period, his Five-thunder Righteous Method surpassed other disciples greatly, so naturally, he should accompany Xiang Ziyu to kill.

"Okay, Master." With the command, the crowd obediently nodded, knowing that taking the third brother along was only slightly troublesome, nothing more.

When the battle starts, he could always stand aside.

Their master had always said that he was not needed for fighting.

After giving the crowd instructions, Cao Zhen turned to the other disciples nearby: "Later, we'll pretend to survey whether the Void Breaking Sect has indeed retreated, quietly getting close to them. Ling Xi, be cautious; if anyone tries to escape, I will pursue them with you immediately."

Ling Xi is now a major weapon, combined with her great formation. It's possible that Ling Xi is more formidable than him and Xiang Ziyu.

"Wait... Master..." Upon hearing this, the crowd suddenly spoke up, pointing to his senior sister:  
"Master, I can actually carry... take my senior sister with me."

Cao Zhen's gaze at the crowd instantly changed—taking Ling Xi? Did he mean he should take Xiang Ziyu instead? This kid, ever since coming up the mountain, seemed to hold a different look towards Ling Xi, even talking about carrying his senior sister—what's this... a rebellion?

"Bang!"

Cao Zhen heavily slapped the crowd, scolding: "We are about to battle, and you're still being picky. Do you know that such thoughts are extremely dangerous? Your third brother is the protagonist, yet you disdain him."

Suddenly, the crowd became obedient, but internally, he was full of complaints; his master was too shameless! Having Bi Yue Sect and Li Ke Sect, yet prohibiting anyone from approaching his senior sister.

Ba...

"Bang!"

His shoulder suffered another wave of agony, and upon looking back, it was his third brother's face that met his eyes.

"Little brother, let me tell you, your thoughts are truly dangerous. Master wasn't wrong; I'm the protagonist, and taking me along is the safest. Taking someone else..."

Great, the third brother began another lecture.

During his time at Four Treasures Peak, he was most troubled by three things: the second sister's cold gaze, the third brother's constant claims of being the protagonist.

Now, hearing that his third brother was starting another lecture, he quickly informed his master of the disciples' hiding place, then promptly employed an escape technique, taking his third brother underground and proceeding towards the distance.

Cao Zhen also flew out of the Hundred Peaks Sect with the other disciples from Four Treasures Peak.

He wasn't sure if the Void Breaking Sect people had truly left. If they returned, having only brought the Four Treasures Peak disciples, they could retreat immediately, unaffected, especially since there were only six Earth Immortal Realm enemies—bringing Four Treasures Peak disciples would be more than enough.

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Chapter 1497:

In a hidden location, three people, two men and one woman, were concealed here.

Suddenly, one of them said with displeasure, "What are those people from the Void Breaking Sect up to? They've been here for so many days without making a move, then suddenly, without saying or doing anything, they just up and left, making us wait here in vain for so long.

I just don't get it, what are they afraid of with so many people? They should just act directly, and once they do, we could help them deal with Cao Zhen, the strongest on the opposing side.

Now great, they've run off, and we have to find another opportunity. If Cao Zhen doesn't leave the Hundred Peaks Sect, we have no idea how long we'll have to wait."

"Wait, Cao Zhen has flown out, and there are a few people behind him. According to intelligence, they should all be his disciples. However, it seems his strongest disciple, Xiang Ziyu, is not here."

"They should be going out to gather information, to see if the people from the Void Breaking Sect have really left. As for why Xiang Ziyu is not present, it's understandable; they would certainly leave a master at the sect just in case."

"They're flying in our direction, could they..."

"Hold your breath and keep silent; they couldn't possibly discover us."

As Cao Zhen and his group drew nearer, the three quickly concealed their presence and fell silent.

Cao Zhen flew to a place as instructed by the million-enemies, and whispered to Ling Xi, "Release the formation map."

In the next moment, a gigantic Immortal Mountain appeared behind him, while a purple lightning bolt emerged in his palm.

The three hidden realized something was wrong!

"Retreat!"

The three immediately stood up and flew out from their hiding place, heading far away.

There was no one else nearby, so the only explanation for releasing spells without reason is that they were discovered.

With so many Earth Immortal Realm cultivators, they clearly couldn't stand against them, the only option was to escape first.

But as soon as the three took flight, a gigantic formation map unfolded in the void.

This map, imbued with the eight trigrams, instantly enveloped all three of them.

"This formation map!"

"A Yellow Level Upper Grade treasure!"

"How does Ling Xi have such a treasure? Damn Wanxiao Sect, their report didn't mention Ling Xi possessing such a treasure!"

Inside the formation map, the three swore softly as they glanced around.

In the void, behind Ling Xi, a gigantic Immortal Mountain appeared. It looked like a huge talisman, yet the talisman seemed incomplete, vaguely resembling a Bagua diagram.

On the Immortal Mountain, waves of immortal energy sprinkled down.

In front of Ling Xi, sixty-four talismans appeared, each emitting a dreadful light, and in an instant, the whole world seemed to be shrouded under these sixty-four talismans.

"Another Yellow Level Upper Grade treasure!"

"How does Ling Xi possess so many Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures!"

"She's... she's trying to wield two Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures simultaneously? She's just entered the Earth Immortal Realm, how could she possibly control two Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures at once!"

The higher the grade of the treasure, the greater its power. Similarly, the more immortal power it consumes to control such treasures.

Someone who just entered the Earth Immortal Realm shouldn't be able to control two Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures simultaneously, yet this opponent has done it!

With horrified gazes, the three watched.

Around Ling Xi, the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman and the formation map beneath her emitted beams of light simultaneously.

In an instant, beams of light converged in the center, landing entirely upon Ling Xi.

In a flash, Ling Xi was bathed in brilliant radiance, and at the same time, the formation map, talisman, and Ling Xi resonated in a peculiar harmony, as if perfectly fused into one!

"Is this..."

"The Three Talents of Heaven, Earth, and Man?"

"I understand now, because of the perfect resonance among the three, Ling Xi is able to wield two treasures simultaneously!"

"How... what luck does she have to find two treasures perfectly compatible with her!"

In the cultivation world, the treasures people use are naturally those very suitable for them, but there's a difference between suitable and perfectly compatible.

Typically, unless specifically crafted for oneself, it's challenging to find a perfectly compatible treasure.

But crafting specifically for someone is not so easy; it requires a top master, and it's necessary to create a treasure based on the cultivator's cultivation technique, the spells they excel in, and even their Immortal Body.

Most cultivators won't easily disclose the details of their cultivation technique; even if they do tell someone, it's not guaranteed the other would understand the depth of their cultivation technique.

Surely, one wouldn't actually teach their technique to the other, right?

Even within the same great teaching, people are not always willing to fully disclose their cultivation techniques, and even if they do, the other might not have the expertise or knowledge to create a perfectly compatible treasure.

Only someone in the same lineage, practicing the identical cultivation technique and spells, understanding one's Immortal Body, could craft a perfectly compatible treasure.

But not every lineage possesses such a master in artifact refining.

Thus, perfectly compatible treasures are exceedingly difficult to find.

Yet Ling Xi has two such treasures, and these two also resonate with each other!

This...

Could it be that these treasures weren't found outside, but crafted for her by someone?

But who could craft such treasures?

Cao Zhen?

The question is, although Cao Zhen is a reincarnated master, his expertise is in Alchemy. Could he really be equally skilled in Artifact Refining?

Before everyone could come to their senses, the formation map fully expanded.

In an instant, the three felt their surroundings transform dramatically.

They felt as though the world they were in had become a world of flames, some felt they had descended into a desert, with sand beneath their feet and countless particles floating in the void, while others felt enveloped in darkness...

Furthermore, they instantly felt as though an invisible giant hand was gripping them tightly, restraining their power.

The previous Unparalleled Formation Plate could also trap multiple people simultaneously, but its power would significantly decline. Yet the main difference with the current Unparalleled Formation Plate is that even if more people are trapped, its binding force does not steeply decrease!

Chapter 1498:

The three assassins had never felt this way before; entering the formation map, they felt their power suppressed, unable even to exert ninety percent of their peak strength!

Before they could recover, sixteen talismans had already fallen from the void!

Back when Ling Xi was at the Golden Core stage, she could control thirty-two talismans simultaneously. Now, having broken through to the Earth Immortal realm, she could naturally control more talismans at once.

Even at her Golden Core stage limit, she couldn't control all sixty-four talismans simultaneously. Only after entering the Earth Immortal realm could she handle all the talismans at once.

This shows how poor the second generation Sect Leader was; during that period, he couldn't even afford treasures and had to rely on divine weapons.

However, Cao Zhen had modified the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman, so now the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman is a Yellow Level Upper Grade treasure.

With her current cultivation base, she can barely manage to control twenty-four talismans at once when exerting her full power.

The sixteen talismans fell silently, without causing any terrifying sound or spatial disturbance, merely floating around the trio. But these sixteen talismans vaguely formed a formation.

Righteous Gathering Thunder Talisman!

When helping her in reconfiguring the talismans, Cao Zhen, with Ling Xi's assistance, had improved each talisman. For instance, Cao Zhen transformed the Thunderbolt-Gathering Symbol into the more suited Righteous Gathering Thunder Talisman, as Four Treasures Peak's Thunderbolt Technique is the Five-thunder Righteous Method, which suits the Thunderbolt-Gathering Symbol more, hence having stronger power!

Although the three noticed the talismans beside them hadn't attacked, the opponent utilizing such Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures couldn't be meaningless!

"Quick, leave this place!"

The trio moved rapidly. However, during the movement, they were startled to find that no matter how they moved, the sixteen talismans always stayed at their side.

Even as they separated, heading in three different directions, they somehow couldn't move outside a small range, remaining unable to distance themselves too far.

"Can't leave!"

"Quick, bomb these talismans!"

Demonic qi gathered around the three, launching attacks towards the talismans ahead!

But upon impact, the sixteen talismans suddenly vibrated intensely, causing the entire formation map to shake, as talismans and the map had fully merged!

"This..."

The trio was completely stunned; the formation map was absorbing the talisman attacks, meaning to break the talismans, the map must be destroyed first!

Both the map and talismans are Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures, hardly easy to break!

As they moved, Cao Zhen also entered the formation map.

Suddenly, yet the map didn't transmit any sense of constraint.

No constraint?

Even Cao Zhen was slightly puzzled; the map wouldn't recognize its creator, nor can it form an artifact spirit yet.

Currently, Ling Xi is the map's master, logically, anyone entering should be suppressed, himself included.

But the map was not suppressing him, why?

The formation suppresses based on an individual's cultivation technique and Immortal Body.

As for himself...

He cultivates Chaos Qi, perhaps because it's the origin of all energy, rendering specific suppression impossible?

It seems plausible.

Every type of qi derives from Chaos Qi, how can it be suppressed?

Ling Xi's Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram cannot suppress him, implies no one else can too?

As thought occupied Cao Zhen, Ling Xi wore a peculiar expression, realizing her Supreme Unparalleled Formation Diagram wasn't restraining her master.

She was slightly surprised but still shot a talisman towards her master.

When her master had modified the Heaven and Earth Bagua Talisman, he specially crafted a Same Array Talisman; by shooting it onto someone, it ensures they won't be suppressed by the Supreme Unparalleled Formation.

Her master now isn't suppressed, thus doesn't need the Same Array Talisman.

Without the Same Array Talisman, unless her Supreme Unparalleled Formation is broken, or she retracts the map, the master cannot fly out even if unconstrained.

Elsewhere, similarly hidden individuals watched as Cao Zhen and Ling Xi engaged, their expressions changed drastically.

"They found us!"

"Retreat!"

The assassins, not being death warriors, knew they must hastily retreat upon being detected.

As for the discovered three, they couldn't care less!

They merely joined the assassin organization, killing isn't like sect or great teaching, nor are they brothers, others' deaths meant nothing to them.

Just as they intended to move, suddenly, the ground beneath them exploded violently, and a figure appeared in their sight.

Xiang Ziyu!

How did he suddenly emerge from underground? Earth Escape Technique?

Using Earth Escape Technique, they also should've detected him, so how did Xiang Ziyu appear silently?

Hiding directly underground, never flying out from the earth, Xiang Ziyu alone confronted them, yet their first reaction wasn't combat, but continued fleeing backward.

Chapter 1499:

Behind the opponent, there are still people. Once they get entangled, everyone will die.

Now, only one Xiang Ziyu is in front of them, Xiang Ziyu can only block one person, so two of them can escape.

Within the Unparalleled Formation Diagram, Cao Zhen's gaze had already fallen upon the three people opposite. Lightning surged in his hands, and the next moment, he and Ling Xi attacked almost simultaneously. Violet lightning shot forth into the void, resembling two bolts of Heavenly Tribulation Thunder, striking towards the three below.

Suddenly, from the surroundings of the three, sixteen Righteous Gathering Thunder Talismans shot forth rays of light, directed towards the void. Instantly, the violet lightning, originally as thick as three large trees combined, suddenly became half a size thicker.

In an instant, the lightning descended, emitting a sound like the eruption of a mountain, causing the time within the Formation Map to violently tremble.

Arcs of violet electricity continuously jumped towards the surroundings. With the enhancement of the Righteous Gathering Thunder Talisman, this space transformed into a world of thunder.

Since fighting the Void Breaking Sect last time, Cao Zhen hadn't acted, nor cultivated the Five-thunder Righteous Method.

However, Xiang Ziyu has been cultivating the Five-thunder Righteous Method.

His Five-thunder Righteous Method naturally benefited from lying in wait to win. Now, when unleashed, it's several degrees stronger than before.

Though there are only two people, Cao Zhen and Ling Xi, the Five-thunder Righteous Method is a Mysterious Rank spell. They have two Yellow Level Upper Grade treasures trapping the opponent, leaving the three in the formation unable to exert even ninety percent of their power.

Under the continuous release of the Five-thunder Righteous Method by Cao Zhen and Ling Xi, the three in the great formation were instantly heavily injured.

"Hmm? Trying to run?"

Cao Zhen noticed the two escaping on the other side, moved instantaneously, flying out of the formation to pursue one of them.

Behind him, silver wings fluttered gently. Within the span of a breath, he had already caught up with one of them, the Thunder Light Sword in hand appearing, striking fiercely forward.

Instantly, in the void, a hundred figures of Cao Zhen appeared, all simultaneously stabbing with their swords.

Each of these hundred swords was different, as if a hundred different sword Dao masters were simultaneously exhibiting their most proficient swordsmanship.

Though the sword intents and sword moves differed, due to the Thunder Light Sword, each sword contained traces of thunderbolt power.

The thunderlight burst forth, sealing every retreating angle of the opponent.

What kind of sword is this!

The assassin before him had a terrified expression. The killer organization had specifically noted in their data that Cao Zhen was especially adept at swordplay, with one being particularly terrifying.

Just reading the data, he couldn't imagine how terrifying that sword could be. Now he finally understood why it was emphasized.

He was at the Earth Immortal Realm, yet he couldn't distinguish which of these hundred swords was real and which was fake!

He couldn't even clearly see where the sword aimed when it coalesced into one!

Is this the swordsmanship of a reincarnated great ability?

Unable to see through this sword, unable to dodge, he had no choice but to gather his immortal energy and summon a massive green gourd shell.

This gourd shell seemed to be split into two pieces from top to bottom directly, resembling the water scooping ladle commonly found in the homes of ordinary residents in the human world.

On the green gourd, silver streams of light appeared, forming a massive "镇" character!

Just one word, yet it gave the illusion of being able to guard this world, defend against all attacks.

The next moment, the unified sword from over a hundred sword intents pierced the gourd forcefully, emitting a sound like the shattering of the earth.

The green gourd, impacted by this power, shrank instantly, transforming into the size of a head.

The key difference between divine weapons and treasures is that divine weapons can be easily shattered, while treasures, even faced with a stronger force, won't break easily, only revealing their true form under impact.

Unless the force is overwhelmingly strong.

For example, a Common Low Grade treasure struck by an Upper-grade Profound Level treasure, or blasted by an Earth Level spell, might shatter.

Behind the gourd, the face of the assassin from the killer organization showed instant terror. He was already at the peak of the Longevity Period, while Cao Zhen had just entered Earth Immortal Realm, only early Longevity Period. But Cao Zhen could force his treasure to retract with a single blow. Clearly, Cao Zhen's immortal power far exceeded his own.

How could someone in the early Longevity Period have such strong immortal power!

Not good!

Suddenly, thunderbolt power descended in his void.

His treasure, now revealed, caused his vitals to shake slightly. His body involuntarily staggered, too late to dodge further.

The mighty thunderbolt power immediately surged within his body, blasting him from the sky.

Cao Zhen heavily injured the opponent with one blow, then called out towards Yan Yourong, who was chasing from behind, "Yourong, catch him, I'll pursue the other one."

As he finished speaking, he shouted into the distance, "Little Jiu, where are you?"

Among the three opponents, Xiang Ziyu held back one, he just intercepted one, leaving one still escaping.

Though the engagement with the opponent lasted only a moment, everyone was in the Earth Immortal Realm now. This span was enough to fly extremely far, even beyond their sight line.

Chapter 1500:

But they were not just him and Xiang Ziyu; they also had Wan Rendi.

Although Wan Rendi wasn't strong in combat, his speed was incredibly fast.

Before the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth ended, whenever Wan Rendi went out with his senior brother and sister, he never took on combat responsibilities. During battles, he would hide on the side, and if someone fled, he would quietly follow and notify his senior brother and sister for pursuit and recognition.

As Cao Zhen's words fell, Wan Rendi's aura suddenly burst from afar.

Suddenly, the silver wings behind Cao Zhen trembled, and his figure appeared far away. Each flap of the silver wings took him a great distance.

Before long, he caught up with the last person fleeing.

The individual, seeing Cao Zhen and the silver wings behind him appearing before his eyes, sighed internally. He simply stopped; running further was futile, as continuing to run would only completely expose his back to Cao Zhen.

Yet, fighting Cao Zhen offered him no chance of victory either.

Although he had been running just now, he was aware of the battle behind him. Cao Zhen could severely injure his companions in an instant. The gap between them was indeed significantly large.

He even doubted that if Cao Zhen left the Hundred Peaks Sect alone, even an ambush on the way might not ensure Cao Zhen's demise.

Of course, if the people from the Void Breaking Sect hadn't left and engaged in battle with the Hundred Peaks Sect, and they suddenly attacked, they might have a certain chance to kill Cao Zhen.

But that chance was merely a possibility.

Cao Zhen was far stronger than what the information they had indicated.

And the information came from the Wanxiao Sect, collected during the last attack on the Hundred Peaks Sect by the Void Breaking Sect.

The information couldn't be wrong.

This meant Cao Zhen had significantly improved in such a short time since the last Void Breaking Sect attack on the Hundred Peaks Sect?

How did Cao Zhen manage to improve so much in that period?

Even if he was a reincarnated Great Ability, it was frightening.

Cao Zhen looked at the only remaining assassin before him but didn't act hastily. Instead, he slowly spoke, "No need to be so tense. Actually, we can make a deal."

"For example, you tell me who sent you and whether your target is me."

Across from him, the assassin suddenly laughed, "Our rule has always been to work for money, even if I wanted to tell you who sent us, I couldn't say. Plus, even if I did tell you, would you let me go?"

"That depends on how much you can tell me," Cao Zhen suddenly laughed, asking, "For example, about the Assassin Society."

"Assassin Society? I don't know much more about the Assassin Society than you do. I'm not a killer cultivated by the Assassin Society itself; I just joined the society and work for them. I also have my own sect and take tasks if they are suitable. If not, I am just an ordinary elder within the sect. I know nothing of the internal conditions of the Assassin Society."

Cao Zhen nodded slightly, knowing there were two kinds of assassins in the Assassin Society: those they cultivated themselves and those they recruited externally.

These recruited assassins were also very free; they could accept a task whenever they wanted, and if they didn't wish to accept it, the Assassin Society couldn't force them.

For these people, the Assassin Society was merely a platform.

Some joined the Assassin Society purely for resources, knowing that killing comes with revenge.

Others joined purely for the sake of killing.

"Then... I'm not someone who goes to Mount Le to make the Great Buddha rise, and sit by myself. You have nothing of value to share with me, so you must die!"

Cao Zhen's face turned cold, and a purple thunderbolt appeared in his hand.

Underground, Wan Rendi scratched his head confusedly.

Though after joining Four Treasures Peak, he often heard his master say some incomprehensible words, supposedly from the era his master was part of before.

Some words, after hearing them several times, he could understand.

But what did his master mean now?

What was Mount Le?

Moreover, making the Buddha rise? Did his master want to practice Zen?

What would happen to his two mistresses if his master practiced Zen?

And the senior sister!

Cao Zhen quickly exterminated the last assassin and casually handed the body over to Wan Rendu before turning back.

Xiang Ziyu and others had already wiped out the other five assassins.

Ling Xi saw her master return, sighing helplessly and took the initiative to report, "Master, all five were assassins recruited from outside by the Assassin Society. They know nothing."

She paused slightly, somewhat worried, "Master, you must be cautious. It's very likely that their target is you. Even if they failed this time, there would be a second and a third attempt."

Once the Assassin Society takes a task, it doesn't end until the task is successfully completed. They will make full attempts to assassinate three times.

But the Assassin Society doesn't randomly try to assassinate someone three times and then claim mission failure while keeping the money. If they did, no one would assign tasks to them anymore.

The Assassin Society will still send appropriate assassins based on the target's value since they also have to maintain their reputation.