

## **My Master 721**

Chapter 721:

Behind the two of them, dazzling light poured forth like a breached levee's flood, a terrifying aura surged forth, clashing against their opponent.

In the midst of the fierce battle, suddenly, behind them, a man dressed in a gaudy robe, resembling a fluttering butterfly, his back radiating a dazzling light from the ten unusual phenomena of his Golden Core. Following that, golden light suddenly burst forth from the garment he wore, numerous complicated symbols that were neither pictures nor characters shimmered and connected into one. Surrounded by the golden radiance, his aura skyrocketed.

The next moment, he who was originally charging toward another gate, suddenly changed direction and flew toward the gate carved with lutes.

His original target was precisely this gate, not any of the others.

Having already been engaged in fierce battle, they suddenly realized someone else shared their goal, but it was too late to try and stop the newcomer.

In an instant, the flamboyantly dressed man had already burst through the gate decorated with lutes, which then closed behind him.

Watching the gate taken by someone else, the two did not linger in their struggle but quickly disengaged and rushed toward other gates.

After a brief period, nine individuals had charged into nine gates. The only person who hadn't entered any was the Eclipse Demon.

Cao Zhen glanced at the Eclipse Demon then turned to look at the only gate that remained open with its unique pattern.

An ocarina!

He distinctly remembered from the file on the Eclipse Demon's plan that the Eclipse Demon knew how to play the ocarina.

Moreover, the Eclipse Demon also possessed a kind of Sonic Wave skill.

Therefore, if this guy were to choose, his first choice should have been this gate. However, the Eclipse Demon looked indifferent and ultimately, nobody chose this gate.

"This Eclipse Demon does have some brains to deduce that this gate is less common, and also to observe that no one has chosen this gate, thus not rushing to enter. But what is this guy planning to do by staying behind?"

Cao Zhen watched the Eclipse Demon with curiosity.

Meanwhile, the Eclipse Demon, who had stopped outside the gates, didn't just stand by; he approached several doors, pressed his ear against them to listen, but gradually furrowed his brows.

"I can't hear anything..." the Eclipse Demon shook his head slightly, waited for about the duration of an incense stick to burn, then pushed against the gate that had visibly been entered first by another, the one carved with lutes.

Cao Zhen realized in an instant what the Eclipse Demon intended – he wanted to see if the gates, once closed, could be reopened.

If they could be opened again, he certainly planned to enter, taking the opportunity to kill someone while they were inheriting and loot their possession.

However, when he pushed, the gate remained firmly shut.

"It won't open? Could it be that once someone inside starts the inheritance, the gates cannot be opened again? That each person can only accept one inheritance?"

A puzzled look crossed the Eclipse Demon's face.

He glanced around, waited a little while, and noticing that the gates around him indeed showed no signs of movement, slowly stepped through the gate in front of him.

Cao Zhen's perspective shifted as the Eclipse Demon entered the gate of the ocarina.

Upon entering, rustic and simple ocarina tunes filled the air, and faintly, the sounds even took on a divine quality.

The Eclipse Demon, upon hearing the ocarina's melody, was instantly immersed, completely intoxicated by it.

However, the next moment, the ocarina's music abruptly changed, and the roaring of beasts burst forth.

In an instant, he felt as though he was transported to the Savage Era, where massive Strange Beasts, towering like mountains, emerged on all sides, their horrendous roars causing the space around to shatter. Visible Sonic Waves surged from every direction in that realm, swirling towards the Eclipse Demon.

Startled into full awareness, he watched the terrifying Sonic Waves and quickly dodged to one side, but the waves kept shooting out, getting faster and more numerous, enveloping him completely with nowhere to hide.

"What is this? Is this the final test? Indeed, this heritage site isn't so easily obtained."

As the Eclipse Demon was consumed by panic, his body started to glow with Protective Divine Power.

Cao Zhen, seeing how the Eclipse Demon, relying on his Protective Divine Power and various Divine Skills, struggled against the Sonic Waves, shook his head slightly; the Eclipse Demon might know how to play the ocarina, but his Musical Rhythm expertise was far too lacking.

It was clear that the Sonic Waves were caused by the ocarina music, which actually had a pattern. As long as one's musical rhythm skills were high enough, it would be easy to decrypt. Clearly, the Eclipse Demon did not make the cut.

Given the Eclipse Demon's current state, the Sonic Waves were only getting stronger, and he was continually depleting his energy; eventually, he would meet his end here.

If this guy died, wouldn't Cao Zhen have linked with someone in vain?

If he died, where could Cao Zhen find another inside betrayer like him?

Well then, perhaps Cao Zhen should help him out; who knows, doing so might also reveal more secrets of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect.

A thought crossed Cao Zhen's mind.

Suddenly he spoke out.

While the Eclipse Demon was troubled about how to contend with the Sonic Waves in front of him, suddenly, a voice filled with age, mystery, and boundless fear echoed in his mind.

"Kan eight advances to nine..."

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The Eclipse Demon's mind suddenly jolted with terror as he looked around and asked aloud, "Who? Who is it?" How could a voice suddenly transmit into his own mind?

Who is this person?

Cao Zhen watched the Eclipse Demon standing there dazed and motionless, cursing in his heart. This idiot, wasn't he very shrewd before? Why has he become so stupid now? Why doesn't he hurry up and move! His time was limited, and if the Eclipse Demon didn't follow his commands, he couldn't break through this musical rhythm. By then, he would die!

Cao Zhen didn't have time to explain, but continued to use that ancient and mysterious terrifying voice to say, "Advance nine progress six, then move to the K'un position..."

The Eclipse Demon listened to the voice in his mind that came again, and finally his expression changed. Was this voice reminding him of how to break through the soundwaves' assault?

Although it was strange to him why such a voice would be in his mind, he still followed the guidance in his mind and stepped forward, even though, he clearly saw that the position of the soundwaves indicated by the voice would hit him unrelentingly. Yet he still stepped forward.

He realized that if he continued to dodge like this, he would eventually die under the attack of the soundwaves. So if that was the case, it's better to take a chance.

As soon as he took a step, terrifying soundwaves assaulted him, yet unlike before when the soundwaves, seemingly possessing endless might that could tear the world apart, hit him, they possessed no terrifying power. Within the soundwaves, he even had a feeling that he was now riding atop an ancient Strange Beast, galloping through endless wilderness.

Suddenly, elation showed on his face. Indeed, the voice hadn't been wrong; he continued to follow its guidance.

He didn't hesitate or stop, and quickly followed the voice's instructions and moved forward. In just a moment, he had actually passed through the regions where the soundwaves were.

In the room, the sounds abruptly ceased.

Cao Zhen let out a sigh of relief. It was good that the Eclipse Demon was obedient and finally managed to come out, but his time had also run out.

In the room, after the musical rhythm stopped, this was the first time the Eclipse Demon had a chance to look at the room. It was a vast room, and on the walls around the room, there were engravings of numerous figures playing the musical rhythm.

Beyond that, below these figures, there were also texts recorded.

Although he was very curious about what was recorded in it, he still suppressed the impulse in his heart and looked around, wanting to see if there was anyone else.

Just now, a voice had suddenly appeared in his mind, and it was by following the guidance of that voice that he had arrived here.

But no matter how he looked, there was no second person in the room other than himself.

Indeed, the senior wasn't here; it was the senior's voice that had directly echoed in his mind.

He didn't know where the senior was, so he could only raise his hand respectfully and bow, saying, "Many thanks to the senior for lending a hand."

His voice fell, but he received no response.

The Eclipse Demon, stunned for a moment, the voice of the senior had clearly come directly from his mind, and he was absolutely certain that there was such a senior, but why had the senior suddenly fallen silent?

Surprised in his heart, he hesitated for a moment, then raised his hand again and bowed toward another direction, calling out, "Senior?"

Yet, there was still no answer from his surroundings.

"Could it be that I cannot make a sound and must call out to the senior in my mind?"

The Eclipse Demon thought and continued calling out to the senior in his mind; however, there was still no response whatsoever.

"Strange, where has the senior gone?"

The Eclipse Demon furrowed his brows, "That senior instructed me, and also, the aura of the senior felt like it belonged to one of us Demonic Cultivators; I wonder if that senior is the master of this place?"

After calling out for a long time with no response, the Eclipse Demon turned his attention to the recorded texts.

"I am the Ten Sounds Sky Demon of the True Immortal Realm."

Upon reading this, the Eclipse Demon's entire body shook violently, and he trembled with excitement, "A True Immortal! This is a being from the Town Immortal tier. The entire Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty doesn't have a True Immortal, and even our Sun and Moon Demon Sect hasn't birthed a True Immortal for many generations. This one is actually a True Immortal! Above Earth Immortals are Returning Immortals, and only above Returning Immortals are True Immortals! This is the legacy of a True Immortal! I can receive the legacy of a True Immortal!"

The Eclipse Demon tried to contain the excitement in his heart and continued to read on.

"Although I bear the name of a demon, I am not a Demonic Cultivator. Musical Rhythm has its Demonic Cultivators, Zen Cultivators, Taoist Cultivators, and Scholar Cultivators, yet people always want to divide them into Demonic Path and Immortal Path; both paths are inherently incompatible, like water and fire.

I myself, as one person, did not participate in the strife of the various paths; however, my like-minded friends also include those from the Demonic Path. I was forced by those from the Immortal Path to make a stance, demanding I kill my dear friends. How could I do such a thing? From then on, I came to be known as the Ten Sounds Sky Demon.

Since they call me a demon, then I shall completely plunge into the Demonic Path!

Ten sounds, because I am skilled with ten types of musical instruments. I have left behind this legacy, waiting for a person of destiny to enter this place. If their talent is insufficient and they cannot understand the Musical Rhythm Formation I left behind, there is only one outcome—death in this place.

If one can find the pattern of the Musical Rhythm Great Formation I left behind, they will naturally be able to learn my Ten Sounds.

In the Ten Sounds Great Hall, at the back, there is a Sound Bead for each sound. Learn the Ten Sounds, collect the ten Sound Beads, and you can leave this ruin. Otherwise, remain trapped within."

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The Eclipse Demon finished reading a section of text on the wall and his gaze immediately fell on a transparent bead beside him.

"This must be the Sound Bead," he said as he picked up the bead, and immediately felt a surging power contained within.

"A Divine Weapon, this Sound Bead is also a Divine Weapon. Just this single bead possesses such an aura, what would it be like if all ten Sound Beads were gathered? But speaking of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon..."

With a furrowed brow, the Eclipse Demon returned his gaze to the text: "The meaning of this text seems to suggest that a person can actually learn the legacy of all ten musical instruments.

Moreover, to leave this place, one must collect all ten Sound Beads."

He recalled the terrifying sonic wave attack he had encountered earlier and muttered to himself, "I hope that the people in the other nine doors can also obtain the Sound Beads, otherwise, I won't be able to move forward. And according to the records of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon, the one who just reminded me clearly wasn't the Ten Sounds Sky Demon, so who could it be?"

Gently tapping his head, the Eclipse Demon mused aloud: "Why did that senior help me? Did only I receive help from that senior, or did everyone receive it? And who exactly is that senior? Their voice was able to resonate directly in my mind, so they must be an extremely powerful being.

But, it's the Reversal Mini Epoch Period now, all existences above the Golden Core Stage are supposed to be in slumber, so why isn't that senior asleep? Could it be that the senior is also at the Golden Core Stage?

But how could someone at the Golden Core Stage make their voice resonate directly in my mind? That's clearly not simple sound transmission. And why did the senior disappear after speaking?"

The more the Eclipse Demon thought about it, the more puzzled he became. No matter how he pondered, he couldn't understand the senior's intentions or what kind of being they were.

After being unable to figure it out, he simply stopped thinking about it and turned his attention to the various paintings and the text annotations beside them.

As he began to look at the paintings, sounds like heavenly chimes began to resound in the room, except this time, the chimes did not unleash any sonic wave attacks.

Cao Zhen, listening to the chimes and observing the paintings and texts, instantly understood that these chimes were a guide, leading one on how to cultivate using the Divine Skills.

In just a moment, he had completely understood the Divine Skills.

Although he did not specialize in Musical Rhythm, his proficiency in it was very advanced. Given his mastery of Musical Rhythm, learning these Divine Skills of Musical Rhythm was incredibly easy.

Unexpectedly, thanks to the Eclipse Demon, he had learned an additional Divine Skill, and that too from the True Immortal Realm.

No, it should be said that there were ten Divine Skills.

The Ten Sounds Sky Demon had left behind ten Divine Skills, so it wouldn't be right to let the Eclipse Demon only look at one.

After Cao Zhen learned the Divine Skills, he didn't continue to look and soon left to focus on Alchemy.

It wasn't until the next day that he began to observe the Eclipse Demon again.

"Hmm? This guy, has he learned the Divine Skills?"

Cao Zhen was surprised to discover that a new Divine Skill had appeared in the Eclipse Demon's records.

Ten Sounds of Destruction!

"This guy, clearly not proficient in Musical Rhythm, how has he learned the Divine Skills?" Cao Zhen was momentarily confused. Logically speaking, the Eclipse Demon should not have been able to learn the Divine Skills.

In his surprise, the room's door also opened, and the Eclipse Demon walked out through it.

The next moment, his eyes suddenly widened.

The other nine doors had all opened as well.

After he left, the door engraved with chimes closed, but only his door closed while the others remained open?

The Eclipse Demon immediately became vigilant, looking around to see if the doors had been opened before he left.

Had those people already left through the doors?

To leave this place, one needed ten Sound Beads, and plainly these beads were Divine Weapons. Could someone be intending to kill everyone to obtain the Sound Beads?

Also, these doors, once the person inside left, were clearly available to enter again. So, might others want to learn the additional Divine Skills, since there were ten types available here?

In an instant, the Eclipse Demon considered many possibilities. He dared not stay here longer; he quickly left and flew to a distance to watch the situation from afar.

However, as time continuously passed, the nine doors that had opened remained unchanged, and no one else appeared in his view.

"I obtained the Divine Skills and took the Sound Bead, so my door closed. The other nine doors haven't closed, does that mean that none of them learned the Divine Skills, didn't take the Sound Beads, and just died in there?"

All nine were at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, and they had competed for certain doors earlier on. It's unlikely that they were all ignorant about Musical Rhythm and perished inside."

For a moment, the Eclipse Demon hesitated, unsure of what to do.

Cao Zhen, looking at the Eclipse Demon hiding in the distance, realized that this individual did indeed have one strength: he was exceedingly cautious. Only by being cautious could one survive longer.

After thinking it over, he decided that he should communicate with the Eclipse Demon. After all, he couldn't be sure whether the Eclipse Demon would rashly re-enter another door to investigate.

And he couldn't just keep watching the Eclipse Demon either. What if the Eclipse Demon entered another door and only then would he need to remind him how to proceed?

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So, it would be best to communicate with the Eclipse Demon in advance.

"Junior..."

Cao Zhen purposefully imitated a mysterious voice filled with the vicissitudes of life that started echoing in the mind of the Eclipse Demon.

The Eclipse Demon was observing the situation of the Nine Doors when suddenly, the voice of that mysterious senior resounded in his mind.

The Eclipse Demon's body jolted violently, and a respectful expression immediately appeared on his face as he hurriedly responded, "Senior, I've met the senior. Thank you for your assistance before."

"No need to speak; you may respond to this seat in your mind," Cao Zhen said deliberately in an indifferent tone, "Also, there's no need to thank this seat. I simply noticed that among the ten of you, you were the only real Demonic Cultivator, so I merely provided a bit of guidance."

The Eclipse Demon instantly caught the key point in the other party's words and quickly replied in his mind, "Is senior also a Demonic Cultivator?"

At the same time, some doubts arose in his mind. Demonic Cultivator? Among the ten people before, aside from himself, he had noticed others who were Demonic Cultivators, so why did the senior claim that only he was a Demonic Cultivator?

Could it be that the other few were not pure or orthodox enough in their cultivation, and therefore, the senior did not acknowledge them as true Demonic Cultivators but only recognized him?

That must be the case.

Cao Zhen continued to deceive, "Indeed, this seat is a Demonic Cultivator."

Upon hearing the senior admit to being a Demonic Cultivator, the Eclipse Demon felt the senior seemed to have a certain recognition for Demonic Cultivators and continued to bravely ask, "May I know how to address the senior?"

"This seat... Overbearing Sky Demonic Master," Cao Zhen blurted out a name reminiscent of names like Long Aotian.

Overbearing Sky Demonic Master?

The Eclipse Demon was stunned, as he had never heard this name before.

Cao Zhen continued to deceive, "Since this seat has encountered you, it is also a matter of fate. The Ten Sounds Sky Demon had once gained enlightenment because of this seat and thus achieved the state of a True Immortal.

And this seat has also left a wisp of Divine Thought here. Well, even if I tell you this, you won't understand. In short, this seat cannot appear for too long right now. Tomorrow, at this time, you may enter the second door to learn the Divine Skills within.

The Divine Skills of the Ten Sounds, although basic, should suffice for you."

Cao Zhen fooled him with another line and quickly disappeared.

However, the Eclipse Demon's mind was already churning like surging waves.

What did the senior just say? He said that the Ten Sounds Sky Demon achieved the state of a True Immortal because of the senior? That's the Guardian Immortal Realm!

If the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master could help someone become a True Immortal because of him, what sort of existence was this Overbearing Sky Demonic Master?

And the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master had left a wisp of Divine Thought here, which could communicate with him. What about the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master's true form?

Now is the Reversal Mini Epoch Period; could the real body of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master be in slumber?

But if the real body of the Demon Lord is in slumber, can the Divine Thought not slumber and still exist?

He had never heard of anyone who could maintain the existence of Divine Thought throughout the Reversal Mini Epoch Period.

Moreover, this Overbearing Sky Demonic Master claimed the Divine Skills of the True Immortal Ten Sounds Sky Demon to be basic. Then what kind of Divine Skills does he regard as superior?

This Overbearing Sky Demonic Master, who dares to claim authority over the heavens, must hold an incredibly high status!

Furthermore, why would the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master help him, and moreover, allow him to enter the second door tomorrow to learn the Divine Skills of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon?

Is it simply because he is a Demonic Cultivator that he wants to help him?

The Eclipse Demon shook his head slightly, not believing that the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master would be so benevolent. His talent was indeed not bad, but among his peers in the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, he was never the strongest.

In the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, he had met nearly ten individuals with higher talent than himself.

However, among those ten, four had already died, including Hei Xing who had just recently perished, making half of them deceased.

And the reason he had managed to stay alive up to now was precisely because he had been cautious enough.

He believed that there was no such thing as unprovoked love in this world. The Overbearing Sky Demonic Master helping him once might be a coincidence, a matter of convenience, but wanting to help a second time, there must be an ulterior motive.

The Eclipse Demon's mind started to work swiftly. Now, in the Reversal Mini Epoch Period, the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master must be in slumber; no one can withstand the Heavenly Dao.

And the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master... he had never heard this name before, which could very well mean that it belonged to an ancient existence. Such ancient beings might have no descendants alive, thus needing someone to act on their behalf while they slumber?

Also, why would the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master leave his Divine Thought here? He claimed that the Ten Sounds Sky Demon achieved True Immortality because of him, so he should have descendants.

But then, it is very likely that the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master has succumbed to some form of calamity or even suppression, and his lineage may no longer exist.

And since no one knew of the relationship between the Ten Sounds Sky Demon and him, his Divine Thought could remain here. Perhaps he seeks resurrection or to escape suppression?

Therefore, he might be looking for someone to assist him.

It just so happened that he, the Eclipse Demon, entered this place and being a true orthodox Demonic Cultivator, the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master wanted to help him.

The Eclipse Demon pondered many blood-soaked thoughts that day.

To ordinary people, a day is not particularly long, and for cultivators like them, a day seems even shorter.

Soon a day passed, and the Eclipse Demon looked up at the sun in the sky.

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"The time mentioned by the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master has arrived," he said.

He stepped towards the second door, hesitated for a moment, but still entered through the wide-open gate.

He knew that this door, like the one he had entered the day before, would immediately subject him to a sonic wave attack upon entering, and he knew even more that without the guidance of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master, he would certainly not be able to withstand it.

What he didn't know was whether the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master was present at this moment.

Yet, he still stepped through the gate.

He believed that the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master must have something for him to do, and did not wish to see him die, so since he had said as much, he would surely appear today.

As he entered the gate, the door that had been open all of yesterday and had not closed, slammed shut behind him.

With that, waves of sound from a sheng began to fill the room, and sounds came surging in from all around him.

The next moment, the voice of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master resounded in his mind.

"Advance nine from Xun, retreat three from Kan..."

With yesterday's experience, the Eclipse Demon quickly followed the directions provided by the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master and soon he had traversed beyond the range of the waves created by the sheng's sound.

Suddenly, the sound waves vanished, and he noticed a figure lying on the ground, or rather, a corpse, although the clothes on this corpse were already torn and covered with crisscrossing wounds, he could still recognize that this body was one of the ten who had entered this room yesterday.

"So, he didn't make it to the end and died under the attack of the sound waves."

The Eclipse Demon glanced at the corpse and bowed to the surroundings, saying, "Thank you for your help, senior. I wonder what should I do next, senior? Senior?"

After repetitively calling out several times and receiving no response from the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master in his mind, he realized that the senior must have left. With a thought, he quickly turned around, ran to the corpse, and grabbed it, quickly revealing a Qiankun Bag in his line of sight, and a smile of joy suddenly appeared on his face.

"This fellow was quite wealthy. There are three Divine Weapons, and each one seems to be of good quality. There are also so many Spiritual Stone Tickets and Spiritual Crystal Tickets, more than my entire wealth combined.

This time, I've really hit the jackpot. And there's the second Sound Bead and the second Divine Skill."

The Eclipse Demon quickly left and went to the front of the wall. The same description was on this wall, which he had already read yesterday, so he directly looked at the Divine Skills listed after the description, but then scratched his head.

This was a Divine Skill related to Musical Rhythm, but he didn't know how to play the sheng.

How was he supposed to learn this Divine Skill?

The Eclipse Demon furrowed his brows deeply, no matter how he looked at it, he couldn't comprehend this Divine Skill.

Cao Zhen however, quickly read through the Divine Skill then stepped out; he had already communicated with the Eclipse Demon, and there was no way to communicate today, so there was no point in staying.

Like the day before, even though he was practicing Alchemy, his mastery of Musical Rhythm allowed him to swiftly and completely understand the second Divine Skill of the sheng.

On the third day, at the same time, Cao Zhen reestablished contact with the Eclipse Demon.

The Eclipse Demon had already left the room and arrived outside the door, only to find that the door of the sheng had also closed, while the other eight doors remained open.

"I have not learned the Divine Skill, but the door still closed, so the closing of the door must be related to the Sound Bead. As long as the Sound Bead is taken, the door will close. It's clear now that apart from me, the other nine all died inside! If they had survived, they certainly would have taken the Sound Bead with them.

However, is the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master present today? The Demon Master told me to enter the second door yesterday, but did not say I should enter the third door today."

The Eclipse Demon looked at the third door but did not enter. Instead, he stood outside as if waiting for something.

Cao Zhen, watching the unmoving Eclipse Demon, was completely exasperated. Could you be any more cautious? I told you to enter the second door yesterday, and it's common sense that today you should enter the third door. Even my disciple Xiang Ziyu, that guy knows to enter the third door today, yet you just stand out here not moving.

Cao Zhen waited for quite some time, only to see the Eclipse Demon still show no intention of entering the third door, so he helplessly questioned directly in the Eclipse Demon's mind, "Why do you not enter the door?"

Compared to before, his voice carried a trace of impatience.

Hearing the discontent in the words, the Eclipse Demon immediately knelt down with a thud, not knowing where the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master was, he could only bow in the direction in front of him and hastily explained, "I was wrong, senior. I will enter the third door right away."

"Stop!" Cao Zhen sternly halted the Eclipse Demon, and spoke coldly, "No need today. The only thing I left here is a wisp of Divine Thought, and the time I can communicate with you each day is limited. If you enter now, I can't guide you anymore.

Remember, from tomorrow onwards, go to the next door at this time every day."

Now that he had spoken and their communication time was limited, sending the Eclipse Demon in now would leave him with no way to guide him through the sonic waves.

The Eclipse Demon kept bowing, promising, "Yes, senior, I remember. From now on, at this time each day, I will enter the next door, no matter the situation, without fail."

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Having said that, he paused for a moment, then continued, "However, Senior, I have not learned the Divine Skills from the second door."

"Useless," Cao Zhen directly cursed in anger, "You can't even learn such a low-level Divine Skill. Utterly foolish. If you can't learn it, then stop trying and cultivate the first Divine Skill you have learned."

After speaking, he cut off communication with the Eclipse Demon.

This Eclipse Demon, thinking of asking him to impart Divine Skills, what a joke. The Eclipse Demon was an enemy, who had previously led an attack on the Hundred Peaks Sect. If it weren't for the fact that he had connected with the demon, using him to locate the lair of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and to see if there were any plots from the remnants of the former dynasty, he would have killed him already. Imparting Divine Skills was out of the question.

The Eclipse Demon waited for a long while, and after realizing that the voice of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master wasn't coming through anymore, he stood up from where he was. He sighed softly; he had indeed wanted the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master to impart Divine Skills to him, but the master had bluntly called him stupid and then told him to cultivate the first Divine Skill.

"So, is it that I am not suited to cultivate other Divine Skills?"

The Eclipse Demon remembered the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master not allowing him into the third door today, telling him to enter tomorrow instead. Clearly, his thoughts were correct—Overbearing Sky Demonic Master must have some use for him and did not want him to die.

If that was the case...

He was still in this relic, which is why the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master hadn't instructed him to do anything yet; however, once he left the relic, the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master would surely have tasks for him.

And then, he could do a bit first and after that, he could think of a way to make demands of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master to impart Divine Skills to him.

Of course, he couldn't directly say it, as that might provoke the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master.

He had to make sure that the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master had only him to turn to before making his demands, and he also had to express his wishes in an indirect way, ideally making the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master take the initiative to impart Divine Skills to him.

For example, if the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master sent him on a dangerous mission but his strength was insufficient to complete it, the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master would have to impart Divine Skills to him to make him strong enough to complete the task!

The more the Eclipse Demon thought about it, the more excited he became. No matter how he looked at it, encountering the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master was a good thing.

With such a terrifying being backing him, if he performed well in the future, he might directly become a subordinate or even a disciple of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master. Wouldn't he rise through the ranks within the Sun and Moon Demon Sect?

Even the position of Sect Leader of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect could be possible.

No, wrong. He had the support of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master, a being capable of nurturing a True Immortal. What was the Sun and Moon Demon Sect compared to that?

Now, he would first cultivate the Divine Skill he obtained on the first day.

Although he had barely learned it, his progress in cultivating it was incredibly slow.

Cao Zhen realized that this Eclipse Demon truly had average talent, or perhaps he had always won by relying on people like Xiang Ziyu, making him unconsciously raise his own expectations.

The Eclipse Demon had been cultivating that Divine Skill for so long and had only reached level three. Truly too slow.

On a new day, the Eclipse Demon entered the third door very conscientiously, just like with the previous two doors. As soon as he entered the door, it closed behind him automatically, and the sound attacks began while the voice of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master echoed in his mind.

He quickly followed the voice of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master and moved out of the range of the sound waves. The sound waves disappeared, and he saw another corpse, as well as the third type of Divine Skill. Like the second, he was still unable to learn this third Divine Skill.

However, he did receive another Qiankun Bag, and a Sound Bead.

Cao Zhen could now confirm that the reason the Eclipse Demon could cultivate the first Divine Skill was probably because the demon knew how to play the xun. It was a mystery why such a demonic cultivator would know how to play the xun.

In the following days, the Eclipse Demon would enter a new door every day, and through the Eclipse Demon, Cao Zhen continued to learn a series of Divine Skills.

At last, the Sun Erosion Demon, though he had only mastered the first of Xun's Supernatural Powers, found that upon entering each gate, he would acquire a Qiankun Bag and a Sound Bead!

Cao Zhen initially felt smug that without moving a muscle within Hundred Peaks Sect, he could learn Divine Skills, even those of the True Immortal Realm. Could there be anything more exhilarating?

But gradually, he could no longer feel happy.

He discovered that the path of the Sun Erosion Demon seemed scarcely less than his own.

In ten days, the Sun Erosion Demon had acquired nine people's Qiankun Bags, and those nine were all at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection. Their Qiankun Bags were certainly not lacking in treasures.

Moreover, the Sun Erosion Demon had obtained ten Sound Beads, the Divine Weapon of a Town Immortal.

Even now, during the Minor Era of Inversion of Heaven and Earth, when the Sound Beads couldn't unleash their full might, they certainly could exhibit the extremity of power at the Golden Core Stage.

With ten Sound Beads in his possession, the Sun Erosion Demon pieced them together, and as mana surged into them, the entire relic trembled.

The ten gates that were once separated from the outer world by a mountain, yet as the ten Sound Beads came together, that great mountain simply vanished.

The Sun Erosion Demon, looking at the disappeared mountain, instantly showed a grave expression and, with a flash, hid to the side.

After they had arrived at this place, a towering mountain had appeared, dividing the relic into two sections. They had ten people on their side, and they had tried to reach the mountain's other side but found that those on the other side couldn't enter here.

Therefore, during that time, he hadn't worried about someone sneaking in here to attack him.

But now that the mountain had disappeared, they were ten who had broken in, yet the others hadn't reached this point, that didn't mean they were dead.

If he carelessly went out, and others saw him, wouldn't they naturally assume he had obtained the final treasure and legacy? What if they attacked him together?

The Sun Erosion Demon chose to hide immediately, but after a long while with no one coming forward, he finally moved slowly to the other side of the mountain.

Upon seeing the other side, he was stunned.

On the other side of the mountain, he saw nothing but corpses; the ground was covered with blood that had long since dried up.

"This is... dead? Are they all dead? They were alive when I entered here; could it be, because they didn't get in here, they had to die? Were they slaughtered by the Formation of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon?"

The Ten Sounds Sky Demon, he claimed he wasn't a Demonic Cultivator before, that's simply..."

The Sun Erosion Demon muttered to himself and then suddenly stopped, quickly flying towards the corpses to search them. After all, they all had Qiankun Bags, and now, everything they had would belong to him.

The Sun Erosion Demon quickly rifled through all the bodies, and after collecting all their possessions, he finally found the relic's exit and left.

Cao Zhen watched the Sun Erosion Demon laden with treasures, his eyes turning red with envy.

"Just wait until you bring me into the lair of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect. Whatever you've taken, these things that belong to me, I'll take them all back.

For now, let's consider it an investment in you. With so many treasures, especially those ten Sound Beads, and a Divine Skill from the Ten Sounds Sky Demon, your strength has increased so much. If you can't do well in the Sun and Moon Demon Sect, then I really need to consider finding a different inside agent."

After the Sun Erosion Demon left the relic, he immediately bowed in the direction where the relic was closing. However, after waiting for a long time, he didn't hear the voice of the Overbearing Sky Demonic Master and had to leave.

Chapter 727:

Cao Zhen found that the Eclipse Demon was truly tenacious; after leaving the ruins, he did nothing at all and didn't even attempt to sell off the resources he had obtained. Instead, he simply found a place to hide and focused exclusively on cultivating the one divine skill he had learned from the Ten Sounds Sky Demon.

After all, since the Eclipse Demon was connected to him, as the Eclipse Demon's cultivation of divine skills became stronger, his own divine skills would naturally grow in strength as well.

But the problem was, the Eclipse Demon was only cultivating divine skills. What about our involvement in the Sun and Moon Demon Sect's schemes and plots?

What was the use of connecting to the Eclipse Demon then?

Cao Zhen was truly at a loss.

With no other choice, he could only stay in the Hundred Peaks Sect for a long time, crafting pills while cultivating.

Other divine skills could be mastered by relying on his disciples and vicariously winning, but the ten divine skills he had learned from the Ten Sounds Sky Demon were related to Musical Rhythm. None of his disciples could be said to be completely lacking in musical ability, but none were particularly adept at it either. It was impossible to teach them.

As for Xiang Ziyu, although the boy had a knack for grasping the essence of all things, Xiang Ziyu was currently tasked with learning and cultivating various divine skills of the Hundred Peaks Sect. There was no time to cultivate a newcomer's divine skills.

Besides, considering Xiang Ziyu's penchant for wildly modifying any divine skills he learned, who knew what they would become once passed on to him.

Therefore, except for one divine skill that could be mastered through vicarious winning through the Eclipse Demon, the remaining nine divine skills had to be cultivated by himself.

Cao Zhen never considered himself a genius, yet after cultivating these nine divine skills, he felt as if he was indeed a peerless prodigy.

The cultivation of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon's divine skills was too easy for him!

He managed to cultivate nine divine skills to the peak of his potential in less than a month's time!

On average, it took only three days to bring a single divine skill to its peak!

"Musical Rhythm... it's all because I'm too proficient in musical rhythm, and the Ten Sounds Sky Demon's Ten Sounds of Destruction divine skill follows the path of musical rhythm. That's why it's so easy for me to cultivate. With this in mind, I should find an opportunity to learn some divine skills related to the Dao of Calligraphy and the Path of Poetry."

Cao Zhen then opened the Eclipse Demon's file and looked it over again.

For such a long time, the Eclipse Demon had only been cultivating one divine skill and had yet to reach the peak of the Golden Core Stage.

"It seems I won't be able to win by lying down this time," Cao Zhen muttered in silence, resigned to begin cultivating the Ten Sounds of Destruction himself.

He discovered that this divine skill was indeed extremely powerful on its own, but it wasn't terrifyingly powerful to an abnormal extent.

But upon mastering all ten divine skills, he could unleash terrifying power.

Yet, at the Golden Core Stage, no one could release all ten divine skills simultaneously—except for him!

Under normal circumstances, even he couldn't release all ten divine skills at the same time, but his Golden Core was a fusion of ten divine skills.

As long as he could condense a new Golden Core and infuse all ten divine skills into it, he would naturally be able to unleash the true chaos of the Ten Sounds of Destruction.

Time passed day by day.

The first batch of pills made for Golden Core Stage disciples had taken shape, and within the Hundred Peaks Sect, one disciple after another enhanced their cultivation by two Golden Cores after taking the pills. A small minority only improved by one, and there were even fewer who managed to enhance by three Golden Cores in one go.

For a time, the strength of the Hundred Peaks Sect surged dramatically.

Most of Cao Zhen's time was spent in the Five-Element Pill Ground crafting pills and cultivating divine skills, while all the Sect affairs were naturally handled by Nie Jie.

At first, Nie Jie came to report to Cao Zhen every day, but later, Cao Zhen, with a wave of his hand, told Nie Jie to take full control of the Sect's affairs. Unless something major occurred, there was no need to report to him.

Recently, however, Nie Jie suddenly arrived.

After throwing a medicinal herb into the Pill Furnace in front of him, Cao Zhen raised his head, full of curiosity, and asked Nie Jie, "Why have you come to find me all of a sudden? Has something big happened again?"

"There is one matter for which I must seek the Sect Leader's guidance," Nie Jie said, bowing to Cao Zhen before slowly speaking. "Sect Leader, it's almost time for our Hundred Peaks Sect to select disciples.

Every ten years, our Hundred Peaks Sect descends from the mountain to pick suitable youths from various places to join our Sect. This tradition has never been interrupted regardless of whatever changes the Hundred Peaks Sect has undergone."

Upon hearing this, Cao Zhen's brows immediately furrowed: "So, this tradition must continue with our current generation as well?"

When the Hundred Peaks Sect selects disciples from various places, it shouldn't really be said that they are choosing disciples, but more accurately selecting suitable Taoist Boys. After all, once they enter the Hundred Peaks Sect, they will be placed in different Academies, and only after a unified assessment by the Academy's disciples can they enter the various Peaks.

However, to ordinary people, it is simply seen as the Hundred Peaks Sect's selection of disciples.

Hearing Nie Jie talking about selecting disciples, Cao Zhen instantly thought of the college entrance exams in his previous life on Earth.

On Earth, countless families toiled for years, and countless parents incurred debts to buy houses in good school districts, all for the sake of sending their children to good schools, leading to a good university, thus changing their destinies.

In this world, the opportunity for an ordinary family to change their fate is the selection of disciples by the great Immortal Sects.

Once selected, entering an Immortal Sect can change the child's destiny.

Chapter 728:

"Recruiting disciples indeed should not be interrupted, but..." Nie Jie also had a headache and continued, "Yet these days, the world is too chaotic, and our Hundred Peaks Sect was previously attacked by the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and the three Immortal Sects of the Great Lai Dynasty.

Although, during this period, they have not been provoking us, the people from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect are still causing disturbances everywhere in our Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty. However, since the last incident, they have not appeared from the direction of our Hundred Peaks Sect, and the people from the Great Lai Dynasty have also withdrawn into seclusion.

But the date for our Hundred Peaks Sect to recruit disciples is known to them, and I fear they might come to cause trouble at this time."

Cao Zhen did know why the people from the Sun and Moon Demon Sect had not been causing trouble lately. The reason was quite simple; the person in charge of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect in the vicinity of the Hundred Peaks Sect should be Eclipse Demon.

Then, all of Eclipse Demon's underlings died in the relics of the Ten Sounds Sky Demon, and Eclipse Demon himself had hunkered down to cultivate, naturally having no time to cause any disturbances.

Nie Jie spoke, pausing briefly, then looked at Cao Zhen and said, "Among the top ten Immortal Sects, the Bright Heart Sect and our Hundred Peaks Sect recruit disciples in the same year, and Bright Heart Sect does so before us.

I got the news that those who the Bright Heart Sect had sent out to recruit disciples all over were ambushed and killed. The first batch of disciples sent out for recruitment was completely wiped out by the forces of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and those of the Earth Jing Dynasty, which is near Bright Heart Sect.

After that, Bright Heart Sect dispatched a large number of disciples and finally completed the recruitment, but even so, they suffered heavy losses.

It's said that one of their masters with Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection was seriously injured, and they also lost two other masters at the Golden Core Great Perfection level!"

"Has the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty fallen into this level of chaos? Even Bright Heart Sect, which is also among the top ten Immortal Sects, has been targeted? Then, what about the common people..." Cao Zhen couldn't imagine, if the top ten Immortal Sects were in such a state, what kind of suffering ordinary mortals would endure amidst this catastrophe.

"Now the world is in turmoil, but the situation of mortals is actually much better than when it all began," Nie Jie, seeing the confusion in the Sect Leader's eyes, explained, "When the reversal of heaven and earth first happened, mortals were indeed in huge distress, and many cities were even destroyed. Of course, those who went to destroy cities and slaughter mortals were all from the Demon Sects. But gradually, whether it's because the Demon Sects found that slaughtering mortals dispersed their power too much, or they discovered that slaughtering mortals wasn't very useful.

Unless some Demon Sects needed to sacrifice mortal blood, otherwise, they stopped slaughtering mortals. Now, whether it's the Sun and Moon Demon Sect or the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, their targets are all in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's cultivation world."

Nie Jie spoke, and after another short pause, he said in a low voice: "Moreover, the actions of the Sun and Moon Demon Sect and the Red Refinery Demonic Sect make me increasingly certain that they have colluded with the remnants of the previous dynasty.

The remnants of the previous dynasty wish to overthrow the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty, and the first thing they need to do is to plunge the world into chaos, which is why the people of the Demon Sects targeted the mortals of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty at the beginning. They even made those mortals lose trust in the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty.

But ultimately, their goal is to seize their lost territory. In their eyes, the citizens of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty will eventually be their subjects, so they do not want to see too many of the Guardian Immortal Imperial Dynasty's people slaughtered.

Once their goals are met, the Demon Sects no longer target mortals."

"That seems to be the case," Cao Zhen looked at Nie Jie, pondered for a moment, then asked, "How many days are left before we go out to recruit disciples?"

Nie Jie answered without hesitation: "Three days. In three days, we will be leaving."

"Good, I will give you an answer in two days," Cao Zhen planned to see what the Eclipse Demon was up to now. If Eclipse Demon made no move, that would be even better.

After all, Eclipse Demon should be the person responsible for the Sun and Moon Demon Sect in this area. His inaction would imply that the Sun and Moon Demon Sect had made no moves.

If the Sun and Moon Demon Sect had any plans, they would definitely inform Eclipse Demon.

Cao Zhen quickly connected to Eclipse Demon through the Zhonghua Cloud.

Eclipse Demon was still in his lair, cultivating the Ten Sounds of Destruction.

Cao Zhen had already cultivated all Ten Sounds to their current extreme, but Eclipse Demon's Ten Sounds of Destruction had barely reached level thirty.

He watched for two days and found no movement from Eclipse Demon, so he roughly knew that this time, the Sun and Moon Demon Sect probably wouldn't target the Hundred Peaks Sect. However, he did not know whether the other Demon Sect, the Red Refinery Demonic Sect, would target the Hundred Peaks Sect.

"So, my spy is just sitting alone in loneliness. Isn't he worried that the Sun and Moon Demon Sect will kick him out directly!"

Cao Zhen, feeling helpless, looked again at Nie Jie who had found him and thought for a moment before speaking: "Well then, this time I need to practice Alchemy, so I will continue to stay in the Sect. Xiang Ziyu needs to cultivate his Divine Skills, so let him stay within the Sect, too. Have a few of my disciples, Ling Xi, Yan Yourong, Little Beiyan, along with Li Ke and Liè Yàn, lead teams of disciples to various places to recruit. With them in charge, there's no need to worry."

Nie Jie nodded slightly and said, "In this way, although our recruitment speed will be slower, we can ensure safety. I will make the arrangements now."

Chapter 729:

The news spread on the very same day.

In the Power Transmission Immortal Palace of the Hundred Peaks Sect, Little Beiyan saw his senior brother whom he had not seen for a long time.

"Senior brother, why have you suddenly asked for me?" Little Beiyan looked at Xiang Ziyu with curiosity, speculating, "Senior brother, have you grown tired of staying within the sect and now wish to go out? So, you're seeking out your junior brother as a swap, right?"

While speaking, Little Beiyan suddenly showed a wary expression and quickly stepped back, saying, "Senior brother, you're not thinking of resorting to violence, are you? For example, by injuring me, then

naturally I wouldn't be able to lead a party out to recruit disciples, and in that case, you could naturally take my place?"

"What kind of person do you take your senior brother for!" Xiang Ziyu called out in dissatisfaction, "If I really wanted to leave the mountain, I would just go and ask Master directly. Why would I need to resort to fighting you?"

As he spoke, he gave a gentle sigh and said, "Actually, I truly do wish to descend the mountain. I know that as the protagonist, if I were to recruit disciples, I would certainly be able to find truly talented ones.

However, I'm aware that the reason Master isn't allowing me to go this time is to let me cultivate Divine Skills so I can later pass on the Divine Skills of our Hundred Peaks Sect.

Moreover, the reason our Hundred Peaks Sect's predecessors sacrificed themselves was also because of me. Therefore, I hope I can do something for our Hundred Peaks Sect. If Master asks me to stay, then I will stay.

But although I can't go, I can still teach you how to choose disciples. Junior brother, let me tell you how to select disciples."

Xiang Ziyu beckoned Little Beiyan over, and when Little Beiyan approached, he began to impart his unique secrets for selecting disciples.

"Junior brother, when you see those children with extremely high talent, but appear to lack it, you must choose them. You must know there's a saying, 'Thirty years in the east, thirty years in the west.'"

"Also, junior brother, when you see a child with a dash of talent, but whose talents are extremely poor, those kinds of children who are looked down upon by others, you can choose as well."

"And those fools too, yes. What about fools? Fools have a purer mind, more free of distractions when cultivating."

"And ah, those who have been stripped of their bone roots, you must not give up on them!"

"You should pay more attention to children from poor families. If it's a child from a woman's household, you should look at children who are despised, those born of concubines."

"Junior brother, you look young, almost the same age as the children. You can infiltrate the city before the team arrives and pretend to be a child wanting to participate in the selection. Trust your senior brother, you're going in my stead. You are the temporary protagonist. If someone on the road strikes up a conversation with you or invites you to join them, then go with them. In doing so, you will certainly gain something."

Upon hearing his senior brother's words, Little Beiyuan quickly shook his head, saying, "Senior brother, I dare not separate from the bulk of the team. What if, after splitting up, the others are attacked?"

"How can you be so dense, Ling Xi's Sound Transmission Talisman has been improved, its range of transmission is even further now. You can ask Senior Sister Ling Xi for a few more Sound Transmission Talismans and give them to those traveling with you. Then, you can leave when you're about to arrive.

That way, if they encounter danger, you can rush back immediately. Besides, if they're going to attack you, they're not likely to do it on your outbound journey, but rather on your way back.

At that time, a direct attack on you to steal the disciples you've recruited, wouldn't that be better? What's the point of attacking you on the road, just to rob you?"

This time, Little Beiyuan didn't argue with his senior brother. He realized that when his senior brother was thinking clearly, his mind seemed even sharper than most people's.

"Oh, and also, those who have sisters, don't look at me with that kind of expression, I'm talking about legitimate sisters, yes, you must choose those too..."

"And..."

Only after Xiang Ziyu taught Little Beiyuan a multitude of methods for choosing disciples did he satisfactorily allow him to leave.

One day later, within the Hundred Peaks Sect, spearheaded by five disciples at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection, leading forty Golden Core Stage disciples, they commenced the Hundred Peaks Sect's recruitment mission toward various destinations.

In the past, when disciples of the Hundred Peaks Sect went to other places to recruit, there would also be Golden Core Stage disciples amongst them, but it was very rare for disciples at the Ten Different Phenomena of Golden Elixir Great Perfection to leave the sect.

After all, disciples of Ten Different Phenomena Golden Core Great Perfection were too rare and, at any period, such disciples are the future of the sect. How could they possibly be sent out to recruit disciples?

Unless a disciple voluntarily requested it, expressing the desire to wander the secular world to adjust their state of mind.

Furthermore, when sending out disciples, it was always sufficient to send one person, as their task was merely to assess the talents of the children after all. Why send so many?

Little Beiyan, along with forty Golden Core Stage disciples, journeyed toward Jijiang City.

Seeing there was half a day's journey left to reach Jijiang City, Little Beiyan took out a Sound Transmission Talisman he had specifically obtained from his senior sister the day before. He handed it to his traveling companion Chang Tiance, saying, "I'll go ahead and check out the situation in the city. You all move slowly. If you encounter danger, notify me immediately with the Sound Transmission Talisman, and I will rush back at once."

With that, Little Beiyan left the Flying Boat and hastened alone toward Jijiang City. In just a moment, he arrived outside Jijiang City, found an uninhabited place to land, and then walked toward the city.

Chapter 730:

He soon discovered that on the road, there were many others like him, all headed toward Jijiang City. Some drove carriages, some walked on foot, but nearly all of them shared one commonality—each group was accompanied by a child.

Some groups consisted of a few people with one child, others a few adults with several children.

And these children, some appeared to be about the same age as Little Beiyang, while others looked as young as three or four, and there were even infants in arms.

Little Beiyang was looking around when a carriage rolled up beside him. Atop the carriage sat an elder with a face full of wrinkles, appearing very old, but dressed in spotless clothing. He watched Little Beiyang with a smile and asked, "Child, are you like them, going to Jijiang City to participate in the Hundred Peaks Sect's disciple selection?"

"How come you're alone? Where's your family?"

Little Beiyang turned to look at the old man and then at the carriage he was guiding. Carriages belonging to the wealthy usually had cabins, but this one did not. Instead, there was a doll-like little girl who looked not much younger than him atop the carriage.

Though the little girl was young, it was clear that when she grew up, she was certain to be a beauty no less stunning than his own master's wife and senior sisters.

And the elder, though he was driving a plain carriage, somehow Little Beiyang felt this man was not one of the ordinary sort.

In a flash, he recalled what his senior brother had told him on the way here.

Had he already encountered someone trying to strike up a conversation before even entering the city?

Little Beiyang smiled and called out, "Old grandfather, I'm big enough to not need my family with me."

The old man paused for a moment at his words and then sighed, "These are troubled times, and it's too dangerous for you to be alone. Since there's still a distance to the city, why don't you come with us?"

"Sure." Little Beiyang, recalling his senior brother's words, didn't hesitate and immediately jumped onto the footboard of the carriage. He also flashed a smile at the little girl, saying, "Little sister, my name is Beiyang, what's yours?"

Atop the footboard, the pretty little girl smiled brightly and said, "My name is Tang Zhurui."

Little Beiyang looked at the little girl, her dazzling smile, and his own smile grew even brighter. Just look how polite this little girl is—if she could make it into the Hundred Peaks Sect and then join them at Four Treasures Peak, how wonderful that would be. Then he would have a little junior sister of his own.

A real little junior sister.

Although Yi Sheng called him senior brother, he was older and so much taller than him.

This little junior sister was nice.

It's just unknown whether she could enter the Hundred Peaks Sect.

According to his senior brother, this little girl must be special.

Little Beiyang looked at the little girl before him and noticed that she wore a string of jade pendants.

Her family seemed to be just an ordinary one, yet the jade looked far from mundane.

How could such a family possess such jade?

The old man had said it himself—the world is chaotic and unsafe. Yet he drove a carriage and brought such a young girl with him. Wasn't he afraid of being robbed?

Gazing at the little girl's looks, wouldn't the wicked be tempted? Besides, the child was wearing a string of jade.

That they had made it here suggested these two were certainly not simple.

The key was to see what kind of talent she had.

If an Earth Immortal Realm expert wanted to check if a mortal had the talent for immortal cultivation, it would be simple, but he was only at the Golden Core Stage.

If he wanted to see if she had a talent for cultivation, he would need to touch her body and infuse spiritual energy into her.

To suddenly touch a little girl—wouldn't he be considered a scoundrel?

Little Beiyan looked at the little girl, uncertain what to do.

Suddenly, the carriage jolted gently and the little girl's body swayed to one side.

Little Beiyan quickly reached out, catching the girl and exclaiming, "Zhurui, careful sister."

As he spoke, a surge of spiritual energy rushed into Tang Zhurui's body, swiftly probing her.

The next moment, Little Beiyan's brow furrowed.

He could feel that the little girl had excellent cultivation talent, very suitable for cultivation, yet, he also sensed that the little girl, seemed unsuited for it.

It was a strangely contradictory feeling.

Little Beiyan was completely baffled.

What was going on?

Why did it feel like the little girl was suitable for cultivation, yet also felt like she wasn't—this contradictory situation, wasn't it exactly one of the special cases his senior brother had mentioned?

According to his senior brother, such people were truly talented.

She was the one. He must get this little girl to join the Hundred Peaks Sect.

Later, when Chang Tiance and the others arrived, he would use the Earth Observing Mirror to check the little girl's talent.

The Earth Observing Mirror was of no use to cultivators, or rather, to those with a slightly higher cultivation base.

But for those below the Immortal Bridge Period and ordinary mortals, the Earth Observing Mirror could easily discern whether a person was suitable for cultivation or even reveal if the person had an Immortal Body.

And the people from the Hundred Peaks Sect always carried an Earth Observing Mirror when they went out to recruit disciples.