

## Primordial 32

Chapter 32 Malicious Markup? Why Should You?

"Fifty-two thousand blocks!"

"Fifty-three thousand blocks!"

"Sixty thousand!"

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After the Lin Family made their offer, the other Five Great Families, unwilling to show weakness, also opened their mouths to bid.

In Desolate Sky City, for a hundred years, the Five Great Families had stood unshakeable, not only growing stronger continuously but also constantly constraining each other, thus preventing any minor family from entering their ranks or being swallowed by the other four.

For people of the Five Great Families, a Mid-Grade Spirit-Level Martial Technique was considered a powerful martial art to be treasured.

After all, Desolate Sky City was rather remote, and Melding Earth Realm experts were considered the most powerful beings there.

And a Mid-Grade Spirit-Level Martial Technique was not something ordinary Spirit Gathering Realm experts had mastered.

Therefore, mastering the Fiery Flame Palm would definitely greatly enhance one's strength, a martial skill that could change the balance of restraint among the Five Great Families.

For this reason, none of the Five Great Families wanted to miss the chance to secure the Fiery Flame Palm.

As the Five Great Families made their offers, all the minor families and mercenary groups gave up on the idea of competing.

They wanted the Fiery Flame Palm, but they simply couldn't afford it.

The competition among the Five Great Families quickly drove the price up to one hundred and twenty thousand.

The current bid came from the Mu Family, while the other families stopped raising the price, seemingly ready to give up.

After all, one hundred and twenty thousand low-grade Spirit Stones was close to two years of income for the Five Great Families.

If they continued to raise the price, the family's expenditures would be strained, a decision that couldn't be made by just one person in a great family; the elders of the Five Great Families were now discussing it in hushed tones.

At this moment, the patriarch of the Mu Family, Mu Yunhai, also felt somewhat uneasy. He had made his bid so resolutely because Mu Qingxue's displayed talent had completely given him absolute say within the family.

The other elders all supported Mu Yunhai's every decision. They had once decided that they wanted to leap to the top of the Five Great Families or even to swallow the other Four Great Families.

And all this was predicated on Mu Qingxue joining the Jade Cauldron Sect.

With Mu Qingxue becoming a disciple of the Jade Cauldron Sect, their Mu Family would naturally rise with the tide, reaping great benefits.

Therefore, the Mu Family's current competition for the Mid-Grade Spirit-Level Martial Technique was just preparation for the future.

After all, when the final battle came, the strongest power would stand last.

"One hundred and twenty-one thousand!"

Just when Mu Yunhai thought the other four families no longer wanted to raise their bids and although it was at great expense, they would secure the Mid-Grade Spirit-Level Martial Technique, from the Supreme Elegant Room on the third floor came another bid.

All eyes turned towards the Supreme Room on the third floor.

It was the second time the Supreme Room had made a bid, shocking everyone with an astronomical amount as soon as they spoke.

Moreover, were they really not targeting the Mu Family?

Everyone pondered quietly in their hearts, murmuring amongst themselves.

Previously, when they were purchasing the cold ice curved blade, the Mu Family was set to win, but someone from the Supreme Elegant Room had unexpectedly outbid them, forcing the Mu Family to spend an additional twenty thousand low-grade Spirit Stones.

And now, as the Mu Family was about to secure the Mid-Grade Spirit-Level Martial Technique, the Supreme Elegant Room had made a bid again.

The Supreme Elegant Room was rarely opened, and even on the odd occasion it was, it would be a high-ranking member of the Wanxing Commerce Association or some important figure from another town.

Such individuals were not to be offended by the Mu Family or anyone else from Desolate Sky City.

At that moment, everyone was happily watching the Mu Family, eager to see how they would respond.

After all, from the current situation, no matter how you look at it, the person in the Supreme Elegant Room seemed intent on targeting the Mu Family.

"You want the auction item, Mu Family? Then keep raising the bid."

However, what the crowd didn't know was whether the person in that Supreme Elegant Room truly wanted the item or was simply maliciously driving up the price.

If they genuinely wanted the auction item, it wouldn't really count as malicious bidding.

Because at an auction, it's naturally the highest bidder who wins. If you think the price isn't worth it, you simply give up.

"Esteemed guest, my daughter Mu Qingxue is about to enter the Jade Cauldron Sect and requires this martial arts skill. Could you please show us some leniency and spare the Mu Family?"

Mu Yunhai's face turned red with embarrassment as pressure from the many elders in his clan compelled him to step onto the auction house's terrace and bow toward Lin Chen's Supreme Room, actually asking the other party to let them off.

The implication was clear; he wanted Lin Chen to stop bidding and leave the martial arts technique for the Mu Family.

Upon hearing this, the people in the auction hall sneered at the Mu Family's actions, thinking how shameless one must be to ask someone else to stop bidding, especially in an auction house.

But while everyone inwardly despised them, they dared not openly mock or show this contempt on their faces.

After all, the Mu Family had recently become famous for a prodigious young girl with Sealed Meridians and terrifyingly fast cultivation speed, who was expected to join a major sect like Jade Cauldron.

Once she joined, her rise could be meteoric, and they certainly didn't want to offend the Mu Family at such a time.

"This is an auction house, if the Mu Family can't afford it, withdraw from the bidding and go home."

"Moreover, major sects like the Jade Cauldron Sect can't be joined by just any Tom, Dick, or Harry."

Lin Chen's cold voice slowly emerged from the Supreme Elegant Room.

He had already witnessed Mu Qingxue's shamelessness, and now Mu Yunhai was acting in a similar manner—it seemed the entire Mu Family was made of the same stuff.

Why should Lin Chen refrain from bidding any further just to accommodate them?

"One hundred and thirty thousand!"

Mu Yunhai continued to bid.

After hearing Lin Chen's words, Mu Yunhai's face flushed red, the words serving as an embarrassment to his family.

Indeed, if you have no money, why even come to an auction only to request that others stop bidding?

The latter part of Lin Chen's remark was a direct insult to Mu Qingxue.

Mu Yunhai wanted to explain, but this was an auction after all. Who asked him to bring up his daughter's name in the first place?

Mu Yunhai had thought that the person in the Supreme Elegant Room would give the Mu Family some face upon hearing that Mu Qingxue was about to be taken in by the Jade Cauldron Sect.

But who would have known that Lin Chen couldn't care less about that?

Others in Desolate Sky City might fear offending the Mu Family, but Lin Chen was utterly unafraid.

And how could Mu Yunhai have the nerve to say Mu Qingxue was about to join the Jade Cauldron Sect?

The recruitment competition hadn't even begun, and nothing was set in stone yet.

"One hundred and thirty thousand and one thousand!"

As Mu Qingxue kept up her bids, Lin Chen immediately added another thousand.

At these words, everyone else in the room began to look at each other with subtle expressions.

They had been unsure before, but now, after Mu Yunhai had bid twice more and the person in the Supreme Elegant Room only ever increased the bid by a mere thousand each time, it was clear that they intended to take it to the bitter end with the Mu Family.