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Chapter 3221: Arriving at Heavenly Melody Mountain_1

Yang Chen smiled bitterly, "Senior Wenqi, I already have a family, and this is a bit too soon, isn't it?"

"Nonsense, it's normal for a man to have three wives and four concubines. If you were really devoted to one person, I would think you were abnormal. As for getting married, I was just saying it casually. In reality, if two people love each other, getting married can be a quick process. Of course, it's all up to you. I will not interfere in this matter," Princess Wenqi said indifferently.

When Yang Chen heard that Princess Wenqi would not interfere, he breathed a sigh of relief.

Though he opposed having multiple spouses, he had too many emotional debts outside and did not want any more.

As for Fairy Moon Fu, she must have something else in mind when looking for him. He would make a decision when the time came.

"Alright, your trip to Heavenly Melody Mountain will be up to you. Just remember that as a person of Divine Night Sect, you should not lose face for them. This should be the last time you have a leisurely moment," Princess Wenqi said.

"Junior understands." Yang Chen nodded lightly, then asked with surprise, "Senior Wenqi, what do you mean by leisure?"

"You will find out when you return from Heavenly Melody Mountain," Princess Wenqi did not intend to explain, she simply said gently.

Hearing this, Yang Chen didn't ask further. He listened to Princess Wenqi's arrangements and then left.

After leaving, Yang Chen did not linger and went straight to Heavenly Melody Mountain.

Traversing the Taiyuan Star System was relatively easy. Yang Chen followed the map and arrived in Wind Moon Star.

Once inside Wind Moon Star, Yang Chen's soul dispersed, covering almost half of the Star Domain Interface.

This was the powerful soul achieved after reaching the Heavenly Leaving Realm.

"Heavenly Melody Mountain is located at..."

It wasn't difficult for Yang Chen to find the location with his soul dispersed.

Soon, he arrived in front of a continuous mountain range.

The mountain range was magnificent and connected layer upon layer, like a huge dragon. From the outside, there was no unusual part to be seen.

However, with Yang Chen's current experience, it was not difficult to judge that there was another scene within the mountain.

"It seems that it's the same as the Divine Night Sect, with another world inside!" Yang Chen muttered to himself.

Such an inner world was a common practice among the three great factions. Placing their forces within their own world could provide better protection.

Moreover, outsiders who wished to enter would have to go through numerous conditions.

Now that Yang Chen had arrived at the mountain range, he released a little bit of his qi and said, "I am a disciple of the Divine Night Sect, and I have come to pay my respects. I hope the fellow Daoists of Heavenly Melody Mountain can let me pass."

His voice, which was as loud as thunder, reached everyone's ears when it passed clearly.

Just as Yang Chen expected, several figures appeared in his line of sight within a short time.

These figures were just Mahayana Stage cultivators with different appearances, and their attitudes toward Yang Chen were neither cold nor warm.

Seeing that Yang Chen was unfamiliar, their expressions became even colder.

"Your Excellency is from the Divine Night Sect? Do you have the Divine Night Sect's nameplate?" These people asked.

Yang Chen took out the nameplate and handed it over.

When they saw that the nameplate was real, their expressions became friendlier. They casually asked, "What is your name, sir?"

"Yang Chen," Yang Chen replied.

"What!"

Yang Chen's words seemed sharp and explosive. When they heard his name, several Mahayana Stage cultivators immediately changed their faces. Their gazes on Yang Chen were as if they had seen a ghost.

"Your Excellency, are you the Yang Chen who beheaded twenty-eight Heavenly Leaving Realm experts and was hunted by the Grand Abyss Palace not long ago?"

Yang Chen smiled, "Yes, that's me."

"You... you are Yang Chen!" The eyes of the Mahayana Stage cultivators showed horror and disbelief, as if they had seen a legendary figure.

Yang Chen touched his nose, not expecting to be so famous. Upon arriving at Heavenly Melody Mountain, even the guards recognized him.

Now that their attitude had changed, the guards immediately said, "Senior Yang Chen, we apologize for not recognizing you earlier. If we have offended you, please don't take it to heart. We will take you into the mountain now."

Hearing Yang Chen's name and thinking of his war record, they treated Yang Chen like a living killing star. They dared not to offend him.

Seeing these people so scared, Yang Chen didn't know how to explain, he just smiled lightly and followed them into Heavenly Melody Mountain.

Inside Heavenly Melody Mountain, there was indeed another world. Its scale was similar to the Divine Night Sect as well.

The various city forces were mostly on the periphery, while the core forces of Heavenly Melody Mountain were located in the middle of many cities, towering and conspicuous.

As Yang Chen was guided by several cultivators who were laughing but not daring to offend, he had reached the core of Heavenly Melody Mountain, which was a floating huge mountain. The mountain had a giant city, with waterfalls flowing between the mountains. The scenery was picturesque and refreshing.

As soon as they approached the place, two powerful auras emerged.

Immediately, two high-ranking Boundaryless cultivators walked out of Heavenly Melody Mountain.

Both were dressed in Heavenly Melody Mountain attire, saying, "You two? You should know that with your status, you cannot approach Heavenly Melody Mountain at will."

The cultivators being scolded still didn't get angry, smiling apologetically, "Sirs, this is what happened. This Fellow Daoist claims to be Yang Chen of the Divine Night Sect, and he has the nameplate of the Divine Night Sect. He would like to meet you..."

"Yang Chen of the Divine Night Sect!"

The two Boundaryless guards had a cold attitude at first but changed their faces in shock after hearing Yang Chen's name: "You are Yang Chen, the one who beheaded twenty-eight Heavenly Leaving Realm experts in the past? Senior Yang Chen?"

Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh, wondering how famous his previous battle had made him.

He could only nod slightly, "Yes."

"We are extremely delighted to have you here, sir. Please come in." The two Boundaryless cultivators were now very nervous. When they heard Yang Chen's name, they couldn't calm down anymore.

Yang Chen was led further into Heavenly Melody Mountain by the two of them.

With friendly words and laughter, the two Boundaryless cultivators led Yang Chen to a beautiful and fragrant elegant room.

"Senior Yang Chen, please wait a moment. Elder Qian will meet with you shortly," the two Boundaryless cultivators quickly retreated.

Yang Chen didn't have to wait long before a gray-haired man in golden armor quickly approached him from a distance.

"Brother Yang Chen, I've heard so much about you!"

Chapter 3222: Absolute Yi Daozu_1

Yang Chen looked at the golden-armored elder. Observing his Qi, he had reached the Heaven-separated Realm, so he naturally didn't hesitate and greeted, "May I know the name of the esteemed friend?"

"I am Broken River, and I wonder if the friend is indeed Yang Chen." A hint of probing intent came from Broken River's smile.

Yang Chen noticed Broken River's deliberate attempt to test him, narrowing his eyes and raising the corners of his lips, realizing that Broken River was suspicious of his true identity.

He didn't react, merely waving his hand and slightly releasing his pressure.

The next moment, Broken River felt that his pressure was like an egg hitting a rock, like a minor sorcerer encountering a great one. It was immediately deterred.

And the power Yang Chen revealed was like the tip of an iceberg, insignificant. He couldn't even probe anything specific accurately.

This made Broken River's face change suddenly, realizing that the person in front of him was undoubtedly Yang Chen.

"Brother Yang Chen truly lives up to his reputation, I admire that." Broken River laughed to ease the awkwardness of the probing attempt, then waved his hand and said, "Please take a seat, Brother Yang Chen!"

Yang Chen didn't hold back and quickly sat down.

Broken River said with a smile, "Brother Yang Chen came to Heavenly Melody Mountain this time, it must have been a tough journey. Now that you're here, it must be about Fairy Moon Fu, isn't it?"

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen was just about to answer when he noticed Broken River's eyes and became puzzled.

Broken River had just looked at him with a clear hint of sympathy, which seemed to come from this Fairy Moon Fu.

Yang Chen was baffled, unsure where Broken River's sympathetic meaning came from.

Could it be that Fairy Moon Fu was too ugly?

But that didn't make sense. He had heard from Ji Yue Shuang that Fairy Moon Fu had countless admirers. Ever since she was young, news about Fairy Moon Fu had followed one after another.

If a person was truly that ugly, they wouldn't have so many admirers.

So what was the purpose of this sympathetic look? Yang Chen was about to find out when Broken River seemed to notice and quickly withdrew his gaze.

Broken River, fearing that Yang Chen would find anything out, said, "Now, Junior Sister Moon Orchid isn't in the sect, she's handling some important matters outside. But I believe it won't take her long to return. During these days, Brother Yang Chen can wait here."

Yang Chen could only shake his head and say, "Friend Gu misunderstood. My main purpose for coming here is not to meet Fairy Moon Fu. The main purpose is for another matter!"

"What other matter does Brother Yang Chen have?" Broken River couldn't help but wonder.

Yang Chen said, "This is the thing..."

Yang Chen mentioned the matter of the Slaughter God Spear without any omissions.

When the matter of the Slaughter God Spear was mentioned, Broken River couldn't help but be slightly surprised, "So that's how it is. I did hear about the appearance of an Emperor Divine Tool Long Spear in the treasury some time ago, and its personality was extremely arrogant. I'm not sure if it's Brother Yang Chen's divine weapon."

“Arrogant? Yes, that’s the divine weapon. I wonder if Friend Gu can take me to see it.” Yang Chen exclaimed with joy.

Broken River chuckled and shook his head, “Brother Yang Chen, it’s not that I refuse you. It’s just that this Emperor Divine Tool was personally claimed by Elder Absolute Yi. If you want the Slaughter God Spear, you have to find Elder Absolute Yi.”

“Elder Absolute Yi?” Yang Chen was totally unfamiliar with this person’s name.

“Brother Yang Chen, you don’t know about Elder Absolute Yi of my sect, do you?” Broken River asked with doubt.

Yang Chen shook his head, “I haven’t been in the Taiyuan Star System for long, and I don’t know much about the legend of Elder Absolute Yi. I hope Friend Gu can help me understand.”

“Alright, I’ve just learned about Brother Yang Chen’s legend recently. I didn’t expect Brother Yang Chen to not be from the Taiyuan Star System, which makes me even more impressed. As for Elder Absolute Yi of my sect, his original name is Situ Jueyi. He is one of the Heavenly Extreme Realm Daoist Ancestors of Heavenly Melody Mountain,” Broken River explained.

Yang Chen was astonished to find out that he was a Daoist Ancestor-level powerhouse.

“Why would the old Daoist Ancestor care about my lost Emperor Divine Tool?” Yang Chen was baffled.

“Brother Yang Chen should ask your arrogant Emperor Divine Tool. During the Daoist Ancestor’s seclusion, I don’t know why the Emperor Divine Tool ran to where the Daoist Ancestor was in seclusion and went on a rampage. Several Heaven-separated Realm experts failed to suppress it. Its speed was so fast that it even seemed to have some spacetime travel capabilities. In the end, our Daoist Ancestor had to act and suppress it! However, this Spear did recognize its master and became submissive towards the Daoist Ancestor. It was unexpectedly well-behaved,” Broken River laughed.

Yang Chen laughed, “That’s right, it’s that one.”

Now his heart was perplexed as well.

Although the temperament was right, how could the Slaughter God Spear escape from a group of Heaven-separated Realm experts?

This was quite interesting. He could understand that the Slaughter God Spear inherited a part of his space-time abilities, making it extremely fast. However, even so, claiming that a group of Heaven-separated Realm experts couldn't catch it was a bit too much.

Yang Chen, as its master, had already exhausted his strength to escape from a group of Heaven-separated Realm cultivators before.

"Brother Yang Chen should thank our Daoist Ancestor for not wiping out its divine consciousness, but merely sealing it. Otherwise, it would have been really troublesome. However, the way you nurtured this Spear is quite brilliant. Previously, our Daoist Ancestor kept wondering what kind of master could raise such a divine weapon," Broken River said.

Yang Chen couldn't help but ask, "I wonder if I can meet Daoist Ancestor Absolute Yi."

Upon hearing this, Broken River frowned, "Brother Yang Chen, Daoist Ancestor Absolute Yi spends his days in seclusion and rarely appears. I can only try my best to help you, but I cannot guarantee success. After all, it's not the fault of our Daoist Ancestor that your Emperor Divine Tool fell into his hands, right?"

Listening to this, Yang Chen could only accept the outcome: "As long as Friend Gu is willing to help me here, these few Elixirs will serve as a reward."

When the conversation ended, Yang Chen immediately took out a few Elixirs and handed them to Broken River.

Broken River originally intended to ask briefly, but now, seeing these Elixirs, his eyes lit up and he couldn't help but say, "Brother Yang Chen is really too polite!"

Though he said it was polite, he took all the Elixirs without hesitation, then laughed, "Brother Yang Chen, I will do my best for this matter. As for whether it will be successful, I don't know either. Brother Yang Chen, just wait here for a while."

Yang Chen naturally knew that this was a difficult request, so he nodded, "Thank you, Friend Gu."

Chapter 3223 Changes in the Slaughter God Spear_1

Broken River went to find Absolute Yi Daozu, while Yang Chen waited silently here.

After Broken River left, a group of servants came to serve tea and water, attending to their duties quite well. Despite Yang Chen's unique and experienced perspective, he could find no fault in the servants of the Divine Night Sect.

It didn't take long, merely three days.

For Yang Chen, these three days were just a blink of an eye.

With the payment Yang Chen had given to him, Broken River indeed worked efficiently and excitedly returned after three days, laughing and saying, "Yang Chen, Elder Absolute Yi, has agreed to let you meet him. However, Elder Absolute Yi is, after all, a Heavenly Extreme Realm cultivator with peculiar temperaments; when you meet him, you should know what to say and what not to say, right?"

Having received Yang Chen's gift, Broken River reminded him with a few extra words, which he usually wouldn't have been bothered to say.

Yang Chen knew these things and cupped his hands: "I am well aware of that. Thank you, Brother Gu, for your kind words in front of Elder Absolute Yi."

"It's all my duty, my duty." Broken River stroked his beard, knowing that he should put in his best effort since he had accepted Yang Chen's favor, "Brother Yang Chen, please."

Yang Chen followed Broken River to the secluded cultivation place of Elder Absolute Yi.

Elder Absolute Yi's secluded cultivation place was located in a series of connected mountain ranges. Many guards were stationed around the mountain range, all of them cultivators at the Heaven-separated Realm or higher.

"Fellow Daoists, I'm here to lead Yang Chen in. Elder Absolute Yi has already agreed earlier, please let us pass." Broken River laughed.

The guards nodded naturally, "Brother Gu, please."

As they spoke, they also looked curiously at Yang Chen, wondering what kind of remarkable person he was.

Yang Chen was calm, following Broken River and admiring the surroundings, quite surprised.

He soon realized that the Heavenly Melody Mountain itself was located within a world, a world possibly created by Elder Absolute Yi himself, so there was no need for him to enter his own world for seclusion.

As Broken River walked further ahead, his attitude became more cautious and respectful. By the time they reached a cave entrance, his expression was extremely solemn.

"Elder Absolute Yi, Yang Chen has arrived," said Broken River.

"Both of you, come in." said Elder Absolute Yi.

Broken River waved his hand, gesturing, "Please."

Yang Chen and Broken River entered the cave together.

The cave had a simple and unadorned atmosphere. There were only a few primitive tools and a handsome middle-aged man inside.

Wearing a clean black robe, the middle-aged man was spotless, his eyes crystal clear and sharp. When Yang Chen and Broken River arrived, his eyes were already fixed on Yang Chen, showing no intention of letting up.

Yang Chen was a little nervous, took a breath to calm his emotions, and said, "Junior Yang Chen pays his respects to Elder Absolute Yi."

"So, you're the Yang Chen who has been causing quite a stir lately?" Elder Absolute Yi looked at Yang Chen and asked right away.

Yang Chen couldn't help but answer this question, saying, "I wouldn't dare say I've caused a stir, I just made a little joke."

Elder Absolute Yi's mouth curled up, "You're quite modest. I heard that the Slaughter God Spear is your Emperor Divine Artifact?"

"It is the Destiny Emperor Divine Equipment of this Junior." Yang Chen replied respectfully.

"Well, like master like spear. Not long ago, you caused quite a disturbance with the Grand Abyss Palace, and now your spear has also caused a commotion here. If it weren't for me stopping it in the end, who knows what kind of trouble it would've caused." Elder Absolute Yi spoke indifferently, without a hint of emotion.

However, Yang Chen could hear a hint of anger in Elder Absolute Yi's words and quickly lowered his head, saying, "I apologize for the trouble caused by the Slaughter God Spear. I would like to compensate for it on its behalf and hope that Elder Absolute Yi can return the Slaughter God Spear to me. For this, I am willing to pay a certain price."

Hearing Yang Chen's sincere attitude, Elder Absolute Yi's anger seemed to have dissipated a bit.

However, his tone clearly did not show any intention of letting the matter go easily, "Yang Chen, as your elder, I shouldn't make things difficult for you considering the private relationship between Heavenly

Melody Mountain and the Divine Night Sect. But do you know how much I have lost because of your Slaughter God Spear?"

Yang Chen was slightly startled and couldn't help but feel helpless. He knew the Slaughter God Spear wasn't easy to deal with, but he didn't expect it to have caused such a big problem.

"What did the Slaughter God Spear do...?" Yang Chen asked.

"Your Slaughter God Spear has quite a keen eye. Somehow, it entered my territory while I was in seclusion and devoured the Ancient Essence Cold Iron I cultivated for 20 million years. That Ancient Essence Cold Iron was meant for cultivating my Ancestral Divine Artifact, which I hadn't even dared to refine in 20 million years. But your Slaughter God Spear simply consumed it without hesitation. Now, your spear has directly evolved into a High-grade Emperor Divine Artifact. How do you think we should settle this debt?" Elder Absolute Yi said.

Yang Chen's scalp tingled. This Slaughter God Spear really knew how to cause trouble for him.

Although the sudden evolution into a High-grade Emperor Divine Artifact was unexpected, the fact that it had devoured an Ancient Essence Cold Iron from a Daoist Ancestor-grade expert was no joke. How was he, as a master, to calculate this?

Such a valuable item could not be exchanged for anything ordinary, and even Elder Absolute Yi might not give it a second glance.

For a moment, Yang Chen was worried and pondered briefly before saying, "I deeply apologize for the incident with the Slaughter God Spear. Elder Absolute Yi, please tell me a solution. As long as I can do it, I will not hesitate."

Elder Absolute Yi looked at Yang Chen, his expression cold, "As your elder, I don't want to be too hard on you either. You owe Heavenly Melody Mountain a piece of Seven-colored Glaze Mine, right?"

Yang Chen couldn't deny it and nodded, "That's correct."

"I am not an unreasonable person. I have heard from Man Yunfei the details of the situation back then, and considering the help you received from him, it indeed seems a bit shameless for our Heavenly Melody Mountain to demand the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine. However, we didn't get nothing out of it at the time, and now, you should return the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine to me. It's fair and reasonable! What do you think?" Elder Absolute Yi said.

Chapter 3224: Nine Dragons Branch_1

Now listening to what Absolute Yi Daozu said, Yang Chen couldn't deny that the Absolute Yi Daozu was a reasonable person.

As an elder, he indeed did not intend to take advantage of Yang Chen. Unfortunately, the fact that the Slaughter God Spear had consumed the Ancient Essence Cold Iron was indeed difficult to deal with.

Hearing what Absolute Yi Daozu said now, Yang Chen could only say, "It is indeed fair and reasonable."

"However, this originally belonged to my Heavenly Melody Mountain, the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine. How does it compare to the value of the 20 million years old Ancient Essence Cold Iron that I lost when you exchange one of them? I don't think I need to say it. Brother Yang Chen should understand. Old Man, I'll just be straightforward – two Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mines in exchange for the Slaughter God Spear. Yang Chen, my request is not too difficult for you, right?" Absolute Yi Daozu said.

Hearing this, Yang Chen couldn't help but laugh bitterly: "Senior's conditions are not difficult for the junior, it's just..."

"What is it?" Absolute Yi Daozu frowned, his face showing some displeasure.

Yang Chen shook his head helplessly, "I really didn't know about the Slaughter God Spear at first, so I've already allocated all the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mines!"

How could he have anticipated all this? He originally thought that it would be difficult for him to have any dealings with Heavenly Melody Mountain in the future. When Heavenly Melody Mountain didn't ask him for the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine that day, he thought the matter was over.

But now this situation has arisen, making him very troubled.

He has already promised the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine to the powerful ones of the Divine Night Sect. How can he give it away now, wouldn't he be going back on his word?

But Absolute Yi Daozu didn't care about Yang Chen's problems. He was furious for a moment and said sternly, "Yang Chen, ask yourself with your conscience, is my offer not generous enough for you? Exchanging two Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mines for my lost Ancient Essence Cold Iron, and perhaps others could not even dream of such a deal. You, kid, on the other hand, seem to be trying to provoke me."

Upon hearing this, Yang Chen immediately bowed and said, "Please calm down, senior, the junior has no such intention. But I really don't have the right to allocate the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine any more. I hope the senior can change the conditions. As long as it's within my ability, I won't delay!"

The attitude of Yang Chen was sincere. Absolute Yi Daozu's expression softened a bit, but the anger in his eyes did not diminish.

He rubbed his eyebrows, and after a while, he said, "Since you can't get the Seven-colored Colored Glaze Mine and there's nothing on you that I desire, just help my Heavenly Melody Mountain with some troublesome matters. Broken River, it happens that you are in charge of this area. Tell me, is there any recent troublesome task?"

Broken River had just seen Absolute Yi Daozu's anger burning, and he was really scared. Seeing his Ancestor's anger subsiding, he immediately bowed and said, "Sir Absolute Yi, there have been no major problems within our Taiyuan Star System. However, some time ago, there were some incidents in the Nine Dragons Branch. Several Sky Separation Realm Experts had died in a row, and it seems that there were shadows of foreign races lurking."

"Now that you mention it, I remember there was such a thing, but I also remember that someone has been sent there, right?" Absolute Yi Daozu couldn't help but say.

"It's true, but the six Sky Separation Realm Daoist friends who were sent have not heard from them for several years. Normally, this task should be completed in about a year and a half. Moreover, it seems that Grand Abyss Palace has already arranged for someone to get involved." Broken River said truthfully.

“Let’s go with this task then, Broken River, you go with him to the Nine Dragons Branch and see what exactly happened.” Absolute Yi Daozu said, “Yang Chen, you should have heard it clearly. Finish the task there and report back to me. Remember, I don’t care how you manage it, but you must complete the task related to the Nine Dragons Branch before the Grand Abyss Palace does. Broken River will explain the specifics to you.”

Is it possible to get the Slaughter God Spear back after solving this problem?” Yang Chen asked puzzledly.

“What a joke, just by completing one task, do you think you can get the Slaughter God Spear back? First, go and finish this task. At that time, I will let you see the Slaughter God Spear. We’ll discuss the specifics later.” Absolute Yi Daozu waved his hand.

Yang Chen looked bitterly but realized that Absolute Yi Daozu was still angry now, and it would be foolish to try to disturb him in this state.

Since he was in the wrong now, all he could do was to get up and leave with Broken River and think of another way.

After leaving, Broken River said, “Brother Yang Chen, Absolute Yi Daozu is angry now, but he is usually easy to approach. When you finish the task, his anger will subside, and maybe you will have a better chance to get the spear back. However, the spear did really go overboard, the Ancient Essence Cold Iron is his favorite item. It’s already extremely lucky that the old man Ancestor managed to preserve the spirit and intelligence of that spear.”

“I know that, but I don’t know what’s going on with this Nine Dragons Branch?” Yang Chen asked with confusion.

“It’s a long story, let’s walk and talk.” Broken River waved his hand.

Yang Chen nodded his head and left the mountain range with Broken River.

Along the way, Broken River began to explain the Nine Dragons Branch in detail: “This Nine Dragons Branch, called the Nine Dragons World, is an outer realm not far from the Taiyuan Star System. It is also

one of the branches of our Heavenly Melody Mountain. Inside the Nine Dragons Branch, there are a large number of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures. It is a branch area used by our Heavenly Melody Mountain to cultivate Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures. It can be said that it is a place where gifted people gather. However, because of this, it is often plotted against by foreign races.”

Yang Chen wondered, “Foreign races, daring to make a move near the Taiyuan Star System?”

“They don’t dare to do it openly, but they do dare to do it secretly. In fact, in our vast human territory, apart from the absolute safety within the Taiyuan Star System, once you leave the Taiyuan Star System, it’s almost chaotic. We humans share two universes with countless foreign races, and these foreign people are not peaceful at all; controlling them is not easy.” Broken River laughed.

“Why not station a Heaven-appointed Realm expert in the Nine Dragons Branch? Wouldn’t that be enough?” Yang Chen asked.

“We also thought about it, but experts at the Heaven-appointed Realm level are extremely valuable. In comparison, the more distant areas are more chaotic, and those places need Heaven-appointed Realm Experts’ help – there just aren’t enough of them. As the Nine Dragons Branch is located right under the eyelids of the Taiyuan Star System, it is not necessary to waste the combat power of Heaven-appointed Realm Experts. However, those foreign race people really are opportunistic, so it is difficult to suppress them.” Broken River said.

Yang Chen understood.

He asked so carefully because he was used to it; he was used to understanding the ins and outs of a matter before doing something. This way, he would know what was more appropriate for his actions.

Chapter 3225: Moving Forward Together_1

After some thought, Yang Chen continued to ask, “So, what went wrong with the Nine Dragons Branch recently?”

“This matter has to be traced back a few years. Our Heavenly Melody Mountain has been preparing for a long time to resist foreign races. At the core of the Nine Dragons Branch, we built a Lingtian Array, which covers the entire interface. With this formation in place, it is almost impossible for foreigners to easily attack the Nine Dragons Branch,” said Broken River.

“Then why did things go wrong?” Yang Chen asked.

“Because the Formation Eye of the Lingtian Array, the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag, suddenly disappeared,” Broken River said with a bitter smile.

Yang Chen was stunned, “Disappeared?”

With the Formation Eye missing, the impact was significant.

Once the Formation Eye disappeared, it meant that the entire Formation would be completely ineffective. Moreover, the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag seemed to be an incomparable treasure. It seemed that it could not be easily replaced as a Formation Eye.

“That’s right. The Ancient Dragon Pattern Eye itself is a supreme treasure, and it is difficult to find a suitable replacement. After it disappeared, our Heavenly Melody Mountain couldn’t find another Ancient Dragon Pattern Eye as a substitute, so we could only send powerful people to investigate. About five years ago, six Heaven-separated Realm experts from our Heavenly Melody Mountain went to the Nine Dragons Branch. Among them was Fairy Moon Fu,” said Broken River.

Yang Chen raised his eyebrows slightly. In that case, Fairy Moon Fu’s letter had been sent to the Divine Night Sect a few years ago.

However, he didn’t care too much about Fairy Moon Fu’s matter. What he cared about was retrieving the Slaughter God Spear as soon as possible after resolving this issue.

“It’s a pity that Junior Sister Moon Fu hasn’t sent any news in these five years. I don’t know what happened to her in the Nine Dragons Branch. Now that Brother Yang Chen and I are going there, we can also meet Junior Sister Moon Fu,” Broken River said with a slight smile while looking at Yang Chen with some sympathy.

Yang Chen was puzzled by Broken River’s expression, but he remained calm and asked, “Since Heavenly Melody Mountain is involved in this matter, why did Elder Absolute Yi say that Grand Abyss Palace has also intervened?”

“It’s quite complicated. The interface where the Nine Dragons Branch is located is not far from the Taiyuan Star System. We Heavenly Melody Mountain rule the inside, and Grand Abyss Palace rule the outside. When the ancestors established this rule, there was actually room for interpretation. For example, the management of the Nine Dragons Branch could be attributed to either Heavenly Melody Mountain or Grand Abyss Palace.”

Broken River frowned and said, “The environment of the Nine Dragons Branch is suitable for the growth of Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, and Grand Abyss Palace has been coveting this place for a long time. However, since we Heavenly Melody Mountain has occupied it, they haven’t been able to take action openly. Now that the Nine Dragons Branch is in trouble, Grand Abyss Palace has sent people to investigate. If they find the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag first, then the Nine Dragons Branch will be jointly managed by Heavenly Melody Mountain and Grand Abyss Palace. That’s why Elder Absolute Yi specifically asked us to get there before Grand Abyss Palace.”

Yang Chen now understood the specifics of the matter.

These issues were not important to someone like Absolute Yi Daozu. However, he still had to do his best to complete the task. Otherwise, there would be no chance of retrieving the Slaughter God Spear.

“Fortunately, Brother Yang Chen will be accompanying us on this trip. I didn’t have much confidence before, but now I feel much more assured,” said Broken River with a smile.

Yang Chen immediately cupped his hands and said, “Friend Gu is really over-praising me. I am just a person with an empty reputation. On this trip, I will still need your help.”

Broken River was more than happy to listen to Yang Chen’s compliments, and he laughed cheerfully, “Alright, we’ve arrived.”

“Where is this?” Yang Chen asked, looking around in confusion.

This area was in front of a high loft surrounded by cherry trees, with a pleasant scenery.

There were many servants around, and when they saw Broken River coming, they bowed their heads and said, "Greetings, Sir Gu, greetings seniors."

Ignoring the servants, Broken River laughed loudly, "Madame Autumn Plum, Brother Dao Guang, everyone has gathered. Since I'm going with you two to the Nine Dragons Branch this time, it's time to set out."

Only then did Yang Chen notice a woman and a man sitting cross-legged, playing chess while facing each other.

Upon hearing Broken River, both of them stood up and appeared in the line of sight of Broken River and Yang Chen.

"Friend Gu is going to the Nine Dragons Branch with us? That's a good thing. As for this fellow Daoist, I don't know his full name. With the four of us going, the number of people seems a bit small, doesn't it?" Dao Guangwang was a bit worried.

Madame Autumn Plum also held her hands behind her back, "Last time Junior Sister Moon Fu and the other five went there, we lost contact with them. The Nine Dragons Branch must have changed. Although Junior Sister Moon Fu's lifeline has not yet broken, it is not difficult to say that they have encountered some trouble. With only four of us going this time to deal with the trouble the six of them have encountered, even if Friend Gu is highly skilled, isn't it a bit too reckless?"

Broken River calmly stroked his beard, "You two don't know about my fellow Daoist here. His surname is Yang, and his name is Chen."

"What? Yang Chen?" Upon hearing the name, Madame Autumn Plum and Dao Guangwang's faces changed.

"Is this the Yang Chen that caused such a commotion some time ago?"

"According to rumors, this young man single-handedly killed twenty-eight Heavenly Leaving Realm experts. What is he doing here?"

“On our way, I will tell you about Brother Yang Chen’s story. Now, are you two confident? I, Gu, won’t say anything else. My strength alone should be enough to deal with two Heavenly Leaving Realm experts without any problems. As for Brother Yang Chen, he should not be inferior to me. There’s no need to worry about this trip,” said Broken River.

Madame Autumn Plum and Dao Guangwang looked at each other. They were obviously still not completely at ease.

Dao Guangwang glanced at Yang Chen, “Brother Yang Chen’s reputation indeed precedes him, but the rumor of killing twenty-eight Heavenly Leaving Realm experts might be exaggerated, right?”

Madame Autumn Plum also shook her head, feeling that such news was too shocking to be true.

Broken River actually thought that the rumors about Yang Chen were exaggerating too. At least from what he could see now, Yang Chen’s cultivation was only at the early stage of the Heaven-separated Realm.

It was indeed an exaggeration to say that someone of Yang Chen’s level could single-handedly kill twenty-eight Heavenly Leaving Realm experts.

He could only ask with a hint of doubt, “Brother Yang Chen, what do you think? Shall we wait for a few more fellow Daoists to join us, or shall the four of us leave together?”

“Unless we can ensure that the strength of the four of us is enough to withstand the power of six Heaven-separated Realm experts, I, Dao Guang, will not take this risk,” Dao Guangwang shook his head gently, “I’m not questioning Brother Yang Chen’s capability. It’s just that when it comes to traveling for a mission, we need to consider safety first.”

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Yang Chen could see it now.

King Daoguang and Madame Autumn Plum had taken on the Nine Dragons Branch mission from the start. However, due to the lack of people, it had been put on hold and they had not gone yet.

He couldn't help asking, "If we wait for other Daoist friends, how many more do we need to wait for? How long do we have to wait, approximately?"

"At least two more people need to join, as for the time, it's hard to say for sure. Madame Autumn Plum and Brother Daoguang have been waiting here for about two years now," replied the Broken River.

Madame Autumn Plum said gently, "I don't mind waiting another two years. After all, I and Brother Daoguang haven't finished our chess game, so it doesn't matter if we wait a bit longer. This mission does have some dangerous elements, and having enough people can ensure that we are prepared for all eventualities."

Broken River looked at Yang Chen and could only helplessly shake his head, "Brother Yang Chen, what do you think..."

Yang Chen understood the meaning, to wait for another two years? He didn't have that kind of time and patience.

Compared with those ancient monsters who had lived for millions of years, he was far behind.

Yang Chen had to think for a moment before saying, "In that case, we don't need to wait for more people. I, Yang Mou, believe that with my strength, I can barely make up for the two missing members. If you two are willing, it would be better not to wait for these two years."

Upon hearing this, both Madame Autumn Plum and King Daoguang exchanged glances, not fully convinced by Yang Chen's words. It seemed like he was putting the cart before the horse, and only saying this because he didn't want to wait for another two years.

However, since things had come to this, they didn't want to expose him, so they looked at Broken River.

Broken River hesitated slightly. Yang Chen's life-bound divine artifact was not with him, so he couldn't guarantee how strong his combat power was.

But Yang Chen's reputation was indeed in front of him, so he could only trust one attempt: "I, Brother Gu, have no objections."

Madame Autumn Plum and King Daoguang reluctantly agreed, "Since Brother Gu has no objection, neither do the two of us."

Seeing the wavering gazes of the others, Yang Chen couldn't help but wryly smile. It was evident that they didn't believe him.

No matter, he hadn't expected them to believe him anyway. As long as he could complete this task, it would be more important than anything else.

The four gathered together, made some preparations, and then set off together, leaving Heavenly Melody Mountain.

They were summoned by Broken River to their mount and went straight to the Nine Dragons Branch.

Along the way, they encountered no obstacles or hindrances.

Time passed, and a month later, the four gathered in the sky above a plane. This was the interface of Heavenly Melody Mountain and the Nine Dragons Branch.

When they arrived here and were about to land, Yang Chen suddenly stopped, and his calm face showed a hint of serious concern.

Shortly after, Broken River, who was about to step into the interface, waved his hand: "Madame Autumn Plum, Brother Daoguang, please wait."

Upon hearing this, both Madame Autumn Plum and King Daoguang couldn't help but wonder, and turned to look at Broken River, not knowing what he meant.

"What do you mean, Brother Gu..." The two people asked in confusion.

Broken River looked down and said in a solemn tone, "The three of you, please carefully sense the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi within the Nine Dragons World."

At first, Madame Autumn Plum and King Daoguang didn't think it was a big deal, but after hearing Broken River's words, they investigated the situation below and gradually sensed something unusual.

Yang Chen had already noticed something was off earlier, which was why he had stopped. However, he didn't know what exactly was wrong with the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi, while Broken River seemed to have some understanding.

Staring at the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi, Broken River muttered, "This Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi is full of thick gas. Upon investigation, even our souls seem to be faintly hindered. Could it be that our luck is so bad that we've encountered the unique miasma of the Nine Dragons World?"

"Miasma?" Yang Chen couldn't help asking, "If it's ordinary miasma, our cultivation shouldn't be affected, should it?"

"Brother Yang Chen might not know this, but the miasma of the Nine Dragons World is very different from other worlds. The Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi of the Nine Dragons World is unique and completely different from the outside world, which is why the spiritual plants and treasures in this world grow much faster than those in other worlds. However, the dense spirit qi here has side effects. Every once in a very long time, a miasma disaster will break out," Broken River explained.

Yang Chen asked, "What's so special about this miasma disaster?"

"The biggest disaster of this miasma is on those spiritual treasures of heaven and earth. The heavenly materials and earthly treasures in this plane need special protection to avoid the disaster. Aside from that, Sky-separating Realm experts like us are affected as well. If we encounter this miasma, our strength will be damaged, and every breath will lead to a loss of strength," said Broken River.

Madame Autumn Plum sighed, "Our luck is really terrible to encounter this miasma."

"Is there no way to deal with this miasma?" Yang Chen asked.

"There is, actually. In our Heavenly Melody Mountain, there is a pill called 'Poison Concealing Pill.' After taking it, you can block the toxic effects of this miasma. However, I didn't expect our luck to be so bad that we would encounter this miasma. What can we do now?" said Broken River.

Madame Autumn Plum frowned, "Didn't Brother Daoguang research the Poison Concealing Pill some time ago?"

"I did research it, but my alchemy skills have always been stuck at the God-Level Alchemy Master stage, and I haven't made any progress. I have never been able to refine this pill," King Daoguang sighed.

Broken River could only say, "Brother Daoguang's dual cultivation of alchemy and cultivation to this level is already very difficult. It seems that I can only go back and get the Poison Concealing Pill myself. You three can wait for me here for a few months, and I will be back soon."

At this moment, Yang Chen spoke up, "Brother Gu, please wait."

Broken River was puzzled, "Brother Yang Chen, what do you mean by that..."

Yang Chen said, "Brother Gu, don't worry about it. As for the Poison Concealing Pill, I might have a solution."

The three of them couldn't help but wonder, looking at Yang Chen, puzzled as to what kind of ability he had to solve this issue.

Yang Chen shifted his gaze to King Daoguang in the distance and said, "Brother Daoguang mentioned earlier that he had researched the Poison Concealing Pill, so he should still have the pill formula, right?"

"Of course, but just a pill formula doesn't seem to solve anything at this point," King Daoguang said.

Yang Chen replied indifferently, "Brother Daoguang doesn't need to worry about it for now. I wonder if you can lend me the pill formula so I can try to deal with it."

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Dao Guangwang hesitated for a moment: "There's nothing wrong with that. And the formula of the Poison Concealing Pill is not considered particularly precious. But, Brother Yang Chen, you probably haven't refined the Poison Concealing Pill before, have you? You can't honestly think that this pill, which is merely used to deal with miasma, can be considered just an ordinary elixir."

Madame Autumn Plum also guessed Yang Chen's thoughts.

It was clear that Yang Chen planned to start working on this Pill Formula right away.

"Brother Yang Chen, Brother Daoguang has been studying this Pill Formula for decades, but he still can't confidently refine it. It's not necessary for you to bother anymore, just let Brother Gu go back and get it," said Madame Autumn Plum.

Letting Yang Chen refine it would probably take longer than letting Broken River go back and get it, and it wouldn't take too long to make the round trip.

Yang Chen couldn't help but feel a mix of laughter and tears at the decisiveness of the two. In a few months? He didn't even know how long he would be delayed.

At this moment, he couldn't boast too much and said, "It's nothing. I have some achievements in Alchemy myself, and if you give me this Pill Formula, I might be able to present you with some miraculous results."

Dao Guangwang and Madame Autumn Plum hesitated for a moment.

At this time, Broken River chuckled, quite curious: "Why not let Brother Yang Chen try it by giving him this Pill Formula?"

Only upon hearing Broken River's words did Dao Guangwang shake his head with an expression that he didn't trust Yang Chen very much. However, he handed over the Pill Formula to Yang Chen.

Yang Chen looked at the Pill Formula and nodded his head.

A high-grade Divine Grade elixir, no wonder Dao Guangwang studied it for so long without refining it successfully.

Although Dao Guangwang's cultivation is profound, it's not easy to maintain it while keeping a high standard in Alchemy.

As for the Poison Concealing Pill, the materials used to refine it aren't that precious, but the difficulty is exceptionally high.

Yang Chen calmly took out a Pill Furnace, then put the Elixir Ingredients into the Pill Furnace, and started refining above the starry sky.

When the three of them saw Yang Chen's low-quality Pill Furnace, they couldn't help but twitch the corners of their mouths.

Even Broken River felt that he shouldn't have believed Yang Chen's words.

Because Yang Chen's pill furnace was really of a very low standard.

If Yang Chen were really a top-grade Alchemist, even his Pill Furnace should be of passable quality. This was the dignity and honor of an Alchemist, and no Alchemist would ignore such things.

But they didn't know that at Yang Chen's current realm, the quality of the Pill Furnace didn't make much difference to his Alchemy.

As long as it was an almost decent Pill Furnace, Yang Chen could control it and refine a good elixir.

Yang Chen didn't care about the three people's gazes and focused on refining.

While refining like this, Broken River and the other two began to show slight astonishment.

The three of them were not people without discernment, and how could they not notice some clues as they looked closely?

Not mentioning Yang Chen's Alchemy skills, the Qi that appeared around Yang Chen as he refined the pill was indeed...

Purple Qi Light.

Moreover, this Purple Qi Light was becoming so dense that it was even turning black.

All three of them were experienced people.

When a Divine Grade Alchemist refines a pill, the Pill Qi is yellow.

Upon reaching the Immortal Grade, the Pill Qi turns purple.

The higher the level of Immortal Grade Alchemist, the more accurate and stronger their purple Qi will be. When the purple reaches a certain level, it will even become black.

Yang Chen's current Pill Qi looked exactly like this.

All three of them were dumbfounded, staring in disbelief and even thinking they might have seen it wrong. Just as they were lost in thought, Yang Chen's alchemy suddenly came to an end.

Immediately, a foul-smelling pill fragrance emanated from the furnace, indicating the failure of the elixir refining process.

This left the three of them dumbfounded, thinking they might have been mistaken about Yang Chen being an Immortal Grade Alchemist. Hadn't he just ruined the furnace?

But Yang Chen didn't show any signs of discouragement. After some contemplation, he took out another batch of elixir ingredients and began his second attempt at refining the pill.

As the second round of refining began, Yang Chen remained meticulous and fully concentrated.

The Purple Qi Light once again manifested, enveloping Yang Chen and highlighting his status as an alchemist.

This time, the three of them saw everything clearly, without any doubt at all.

Yang Chen was indeed an Immortal Grade Alchemist!

"This, this!"

Just as their doubts about Yang Chen's Immortal Grade Alchemist status lingered, a sudden voice spread out.

Following the voice, the pill fragrance filled the air.

Yang Chen revealed a smile.

Although the Poison Concealing Pill had a high rank and was not easy to refine, he was still capable of doing so. With his Immortal Grade Alchemist skills, all he needed was a little refinement to produce the pill in a short amount of time.

"Please wait a moment, everyone. This is my first time refining the Poison Concealing Pill, so only one was produced. Now that we have four people, please wait a little longer for me to produce three more pills. It won't take too much time." Yang Chen said.

The three of them were left speechless and dumbfounded by this scene.

Had Yang Chen really managed to refine the Poison Concealing Pill? And he'd only failed once before succeeding?

Indeed, Yang Chen's failure in refining the elixir just now did seem inconsistent with the status of an Immortal Grade Alchemist.

However, upon closer thought, even an Immortal Grade Alchemist might not be able to successfully refine an unfamiliar pill on their first attempt.

Yang Chen's achievement could only be described as abnormal.

That's because even an Immortal Grade Alchemist couldn't achieve the feat of refining a high-grade Divine Pill that they had never worked with before on just their second attempt.

Refining a pill on the second try was simply unheard of.

The most crucial point was that Yang Chen had achieved all this while remaining at the Heaven-separated Realm cultivation level.

Heavenly Melody Mountain did not lack Immortal Grade Alchemists; there were many. However, people like Yang Chen, who maintained a high cultivation level while also possessing extraordinary alchemy skills, were extremely rare.

As the three of them contemplated, Yang Chen's elixir was completely refined.

During the third round of refining, three Poison Concealing Pills were produced all at once, making a total of four pills.

"The Poison Concealing Pills have been refined. Please take a look and see if there are any differences from the ones used by your sect." Yang Chen said.

Broken River and Dao Guangwang examined carefully, becoming even more astonished in the process.

Even if they disregarded the first furnace, the Poison Concealing Pills refined from the second one could only be described as exquisite.

This represented something terrifying.

What was it?

Yang Chen had undergone an earth-shattering improvement within the short span of just two refining sessions. The extent of his progress could only be described as earth-shattering as well.

As the three of them were shaking in shock, they downed the pill immediately.

Broken River adjusted his True Qi for a moment: "The medicinal effect of the Poison Concealing Pill is correct. Now that we have these pills, we no longer need to fear the miasma. Let's go. The Nine Dragons World is indeed strange. First, the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag went missing, then Junior Sister Moon Orchid vanished, and now this miasma..."

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"Indeed, the Nine Dragons World is quite mysterious, but Brother Gu doesn't need to feel too much pressure. This Nine Dragons World is our territory. Those foreign race people can't create too much trouble here. Moreover, before Junior Sister Moon Orchid came to the Nine Dragons World, she sent a secret message to Heavenly Melody Mountain. She has immense respect for Brother Yang Chen," Dao Guangwang said jokingly.

Hearing this, Madame Autumn Plum also covered her mouth and laughed, showing a trace of sympathy in her eyes, as if Yang Chen had gotten himself into some kind of trouble.

"Alright, we'd better not delay. Let's enter the Nine Dragons World and get things done," Broken River said.

Without hesitation, the four of them swiftly entered the Nine Dragons World.

At the same time as the four entered the Nine Dragons World, in a distant desert, within a stone temple covered by yellow sand...

Inside the stone temple was a half-snake, half-human man. This snake-like man was handsome, with fair skin. If not for his snake-like lower half, he would surely attract numerous female cultivators among humans.

However, at this moment, the snake man's expression was extremely gloomy. He opened his eyes suddenly and said, "Lord Huan Ye Ming Wang, four more humans have arrived!"

As his words fell, a ghostly figure with a sinister aura appeared in the form of a legless man, standing with his hands behind his back, dressed in a black robe, sending shivers down one's spine.

Huan Ye Ming Wang slowly said, "Are they people from Grand Abyss Palace this time?"

"No, they are not from Grand Abyss Palace. They seem to be from Heavenly Melody Mountain, and there are only four of them!" the snake man said.

Huan Ye Ming Wang licked his lips, "Humans are quite interesting. Just after Grand Abyss Palace's people left, another group from Heavenly Melody Mountain arrived. It appears that the matter of the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag has indeed made them anxious. Keep a close watch on them, and let me know when they enter the desert."

"Lord of the Underworld, just as one wave subsides, another arises. By taking the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag and repeatedly targeting humans, wouldn't we attract the attention of both Heavenly Melody Mountain and Grand Abyss Palace? After all, the six people who came from Heavenly Melody Mountain earlier have already gone missing because of us..." the handsome snake man said.

Huan Ye Ming Wang sneered, "What are you afraid of? Since your Snake people decided to pledge allegiance to my Netherworld, how could my Netherworld harm you? Now that these humans have come, we must eliminate them all. When the time comes, our Netherworld will take your Snake people away. Your top priority now is to cultivate the Jiuyou Emperor Grass we need. We've already spent millions of years on this, and I don't want to fail at this crucial moment."

"Rest assured, now that we have retrieved the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag, the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi of this plane is no longer monopolized by humans. The Jiuyou Emperor Grass should mature soon. Lord of the Underworld, you needn't worry," the snake man said with a fawning smile.

"That's good. Keep a close eye on those four humans who just set foot here. They will surely enter your Snake people's territory because of the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag," Huan Ye Ming Wang said lazily.

"No problem!" The snake man's voice was full of flattery towards Huan Ye Ming Wang.

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Yang Chen and the others remained oblivious to this matter. Upon entering the Nine Dragons World, they first arrived at an ancient castle.

There were many people inside the ancient castle, which was a not-so-small power. Among them, Yang Chen could sense at least the presence of a Heaven-separated Realm expert.

Yang Chen also knew a thing or two about this ancient castle.

The castle was called Blackstone Ancient Castle and was the controlling force of the Nine Dragons Branch established by Heavenly Melody Mountain. The Liu Family, supported by Heavenly Melody Mountain, was stationed here. At the same time, the Liu Family also controlled the Heavenly Materials and Earthly Treasures, as well as other smaller forces in the entire Nine Dragons World.

Yang Chen had already heard about it from Broken River and the others on the way, and he understood quite a bit.

It was precisely because of this knowledge that they decided to head straight to Blackstone Ancient Castle upon arrival.

Now that the four had arrived, the powerful individuals of Blackstone Ancient Castle naturally came to greet them.

Upon sensing the presence of the four, a group of strong individuals from Blackstone Ancient Castle quickly appeared. A Qing-robed elder in the Heaven-separated Realm led a group of Boundaryless cultivators to welcome them.

The faces of these cultivators were all bright with smiles as they followed the Qing-robed elder, looking at Yang Chen and the others with respectful expressions, full of humbleness.

Master Willow Feng, long time no see," Broken River said indifferently.

The man named Willow Feng lowered his attitude upon seeing Broken River, obviously aware that even if they were in the same Heaven-separated Realm, his status as the Master of Blackstone Ancient Castle was distinctly different from Broken River of Heavenly Melody Mountain.

With a warm smile, he said, "Elder Gu, I assume you are here because of the matter concerning the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag. Let's discuss it further indoors."

Broken River acted indifferent towards Willow Feng, while Madame Autumn Plum and Dao Guangwang showed even more disdain, seemingly not caring at all about the strong individuals of this branch.

Yang Chen first took a look at Blackstone Ancient Castle and then entered the castle with the four of them.

Willow Feng led the others into the castle and treated them with great hospitality, smiling all the way.

"Let me introduce my son, Willow Stain, to the four of you. Willow Stain, pay your respects to the four seniors," Willow Feng said.

A young-looking, handsome boy stood beside Willow Feng, and his strength was not low either. He appeared quite young and had already reached the Earth Martial Realm in his cultivation.

The young man looked at the four Heaven-separated Realm experts, quickly lowering his head with a respectful and sincere attitude, "Junior Willow Stain pays respect to the four seniors."

Broken River and the others could see what Willow Feng was thinking. He clearly wanted to show off his son, hoping that they would be impressed by his talent. If they took a liking to him, it would mean a connection with Heavenly Melody Mountain and a meteoric rise in status.

However, unfortunately for them, their tastes were much more discerning. How could they be interested in such talents?

Broken River didn't change his expression, and Willow Feng immediately understood, commanding, "Willow Stain, step back."

Although Willow Stain was young, he knew that he had not yet satisfied the four seniors. His face flashed with disappointment, and he retreated behind Willow Feng.

"Willow Feng, don't beat around the bush and don't play petty tricks. The four of us are here today because the matter of the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag has become quite serious. You should be able to guess that as well," Broken River said coldly.

Willow Feng said bitterly, "Yes yes, I understand. A while ago, Fairy Moon Fu and others came, but there has been no news since then. The situation has indeed reached a point where I can no longer control it."

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Dao Guangwang said coldly, "Junior Sister Yue Fu and the other five are now missing. Willow Feng, you claim you know nothing, do you not take this matter seriously? Do you think we granted you the position of Blackstone Ancient Castle Master just to enjoy a leisurely life?"

Willow Feng felt wronged after being scolded by Dao Guangwang and Broken River in a row.

However, he dared not show any anger, and could only grit his teeth and say, "Sir Dao Guang, I have done my best in this matter. When Fairy Moon Fu and her party arrived, they headed straight for the Desolate Snake Desert. In order to help Fairy Moon Fu and the others, my Blackstone Ancient Castle has sent out all three Sky Separation Realm experts available, apart from me. Now, only I am left in the Blackstone Ancient Castle, and I am truly helpless about this."

That was also the source of his bitterness.

His sect had dispatched three Sky Separation Realm experts, and now there is no news. He had hoped that his son could establish some connection with Heavenly Melody Mountain as compensation, but he had no idea that they didn't care about the loss of their Blackstone Ancient Castle.

Dao Guangwang snorted indignantly and said coldly, "Now that things have turned out like this, do you still feel wronged?"

Broken River waved his hand, and although his expression was not friendly, it was somewhat better than Dao Guangwang's.

"Enough, scolding is meaningless now. Let's find out what happened first. Willow Feng, remember that without Heavenly Melody Mountain, there would be no you and no Blackstone Ancient Castle. It's your duty to contribute to Heavenly Melody Mountain." Broken River glanced at Willow Feng, his face expressionless.

All Willow Feng could do was lower his head and obediently agree.

"Now, tell us why Junior Sister Yue Fu and her party headed specifically toward the Desolate Snake Desert? It should have nothing to do with the Snake people and the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag, right?" Broken River said.

Willow Feng sighed, "I also find it strange. Some time after the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag went missing, news suddenly came from the Snake people, claiming that the flag had been stolen and placed in the top floor of the Snake people's Heavenly Crystal Snake Spirit Tower. Although the authenticity of the news is unknown, it seems that the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag has some connection with the Snake people. To investigate, Fairy Moon Fu and her party headed to the Snake people's territory."

Broken River frowned, "The Sky Separation Realm experts of the Snake people are limited in number. Even if there are a few, they shouldn't pose a threat to Junior Sister Yue Fu and the others. So why can't we contact them?"

Maybe Fairy Yue Fu is busy dealing with the matter and doesn't have time to send a message," Willow Feng wiped the sweat from his brow and hurriedly offered reassurance.

Broken River did not respond. It was possible, but now the Snake people were no longer unrelated to the matter.

Yang Chen asked in surprise, "What kind of group are the Snake people?"

"They are just one of the many subgroups of our human race, half-snake and half-human in appearance. There are many such hybrids like half-fish, half-human, and half-horse, half-human. These beings can only be considered half-human, unable to enter mainstream society, but they have a trace of human blood, which is why they coexist with us in the same universe." Broken River explained.

Yang Chen nodded. There were indeed many branches of the human race. For example, in the Southern Realm, there was the Divine Maiden Clan, and with such a vast Universe Starry Sky, it was quite normal for there to be many subgroups of the human race.

"By the way, I heard that some people from the Grand Abyss Palace have also appeared in this Nine Dragons World. Is that true?" asked Madame Autumn Plum.

"It's true. The Grand Abyss Palace arranged two groups of people to come to my Blackstone Ancient Castle to inquire about the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag matter..." Willow Feng said timidly.

"What did you say?" Dao Guangwang asked.

"I didn't dare to hide anything, so I told the truth. Now, those two groups of Grand Abyss Palace people have headed for the Desolate Snake Desert!" Willow Feng said.

"You traitor! We, Heavenly Melody Mountain, have nurtured your Blackstone Ancient Castle so assiduously, and now you are helping the people of the Grand Abyss Palace to find the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag?" Dao Guangwang cursed.

Broken River waved his hand and said, "Brother Daoguang, calm down. It's not his fault that the Grand Abyss Palace wanted to intervene in this matter. Willow Feng had no choice but to tell them."

Willow Feng breathed a sigh of relief, grateful that Broken River was at least somewhat reasonable.

Only then did Dao Guangwang grunt and say, "Alright, who exactly are the people from the Grand Abyss Palace? Tell us."

Willow Feng dared not withhold any information and reported in detail, "Grand Abyss Palace is led by King Ming Cheng himself, with a total of twelve Sky Separation Realm experts!"

"What?!" Dao Guangwang's face changed in shock. "King Ming Cheng is personally leading?"

"It's Ming Cheng King!" Madame Autumn Plum's face turned pale, her expression moved upon hearing the name King Ming Cheng.

Broken River shook his head as well, "King Ming Cheng is one thing, but in total, there are twelve Sky Separation Realm experts. If we don't meet up with Junior Sister Yue Fu, we will be at a disadvantage when competing for the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag."

"Who is King Ming Cheng?" Yang Chen asked puzzledly.

Broken River secretly smiled bitterly, Yang Chen really didn't know anything.

If it weren't for the fact that Yang Chen came from the Divine Night Sect, he would have been too lazy to explain. Now, he had no choice but to say, "King Ming Cheng is a famous Sky Separation Realm expert from the Grand Abyss Palace. His cultivation has reached the later stage of the Sky Separation Realm. He is also the core disciple of Daoist Ancestor Expert, Fu Tiandi. In terms of Sky Separation Realm cultivation, he is among the top-ranked experts in the field, even I am somewhat inferior to him."

Broken River shook his head with a bitter smile as he finished speaking.

Yang Chen understood now. As for Dao Guangwang and Madame Autumn Plum, they sighed heavily, as if they had encountered some trouble.

After a while, Broken River said, "Alright, let's rest here for now. In a few days, we will go to the Desolate Snake Desert."

Upon hearing that the group wanted to rest here for a few days, Willow Feng immediately got up and took care of the arrangements, ordering his subordinates to attend to the four guests as if they were their own ancestors.

Thus, Yang Chen and the others settled down here for the time being.

After settling down, the four of them discussed the matter of going to the Desolate Snake Desert.

However, before going, they naturally had to go and take a look at the core of the Lingtian Array.

Yang Chen did not accompany them. He didn't know much about the Lingtian Array, and even if he went, he wouldn't be able to make out its secrets. He left it to Broken River and the others.

As for him, he stayed at the Blackstone Ancient Castle with other plans in mind.

Yang Chen cultivated for several days.

Over these days, Yang Chen became increasingly sure about something.

And it was today that he suddenly opened his eyes.

"There's no doubt..."

Yang Chen seemed to have confirmed something, his expression becoming increasingly solemn.

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Yang Chen felt it was very real and was absolutely certain.

No one was probably more familiar with this feeling than him.

When he was being chased by the Grand Abyss Palace, he traveled back and forth under the Heavenly Dao of various star domain interfaces and was very familiar with the sensation of being observed by the Heavenly Eye. It can be said that most powerful ones, when observed by the Heavenly Eye, couldn't sense anything.

But Yang Chen was different.

During the times he was detected by various Heavenly Eyes and chased by the powerful ones of the Grand Abyss Palace, he had long developed a keen sense of perception.

He was very sure that the moment he entered the Nine Dragons World, he was being constantly observed by someone using the Heavenly Eye.

However, neither he nor Broken River and the others thought much about this aspect at first. So they entered the interface carelessly.

That was because the Heavenly Dao of the Nine Dragons World should be controlled by Heavenly Melody Mountain.

Moreover, the secret to communicating with the Heavenly Eye was a secret passed down by Pasara Ancestor of the Grand Abyss Palace, so Heavenly Melody Mountain could not communicate with the Heavenly Eye either.

Who would think in that direction?

But the result turned out to be very different from the truth.

"This Nine Dragons World is really interesting..." Yang Chen muttered to himself: "I'm afraid it's not as simple as I thought."

Being watched by this Heavenly Eye, he couldn't concentrate on his cultivation anymore and knew that if the enemy was still watching him through the Heavenly Eye, then his every move was under their control.

So he had to pretend at this time.

Yang Chen pretended not to know anything and was about to continue forcibly cultivating, but then, he spread out his divine soul and sensed something interesting.

He pushed open the door, only to hear that in a small courtyard separated by several yards, a young man was holding a long spear, practicing spear techniques with his eyes closed.

As he moved back and forth with his spear technique, there seemed to be a hint of charm in it.

For a moment, Yang Chen became interested. This young man was none other than Liu Feng's son, Liu Hen, who had been seen before.

Liu Feng obviously had high hopes for his son, but unfortunately, neither Broken River and his two companions nor Yang Chen had high standards. So at that time when Liu Hen stepped out, the four of them didn't pay much attention to him.

Although the young man's talent was indeed good, he was still far from entering the Three Great Factions. He was even further from being their disciple.

But the reason Yang Chen became interested now was that although Liu Hen's talent didn't catch his eye, the spear technique he used, the spirit and sharpness that came with it, reminded him of his own perseverance back in his ancestral land.

Forge ahead and strive for strength.

Although the young man hadn't yet understood the essence of the spear technique, the path he was exploring was the correct one for the spear technique.

"This little guy has some talent for the way of the spear," Yang Chen thought to himself.

Perhaps because of his own spear practice, Yang Chen came here and took a few more glances.

Although his Qi had no fluctuations, after a while, he still caught Liu Hen's attention unintentionally.

He immediately put away his spear technique and, seeing Yang Chen, said nervously, "Sen--senior!"

He knew very well that Yang Chen was a powerful person from the Three Great Factions, and his casual words could change the entire Blackstone Ancient Castle, so he didn't dare to be presumptuous.

"Lord Yang Chen, I don't know what my son did to offend you. I will punish him," Liu Feng quickly arrived at the scene. Seeing the commotion, he thought his son had provoked Yang Chen and immediately began scolding him.

Liu Hen was also scared and thought he had done something to displease Yang Chen.

However, Yang Chen raised his hand: "Daoist friend Liu Feng, don't worry, Liu Hen didn't do anything to displease me, I was simply attracted by his spear technique!"

"Th-this... Lord Yang Chen, you really know how to joke. How can my son's superficial spear technique be worthy of your Dharma Eye?" Liu Feng laughed.

Yang Chen said indifferently, "Liu Hen, why did you choose the way of the spear? There aren't many people who practice it!"

"I... The way of the spear is straightforward and unyielding," Liu Hen vaguely replied, half understanding and half confused.

Yang Chen heard this and smiled even more: "Is this the reason why you chose this path?"

Liu Hen didn't know how to answer.

Just as Liu Feng was about to speak, he was stopped by Yang Chen.

"Let Liu Hen think slowly, I'm not in a hurry," Yang Chen said.

Now Liu Feng could see that Yang Chen took a liking to his son.

His heart couldn't help but be excited, hoping that Liu Hen could pass Yang Chen's test. Although Yang Chen had the lowest cultivation level among the four of Heavenly Melody Mountain and seemed to have a low status, it was still a blessing for his child to be liked by Yang Chen.

At this time, Liu Hen seemed to have made up his mind and gritted his teeth, "My path, like the way of the spear, is straight, unyielding, and indomitable."

"Hahaha, well said 'straight, unyielding, and indomitable'. There are not many words, but it's the essence of the spear technique, and very few people can comprehend it," Yang Chen sighed with emotion.

He had seen very few people who had achieved the way of the spear along the way, and even fewer who had understood its essence.

How many people could achieve the unyielding and indomitable way of the spear?

This young man had struck a chord in his heart.

"If you continue to stick to this original intention, given time, you will definitely achieve something in this way," Yang Chen said.

"Senior, do you also practice the way of the spear?" Liu Hen asked doubtfully.

Yang Chen nodded gently.

Liu Feng immediately signaled Liu Hen.

Liu Hen was very clever and quick-witted, immediately kneeling down, "Please accept me as your disciple, and teach me the way of the spear."

Seeing Liu Hen worshipping him as a master, although Yang Chen had expected it, he still laughed.

"In my life, I, Yang Chen, have never really thought about taking disciples. But since we met today, it can be considered fate. You also made this request, so I'll give you a chance. Lend me your spear," Yang Chen said.

Upon hearing that Yang Chen was willing to give him a chance, Liu Hen immediately handed over his spear with great joy.

Yang Chen took the long spear, and his hand shook slightly.

Then, he aimed at the front and stabbed directly.

This spear condensed all the Heaven and Earth Spirit Qi around it into one spear and burst out!

As the spear was released, its power was astonishing, and a storm swept through.

"This spear is called Innate Unity, and it is a spear technique I created in my early years," Yang Chen said slowly. "I won't make it difficult for you. If you can comprehend it a little before I deal with the matter of the Ancient Dragon Pattern Flag, I will accept you as my disciple!"

Innate Unity, although it was a spear technique he created in his early years, it is still too early for Liu Hen to comprehend it due to his cultivation in the Earth Martial Realm.

However, Liu Hen was born much higher than him, so it was not a problem to have higher requirements.

After all, Yang Chen taking a disciple was indeed not a casual matter.

As for Liu Hen, he was completely immersed in Yang Chen's spear technique.

He had never seen such a spear technique before.