

Swordsman 2361

Chapter 2361: The Decision of the Zhuge Family

Within the Zhuge Family, many experts were gathered together.

"Family Head, I have news from the Lin Mansion." An elder in purple clothes walked in.

"How is it?" Zhuge Yuanchong looked over.

"Is Jian Wushuang dead?" Zhuge Hong asked.

The elder in purple clothes took a deep breath and said seriously, "Just like we predicted, Xiang Yi from the Golden Cauldron Sect is back. He is a tier two Chaotic Divine Demon and he brought along five experts from the Golden Cauldron Sect, including one tier two and four other tier three Chaotic Divine Demon. They attacked Lin Mansion directly and Xiang Yi went straight for Jian Wushuang."

"Haha. He is definitely dead as a tier two Chaotic Divine Demon is after him!" Zhuge Hong said.

"It seems like this threat is settled." Zhuge Yuanchong said.

"No, it is not as simple. Xiang Yi is indeed a tier two Chaotic Divine Demon and he attacked Jian Wushuang with all of his power. However, he was completely suppressed by Jian Wushuang during the fight which forced the five other experts from the Golden Cauldron Sect to help Xiang Yi out as well."

"Six Chaotic Divine Demons?" Elder Chen, from the Dongzuo Sect, was surprised.

Six Chaotic Divine Demons, with two of them in the second tier, was a terrifying lineup.

"All six Chaotic Divine Demons from the Golden Cauldron Sect all attacked Jian Wushuang. However, Jian Wushuang had many trump cards and managed to defeat all six Chaotic Divine Demons head-on. He killed three of them and forced the remaining three to escape in fear." The elder in purple clothes said.

"What did you say?"

The experts from the Zhuge Family and Dongzuo Sect were shocked beyond words.

Six Chaotic Divine Demons attacked were fought off by Jian Wushuang alone?

"You must be joking. Jian Wushuang is only in the Chaotic Realm. How can he be that powerful? Furthermore, the fighting power he showed three months ago is also far weaker than this." Zhuge Hong roared with a low voice.

He was also a genius, but he couldn't bring himself to believe what the elder in purple clothes said.

"I don't know about the details, but it is a fact that he defeated six Chaotic Divine Demons and killed three of them. After the experts from the Golden Cauldron Sect left, one tier one Chaotic Divine Demon and two top tier tier two Chaotic Divine Demons from the Water Fairy Island arrived." The elder in purple clothes said.

"After they appeared, they tested Jian Wushuang's fighting power and no longer cared about the incident when Jian Wushuang killed a disciple of the Water Fairy Island. They immediately started trying to recruit Jian Wushuang to the Water Fairy island..."

The elder in purple clothes told the entire story of what happened next.

The experts from the Zhuge Family present were in disbelief and fell silent.

“Even the Great Compassion Sect sent their invitation to Jian Wushuang to become the lineal disciple of the ancient elder Brahman Sword Fairy who is the most powerful sword cultivator in the Wusha Barren Region and Jian Wushuang rejected that offer?”

“How can he reject it!!!”

Zhuge Hong stood up, his eyes were bloodshot.

The Great Compassion Sect is the most powerful clan in the Wusha Barren Region. It was where all the talented geniuses gathered!

Countless geniuses from the Wusha Barren Region would die to enter the Great Compassion Sect. However, they did not have the chance to join it.

Before Zhuge Hong joined the Dongzuo Sect, he really desired to enter the Great Compassion Sect. Even though he was talented, he was not good enough to make the cut to enter that clan. Hence, the Commandery Governor did not introduce him to the Great Compassion Sect.

He ended up at the Dongzuo Sect.

Even though he became one of the core disciples and had great status within the Dongzuo Sect, it did not mean that he lost his desire to join the Great Compassion Sect.

But now.....

He tried his best but he did not make it into the Great Compassion Sect, while Jian Wushuang rejected an offer from the Great Compassion Sect?

How could he be calm?

As for the experts from the Zhuge Family present, they had serious looks on their faces.

“Jian Wushuang rejected the Great Compassion and became an outer disciple in the Water Fairy Island. Even so, the Water Fairy Island will definitely put emphasis to nurture Jian Wushuang. He will definitely become one of the most powerful experts within the Wusha Barren Region. The Zhuge family cannot withstand his wrath at that point in time.” Zhuge Yuanchong said.

“Even now, we cannot provoke him anymore. Lord Wu Jian from the Water Fairy Island had already said to the experts from the Golden Cauldron Sect he will personally settle any troubles or problems that Jian Wushuang will encounter. This also means that Lord Wu Jian will come to the Zhuge Family and wipe us out if Jian Wushuang asked him to.” The elder in purple clothes said.

When the experts from the Zhuge Family heard this, their face turned dark.

“Family Head of the Zhuge Family. The Water Fairy Island is a tough opponent. Even when the Dongzuo Sect faces the Water Fairy Island, we can only avoid conflicts and not dare to provoke them. The Zhuge Family is nothing in their eyes. If Jian Wushuang really wanted to take revenge on you, all he needs to do is to ask. The Water Fairy Island will not complain at all.” Elder Chen looked over and asked.

“Hence... Family head of the Zhuge Family, you should consider what I have told you.”

“I understand.” Zhuge Yuanchong nodded his head. He took a deep breath and said solemnly, “Prepare to go to the Lin Mansion. We will go and apologize!”

“Apologize?”

The experts from the Zhuge Family turned pale, but they couldn’t do anything but to shake their heads helplessly.

The Zhuge Family pissed off someone who they couldn’t afford to. Their life and death could be decided with a single action of that man.

If they would not put down their pride to apologize, they would be asking for it.

Soon, the experts from the Zhuge Family set off.

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Lin Mansion.

“Brother Wushuang. My father wants me to tell you that the experts from the Zhuge Family are here.” Lin Yan ran up to Jian Wushuang and said.

“Zhuge Family? Are they here to apologize?” Jian Wushuang smiled.

“You guessed it. The family head of the Zhuge Family said that he is here to apologize to you. This is why my father asked you to go over.” Lin Yan said.

Jian Wushuang raised his eyebrows. He was not surprised at all.

He was sure that the family head of the Zhuge Family, Zhuge Yuanchong, knew the predicament that his family was in.

This was why he did not annihilate the Zhuge Family.

“I will not go. Tell Uncle Lin to settle it. He should know what to do.” Jian Wushuang said.

“Ok.” Lin Yan nodded his head and left immediately.

Chapter 2362: Paid a Visit to Apologize

In front of the door of the Lin Mansion stood numerous experts from the Zhuge Family. Zhuge Yuanchong stood at the front.

The experts from the Lin Mansion were looking at them in a hostile way.

After all, the last time there were this many experts at the Lin Mansion was when the Zhuge Family invaded. That almost resulted in the annihilation of the Lin Mansion.

“Experts of the Zhuge Family, what are you doing here at the Lin Mansion? Looking for a fight?”

"A fight? They must have the courage to do so. I heard that these experts from the Zhuge Family are here to apologize."

"They are paying a visit just to apologize? Haha. This is interesting."

Many of the experts from the Lin Mansion were chatting casually. They did not lower their voice.

The experts from the Zhuge family heard these comments but they didn't dare to get angry.

The family head of the Lin Family, Lin Tiefeng, stood in front of everyone.

"Zhuge Yuanchong. I have never thought this day will befall on your family." Lin Tiefeng smiled coldly.

Zhuge Yuanchong looked up at Lin Tiefeng with rage burning within his eyes, "Lin Tiefeng, you are just a lucky man to have met a good brother during your younger days. You got to meet Jan Wushuang through him. If not, do you think that the Lin Mansion can live to see this day?"

Lin Tiefeng knitted his eyebrows tightly. He soon relaxed. He said, "That is true. I have to admit that the reason why the Lin Mansion survived to this day and the reason why the Zhuge Family will come to apologize today is because of my nephew, Wushuang. However, the reason why I have such a solid relationship with my nephew and his father is because of my own ability. Your Zhuge Family can only envy us."

Zhuge Yuanchong trembled slightly. He was speechless.

Right then... Lin Yan walked out of the Lin Mansion.

"Father." Lin Yan walked beside Lin Tiefeng and started to whisper in his ears.

Lin Tiefeng raised his eyebrows and knew what he had to do.

He then turned to Zhuge Yuanchong and said, "Zhuge Yuanchong. My nephew said that he does not want to see you. He wanted Lord Wu Jian to annihilate the Zhuge Family. And, Lord Wu Jian agreed to do so."

"What?" The experts from the Zhuge Family turned pale.

Zhuge Yuanchong trembled.

Seeing this, Lin Tiefeng's smile widened as he said, "However, you are smart enough to come and apologize before Lord Wu Jian annihilated your family. Hence, my nephew Wushuang is willing to spare your lives. However, your family needs to pay a price."

The experts from the Zhuge Family heaved a sigh of relief.

Zhuge Yuanchong glared into Lin Tiefeng's eyes and said, "What is the price we have to pay?"

"Simple. You need to surrender some resources, treasures, and properties. How about this, give me a moment and I will prepare a list for you. You can see for yourself."

Lin Tiefeng turned and walked back into the Lin Mansion.

He soon walked out.

"This is the list. Read carefully." Lin Tiefeng squinted his eyes as he passed a list to Zhuge Yuanchong.

Zhuge Yuanchong's face turned extremely dark with a simple glance on the list.

The higher-ups from the Zhuge Family were so angry that they almost vomited blood!!

There were numerous resources and treasures listed on the list. Even though it would cost the Zhuge Family a great number of resources, they were ready to pay the price from the moment they decided to pay a visit to apologize. They could still accept these demands.

However, the Lin Family demanded half of the properties owned by the Zhuge Family!!

Half of all the properties. Those were the main source of income for the Zhuge Family.

It was many times more valuable as compared to the resources listed earlier in the list.

Furthermore, the Zhuge Family already suffered heavy losses during the battle with the Lin Family. If they were to give up half of their properties, the Zhuge Family would start to wane and would no longer be one of the six top tier families anymore.

"Family head of the Zhuge Family, this is the last chance that my nephew is giving you. It is up to you to decide whether you are willing to take it." Lin Tiefeng smiled lightly.

Zhuge Yuanchong took a deep breath and looked at Lin Tiefeng coldly. "Lin Tiefeng. Who is the one who made the list? You or Jian Wushuang?"

"You guess?" Lin Tiefeng looked at Zhuge Yuanchong mockingly.

Zhuge Yuanchong didn't need to guess. The answer was clear.

He knew the list was made by Lin Tiefeng.

If Jian Wushuang were to make the list, all he needed was treasures and resources. Jian Wushuang had no intention of creating a Family. Why would he need these properties?

"The Zhuge Family will give you the things found on the list." Zhuge Yuanchong said painfully.

"Family head..." The experts from the Zhuge Family clenched their fists tightly. They felt angry and embarrassed. However, there was nothing they could do.

"Alright. After you deliver the things found on the list to the Lin Mansion, I will pass them personally to Jian Wushuang. After this day, my nephew will not cause any trouble for the Zhuge Family anymore. However, if the Zhuge Family tries to play punk or try something funny, my nephew will not hesitate to teach you a lesson." Lin Tiefeng smiled.

"Obviously not." Zhuge Yuanchong waved his hand and the experts from the Zhuge Family left.

"Family head of the Zhuge Family. You better hurry up and deliver the items found on the list. My nephew Wushuang is about to go to the Water Fairy Island soon. If he has yet to see what he wants to see, he might get angry." Lin Tiefeng smiled.

"Humph!"

Zhuge Yuanchong grunted as he turned and left. Before he left, he said with a cold voice, "I will deliver these things to the Lin Mansion within three days!"

Within moments, all of the experts from the Zhuge Family left.

On the other hand, the experts from the Lin Family started chatting.

"Haha. This time, the Zhuge Family took a huge hit!" Lin Tiefeng laughed heartily.

"Father. Even though the conditions you wrote on the paper are harsh, why did the Zhuge Family agree to it?" Lin Yan asked curiously.

"Does he dare to say no? Even though the Zhuge Family will wane for a period of time, they can still prosper in the future. After all, there are two Chaotic Divine Demons in their family. However, the entire Zhuge Family will be annihilated if he angers Jian Wushuang."

"As compared to complete annihilation, of course he will accept the conditions found on the list."

"That is it?" Lin Yan nodded his head to show he understood what his father said.

Chapter 2363: Set Off for Water Fairy Island

Three days later, the treasures, including half of all properties the Zhuge Family owned, were given to the Lin Family.

Experts from the Lin Mansion started to check the items.

Jian Wushuang was not interested in the properties at all. He merely took some elixirs and treasures that would help him in accumulating his divine power and kept some for his own parents. As for the remaining items, he gave them to the Lin Mansion.

His father was the one who told him to do this.

After all, the Lin Family suffered even greater losses in the battle as compared to the Zhuge Family. These items would help Lin Family greatly in recovering from the battle.

In the blink of an eye, ten days passed.

"Father, mother. I will head for the Water Fairy Island."

Jian Wushuang stood at the door of the Lin Mansion and bid farewell to Zhuo Yunfeng and Luo Xinqin.

"Wushuang, you are very talented and very mature. I will nag anymore. Take care of yourself." Zhou Yunfeng.

"Wushuang, please come back and visit. Don't be like your older sister and brother who immersed themselves in cultivating." Zhuo Yunfeng said.

"Roger." Jian Wushuang smiled and looked at Lin Tiefeng. "Uncle Lin, please take care of my parents after I leave."

“Don’t worry, nephew. Unless the Lin Mansion is annihilated, I will not allow anyone to harm Brother Zhuo and sister-in-law.” Lin Tiefeng said.

“Thank you.” Jian Wushuang nodded his head.

After a simple farewell, Jian Wushuang left with Wu Jian and the other experts from the Water Fairy Island.

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When Jian Wushuang just left for Water Fairy Island.

At the center of the Wusha Barren Region, a giant clan was hidden within an ancient forest.

This clan was the Great Compassion Sect.

There was a dark cave. The only light source was the dimly lit candles.

There was a blurry figure who sat at the deepest point within the dark cave.

An elder in black clothes walked into the cave slowly and stopped in front of the blurry figure.

“Ancient elder, the Commandery Governor of the Anjiu Prefecture sent us a message.” The elder in black clothes said very respectfully.

The blurry figure raised his head. He had a pale, young, and handsome face. “What did he say?”

“Bai Yue said that he personally verified that Jian Wushuang, whom he referred to us, was indeed someone who is extremely talented in the Sword Doctrine. He killed a Chaotic Divine Demon while he was in the Early Stage Chaotic Realm. However...” The elder in black clothes stopped.

“However?” It was evident that the blurry figure was interested in Jian Wushuang.

“As Bai Yue said, he tried his best to invite Jian Wushuang to the Great Compassion Sect. He even mentioned you. However, Jian Wushuang rejected the offer and accepted the invitation from the Water Fairy Island and became an outer disciple.” The elder in black clothes said.

“Outer disciple? So this genius called Jian Wushuang rather became an ordinary outer disciple in the Water Fairy Island than to become my lineal disciple?” The blurry figure said as a ray of unique emotion flashed across his eyes.

“Yes.” The elder in black clothes nodded his head.

“Haha~~~”

Cold laughter reverberated within the cave. The head of the elder in black clothes went numb and he felt like it was going to explode.

“Alright. I was not interested in the little one before. Now, he has successfully gotten my attention. From today on, watch the Water Fairy Island and the little one. I want to see where this little one gets his courage to look down on me.”

“Yes.”

The elder in black clothes nodded his head respectfully and left.

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Within a seemingly endless space.

Jian Wushuang, Wu Jian, and the two other tier two Chaotic Divine Demons from the Water Fairy Island traveled at great speed.

"Lord Wu Jian, how long more before we reach the Water Fairy Island?" Jian Wushuang asked casually.

"The Water Fairy Island is not located in the Anjiu Prefecture. There are three other prefectures located between them. There is also no space tunnel found within any of the three prefectures, hence we have to travel by foot. At the speed we are going, we can reach the place within two months. We have already traveled for more than one month. We should reach within a few days." Wu Jian said.

"There is no need to call me Lord Wu Jian. I am the ninth elder in the Water Fairy Island. Just call me Elder Wu Jian or Elder Nine." Wu Jian said.

"Elder Wu Jian." Jian Wushuang called.

"Haha. Little friend Wushuang, we are reaching the Water Fairy Island. You can still change your mind and become a core disciple of the Water Fairy Island." Wu Jian smiled.

"Elder Wu Jian. You have asked me this at least ten times on our way here. I only want to be an outer disciple of the Water Fairy Island." Jian Wushuang smiled and shook his head.

Jan Wushuang was not interested in becoming a core disciple or lineal disciple of a higher-up in the Water Fairy island.

The reason why he joined the Water Fairy Island was because of circumstances.

As an outer disciple, he will not be under any restrictions. Hence, he will also have lesser responsibilities.

"Since you insist, then I shall not ask you anymore. After we reach the Water Fairy Island, I will announce that you are an outer disciple and bring you to the place where you will live. However, I will try my best to persuade the other higher-ups of the Water Fairy Island to give you the number of resources that a core disciple will get." Wu Jian said.

Jian Wushuang shrugged his shoulders.

He was not particular about the number of resources he will receive.

The four people continued to make their way to the Water Fairy Island.

A few days later, a majestic clan located at the center of two mountain ranges was seen.

This clan was tens of thousands of miles long.

In the Eternal Chaotic World, this meant nothing. There were no restrictions in spacetime, hence cultivators could travel tens or even hundreds of thousands of miles within seconds.

In the Absolute Beginning Divine World, a clan this size was considered large given the presence of the Heaven's Will.

"Little Friend Wushuang. This is where the Water Fairy Island is located. The reason we are called an island is not that we are located on an island. However, we do have a small island at the core of the clan.

"Let's go. I will bring you into the clan."

Under the guidance of Wu Jian, Jian Wushuang walked into the Water Fairy Island.

Chapter 2364: Outer Disciple

Wu Jian was an elder from the Water Fairy Island. Jian Wushuang entered the Water Fairy without any hindrance under Wu Jian's personal guidance.

"You two can proceed to do whatever you need to." Wu Jian said.

"Yes." The two Chaotic Divine Demons behind Wu Jian answered and left.

"Little friend Wushuang, I will bring you around this place." Wu Jian said gently.

"Thank you, Elder Wu Jian." Jian Wushuang said gratefully.

They then start touring Water Fairy Island.

Wu Jian introduced Jian Wushuang to the environment and structure of the Water Fairy Island.

"Elder Wu Jian!"

"Elder Nine!"

They ran into many disciples, Deacon Elders or Deacons. All of them greeted Wu Jian when they saw him.

In the Water Fairy Island, the most powerful man was the Island Master who was above the realm of Divine Demons.

Then there was the Elder Group.

There were eighteen elders within the Elder Group. Each of these eighteen elders was top tier tier one Chaotic Divine Demons. There were all peak Chaotic Divine Demons!

The next group of people was Deacon Elders. Most of them were tier two Chaotic Divine Demons. The two chief Deacon Elders were tier one Chaotic Divine Demons.

The next group was Deacons, who were mostly tier Three Chaotic Divine Demons.

Lastly, it was the disciples. There were some disciples in the Divine Demon realm, but most of them were in the Chaotic Realm.

Wu Jian was the ninth elder in the Elder Group. He was extremely powerful and influential within the Water Fairy Island.

This was why the people that they passed by looked at Jian Wushuang curiously.

“Who is that young man? A new disciple?”

“I have heard that there was a new genius that emerged in a prefecture. This got the attention of Elder Wu Jian and he traveled down personally to bring him back here. He should be that genius.”

“He must be really talented as he caught the attention of Elder Wu Jian. Elder Wu Jian treats him so nicely and even traveled down personally to bring him here.”

“He should be ranked top five in terms of talent even among the core disciples.”

Many people were chatting quietly.

These people felt that a disciple that Elder Wu Jian would go recruit personally would definitely be talented.

Jian Wushuang should be a core disciple and might be one of the most outstanding core disciples in the future.

It was a pity their guesses were destined to be wrong.

“Little friend Wushuang, this is the dojo. Many Deacon Elders or even Elders from the Elder Group will come here to teach lessons.”

“That is the arena. This is where our disciples have formal spars.”

“That is...”

Wu Jian introduced all of the places on the Water Fairy Island to Jian Wushuang.

Soon, Wu Jian brought Jian Wushuang to the nucleus of the Water Fairy Island: a small island.

This island was spacious, with a few majestic halls and one tall, black tower.

“Little friend Wushuang, that is the Water Fairy Tower. This is where the foundation of our clan lies. All of the secret skills and martial art skills are stored within the Water Fairy Tower. The reason why our clan is called Water Fairy Island is because of the Water Fairy Island.”

Wu Jian pointed at the tall Water Fairy Tower and said, “There are a total of six levels inside the Water Fairy Tower. The higher you go, the more powerful the secret skills are. However, there are criteria to enter each of the floors. All disciples from the Water Fairy Island have access to the first three floors. They can go in and find a secret skill that is suitable for them and leave with a copy of it.”

“Those who want to go to the fourth floor or higher must be minimally a core disciple.”

“Core disciples can enter the fourth and fifth floor at will. However, as for the sixth floor, even a core disciple cannot enter at will. This is where the most powerful and valuable secret skills of the Water Fairy Island are stored. A core disciple must: be extremely talented, have contributed greatly to the Water Fairy Island, and have the permission from the elders from the Elder Group before he can enter the sixth floor once.”

“Even so, he can only obtain a single copy of a single secret skill or technique.”

"I am an outer disciple of the Water Fairy Island. This means that I can only enter the first three floors of the Water Fairy Tower?" Jian Wushuang asked.

"That should be the case, but..." Wu Jian smiled as he whipped out a token. He then said, "Here, take this."

"This is?" Jian Wushuang asked curiously.

"This is an Elder Token. Every elder in the Elder Group has one of such tokens. With this token, you are granted more power and privilege within the Water Fairy Island. Even though you are an outer disciple, you can still enter the fourth and fifth floor of the Water Fairy Tower with this token." Wu Jian said.

"Thank you, Elder Wu Jian!" Jian Wushuang said gratefully.

It was of utmost importance that Jian Wushuang recovered the fighting power he had when he was in his prime.

During this process, he could study different types of secret skills to improve his understanding of the various doctrines. The Water Fairy Island is ranked top ten among all of the clans within the Wusha Barren Region. It should have many valuable secret skills and techniques worth studying.

"You're welcome. Let's go. I will bring you to the Outer Garden."

Wu Jian led Jian Wushuang towards a certain place on the Water Fairy Island.

The Outer Garden was where the outer disciples from the Water Fairy Island lived.

An outer disciple had much low standing within the Water Fairy Island as compared to the core disciples. However, there were many more outer disciples as compared to core disciples within the clan.

Even though the Outer Garden was located at a corner within the Water Fairy Island, it took up a great area.

Many outer disciples watched Wu Jian bring Jian Wushuang to the Outer Garden.

"Yu Yang!"

Wu Jian placed his hands behind his back and said as he landed within one of the courtyards.

Soon, an extremely old elder with a hunchback walked out from within the courtyard.

"Elder Nine, what brings you here?" The elder with a hunchback stood in front of Wu Jian and asked respectfully.

"Little friend Wushuang, this is Yang Yu. He is one of the Deacon Elders in the Water Fairy Island. He settles the chores within the Outer Garden." Wu Jian said.

"Elder Yu Yang." Jian Wushuang greeted modestly.

"Little friend Wushuang?" Elder Yu Yang, who had a hunchback, raised his eyebrows when he heard how Wu Jian called Jian Wushuang.

“Yu Yang. This is my little friend Jian Wushuang. From today on, he is an outer disciple of the Water Fairy Island. He will be part of the Outer Garden.” Wu Jian said.

Chapter 2365: Ming Long

After hearing what Wu Jian said, Yu Yang had an odd look.

Elder Nine, Wu Jian, personally brought an outer disciple to the Outer Garden. He even treated him kindly and called him a little friend?

Who was Jian Wushuang? What was his background?

“Yu Yang, I shall hand Jian Wushuang over to you. If anything happens to him, you will be answerable.” Wu Jian said as he looked at Yu Yang.

“Don’t worry, Elder Nine. I will take good care of him.” Yu Yang smiled awkwardly.

“Little friend Wushuang, this is my transmission token. If anything happens, you can look for me.” Wu Jian said as he passed a transmission token to Jian Wushuang.

“Thank you Elder Wu Jian.” Jian Wushuang thanked Wu Jian.

“What happens next depends on you. If you want to become a core disciple of the Water Fairy Island, you can come and look for me.” Wu Jian said.

Soon, Wu Jian left.

Jian Wushuang and Yu Yang stood side by side in front of the courtyard.

“Elder Yu Yang, I will be in your care.” Jian Wushuang smiled.

“You are too modest. Elder Nine personally handed you over to me. Of course, I will take care of you. Let me arrange a place for you to stay in. Do you have any requests?” Yu Yang said kindly.

“I just want to live alone.” Jian Wushuang smiled.

“No problem.” Yu Yang smiled.

There were numerous outer disciples. Most of them lived together with other outer disciples.

However, there are isolated houses for those outstanding outer disciples. Even though Yu Yang was not sure how powerful or talented Jian Wushuang was, he was brought here by Elder Wu Jian. This alone was enough to give Jian Wushuang the right to live alone in a house.

Yu Yang started to arrange for Jian Wushuang’s accommodation.

Soon, he led Jian Wushuang to an independent courtyard.

“Little friend Wushuang, I will leave now. If anything happens in the Outer Garden, you can come and look for me.” Yu Yang said,

“Thank you Elder Yu Yang.” Jian Wushuang thanked him gratefully.

Yu Yang left. Jian Wushuang stood alone within the courtyard.

Jian Wushuang released his soul power and covered the area around him, including many outer disciples.

“Huh?”

Jian Wushuang raised his eyebrows. He walked forward and soon reached a neighboring courtyard.

There was a small open patch within the courtyard. There was a man in green clothes who was concentrated on practicing a blade skill.

Even though the blade skill was not of high grade, this man made the simple blade skill seem extremely intricate and powerful.

“Middle-stage Chaotic Realm?”

Jian Wushuang looked at the man with interest.

He knew that the man was not old. At the same time, he was not considered young.

Any genius should have either reached or surpassed Peak Chaotic Realm at his age. However, it seemed like he broke through to the Middle-stage Chaotic Realm only recently. He was not talented in cultivation. He was an ordinary cultivator.

However, Jian Wushuang’s eyes lit up when he saw the man’s sword skills.

“His understanding of the blade doctrine and his blade skills were of low level. He barely made the cut to enter the blade doctrine realm. However, this blade skill is still extremely powerful when he cast it. In order to do this, he has to practice the same move over and over to reach this level of mastery.”

“This meant that ... He is a very hardworking man, to the point it made up for his lack of talent!”

Jian Wushuang smiled lightly.

He could see that the cold man was not a genius. However, he was someone who was willing to put in the hard work to grind his craft.

Soon, the cold man finished his drill.

“Senior Brother Ming Long, your sword skills are getting even better.”

“Yes. No one in the Outer Garden and Inner Garden can match your blade skills.”

“It might be a little exaggerating to say that no one in the Inner Garden can match him in blade skills. However, in the Outer Garden, he is definitely the most powerful person.”

Many other disciples were also attracted by Ming Long’s drills. They walked up to him and started to praise him.

“Alright. Stop flattering me. If you are willing to put in the hard work, all of you can do so too.” Ming Long smiled lightly. His eyes were calm. He was not proud even though everyone else around him was praising him.

“This man has a good mentality.” Jian Wushuang thought to himself as he observed.

Right then, Ming Long noticed Jian Wushuang.

“Junior Brother, I have never seen you before. Are you also part of the Outer Garden?” Ming Long walked towards Jian Wushuang and asked.

Jian Wushuang smiled as he replied, “Greetings, senior brothers. I am Jian Wushuang and I arrived on Water Fairy Island today.”

“I see.” Ming Long said.

“I have heard that there was an outer disciple that was brought in here by Elder Wu Jian. That should be you.” A disciple among the crowd said.

“Elder Wu Jian personally led you in?”

The other outer disciples saw Jian Wushuang in a different light.

The outer disciples were of lower status, as it was difficult for them to even meet an Elder Deacon, much less an elder from the Elder Group.

Jian Wushuang could get Elder Wu Jian to lead him in personally?

“Junior Brother Wushuang. You must be so powerful that even Elder Wu Jian values you. Are you willing to have a spar with me?” Ming Long looked at Jian Wushuang with passion in his eyes.

“A spar? I am still weak and is no match against you, Senior Brother. Can we not do it?” Jian Wushuang shook his head in surprise.

“Is that the case? Alright. Junior Brother Wushuang. Elder Wu Jian should have told you that even though the outer disciples had a low status, there is a way for us to change that and become a core disciple. Three months later, there will be a selection battle. If you obtain the first position in that selection battle, your chances of becoming a core disciple will increase. Work hard.” Ming Long encouraged.

“Thank you, senior brother.” Jian Wushuang smiled thankfully but he did not take those words to heart.

Jian Wushuang came to the Outer Garden because he did not want to become a core disciple.

He would not participate in the selection battle.

Even so, Jian Wushuang could see the burning desire that Ming Long had to pass the selection battle.

Jian Wushuang and the other Outer Disciples then chatted. All of them were of the same status, hence they did not put up a front.

After the chat, everyone left. Jian Wushuang also left the Outer Garden and headed for the Water Fairy Tower.

Chapter 2366: Elder Token

Water Fairy Tower was the foundation of the Water Fairy Island.

It contained countless secret skills and other secrets.

Jian Wushuang walked up to the door of the Water Fairy Tower. There, a lady in red clothes sat crossed legged. As Jian Wushuang approached, the lady in red clothes remained still. Jian Wushuang ignored her as she walked into the Water Fairy Tower.

On the first floor of the Water Fairy Tower, there were countless jade bamboo strips found lying around everywhere. Jian Wushuang picked up a few and scanned through them quickly.

“The secret skills found on the first floor of the Water Fairy Tower are of too low level. They are similar to those secret skills that the Lin Mansion has. They are of no use to me.”

Jian Wushuang put back the secret skills after scanning them briefly.

Jian Wushuang then proceeded to the second floor.

The secret skills found within the second floor were obviously of a much higher level as compared to those found on the first floor. Secret skills of this caliber were abundant within the Water Fairy Tower, but would be extremely rare in the families and clans.

As for the secret skills found on the third level, Jian Wushuang considered them exquisite.

There were: blade skills, sword skills, spear skills, and many others. They were created by powerful Chaotic Divine Demons and were incredibly powerful.

Jian Wushuang felt that it was worth spending time on some of these sword skills.

If Jian Wushuang was really an ordinary Outer Disciple, he would pick a few sword skills related to Spacetime Rules of Order or Reincarnation Rules of Order and study them.

However, he was not an ordinary Outer Disciple.

He did not stop here for long as he headed straight for the fourth floor.

Before he stepped foot onto the steps leading to the fourth floor, the eyes of the lady sitting in front of the Water Fairy Tower opened her eyes. She appeared almost instantly in front of Jian Wushuang.

“Stop!”

The lady in red clothes glared at Jian Wushuang and said coldly, “Brat, I can sense your disciple token on you. You are a mere Outer Disciple. You should know the rules of the Water Fairy Tower: an Outer disciple can only visit the first three floors and is not allowed onto the higher floors. You must become a core disciple before you can enter.”

“I know the rules. Even though I am not a core disciple, I have this.....” Jian Wushuang took out the Elder Token given to him by Elder Wu Jian.

“Elder Token? As an Outer Disciple, you possessed the Elder Token? Who gave it to you?” The lady in red clothes looked surprised.

“Elder Wu Jian gave it to me personally. If you do not trust me, you can go and clarify with him.” Jian Wushuang smiled.

The lady in red clothes frowned.

"I have the Elder Token, so can I enter the fourth and fifth floor? I believe that I can pick any secret skills of my choice, right?" Jian Wushuang looked at the lady in red clothes and said.

The lady hesitated for a brief moment before she stepped aside and said, "Proceed."

"Thank you." Jian Wushuang thanked her as he headed up towards the fourth floor of the Water Fairy Tower.

Jian Wushuang went up the fourth floor, leaving the lady in red clothes confused.

"Elder Nine gave his Elder Token to an Outer Disciple? What is going on?"

"I have to ask."

The lady in red clothes took out a transmission token.

"Elder Seven, something happened."

The lady in red clothes told Elder Seven about her encounter with Jian Wushuang.

Within the mountain range that Elders from the Water Fairy Island lived in.

"An Outer Disciple has an Elder Token?"

"Nonsense!!!"

In the dark, a figure in a black cloak stood up.

This figure belonged to a skinny elder who had a sharp vision.

"What is Wu Jian doing?"

He cursed as he went to the garden which Wu Jian lived in.

"Wu Jian."

The elder in black went straight for Wu Jian.

"Elder Seven? What happened?" Wu Jian looked at Elder Seven and said coldly.

Even though they were both Elders in the Elder Group, they always fight.

Wu Jian, as Elder Nine, did not get along well with Elder Seven, hence they always fight over small matters.

Of course, they never actually fought in combat, but quarrel often.

"Wu Jian, I heard you just returned and brought back another disciple?" Elder Seven looked at Wu Jian and asked.

"Yes." Wu Jian said as he drank a mouthful of tea.

"What is his name? And how talented is he?" Elder Seven asked.

“His name is Jian Wushuang, and he is very talented.” Wu Jian said.

“Oh? So he became a core disciple?” Elder Seven asked again.

“Nope. He is an Outer Disciple. He wanted to be an Outer Disciple. Given how talented he is, he can become a core disciple easily.” Wu Jian said honestly.

Hearing this, Elder Seven was enraged, “Bastard. As Elder Nine in the Elder Group, you are one of the most powerful men in the Water Fairy Island. You went out for so long and you only brought back an ordinary disciple? And you even gave him your Elder Token? Wu Jian, you are messing around!!!”

“Messing around? Maniac Jin, watch your mouth.” Wu Jian looked at him darkly. He even changed the way he addressed him.

Few from the Water Fairy Island knew that Elder Seven was also known as Maniac Jin.

It was obvious that Wu Jian was extremely displeased at what Elder Seven just said.

“Watch my mouth? Why is Jian Wushuang an Outer Disciple and not a core disciple? Everyone knows that a core disciple receives much better treatment as compared to an outer disciple. If he is really talented, why wouldn’t he try his best to become a core disciple? Instead, he chose to be an outer disciple. This meant that he is not capable and cannot pass the test to become a core disciple. This means that you brought back an ordinary disciple!”

“And Elder Token. Everyone in the Elder Group only has one Elder Token, and you gave it to an outer disciple. If you are not messing around, then what are you doing?” Elder Seven roared in anger.

“Maniac Jin, I will say this again. Jian Wushuang is not an ordinary disciple. He is a true genius, someone much more talented than anyone you have seen before. Even if he is an ordinary disciple, that Elder Token belongs to me. I can give it to anyone I want and there is nothing you can do about it.” Wu Jian stood up and said coldly.

Chapter 2367: Apprehension

Each Elder possessed an Elder’s Token and had full authority in its distribution.

He could give to whoever he wanted even if that person was unrelated to Narcissus Island. In this case, Wujian had chosen Jian Wushuang—the outer disciple of Narcissus Island.

“Wujian, you are unbelievable!” The Seventh Elder trembled with anger and glowered at Wujian.

“It’s you who’s unbelievable! So what if I give him my Elder’s Token? Not only had I given him my Elder’s Token, but I’ve also ordered the Elixir Chamber and Supply Storage to treat Jian Wushuang better than a core disciple. His monthly elixirs and resources allocation will be more than an average core disciple’s. What can you do about it?” Wujian sneered.

“Absurd! That’s jobbery! Those in the Elixir Chamber and the Supply Storage will never violate Narcissus Island’s rules for you,” said Seventh Elder.

“You’re right. But what if I allow them to deduct from my allocation?” Wujian mockingly refuted.

The Seventh Elder coldly questioned, "Who's Jian Wushuang? Why are you even willing to forfeit your own resources? Is he your family's descendant or perhaps your illegitimate son?"

"Regardless of your assumptions, I've not violated Narcissus Island's rules. What can you do?" Wujian was fearless.

He did nothing wrong.

He could give his Elder's Token to anyone he wanted.

The elixirs and resources were also his personal gift taken from his allocation which was of course not against the rules.

"Harumph, do as you please but let me warn you that your actions today will be greatly disputed and won't bring any good to that kid," warned the Seventh Elder before he turned around and left—refusing to talk any further with Wujian.

Wujian just sat down again and drank a cup of tea with a grin on his face.

"What an idiot! He doesn't even know how extraordinary Jian Wushuang is. I bet he would have done even more than me if he knew!" Wujian said scornfully.

"On the other hand, Jian Wushuang who's wickedly talented only chooses to be an outer disciple in Narcissus Island so that he could enjoy the freedom and remain inconspicuous. This matter would've been easier if he's more transparent with his intentions from the start."

Wujian shut his eyes after letting out a sigh.

In Narcissus Mansion...

When the Seventh Elder went off to see Elder Wujian, Jian Wushuang had already reached the mansion's fourth floor.

He had also browsed through two Sword Technique Manuals.

Both Sword Technique Manuals were at the advanced level with one of them being a technique that complemented Transmigration Law and was highly beneficial for Jian Wushuang.

However, he was not in a hurry and took his sweet time to browse through.

Suddenly, a seemingly ordinary jade slip caught Jian Wushuang's eyes.

It was a record of a certain law which an expert apprehended.

"It's the apprehension of Space-time Law?" Jian Wushuang was excited.

There were all sorts of secret techniques manuals, biographies, and law apprehensions record in the Narcissus Mansion but none moved him until now.

He anticipatigly started browsing it carefully.

"There are heaps of Space-time Law information!"

'I've studied Space-time Law for over a hundred thousand years and my understanding is at best superficial, but it's good enough to achieve the Saint's Realm. The following are my Space-time Law apprehensions...'

Jian Wushuang was amazed by just the initial paragraph's few lines.

'Saint's Realm?

'This must be an Undying Saint!'

The jade slip was the possession of an Undying Saint!

Jian Wushuang continued reading.

'At the very beginning of comprehending the law, one needs to learn about integrating Space-time Law into true time and space by seizing control over the power of Space-time Law and integrate it into Heaven and Earth to make yourselves less repellant to time and space. Doing so will strengthen one's speed and power.

'However, mastering this level of Space-time Law power is just a small glimpse into the actual law and as one's understanding deepens, one will be more proficient in using these powers and could gradually perform the Space-time Apparition by only relying on the Space-time Law!

'One's command of Space-time Law and combat powers will be boosted upon the success of performing the apparition which signifies one has entered the first stage of Space-time Law comprehension.'

Jian Wushuang's heart raced upon reading that.

"Apparition? Space-time Apparition?" Jian Wushuang murmured.

His current understanding of the Space-time Law is much stronger than his past life. In his past life, he could barely utilize the powers of Space-time Law, but he could presently sort of perform the Space-time Shadow.

However, Space-time Shadow is just a shadow and was different from an apparition.

In fact, the difference between the two was quite huge.

If he continued making progress in Space-time Shadow, sooner or later he would be able to perform Space-time Apparition.

Once he succeeded, that would be when he had truly reached the first stage in Space-time Law apprehension.

Jian Wushuang undoubtedly knew that even if he succeeded in performing a Space-time Apparition it was just a fraction of what the vast knowledge which Space-time Law entails.

'Continuous improvements after successfully forming a Space-time Apparition will enable one to increase the number of apparitions by tens, hundreds, or even thousands. Such will be extremely useful in combat when the opponent is unable to locate your true self.

‘After fully mastering the apparition technique can one then proceed to the second stage of Space-time Law—Strangulation!’

...

Jian Wushuang was totally engrossed by the jade slip’s contents.

The tips left by the Undying Saint was insightful as it not only contained his Space-time Law apprehension, but it also contained his understandings and experiences of using the law in cultivation and combat.

Those pieces of information were new to Jian Wushuang.

After quite some time, Jian Wushuang finally recovered his senses.

“Such benefits!”

“This is so useful to me who’s also practicing the Space-time Law.”

“Unfortunately, the information seems to be incomplete. Otherwise, I’m afraid it won’t be placed on the fourth floor,” murmured Jian Wushuang.

After briefly browsing through, he found the jade slip only contained detailed information of the law’s first-stage and second-stage apprehension which was Apparition and Strangulation. Any information after the second-stage was nowhere to be found. It was indeed an incomplete manual.

Chapter 2368: The Special Outer Disciple

“The Space-Time Law insights are of immense help to me, I should study it in detail!”

“Other than that, since there are Space-Time Law insights at the Narcissus Mansion, there probably are also Transmigration Law insights. I ought to search thoroughly.”

Jian Wushuang immediately started a detailed search on the fourth floor.

After searching for a full hour, he only found what he was looking for.

“A document on Space-Time Law insights and another one for Transmigration Law. These two should be enough for me to study for some time, I’ll pick these.”

Jian Wushuang did not continue his search nor did he rush to the fifth floor either. On the contrary, he held the two jade slips and directly headed downstairs.

It did not take long for Jian Wushuang to go back to the lady in red.

“I choose these two insights.” Jian Wushuang passed her the pair of jade slips.

The lady in red took a glance at them, nodded slightly, and soon after passed him the copies.

“Thank you.”

Jian Wushuang thanked her and left.

Back at the Outer Court, he started studying both jade slips.

However, he did not realize that there was a major disturbance at the Outer Court because of him.

“Did you hear? That outer disciple from Outer Court actually holds an Elder’s Token!”

“An Elder’s Token? How is that possible? Isn’t it true that only a member of the Circle of Elders could possess an Elder’s Token? They’re usually very protective of it as well and never easily pass it to others. A lot of outstanding core disciples couldn’t even get one, how could an outer disciple possess it?”

“The news is true though. That Elder’s Token is given by Elder Wujian himself. Not only that, Elder Wujian even instructed the Elixir Court and the Supply Storage to give him a lot more resources than any core disciples.”

“How could an outer disciple get a lot more resources than a core disciple?”

“Isn’t... Isn’t this favoritism?”

“Who knows? There are rumors going around saying that it’s very possible this outer disciple has some special relationship with Elder Wujian. There were even a number of people saying he was the Elder’s illegitimate son.”

“Oh yeah, what’s his name?”

“I think it’s Jian Wushuang!!”

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The entire Outer Court was boiling with controversy.

Nobody could hide the fact that Jian Wushuang held an Elder’s Token and received much more monthly elixirs and resources than most core disciples. Not only the Outer Court, even core disciples in the Inner Court had heard about it.

Of course, that had sparked displeasure among many people.

One must have realized the treatment Jian Wushuang had received was a lot more luxurious than most core disciples despite him being only an outer disciple.

That was also the reason Jian Wushuang’s identity as an outer disciple on Narcissus Island had become somewhat curious and extremely special.

In the courtyard.

Jian Wushuang was holding the Space-Time Law insights jade slip, browsing, and studying it at will.

“Junior Brother Wushuang.”

A voice spoke as a stern-looking man with a battle blade on his back slowly walked over.

That man was none other than Yin Long, who lived close to Jian Wushuang’s courtyard.

“Senior Brother Yin Long.” Jian Wushuang smiled and stood up.

“The rumors are running wild out there, but you’re still quite relaxed here.” Yin Long smiled.

Jian Wushuang had also heard of various rumors in the Outer Court and smiled helplessly. "It's their mouths, I can't stop what they want to say."

Yin Long glanced over. "True enough, but you probably should take action so that they would shut up. The Selection will begin three months later, you can take part in it. That would be your chance to show your true abilities to the naysayers."

"The Selection at the Outer Court?" Jian Wushuang smiled slightly as he had heard Yin Long mention it before.

The status and treatment difference between outer disciples and core disciples were too big.

As such it initiated the desires of outer disciples wanting to become core disciples and the opportunity to do so was the Selection at the Outer Court.

Therefore, the Selection was of utmost importance to a lot of outer disciples.

One good example was Yin Long, who was standing before him.

"Forget it, I'm still far from that level. Even if I took part in the Selection, I would only be the butt of everyone's joke," said Jian Wushuang.

"Junior Brother, you have no plans to take part at all?" Yin Long was surprised.

What he did not know was that if Jian Wushuang had wanted to become a core disciple, he would have become one much earlier without needing to go through the trouble of partaking in the Selection. Hence naturally, he did not feel like attending.

"I'm truly not so interested in the Selection. On the other hand, looks like you've set your mind to be selected this time, Senior Brother?" Jian Wushuang looked intriguingly at Yin Long.

Yin Long did not deny. "Correct. Three years ago, I had wanted very much to be selected as a core disciple. However, my ability wasn't up to par. In the past three years, I gave everything to raise my skills and finally reached the current level. Therefore, I must become the winner in the upcoming Selection!"

Yin Long clenched his hands tightly together and his eyes were burning with hope.

For a short while, Jian Wushuang could see that Yin Long really had strong yearnings to become a core disciple of Narcissus Island.

"In the past few days since I arrived at the Outer Court, I've already heard that you're the strongest among all the outer disciples. Looks like you will be chosen this time around, just as you wish." Jian Wushuang smiled.

"Nothing is absolute, but I am a lot more confident this time compared with last time."

Yin Long's face was filled with confidence.

"Junior Brother, do carry on with your practice. I shouldn't disturb you further. As long as you do what your heart tells you, you shouldn't worry about the rumors in the Outer Court." Yin Long encouraged him before leaving.

Jian Wushuang had a smile on his face while watching Yin Long leaving.

He could not deny that he had a rather good impression towards Yin Long.

First of all, Yin Long had never acted pretentiously towards any fellow Outer Court Disciples—he was a very mild-mannered person.

Secondly, he was very hardworking!

He possessed mediocre talent but worked extra hard to stand out among all the outer disciples. His blade technique was the result of countless tests and constant training.

Jian Wushuang really appreciated a person like that.

“The Selection in three months?”

Jian Wushuang shook his head then continued his studies on the content in the jade slips.

Chapter 2369: The Selection

Time flew by and in the blink of an eye, three months had passed.

At the Outer Court, the triennial Selection had begun.

A huge number of outer disciples gathered around the gigantic fighting ring. There were even a small number of core disciples who attended simply out of curiosity.

The Selection at the Outer Court was almost the only chance outer disciples could become core disciples. It was of utmost importance to them.

The fighting ring had become extremely lively with the large crowd around it.

“The Selection has begun again! I wonder who’ll be the winner.”

“Do you really still have to wonder? Of course, it’s Senior Brother Yin Long. Who among us in the Outer Court could beat him anyway?”

“That’s actually true. For his level, it shouldn’t be a problem for him to defeat everyone in the Outer Court. The only person who could probably bring some challenge to him is Senior Brother Qian Xia. However, Senior Brother Qian Xia had fought Senior Brother Yin Long a few times before and was always on the absolute losing side.”

The comments waves among outer disciples almost uniformly agreed that Yin Long would become the final victor in the Selection.

It was true that only Yin Long had the ability to defeat all of them. Compared to him, they were all quite far below his level.

Right then...

“Oh yeah, what about that Jian Wushuang?” Someone shouted, causing a noisy disturbance around the ring.

“That’s right! Where is that Jian Wushuang guy who has an Elder’s Token and would get even more supplies than core disciples?”

“If he has resources that could make core disciples jealous, I’m sure he has very outstanding tactics and abilities. Then, why don’t we see him in this year’s Selection?”

“Don’t tell me he’s afraid?”

Many of the outer disciples were searching thoroughly around the fighting ring but could not find a trace of Jian Wushuang.

They very soon received news indicating that Jian Wushuang did not even plan to take part in that year’s Selection.

“I’ll be damned! I thought I could see what he is made of in the Selection. Instead, he isn’t even taking part now?”

“From how I see it, I’m sure he knows he isn’t good enough and would only face humiliation by taking part in the Selection, that’s why he didn’t join on purpose.”

“What a coward, this Jian Wushuang!”

“Isn’t he? Since he has got more resources than the core disciples, he should prove that he is even more outstanding than most core disciples. However bad he is, he should at least show that he has got something that others don’t. But now, it’s clear that he is not feeling confident!”

“Alright, alright, let’s not talk too much. We all know this Jian Wushuang character has an unusual relationship with Elder Wujian. Who knows, he could be Elder Wujian’s offspring in the Outer Realm, maybe even his illegitimate son. It’s only normal that Elder Wujian shows partiality for him.”

There was a disdain undertone between the outer disciples’ comments.

However, the discussion soon gradually faded and the Selection officially began.

At a separate courtyard of the Outer Court...

Jian Wushuang lightly shut his eyes and swallowed an elixir pill that could raise divine power.

After ingesting the elixir, the efficacy was fully absorbed by Jian Wushuang within only two breaths.

“My divine power has become purer and purer. I can have a new breakthrough within a month with my current progress speed, reaching the Middle Stage Chaotic Realm.” Jian Wushuang smiled with satisfaction.

Before he arrived at Narcissus Island, he knew that he could restore his peak ability in only a few years’ time.

However, within less than three months, he was already one step away from the Middle Stage Chaotic Realm. With such progress, he could return to his peak in three years’ time.

“Seeing the time of day, the Selection has most probably started. The Selection takes two days, but I could already predict the result today. Hopefully Senior Brother Yin Long can really defeat all the outer

disciples without many difficulties.” Jian Wushuang smiled before closing his eyes again and began to concentrate on understanding the knowledge from the jade slips.

A day quickly passed with such learning concentration.

In the blink of an eye, the sun was setting in the west and darkness fell.

Only then did the outer disciples who were gathering around the fighting ring gradually dispersed.

Jian Wushuang’s expression suddenly changed as he sat properly in the courtyard.

“Senior Brother Yin Long.”

Jian Wushuang’s body mysteriously moved and stood in front of Yin Long, who just returned from the fighting ring.

“Junior Brother Wushuang.” Yin Long raised his head and took a glance at Jian Wushuang with a forced smile.

“Has the first day of the Selection ended?” Jian Wushuang looked at him.

Yin Long nodded slightly. “Uh-huh. Junior Brother Wushuang, I still have something to attend to and can’t talk right now.”

He headed swiftly towards his courtyard after he spoke.

Jian Wushuang stood there with a strange expression.

“Logically speaking, with Yin Long’s ability, it shouldn’t be difficult for him to defeat the entire Outer Court and become the champion of this term’s Selection. He could’ve fulfilled his wish as a core disciple, but why did he look so upset? Did he run into some trouble?” Jian Wushuang was surprised. Right at that instance, he saw a hunching old gentleman walking over.

Jian Wushuang paced quickly towards him.

“Elder Yu Yang,” said Jian Wushuang humbly.

“Ah, it’s my little friend Wushuang. What’s the matter, my little friend?” Old gentleman Yu Yang gave a warm smile.

“If I didn’t guess wrongly, Elder Yu Yang must have attended the Selection today?” asked Jian Wushuang.

Elder Yu Yang nodded. “Of course. The Selection was held among the outer disciples and I’m in charge of various matters in the Outer Court. Naturally, I would’ve to keep an eye on the Selection.”

“Since it’s so, you should clearly know what happened during the Selection. I wonder what has gone down. As when I saw Senior Brother Yin Long, he seemed rather upset.” said Jian Wushuang.

“Well...” Elder Yu Yang pondered for a bit before saying, “It’s actually quite simple. According to his abilities, Yin Long could’ve easily beaten all the outer disciples in this Selection. Everybody thought so, including the authorities on Narcissus Island.”

“However, during the Selection today, Qian Xia—who had challenged Yin Long a few times and who had the capability to threaten him—made his move. Once he took action and exposed his ability, it was clear that he had reached the Peak Stage Chaotic Realm!”

You have to know that the difference between the Middle and Peak Stage of Chaotic Realm is unbelievably huge.”

“Even though Yin Long didn’t face Qian Xia, he could more or less tell what the result would be,” said Elder Yu Yang.

“Is that so? No wonder Senior Brother Yin Long looked so upset.” Jian Wushuang finally understood.

Chapter 2370: Pointers (1)

Jian Wushuang knew how much the Selection meant to Yin Long. With his abilities, he really could defeat the entire Outer Court. However, out of the blue, there was someone among them who had reached the Peak Stage Chaotic Realm!

The Peak Stage Chaotic Realm was equivalent to the Great Emperor level in the Eternal Chaotic World during the previous Era.

While Yin Long was only at the Middle Stage Chaotic Realm, it was still a huge difference from the level of the God Emperor.

“As a matter of fact, Yin Long is a tragic character,” said Elder Yu Yang suddenly.

“Tragic character? How so?” asked Jian Wushuang.

“My little friend, you just arrived at Narcissus Island not long ago, so you don’t know much. But quite a lot of people knew about his background. He was the son of a big clan, but his family crossed a powerful enemy and his clan was then destroyed. He is the sole survivor.”

“One could say that he bears a deep feud and his arch-enemy is an incredibly powerful Second-Class Divine Demon.”

“He has an extremely strong desire to seek vengeance and worked very hard for it. Pity that he is of mediocre talent. Even after spending much effort to join Narcissus Island, he could only remain as an outer disciple. Although he has been standing out among the outer disciples in the past few years, with his progress speed, I’m afraid it doesn’t seem to be realistic for him to seek revenge.”

“Hence, he could only try his very best to fight for the opportunity to become a core disciple, even fighting to be under the wings of some experts.”

“And the result... You saw it yourself. He is willing to work for it, but luck isn’t on his side. His ability was truly not up to par in the last Selection, but this time, as far as I knew, he is the strongest in the Outer Court. However, Qian Xia found a Long Yang Fruit out of the blue and reached the Peak Stage Chaotic Realm after eating it!”

“A Peak Stage Chaotic Realm is that much stronger than Yin Long’s Middle Stage, hence Yin Long will have to fail the Selection once again. All he can do is to wait another three years, then he might stand a chance,” said Elder Yu Yang slowly.

“Wait for another three years?” Jian Wushuang frowned.

Three years was not a long period of time, but it was crucial for a thirty-something-year-old practitioner like Yin Long.

In three years’ time, given the environment he was placed in one could turn out one way or the other.

“In that sense, Senior Brother Yin Long’s fate is truly tragic,” said Jian Wushuang.

Elder Yu Yang shook his head. “It’s so, but one can’t help. Narcissus Island has its very own rules and he can’t break them unless he has an Elder’s Token as you do, but obviously he isn’t as fortunate.”

Jian Wushuang shrugged and soon left without continuing his chat with Elder Yu Yang.

Late at night, the bright mid sky moon was covering the entire Narcissus Island with a veil of light.

It was rather tranquil on the island.

On an empty field...

Schwing! Schwing! Schwing! Schwing!

Strips of blade light flashed one after another.

A stern-looking man in the middle of the field was entirely soaked in sweat. He had spent 70 to 80 percent of his divine power and a feeling of deep exhaustion wrapped around him.

Even so, the stern man’s eyes were still sharp as knives, swinging his battle blade nonstop, perfectly performing his set of blade forms.

He practiced very seriously and his forms were extremely forceful.

Not far from the field, Jian Wushuang held his arms together and quietly stood in an empty space.

“It’s so late at night and he’s still practicing. Senior Brother Yin Long is truly a hardworking and dedicated person,” said Jian Wushuang to himself.

He really admired people like Yin Long.

He was willing to give infinite effort for seeking vengeance and not wasting any second of his life.

He never thought of giving up even though knowing his result, position, and hope to seek revenge was faint.

“Perhaps, I could give him some pointers.”

Jian Wushuang smiled and mobilized his body. He was already on the field where Yin Long was when he reappeared.

Sensing that Jian Wushuang was there, Yin Long stopped his practice.

He retracted his blade and stood still, looking over at Jian Wushuang. “Junior Brother Wushuang, it’s already so late. Are you not resting?”

"I'm just bored and taking a walk. I stumbled upon your practice by chance and had some realization, so I came to ask you for some advice," said Jian Wushuang.

"Advice? Do you mean try a few moves?" Yin Long was still extremely warm.

"That's actually what I mean," said Jian Wushuang.

"Haha! Sure, Junior Brother Wushuang. Let's cross hands on this field. Come at me with all you have."

Yin Long stood there with a burst of hearty laughter. His tone resonated with his absolute confidence.

Jian Wushuang did not waste time on words as he turned his wrist and a regular long sword appeared in his hand.

At the same time, his divine power started spreading from his body.

"Early Stage Chaotic Realm?" Yin Long could feel the energy of his divine power and instantly smiled.

"Well then, I'll suppress my abilities and try my best to fight within the Early Stage Chaotic Realm."

However, Jian Wushuang shook his hand. "No need, Senior Brother Yin Long. You can give your all, that's what I really want to see."

Yin Long raised his eyebrows and did not insist on the issue. "Is that right? Since that's what you want, then stay alert."

Jian Wushuang smiled nonchalantly.

Woosh!

Yin Long had taken his first move.

With a simple flash, he already appeared in front of Jian Wushuang with his battle blade silently swung out.

He was incredibly fast.

Of course, Yin Long was still holding back a little. Otherwise, he would be faster and the blade's edge would be even colder.

They were merely trying hands and Jian Wushuang was his junior brother, he did not intend to hurt him.

However, just as he thought he could have defeated Jian Wushuang with that move, Jian Wushuang suddenly raised his head.

As he raised his head, he disappeared.

"Huh?" Yin Long's face changed.

Right behind him, Jian Wushuang's body appeared as Yin Long felt a burning pain on his arm. Looking at it, he realized there was a blade wound that came from nowhere and his battle blade had fallen to the ground.

"Senior Brother Yin Long, looks like I've won the first round."

Jian Wushuang's voice spoke behind him with an indifference tone.

Yin Long was a little stunned.

“How did that happen? The power that burst out of him in that instance was clearly of the Early Stage Chaotic Realm. It was weaker than mine, but how did he defeat me in an instant when we crossed blades?”