

Swordsman 781

Chapter 781: The Arrival of Teacher!

"You even sent your Original Body here. Well, seems that the Cloud Sea Asgard really thinks highly of me."

Jian Wushuang blurted out these words with a note of distinct taunt.

Hearing this, the experts from the various sects all turned sullen, murmuring under their breath.

And as for the members of the Cloud Sea Asgard, including Tian Yunzi, they all looked rather glum.

The Cloud Sea Asgard was one of the three magnates in the Firmament Territory and had claimed to be the top sect. But today, in order to deal with just one Divine Realm expert, they sent out almost all their experts and resorted to all their means and skills.

From the moment Yun Fan stepped forward to fight against Jian Wushuang, they were already bullying the outnumbered. However, they failed. Then, in desperation, Yun Fan joined hands with Saber Master of the Immortal Dynasty and Old Weirdo Dream of the Boundless Demon Sect.

The three guys, each of whom had lived for numerous years in this world, cooperated to take down Jian Wushuang. Nevertheless, they were still crashed by Jian Wushuang's frontal attack.

Furthermore, the three even asked all the experts of the three magnates on the scene to attack Jian Wushuang at the same time.

This was already too outrageous. But even when all the experts united together and launched strikes against Jian Wushuang, they were still completely routed. Furthermore, Yun Fan was almost killed by Jian Wushuang.

At this point, Tian Yunzi, the Palace Master of the Cloud Sea Asgard, appeared again.

In the beginning, Tian Yunzi only dispatched his doppelganger to fight, but it was nearly killed when Jian Wushuang employed one of his trump cards. Seeing how critical the situation was, Tian Yunzi's Original Body came on stage.

And all this actually happened in the presence of all those experts from assorted sects of the Firmament Territory.

To defeat Jian Wushuang, a mere Divine Realm expert, the Cloud Sea Asgard had depleted all its means. Yet, they still could not vanquish him. Eventually, they had to invite the Original Body of their Palace Master, the strongest Tian Yunzi, to fight him...If this incident got about, the Cloud Sea Asgard would certainly become a standing joke in the Firmament Territory.

Yes, a hilarious joke.

The experts of the Cloud Sea Asgard were all aware of this, and this was why their looks turned so nasty.

“Jian Wushuang,” Tian Yunzi bellowed coldly, his face glum. “I don’t have time to bicker with you. Just be a lamb and follow me to my Cloud Sea Asgard. If so, I can guarantee your safety. If not...”

Before Tian Yunzi finished this sentence, a dreamy voice suddenly sounded.

“If not? If not, so what?”

These words fluttered in from the Void, mingled with a sneer. All the experts on the scene instantly turned to look at the source of the voice.

They saw that a straight and tall, purple-haired man with a friendly face was strolling towards them.

He was walking very slowly. Each of the steps he made caused a ripple in the Void, which gradually spread to the surroundings.

When he walked onto the battlefield, the whole place was wrapped in vast ripples, and he was standing in the center of all these ripples.

Once this man arrived, the focal point of the whole scene immediately shifted from Tian Yunzi to him.

“Xuan Yi!” Seeing the newcomer, Tian Yunzi’s pupils bulged.

“Teacher.” Flames of joy danced in Jian Wushuang’s eyes.

“Palace Master Xuan Yi!” The nine Palace Masters of the Ancient Sect were all heartened.

As for the rest of the experts on the scene, they were thrilled, too.

“It’s Xuan Yi! Xuan Yi’s here!”

“He should be here much earlier than this. I wonder what took him so long this time.”

“Now, this is interesting. Palace Master Xuan Yi was always eager to defend for his disciples. 100 years ago, when he learned that Jian Wushuang failed to get out of the Eternal Zone, with a rush of wrath, he killed seven top Eternal Realm experts of the Cloud Sea Asgard at one go. The Cloud Sea Asgard even did not have the guts to complain. Now, since the Cloud Sea Asgard has turned into a bully and attacked Jian Wushuang several times with despicable means, Palace Master Xuan Yi must be raging.”

“We have a show now. But the opponent that Xuan Yi is facing today is Tian Yunzi, the Palace Master of the Cloud Sea Asgard who is at the level of Dao Master. I’m afraid Xuan Yi can’t be as domineering as he used to be.”

Everyone was waiting with bated breath.

Xuan Yi was said to be the most mysterious man in the Firmament Territory, and also the one that could not be messed around with the most.

As for Tian Yunzi, he was a supreme expert at the level of Dao Master, who also had the whole Cloud Sea Asgard backing him up.

The interaction between these two would be quite interesting.

“Xuan Yi, you’re finally willing to appear in public, aren’t you?”

Tian Yunzi stared at Xuan Yi, his expression did not change much. He said, "Apparently, you have been here for a while, but you hid in the dark until now. Aren't you worried that your sweet disciple might die in the hands of our Cloud Sea Asgard?"

"Oho, if my disciple dies, I will send all the Eternal Realm experts of your Cloud Sea Asgard down to hell to accompany him," Xuan Yi said composedly.

There was a murmur of terror around the crowd.

In the entire Firmament Territory, Palace Master Xuan Yi was probably the only one who dared to proclaim sending the Eternal Realm disciples of the Cloud Sea Asgard to accompany his disciple in the netherworld.

"Xuan Yi, aren't you looking down on us too much?" Tian Yunzi asked in a deep voice.

"Indeed I am. But what can you do about that?" Xuan Yi laughed.

"You!" Tian Yunzi yelled and a flow of rage stole over him.

He used to have some dealings with Xuan Yi, and he knew basically what kind of person Xuan Yi was. Xuan Yi was truly qualified to be on an equal footing with him. But to his surprise, Xuan Yi had behaved so arrogantly in front of him.

"Teacher." At this point in time, Jian Wushuang already came to stand by Xuan Yi.

"Hmm." Xuan Yi nodded slightly at Jian Wushuang. "Don't speak now. Relax, just stand behind me, and I'll handle the rest."

"Yes." Jian Wushuang nodded. He never doubted his master.

"Tian Yunzi, you owe me an explanation for today's matter." Xuan Yi opened his mouth, his nonchalant reverberated in the area.

"Explanation?" Tian Yunzi glanced at Xuan Yi and snorted. "100 years ago, when you killed seven of our Eternal Realm experts because your disciple did not walk out of the Eternal Zone, I didn't come to you for an explanation!"

"100 years ago? Well, at that time, men from your Cloud Sea Asgard did attack my disciple. And I only killed seven of your Eternal Realm experts. Wasn't that what you deserved?" Xuan Yi said.

"100 years ago, you already knew that your disciple didn't die?" Tian Yunzi said, staring at Xuan Yi.

"Yes." Xuan Yi replied honestly and did not try to deny this fact at all. "If my disciple really died, do you think your Cloud Sea Asgard would merely suffer such a small loss? Could the Immortal Dynasty and the Boundless Demon Sect possibly stifle my anger with a compensation of a few Divine Gems?"

"You jerk!" Flames of anger were raging in Tian Yunzi's eyes.

"The real jerk is your Cloud Sea Asgard. My disciple is merely a Divine Realm expert, but to deal with him, your Cloud Sea Asgard sent out loads of experts. And in the end, even you, the Palace Master of the Cloud Sea Asgard, came to the battlefield in person. You, Tian Yunzi, a Dao Master, is about to have a go at a Divine Realm expert. And you're still standing here shamelessly saying those far-fetched things. If

this ever leaks into the public, aren't you afraid of being scoffed at?" Xuan Yi said, his eyes becoming icy cold.

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Xuan Yi's words embarrassed Tian Yunzi. Despite his indignation, he forced himself to calm down and not lose his temper.

"Good, very good."

Tian Yunzi stared at Xuan Yi and said, "Xuan Yi, I know what you're capable of. With your protection, I surely cannot do anything to your precious disciple. Since that's the case, I'll bring the other two. I'll see how you can still protect your disciple under your wing."

"The other two?" Xuan Yi's expression changed.

Those experts of all the sects burst into an uproar.

It was because they knew exactly who the other two were.

Then, Tian Yunzi took out a Messaging Slip and sent a message. Soon, he received a response.

"Xuan Yi, let me see who else can protect your disciple today." Tian Yunzi said with a chilling voice.

"Oh?" Xuan Yi raised his eyebrow but did not reply.

Shortly after Tian Yunzi sent the message, two figures landed in this place one after another.

One of them was a sturdy middle-aged man, who was wearing battling armor and boots. His eyes were shooting bolts of black lightning.

"Pay my tribute to Divine Emperor."?

Seeing the man, the remaining experts of the Immortal Dynasty who were not killed by Jian Wushuang all straightened up and gave a salute, their eyes revealing a fever of enthusiasm.

This middle-aged man was the supreme Divine Emperor of the Immortal Dynasty. No one knew what his real name was. They only knew he was surnamed Tu. Thus, all the experts in the Firmament Territory always addressed him as Emperor Tu.

Soon after Emperor Tu's arrival, a beautiful and slender girl entered the area. This girl seemed to be only 15 or 16 years old and she looked very delicate. When she appeared in this area, everything in her vicinity was outshined by her.

When those experts first saw this gorgeous girl, they were intoxicated with her beauty. At this point, even if the girl ordered them to die, some of them would certainly follow her order without hesitation.

"Pay my tribute to Demon Master!"

Experts of the Boundless Demon Sect all saluted this pretty girl.

This pretty girl was the Sect Master of the Boundless Demon Sect, who was also called Demon Master. Her name was Su Bin, so people usually called her Demon Master Su.

Emperor Tu, Demon Master Su, and the Cloud Sea Asgard's Tian Yunzi were all Sect Masters of the three most powerful magnates in the Firmament Territory.

The three had reached the level of Dao Master a long time ago and became supreme experts.

Today, the three Dao Masters had gathered!

As Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su landed in the Void, the whole area fell silent.

Before they arrived, some experts from top sects were still chatting from time to time. But now, they had all shut up and did not dare to say anything more in case they accidentally upset one of the three big shots.

Each of these three was quite legendary in the Firmament Territory.

"Well, this is a scene of bustle, isn't it?"

When Emperor Tu arrived, his eyes swept across the scene. The ordinary experts never caught his eyes. Only when he looked at Xuan Yi did his eyes freeze for a moment.

"Tian Yunzi, I'm just in the middle of a closed-door training. I got here the moment I received your message. Tell me, what's going on?" Demon Master Su asked.

"As for the whole thing, you can ask your subordinates. They will tell you why I invited you here," Tian Yunzi said. Facing Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su who were level with himself, Tian Yunzi did not dare to put himself so highly.

Bewildered, Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su immediately consulted their own experts.

Saber Master of the Immortal Dynasty and Old Weirdo Dream of the Boundless Demon Sect hurried forward to recount what had happened.

After learning the development of the recent events, Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su both looked fascinated.

They also fixed their eyes on Jian Wushuang.

"Bravo. This guy managed to spend 100 years in the Eternal Zone without being killed. And he even boosted his strength considerably?" Emperor Tu looked zealous. ? ?

"A Divine Realm expert can turn into a Gold-armored Demon God? And his battle strength is stronger than Yun Fan and the other two experts at Step Four of the Eternal Realm? Even Tian Yunzi's doppelganger was nearly killed by him! This is unbelievable! We've never had such a Divine Realm expert whose powerful is in defiance of the natural order in the Firmament Territory, have we?" Demon Master Su was also amazed.

After the initial shock, they both arrived at a conclusion.

Jian Wushuang must have carried a huge secret, a secret that involves the most important Demon God Clan of the Eternal Zone.

It was exactly this secret that endowed Jian Wushuang with a kind of power in defiance of the natural order!

This secret was something that intrigued the two and even made them crave for it.

“Xuan Yi, this Jian Wushuang is a disciple of yours?” Emperor Tu looked at Xuan Yi and asked.

“Yes.” Xuan Yi nodded slightly.

Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su stared at each other, both of their faces darkened.

They knew very well that Xuan Yi was not someone they could provoke.

But the secret that Jian Wushuang was hiding was not a trivial matter at all.

If the two were tied together...Almost at the same time, a trace of decisiveness flitted across their eyes.

“Xuan Yi, your disciple is carrying a big secret about the whole Eternal Zone. How can you allow him to keep such a secret to himself? You might as well just let him tell us the secret.” Emperor Tu said.

“Yes, as long as he honestly tells us the whole story about what he had been through in the Eternal Zone over the past 100 years, we will not give him a hard time anymore.” Demon Master Su added.

“Haha, Xuan Yi, you heard that. A moment ago, when I was all by myself, I truly could not force you into anything. But now, with the presence of Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su, if you still refuse to hand your disciple over, are you really going to make a hopeless attempt to take on the three of us?”

“Teacher.” Jian Wushuang could not help but cast a tense look at Xuan Yi.

But deep down, Jian Wushuang felt like giving a wry smile.

Now, everyone on the scene, including Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su, all thought he had obtained some precious opportunity in the Eternal Zone that helped him to gain such an amazing battle strength. They also believed that Jian Wushuang knew many secrets about the Demon God Clan.

But in reality, it was true that Jian Wushuang met a lot of opportunities in the Eternal Zone—he learned how to transform into an Ancient God, mastered myriads of Secret Skills, brought his strength to a higher level—but the true reason for his incredulous strength as a Divine Realm expert was still the Heavenly Creation Skill that he had been practicing.

Those opportunities were just something extra.

Although he did know some secrets of the Ancient God, they were not a lot.

Just when everyone was gazing at Xuan Yi, Xuan Yi’s eyes shifted. Then, he gave a smile and said, “I am actually not very sure of what this guy came across in the Eternal Zone. Please let me question him first, and I’ll address you all later. What do you think?”

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Hearing Xuan Yi's words, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su exchanged looks and then nodded.

"All right then," Tian Yunzi said. "You're Jian Wushuang's master. It's reasonable that you should be the first one to hear his stories in the Eternal Zone. But I hope in the end you can make the right choice. Otherwise..."

Xuan Yi smiled and flicked his sleeves. Jian Wushuang followed him to a piece of nearby empty Void and the two started to talk.

Meanwhile, the rest of the experts, including Tian Yunzi and the other two Dao Masters, waited patiently on the scene.

"Master."

Jian Wushuang looked at Xuan Yi. He thought Xuan Yi would immediately ask him about his life in the Eternal Zone, so he had already started to think about what to say./

But Xuan Yi just beamed at him and said, "Kid, over the past hundred years you spent in the Eternal Zone, you really made some progress."

"Er..." Jian Wushuang was taken aback by this, but he then nodded and said humbly, "Just a little progress."

"You've already impressed me by turning into a Gold-armored Ancient God. If I'm not mistaken, your Sword Heart has also reached Level Two, right? And it has stayed at Level Two for a long time." Xuan Yi smiled.

"Yes." Jian Wushuang nodded again. But he did not notice that Xuan Yi had just said "Gold-armored Ancient God", instead of "Gold-armored Demon God".? ?

It should be noted that all the experts in the Firmament Territory called the Ancient God Clansmen "Demon Gods". They did not know that the Demon God Clan's true name was the Ancient God Clan.

But Xuan Yi had said "Gold-armored Ancient God"!

Apparently, Xuan Yi knew the real name of the Demon God Clan.

"Your swordsmanship has also improved quite a lot. Have you ever come across any problems with the Sword Principle over the past hundred years?" Xuan Yi asked again.

Jian Wushuang became even more bemused. He could not help but ask, "Master, don't you want to know what happened to me during the past hundred years?"

"What happened to you is your own business. Why would I want to know?" Xuan Yi grinned. "I said this to Tian Yunzi and his lot because I want to play for some time."

"Play for some time?" Jian Wushuang was nonplussed.

Xuan Yi clearly had no interest in hearing his stories in the Eternal Zone. This was just an excuse to play for some time.

“But... why do you want to play for time? What use will it serve?” Jian Wushuang blurted out.

“Be patient. You’ll know when the time comes.” Xuan Yi gave a mysterious smile and went on, “You and I finally had a reunion after a hundred years. If you have any problem relevant to the Sword Principle, quickly ask. Don’t miss this opportunity.”

“Oh, yes.” Jian Wushuang nodded hastily.

Although Jian Wushuang did not know what kind of plan Xuan Yi had, he did not ask more questions out of his trust for his master. Instead, he immediately told Xuan Yi those little problems that had confused him in the Sword Principle study, and Xuan Yi also unreservedly gave his answers and explanations.

Meanwhile, the experts of various sects, including the three renowned Dao Masters Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su, were all patiently waiting for Xuan Yi’s reply.

But none of them realized that Xuan Yi was not questioning Jian Wushuang about his life in the Eternal Zone at all. He was teaching him the Sword Principle.

Half of a day fled by.

Tian Yunzi finally ran out of patience.

“Xuan Yi, you’ve questioned him for so long. Did you get all the details? Have you come to an answer?” Tian Yunzi bellowed.

Xuan Yi, who was in the middle of teaching Jian Wushuang, looked back at Tian Yunzi and gave him a playful smile. “It’s about time. I think we’re done.”

Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su instantly turned to look at Xuan Yi.

“Xuan Yi, let your disciple tell us his stories,” Emperor Tu said candidly.

“My disciple? No, no!”

Xuan Yi shook his head. His voice grew colder. “Whatever my disciple went through in the Eternal Zone, that’s his business. I, his master, will never ask about it. Likewise, whatever opportunities or secrets he attained in the Eternal Zone, that’s his business, and any other man had better stay out of it!”

Xuan Yi stressed the last few words, making him sound more awe-inspiring.

“Xuan Yi, you fooled us, didn’t you?” Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su all looked gloomy.?
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They had given Xuan Yi enough respect, but Xuan Yi clearly failed to appreciate their kindness.

“I did fool you, so what?”

“Do you guys really want to learn the hard way?”

“Well—”

Xuan Yi smiled weakly. His penetrating eyes shifted towards Tian Yunzi and the other two. His freezing voice rang throughout the area.

“Today I, Xuan Yi, proclaim for everyone to hear...”

“You three can use whatever means or skills you have to fight. But I can tell you the result beforehand. In the end, I, and my disciple will go through this battle safe and sound, while you three will pay a great price for getting out of this fight alive.”

“These words are spoken by me, Xuan Yi.”

The experts of assorted sects all looked bemused.

They did not know why Xuan Yi was so confident.

“Very well. I really want to see how you’re gonna make the three of us pay such a great price.” Tian Yunzi said, his eyes extremely cold.

“I want to see as well.” Emperor Tu said nonchalantly. A heavy sword had already appeared in his hands.

“Xuan Yi, you’re so thickheaded. Don’t blame us for going hard on you.” Demon Master Su’s eyes shone with excitement.

In the next second, a bang blasted out! Three streams of formidable aura burst out in an instant.

The three Dao Masters representing the top authority in the Firmament Territory launched attacks at the same time.

“Xuan Yi!”

Tian Yunzi charged furiously at the front. There was a glint of fierceness in his expression, his eyes staring at Xuan Yi unblinkingly. As he leaped forward, the Void behind him cracked open bit by bit.

The three Dao Masters struck out simultaneously, astonishing every expert of all the sects.

“Master!” Jian Wushuang was also shocked by what he saw.

Xuan Yi was the only one still wearing a vague smile. Even when he saw the three Dao Masters attacking together, he made no move at all to fend them off.

However, at this moment, something shocking happened.

“Hmph!”

A snort resounded like a clap of thunder, suddenly descending from a cloudless sky and spreading outwards.

“Dare to attack my master, how audacious you are!”

As the voice faded, a blast of astounding power broke out.

Not far in the Void, a scarlet Giant Axe at least 1,000 feet high suddenly appeared, covering half the sky. It split open all the barriers ahead of it with an overwhelming power. A second ago, it was still in the far end of the Void, but in the blink of an eye, it had already approached Tian Yunzi and was hacking at him.

“What?”

The drastic change startled Tian Yunzi. But, he was a Dao Master, after all. So he quickly came to his senses and reacted quickly. He gathered all his power in his right hand, on which he was wearing a boxing glove. A fit of bright red energy shot straight out.

“Boom!”

A huge hole was blasted into the Void. Tian Yunzi let out a muffled snort and zoomed backward like a detonated bomb.

Then, with a swoosh, a robust figure materialized in front of Xuan Yi.

He was more than two meters high, as sturdy as a brown bear. He was goggling at Tian Yunzi and the other two with two dreadful eyes as large as plates, grinding his teeth in fury.

When the brown-bear man appeared, a raw wind suddenly blew in from the nearby Void. Everyone narrowed their eyes and turned to look at the source of this vile wind.

From that direction, a colossal purple figure emerged. A monstrous creature covered in purple scales was scurrying towards them at an incredible speed.

When this huge creature came closer, everyone saw it clearly. It was... a giant dragon covered in purple scales.

Yes, it was a giant dragon, a real giant dragon.

This dragon’s body was about 10,000 feet in length. The pressure it exerted was overbearing.

On the head of this Amethyst Giant Dragon stood a purple-armored man holding an amethyst long spear like a War God. His pupils were also purple, and he shot bolts of purple lightning at Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su.

“Boom!”

The earth suddenly trembled as though it was going to crack. In the next second, a corner of the sky suddenly turned scarlet.

This scarlet corner expanded and finally turned into a boundless blood sea which engulfed the whole area. On the edge of the boundless blood sea, a wicked young man was strolling. He had long blood-red hair, wore a bloody robe and carried a blood-red saber.

He looked like an Asura who had just returned from hell. He did not make any strike or send forth any aura. But once he appeared, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, Demon Master Su all felt their blood run cold.

Finally, this bloody demonic youth walked up to Xuan Yi.

Then, as everyone on the scene was still dumbstruck, the man as robust as a brown bear, the Amethyst War God riding an Amethyst Giant Dragon, and the demonic youth in full blood-red clothing, the last to come, suddenly got down to their knees before Xuan Yi and spoke in one voice with great respect.

“We disciples hereby pay our tribute to Master Xuan Yi!”

These thunderous words reverberated throughout the area. As they spoke, three whiffs of extremely terrifying aura instantly swept across.

Anyone of these three whiffs of aura was much more powerful than that of Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su.

The three men were obviously Dao Master-level supreme experts!

The three personal disciples, the three peerless geniuses, the three most powerful Dao Masters that Xuan Yi recruited before he took in Jian Wushuang... had returned!

Chapter 784: Three Senior Brothers

Silence!

The whole world seemed to have become soundless.

All the experts were watching the three unexpected arrivals with bated breath and felt the fierce aura they emitted.

Compared to these three men, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, Demon Master Su looked quite inferior.

“Dao, Dao Masters?”

“Another three Dao Masters?”

“For heaven’s sake, what is going on today? How come so many Dao Masters have suddenly appeared?”

The surrounding experts’ insides squirmed violently with anxiety.

Dao Masters, supreme experts of the Eternal World, were utterly legendary figures in the Firmament Territory.

Usually, it would be extremely hard to meet a single supreme expert. But now, there were no less than six Dao Masters standing here.

Six Dao Masters!

And they also heard how the last three Dao Masters addressed Xuan Yi.

Master!

They called Xuan Yi master!

Thus, their identities were evident.

“The three men are all disciples of Xuan Yi?”

“Didn’t they say that Palace Master Xuan Yi didn’t recruit any disciples before he met Jian Wushuang?”

“No, he had three disciples before that. But the three disciples left the Firmament Territory a long time ago to make a name for themselves in other realms.”

“All his three disciples are Dao Masters?”

They were stunned!

Everyone on the battlefield was stunned by this discovery.

They knew Xuan Yi was powerful, mysterious, and intimidating. But it never occurred to them that Xuan Yi’s disciples could become so freakishly powerful.

Yes, freakishly powerful!

Weren’t Dao Masters hard to come by?

But Xuan Yi had three personal disciples before Jian Wushuang, and these three personal disciples had all become Dao Masters!

He must be a monster!

It was simply unbelievable.

Even if he had an exceptionally strong Dao Master teach them himself, he could not guarantee that his disciples would grow into Dao Masters, could he?

“Xuan Yi!”

The experts of the three magnates all looked very sullen.

Yun Fan’s face was rather pale.

Those experts of the three magnates knew a little about what Xuan Yi could achieve. They had long since learned that Xuan Yi had raised several formidable disciples.

Throughout the history of the Ancient Sect, as well as the Sect Master, there had been three Dao Masters. This allowed the Ancient Sect to be the most prestigious of all the sects of the Firmament Territory. After all, even the three magnates had not produced any Dao Masters other than the Palace Masters. Only the Ancient Sect had done so, and they had a total of three Dao Masters.

But the three magnates knew very clearly that the three Dao Masters who had come from the Ancient Sect shared one thing in common—they were all personal disciples of Xuan Yi!

Precisely because of this, they were shocked when they heard that Xuan Yi was going to take in Jian Wushuang as his fourth personal disciple. This was why they planned to kill Jian Wushuang in advance, and they attempted to do so in the Eternal Zone.

The three magnates were scared!

They feared that Xuan Yi might raise another Monster, another Dao Master. That would be a huge blow to them.

However, things went contrary to their wishes. Jian Wushuang did not die under their attack. Instead, he attained great opportunities in the Eternal Zone and elevated his strength to an unimaginably high level within a mere hundred years.

Compared with the power that his three Senior Brothers showed at the beginning, what Jian Wushuang had demonstrated was much more extraordinary.

"Damn Xuan Yi, he is well prepared for this. He must have long since summoned his three personal disciples back!" Tian Yunzi cursed. He was glum-faced, his eyes fixed on the three Dao Masters who had just arrived.

"This is getting tricky. His three personal disciples have returned. It's impossible for us to attack him now," Emperor Tu said.

"We probably can't even escape unscathed, let alone attack him." Demon Master Su's face grew slightly ugly. She noticed that each of the three newly arrived Dao Masters was issuing a rich aura, especially the evil scarlet-haired youth who was the last to come.

This evil scarlet-haired youth gave her a deathly still feeling like the blood sea, and she could not help but be awestruck.

In the Void, Xuan Yi looked around at the three men and nodded, gesturing them to stand up.

"Jian Wushuang, come here." Xuan Yi beckoned Jian Wushuang over.

"Master." Jian Wushuang immediately came over.

"As I told you before, you have three Senior Brothers. And here they are. Let me introduce them one by one." Xuan Yi started to introduce his disciples.

"This is your Third Senior Brother, Bai Hu, who is also quite famous in the Eternal World. People call him Dao Master Bai Hu!" Xuan Yi pointed a finger at the brown bear-like burly man with a pair of huge eyes.

The burly man gave a good-natured smile at Jian Wushuang and asked, "You're the new Junior Brother our master has recruited?"

"I, your Junior Brother, hereby pay my respects to my Third Senior Brother." Jian Wushuang answered immediately, memorizing the name of his Third Senior Brother.

"And this is your Second Senior Brother, Purple Mountain. But others usually call him Purple Dragon Dao Master. That Giant Dragon is his ride," Xuan Yi said, pointing at the purple-armored man standing on the head of the Giant Dragon like an unrivaled War God.

"Second Senior Brother." Jian Wushuang greeted him at once.

"Yeah." Second Senior Brother Purple Mountain nodded slightly at Jian Wushuang, his eyes exuding a trace of warmth.

"And this one is your First Senior Brother. His name is Xue Lingtian. Few people know this name. But if you mention the title 'Master Blood Saber', all the top experts in the Eternal World shall know who you're referring to," Xuan Yi said with a smile.

Jian Wushuang instantly looked at the demonic youth with blood-red hair who was also in a blood-red robe.

The demonic youth also looked straight at Jian Wushuang. When Jian Wushuang looked into this man's eyes, he felt that he was simply staring at a boundless blood sea, and nothing more.

Jian Wushuang was a bit shocked. He hastily gave a salute. "Pay my respects to First Senior Brother."

"Junior Brother, no need to be so polite to us." The evil scarlet-haired youth nodded at Jian Wushuang.

After introducing everyone, Xuan Yi opened his mouth and said, "I called you back with such short notice this time because your Junior Brother got into some troubles and needs your help. You three will help him deal with the three Dao Masters from the three magnates."

"The three magnates?"

The evil scarlet-haired youth, that was to say Jian Wushuang's First Senior Brother Xue Lingtian, cast a glimpse at Tian Yunzi and the other two, and a note of ruthlessness flitted across his eyes. Then, he asked, "Junior Brother, what do you reckon we should do with this three?"

"Do with?" Jian Wushuang was taken aback. They were talking about the three Dao Masters. How could he decide what to do with them?

"Just teach them a lesson, but don't kill them." Xuan Yi said.

"Got it." Xue Lingtian nodded.

At Xuan Yi's words, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su instantly became indignant, flames of fury dancing in their eyes.

They were three Dao Masters. But judging by Xuan Yi's words, they were already like three fish lying on a board for them to chop. It was natural that they were indignant.

Chapter 785: The Blood Saber!

"Humph, you trained three disciples into Dao Masters, that's really something. But that's not enough for you to completely overpower the three of us!" Tian Yunzi snarled.

"We are Dao Masters, too. And there are three of us as well. We don't fear you at all!" Emperor Tu also snapped.

"Xuan Yi, I'm eager to see how powerful your three Dao Master disciples can be," Demon Master Su said, her face cold and detached.

The three were all Dao Masters through and through. And they had long since made a name for themselves.

They had the utmost confidence in their strength.

Although Xuan Yi's three personal disciples were Dao Masters, this was not enough to make them scared.

"You're mistaken."

An icy cold voice suddenly sounded. It was the evil scarlet-haired youth who opened his mouth. Xue Lingtian's eyes were utterly scarlet now. "I can handle you guys myself. No need to let my two Junior Brothers bother with this."

"What?"

"How arrogant!"

"You're courting death!"

Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su all flew into a rage, for Xue Lingtian's words severely humiliated the three of them.

But just at this point, Xue Lingtian began to act.

"Whoosh!"

Xue Lingtian took a step forward and instantly dashed up to the three Dao Masters who were standing side by side. His speed was so fast that it even surpassed the speed of thunderbolts and anything in the world. Then, he appeared next to Tian Yunzi who was standing on the far left, and casually pulled out his blood-red saber.

"Whoosh!"

He hacked at Tian Yunzi. This move looked quite normal, and even the Eternal Realm experts and Divine Realm disciples watching them from far away had seen the whole thing clearly.

But this seemingly slow move swept seamlessly across Tian Yunzi's neck, cutting across this Dao Master's vulnerable flesh as if it were a chunk of tofu.

The blade light flashed, but it did not even leave a cut on Tian Yunzi's neck.

Although it seemed to be a very slow move, in fact, it happened so fast that no one had time to react.

"You, you..." Tian Yunzi's eyes widened.

But Xue Lingtian, who had just thrust his saber in a flash, strode forward again and appeared beside Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su.

He made the same slow move. His saber skimmed over the necks of Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su, sending three heads flying off in succession.

The three top Dao Masters and super experts, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su, were not able to react at all.

"Swish!"

The blood-red figure flashed by, and Xue Lingtian was, once again, standing next to Xuan Yi.

"Buzz..."

The three heads that were tossed into the Void suddenly came to a halt. Then, a huge amount of energy started converging, and the rest of the three bodies also hurtled over to reconnect to their own heads. In just a few minutes, the three who had been beheaded already fully recovered.

Eternal Realm experts would not die as long as their Life Cores were still intact.

Now that they were Dao Masters, it would be more difficult for them to die. Even though their heads were chopped off, as long as their Life Cores were not destroyed, they could repair their bodies at any time or even recreate their entire bodies, which could be achieved in a short spell.

Now, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su had all repaired their bodies, and their strength also returned to the peak. However, the three were shivering, goggling at Xue Lingtian with utterly terrified looks.

They all knew that they had just paid a visit to the Gate of Hell. If Xue Lingtian had not been merciful enough to let go of their Life Cores, they would have become three dead bodies by now.

And the numerous onlookers watching this fight had become completely terror-stricken.

Three moves. During the whole time, Xue Lingtian had only made three moves.

But these three moves cut the heads of Tian Yunzi and the other two straight off and left no chance for the three Dao Masters to fight back.

"What kind of strength this is?"

"They are all Dao Masters. But how could the gap between their strength levels be so striking?"

Even Jian Wushuang was still staring at this scene in complete disbelief.

The only ones that were not amazed by this were Xuan Yi, Bai Hu, and Purple Mountain.

"Boy, you are getting stronger and stronger, aren't you?" Xuan Yi looked at Xue Lingtian and gave him a smile.

"Haha, Tian Yunzi and the other two have always stayed in the small Firmament Territory and played the role of bullies. They have no idea just how vast the Eternal World really is. They don't travel, don't go on adventures, and don't bother to take me seriously, let alone First Senior Brother," Bai Hu said, scoffing.

"Those three are really too ignorant. Otherwise, they would not have been so audacious in front of First Senior Brother," Purple Mountain said, unconcerned. "They might be Dao Masters, but how can they be mentioned in the same breath as the famous Master Blood Saber?"

"Forget those three. Even you and I cannot withstand more than a couple of strikes from our First Senior Brother." Bai Hu grunted with a sigh.

"Of course we can't. After all, our First Senior Brother is the Dao Master who strode forth. He is much more powerful than us." Purple Mountain nodded.

Being watched by everyone on the scene, Xue Lingtian was still very poised. He just stood there and remained silent.

At this point, Xuan Yi turned to look at Tian Yunzi and the other two. Beaming brightly, he said, "You three, now can we sit down and talk this over?"

Tian Yunzi and the other two exchanged a look. They were all sour-faced now.

"Palace Master Xuan Yi, our Boundless Demon Sect will take the full blame for today's incident. No matter what you ask for, our Boundless Demon Sect will try to meet your requirements as much as possible. I only wish you could show mercy, Palace Master Xuan Yi, and spare our lives today," Demon Master Su said honestly.

"Really?" Xuan Yi raised his eyebrows.

Hearing these words, the experts of all the sects suddenly burst into an uproar.

"She is pleading for mercy! The Demon Master of the Boundless Demon Sect, a Dao Master, is pleading for mercy in person?"

"Well, so what if she is a Dao Master? She is still a human being. Facing someone far more powerful than her, what else can she do other than plead for mercy? Look for more trouble?"

"I never saw that coming. Never. I actually thought this time Xuan Yi would really suffer. But who thought it could turn out like this?"

Scattered murmurs sounded from the surroundings.

Demon Master Su blushed with embarrassment, feeling too ashamed to show her face. However, she had no other alternative. In order to save her life, to save her Boundless Demon Sect, she had to do so.

On both sides of her, Tian Yunzi and Emperor Tu were both trembling. They exchanged significant looks and soon made up their minds. Then, they spoke, one after the other.

"Palace Master Xuan Yi, this is all the fault of my Cloud Sea Asgard. No matter what you want, Cloud Sea Asgard will try its best to satisfy you."

"So will my Immortal Dynasty."

Within a few seconds, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su, the rulers of the three magnates, bowed their heads towards Xuan Yi.

Of course, the one they were really bowing to was Xue Lingtian.

What happened a moment ago was incredibly dreadful. The three would never ever forget his saber that struck swiftly before they could react.

Xue Lingtian's formidable strength had completely astonished them.

Chapter 786: A Sky-high Compensation!

Seeing Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su all admitting defeat, Bai Hu could not help but burst out laughing. "They do know where the wind blows."

Xuan Yi looked over at them with a smile and said, "Now that you three have all admitted that today's matter is all your fault, I'll tell you a thing or two."

"A hundred years ago, you three magnates all attacked my disciple in an attempt to kill him. Thanks to his good luck, he survived the assassination launched by your experts. However, he was still forced to stay in a place as dangerous as the Eternal Zone for a hundred years."

"But today, when he came out of the Eternal Zone, he once again was persecuted by you. You're the three top magnates, but you sent so many experts to bully my disciple together. I, his master, can never stand by and let you bully him..."

Xuan Yi said leisurely. But before he finished, the grim-faced Tian Yunzi chimed in. "Xuan Yi, no need to beat around the bush. Just tell us what compensation you want."

Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su also turned to look at Xuan Yi.

They knew very well that what Xuan Yi just said was all bullsh*t.

The real thing that determined success or failure was one's strength!

Xuan Yi and his lot were truly stronger than them. Thus, they could only admit defeat. Without such strength, no matter what Xuan Yi said, it would still be useless.

Since Xuan Yi did not intend to kill them or get back at them, there was only one possibility about his true agenda, which was naturally to try to rake in more benefits from the three magnates.

As Xuan Yi said before, if the three of them did not pay a huge price, they would not leave this place alive.

And they, as well as all the experts on the scene, were fully aware of what that high price was.

"Well, you guys are quite candid. In this case, I shall just spit it out."

Xuan Yi smiled. He looked gentle and mild as usual, but his eyes turned slightly crafty. "I have three requirements. If you agree to satisfy my requirements, I will immediately take off with my disciples."

"Three requirements?" Tian Yunzi squinted a little. "Say it, what are the three requirements?"

Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su also gritted their teeth and prepared themselves to make a huge sacrifice.

"The first one, and the simplest, is that you three magnates shall work together and collect some Divine Gems for me," Xuan Yi said with a smile.

"Divine Gems?" Tian Yunzi and the other two looked surprised.

The Divine Gem was the commonest currency in the Eternal World.

Each of the three magnates had accumulated huge stocks of Divine Gems. A hundred years ago when Xuan Yi was enraged, he asked the Immortal Dynasty and Boundless Demon Sect to compensate him with 10 million Divine Gems. The two handed those Divine Gems over without blinking. Based on this, you could imagine how affluent the three magnates were.

The three thought Xuan Yi would propose something outrageous. However, to their surprise, the first requirement he made was just to ask for some Divine Gems.

“How many Divine Gems do you want?” Tian Yunzi asked, scowling.

“Not many, not many. Just a billion.” Xuan Yi gave a faint smile.

“What?” The eyes of experts around them instantly widened.

And the experts of the three magnates all looked infuriated.

Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su also trembled with shock.

How was a billion Divine Gems “not many”?

It should be noted that a normal Eternal Realm expert would usually only have about one million Divine Gems. Therefore, the value of one billion Divine Gems was a thousand times the fortune a normal Eternal Realm expert could possess!

What a large number it was!

Although the three magnates were wealthy enough that they could take out 10 million Divine Gems without blinking, it was painful for them to pay out 100 million Divine Gems in a lump sum.

But a billion Divine Gems?

None of the three magnates had any way of handing in so many Divine Gems without depleting their treasury.

“A billion Divine Gems! Xuan Yi, how dare you to ask for so many!” Tian Yunzi bellowed, and his face darkened to the fullest.

“I’m just asking for some Divine Gems. Do you really have to react this way? Well, I’m not requiring each of you to hand in a billion Divine Gems. I just want your three magnates to give me that amount altogether. On average, each of you shall merely pay around 300 million Divine Gems. It’s not a big deal for you guys.” Xuan Yi smiled casually.

All three of them looked livid.

How could 300 million Divine Gems not be a big deal?

Xuan Yi was really unabashed in his request!

Actually, although the Ancient Sect was the top sect of the nine best in the Firmament Territory, if we sold the whole Ancient Sect out except for its Sect Master, Xuan Yi, and his three Dao Master disciples, the gains would not be as much as 300 million Divine Gems.

“Humph!”

At the sight of the reluctant expressions of the three, Xuan Yi abruptly let out a snort and said with a deep voice, “What’s the matter? Do you think I’m extorting you? How ridiculous. Think! Didn’t I have to pay some price to summon my three disciples here with such short notice?”

“Pay some price?” Tian Yunzi and the other two were nonplussed.

The experts on all sides also cast their eyes on Xuan Yi.

Xuan Yi explained coldly, “You know that my three disciples have long since left the Firmament Territory and gone to places far away. If they traveled on foot, even though they are Dao Masters, it will take them decades or even a hundred years to cross such long distances. They may never be able to return again, not to mention that they could be delayed, which will take them even longer to arrive here.”

“Then, how did the three arrive here so fast?”

“The answer is simple. All the three of them just came back through the wormholes under the exclusive control of the Void Temple. Think about what a facility the Void Temple is, how grand their wormholes are. Maybe you three already know what high price a man has to pay for using a wormhole in the Void Temple once?”

“Void Temple?” Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su all narrowed their eyes.

Although they had spent most of their life ruling the Firmament Territory, they still learned a lot about the legendary Void Temple.

They were also perfectly clear about how expensive it could be to use a wormhole of the Void Temple once.

Even a Dao Master would feel distressed about paying such a price.

“The three disciples of mine all used the wormholes of the Void Temple to get here in the shortest time. Each time they used the wormholes, it cost them 100 million Divine Gems per person. It cost them 300 million to simply come here. If you include their returning fees, it will add up to 600 million,” Xuan Yi said in a low voice.

“Besides, the three were actually all in the middle of doing something. But they had to put off their own businesses to support their Junior Brother. Shouldn’t you pay for these losses?”

“Adding up the fee for using the wormholes, the cost of their time and their delayed businesses, I’m already doing you a favor by only asking for a billion Divine Gems. How can you be so ungrateful?”

While speaking, an indignant expression appeared on Xuan Yi’s face.

Chapter 787: Hearts are Bleeding!

After the experts on the scene all heard Xuan Yi out and caught the view of his indignant face, they came to understand his first requirement.

Indeed, if Xuan Yi was telling the truth, the fee for his three disciples using the wormhole was already as high as 600 million Divine Gems. Then, it would seem quite reasonable that Xuan Yi intended to seek compensation of a billion Divine Gems from the three magnates.

Jian Wushuang cast an odd look at Xuan Yi, and then, wheeled around to look at his Senior Brother Bai Hu. Gingerly, he asked, “Third Senior Brother, did you three really come here through wormholes?”

"Of course." Bai Hu nodded gravely. "If it hadn't been for the wormholes in the Void Temple, how could I have hustled here from the remote Ice Water Territory after receiving Master's call?"

"So is the fee for using wormholes really that expensive?" Jian Wushuang asked.

"Yes." Bai Hu nodded again. "The Void Temple is the real overlord of the Eternal World. It owns all the wormholes leading to every corner of the Eternal World. Using wormholes is indeed pricey. Each use will cost you 100 million Divine Gems, just like Master said. However, there is one thing Master didn't mention."

"What's it?" Jian Wushuang glanced at him hastily.

He laughed mischievously. "Our First Senior Brother is one of the 18 masters of the Void Temple. He has quite an influence in the Void Temple. So, he not only paid nothing for using a wormhole of the Void Temple but also gave each of us one token. With this token, each person is allowed to use wormholes at one-tenth of the normal price."

"That's to say, each time Second Senior Brother and I use a wormhole it only costs 10 million Divine Gems per person. For a round trip, it amounts to 40 million Divine Gems for both of us. That's much lower than the 600 million that Master just told them," Bai Hu said, beaming.

"So this is the truth?" Jian Wushuang raised his eyebrows. In spite of himself, he looked at his First Senior Brother Xue Lingtian.

"One of the 18 masters of the Void Temple?"

For the moment, Jian Wushuang was not clear about the power of the Void Temple. Nor did he have any concrete idea about the influence of the 18 masters in the Void Temple. But Jian Wushuang could tell that his First Senior Brother was definitely an awesome figure, an absolute top expert in the Eternal World.

"Junior Brother, when we get back to the Ancient Sect, you can go to your First Senior Brother and ask him to give you a token. With the wormholes of the Void Temple, it'll be much more convenient for you to travel around the Eternal World. Otherwise, if each use of a wormhole costs 100 million Divine Gems, even an extremely powerful Dao Master cannot afford it," Bai Hu suggested.

"I see." Jian Wushuang nodded gently.

From Bai Hu's account, he knew the token must be highly useful. If he could, he wanted to ask Xue Lingtian for such a token.

On the other side of the Void, Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su all pulled a long face at Xuan Yi's words. Nevertheless, in light of the astonishing strength that Xue Lingtian had just demonstrated, the three could only choke down their anger.

"Fine, we'll give you a billion Divine Gems. It's a deal." Tian Yunzi nodded forcefully, his face a little abashed.

"Well, great, no problem about the first requirement. Now, I'll tell you my second request."

Xuan Yi smiled blandly and went on, "As you know, I'm a highly skilled expert in many fields, such as making puppets, refining weapons, and concocting elixirs. Recently, I've been wanting to refine a magic weapon and really need a kind of gem called Orichalcum. And I need quite a lot. You three, please try to get some for me, will you?"

"Orichalcum?" Tian Yunzi and the other two were astonished.

They all had heard of Orichalcum. It was an extremely rare and precious ore.

The reason for its rarity was that this kind of ore allegedly came from other planets in the universe, and could only be found there. The Eternal World had no naturally formed Orichalcum.

Considering its rarity, its value was naturally exorbitant.

In the market of the Eternal World, a nail-sized piece of Orichalcum would be worth millions of Divine Gems.

Although the three magnates all stored some of this ore, the quantity was miserably small.

"Xuan Yi, how much Orichalcum are you talking about?" Tian Yunzi asked with a snort.

"Not much. I need five kilograms. So, each of you will only hand in a little more than three kilograms." Xuan Yi smiled.

Tian Yunzi, Emperor Tu, and Demon Master Su gave another shudder.

A pile of five kilograms of the Orichalcum would be as large as a baby's fist. Its value would be no less than 100 million Divine Gems.

And above all, this kind of treasure was not something money could buy. Without special channels to the outside, it was impossible to get one's hands on it.

"OK, we accept."

Tian Yunzi and the other two nodded after a short discussion.

But as they made this promise, their hearts all bled with despair!

"Good, excellent. Such being the case, I have one last requirement left." Xuan Yi spoke again. "The last thing I'm asking for is not that hard for you to get. I just want some Secret Skills."

"Secret Skills?" Tian Yunzi and the other two looked stunned.

The experts around also started murmuring.

"First he asks for Divine Gems, and then the Natural Treasures, and now the Secret Skills of the three magnates! Wow, this Palace Master Xuan Yi is really relentless!"

"Humph, Palace Master Xuan Yi is not the one to blame. The three magnates asked for this."

"Well, that's true. Since the three magnates sent out so many experts together to take on Jian Wushuang, a Divine Realm expert, it's no wonder Palace Master Xuan Yi got so furious."

"This time, the three magnates will really suffer a lot."

Surrounded by all the murmuring, Tian Yunzi clenched his teeth and said, “Just say it, which Secret Skills do you want?”

“Not many, only 10 Secret Skills from each of you. I have listed the details of these Secret Skills. Here is the list. You can take it and have a look.” Xuan Yi immediately threw a list over.

The three caught the list and looked through it. Their expressions changed several times as they read it.

Each of the Secret Skills that Xuan Yi listed was rather precious and unique. They were all devised by their predecessors after pouring in a lot of time and a great effort. Each of them was highly meaningful to their sects. But now, Xuan Yi required them to give him 30 Secret Skills in total.

How could they not be shocked and devastated!

But no matter how devastated they were, they had to stay rational.

After a moment of contemplation, Tian Yunzi nodded forcefully. He stared at Xuan Yi, gritted his teeth and said, “In three days, we’ll send the Divine Gems, the Orichalcum, and all the Secret Skills you asked for to your Ancient Sect.”

“Great. If you keep your promise, I will pretend that this whole thing never happened, and we can still be friends. But if you fail to send those things to me promptly, I will have to send my disciples to you for a visit,” Xuan Yi said with a smile.

Emperor Tu and Demon Master Su looked completely sullen.

Tian Yunzi was also screaming hysterically in his mind, “Friend? What kind fu*king friend are you?”

“Haha, so it’s settled. My disciples, let’s go back!”

Chapter 788: It’s Settled

As Xuan Yi led his four favorite disciples off swaggering under the watch of all the experts, today’s incident was finally settled.

The experts and disciples all gloated at the three magnates.

Today, it could be said that the three magnates went for wool and came home shorn.

They originally wanted to take on Jian Wushuang and force him to tell them the secrets about the Eternal Zone. However, they did not achieve this. What was more, they suffered a great loss—they not only lost many Eternal Realm experts in the fight against Jian Wushuang, but also had to pay a huge price to appease Xuan Yi’s wrath.

They had to pay 100 million Divine Gems, five kilograms of Orichalcum, and loads of precious Secret Skills.

This compensation really cost the three magnates an arm and a leg.

Today’s battle actually turned the three magnates into Jian Wushuang and Xuan Yi’s stepping stones.

After this battle, the entire Firmament Territory would soon know the Ancient Sect had raised a peerless genius, an unprecedented Divine Realm expert who could outshine all the experts of the three magnates, and his name was Jian Wushuang.

? ? Meanwhile, with the reappearance of his three Dao Master disciples, the fame and influence of the most mysterious Xuan Yi in the Firmament Territory would certainly be taken a notch up.

But of course, fame and influence were never the things that Jian Wushuang and Xuan Yi pursued.

They did not care what the experts of various sects in the Firmament Territory were saying.

On the top of the Enlightenment Mountain in the Ancient Sect, Jian Wushuang and his three Senior Brothers were sitting by a table loaded with wine and assorted dishes.

“Senior Brothers, if you hadn’t come in time today, I’m afraid I would not be sitting here alive. Now, I’d like to propose a toast to the three of you,” Jian Wushuang said sincerely, raising his wine cup.

His three Senior Brothers all accepted his gratitude and drained their cups.

Then, Bai Hu, who was evidently the most outspoken one out of the three, gave a hearty smile and said, “Junior Brother, even if we did not get to you in time today, you wouldn’t be in any danger at all.”

“Yeah.” Xue Lingtian and Purple Mountain also nodded in agreement.

“Really?” Jian Wushuang could not help but feel bemused.

If his three Senior Brothers had not arrived in time, could he really have gotten out of trouble unscathed?

“Junior Brother, don’t forget that you still have our Master on your side,” Bai Hu said with a grin.

“Master?” Jian Wushuang looked taken aback.

This was not because he did not have much confidence in his Master. On the contrary, he had great faith in his Master Xuan Yi. If not, he would not have struck out without hesitation because of Xuan Yi’s few words and made such a scene today.

But deep down, Jian Wushuang was still a bit puzzled. After all, his Master Xuan Yi was only an Eternal Realm expert. How could that be?

“Junior Brother, don’t belittle our Master.” Xue Lingtian looked at Jian Wushuang and said solemnly.

“It’s true that our Master hasn’t reached the level of Dao Master, but this does not mean he is inferior to those Dao Masters.”

“In fact, it is the opposite. I’ve traveled around for years and met many Dao Masters. I even came into contact with some very powerful and influential figures in the Eternal World. But I can say, among all the experts I met over those years, that in terms of unfathomable strength, our Master definitely ranks first.”

“Oh?” Jian Wushuang felt surprised.

Xue Lingtian was one of the 18 Masters of the Void Temple. He was widely known in the Eternal World, his power and influence were also exceptional.

? ? A big shot like him certainly had dealings with many extraordinary experts. Among all those experts, how could Palace Master Xuan Yi rank first?

“Junior Brother, you’re one of the members of the Sword Palace in the Ancient Sect, aren’t you?” Xue Lingtian suddenly asked.

“Yes.” Jian Wushuang nodded.

“You know, many years ago when I was recruited, the Ancient Sect had no Sword Palace at all. The only palace they had was the Saber Palace, and our Master was the Palace Master there at that time,” Xue Lingtian said.

“What?” Jian Wushuang was stunned.

Before the Sword Palace was established, there was a Saber Palace? And Xuan Yi was the Palace Master of this Saber Palace?

“Not only did the First Senior Brother experience this, so but also the two of us. When I joined in the Ancient Sect, there was no Sword Palace or Saber Palace. All they had was the Spear Palace, and our Master was the Palace Master of the Spear Palace,” Purple Mountain said.

“Haha, I use an axe as my weapon. This is because when I was taken in, our Master was the Palace Master of the Axe Palace in the Ancient Sect,” Bai Hu said candidly.

Hearing this, Jian Wushuang was completely dumbstruck.

He had noticed long ago that his Senior Brothers all used different weapons. His First Senior Brother Xue Lingtian wielded a saber, his Second Senior Brother Purple Mountain employed a long spear, and his Third Senior Brother Bai Hu relied on a Giant Axe.

But at that time he did not think about it too much. After all, no one said that his Master Xuan Yi would only take in experts who were good at the Sword Principle.

However, at this moment, Jian Wushuang finally realized that his Master was not only an ace at the Sword Principle.

Given that he had taught the three Dao Masters, Xue Lingtian, Purple Mountain, and Bai Hu, he must have had an equally deep understanding of the Saber Principle, the Spear Principle, and the Axe Principle.

Considering as well what Xuan Yi had said himself, he had also had profound study in many fields, such as refining weapons, making puppets, and concocting elixirs, the shock that Jian Wushuang felt became even greater.

Xuan Yi had studied so many subjects and made profound achievements in all of those subjects. Was he even human?

How mysterious!

How unfathomable!

This was what Jian Wushuang thought about Xuan Yi.

Long before, he had already found his Master very mysterious. But now, he realized that he still vastly underestimated him.

Seeing Jian Wushuang's expression alter, Xue Lingtian and the other two were not surprised at all. Anyway, they had been through the same shock that Jian Wushuang was feeling now.

"So, Junior Brother, even if we hadn't come today, with our Master's capability, you would never have fallen into the hands of the three magnates. I don't know much else, but I'm sure Master could easily rescue you and take you away." Xue Lingtian beamed.

"Really?" Jian Wushuang nodded. Then, he asked, "Senior Brothers, you've followed the leadership of our Master for so many years, but do you have any inside information about him?"

"No, I don't." Bai Hu shook his head without hesitation.

"I don't know much, either." Purple Mountain gave a wry smile.

"I'm the one who has been around our Master the longest. But I also have no real insight into him at all. Well, judging by his daily behaviors, I can tell that our Master is the kind of man who desires nothing. He doesn't pursue anything but always follows his heart. Taking us in as his personal disciples is also a decision he made in the course of nature," Xue Lingtian said subtly.

"And our Master cares a lot about us, but he has never asked us to do anything for him."

"It's been at least more than 100,000 years since I joined our Master, and he never once ordered me to do his biddings. Instead, it was me who often sought help from him."

Chapter 789: Gifts Presented at the First Meeting

When Jian Wushuang heard the accounts of his three Senior Brothers, he found this thing rather funny.

"Desires nothing? Always follows his heart?"

"My Master is really a puzzle."

"In fact, in our Ancient Sect, our Master is not the only one who is mysterious. There is another unfathomable man, and he is our Sect Master." Xue Lingtian spoke again.

"The Sect Master of our Ancient Sect?" Jian Wushuang raised his eyebrows.

It was true that the Sect Master of the Ancient Sect was very mysterious as well.

Jian Wushuang had joined the Ancient Sect a long time ago, but he had not met the Sect Master yet.

The daily errands of the Ancient Sect were all delegated to the Palace Masters of the Dao Palace. Even if the Ancient Sect encountered danger, as long as the Ancient Sect was not about to be fully destroyed, the Sect Master normally would not show his face.

Even the many Palace Masters of the Dao Palace in the Ancient Sect had not met the Sect Master in person in 10,000 years, let alone Jian Wushuang.

"I've followed our Master for over 100,000 years. But during this a long period, I only saw the Sect Master once. And the Sect Master left me the impression he was really eccentric," Xue Lingtian said, scowling.

"First Senior Brother, you at least met him once. Third Junior Brother and I have never met him." Purple Mountain gave a bitter smile.

At this, Jian Wushuang was also shocked.

The Sect Master of the Ancient Sect was honored as the top-ranking expert in the Firmament Territory. But no one had met him other than a handful of people. How could it be?

This was really weird.

"You guys, what are you talking about?" A soft voice suddenly fluttered in, then, Palace Master Xuan Yi slowly came in wearing a white robe.

Jian Wushuang and the others instantly stood up and bowed to Xuan Yi. "Greetings, Dear Master."

"It's okay, don't be a stranger. No need to be so polite with me. Have a seat." Xuan Yi said, waving a hand.

Jian Wushuang and the others sat down again. Xuan Yi also took a seat by the table and helped himself to a cup of wine.

"What were you guys talking about just now? I heard you chatting merrily." Xuan Yi took a sip of wine and asked casually.

"Nothing. It's just that the first time we get together with our Junior Brother we all became a bit more talkative," Bai Hu said, laughing heartily. Jian Wushuang and the other guys also forced a smile, but they looked rather embarrassed.

They could not just say they were discussing how mysterious their master was, right?

"Yeah, I understand. Since it's the first time you met your Junior Brother, being his Senior Brothers, shouldn't you three give him some gifts?" Xuan Yi said with great interest.

"Gifts?" Jian Wushuang was a little taken aback.

But Xue Lingtian and the other two were not surprised.

It was perfectly normal to give a Junior Brother a gift at their first meeting. When Xue Lingtian first met Purple Mountain and Bai Hu, he also gave them gifts.

This time they knew they were going to meet Jian Wushuang, so they all prepared something as gifts.

"Junior Brother, when I got the message from our Master and learned that I was about to meet you, I put in a lot of thought and selected a gift for you. Well, here it is," Bai Hu said at once. As these words faded, he took out a colorful fruit with a delicate fragrance.

“Third Senior Brother, this is...?” Jian Wushuang looked at the colorful fruit with bewilderment.

This fruit had seven different colors and even gave out seven unique fragrances. Jian Wushuang could tell at first glance that it was very precious.

“This is a Seven-colored Dao Fruit, a treasure that can facilitate the understandings of the Origin Dao.” Bai Hu explained. “I know you’re just a Divine Realm expert. If you want to reach the Eternal Realm, you have to choose one Dao and fully grasp its nine Occults. But now, you’re still far from reaching that step, aren’t you?”

“Yes.” Jian Wushuang nodded seriously.

To break through the Eternal Realm, an expert had to gain a thorough comprehension of the Nine Occults of one Dao. And this was the most basic thing he must achieve.

So far, Jian Wushuang had not reached this step.

Although he already made significant progress in World Dao and Slaughter Dao after studying for a hundred years in the Eternal Zone, he was still far from fully comprehending the nine Occults. The more he studied, the harder it became.

Jian Wushuang had an extraordinary talent. He had, after all, reached the Deification Realm. But despite his talent, this realm could not give him the same power of understanding as he experienced in the Heaven-treading Realm.

God knew when he could really master the nine Occult of one Dao.

He chuckled. “Haha, this Seven-colored Dao Fruit is a treasure that can substantially raise your understanding of the Origin Dao. Once you eat it, even if you don’t try to comprehend Dao on purpose, as it will gradually grow more powerful, you can certainly grasp the nine Occults of one Dao in a thousand years.”

“If you work a little bit harder, with your talent, you could definitely become an Eternal Realm expert in less than 300 years.” Bai Hu smiled.

At this, Jian Wushuang’s eyes sparkled.

He actually had no idea when he could make another breakthrough and reach the Eternal Realm. According to his own estimation, it would at least take him a thousand years.

But now, with the help of this Seven-colored Dao Fruit, he could save more than half of that time.

This was indeed a precious treasure.

“Thank you so much, Third Senior Brother,” Jian Wushuang said gratefully.

“You’re welcome,” Bai Hu said forthrightly.

“Third Junior Brother, since you already took out the Seven-colored Dao Fruit, if I don’t present something more valuable, I will not be qualified to be your Second Senior Brother,” Purple Mountain said with a small grin.

"Of course, you joined the Ancient Sect before me, and you are stronger than me. You're supposed to present something more precious," Bai Hu said, his mouth twitching.

"Luckily I also have prepared something for you. Junior brother, look..." Purple Mountain smiled faintly and waved a hand.

A figure over three meters tall suddenly materialized next to Purple Mountain.

This figure issued no aura at all. It was clearly not a living thing.

"A Puppet Fighter?"

Jian Wushuang and Bai Hu both turned to look at it. They immediately knew this three-meter tall man was a Puppet Fighter.

"Junior Brother, this Puppet Fighter is something I obtained by luck when I was adventuring years ago. It is at the level of the Eternal Realm, and what's more, it's at the *peak* of the Eternal Realm." Purple Mountain elaborated.

"This Puppet Fighter is driven by Divine Gems. The power it casts depends on the number of activated Divine Gems. If it releases its full power, it can confront a human expert at the peak of Step Six of the Eternal Realm."

"The peak of Step Six of the Eternal Realm?" Jian Wushuang was taken aback.

It was extremely difficult to cross each of the Six Steps of the Eternal Realm.

When Jian Wushuang went all out and transformed into an Ancient God, he could rival a normal expert at Step Four of the Eternal Realm. If he really got desperate and resorted to his most powerful trump card, he could even be a threat to an expert at Step Five of the Eternal Realm. However, this puppet was at Step Six of the Eternal Realm, the top level of the Eternal Realm.

And it was at the peak of Step Six!

Owning this Puppet Fighter meant he had a fighter at the peak of Step Six around him. You could imagine how rare this Puppet Fighter was.

"Thank you so much, Second Senior Brother," Jian Wushuang said hastily.

"This Puppet Fighter serves no use to a Dao Master, but it can save your life at critical moments. Anyway, you'd better be careful with it. Make careful use of it. After all, it needs Divine Gems to drive this Puppet Fighter, so the cost can be very high," Purple Mountain suggested.

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"Understood." Jian Wushuang nodded solemnly.

But Purple Mountain and Bai Hu both cast their eyes on Xue Lingtian.

The two had already presented their gifts, which were both quite precious and useful to Jian Wushuang. Now, it was Xue Lingtian's turn to present his gift.

Being the First Senior Brother, Xue Lingtian was the first one to join the Ancient Sect first among the four, and he was the most powerful as well. Besides, he was also one of the 18 masters of the Void Temple. Thus, his gift must be even more impressive.

“Junior Brother.”

Xue Lingtian spoke slowly. He took out a token and handed it over to Jian Wushuang. “This is my exclusive token. With it, whenever you go to the Void Temple to use a wormhole, you’ll only need to pay one-tenth of the normal price.”

“And, if you come across some danger in the journey or if some experts try to push you around, you can also show them this token. Then, they’ll know you have a special relationship with me. For my sake, they certainly won’t have a go at you.”

Jian Wushuang took the token. When he heard Xue Lingtian’s words, a rush of joy washed over him.

He was just thinking about asking Xue Lingtian for a token like this. But Xue Lingtian had given one to him on his own accord.

This token not only could help him use the wormholes of the Void Temple but also represent the identity of Darkblader Master. It might save his life in dire circumstances.

This token was absolutely priceless.

However, seeing Xue Lingtian only gave Jian Wushuang a token as a gift, Purple Mountain and Bai Hu pulled a long face.

Bai Hu said frankly, “First Senior Brother, you’ve given both Second Senior Brother and I a token like this. It’s only natural that our Junior Brother shall get one, too. But it’s a bit petty to present it as a gift at our first meeting, isn’t it?”

“Yeah, First Senior Brother, this token is not enough for this occasion,” Purple Mountain echoed.

“I know.” Xue Lingtian shrugged. “Since Master sent the message telling us we would have another Junior Brother, I’ve been preparing the gift for our first meeting. I have found a treasure, but that treasure is sort of unusual, and it takes some time to get. But, unexpectedly, Master summoned us to help our Junior Brother who was in danger, so I got here and met him earlier than expected.”

“Really? That explains it.” Purple Mountain and Bai Hu were convinced.

“Junior Brother, I’ll give you the gift when we meet next time. Or I can send a guy to deliver it to you. But now, I really can’t present it. Hope you don’t mind.” Xue Lingtian gave a wry smile.

“Sure. I am already very grateful that First Senior Brother has put so much effort into preparing my gift. I certainly don’t care if the delivery date is a bit late.” Jian Wushuang beamed.

“OK.” Xue Lingtian nodded slightly. “When I obtain the treasure in a few days, I’ll send it to you straight away. It will be quite helpful to you.”

Hearing this, Jian Wushuang was quite looking forward to this gift.

“Junior Brother, have you got any plans for the near future? Are you going to stay inside the Ancient Sect?” Bai Hu suddenly turned to look at him and asked.

“In the near future...” Jian Wushuang pondered for a moment and shook his head. “I’ll go out for some adventures.”

“As expected.”

Bai Hu and the rest were not surprised at all at this.

“Well, the Firmament Territory is just a small parcel of land. Compared with the whole Eternal World, it is miserably limited. And there are only a few experts here. With your current battle strength, Junior Brother, you surely need to travel more and see the vast world,” Bai Hu said brightly.

Jian Wushuang smiled but did not reply.

Indeed, the Firmament Territory was rather small, and the number of experts here was also quite limited.

With his current battle strength, almost no one in this Firmament Territory was a match for him but the Dao Masters.

By this point, the Firmament Territory was no longer appealing to him.

Jian Wushuang was also aware that when an expert in Firmament Territory sect reached Step Four of the Eternal Realm, he would usually go to other places for adventures.

The three magnates, the Ancient Sect, and the rest of the top sects in the Firmament Territory had brought up many experts at or above Step Four. Some of them even reached Step Six of the Eternal Realm. But those Eternal Realm experts had long ago left the Firmament Territory. Few of them ever came back.

That was also the real reason why there were no Eternal Realm experts above Step Four in the Firmament Territory other than Xuan Yi.

“If Junior Brother is really going to visit places outside the Firmament Territory, I want to give you a Star Map that I believe will come in handy.” As he spoke, Xue Lingtian took out another token and handed it to Jian Wushuang. It contained geographic records of a vast domain.

Taking the token, Jian Wushuang’s mind raced. The view of a vast land instantly unscrolled before him. This land was so boundless that it was beyond Jian Wushuang’s imagination. The Firmament Territory where he was staying merely took up an insignificant part of the whole region.

On this Star Map, there were innumerable territories similar to the Firmament Territory.

“How vast.” Jian Wushuang could not help but exclaim.

“First Senior Brother is one of the 18 masters of the Void Temple. And the most impressive thing about this Void Temple is that it has loads of wormholes that lead to every corner of the Eternal World. Thus, the Star Map you have received is the most complete and comprehensive map you can ever find. If you

sell this Star Map in the market, the price shall be at least several million Divine Gems,” Bai Hu said excitedly.

“Thank you very much, First Senior Brother,” Jian Wushuang said immediately.

“You’re welcome.” Xue Lingtian smiled. “Junior Brother, the Star Map has brief introductions about all the marked places. Have a look and see which one you want to go to.”

Jian Wushuang started to examine this map at once. He looked through all the territories and soon fixed his eyes on an enormous region on the Star Map. There were no marked territories, but four big countries located in four directions. These four big countries took up nearly half of the whole Star Map.

“First Senior Brother, what are these four big countries?” Jian Wushuang asked curiously.

“These are the four most powerful countries under control of my Void Temple. They are the Tang of the East, the West Paradise, the South Mountain Kingdom, and the North Sea Kingdom,” Xue Lingtian answered.

“Each of the four big countries has incredible foundation and strength.”

“Among the four big countries, the most special one is the Tang of the East!”

“Tang of the East?” Jian Wushuang’s pupils suddenly contracted.

The Tang of the East... Emperor Xiao, Di Jing, and Leng Rushuang were all from the Tang of the East.

Emperor Xiao even built up a Tang of the East in Jian Wushuang’s hometown, which was on the Nanyang Continent of the Ancient World.

Di Jing also mentioned the Prosperous Tang!

But there was still a lot about this Tang of the East that Jian Wushuang did not understand. For example, what were the true identities of Emperor Xiao and Leng Rushuang there? Why did they fall to an Ancient World? And what on earth was the Icy Heart Poison that once poisoned Leng Rushuang? And why did Leng Rushuang take off for no reason?

All these questions made Jian Wushuang long for a journey to the Tang of the East.