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Chapter 1121: Seven Days Later

The Violet Ribbon Starcrest, a crest unique to Dao Emperor Academy.

Chen Xi was aware that no one was capable of making a copy of this crest, and only students of Dao Emperor Academy could wear one. This was a symbol of their identity, and it represented the dignity of Dao Emperor Academy.

Most importantly, the Violet Ribbon Starcrest had numerous miraculous effects, and one would only be clearly aware of them after becoming a true student of Dao Emperor Academy.

When the experts that possessed the qualifications to participate in Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test actually participated in the test, they similarly had to wear this crest, and the crest of those who were eliminated would be taken away.

It wasn't just Dao Emperor Academy, all the six great academies of the Immortal Dimension had their own unique crest, and it was provided to be adorned by the students of their respective academies.

"What're Starpoints?" Chen Xi couldn't help but ask curiously after noticing the words on his Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

"Something similar to contribution points in a sect. After you enter Dao Emperor Academy, everything from attending classes, training, obtaining cultivation techniques or medicinal pills, and even requesting the help of others will require Starpoints. You'll naturally understand how important it is after you enter Dao Emperor Academy." Tie Qiuyu replied in a brief manner.

Chen Xi instantly came to an understanding, and he said in his heart, Looks like I can't sit back and enjoy the resources of Dao Emperor Academy upon entering it, and I have to work hard to strive for everything. But this is good as well because only with competition is there improvement. A place that's too easy and comfortable would easily wear down my will to fight.

As they spoke, a wave of footsteps resounded from the outside.

"Old Man Tie, guess what I saw! Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu actually came out from Iris Continent's Martial Soul Hall!" Accompanying this voice was a tall and thin white clothed young man that walked in with swift strides. He still intended to say something, yet he instantly changed what he was about to say upon noticing Chen Xi at the side, and he smiled with surprise. "Chen Xi, you've come."

Chen Xi stood up and cupped his hands as he said, "Big Brother Gu."

The tall and thin white clothed young man before him was exactly Gu Yueming, Gu Yutang's older brother. At the same time, he was the expert ranked at the second position on Southbridge Continent's Continental Ascensio Rankings.

Gu Yueming cupped his hands and smiled as he said, "There's no need for all that. You're friends with Yutang, so you're naturally no outsider. Sit down."

Chen Xi nodded and sat down once more.

The nearby Tie Qiuyu's expression was slightly gloomy instead, and he frowned as he looked at Gu Yueming and said, "Was what you just said true?"

Gu Yueming didn't hesitate to answer. "How could it be false? I saw it with my own two eyes."

Tie Qiuyu's brows knit together even more tightly, and then he muttered. "How did these two fellows get together with the Zuoqiu Clan? An ancient clan like that isn't related to them at all."

Gu Yueming smiled as he sighed with emotion. "This is called fortune. Perhaps the Zuoqiu Clan took a liking to them."

Obviously, he was rather envious towards their ability to form a relationship with the Zuoqiu Clan.

But right after that, Gu Yueming noticed that Tie Qiuyu's expression was slightly off, and he pondered briefly before he instantly had a wisp of faint understanding and shot his gaze towards Chen Xi.

Since Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu had formed a relationship with the Zuoqiu Clan, then they would surely go against Chen Xi during the second round of Dao Emperor Academy's test.

In this way, even if he, Gu Yueming, and Liang Ren were to stand by Chen Xi's side, Chen Xi would still be in an extremely bad situation.

The reason Tie Qiuyu had a gloomy expression was none other than because he guessed that this sort of change would easily arouse internal strife amongst these disciples of Southbridge Continent, and the effect of this was terrible.

Chen Xi clearly understood their thoughts as well, and he smiled. "You're right, but they didn't get together by fortune, and it was the Zuoqiu Clan that took the initiative to seek them out instead."

Tie Qiuyu and Gu Yueming were surprised when they heard this, and they said in unison, "Why?"

Yes, why would an authoritative power in the Immortal Dimension like the Zuoqiu Clan take the initiative to get together with Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu? If it wasn't Chen Xi who said this, they would definitely sneer at it and wouldn't even be bothered to inquire about the reason because it was very obvious that this seemed to overly elevate the existence of Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu.

Chen Xi's expression became calm as he said, "Because the Zuoqiu Clan is racking its brains to figure out how to deal with me, and they know that there's enmity between me and Yin Miaomiao, so they would naturally use it."

Tie Qiuyu was shocked. "Is this true?"

Gu Yueming looked at Chen Xi as if he was looking at a freak as well. He was truly unable to imagine how Chen Xi had offended a top colossus in the Immortal Dimension like the Zuoqiu Clan.

The atmosphere became slightly strange.

Chen Xi laughed bitterly and shrugged as he said, "This isn't anything good, so is there any reason for me to joke about it?"

Tie Qiuyu and Gu Yueming glanced at each other, and the shock on their faces was impossible to eliminate in a short amount of time.

After pondering deeply for a long time, Tie Qiuyu shook his head and sighed. "This is going to be even more troublesome. Since the Zuoqiu Clan is targeting you like this, then they'll probably intentionally go against you and play some tricks during the second round of the test."

Gu Yueming grunted coldly and said, "It's not something that'll probably happen, they'll definitely go against Chen Xi. Originally, I thought Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu very fortunate to make friends with the Zuoqiu Clan, but it turns out that they're acting as lackeys for the Zuoqiu Clan. They're truly shameless."

His voice hadn't finished resounding through the air when a wave of footsteps resounded from outside the hall, and then Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu walked in together.

"I'm going to rest." Gu Yueming grunted once more when he saw them, and then he directly stood up and left. He seemed to be unwilling to be associated with them.

Yin Miaomiao was indifferent towards this.

Jiang Zhuliu frowned instead and said, "He only knows how to talk behind other's back. I wonder who's the really shameless one."

His voice wasn't loud, yet the distant Gu Yueming heard it clearly. He suddenly turned around and stared coldly at Jiang Zhuliu as he said, "I just couldn't be bothered to pay attention to you. Could it be that you really think I don't dare to insult you to your face? Being of poor birth isn't your fault, but being filled with arrogance after grabbing onto the Yin Clan is. Do you really think you're some sort of great figure?"

Jiang Zhuliu's face turned grim because his greatest taboo was people talking about his background. Earlier, he'd already suffered disregard from Zuoqiu Ke, and it caused him to be filled with pent-up rage. At this moment, when he saw Gu Yueming dared to ridicule him to his face as well, it caused him to lose his compose, and he immediately said with an icy cold voice, "There's naturally a fair judgment about what sort of figure I am. However, you, Gu Yueming, are ranked lower than me yet dare to talk nonsense before me? Who the fuck do you think you are?"

The atmosphere was confrontational and explosive.

Gu Yueming's face sank as well, and he was just about to speak when he was interrupted by Tie Qiuyu who said, "Enough! If I wasn't your guide, I couldn't be fucking bothered to care about the crap between all of you! Now, if you don't wish for you qualifications to be stripped away, then all of you shut the fuck up!"

His voice was like thunder that exploded in the hall, and he didn't conceal his rage in the slightest.

Everyone present was apprehensive in their hearts, and they didn't dare speak any further.

Gu Yueming grunted coldly, and then he glanced at Jiang Zhuliu before turning and leaving.

Jiang Zhuliu had a bellyful of grievance with nowhere to vent it. When he saw Chen Xi who sat at the side, he became steady instead, and he sat before the table and looked at Chen Xi as he said, "If I'm not wrong, you ascended from the Mortal Dimension, right?"

Chen Xi didn't even spare him a glance as he directly stood up, and then he said to Tie Qiuyu, "Senior, if there's nothing else, then I'll be heading back to meditate first."

As he spoke, Chen Xi turned around and left.

Jiang Zhuliu's face sank when he saw Chen Xi actually dared to disregard him, and he said, "Earlier, Gu Yueming said that I'm of poor birth, and he was embarrassed to be associated with me. But I'm from the Immortal Dimension after all. Comparatively speaking, it's the greatest joke that he's friends with an ascender from the Mortal Dimension like you."

Chen Xi's footsteps were steady, and they weren't stiff in the slightest.

Jiang Zhuliu couldn't be bothered to conceal it any longer when he saw this, and he ridiculed bluntly. "Remember, no matter how terrible my birth is, it's much more superior to yours. Do you think you could have survived until now without the Liang Clan's protection?"

"Right, I obtained the support of the Yin Clan, but Miss Miaomiao has already agreed to be united as Dao Companions with me. Now, even the Zuoqiu Clan treats us specially. What qualifications do you have to compete with me?"

The more he spoke, the more agitated he became. He seemed as if he wanted to completely vent the resentment and rage in his heart, but his target had become Chen Xi instead.

"Besides that, after I pass Dao Emperor Academy's test this time, I, Jiang Zhuliu, will be a student of Dao Emperor Academy! Merely based on this identity, I'm someone that none of you can disrespect!"

Up until the point Chen Xi's figure vanished, Chen Xi didn't speak a single word nor reveal any emotion. This sort of silent disregard caused Jiang Zhuliu's expression to become livid, and he gnashed his teeth and said, "You'll regret this! All of you will regret this!"

He seemed as if he shouted out the final sentence he spoke.

At this moment, Yin Miaomiao that stood silently at the side couldn't help but frown as she felt Jiang Zhuliu had lost his composure, yet she didn't say anything in the end.

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At dawn, the azure sky above was lit up by clear light.

The entirety of Darkombat City had become extremely bustling before the sky had lit up completely. The streets were bustling with streams of people and wagons that surged like a tide, and all of them were rushing towards the inner city of Darkombat City.

Numerous variant beasts soared through the sky while crying and drifting through rosy clouds. The resplendent and blazing auspicious qi and glow emitted by their treasures made the entire sky seem gorgeous, dazzling, and extraordinarily grand.

All of this was because Dao Emperor Academy would begin the recruitment test today!

This was a grand event that could stir the three dimensions and draw countless experts over from all over. It wasn't just the Immortal Dimension, there was also the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension,

Phoenix Clan, and various other mysterious domains. It could be said that a storm had gathered here, and it was a gathering of experts!

This grand event was held every hundred years, and there were top experts of the younger generation that obtained a meteoric rise and became renowned in the world through this grand event every single time it was held!

For example, the Flaming Rain Ling Qingwu, the Iron Abyss Ye Tang, and the Jade Phoenix Wan Jiansheng who were part of the six blazing suns had advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, attained the supreme position as one of the blazing suns, and become the center of the three dimension's attention while in Dao Emperor Academy.

If one traced back the past, then the great figures that were born in Dao Emperor Academy were countless and magnificent like a river of stars. The most renowned of them all was the current Valiant Star Immortal King!

All of this caused Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment ceremony to be extremely grand every single time, and it was unprecedentedly spectacular. It was the most striking event in the three dimensions.

At dawn on this day, Chen Xi followed behind Tie Qiuyu and stepped onto the path to participate in Dao Emperor Academy's test.

His heart was calm, yet it was impossible to conceal his excitement.

Because this test was related to whether he would be able to truly gain a foothold in the Immortal Dimension!

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Chapter 1122: Half-step Immortal King

Today, Darkombat City was surging like an ocean with people, and it was an unprecedentedly grand scene.

At this moment, the entrance to the inner city was open, and the scene within it was shocking to many because instead of calling it an inner city, it should instead be called a mountain range that rose and fell without end.

The mountains rose and fell, and they were covered in ancient trees and mist. The deeper they moved in, the more beautiful the mountains were. It was covered in rosy clouds and numerous immortal beasts moved about within it.

There were many clear lakes on the way, and they emanated strands of dense mist and were filled with exuberant vitality.

"Beautiful and extraordinary, a paradise drifting with auspicious qi. It truly is a great place. This is still only the outer area of Darkombat City's inner city, yet it's already such a scene. It's already on par with some top rate paradises." Someone praised.

"Of course! This is the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension. Normally, can anyone besides students of the academy enter this area?"

The crowd surged towards the depths of the inner city, and only after walking over 50km ahead did they notice a stone stele that shot into the sky standing ahead. There were three words written on the stone stele — Dao Emperor Academy!

The strokes of the writing were extremely heavy and boundlessly powerful. It faintly emanated a boundlessly grand aura. When looked at from afar, it caused an ancient imposing aura to assault one's face, and it caused one's heart to tremble.

"According to legend, this stone stele was inscribed by the Dao Emperor himself when the academy was first built, and it carries a trace of a supreme aura of the Dao. The Flaming Rain, Ling Qingwu, one of the six blazing suns perceived a trace of its profundity by chance and attained the Golden Immortal Realm to ascend into the ranks of the blazing suns!" Someone sighed with emotion, and it drew the blazing gazes of many young disciples while their hearts surged without end.

"Quickly go on ahead. Once all of you pass the test and enter Dao Emperor Academy, all of you can come here to comprehend it at all times. There's no hurry." Someone experienced reminded all of them.

Immediately, the crowd continued heading towards the distance.

After they passed this stone stele, their field of vision opened up. A vast and flat square lay ahead. The ground of the square was covered in white and smooth jade while strands of mist drifted about.

When looked at from afar, it was like a layer of ice that had frozen on the surface of the boundless sea. It was jade white, translucent, and emanated a vast and divine aura.

Even further into the distance from the square was row upon row of grand buildings. Every single building emanated an ancient aura and seemed to have experienced the passage of countless years, causing everyone to be unable to help but arose reverence in their hearts.

"That's Dao Emperor Academy, a place that gave birth to countless legends!"

As they gazed at the building that stood silently in the extreme distance, many people let out exclaims of admiration, and their gazes revealed yearning and reverence that wasn't concealed in the slightest.

At this moment, there were no less than ten thousand people that were already on the vast square, and a dense mass of figures were everywhere the eye could see.

Not everyone had the qualifications to enter after Dao Emperor Academy opened the entrance to the inner city during the recruitment test this time. Besides the young disciples that would definitely participate in the tests, only the great figures from the top powers in the Immortal Dimension were allowed entrance.

If it wasn't for this restriction, then the entire inner city of Darkombat City would probably be filled in a short period of time.

Chen Xi, Gu Yueming, Liang Ren, Jiang Zhuliu, and Yin Miaomiao followed behind Tie Qiuyu and smoothly arrived on the vast square before Dao Emperor Academy.

There were many people!

There were even more experts!

This was Chen Xi's most direct feeling. Within the dense mass of people that seemed to form an ocean, everyone possessed an extremely formidable aura. It was an astonishing sight.

Obviously, the top experts of the younger generation in the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension were converged on the square before him, so it was impossible to find a single weakling amongst them!

Coupled with most of these experts were escorted by the seniors of their clans or sect, and it was naturally impossible for these seniors to be weak.

Simply speaking, the top experts of the Immortal Dimension's younger generation were gathered on the square before Dao Emperor Academy at this moment, and one could take pride in one's ability to be standing here.

"Do all of you see those grand halls at the side of the square? Those are prepared by Dao Emperor Academy for the distinguished guests of the three dimensions. The disciples from the seven great ancient clans and the top powers of the four great continents are in there."

"Besides that, the powers of the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and Phoenix Dimension have been arranged to reside within it. Once the test begins, the young disciples amongst them would come to participate in the test."

Someone pointed towards the side of the halls. There were numerous gorgeous mountains there, and those mountains were covered in numerous residences. At this moment, there were many figures standing before those residences.

Everyone felt envious. But they were also clearly aware that they were unable to compare with those existences. After all, the difference in their statuses was too great.

"On what basis are they able to reside in those halls while we have to wait on this square?" Someone couldn't refrain himself from speaking in a sour tone.

As soon as these words were spoken, it instantly caused numerous people to reveal ridicule and roll their eyes at him.

"On what basis? This question is really childish. Could it be that you don't know that many great figures of the seven great ancient clans and the various top powers are teaching in Dao Emperor Academy? Since the disciples of the powers they belong to are coming to participate in the test, they're naturally able to enjoy greater convenience."

"It isn't just that, the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and the various other mysterious domains mostly have a deep relationship with Dao Emperor Academy. According to my knowledge, an Azure Dragon that possesses the highest bloodline in the Dragon Dimension is teaching in Dao Emperor Academy, and he has always been protecting the Dao Scripture Pavilion of the academy."

"Alas, don't mention all of this. When you're able to become a blazing sun of the Immortal Dimension, then you'll naturally have the qualifications to enjoy such treatment. Otherwise, if it's in terms of background, you'll never be able to compare with those clans and sects."

The crowd discussed animatedly, and as the discussion went on, all of them sighed endlessly with emotion.

Chen Xi wasn't interested in all of this, and he asked Tie Qiuyu in a low voice. "Senior, when will the test begin?"

Tie Qiuyu raised his head to look at the sky to discern the time of the day, and then he said, "Soon, in less than fifteen minutes. At that time, Dao Emperor Academy will naturally send over some higher-ups to preside over the test."

Chen Xi nodded. It was only fifteen minutes, and it would pass very soon.

"Chen Xi, there's no need to be worried. So long as you pass the first round of the test, then I'll accompany you during the second round of the test. I refuse to believe they'll be able to do anything to us." At this moment, Liang Ren suddenly spoke in a low voice.

"Count me in as well." Gu Yueming spoke as well. As he spoke, he glanced coldly at the nearby Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he instantly understood that they probably thought he was worried that he would suffer the vengeance of the Zuoqiu Clan, Yin Miaomiao, and Jiang Zhuliu during the second round of the test.

He felt warm in his heart, yet he shook his head and said, "There's no need."

Liang Ren frowned. "This isn't the time to act strong. Not to mention that it's impossible for us to sit idly by and remain indifferent towards something that concerns you."

"Yes, how will you go against them all alone by yourself?" Gu Yueming frowned as he spoke as well.

Chen Xi laughed bitterly and took a deep breath before he said seriously, "I have the ability to deal with this matter. There's no need for the two of you to get involved, so as to avoid the Zuoqiu Clan bearing a grudge against the two of you."

He was indeed suggesting it sincerely, but these words caused Liang Ren and Gu Yueming to feel slightly displeased instead. They felt that Chen Xi was treating them like outsiders, and that he was underestimating their character.

Chen Xi instantly knew that the situation wasn't good when he saw their expressions. However, he thought for a moment yet was unable to figure out how he should explain it to them, so he instantly started laughing bitterly.

"Or perhaps, you think we're a burden?" Gu Yueming's brows knit together even more tightly when he saw Chen Xi acting in this way.

Chen Xi thought for a moment, and he said in the end, "Please believe me. I'll surely be able to deal with this matter by myself."

As they watched these three people acting in this way, even though the nearby Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu hadn't said anything, their gazes were suffused with a wisp of faint ridicule, and it was even to the extent that their gazes towards Chen Xi even carried a wisp of pity.

Chen Xi naturally noticed all of this, yet he didn't say anything.

"Alright, the first round of the test is about to begin. Unless you're able to firmly surpass Jiang Zhuliu in the Ascension Immortal Rankings, otherwise, we won't agree to allow you to take action by yourself during the second round of the test." Liang Ren spoke abruptly.

Chen Xi was stunned, and then he shrugged while feeling speechless. He didn't speak any further.

The reason he was speechless was that he firmly believed that he was capable of easily capturing and killing Jiang Zhuliu. After all, compared to the Void Guard, Lu Chen, Jiang Zhuliu was greatly inferior.

In other words, Chen Xi wouldn't even take Jiang Zhuliu to be an opponent when the tests begin later.

"Hmph!" Jiang Zhuliu grunted coldly. Liang Ren hadn't concealed what he said, and Jiang Zhuliu had heard it clearly. He felt a wave of displeasure when he heard Liang Ren comparing him to Chen Xi.

Yin Miaomiao puckered her lips at the side and revealed indifference.

Chen Xi, Liang Ren, and Gu Yueming similarly chose to react to this with indifference.

The relationship between them was already like fire and water, so continuing to cover it up would only cause them to seem extremely hypocritical, and it wasn't worth it.

Tie Qiuyu noticed all of this, and he couldn't help but sigh in his heart. The enmity between these little fellows is truly a headache. Nevermind, let them fight each other. I can't be bothered about it. In any case, it isn't me who's losing face...

Dang! Dang! Dang!

Suddenly, a wave of the ring of a bell resounded through the heavens and the earth. The sound rose and fell melodiously, and it was like the tune of the Grand Dao that struck directly at one's heart. It caused the hearts of everyone present to shake while their entire bodies felt refreshed, and the distracting thoughts within their minds were instantly cleared.

The Dao Bell has been rung! The test is finally about the begin!

Instantly, the clamorous discussion in the vast square had vanished, and it became solemn and silent. The gazes of everyone had shot towards Dao Emperor Academy in unison, and their gazes revealed a wisp of excitement that was impossible to conceal.

Numerous figures that emanated vast and mighty divine might soared into the sky like vast suns rising into the sky. They emanated boundless imposing auras that enveloped the heavens and the earth. There were seven of them.

The aura of every single figure was vast and divine. It was like an abyss and possessed the might to control the world and look down upon all living beings. Their cultivations had practically attained the Saint Immortal Realm.

Especially the middle aged man in the lead that wore a loose scholar's robe and had a serious expression. He possessed a boundless aura that was obscure like the ocean, and it shook the energy in the heavens and the earth for an area of 50,000km in the surroundings, causing it to become extremely silent. He was like an overlord.

"A Half-step Immortal King!" Someone exclaimed with shock in a low voice, and then abruptly went silent. The person didn't dare make any further noise as he was deeply afraid of infuriating this expert.

But even then, this voice was still heard by most people, and the atmosphere instantly became silent, perfectly silent. The atmosphere was solemn and carried an oppressive aura. The gazes everyone shot at those seven figures couldn't help but reveal a wisp of shock.

Six great figures at the Saint Immortal Realm and a Half-step Immortal King were actually sent out for a recruitment test! This...this is absolutely an extravagant display!

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Chapter 1123: It's Impossible To Become A King Without Karmic Luck

A Half-step Immortal King! Chen Xi was shocked in his heart, and he couldn't help but reveal a wisp of shock and admiration in his gaze.

The Immortal King Realm was above the Saint Immortal Realm. Since the ancient times until now, there were only a few supreme experts in the entire Immortal Dimension capable of ascending into this realm and receiving the reverence of all living beings.

The reason was that besides possessing a supreme cultivation in the path to immortality and Dao Heart, and the mastery of the Laws of the Grand Dao, if one desired to advance into the Immortal King Realm, then it was most important for one to go against the heavens and seize the Karmic Luck of the three dimensions!

Simply speaking, it was impossible to become a king without karmic luck!

Unfortunately, the karmic luck of the three dimensions was too incorporeal, and it came from the supreme circulation of the Grand Dao. Since the ancient times until now, countless Saint Immortal Realm experts had stopped before the Immortal King Realm, and it was because they were unable to seize the karmic luck of the three dimensions.

For example, at this moment, amidst the myriads of living beings in the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension, there were only a mere four known existences at the Immortal King Realm!

This obviously showed how difficult it was to advance into the Immortal King Realm.

On the other hand, the Half-step Immortal King Realm was slightly superior to the Saint Immortal Realm, yet inferior to the Immortal King Realm. It was in between these two realms, and it represented those existences who had a foot through the barrier to the Immortal King Realm yet had another foot still remaining outside the barrier.

These existences already possessed the ability to charge into the Immortal King Realm, and they were only lacking in the step of utilizing the 'karmic luck of the three dimensions' to temper themselves.

In other words, Half-step Immortal Kings could be considered the strongest experts beneath the Immortal King Realm!

Presently, Dao Emperor Academy had actually deployed such a supreme figure to preside over the recruitment test. Moreover, there were even six Saint Immortal Realm experts following by his side. This obviously showed how much importance Dao Emperor Academy attached to this recruitment.

"Hmph! That fellow, Wang Daolu, is getting more and more cocky!" Tie Qiuyu's low and cold grunt sounded out by Chen Xi's ears. Chen Xi turned around and saw Tie Qiuyu was laughing coldly as he gazed at the Half-step Immortal King Realm middle aged man who stood in midair, and Tie Qiuyu's expression was rather resentful.

"Wang Daolu? It couldn't be that he made senior lose 100,000 immortal stones, right?" Chen Xi was shocked in his heart as he recalled the unintentional complaint of Tie Qiuyu when he'd just arrived at Darkombat City.

He'd spoken these words via voice transmission. After all, this was a Half-step Immortal King, so even he didn't dare act rashly.

But even then, Chen Xi still acutely noticed that the middle aged man called Wang Daolu inadvertently glanced towards him.

Even though it was only a glance, at this instant, Chen Xi felt his soul shiver as if that gaze could see through all the secrets he possessed.

Fortunately, this gaze only swept past Chen Xi before it quickly descended onto the nearby Tie Qiuyu. Besides causing Chen Xi to heave a sigh of relief in his heart, Chen Xi couldn't help but be shocked inwardly because this Half-step Immortal King's gaze was truly too shocking.

Tie Qiuyu seemed as if he didn't notice it instead, and he raised his skinny chest as he glared indifferently at the distance Wang Daolu, and the resentment on his face grew deeper.

After that, Chen Xi noticed Wang Daolu withdraw his gaze and seem as if he couldn't be bothered with Tie Qiuyu. This caused Chen Xi to be shocked in his heart as he finally came to a sudden understanding that the background of Tie Qiuyu seemed to be rather extraordinary...

He wasn't stupid to really think that there was enmity between Tie Qiuyu and Wang Daolu. Conversely, based on their reactions, the was definitely some sort of special relationship between the two of them.

"When I saw you for the first time in the Martial Soul Hall that day, I intended to recommend you to Wang Daolu to be a student of his. Unfortunately, this old fellow had eyes yet failed to see, and he chose a young girl to be his student, causing me to fucking waste 100,000 immortal stones for nothing!" Tie Qiuyu sighed. This time, he utilized voice transmission as well as he seemed to be unwilling to allow Wang Daolu to hear what he said.

As he spoke, he patted Chen Xi on the shoulder. "You have to put on a good show. Don't let down my 100,000 immortal stones. You must prove to everyone in the world that he, Wang Daolu, has eyes yet fails to see, and he deserves to feel regret forever! He deserves to be unable to foster a blazing sun as his disciple! He deserves to be constantly surpassed by Daoist Nun Jiang!"

Chen Xi didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Are 100,000 immortal stones a lot? This is obviously a pretense, and Tie Qiuyu is obviously displeased that Wang Daolu didn't accept his opinion.

But when he thought about how Tie Qiuyu had taken the initiative to recommend him to a Half-step Immortal King, Chen Xi was shocked and extremely moved in his heart.

"Alas, unfortunately, you've cultivated for too short a period of time. There's no need to place a heavy load on yourself during the test this time. It's better to first enter Dao Emperor Academy smoothly, and it isn't too late to prove yourself to Wang Daolu in the future." Tie Qiuyu sighed and was slightly dispirited.

Obviously, he didn't think that Chen Xi was capable of amazing the world during the test this time, so Chen Xi would naturally be unable to prove to Wang Daolu that he, Tie Qiuyu, had made the right decision that day.

Chen Xi couldn't help but chuckle without end as he looked at depressed Tie Qiuyu.

"But I really think highly of you, kid. Your Martial Dao Will is so formidable that it's truly rare in the world. Cultivate properly in the future, and there'll be no need to worry about being unable to become another blazing sun in the Immortal Dimension." Tie Qiuyu suddenly started laughing, and he laughed complacently as he slowly said via voice transmission, "At that time, Wang Daolu will absolutely regret his decision that day. As one of the chief teachers of Dao Emperor Academy, once he chooses a personal disciple to inherit his mantle, then unless that disciple attains the Golden Immortal Realm, he's unable to take another student as his disciple. Haha! In this way, he'll naturally be unable to take you as his disciple. So the more outstanding your display is, the more regret that old fellow will feel. Hahahaha!!!"

Chen Xi was stunned once more. This Geezer Tie's really moody!

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Suddenly, a wave of violent fluctuation arose and enveloped an area of 50,000km. Accompanying this fluctuation was a floating wall of light that shot into the sky. It floated in midair before standing towering before the square, and it emanated a myriad of green and hazy brilliance.

The hearts of everyone shook when they saw this, and they knew that the test was about to begin.

Meanwhile, Wang Daolu spoke in a deep voice from midair. "Now, the first round of the test will be held. All disciples that possess a Violet Ribbon Starcrest, stand beneath the floating wall of light and start to receive its test. Other are not allowed to disturb them or make any noise!"

His voice was like the ringing of a morning bell, and it was extremely loud.

Immediately, numerous figures moved past the crowd and swiftly rushed towards the floating wall of light.

"Little Fellows, quickly go on ahead. I hope that all of you'll be triumphant. I'll be waiting for all of your results here." Tie Qiuyu waved his hand and spoke lightheartedly.

Chen Xi and the others took a deep breath to restrain the excitement in their hearts, and then they turned around and rushed over towards the distant floating wall of light.

The floating wall of light seemed to be holding up the sky as it stood there. Clear brilliance drifted around it, and it was divine and vast.

In merely a short moment, there were already 1,236 figures standing beneath the floating wall of light. These figures naturally included the top experts of the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and the various other mysterious domains.

In other words, there were a total of 236 top disciples of the younger generation that came from outside the Immortal Dimension.

Chen Xi stood at the back of the crowd while Liang Ren and Gu Yueming stood at his sides. On the other hand, Yin Miaomiao and Jiang Zhuliu stood near them instead, and they seemed to be unwilling to be associated with Chen Xi and the others.

Chen Xi and the others naturally didn't mind all of this, and they just looked towards the floating wall of light instead.

Unlike before, the test this time only required everyone to stand silently without moving, and the floating wall of light would automatically test all of them before their respective ranking would appear on the floating wall of light.

The disciples that came to participate in the test were the top figures of the younger generation in the various continents, so they were naturally aware of the test's procedure. However, up until the moment they faced this situation, they still couldn't help but feel a wave of anxiousness, excitement, delight, and anxiety. There were even some people that had silently clenched their fists together tightly.

To all of them, the test before them was like a dragon gate. So long as they passed it, they would be like a golden fish that transformed into a dragon, and they would have bright prospects in attaining the Grand Dao!

Under such circumstances, how could anyone be able to maintain their composure?

The atmosphere was silent and solemn. No one spoke, and this included the crowd that was observing from the surroundings of the square. All of them puckered their lips and kept silent, and they shot their gazes towards the distant floating wall of light in unison as they faintly revealed expressions of anticipation.

When he saw that all the participating disciples had gathered, Wang Daolu who stood in midair nodded slightly.

The six Saint Immortal Realm experts that stood by his side glanced at each other, and they formed immortal seals at the same time. Instantly, they emanated a myriad of strands of profound immortal light, and it surged into the floating wall of light like an expanse of tidewater.

Om~ Om~

The floating wall of light suddenly emanated a wave of strange noise and boundless fluctuation. It was like warm water, a gentle breeze, and it enveloped all 1,236 disciples present before the floating wall of light.

Everyone clearly noticed that balls of shimmering violet light floated up from the left shoulders of these disciples. Surprisingly, it was formed from the Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

"Sure enough, the test this time is related Starpoints as well. According to convention, only the disciples ranked in the top hundred of the first round of the test will be able to obtain Starpoints as a reward."

"Exactly. The top hundred ranked disciples will be rewarded with a hundred Starpoints, the top fifty will be rewarded with two hundred, the top ten will be rewarded with five hundred, and the top three will

be rewarded with a thousand Starpoints. Moreover, the first will obtain a reward of an extra thousand Starpoints!"

"My god! That's an outstanding amount of resources. I heard that a hundred Starpoints are already sufficient to be exchanged for a high-rank Darkspirit Grade Immortal Artifact in Dao Emperor Academy!"

The distant crowd whispered endlessly in discussion when they saw this. As they spoke, their gazes stared fixedly at the floating wall of light instead as they were deeply of missing the slightest detail.

"The number of top experts from the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and various other domains participating in the test this time is the highest in history. There's no lack of outstanding experts amongst them. I wonder if the position of the first ranked Ji Xuanbing, the second ranked Zhongli Xun, and the third ranked Jiang Canghai on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings will be impacted..."

"I heard that the Buddha Dimension's innate Buddhist Disciple, Zhen Lu, the Dragon Dimension's number one genius Ao Wuming, and the descendent of a true phoenix of the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Mengli, were all born with Karmic Luck in their possession, and they possess supreme natural endowment that's world shocking. According to my prediction, the three of them are capable of easily ascending into the top ten of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings."

"Unfortunately, the Devil Dimension, Spirit Dimension, and Pill Dimension's top geniuses have headed over to the other six academies to participate in their recruitment tests. Otherwise, the competition this time would definitely be even more brilliant."

"All in all, variables definitely exist, and we just have to see what the final outcome is."

Om!!

Right at this moment, a clear howl that shook the heavens and the earth resounded. After that, the originally empty floating wall of light suddenly surged with numerous strands of gold and brilliant rays of light.

It was as if golden lotuses were surging out of the ground. They were peerlessly dazzling and shot into the sky, and they represented the names of the various top disciples!

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Chapter 1124: Shocked!

Row after row of names surged up onto the floating wall of light like rays of golden radiance, and they seemed like gradually rising stars that emanated dazzling and blazing light. It drew the attention of everyone present here at the square.

At this moment, even the disciples participating in the test had become anxious, and their gazes stared unblinkingly at the floating wall of light as they tried hard to find their names.

In next to no time, a disciple cheered as he said, "The 1,000th! Haha! I thought that I would be eliminated this time, yet I never imagined that I would actually pass the first round smoothly!"

You're delighted to such an extent from being the 1,000th?

Everyone couldn't help but chuckle as they raised their eyes to look. Sure enough, they saw a wisp of golden light had faded on the bottommost position on the floating wall of light, and then a name appeared.

In next to no time, the 999th, 998th... Numerous rays of golden light faded one by one as they moved up, and they revealed name after name.

Cheering echoed with every revelation of a name, and it drew the extreme admiration of many people.

Especially the crowd that was watching from afar. Many of them were the seniors that had come along with these disciples. In the outside world, all of them were great figures that possessed might that reigned over an area, yet now, when they saw the names of the disciples from their powers appearing on the floating wall of light, all of them started crying with joy or danced with excitement. They didn't seem like great figures at all.

But no one laughed at them because if it was themselves, they would definitely be unable to control their feelings as well when they saw such a scene. After all, this was Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test! Being able to pass smoothly through the first round of the test was already something worthy of taking pride in!

Along with the passage of time, the cheering on the square grew louder and louder, whereas, the disciples whose names hadn't appeared yet and those seniors that came with them became more and more anxious, and they didn't even dare breathe heavily.

Amongst the people present, only a small portion could be considered to be composed. These included the top existences that were already ranked in the top ten of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, and the extraordinary figures of the younger generation from the Dragon Dimension, Buddha Dimension, and Phoenix Clan.

Of course, it also included Wang Daolu and the six Saint Immortal Realm experts that watched silently from midair.

"Brother Wang, do you think a blazing sun might appear amongst the disciples from this year?" A Saint Immortal smiled while asking in a low voice.

Wang Daolu's expression was calm and reserved, and he said indifferently, "It's only three rounds of tests, so how can we distinguish a blazing sun? The matters of the world are impossible to predict. I don't dare to make a rash verdict."

Another Saint Immortal said lightheartedly, "Brother Wang, just go ahead. Your distinguishing gaze is the most extraordinary in our Dao Emperor Academy."

Wang Daolu seemed to have thought of something, causing his face to sink slightly. "My distinguishing gaze is extraordinary? Haven't the seedlings I took a liking to in these past few years been seized away by that mad old woman, Daoist Nun Jiang? The Flaming Rain Ling Qingwu and the Iron Abyss Ye Tang were both discovered by me first! Hmph! I won't say a single word in the future."

The other Saint Immortals glanced at each other, and they smiled bitterly without end. The enmity between Wang Daolu and Daoist Nun Jiang had been going on for a long time, so it wasn't good for them to say anything when they saw that Wang Daolu was slightly displeased at this moment.

"However, the curtains to the upheaval of the three dimensions are about to be drawn. All of you should be clearly aware that numerous world shocking geniuses would be born during troubled times, and there's no lack of leading geniuses that can lead an era. Perhaps some world shocking geniuses might appear during the recruitment test this time." Wang Daolu suddenly changed his tone and knit his brows together as he pondered before he said, "If all of you intend to find an inheritor to your mantle, then you must pay careful attention. Don't allow other teachers to seize away the disciple you choose."

The six Saint Immortals seemed to be lost in thought when they heard this.

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More and more rays of golden light surged onto the floating wall of light. Some rays directly faded and transformed into names while some rose up continuously, causing others to be unable to see exactly whose name the ray of light represented.

But it was undeniable that the rays of golden light that rose continuously definitely represented extraordinary figures. On the other hand, comparatively speaking, those experts whose names had already been revealed possessed much more inferior combat strengths and natural talent.

Of course, so long as one's name appeared on the floating wall of light, then it represented that one had smoothly advanced into the top thousand of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings and passed the first round of the test.

Those names that didn't appear on the floating wall of light were those that had been eliminated.

However, no one was able to make a final verdict at this moment because those golden lights were rising without end. No one knew which disciple's name it represented, so no one was willing to admit that they'd been eliminated at this moment.

Even if it was those disciples that were originally ranked at the lower end of the rankings, they couldn't help but arouse a trace of hope in their hearts, and they hoped that a pleasant surprise and miracle would occur.

"My name has appeared! The 892nd! Haha! Even though my position has lowered by a few tens of positions when compared to before, I've passed the first round of the test in the end." Meanwhile, Liang Ren roared with laughter, and the excitement on his face was impossible to conceal.

Chen Xi was extremely happy for him as well. He knew very well that Liang Ren was ranked at the 863rd position in the past, and Liang Ren's position was in slight danger because of the participation of the top experts from outside the Immortal Dimension. But Liang Ren had advanced smoothly into the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm a few days ago, and it was obviously this that dealt with the danger he faced and allowed him to avoid being eliminated.

"Mine has appeared as well! The 430th!" It wasn't long before Gu Yueming heaved a sigh of relief. Even though he tried hard to maintain his composure, yet the delight and excitement between his eyes was utterly impossible to conceal.

Chen Xi was stunned, and he was slightly surprised because Gu Yueming was previously ranked at the 392nd position. His ranking was greatly superior to Yin Miaomiao that was ranked at the 546th position. Yet now, Gu Yueming's name had appeared while Yin Miaomiao's name hadn't.

After that, he recalled that Liang Ren told him Yin Miaomiao had broken through once more a month ago, and she'd advanced into the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm. So her combat strength had definitely changed.

Liang Ren and Gu Yueming were both extremely delighted, but when they saw Chen Xi staring blankly, they couldn't help but glance at each other and restrain their laughter.

"Chen Xi, continue waiting. You can only confirm your true position once the dust has settled." Liang Ren hesitated before consoling in a low voice.

"Yeah, there's no need to be anxious. With your combat strength, you ought to not be eliminated..." Gu Yueming consoled as well, but his voice seemed to be slightly lacking in confidence.

Because he was similarly clearly aware that the positions from a thousand to three hundred had already appeared, whereas, Chen Xi's name still hadn't appeared. So the situation was slightly bad...

Liang Ren was just like Gu Yueming. Even though he was clearly aware that Chen Xi had currently advanced into the Mysterious Immortal Realm, yet he didn't dare confirm that Chen Xi could make his way into the top three hundred positions.

After all, this was the Ascensio Immortal Rankings that gathered the top existences of the 4,900 continents in the Immortal Dimension, the Buddha Dimension, the Dragon Dimension, the Phoenix Clan, and the various other domains. Every single one of them was a top figure that was selected from a myriad of living beings, so it was obvious how brutal the competition for a thousand positions between so many extraordinary disciples was.

This was reality. No matter how confident they were towards Chen Xi, they couldn't avoid feeling slightly worried at this moment.

Chen Xi couldn't help but laugh bitterly as he rubbed his nose in reaction to this, and he opened his mouth yet didn't know how to explain it. In the end, he said, "Yes, we'll see later."

Liang Ren and Gu Yueming nodded successively. They didn't know how to console Chen Xi.

"Miaomiao, congratulations on advancing into the 278th position in one go!" Meanwhile, the nearby Jiang Zhuliu roared with laughter, and his voice just happened to be loud enough for Chen Xi and the others to hear clearly.

Liang Ren and Gu Yueming raised their heads and looked over. Sure enough, Yin Miaomiao's name was at the 278th position, and they instantly revealed depressed expressions.

Chen Xi's expression remained composed as before, and he said in his heart, This Yin Miaomiao's accumulation isn't bad, and she's even slightly superior to Liang Ren and Gu Yueming...

While Chen Xi pondered, Jiang Zhuliu's voice resounded once more. "Looks like some people really have no luck in entering Dao Emperor Academy. Unfortunately, we won't be able to meet in the second round of the test."

Some people, it ought to be someone, and it was naturally targeted at Chen Xi.

Yin Miaomiao glanced at Chen Xi when she heard this, and then she withdrew her gaze. Her bearing was cold and aloof as she said indifferently, "It really is a slight pity. But it isn't really a pity. After all, there's no one to blame if one's strength is insufficient."

Liang Ren and Gu Yueming were extremely infuriated when they heard this, and they glanced over with an icy cold gaze.

Chen Xi hurriedly restrained the two of them when he saw this. "This is Dao Emperor Academy's test. Don't get angry so as to avoid suffering punishment."

"How repulsive!"

"Disgusting!"

Gu Yueming and Liang Ren grunted coldly in unison.

"Heh! Once we enter the second round of the test, I'll ask both of you what do you mean by repulsive and disgusting!" Jiang Zhuliu laughed coldly while his words revealed unconcealed threats.

"Some people really should restrain themselves so as to avoid bringing trouble to themselves." After she finished saying this, Yin Miaomiao raised her head to look at the floating wall of light, and a wisp of an arc couldn't help but curl onto the corners of her lips. "Brother Jiang, you're ranked at the 215th position, congratulations! You've improved by an entire eighty six positions when compared to before."

Jiang Zhuliu couldn't help but roar with laughter when he heard this, and he was unable to restrain the delight and complacency in his heart any longer.

He glanced proudly at Chen Xi's group of three. "It's about to enter the competition for the top two hundred positions. Could it be that someone still thinks he'll be able to be ranked amongst it? Such wishful thinking! I advise someone to give up right now, so as to avoid suffering a blow and being humiliated."

Meanwhile, Liang Ren and Gu Yueming couldn't be bothered to argue with Jiang Zhuliu. Both of them accompanied Chen Xi by his side, and they were worried that he would be unable to endure this.

Yes, the golden light on the floating wall of light was already revealing the names within the top two hundred. As far as they were concerned, the higher it went, the smaller the chances were for Chen Xi to be ranked there, so they naturally couldn't avoid feeling worried.

Chen Xi was indifferent towards all of this instead. He just looked at the floating wall of light with a calm and composed expression, and he didn't seem dejected at all.

Along with the passage of time, the floating wall of light started to reveal the top hundred rankings, whereas Liang Ren and Gu Yueming became even more worried for Chen Xi.

Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao were more and more reassured, and a wisp of coldness appeared on the corners of their mouths.

At this moment, even the people in the surroundings had became anxious. Those ranked in the top hundred were already able to be rewarded with Starpoints, and every single disciple capable of being ranked in the top hundred was a rare talent!

Amidst this silence, name after name appeared on the floating wall of light, and most of them came from the Ji Clan, Mu Clan, Jiang Clan, Xuanyuan Clan, Moqi Clan, Zhongli Clan, Zuoqiu Clan, and the top powers of the four great continents.

Of course, it included the top existences of the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, and Phoenix Dimension.

It could be said that every single name amongst them carried the shadow of a top power!

This indirectly displayed how deep the resources and reserves of these top powers in the Immortal Dimension was, and only such powers might be able to foster such extraordinary figures.

"The 15th, Zuoqiu Feiyu."

"The 14th, Mu Wanyu."

"The 13th, Dragon Dimension's Ao Qingjun."

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Along with the imminent revelation of the top ten, the atmosphere at the scene was silent to the extreme, and even a dropping needle could be heard. Everyone held their breaths in concentration while staring fixedly at the position of the top ten.

The top ten could be called the top ten in the younger generation of the entire Immortal Dimension! How many people amongst the myriad of living beings in the world could obtain such an honor?

"The 10th, Zuoqiu Yin!"

When they saw this scene, everyone present was shocked and felt extreme envy. Only the expressions of the Zuoqiu Clan's disciples sank because Zuoqiu Yin was ranked at the 7th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings before this!

In other words, during the first round of Dao Emperor Academy's recruitment test, Zuoqiu Yin had actually been pushed down by three positions!

Perhaps this was a type of supreme honor to everyone present at the square, yet to members of one of the seven great ancient clans, the Zuoqiu Clan, it was a great blow to them.

Om!

A bright light flashed once more on the floating wall of light, and then a name that was unexpected to all floated up into appearance — Chen Xi!

Who's this young man? There seems to be none that are surnamed Chen amongst the seven great ancient clans, the top powers of the four great continents, the Buddha Dimension, the Dragon Dimension, the Phoenix Clan, or the various other domains, right?

Everyone was shocked!

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Chapter 1125: Rising To Fame

Up until this point in the first round of the test, numerous facts could be deduced from the floating wall of light.

For example, practically all the experts in the top hundred positions were from the seven great ancient clans, the Buddha Dimension, the Dragon Dimension, the Phoenix Clan, and the top powers of the four great continents.

For example, the strength of those in the top hundred were practically all at the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, and only a few were at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, whereas the most striking of them all was Mu Xiaoliu that was a young man at the perfection-stage of the Heavenly Immortal Realm. He was like a weirdo that was ranked at the 46th position.

This caused the young man called Mu Xiaoliu to be the one and only Heavenly Immortal Realm expert amongst the top hundred positions. When his name appeared on the floating wall of light, it even drew countless exclaims of admiration from the surroundings.

But no matter what, Mu Xiaoliu was also a member of one of the seven great ancient clans, the Mu Clan, and his background was no different from the other experts.

Yet now, a name that was extremely unfamiliar to almost everyone present here had appeared at the 9th position on the floating wall of light. This extremely unfamiliar surname seemed too striking, and it caused everyone present to almost not dare believe their eyes!

Chen Xi?

Who's this young man?

They swore to god, they absolutely firmly believed that this kid was definitely not a descendant of the seven great ancient clans, nor a disciple of the top powers in the four great continents, and he wasn't an expert of the Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, or Phoenix Dimension as well!

Because surprisingly, the words Southbridge Continent were written by the side of his name!

Southbridge Continent? Is there an existence comparable to the seven great ancient clans in the Southbridge Continent? How could they possibly foster such a heaven defying figure?

Everyone was puzzled, and they were shocked speechless.

Even if one looked back to the recruitment tests of Dao Emperor Academy in the countless years of the past, such a situation was extremely rare, and it have never appeared in the last few thousands of years.

Because during every single recruitment test, the top hundred positions were controlled completely by the various great powers, and it was too difficult for the names of disciples that came from other powers to be ranked amidst the top hundred!

So when Chen Xi's name appeared at this moment, it was comparable to a miracle, and it break the fixed outcome of the past. Thus, everyone couldn't help but be shocked.

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"Alas, all in all, this fellow, Chen Xi, is too disappointing. He wasn't even able to pass the first round of the test. How will we cooperate with the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan during the second round of the test? Hmm? Miaomiao, why's your expression...?" Jiang Zhuliu sighed via voice transmission with a slightly regretful tone, and there was even a wisp of an indescribable feeling of superiority in his voice.

Before Chen Xi's name appeared on the floating wall of light, Yin Miaomiao and him were chatting quietly because their positions had already been confirmed, and they didn't have any extravagant hopes of being ranked in the top hundred.

Thus, they moved their attention towards the second round of the test.

Or perhaps, it could be said that they were mainly concerned about how to maintain their relationship with the Zuoqiu Clan.

But at this moment, Jiang Zhuliu suddenly noticed that Yin Miaomiao actually went silent while her expression turned slightly stiff, and she was staring fixedly at the floating wall of light while even her body couldn't help but shiver as if she'd seen a ghost.

"Ha? What's wrong? I've never seen you like this..." Jiang Zhuliu laughed as he moved his gaze towards the floating wall of light. After that, the wisp of a smile on the corners of his mouth stiffened while he seemed as if he'd been struck by lightning. His pupils constricted, his mouth opened wide, and he had an extremely dumbstruck appearance.

"This, this, this..." Jiang Zhuliu felt that the name on the 9th position was so eye piercing, so absurd, and it shocked him to the point he was unable to speak.

It felt as if someone had struck him with a rod from behind, and it caused his head to feel dazed while breathing became difficult for him.

Meanwhile, Jiang Zhuliu was dumbstruck just like Yin Miaomiao. His gaze was fixed upon the floating wall of light while he had a stiff expression, and his heart surged with waves.

Within a hall far away from the square, Mu Linglong who wore a dress covered in petals and gilded in the pattern of water noticed that familiar name, and she couldn't help but open her eyes wide while she couldn't restrain the excitement between her brows. She opened her cherry lips lightly and muttered. "I knew it would be like this. But this ranking is truly shocking... This is good as well, he surpassed that Zuoqiu Yin, and that little girl Zuoqiu Ke will definitely be angered to death."

Before the floating wall of light, Mu Xiaoliu puckered his lips angrily and said, "What a freak! He completely seized the limelight away from me, Mu Xiaoliu! Especially hateful of it all is that this fellow was actually from Southbridge Continent, and he caused me to search for him at Eastern Peace Continent's Martial Soul Hall for a long time to no avail. Moreover, I was fiercely cursed at by Big Sister Linglong... I must surely find the chance to fight him."

Within another hall, Zuoqiu Ke had a icy cold expression. She was ranked at the 1,000th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings before the first round of the test, and she didn't hold any hope in being able to pass the test. So when the test began, she directly returned to the hall to wait.

In any case, even if she was unable to pass the test, she would be able to enter smoothly into Dao Emperor Academy by relying on the forces of the Zuoqiu Clan in Dao Emperor Academy. So her mood was much more composed than others.

Similarly, she was very clearly aware that Chen Xi would definitely not be eliminated, otherwise, the twelve Void Guards of her Zuoqiu Clan that perished at Chen Xi's hands would seem to be too useless.

However, never had Zuoqiu Ke imagined that not only had Chen Xi not been eliminated, he charged into the 9th position of the floating wall of light instead, and he even pushed down the ranking of their Zuoqiu Clan's strongest participant in the test, Zuoqiu Yin, to the 10th position!

This outcome was something she was unwilling to see happen, thus her expression became rather icy cold and contained a wisp of anger that was impossible to conceal. Looks like I still have to utilize the methods Big Brother instructed me with to deal with him in the second round of the test...

"What a kid! What a surprise!" Tie Qiuyu slapped his thigh while laughing from ear to ear, and he thought happily in his heart. As expected of an extraordinary genius that I, Tie Qiuyu, took a fancy to. It's sufficient for him to become renowned in the Immortal Dimension merely from the fact that he attained the glory of 9th on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings while at the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm! Now, let me see if you regret it or not, Wang Daolu!

In midair, the six Saint Immortals clicked their tongues in admiration while they couldn't conceal the shock in their expressions, and they thought in their hearts. This little fellow's origins are insignificant, he truly is a good seedling that's difficult to come by. If he passes through the third round of the test smoothly, then I have to make contact with him and prevent him from being seized by the others...

Only Wang Daolu's expression remained indifferent and solemn; only his eyes had narrowed slightly. He still clearly remembered that this young man had come with Tie Qiuyu, and he said in his heart, No wonder Old Miser Tie intended to recommend him to become my disciple that day. This strength is extremely extraordinary indeed. Unfortunately, I already have a disciple, and my disciple's natural endowment is superior to this kid.

"My old friend, do you regret it now? Hahaha!!!" Tie Qiuyu's wild laughter suddenly sounded out by Wang Daolu's ears, causing him to glance indifferently at the distant Tie Qiuyu before he said, "Want to make me feel regret? Wait until he passes all the tests."

"Hmph! After so many years, you're still so stubborn. No wonder Daoist Nun Jiang..."

Wang Daolu grunted coldly and interrupted him. "Old Miser Tie, don't mention that mad old woman!"

"Alright, then I'll fucking wait and see. I'll see how regretful you'll feel, old fellow." Tie Qiuyu's voice stopped abruptly.

Wang Daolu withdrew his gaze as well.

At the same time, Liang Ren and Gu Yueming stared fixedly at Chen Xi as if a flower was growing from Chen Xi's face, and their expressions were both extremely strange.

"What a freak!" Both of them sighed emotionally in unison. It was merely three words, yet coupled with their sighs, it vividly displayed the wild joy and shock both of them felt in their hearts.

Chen Xi didn't know whether to laugh of cry, and he said to himself, If I knew earlier that I would be ranked at the 9th position, I would have surely told the both of you. The main point is that even I didn't know...

After that, he saw Gu Yueming suddenly turn around to look at Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao before lightly spitting out three words. "Slap! Slap! Slap!"

His words were spoken clearly and forcefully, one at a time, and it sounded like the sound of one's face being slapped.

When it entered into the ears of Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao, it caused both of their already stiff and dumbstruck expression to become even more unsightly. It was as if someone had struck three hard slaps on their faces, and their faces burned while their hearts twitched fiercely without end. They were infuriated and resentful to the limit.

Gu Yueming and Liang Ren roared with laughter when they saw this, and they felt extremely delighted and comfortable in their hearts.

Chen Xi didn't notice this scene instead. At this moment, his gaze had descended onto the floating wall of light and the names that were appearing on it.

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"The 8th, Moqi Yun."

"The 7th, Mu Yuchong."

The 6th, Jiang Canghai."

"The 5th, Ao Wuming."

"The 4th, Zhongli Xun."
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Along with the appearance of these names, the attention of everyone present here had moved from Chen Xi, and the atmosphere became strained once more.

Especially when they saw the originally second ranked Zhongli Xun and third ranked Jiang Canghai had respectively been pushed down to the 4th and 5th position, it even caused an uproar at the scene.

Even Wang Daolu and the six Saint Immortals in midair frowned.

This ranking meant that a great change had occurred in the top three positions, and it was definitely the Buddha Dimension and Phoenix Clan that was capable of causing such a change.

The only thing that was surprising was that the direct descendant of Dragon Dimension's Green Dragon imperial lineage, Ao Wuming's, position was already decided, and he was ranked at the 5th position.

"Presently, only the Immortal Dimension's Ji Xuanbing, the Buddha Dimension's Zhen Lu, and the Phoenix Clan's Zhao Mengli's names haven't appeared on the floating wall of light."

"I wonder if Ji Xuanbing will be able to maintain the position of first on the rankings during today's test. It must not be seized by the experts from outside the Immortal Dimension..."

Many people were extremely worried.

"It's fine even if it's seized away because this is only the first round of the test. The final victor will only be decided once the tests end."

"Exactly. During the third round of the test and the especially during the brutal second round of the test, the combat strength and ability of an expert would be clearly revealed. So we don't have to worry about this first round of the test, and we should wait silently while thinking about the long-term outcome."

"Ji Xuanbing is the most formidable amongst the direct descendants of the Ji Clan, and there has been more than one Immortal King Realm existence amongst their Ji Clan's ancestors. In my opinion, Ji Xuanbing will definitely be the worthy first ranked expert after the three rounds of the test conclude!"

The crowd whispered animatedly in discussion. Even though they spoke in this way, yet the anxiousness in their hearts was impossible to eliminate in a short period of time. All of them moved their gazes and stared at the position of the top three on the floating wall of light.

Even Chen Xi couldn't help but look over curiously. Exactly what position will these three top experts from the Immortal Dimension, Buddha Dimension, and Phoenix Clan occupy during the first round of the test?

Talisman Emperor

Chapter 1126: Bloodlands

On the floating wall of light, three blazing golden light actually seemed as if they were fighting, and they were competing with each other for the first three positions. They seemed like three dragons in an extremely intense rivalry.

This scene caused everyone present in the surroundings to be extremely shocked. They were very clearly aware that it represented the strength these three people possessed, and they were practically on par with each other!

Perhaps it would only be a trace of distance that would decide their final position.

"A rivalry between three experts, yet the final outcome is unable to be decided after so long. Such a scene very rarely appeared in the recruitment tests of the past. It's truly rare." The crowd exclaimed with surprise, and all of them felt that the recruitment tests this time could be considered to be the most exciting in history.

Chen Xi puckered his lips as show his gaze towards the place closest to the floating wall of light. There were only a little over ten people there, and all of them possessed peerless auras and graceful bearings.

Amongst them were three people that were the most striking.

They were respectively a young monk, a young woman in a crimson dress, and a dignified man in loose garments and a girdle.

The young monk wore a moon yellow colored monk's robe, had a tranquil and extraordinary appearance, and the mark of a golden lotus on his forehead. He was undoubtedly the innate Buddhist disciple, Zhen Lu.

When he arrived at Darkombat City, Chen Xi had once seen him from afar while on the way into the city. At that time, Zhen Lu was riding atop a Golden Dracophant, and he'd once inadvertently shot a glance at Chen Xi, causing Chen Xi to have a rather deep impression of Zhen Lu.

On the other hand, the young woman in a crimson dress had a slender figure and black hair that hung down to her waist like a waterfall. Her body was coiled by strands of translucent flames that caused others to be unable to see her appearance clearly. But Chen Xi dared to confirm that she was definitely the descendant of a True Phoenix in the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Mengli.

The strands of translucent flames that surrounded her body were surprisingly one of the top terrifying flames in the three dimensions, True Phoenix Blaze!

The last man in loose garments and a girdle had a tall and mighty figure. His shoulders were broad, and his bearing was graceful and lofty. As he stood there casually, he naturally emanated a noble and lofty imposing aura like a sovereign that had descended to the world.

Ji Xuanbing!

Chen Xi was able to clearly sense the imposing aura Ji Xuanbing emanated, and it was definitely an aura of someone that cultivated a cultivation technique of the 'Imperial Dao.' It was supreme, noble, and like a sovereign that had arrived in the world. In terms of inheritance in the Imperial Dao, the Ji Clan was the most renowned in the Immortal Dimension!

According to legend, when the Immortal Dimension was formed, the ancestor of the Ji Clan was an emperor that possessed world shocking ability, and he controlled numerous domains and possessed peerless might.

All of this allowed Chen Xi to be able to clearly determine that the man in loose garments and a girdle was definitely Ji Xuanbing.

They really do possess peerless elegant demeanors and extraordinary auras. Every one of these three people are capable of being figures that lead an era no matter if they're in the Immortal Dimension, Buddha Dimension, or Phoenix Clan. However, all of three of them have appeared here at once. The heavens really favor them... Chen Xi sighed with emotion in his head, yet he didn't feel inferior at all. All along the way, he'd seen countless dazzling figures that were the favorites of the heavens, yet only a mere few of them were able to have the last laugh.

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A wave of intense and strange fluctuation rumbled as a name finally appeared on the position of the 3rd on the floating wall of light — Zhao Mengli!

Everyone from the Immortal Dimension heaved a sigh of relief in their hearts when they saw this, because it was fine so long as it wasn't Ji Xuanbing who'd been pushed down in position!

Chen Xi acutely sensed the changes in the mood of everyone in the surroundings, and he couldn't help but chuckle while shaking his head. He knew that in the eyes of the people from the Immortal Dimension, Ji Xuanbing had already become the representative in the rivalry with the Buddha Dimension and Phoenix Clan.

But as far as Chen Xi was concerned, no matter if it was the Immortal Dimension, Buddha Dimension, or Phoenix Clan, they were all part of the three dimensions, and this rivalry didn't seem very necessary.

Of course, the most important reason was that he came from the Mortal Dimension, and he didn't have much of a sense of belonging to the Immortal Dimension. So he wasn't like those people that came from the powers of the Immortal Dimension, and he didn't attach much importance to such competition.

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After a short moment, another wave of strange fluctuation resounded, and then the hearts of every single person present here instantly tightened. Their gazes shot over in unison and stared fixedly at the ray of light that was fading.

At this instant, the entire surroundings were silent.

On the floating wall of light, the gold light faded bit by bit. But when they saw the name it revealed clearly, everyone present here was stunned, their pupils dilated, and they didn't dare believe their eyes.

Ji Xuanbing!

How could Ji Xuanbing be the second?!

Such a scene was slightly impossible to accept for the powers of the Immortal Dimension. Ji Xuanbing was the second, then the first was naturally Zhen Lu.

When they thought about how the Buddha Dimension had seized the top position in their own territory, the feelings of everyone from the Immortal Dimension became complicated, and they stared blankly and silently at the floating wall of light.

This moment was supposed to be a moment that the entire crowd cheered and celebrated that the top ten positions had been decided. Yet now, the scene was deathly silent.

"Good, not bad. This year's first round of the test is more exciting than the previous years." In midair, Wang Daolu was the first to clap and praise, and his voice shook the surroundings and broke the silence.

After that, the other six Saint Immortals smiled and nodded without end.

Only now did a surging uproar resound in the surroundings, and the waves of voices shook the nine heavens and completely swept away the silent atmosphere from before. In next to no time, the square had transformed into an ocean of cheering.

Indeed, the first round of the test this year could be considered to be peerlessly exciting. First, the Mu Clan's Mu Xiaoliu had stepped into the top hundred of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings while at the Heavenly Immortal Realm, and he was like a red dot amongst a myriad of green leaves.

After that, a young man called Chen Xi appeared out of nowhere and occupied the 9th position with a cultivation at the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, and he surpassed the peak expert of the Zuoqiu Clan's younger generation, Zuoqiu Yin, to receive matchless glory.

At the last moment, a scene of three experts fighting for supremacy even appeared. They represented the rivalry of the strongest experts in the younger generation of the Immortal Dimension, Buddha

Dimension, and Phoenix Clan. In the end, the final three positions had been decided, and it caused everyone to be shocked.

At this moment, the dust had finally settled, so how could anyone restrain the feelings in their hearts?

They cheered!

They were surprised! They roared with laughter!

They congratulated the experts of the younger generation!

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Various waves of voices converged and shook the nine heavens, and it lingered incessantly by everyone's ears.

"Now, I finally understand why you insisted on not allowing us to participate the second round of the test with you. You obviously think we're too much of a burden for you!" Liang Ren roared with laughter and teased Chen Xi.

"Exactly. This fellow really hurts our self-esteem!" Gu Yueming glared at Chen Xi before he started laughing.

Chen Xi rubbed his nose while his gaze inadvertently swept towards the surroundings. He noticed that while some people cheered excitedly, some chose to leave silently and dejectedly.

Those that left were the disciples whose names hadn't appeared on the floating wall of light. In other words, they were already eliminated from the test, and they were unable to enter Dao Emperor Academy.

Only the smiles of the successful are noticed, while the tears of the others are forgotten.

Such words couldn't help but appear in Chen Xi's mind, and then the excitement in his heart faded while he became calm.

This was only the first round of the test, and it was only the first step that he, Chen Xi, took to gain a foothold in the Immortal Dimension.

He wasn't satisfied with only this!

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Suddenly, numerous golden flowers drifted down from the sky, and then they transformed into dazzling golden rays of light that surged into the bodies of many disciples present in the surroundings.

At the same time, Chen Xi sensed that at that place that represented Starpoints within his Violet Ribbon Starcrest was another new line of words, 500!

This was the reward obtained from passing the first test. The top hundred would each be rewarded with 100 Starpoints, the top fifty would be rewarded with 200 each, the top ten would be rewarded with 500

each, and the top three would be rewarded with 1,000 each. Moreover, first place would be rewarded with an extra 1,000 Starpoints.

"Now, the second round of the test will begin." In midair, Wang Daolu swept the surroundings with his gaze, causing the clamorous noise to stop abruptly, and then he said, "Those disciples that passed the first round of the test, follow me."

As he spoke, he flicked his sleeve, causing a shapeless force to surge from the heavens and the earth, and it enveloped Chen Xi and all the other disciples that passed the first round of the test.

In the next moment, they vanished on the spot.

"Sleeve Universe! I heard that Senior Wang Daolu's sleeves are sufficient to easily carry a world with him. I wonder if it's true."

"It's naturally true, otherwise, how could he become one of the chief teachers of Dao Emperor Academy?"

The crowd wasn't surprised by such a scene, and they spoke with praise instead. They felt extreme admiration towards Wang Daolu's cultivation.

Wang Daolu was completely unaware of all of this. His figure flashed before vanishing on the spot long with the six Saint Immortals.

""Next, they'll be entering the Bloodlands to participate in the test. Little Fellows, all of you must be careful..." Tie Qiuyu's expression couldn't help but turn solemn when he saw this scene.

The second round of the test would be carried out within a Secret Realm created by Dao Emperor Academy, and the outside world would be unable to interfere with everything that occurred within it. So the competition and battles within were extremely fair.

At this moment, the experts at the square hadn't left, and they converged towards the floating wall of light instead before their gazes shot towards it in unison.

After the second round of the test began, the rankings of the disciples that participated in the test within the Bloodlands would be clearly reflected on the floating wall of light, allowing every single person here to notice it clearly.

The atmosphere became silent once more.

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Chen Xi and the other 999 disciples that passed the test appeared within a strange space. This space was completely empty, and there was only a blazing screen of light that formed a mysterious door floating in the extreme distance.

"You'll arrive at the Bloodlands through there. I presume all of you are clearly aware that the second round of the test will be held in the Bloodlands." Wang Daolu glanced indifferently at everyone, and then he said in a low voice, "The test within is extremely simple. Earn Starpoints through hunting. The first three hundred to be eliminated will be disqualified from participating in the third round of the test."

As he spoke, he waved his hand and said, "If all of you're ready, then you may enter right now."

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!His voice hadn't finished resounding in the air when some disciples flashed over impatiently, and they flew towards the mysterious door in the distance.

"Let's go as well." Chen Xi silently recalled the rules of the second round in his mind. After he confirmed that he didn't miss anything, he spoke to Gu Yueming and Liang Ren that stood by his side before flying towards the door.

"They've left. Both of you can make a move as well." Not long after Chen Xi's group of three left, a black clothed and tall young man swept the nearby Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao with his gaze before he spoke in a low voice. "Remember the Young Miss's instructions. Don't disappoint us."

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The black clothed and tall young man had deep eye sockets, slanted brows, hawk eyes, and a cold and oppressive imposing aura. He was the leading figure of the Zuoqiu Clan's younger generation, Zuoqiu Yun.

When they heard his instructions, Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao glanced at each other before nodding in unison, and then they turned around and left.

"Brother Yin, that kid was ranked at the 9th position during the first round of the test. It'll probably be slightly troublesome to deal with him." After Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao left, a short and fat young man by Zuoqiu Yin's side said via voice transmission, "A total of seventy six members of our Zuoqiu Clan are ranked amongst the top thousand, yet only sixteen are ranked in the top hundred. The loss of every single one would cause the quota that our Zuoqiu Clan occupies to be reduced by one. Under such circumstances, we have to deal with this carefully."

Zuoqiu Yin said indifferently, "13th Brother, don't worry. Some of the great figures of our Zuoqiu Clan that're teaching in Dao Emperor Academy have already arranged everything. We only have to act based on the situation. Of course, the precondition is to guarantee that every single disciple of our Zuoqiu Clan will pass through the second round of the test."

As he spoke, Zuoqiu Yin glanced at all the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan by his side, and then he didn't hesitate any longer and said, "Set out!"

Immediately, the formidable group of Zuoqiu Clan disciples entered into the mysterious door.

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"Oh, what a pain. Big Sister Linglong even asked us to take care of Chen Xi. It didn't even occur to her that besides Big Brother Yuchong, none of us are ranked higher than that fellow." At the other side, Mu Xiaoliu frowned bitterly as he looked at the green clothed young man who wore a dark colored upper garment by his side, and then he shook his head while sighing without end.

The young man in green clothes had beautiful features, and he was refined and elegant. He was exactly the 7th ranked Mu Yuchong.

He couldn't help but smile when he heard this. "The Patriarch has always felt that he owes Linglong too much. Big Brother Junlin's instructions before he left were that we must take good care of Linglong. Since she made such a request, then we just have to do as she said."

"Alas, that's the only thing we can do. Let's forget about all of this and make our way in first." Mu Xiaoliu puckered his lips before he swaggered towards the mysterious door.

Mu Yuchong couldn't help but chuckle, and then he gestured to all the Mu Clan disciples by his side before he followed Mu Xiaoliu.

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In next to no time, all the disciples that had passed the first round of the test had entered successively into the mysterious door.

Wang Daolu flicked his sleeve when he saw this, and it emanated a shapeless fluctuation that completely sealed up the door, then he said, "Everyone, will all of you stay here, or..."

Before he could finish speaking, the six Saint Immortals spoke in unison. "We'll naturally stay here."

Wang Daolu glanced at them, and then he couldn't help but shake his head. "In my opinion, all of you don't have a very great chance this time. The young people of this year are much more outstanding than the past, and they'll probably draw the attention of the other old fellows in the academy."

The six Saint Immortals were stunned, yet they still decided to stay.

Wang Daolu knew that they hadn't given up when he saw this, and he didn't speak any further as he shook his head and left.

Actually, he really wanted to stay behind as well because in that way, he would be able to see the most outstanding disciples in the second round of the test at the first possible moment, and it would be convenient for him to take them under his guidance.

Unfortunately, Wang Daolu had just taken a personal disciple some time ago, so he had no choice but to give up.

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On the square before Dao Emperor Academy, when the last disciple participating in the second round of the test entered the Bloodlands, the floating wall of light instantly started changing.

After that, it revealed rows of names.

Zhen Lu, 2,000 Starpoints.

Ji Xuanbing, 1,000 Starpoints.

Zhao Mengli, 1,000 Starpoints.

The names on the floating wall of light were listed according to their position in the first round of the test, and at the back of every single name was the Starpoints that disciple possessed.

After the second round of the test began, the amount of Starpoints would directly reflect the performance of a disciple in the Bloodlands.

On the other hand, if the name of someone dimmed down, then it meant that the person had been eliminated.

Three hundred people would be eliminated during the first round of the test. But this didn't mean that the second round of the test would end upon the elimination of these people. The final outcome depended on the amount of Starpoints that the disciples earned within the Bloodlands.

The higher the Starpoints, the more outstanding one was. These results would also directly affect the overall rankings after the third round of the test concluded.

"It has begun!"

"The test this time is one of true bloody battles. The environment is complicated and ever-changing. Not only can they launch sneak attacks and use poison, they can even join forces with other powers to fight jointly. It's a true battlefield without any rules."

"Exactly. Dao Emperor Academy captured numerous Cosmos Beasts and Xeno-race experts before exiling them within the Bloodlands. So, not only do they have to be vigilant of the other competitors during the test this time, they have to take precautions against the attacks of the Cosmos Beasts and Xeno-race experts that are all over the Bloodlands."

As they stood on the square and gazed at the rows of names on the floating wall of light, the crowd couldn't help but discuss animatedly.

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Om~

Within an expanse of blood red swamps that were suffused with poison mist, space trembled before a handsome figure appeared. He wore green clothes, had dense long hair tied behind his head, and revealed a handsome and determined appearance.

This young man was Chen Xi.

Swoosh!

Before Chen Xi could size up the surrounding environment, a black shadow suddenly bore out of the swamp, and it was like a black bolt of lightning as it bit fiercely at Chen Xi's neck.

Chen Xi's brows raised. He noticed with a single glance that it was a completely pitch black and over 1m long monster that was thick like a thumb. It seemed like a snake, yet it head was covered in fine and sharp fangs, and it was extremely horrifying.

Swish!

Chen Xi formed a sword with his fingers before flicking out a strand of sword qi, and he easily slashed this monster into two.

However, right when Chen Xi was about to heave a sigh of relief, the snake shaped monster's severed body suddenly sprayed two strands of crimson red poison at him. This poison transformed into mist that enveloped down at Chen Xi.

Hiss!

Chen Xi's brows raised once more as he executed the Grand Confinement Dao Art and confined the poison, and then a wisp of translucent flames lit up on his palm before completely incinerating the poison mist.

At this point, the snake shaped monster had finally died.

This is probably a Cosmos Beast, the Sorlo Boa. It's vicious, venomous, and skilled in surprise attacks. The poison mist within its body is capable of instantly killing a Heavenly Immortal, and an adult Sorlo Boa already possesses a cultivation at the intermediate-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm. Before he participated in the test, Chen Xi had already obtained a great deal of information related to the test from Tie Qiuyu, and amongst them was the information about this Sorlo Boa.

Moreover, according to Tie Qiuyu, the Bloodlands were originally a battlefield where true gods had once fallen. The environment here was extraordinarily adverse and filled with gales, baleful storms, tempests, winds of oblivion, and various other terrifying calamities.

It wasn't just that, the experts of Dao Emperor Academy had even captured variant beasts and Xenorace experts from the Outerealms and depths of the universe before exiling them to the Bloodlands. So the Bloodlands could be said to be filled with killing intent with every step one took.

Moreover, along with the start of the second round of the test, the environment within the Bloodlands would become more and more adverse along with the passage of time, while the amount of formidable existences amongst the beasts and Xeno-race experts exiled here would grow in number...

But no matter how dangerous the Bloodlands were, there was no danger of death amongst the disciples that were participating in the test because when death truly descended onto them, the Violet Ribbon Starcrest would reveal a teleporting effect that dispersed all danger and allowed one to escape the Bloodlands.

Within the Bloodlands, every single Xeno-race expert or Cosmos Beast one killed would come with a reward of a varying amount of Starpoints.

Just like this moment, Chen Xi was able to clearly sense that one Starpoint had appeared within his Violet Ribbon Starcrest, and it had transformed to a total of 501. In other words, the Sorlo Boa Chen Xi killed earlier was only worth a single Starpoint.

Something worthy of mention was that the disciples participating in the test could fight amongst themselves. So long as one was able to eliminate another from the test, then the Starpoints of the person that was eliminated would be obtained by the victor.

This caused the competition in the Bloodlands to become even more brutal and cruel, and it was precisely because of this that the second round of the test was called the Ironblood Hunt.

Everyone in here was a hunter, and similarly, everyone here was the prey. It was the same for those Cosmos Beasts and Xeno-race experts that were exiled here.

Looks like I should be more careful of those fellows that're participating in the test with me instead... Chen Xi recalled Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao before he thought of the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan, and a strong feeling surged within his heart. Even though the competition in the Bloodlands was brutal to the extreme, it provided him with a chance as well.

If he was able to eliminate all the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan that were participating in the test, then it would be perfect.

Fortunately, I'm all alone now, and I don't have to worry about Liang Ren and Gu Yueming for now... After they entered the Bloodlands, Chen Xi, Liang Ren, and Gu Yueming had been separated and teleported to different positions. It wasn't just them, but everyone else that participated in the test suffered the same fate.

After that, Chen Xi took a deep breath and started to size up the surrounding environment.

This was an expanse of blood red swamp suffused in poisonous mist, and he couldn't see the end of it. The environment here was gloomy and damp, and it emanated a horrifying and strange aura.

Moreover, with the strength of Chen Xi's soul, he was merely able to scan an area of 500km in the surroundings. The heavens and the earth here seemed to be covered in a shapeless forcefield, and it was capable of restraining the energy of the soul to a great degree, causing one's soul to feel heavy and oppressed.

The urgent matter at hand is to earn as many Starpoints as I can... Chen Xi pondered briefly before he chose a direction, and then he flashed towards the extreme distance.

He wasn't anxious to search for the tracks of the Zuoqiu Clan's disciples because they were probably even more anxious to find him. So he only had to wait for their arrival.

Of course, if he was able to obtain some information about the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan, then Chen Xi didn't mind taking the initiative and giving them a good surprise attack.

Ten minutes later, Chen Xi stopped abruptly and suddenly looked towards the distance.

A wave of whistling that sounded like the rumbling of thunder resounded within the blood red swamp ahead, and the enraged roars of beasts were accompanied by these sounds.

Chen Xi frowned, and then he restrained his aura before moving forward without making a sound. When he got closer, he finally saw the source of the noise clearly, and it was actually two enormous beasts the size of a mountain fighting each other!

They seem to be...fighting for something? Chen Xi's Immortal Perception swept over. Sure enough, he noticed that not far away from where the two beasts were fighting was a dark rock that stood towering within the blood red swamp, and within the cracks of the rock was surprisingly a wisp of a faint glow emanated by a treasure.

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Roar~

The two beasts fought each other, their enormous mountain sized bodies collided with each other and emanated deafening bangs that caused numerous waves that shot into the sky to arise in the blood red swamp within an area of 50km.

The battle was extremely intense. The appearance of both the beasts was rather strange. One of them was completely covered in distorted silver colored and sharp scales. Its head seemed like that of a leopard, and its 30m long body was extremely agile as it moved through space like a fish swimming through the water.

The other beast had sixteen thick and long tentacles that seemed like black whips and a triangular shaped head, and it emanated waves of strange and foul wailing that sounded like the cries of a baby. It was extraordinarily horrifying.

A Leopard Qilin and a Ghostcry Beast!

Chen Xi recognized the origins of these two Cosmos Beasts at first glance. Moreover, he was able to clearly determine the strengths of both these beasts were at the advanced-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, and they possessed formidable combat strengths. However, when compared to the top thousand experts on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, they were slightly inferior instead.

The strengths of these two beasts were naturally not intimidating to Chen Xi at all.

So in the next moment, his Immortal Sense descended onto the dark rock in the distance. The glow of a treasure between the cracks of the rock was still faintly visible, and it emanated an alluring charm.

But to Chen Xi's surprise, he was actually unable to see the true appearance of the treasure by relying on his Immortal Sense.

This is slightly strange. Could it be that it's some sort of mysterious precious treasure? Chen Xi thought in his heart while a vertical eye suddenly split open between his brows. The eye was pitch black and deep, and it seemed as if the myriad of secrets of the universe were reflected within its pupils. It was exactly the supreme Divine Ability inherited from the River Diagram fragment — the Eye of Divine Truth!

Swoosh!

However, before Chen Xi could get to the bottom of it with the Eye of Divine Truth, a figure suddenly appeared from behind the dark rock, and it grabbed swiftly like a bolt of lightning towards the treasure between the cracks on the rock!

Chen Xi's eyes narrowed slightly while he was shocked in his heart. Never had he imagined that someone would actually be hiding behind the rock while waiting for an opportunity, and it was even to the extent that it had escaped the detection of his Immortal Sense!

Such circumstances were too rare to Chen Xi. After all, since he started cultivating in the Mortal Dimension, the strength of his soul had been tempered to an extremely formidable level through the assistance of the Fuxi Divine Status and River Diagram fragments. It wasn't just matchless amongst his peers, it was even capable of being compared with existences that possessed a higher cultivation realm than him.

Now, he was already at the initial-stage of the Mysterious Immortal Realm, and the strength of his soul couldn't be compared to before. It was capable of reigning supreme amongst experts at the Mysterious Immortal Realm!

But it was precisely under such circumstances that someone had actually avoided the detection of his Immortal Sense, so Chen Xi naturally couldn't avoid feeling shocked. He was very clearly aware that this person had probably cultivated some sort of formidable secret technique that restrained the aura.

This discovery caused Chen Xi to become even more vigilant. The existences capable of entering the second round of the test were all the top experts of the younger generation in the Immortal Dimension, Buddha Dimension, Dragon Dimension, Phoenix Clan, and so on and so forth. Most of them originated from top powers, so the cultivation techniques they cultivated and the secret record they grasped were naturally extraordinary.

So he had to be careful when competing with these fellows!

These thoughts had only flashed in an instant within Chen Xi's mind. In the next moment, Chen Xi saw the figure had already stretched out his hand into the crack between the rock, and he intended to grab the treasure.

It was even to the extent that Chen Xi had discerned the fierce and rugged looking young man. If he wasn't wrong, then the young man was probably Moqi Long who was ranked at the 793rd position on the rankings, a disciple that came from one of the seven great ancient clans.

However, right at the instant when Moqi Long's hand was about to succeed in grabbing ahold of the treasure, the glow suddenly charged out instead. It transformed into a bloody mouth that swallowed Moqi Long's entire body! Moqi Long didn't even have any room to struggle!

All of this occurred too quickly. From the moment Moqi Long appeared to the moment the glow of the treasure suddenly charged out and transformed into a bloody mouth that swallowed him, all of it occurred in less than an instant, and it was swift to the point it caused Chen Xi's pupils to constrict while the corners of his mouth couldn't help but twitch.

Crack! Crack!

A wave of the sound of bones and flesh shattering resounded from within the bloody mouth, and it caused Chen Xi's heart to go cold. Obviously, Moqi Long was undoubtedly dead.

Meanwhile, the true appearance of the bloody mouth had appeared within the gaze of Chen Xi's Eye of Divine Truth. Surprisingly, it was a 3m tall, gorgeous, and mysterious multicolored flower. Numerous savage and distorted faces floated up into appearance on the petals and stems, and it was extremely horrifying.

An Illusory Demonflower!

Surprisingly, Chen Xi recognized this gorgeous flower to be a variant in the universe. It possessed intelligence, was skilled in disguise, and it was extremely malicious. An adult Illusory Demonflower was even capable of deceiving the detection of a Saint Immortal!

"Haha! A fish has finally taken the bait."

"Oh, the little fellows that have come to the Bloodlands this time aren't vigilant enough."

Along with this sound of conversation, the Leopard Qilin and Ghostcry Beast that were in intense battle in the distance suddenly stopped fighting, and then they flashed before transforming into a middle aged man in blood red robes and a young man with a sharp mouth and odd eyes.

"Oh, this is probably a disciple of one of the seven great ancient clans. His bloodline is pure and noble while his flesh contained a great deal of Immortal Pills and herbs. If I'm able to feast on a few more people like him, then I might be able to advance in cultivation."

At the same time, the Illusory Demonflower's figure flashed to transform into a gorgeous woman in multicolored clothes. She possessed plump assets and was graceful and seductive. Her scarlet red lips were still chewing while the corners of her mouth overflowed with strands of dark red blood, causing her to reveal a mysterious aura.

After that, her eyes suddenly opened as her mouth spread open uncontrollably.

Bang!

A wisp of shimmering violet light suddenly surged out from within the gorgeous woman's mouth, and then it transformed into a violet colored ray of light. Moqi Long's figure was faintly visible within the ray of violet light.

Obviously, the Violet Ribbon Starcrest within Moqi Long's body had been activated, and it teleported him out of the Bloodlands at the moment before he perished. In other words, he was already eliminated from this round of the test.

What a ruthless trap. First the Leopard Qilin and Ghostcry Beast fought each other and intentionally made a commotion to draw the attention of others, then the Illusory Demonflower disguised herself into a glow of treasure that drew out the greed of the target. Thus, allowing them to attain their objective of hunting the target. When Chen Xi saw this, he finally understood that all of this was actually a trap! It was a trap that was carefully set up by three Cosmos Beasts!

Everyone is a hunter here, and similarly, everyone is prey as well! These words appeared once more in Chen Xi's mind.

"Dammit! The Violet Ribbon Starcrest again! If I'm able to seize that little fellow's soul, then I would absolutely be able to leave this damnable Bloodlands!" The gorgeous woman cried out furiously while her expression distorted, and she revealed resentment and dense anger.

"Wei Na, cut the crap. Quickly hand over the storage immortal treasure that belonged to that kid!" The blood robed middle aged man the Leopard Qilin transformed into frowned as he spoke.

"Exactly. You've already swallowed a great deal of that kid's flesh. The treasures within that storage treasure ought to be divided up between me and Big Brother Mo Ta! Don't blame me, Lei Bin, for being merciless if you dare hide anything!" The nearby Ghostcry Beast that had transformed into the young man spoke in an icy cold tone, and his voice was like the crying of an infant yet was sharp and horrifying to the extreme.

The gorgeous woman called Wei Na instantly recovered her calm when she heard this, and she said coldly, "Hmph! I naturally remember the agreement between us. But don't both of you forget that we have to give half the spoils to Lord Nine Spirits as a form of respect. If he were to notice that the two of you hid something from him... Hmph!" She hadn't finished speaking what she intended to say, yet the meaning behind her words were vividly displayed.

"Cut the crap and quickly hand it over!" The blood robed middle aged man, Mo Ta, frowned as he spoke.

Wei Na withdrew a storage bracelet in a slightly unwilling manner and then passed it over.

Mo Ta looked through it briefly before he glanced gloomily at Wei Na, and then he said in a low voice, "There are only some immortal pills and immortal materials within this storage bracelet, and there isn't even a single weapon. Who do you intend to trick with this? Believe it or not, I'll report this back to Lord Nine Spirits right now, and I'll let him deal with an insatiably greedy bitch like you!" Lei Bin directly moved forward and grabbed onto Wei Na's neck, and his odd eyes were suffused with a wisp of a ruthless sheen. "Quickly hand it over! Presently, the Bloodlands have become the testing grounds of those damnable humans once more. It's exactly the best time to rake in a big profit. Can you bear the responsibility for the consequences of us being delayed?"

As he spoke, he swung his hand to smash Wei Na's entire body into the swamp while revealing an expression of detest.

Wei Na stood up in a sorry state. Her countenance was pale while she revealed boundless resentment on her face. In the end, she compromised and withdrew a storage ring before throwing it forcefully into the air. "Take it!"

Mo Ta and Lei Bin's eyes lit up, and they moved out in unison to stretch out their hands and grab the storage ring.

Rain that was fine like the hairs of a cow suddenly drifted down from the sky that was covered in a thick layer of grey haze. It was hazy, gentle, and drifted throughout the sky, yet when Mo Ta and Lei Bin's hands grabbed towards the storage ring, the drizzle that covered the sky suddenly transformed into strands of extremely sharp strings, and it crisscrossed before it enveloped the two of them beneath it.

Pu! Pu! Pu!

The strands of fine rain were hazy and gentle like a dream, yet at this moment, they were sharp and murderous to the limit. In a mere instant, Mo Ta and Lei Bin's figures had been sliced into a pile of minced flesh while blood sprayed through the sky like a waterfall, and the scene was extremely gorgeous yet tragic.

Up until the moments of their death, they hadn't figures out what had occurred!

Wei Na's pupils dilated while her mouth opened wide from suddenly witnessing such a shocking scene. Her entire body stiffened as it turned icy cold, and her soul almost left her body. Boundless terror erupted like a volcano and surged within her heart, and it caused her to be unable to refrain from being on the verge of crying out loudly.

However, she restrained herself from shouting in the end because an ancient and lusterless edge of a sword was already laying before her throat. The sword surged with a terrifying sword qi, and it caused goosebumps to arise on her skin.

"Help me do something and I'll spare your life when I leave these Bloodlands." Chen Xi who wore green clothes and had a tranquil and indifferent expression appeared before Wei Na's field of vision.

"Alright!" Wei Na agreed without the slightest hesitation. After she witnessed that shocking scene, how could she dare arouse the slightest thought of hoping that she would be lucky?

"Remove the protection of your soul," said Chen Xi calmly.

"What do you intend to do?" Wei Na spoke with a terrified and trembling voice. However, when she saw Chen Xi frown, she was instantly terrified to the point of not daring to hesitate any longer, and she obediently did as he said.

Chen Xi separated a strand of his Spiritual Brand and placed it within Wei Na's wide open soul. He did this so that he could sense if Wei Na aroused any ill intent.

Unless Wei Na's soul was more formidable than his, otherwise, it would be utterly impossible for her to remove that strand of Spiritual Brand he placed within her soul.

This was a profound technique within the Allheaven Truth, and it was called Lotus Heart Empathy. It was a secret technique in the utilization of the soul, and when it was cultivated to the highest level, one would even be able to affect the thoughts of all living beings with a single thought!

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Chapter 1129: Devilsow Bird

At the same time that Chen Xi annihilated the Leopard Qilin and Ghostcry Beast, the rankings on the floating wall at the square before Dao Emperor Academy gradually underwent some changes.

This first, Zhen Lu.

Starpoints, 2,432.

The second, Ji Xuanbing.

Starpoints, 1,706.

The third, Zhao Mengli.

Starpoints, 1,694.

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There wasn't many changes in the top ten, and the only unexpected thing was that Chen Xi who was ranked at the 9th earlier merely possessed 513 Starpoints, causing him to be instantly pushed out of the top ten to the 11th position.

On the other hand, his previous position had been replaced by Zuoqiu Yin with 633 Starpoints, whereas the position of 10th was replaced by the Xuanyuan Clan's Xuanyuan Che with 600 Starpoints.

"Alas, even though that young man, Chen Xi's, combat strength is extraordinary, he's much inferior in terms of resources and reserves when compared to the disciples of those top powers. He'll probably find it difficult to be ranked in the top ten during the second round of the test."

"The top ten? I think it's impossible for him to be even ranked in the top hundred. After all, even though his individual strength is formidable, he's unable to go against the joint forces of the disciples of those large powers. Chen Xi obviously doesn't have any companions, so in terms of hunting or competing with others, he's going to placed in a disadvantageous position."

"It isn't just that, those top powers like the seven ancient clans know the Bloodlands like the back of their hands. They know where the concentration of beasts is the highest in order to hunt for Starpoints with ease, and where danger resides and should be avoided. All of this information are secrets that aren't revealed beyond their respective clans or sects, so it's impossible for Chen Xi to possess such information."

When they saw Chen Xi's ranking being pushed out from the top ten, the spectators on the square let out waves of endless sighs because this wasn't related to his individual combat strength, and it was a difference in background that caused it.

Obviously, Chen Xi's resources and background were a disadvantage that was impossible to be made up for when compared to those disciples that came from top powers.

Besides the top ten, the fluctuations of the rankings on the floating wall of light was extremely frequent, and disciples were surpassing each other or being eliminated at practically every single moment.

Since the second round of the test began, only less than the time for an incense stick to burn had passed, yet twenty seven names on the floating wall of light had already dimmed down and vanished.

That meant that twenty seven disciples had been eliminated from the test!

This obviously displayed how brutal the competition and hunting in the Bloodlands were.

"I wonder if anyone will be able to break the record made by the Flaming Rain, Ling Qingwu, during the second round of the test."

"That's very difficult. All those years ago, Ling Qingwu obtained 9,000 Starpoints and broke the previous record! At that time, it caused the entire Dao Emperor Academy to be stirred, and people immediately predicted that Ling Qingwu would definitely become another blazing sun in the Immortal Dimension within a hundred years, and it really came true now."

"So in this way, anyone capable of breaking Ling Qingwu's record would be much more likely to become another blazing sun in the Immortal Dimension?"

"Not really. Remember the Iron Abyss Ye Tang? His Starpoints were only ranked at the 7th during the second round of the sect, yet didn't he still become a blazing sun of the Immortal Dimension in the end?"

"No matter what, those capable of occupying a position in the top ten have a much higher possibility of becoming a new blazing sun. This is an undeniable fact."

"Exactly. Moreover, in my opinion, there are numerous outstanding geniuses this time. Merely in terms of Ji Xuanbing, Zhen Lu, and Zhao Mengli, every single one of them isn't inferior to Ling Qingwu and Ye Tang from all those years ago."

"Alright, everyone. The second round of the test has just begun. According to past experience, this round of the test would at least go on for a month, and it might even go on for half a year. It's best for everyone to calm down and observe instead of jumping to early conclusions."

"Not to mention, this is only the second round of the test, and the final outcome will only be decided once the third round is concluded!"

The crowd discussed animatedly. Due to the fact that they were unable to watch the situation within the Bloodlands in detail, they could only infer everything occurring within via the changes in ranking and Starpoints on the floating wall of light.

"Chen Xi, oh, Chen Xi! The second round of the test is disadvantageous to you indeed. However, it's enough as long as you're able to maintain a ranking in the top hundred. Once the third round of the test begins, then your Martial Dao Will is formidable enough to make up for this difference... Most importantly, you must not be eliminated..." In the distance, Tie Qiuyu muttered with a frown on his face, and he was extremely worried for Chen Xi.

Because he was clearly aware as well that when they entered the second round of the test, the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan would definitely act against Chen Xi!

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Within a dark and damp forest in the Bloodlands, ancient trees towered into the sky and blotted out the sky.

Zuoqiu Yin stood there silently in black clothes.

By his side was many Zuoqiu Clan disciples, and Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao were surprisingly amongst them.

"13th Brother, how many more are left?" Zuoqiu Yin asked abruptly.

"Fourteen of them. But I've already received news that if nothing unexpected occurs, then they'll be able to rush over and converge with us within a day." A short and fat young man spoke swiftly. He was called Zuoqiu Zheng, and he was the 13th amongst the younger generation of the Zuoqiu Clan.

Zuoqiu Yin nodded and then went silent.

As a disciple of an ancient clan, the Zuoqiu Clan, they'd gained contact with each other via secret techniques upon entering the Bloodlands, and they gathered together.

On one hand, doing this would allow their strength to be increased by numbers, so it would easier for them to hunt beasts and earn Starpoints. On the other hand, it was for the sake of taking precautions against other powers. After all, it was too easy for a mishap to occur while moving about all alone in a place where danger lay in ambush at all corners like the Bloodlands.

"Brother Yin, when will we head to Blackline Gorge to hunt the Blackline Xeno-race? Everyone is slightly impatient to earn Starpoints." The short and fat Zuoqiu Zheng licked his lips and asked in a low voice.

The others shot their gazes over to Zuoqiu Yin as well, and their eyes carried a wisp of yearning.

"There's no rush. We can earn Starpoints at any time, but we can't delay hunting Chen Xi at all. He must be eliminated within three days, otherwise, we won't have the chance any longer." Zuoqiu Yin stared towards the distance and seemed to be waiting for something, and he said casually, "All of you are clearly aware that three hundred people will be eliminated during this round of the test. If enough people have been eliminated, then even if we hunt Chen Xi down here, he'll still be able to enter the third round of the test."

The others revealed a slightly helpless expression when they heard this.

Because they were clearly aware that Zuoqiu Yin was right. If they didn't hunt Chen Xi down as soon as possible, then once three hundred people had been eliminated, they would be unable to stop Chen Xi from entering Dao Emperor Academy.

After all, after Chen Xi entered into the third round of the test, then no matter how terrible his results were, he would be able to enter smoothly into Dao Emperor Academy through the overall results he obtained from the first and second rounds.

"However, we still don't know where that kid is. What should we do if he just hides himself continuously?" Zuoqiu Zheng frowned as he asked.

"13th Brother, you always have the most questions!" Zuoqiu Yin glared at him before smiling in a relaxed manner. "Don't worry. I'll give all of you the answer soon. Perhaps, we don't even need to make a move ourselves in order to kick that kid out of the test."

We don't need to make a move ourselves? Everyone's spirits were refreshed when they heard this. Doesn't this mean that we can head to Blackline Gorge to hunt Blackline Xeno-race for Starpoints?

Croak! Croak! Croak!

A wave of low and strange sounds suddenly resounded from the depths of the dark forest. Accompanying this sound was a wisp of snow white figure that flashed out from within.

Zuoqiu Yin's eyes lit up, and he instructed swiftly. "There's no need to panic, it's a Devilsow Bird that carries information."

His voice hadn't finished resounding in the air when the snow white figure had stopped and descended onto a nearby branch. Its feathers were snow white, its beak bright red, and it had a pair of wings that were flat like blades.

Especially its pair of jade green eyes, they were suffused with a wisp of a mysterious and ghastly sheen. It was precisely a variant beast in the universe, a Devilsow Bird. This bird didn't possess any offensive ability, yet its speed was extraordinarily swift. It was capable of moving through flowing rays of light, and it was a variant beast that was innately capable of teleporting.

"Croak! Croak! My Master said that the target has appeared in the Bloodspirit Swamp. The exact action to take will be decided by you." The Devilsow Bird raised its head proudly and swept Zuoqiu Yin and the others with its gaze.

Bloodspirit Swamp? Zuoqiu Yin frowned while the nearby Zuoqiu Zheng quickly said via voice transmission, "The territory of Lord Nine Spirit."

Zuoqiu Yin finally came to an understanding, and he pondered deeply for a moment before he cupped his hands to the Devilsow Bird. "Thank you. Please tell your Master that I'll deal with the following matters."

As he spoke, he withdrew a storage pouch and passed over through the air.

The others were shocked in their hearts when they saw this because they never expected that Zuoqiu Yin would actually be so respectful to a bird. Obviously, the Master of this Devilsow Bird was no ordinary person.

"Croak! Croak! You're not bad, little fellow. Lord A'Bu, I, will remember you. I look forward to meeting you again." The Devilsow Bird picked up the storage pouch before spreading its wings and vanishing with a swish.

"Brother Yin, who's the Master behind this Devilsow Bird?" Zuoqiu Zheng only spoke after the Devilsow Bird vanished completely.

"I don't know either. Young Miss Ke ought to know." Zuoqiu Yin shook his head, and then he asked. "Is the name of Lord Nine Spirits in our list?"

Zuoqiu Zheng shook his head. "No. But Whitetail King's name is on it. Whitetail King controls the southeast area of the Bloodlands, and according to my inference, Nine Spirits is probably a subordinate of Whitetail King."

Zuoqiu Yin's gaze flickered repeatedly upon hearing this, and then he waved his hand and said, "Send out a message. Tell Whitetail King my objective, and there'll be no lack of benefit for him once the objective is accomplished!"

As he spoke, his gaze suddenly looked towards Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao before he said in a low voice, "I'll have to trouble the two of you to head to Whitetail King's territory. After you supervise him until he accomplishes the plan, you can come converge with us at Blackline Gorge."

When he saw Jiang Zhuliu open his mouth with the intention of saying something, Zuoqiu Yin directly interrupted. "It's decided. 13th Brother will give you a map later, and it's enough for the both of you to arrive at the area where the target is at if you're a little careful."

Jiang Zhuliu and Yin Miaomiao glanced at each other, and they knew they were unable to refuse and could only receive their orders.

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Chapter 1130: Minor Thunderclap Devilbreak Slaughter Formation

At the blood red swamp, Chen Xi sat cross legged on a pitch black rock while looking towards the distance in silence.

A fluffy and snow white rabbit sat by his side. Its clear eyes looked pitiably at Chen Xi, yet its gaze was rather complicated. It was sometimes filled with fear, sometimes with resentment, sometimes with wonder, and sometimes with hatred.

This rabbit was formed from the Illusory Demonflower, Wei Na.

After he utilized the Lotus Heart Empathy technique to place a strand of his Spiritual Brand into Wei Na's soul, Chen Xi still didn't feel at ease, so he utilized the Grand Confinement Dao Art to restrain Wei Na's strength. Moreover, he ordered Wei Na to disguise herself so as to avoid drawing the attention of others.

Thus, Wei Na took the form of a white rabbit.

As a member of the Illusory Demonflower Clan, she was the most skilled in transformation. However, her disguise into a white rabbit was still puzzling to Chen Xi.

But he had many things to do, so he couldn't be bothered to fuss about these minor details with her.

Chen Xi found out from Wei Na that this swamp was called the Bloodspirit Swamp, and it was situated at the southeast area of the Bloodlands. There were numerous Cosmos Beasts scattered all around here, yet there weren't any Xeno-race experts here.

Amongst these Cosmos Beasts, the strongest was Nine Spirits who resided on Bloodwind Ridge, and he was addressed respectfully as Lord Nine Spirits by the Cosmos Beasts here. He controlled this entire expanse of Bloodspirit Swamp.

On the other hand, Wei Na, Mo Ta, and Lei Bin who'd perished at Chen Xi's hands were subordinates of Lord Nine Spirits.

According to Wei Na, Lord Nine Spirits' strength was roughly equivalent to the strength of an expert around the 300th position on the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, and there were around ten plus lords like Nine Spirits in the southeast area.

The existence that controlled the entire southeast area was called Whitetail King. His strength was comparable to an existence in the top ten of the Ascensio Immortal Rankings, and he possessed a few thousands of Cosmos Beast subordinates.

I never expected that the Cosmos Beasts and Xeno-race experts scattered about the Bloodlands have actually formed clear groups. In this way, it's much more troublesome to hunt them... Chen Xi pondered in his heart. According to his knowledge, there were a total of ten areas in the Bloodlands, the east, west, south, north, southeast, northeast, southwest, northwest, sky, and central.

The closer one got to the center, the more dangerous it became, and the central and sky areas were especially dangerous.

According to rumor, there were even Golden Immortal Realm existences amongst the Cosmos Beasts and Xeno-race experts that resided in the sky area. However, they were controlled by Dao Emperor Academy via secret techniques, so the participants of the test didn't have to worry about them so long as the participants didn't enter their territory.

I wonder which area Liang Ren and Gu Yueming were teleported to, and where the disciples of the Zuoqiu Clan are... Chen Xi took a deep breath. He was very well aware that he couldn't continue wasting time.

The important matter at hand was to earn Starpoints.

"Roughly how many Cosmos Beasts are there in this Bloodspirit Swamp?" Chen Xi turned around to ask the nearby Wei Na.

Wei Na was stunned, and then she raised her ears as she stuttered. "We're... We're not beasts, we're the Sacred Race."

Chen Xi frowned. He was naturally aware that these Cosmos Beasts that possessed intelligence had always called themselves part of the Sacred Race. They looked down upon all living beings in the three dimensions, and they took the living beings in the three dimensions to be prey that could be slaughtered at their will.

It was like how an butcher looked at animals.

Of course, in the eyes of the living beings in the three dimensions, the Cosmos Beasts were no different than prey that could be slaughtered at their will. This was the difference in their views based upon their own varying positions.

Wei Na was terrified when she saw Chen Xi frown, and she hurriedly said, "There are around a hundred bea... beasts in the Bloodspirit Swamp. All of them are under the command of Lord Nine Spirits."

Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought as he said, "The how do all of you usually contact each other?"

Killing Mo Ta and Lei Bin earlier had allowed him to obtain six Starpoints from each of them, and it was twelve in total. If he was able to clear out the hundred plus beasts in the Bloodspirit Swamp, then he would probably be able to obtain around six hundred Starpoints.

But if he were to kill them one by one, it would be too troublesome. So he intended to ask Wei Na about the method they contacted each other so that he could trick them all to come over here and eliminate them in one clean sweep.

Wei Na was horrified and looked vigilantly at Chen Xi. "What...what do you intend to do?"

Chen Xi remained silent and just gazed at her.

Before long, Wei Na gave in and lightly emanated a string of obscure and complicated sounds from her lips. It was completely different from the common language utilized in the three dimensions.

Chen Xi's soul was extraordinarily formidable. After he committed this string of obscure sounds to memory, he split them up and studied them. After that, he mimicked it once, and it was already seventy percent similar to Wei Na.

"What do these words mean?" asked Chen Xi.

"It a request for swift assistance as a large amount of prey have appeared." Wei Na explained in a low voice.

Chen Xi nodded. He wasn't worried that she would dare deceive him, or in other words, it was fine even if she deceived him because it was fine so long as it drew over a large amount of Cosmos Beasts.

After that, Chen Xi started looking through the storage ring and storage bracelet he seized from Mo Ta and Lei Bin.

Both of these storage treasures were actually taken by Wei Na from Moqi Long that had been eliminated. Chen Xi looked through it briefly before nodding with satisfaction.

As expected of a disciple of Moqi Clan, merely the immortal materials stored by Moqi Long were already over a thousand, whereas, there were over a hundred types of high-stage immortal materials. It was worth a fortune.

Besides this, there were numerous immortal pills, and two high-rank Darkspirit Grade Immortal Artifacts.

Coupled with the immortal materials in my possession, I'm barely able to set up a Minor Thunderclap Devilbreak formation... Chen Xi pondered deeply for a moment before he started to get to work. He sat cross-legged on the rock while refined the immortal materials.

Swish!

Numerous immortal materials were withdrawn like flowing water, and then strands of profound talisman markings were inscribed onto them by Chen Xi's formidable Immortal Sense. His movements were skilled and smooth like flowing water.

To set up a grand formation, he had to first prepare the formation's foundation and accessories. The foundation was the talisman formation diagram, whereas the accessories were treasures that assisted and brought forth the might of the talisman formation like Formation Flags, Formation Disks, Formation Stones, and so on and so forth.

For example, the Minor Thunderclap Devilbreak Slaughter Formation was a large-scale slaughter formation from the Darklightning Divine Talisman and utilized lightning as a form of attack. Once it was activated, it was sufficient to annihilate most experts in the Mysterious Immortal Realm.

If it wasn't for the lack of immortal materials, Chen Xi even intended to set up the Grand Thunderclap Devilbreak Slaughter Formation, and its might could even trap a Golden Immortal!

The nearby Wei Na's rabbit eyes suddenly opened wide when she saw Chen Xi refining the immortal materials, and she suddenly thought to herself. Could it be that this fellow is also a Talisman Formation Grandmaster?

I understand now. He intends to set up a grand formation to annihilate the members of my Sacred Race! Instantly, Wei Na understood Chen Xi's intentions, causing her rabbit face to warp and be covered in bitterness. But right after that, she recovered her calm. Nevermind, annihilating them is fine as well. In the last thousand years, these bastards have always made me play the role of bait, and they even take away my spoils from the battle after baiting and killing the prey. It's best that all of them die!

The more she thought about it, the calmer she became. In the end, Wei Na even impatiently desired to rely on Chen Xi to help her take revenge instead.

One day later, Chen Xi stood up and put away the various immortal materials that he'd finished refining. After that, he sized up the surrounding environment before finally deciding that he would transform the area of 50km in the vicinity into the place he set up the grand formation.

Swish!

Chen Xi flew up into midair before he flicked his sleeve, and then strings of immortal materials sprayed out like divine rays of light that descended towards the surroundings.

"Huff!" In the end, Chen Xi suddenly let out an ancient chant.

Droning echoed along with trembling, and then expanses of the dazzling and blazing glow of lightning suddenly flashed in an area of 50km in the vicinity. It tore open space itself and illuminated the heavens and the earth.

At the same time, a terrifying aura that caused one's heart to palpitate rumbled as it spread throughout the surroundings. It shocked the drowsy Wei Na to the point of falling onto the rock, and her rabbit eyes revealed a wisp of terror. She hurriedly utilized her rabbit ears to cover her eyes while her entire body shrunk into a snow white ball of fur.

Fortunately, this sort of scene merely appeared for the time of a few breaths, and then it vanished without a trace.

The formation is done. Now, it's time to reap the fruits... Chen Xi let out a long breath of air while his lips opened and closed slightly, and he emanated a strange, complicated, and obscure wave of sounds.

The sounds were filled with Immortal Force, and they spread throughout the surroundings like circles after circles of ripples. In next to no time, it covered the entire Bloodspirit Swamp.

Wei Na's rabbit ears instantly stood erect when she heard it, and her eyes were bright and crystalline. She thought excitedly in her heart. Is it finally about to begin? Fortunately, only I was captured amongst my Illusory Demonflower Clan, so there are no clansmen of mine here and it doesn't concern me even if all of them perish...

"Hmm? Targets have appeared? This is a signal for assistance of the highest order!"

"Who, who sent out this signal?"

"It's at the northwest! It seems that a large number of prey have appeared. Oh, how could I have forgotten? A hundred years have passed now, and the recruitment test of Dao Emperor Academy has begun once more!"

"Everyone, let's go together. Those natives of the three dimensions take us as whetstones to hone their blades, yet isn't it a grand event to divide up prey for us as well?"

"But everyone must be careful. The natives of the three dimensions are extremely cunning and crafty. In the past, many of them have pretended to be one of us and tricked many of our companions to death. So we must be careful so as to avoid being hunted and killed instead."

"Should we notify Lord Nine Spirits?"

"Idiot! If Lord Nine Spirits were to make a move, then not to mention having a meal, we wouldn't even get crumbs!"

"Let's go!"

Over a hundred strings of thought charged out from the Bloodspirit Swamp. After they communicated with each other, they were unable to restrain themselves, and they charged out from their lairs and rushed towards the same direction.

For a time, the silence of the entire Bloodspirit Swamp was broken. Numerous figures of all shapes and sizes carried monstrous killing intent as they soared through the sky. They were either enormous like mountains, thin like fine bamboos, or had over a hundred limbs. All of them possessed extremely formidable and ruthless auras, and it shocked many young living beings in the swamp to the point of shivering and feeling terrified and uneasy.

At the same time, the vertical eyes between Chen Xi's brows was suffused with a dark sheen as he gazed silently towards the distance. After a short moment, he suddenly laughed in a relaxed manner. "I never expected that there would actually be so many..."

As he spoke, he flicked his sleeve, causing the two high-rank Darkspirit Grade Immortal Artifacts he obtained from Moqi Long's storage treasures to be withdrawn, and then they transformed into two flowing rays of light that descended at the edges of the grand formation.

At the same time, he turned around and said to the nearby Wei Na, "Come, fight with me and put on a good show for them. Only in this way would these preys be easily baited, right?"