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Chapter 1271: The First Class

Early in the morning.

Om!

A wave of fluctuation came from outside the abode, and it woke Chen Xi up from his meditative state.

"Chen Xi, are you ready?" Chen Xi casually opened up the abode's restrictions and Ji Xuanbing's clear voice entered his ears.

Chen Xi was slightly stunned, and then he slapped himself on the forehead. He finally remembered that today was the day they entered the inner court.

"Wait a minute Brother Ji, I'll be right there." Chen Xi put the Yin Yang Fish King's Origin Bone away before leaving the abode. There was a trace of regret that flashed past his heart, yet he recovered his calm right after.

In this short period of a few days, he'd only gained an initial understanding of the Grand Dao profundities of Light and Darkness, and he hadn't completely comprehended then, let alone grasp them. So regrets couldn't be avoided.

When Chen Xi arrived outside the abode, he saw Ji Xuanbing wearing light golden feathered clothes and standing with his hands behind his back. Ji Xuanbing immediately smiled and moved over to welcome Chen Xi upon noticing Chen Xi's arrival.

"Come, all the students that passed through the inner court exam will participate in a 'freshman' ceremony. You have to mentally prepare yourself for it." Ji Xuanbing smiled as he spoke with Chen Xi, and then took the lead to flash towards the distance.

"Brother Ji, is there something I should pay attention to when entering the inner court this time?" Chen Xi chased up to him and asked curiously.

"No, it's just that the Dean of the inner court has a strange temper, and he'll use various methods to trample upon the new students entering into the inner court... Mmm, I meant temper them. To describe it in a nice way, it's the first class after entering the inner court." Ji Xuanbing took a deep breath before he shrugged and laughed bitterly. "No one can escape it."

Chen Xi was stunned. The first class? Tempering? This seems to be a display of power...

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Amongst the five important areas of the academy, the inner court was undoubtedly the place where all the students in the outer court yearned to enter.

The inner court was situated at the core area of the academy, and it was established on a boundlessly vast basin that was surrounded by luxuriant mountains and soaring clouds. Numerous ancient buildings were scattered within it, and it was like a kingdom standing within a basin.

Unlike ordinary kingdoms, the inner court's arrangement conformed to the surroundings mountains, and it was like a work of nature.

In the sky, auspicious radiance swayed while five colored auspicious clouds gathered together; on the ground, red-crowned cranes fluttered, majestic white deer were vaguely visible, thin vines coiled around ancient trees, exotic flowers emanated jade radiance, numerous beasts moved about, orchids filled the various gorges in the surroundings, immortal herbs grew luxuriantly on precipices, ancient halls stood everywhere like the stars in the sky, and footpaths crisscrossed throughout like shuttles.

Such a scene seemed to surpass the beauty of nature, and it was like a supreme paradise for immortals.

When Chen Xi and Ji Xuanbing arrived here and saw this scene, they exclaimed endlessly with surprise in their hearts.

"Even my clan doesn't have such a paradise." Ji Xuanbing sighed with emotion.

He was from the ancient Ji Clan, yet he actually sighed with such words, and it obviously showed how divine the inner court was.

Chen Xi took a deep breath as well. He sensed the it wasn't just Immortal Energy that was dense and thick in the heavens and the earth, there were even the auras of Chaos, Primeval, Creation, Origin, and various others. It was even to the extent that he was able to sense the energy of auspicious karmic luck!

This was terrifying!

Perhaps only Dao Emperor Academy could produce such extravagance and create such a paradise for inner court students to cultivate in.

When the two of them sighed with emotion, a rough and deep roar that was like a thunderclap resounded abruptly — "Those two little brats over there, what's so interesting about a bunch of trash landscape? Quickly gather the fuck over here!"

A single sentence instantly destroyed the tranquil aura of this paradise.

Rumble!

This wasn't the end to it. Accompanying this roar that resounded through the heavens and the earth was two enormous mountains that suddenly appeared out of thin air, and they carried a violent force as they smashed down fiercely at Chen Xi and Ji Xuanbing.

The force was too violent to eh point it crushed space to the point it emanated rumbling bangs, and Ji Xuanbing and Chen Xi who were caught off guard could only resist it by relying on their reaction speed.

Bang! Bang!

The mountains exploded into pieces, causing rubble to shoot into the surroundings while dust and dirt suffused the air. On the other hand, even though Chen Xi and Ji Xuanbing didn't suffer any injury, they were covered in dust and dirt, and they were in an extremely embarrassing state.

Chen Xi's expression instantly sank, and he revealed a hostile expression.

"Don't get angry, it's Dean Chi Cangsheng!" Ji Xuanbing hurriedly warned Chen Xi via voice transmission when he noticed this.

Chen Xi frowned. Sure enough, he noticed that there was a flat platform that covered an extremely large area in the distance. There were many figures standing on the platform since a long time ago, and surprisingly, a short and thin old man was standing before those figures.

He had grey disheveled hair, wore a white monk's robe and a loose belt. His face was shriveled while his appearance was ordinary, and his eyes that seemed like two deep abysses were filled with a violent, arrogant, wild, and vicious aura. It caused the hearts of others to tremble from looking at him from afar, and it was like one was facing a monstrously ferocious beast from the barbaric times.

He was Chi Cangsheng, the inner court Dean of Dao Emperor Academy!

A senior of the academy that was renowned for having a wild and disagreeable temper and was irritable and arrogant. He'd resided in the inner court for countless years, and his strength was unfathomable.

Obviously, the roar from before had come from Chi Cangsheng, and the enormous mountains that suddenly smashed down upon Chen Xi and Ji Xuanbing were naturally the work of Chi Cangsheng as well.

This old fellow really is vicious and hot-tempered like Ji Xuanbing said. Chen Xi gritted his teeth in secret, and he finally had an initial understanding of the temper and ability of the inner court's Dean, Chi Cangsheng.

"Let's go over quickly. This first class... won't end so easily. You must be careful and exercise restraint. This old fellow doesn't care who you are or what identity you possess, nor does he care if you're right or wrong. When he decided to bash someone up, he'll absolutely not give it any consideration." Ji Xuanbing was heavy hearted as he swiftly flashed towards the platform with Chen Xi.

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When Chen Xi and Ji Xuanbing arrived on the platform, many figures had already gathered here, and Zhao Mengli and Zhen Lu were surprisingly amongst them.

However, not a single person present here dared to talk with each other. All of them stood there silently with puckered lips, and many people carried heavy expressions between their brows.

Obviously, they were enduring extremely great pressure as they faced Chi Cangsheng who was renowned for being hot-tempered and vicious. Even the Dragon Dimension's Ao Zhanbei who was extremely arrogant had restrained his temper and stood there without making a sound.

Ji Xuanbing and Chen Xi exchanged glances when they saw this, and they stood obediently at the side of the crowd in silence.

I wonder what the first class held by this old fellow will be. He wouldn't be intending to use various different methods to teach all of us new inner court students a lesson, right? Chen Xi muttered in his heart. He noticed that an ancient stone stele that was an entire 300m tall stood at the side of the vast platform, and the stone stele was completely suffused with a layer of gentle and hazy golden radiance. Shockingly, the names of numerous inner court students were listed on its surface.

Chen Xi instantly came to an understanding. This is definitely another ranking of the academy, the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings! Those that are able to be listed upon it are top existences amongst the inner court students.

Of course, inner court students were divided into two types. One type were at the Golden Immortal Realm, and there was a total of around eight hundred of them. The other type were at the Saint Immortal Realm, and there was a total of around three hundred of them. Even though both these types of students were cultivating in the inner court, they basically didn't interfere with each other.

The reason there were so few inner court students was because there were inner court students that left the academy every single year, and they either returned to serve in the sects they came from, went to hold a position in the Immortal Court, or went to wander the world and search for their own Grand Dao.

Moreover, the academy provided that after inner court students attained the Saint Immortal Realm and passed the academy's exam, then they only had two choices. They could either leave and wander the world themselves or assume the position of instructor in the academy. Of course, if one wanted to hold the position of instructor, then there were additional exams to pass.

Chen Xi's gaze moved up, and he instantly saw that the student ranked at the first position was surprisingly the Flaming Rain, Ling Qingwu!

The second was the Iron Abyss, Ye Tang.

These two names were both enveloped by a layer of a shimmering violet gold glow, and they emanated a dignified, terrifying, and blazing aura.

The names below them were only covered in a layer of gold light, and they didn't possess the violet glow that was filled with a trace of a dignified aura.

When the blazing sun rose, the violet qi came from the east!

Obviously, no matter if it was Ling Qingwu or Ye Tang, they were amongst the publicly acknowledged six great blazing suns of the Immortal Dimension, so they naturally seemed different from the rest.

However, Chen Xi was curious. Exactly what sort of assessment does one need to pass in order to become ranked amongst the blazing suns? Are Ling Qingwu and Ye Tang's names enveloped with a strand of violet light because they're blazing suns?

Before long, all forty seven students that passed through the inner court exam had arrived.

On the other hand, the vicious and deep gaze of Chi Cangsheng that stood in the distance swept Chen Xi and the others before he suddenly let out a weird and sly laughter that sounded hoarse and horrible like owls.

The hearts of everyone trembled upon hearing this while they revealed heavy expressions as if they were facing a great enemy. They were very clearly aware that the 'first class' was about to begin!

"Oh, I heard that a few little fellows amongst all of you performed very well in the Outerealm Battlefield. Who is it? Stand out so I can have a look!" Chi Cangsheng spoke with a hoarse voice, and his eyes swept coldly onto Chen Xi and the others.

Everyone was stunned. Does anyone even ask such a question? All of them felt that their performance wasn't bad, and they hesitate on whether they should stand out.

Chen Xi originally intended to stand out, yet he instantly dispelled this thought when he saw the reactions of everyone else. The one in the front usually bears the brunt of an attack, so it was better to coldly watch the situation unfold from the sidelines.

"Is there no one? Haha! All of you really are modest. How rare! Truly rare!" Chi Cangsheng laughed once more while his shriveled face was covered in disdain.

"Dean Chi, Chen Xi displayed the best performance in the Outerealm Battlefield this time. He crushed the students of all the other six academies and is worthy of being the first in the exam this time." Right when Chi Cangsheng's voice finished resounding through the air, Zuoqiu Jun suddenly bowed in the crowd, and he spoke with a clear voice and a sincere and respectful attitude.

This bastard is intentionally laying a trap for Chen Xi! Ji Xuanbing frowned while he glanced over out of the corner of his eye. Sure enough, he noticed Chen Xi's gaze had become piercingly cold at this moment. Obviously, Chen Xi had realized that Zuoqiu Jun harbored ill intent.

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Chapter 1272: Squatting On The Ground And Drawing Circles

Zuoqiu Jun speaking abruptly drew the attention of the others as well. Especially the content of his words caused the expressions of everyone to change. Some took pleasure in Chen Xi's misfortune while others frowned without end.

However, not a single person dared to speak so as to avoid courting disaster and being 'tempered' by Chi Cangsheng.

Chi Cangsheng glanced at Zuoqiu Jun who revealed a respectful expression before he took a glance at Chen Xi, and his shriveled lips curled into a strange arc.

The hearts of everyone jerked. Is this old fellow going to start his 'class?'

Zuoqiu Jun seemed to be showing a respectful attitude and had his head lowered, yet there was a wisp of a gloomy and cold expression on his face. Even though doing this would be unable to kill Chen Xi, yet he felt it was really nice to be able to watch Chen Xi suffer once.

Chen Xi took a deep breath in secret at this moment, and he warned himself that no matter what this old fellow did, he would do as he was told and not go against the old fellow at all.

"All the inner court students are clearly aware that I hate being interrupted when I'm speaking."
Unexpectedly, Chi Cangsheng actually shot his gaze onto Zuoqiu Jun in the next moment, and his emaciated face was covered in a vicious expression. "Yet you obviously don't know me and have made a mistake that's neither great nor small."

His voice was gloomy, and it caused fear to arise in the hearts of all. Moreover, all of them were astounded as they never expected that Zuoqiu Jun would actually have set himself on fire instead and dug a grave for himself.

Chen Xi laughed coldly without end in his heart as well. He suddenly noticed that this inner court Dean seemed to be hot-tempered and vicious, yet he seemed to be quite a nice person...

As for Zuoqiu Jun, the gloomy and cold expression on his face froze abruptly, and then he swiftly raised his head while seeming to reveal an expression of disbelief before he bowed once more as he said hastily, "I was ignorant, please forgive me, Dean Chi!"

His words were humble and respect, and his attitude was very upright.

Of course, Zuoqiu Jun wasn't an idiot, so how could he dare talk back against this senior that had a strange temper?

"Oh, you're able to realize your mistake and rectify it, it's never too late to mend a mistake." Chi Cangsheng nodded, and then he chuckled as he said slowly, "However, you have to show some sincerity when you admit your mistakes. Oh, go over there for now, then squat down and draw circles. How long you have to do it will depend on my mood."

Draw circles?

Everyone gasped. How repulsive! Does anyone make a dignified Golden Immortal squat down and draw circles? If news of this is to spread, then he'll definitely become the laughing stock of everyone in the world!

Zuoqiu Jun's entire body trembled while his face instantly changed numerous times. He revealed a livid and ashen expression, and he opened his mouth while seeming to be in panic.

"Dean Chi, this...this...this can't... I..." At this moment, Zuoqiu Jun actually stuttered and seemed grief stricken as if he was attending a funeral.

Everyone else couldn't help but be amused by this sight because this was a typical example of trying to harm another yet falling into one's own trap.

"Do what you're told. Do you really think my title as Dean is just a decoration?" Chi Cangsheng glared at him and didn't hesitate at all to give him a kick.

It seemed to be a simple kick, yet Zuoqiu Jun was actually unable to avoid it at all. It struck fiercely onto him, causing him to let out a shrill howl while being blasted flying and falling on his face.

"Start drawing circles now. I'll slap you if it isn't round!" Chi Cangsheng spat fiercely, and when his saliva struck the ground, it actually broke open a bottomless hole.

All of them were greatly shocked by his scene, and they gasped without end. He acts and attacks without the slightest hesitation. This old fellow really deserves his reputation.

As for Zuoqiu Jun, he revealed a resentful expression while his body trembled as he crawled up. After that, he obediently squatted on the ground with a depressed expression before the tip of his finger shivered as it moved on the ground. Every time he finished drawing a circle, the embarrassment on his face would grow.

Chen Xi was greatly amused by this sight as well. This Chi Cangsheng's actions are really unbelievable, and he's unimaginable weird.

However, before Chen Xi could get too happy, Chi Cangsheng's gloomy gaze had descended onto him in the next moment. Obviously, it was a rather ill gaze.

Chen Xi's heart jerked, and he instantly became vigilant.

"Earlier, I asked whose performance in the inner court exam was the most outstanding, so why didn't you stand out?" Chi Cangsheng kept his hands behind his back while he walked slowly before Chen Xi. His thin and short figure was barely at Chen Xi's shoulders, yet it was precisely such a thin and frail figure that gave Chen Xi extreme pressure.

All the other's gazes shot in succession towards Chen Xi when they saw this, and they sighed in their hearts. Sure enough, no one can avoid disaster in this 'first class' held by this old fellow.

"I don't feel that I'm outstanding, so I didn't stand out." Chen Xi took a deep breath and acted indifferent as he replied in a calm tone.

"Oh?" Chi Cangsheng's eyelids raised while a wisp of a cold light surged from his eyes as he sized Chen Xi up, and he gazed at Chen Xi to the point Chen Xi's hairs stood on end before he said slowly, "If the first in the inner court exam isn't outstanding, then what is outstanding? If you're not outstanding, then what are all the brats around you? Trash?"

When he spoke up to here, Chi Cangsheng suddenly raised his voice and pointed at the tip of Chen Xi's nose before he roared. "According to what you said, the inner court exam of my Dao Emperor Academy is trash, right?"

Chen Xi frowned, his eardrums were on the verge of being blasted apart, yet he endured it forcefully in the end and puckered his lips while remaining silent because this old fellow was obviously distorting logic and intentionally causing trouble.

"Since you know your mistake, then go draw circles as well." When he saw that Chen Xi actually wouldn't talk back when getting scolded, Chi Cangsheng's eyes narrowed, and he waved his hand in the end while speaking impatiently.

Draw circles again...

Everyone was stunned. If news of this were to spread then asking the first amongst the new students and the first in the inner court exam, Chen Xi, to draw circles would affect the reputation of Dao Emperor Academy, right?

On the other hand, when Zuoqiu Jun who was squatted there while drawing circles heard this, the embarrassment on his face actually eased up greatly. He seemed to feel that if he were able to draw circles with Chen Xi, then even if news of it were to spread, most people would pay attention to Chen Xi and not him, Zuoqiu Jun.

"I refuse." However, to the horror of everyone, Chen Xi actually refused without the slightest hesitation!

"You refuse? Very good! I love unyielding little fellows like you." Chi Cangsheng suddenly started roaring with laughter as he said, "However, do you know the price you must pay to refuse me?"

Many of the other students were slightly stunned when this question was mentioned, and some matters of the past appeared in their minds. In the history of Dao Emperor Academy, there were many students who'd refused Chi Cangsheng's unreasonable requests like Chen Xi had.

Chi Cangsheng would raise three extremely harsh and abnormal requirements towards this. So long as one succeeded in any one of these requirements, then one's refusal was successful. Moreover, one could smoothly pass through his 'first class.'

"Please provide me with your guidance, Senior." Chen Xi had a calm expression, and he seemed immovable like a rock between surging undercurrents.

When he saw this, Chi Cangsheng's eyes narrowed once more as he sized Chen Xi up briefly, and then he laughed coldly after a long time. "Very good. I noticed that I admire you even more little fellow. However, the precondition is that you're prepared. If you're unable to satisfy me, then the consequences will be worse than drawing circles."

Chen Xi remained silent when faced with this, and he seemed calm and ready to risk everything.

This fellow is really being too unyielding. Allowing this old fellow to create trouble for him is probably going to be bad. Ji Xuanbing muttered in his heart, and he felt both worry and extreme admiration towards Chen Xi.

This old fellow probably won't go too far. I heard Ancestor say that Chi Cangsheng's actions against the students have deep meaning behind them. Perhaps all of this is within his plan? Zhao Mengli's clear eyes glowed brightly and flowed with a sheen of wisdom while she seemed to be lost in thought.

As for the other students, some of them felt pity for Chen Xi, some took pleasure in his misfortune, some compared with Chen Xi encountered now and were worried about the 'tempering' they might receive later...

Chi Cangsheng didn't hesitate any longer. He turned around and pointed towards the 300m tall stone stele in the distance and spoke coldly. "See that stone stele that records the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings? Go forward and determine your strength. You pass if you're able to be ranked in the top thirty."

What! Ascend into the top thirty of the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings?

Everyone was greatly shocked in their hearts. Isn't this a bit too harsh? There are eight hundred students at the Golden Immortal Realm within the inner court, and every single one of them passed through various exams to be selected from the outer court. The Golden Immortal Realm students in the outer court were far from being capable of comparing to them.

Moreover, those students that were able to be ranked on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings were top existences amongst inner court students. Presently, Chi Cangsheng actually asked a student that had just entered the inner court to ascend into the top thirty of the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, and this requirement wasn't just harsh, it was simply abnormal!

Instantly, everyone felt that Chi Cangsheng obviously didn't intend to let go of his chance to 'temper' Chen Xi so easily.

Only the spirits of Zuoqiu Jun who squatted there while drawing circles was refreshed, and he slightly anticipated the consequences Chen Xi was about to face. Worse than drawing circles? What sort of 'tempering' would it be?

"If you dare get distracted again, then you can continue drawing here for three days and three nights." Chi Cangsheng frowned as he swept Zuoqiu Jun with his gaze, causing Zuoqiu Jun to be terrified to the point the corners of his mouth shivered. He lowered his head and focused with an extremely embarrassed and humiliated expression, yet he didn't dare get distracted again.

He drew circles hatefully while venomously cursing Chen Xi in his heart...

Chen Xi only frowned when faced with all of this, and then he directly walked forward. He arrived before the 300m tall stone stele and briefly sized up the stone stele that was suffused with hazy golden radiance, and then he took a deep breath and slowly clenched his fist together.

Rumble!

Strands of peerlessly thick Immortal Force rippled out from Chen Xi's body like tempestuous waves, and it caused the surrounding air to fluctuate and surge intensely.

At this moment, Chen Xi had circulated his cultivation to the limit. His entire body emanated a myriad of strands of golden radiance, causing him to seem as if he was bathed in brilliant divine flames, and he seemed to possess an arrogant and imposing aura.

He...actually really intends to charge up onto the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings!

The eyes of everyone squinted when they saw this, and besides feeling shocked they focused their gazes over in unison.

Chi Cangsheng's eyes narrowed while a thought provoking arc appeared on the corners of his mouth. I keep hearing how others say this kid is extraordinary. I'll see for myself today if he's as formidable as the rumors say. If he isn't able to fulfil the requirements... Hmph! That kid can only blame himself for being unworthy of his reputation!

Bang!

At this moment, Chen Xi's fist was suffused with five colored divine radiance that was blazing to the point of seeming material, and then it carried peerless might as it smashed fiercely onto the 300m tall stone stele, causing a deafening bang to resound.

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Chapter 1273: Raising A Storm

The 300m tall stone stele was the inner court's Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings that listed the names of the top hundred strongest students in the inner court. It wasn't just a supreme honor, and one would even be able to obtain a huge amount of Starpoints as a reward every single month according to one's ranking!

The top hundred were rewarded with 500,000 Starpoints every single month, the top fifty were rewarded with 800,000 Starpoints every month, and the top thirty were rewarded with a million.

Moreover, the difference in rewards for the top ten was extremely great. For example, the 10th was rewarded with two million, the 9th with three million, and so on and so forth. The 3rd was rewarded with nine million, and the 2nd with ten million.

As for the first, it was the most special, and it was 1.5 million!

In other words, the Flaming Rain, Ling Qingwu, who was one of the six blazing suns and ranked at the 1st position didn't have to do anything yet would be able to earn 18,000,000 Starpoints!

Such a reward was countless times greater than the Allheaven Gold Rankings in the outer court.

Om!

The 300m tall ancient stone stele suddenly erupted with a wisp of blazing golden light, and it was like a golden star that arose from beneath the earth and charged up at a shocking speed.

Its speed of ascent was too swift, and in a short period of a few breaths, it had charged into the top fifty.

A wave of exclaims of shock arose in the vicinity. This was the inner courts Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, and it was extremely difficult to occupy a position on it. Yet now, Chen Xi had only just stepped foot into the inner court and hadn't even started cultivating there officially, but his strength had actually ascended into the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings and seemed to be advanced vigorously up the rankings!

This fellow always exceeds everyone's expectations! Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others sighed with emotion in their hearts. However, when they thought of Chen Xi's ferocious combat achievements in the Outerealm Battlefield, they felt that this was normal.

"Fuck! Why is it like this?" When he saw this scene, as he squatted on the ground and drew circles, Zuoqiu Jun's finger shivered and almost destroyed a circled he'd almost finished, and this obviously displayed the shock in his heart.

"Eh, someone is charging up the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings?"

"I wonder which Senior Brother of the inner court it is. He actually caused such a scene."

"Wait, today is the day that the students of the outer court that passed through the exam are entering the inner court. It wouldn't be one of those fellows that is causing such a scene, right?"

"Someone definitely refused the request of that freak, Old Demon Chi. This isn't the first time something like this has happened."

At the same time, the change in the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings drew the attention of many students in the entire inner court. Various voices resounded ceaselessly from all directions, yet not a single one of them dared to go investigate. The reason was probably because they were clearly aware that the inner court's Dean, Chi Cangsheng, was there, and none of them were willing to face that old fellow with a hot and vicious temper.

On the other hand, under the gazes of everyone, the blazing golden light continued up all along the way, and it quickly charged into the top forty. At this moment, even Ji Xuanbing and the others were shocked and became nervous.

All the names on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings were famous students in the inner court, and even if Chen Xi has made an outstanding display in the past, it was only at the outer court after all. Compared to those inner court students who'd commanded the wind and clouds in the inner court for countless years, they couldn't avoid feeling worried and nervous for him.

Especially because the requirement was the top thirty in the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings. In the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension, those in the top thirty were absolutely dazzling existences that could become blazing suns of the Immortal Dimension in the future. They were one in a million and were unprecedentedly outstanding.

It was even to the extent that the top thirty rankings hadn't been moved by anyone in the recent years.

Yet now, the golden light that represented Chen Xi has actually charged through the top fifty and was charging towards the top thirty, and it was a shocking scene.

Could it be that this little fellow is really able to accomplish it...? At the side, the thin and short Chi Cangsheng stood with his hands behind his back while his eyes narrowed slightly as he stared at the rankings, and there was a wisp of a strange glow faintly surging in the depths of his eyes.

Just like this, under the focused attention of everyone, the golden light started to slow down after arriving at the 40th position, but it didn't show any signs of stopping for now.

The 39th.

The 35th.

The 33rd.

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"No! Absolutely not! This must not happen! Never!" Zuoqiu Jun stared fixedly at the rankings and even forgot to draw circles on the ground. His heart would jerk fiercely every single time Chen Xi's name rose a position, and he was on the verge of being unable to restrain his flames of resentment and envy.

Om!

In the end, the wisp of golden light that represented Chen Xi's name suddenly leaped up, and it directly leaped up to occupy the 30th position!

At the instant that Chen Xi's name appeared on the surface of the stone stele, the name that was originally ranked at the 30th position wasn't pushed down to the 31st position, and it actually vanished instead.

This was very normal because according to the rules of the rankings, once a position was occupied, then the previous owner of the position would be directly removed from the rankings, and if one wanted to ascend onto the rankings once more, then one could only wait for six months before being allowed to ascend the rankings once more.

This sort of restriction was to avoid students becoming unsettled, causing their Dao Heart to be disturbed, and placing all their energy towards reclaiming their position because their position had fallen because this would ultimately affect their cultivation.

"This is impossible! How could his combat strength possibly be so abnormal? How...how long has he entered the academy for..." When he saw Chen Xi's name finally stopping at the 30th position, Zuoqiu Jun was on the verge of going mad, and he roared endlessly with resentment in his heart.

On the other hand, the other students were unable to restrain their shock from being revealed on their faces. He's too formidable! They even wondered that if they continued to compare themselves with Chen Xi as they'd done in the past, then would they live beneath Chen Xi's shadow forever?

This was something that couldn't be helped. Since the moment he'd entered the academy, Chen Xi had grown at an astounding speed, and he'd created countless miracles that stirred the academy, causing all of these students of the younger generation that had entered the academy along with Chen Xi to be inferior in comparison and be hidden beneath Chen Xi's radiance.

If Chen Xi didn't exist, then the new students this time would definitely be in a situation where Zhen Lu, Ji Xuanbing, and Zhao Mengli were on par and stood at the peak.

Unfortunately, there were no if's in the world.

"He actually ascended to the top thirty!"

"The 30th on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, Chen Xi! Isn't this...the name of that new student that entered the academy just two years ago?"

"It's actually that fellow!"

At this moment, the entire inner court's atmosphere became deathly silent, and one could faintly heart a wave of gasping rising and falling in the surroundings.

Chen Xi!

This name wasn't unfamiliar to every single student of the inner court now, and it was even to the extent that when they found out Chen Xi had entered the inner court as the 1st in the inner court exam, many inner court students were rubbing their fists together and intended to test if this fellow was as strong as the rumors said.

But they'd never imagined that on the first day Chen Xi stepped foot into the inner court, he would ascend to the 30th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings in such a domineering manner. Didn't this mean that amongst the eight hundred Golden Immortal Realm students in the inner court, most of them had been left far behind by Chen Xi in terms of strength?

"Tsk, this fellow is really making a showy display. The Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings represent the judgment of one's strength, yet it's not necessarily the case in terms of combat strength."

"I remember that it was that fellow Meng Qi who was ranked at the 30th position before this, right? This Chen Xi removed his name from the rankings as soon as he entered the inner court, and with Meng Qi's character, he probably won't swallow this humiliation."

"Haha! That would be for the best! I on the other hand hope that Chen Xi's arrival will be able to put the entire situation of our inner court into disorder and cause a great storm!"

The changes in the top thirty on the rankings had imperceptibly drawn the attention of numerous students of the inner court, and they faintly felt that their future days in the inner court would probably not be peaceful with Chen Xi here...

"The 30th." At this moment, there was no ripples in his heart as Chen Xi gazed at his ranking on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings. The strength he'd utilized while determining his rankings was still within the scope of his control, and if he erupted without holding back in the slightest, then perhaps his final rankings wouldn't be so simple.

Meng Qi... That day at the Immortal Love Pavilion, you warned me to be careful after I enter the inner court. This can be considered to be my reply to your warning. Chen Xi took a deep breath before he moved his gaze away from the rankings.

When his gaze looked towards the platform, he noticed that the gazes Ji Xuanbing, Zhao Mengli, and the others shot at him were obviously different, and their shocked expressions carried an indescribably complicated feeling.

Chen Xi remained indifferent towards this and directly walked over to Chi Cangsheng before he said calmly, "Senior, I was lucky enough to accomplish your request, so can I refuse your...request to draw circles?"

Draw circles...

When he heard these words, the entire body of Zuoqiu Jun who was roaring resentfully in his heart trembled abruptly, and he cried in his heart. Shit! I was completely focused on this bastard's ranking that I actually forgot to draw circles! When faced with Chen Xi's words, Chi Cangsheng's expression changed before he grunted coldly, and then he suddenly turned around and roared towards Zuoqiu Jun that was squatting on the ground and had started to draw circles once more. "You even got distracted while drawing circles! You want to cultivate with such a disposition?"

His voice was like a thunderclap that reverberated through the surroundings.

Zuoqiu Jun was terrified to the point his entire body shivered while his face went pale, and he was aggrieved and embarrassed to the point he wished for nothing more than to directly commit suicide. I can't even draw circles properly? If news of this were to spread, then how would I gain a stand up in the Immortal Dimension in the future? What would all the living beings in the Immortal Dimension think of me?

Everyone else forcefully restrained themselves from laughing.

After he finished shouting, Chi Cangsheng gazed at Chen Xi before he suddenly said gloomily, "Very good. Not bad. My inner court needs students like you. However, don't think that you can sleep in peace after accomplishing my request today. Your future path...is still very long ahead."

Chen Xi's eyelids twitched. What does this old fellow mean? Could it be that he intends to give me 'classes' from time to time?

"Stop wasting time, hand your Violet Ribbon Starcrest over to me." Chi Cangsheng frowned and spoke impatiently.

Chen Xi was stunned. Even though he didn't know what this geezer meant, he still obediently handed over his Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

Om~

Chi Cangsheng casually swiped on the Starcrest, and then some strange fluctuations that seemed like ripples suddenly arose from its surface before he passed it back to Chen Xi. "Alright, you're already a true inner court student now. Take your Violet Ribbon Starcrest and head to the Dao Knowledge Palace, and there'll be someone there to arrange a place of cultivation for you. Now, you can fuck off!"

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Chapter 1274: Qing Ye

Chen Xi received his Violet Ribbon Starcrest before turning around and leaving.

He really didn't want to stay by the side of this old geezer, Chi Cangsheng, for another moment so as to avoid causing trouble for himself.

"What're all of you looking at? Is there anything to feel jealous about? Since all of you still have the time to think about other things, then it seems like all of you are impatient to prove your ability, right?

"That one, right, you. That one with pretty good chest muscles, stand out! Go put on a show of shattering rocks with your chest, and you can fuck off when you smash a hundred Netherezim Steel Rocks!

"Eh, you dare to laugh? You cultivate in the School of Fiendgod Body Refinement, right? Now, I won't make it difficult for you, either dash thirty rounds around this platform on all fours like a pig or ascend to the 30th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings. Choose for yourself!"

"Of course, you can refuse! But you better take a look at the consequences that fellow drawing circles on the floor is facing because once your refusal fails, then the consequences you face will only be worse!"

After Chen Xi left, Chi Cangsheng's ruthless roars still resounded from far away, and it was like a thunderclap as it resounded through the heavens and the earth, causing Chen Xi's heart to be unable to help but jerk and twitch from hearing it. Moreover, Chen Xi cursed in his heart before speeding up his footsteps. Old freak!

At the same time, he started to scan through the Violet Ribbon Starcrest in his hand, and he noticed to his surprise that there were many more classes added within the Violet Ribbon Starcrest.

In order, there was pill refinement, equipment refinement, puppetry, botany, taming, and various others. These classes were all taught by inner court head instructors, and there were no limits to inner court students. Anyone could attend these classes.

The most important class amongst them was 'Dao Revelation.' It was a class where head instructors would establish a Dao platform and discuss the Dao while guiding the students of the academy in cultivation.

Of course, no matter which class it was, one had to pay a huge amount of Starpoints to attend it.

Besides classes, there were numerous new assignments within the Violet Ribbon Starcrest, and they were directly issued by the Assignment Mountain especially for inner court students to accept and complete.

Chen Xi looked through them roughly, and the assignments weren't much different than the assignments of the past. The only difference was the Starpoints rewarded were much more generous. Of course, the difficulty of the assignment had increased greatly as well.

Once I've arranged everything, I have to make the best use of my time to cultivate while earning Starpoints. Chen Xi took a deep breath before returning the Violet Ribbon Starcrest into his body, and then he distinguished the direction he had to head towards before flashing towards the distance.

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Inner Court, Dao Knowledge Palace.

When Chen Xi arrived here, there was a Dao Apprentice with a handsome appearance and hair that was coiled into a Daoist's bun waiting there.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, I'm Qing Ye. Master asked me to wait here for you." The Dao Apprentice spoke in a slightly reserved manner. He had pitch black and clear eyes, an extraordinarily handsome appearance, and a natural spirited aura on his forehead. But he seemed to be slightly shy, and he hurriedly lowered his head and bowed upon noticing Chen Xi.

"Your Master is?" Chen Xi sized Qing Ye up briefly and was extremely surprised in his heart because Qing Ye actually possessed a cultivation at the Golden Immortal Realm as well. Moreover, his aura was pure, lively, and exuberant, causing him to seem extremely extraordinary.

"Didn't Senior Brother just meet him?" Qing Ye was stunned before he replied.

Chi Cangsheng? Only now did Chen Xi come to an understanding, and he couldn't help but be shocked in his heart. Never had he imagined that Qing Ye would actually be the disciple of the inner court's Dean, and this privilege wasn't something anyone could possess.

After all, no matter if it was the head instructors or other seniors of the inner court, they usually had extremely harsh requirements towards accepting a disciple. Yet Qing Ye was actually able to receive the favor of Chi Cangsheng, and this obviously showed that his natural talent and constitution were definitely extraordinary to the extreme.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, if you don't have any questions, then please follow me to choose your place of cultivation." Qing Ye smiled shyly before turning around and heading in the Dao Knowledge Palace.

"Qing Ye, shouldn't you address me as Junior Brother?" Chen Xi followed up to him and couldn't help but tease.

"Master said that no matter which Senior Brother I meet, I have to address them as Senior Brother." Qing Ye shook his head and seemed extremely sensible and obedient.

Chen Xi was stunned and said, "Could there be some meaning to this?"

Qing Ye shook his head and said with embarrassment. "The reason is that I'm too stupid. Master said that only by admitting I'm stupid would the other Senior Brother be good to me and not bully me. Even when I leave the academy, I have to admit that I'm inferior to others, and I'll be able to avoid a great deal of trouble."

Chen Xi was flabbergasted and said while seeming to be lost in thought, "That does make sense. But, aren't you worried that others would say that you're cowardly or even ridicule you?"

Qing Ye's eyes opened wide as he said with wonder. "Since I've already admitted that I'm stupid, then what would they have to ridicule me about? Would they ridicule me for being stupid? Then what would I be worried about?"

Right, he has already admitted that he's stupid, so what's there to ridicule him about? At this moment, Chen Xi was speechless.

As they spoke, the two of them had arrived within Dao Knowledge Palace.

An instructor usually resided within this grand hall and attended to the miscellaneous matters of the inner court like dividing places of cultivation, distributing the rules of the academy, and so on and so forth...

When Chen Xi just stepped foot into Dao Knowledge Palace, he saw a few students moving about in the large hall, and all of them were existences at the Golden Immortal Realm. Obviously, they were inner court students.

He was able to clearly sense that the cultivations of every single one of these inner court students was extremely formidable, and even the weakest amongst them was on par with the previous number one ranked outer court students, Ao Zhanbei!

This was very normal because the inner court students were the core force of the academy's younger generation. Every single one of them were like heavenly geniuses that were even more formidable than the overlord level powers of some continents, so they were far more extraordinary.

After all, Dao Emperor Academy was the number one academy in the Immortal Dimension that stood towering in the Immortal Dimension until now, it absolutely deserved its reputation. Even the disciples of the seven great ancient clans had willingly entered Dao Emperor Academy to seek an education, and this obviously showed how deep the resources and reserved of the academy were.

Thus, those who were able to become inner court students of Dao Emperor Academy were absolutely not ordinary.

"Oh? Someone new has actually come to report in so quickly?"

"How extraordinary, he was actually the first to pass through Dean Chi Cangsheng's 'tempering'."

"Haha! All of you really have eyes yet fail to see. Haven't all of you noticed that he's the renowned first amongst the new students of our Dao Emperor Academy?"

"So he's Chen Xi. In this way, it was he who ascended onto the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings earlier and wiped off Senior Brother Meng Qi's name from the rankings?"

Many students noticed Chen Xi and Qing Ye walking in together, and they instantly shot their gazes over while discussing without end. Some had sly smiles, some clicked their tongues in admiration, some sneered, some were extremely doubtful, and so on and so forth.

These inner court students were geniuses that were one in a million. All of them had their own arrogance and pride, and they couldn't be considered to look down on everyone, yet their pride was a must.

Chen Xi frowned as he acutely noticed many gazes faintly carrying a wisp of a provocative expression, and they seemed to be very doubtful of his strength.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, come over here." Qing Ye seemed to have not noticed all of this, and he smiled shyly to Chen Xi before leading Chen Xi directly towards the depths of the hall.

Chen Xi nodded and stopped sizing up the students in the surroundings. He'd seen such a hostile atmosphere on many occasions. It was none other than because he was new here, a completely new student, and it was unavoidable that these seniors would 'crowd around to have a look at him.'

However, he never expected that the more he kept silent, the more teasing, mocking, provocation, sneers, and doubtful gazes he received.

It was even to the extent that someone spoke with disdain. "This fellow actually doesn't have any temper at all. He's truly a pussy. How boring."

"Perhaps he didn't take any of us seriously at all."

"Ha! He doesn't take us seriously? Does he think that this is the outer court?"

"There's no point in saying all of this. Why don't you test that kid's ability? He's new here after all, and if he wants to win respect, then he has to reveal some ability at least."

"Alright, I'll go test Junior Brother Chen Xi's ability."

Amidst their animated discussion, a robust young man suddenly walked out, and he teleported in midair before standing in Chen Xi's path like a lofty mountain.

Especially unexpected to Chen Xi was this young man actually attacked without any hesitation and slapped down his palm towards Chen Xi.

Bang!

The shapeless space in the surroundings instantly surged when the robust young man's palm slapped out, and it transformed into surging and blazing white mist. As it moved, a strand of terrifying Golden Immortal Laws of Fire and Yang surged out with a peerlessly ferocious aura.

"What a formidable Sky Destruction Yang Palm!" Someone praised as he'd recognized that it was one of the robust young man's best ultimate moves.

This strike was formidable to the extreme indeed. Once it was executed, it was like a fiery sun soaring into the sky. It was peerlessly domineering, and this simple palm strike carried a myriad of variations that completely fused into the Golden Immortal Laws of Fire and Yang.

"This Bastard really is direct!" When he saw the robust young man didn't just obstruct his path but directly attacked without saying a single word, even if Chen Xi's calm nature, a strand of rage couldn't help but soar into his heart at this moment.

"You want to test my ability? You don't have the qualifications!" Chen Xi suddenly spoke like a thunderclap, and when facing this palm, he pressed his fingers together before clawing out abruptly like a bolt of lightning.

The might of this claw contained the energy of the Five Element Divine Crest, and it also carried a trace of the Spatial Divine Crest hidden within. If seemed to be extremely ordinary, yet it actually contained boundless profundity, and it was impossible to avoid.

Bang!

Chen Xi's claw directly and extremely accurately clawed onto his pressure points, and it almost clawed his hand's bones into pieces.

"Hmph!" The robust young man's expression changed slightly before his entire body suddenly erupted with boundless golden radiance. He twisted his arm while shrinking back, and his left hand pressed together into the shape of a blade before slashing towards Chen Xi's neck. He intended to launch a lethal assault against Chen Xi in order to turn the situation around and escape Chen Xi's grip.

"You still intend to struggle?" A wisp of ridicule appeared on the corners of Chen Xi's mouth when he saw this. His right hand that held onto the young man's wrist shook slightly, and then a terrifying, enormous, and violent force surged into the young man's body. The robust young man felt intense pain spread throughout his entire body, and then his entire body started shivering.

Bang!

In the next moment, Chen Xi held up his robust figure before smashing it fiercely onto the ground, and the hard ground that was densely covered in restrictions emanated a muffled bang.

Everyone in the surroundings gasped as they witnessed this scene. All of this had occurred too quickly, and it caused them to be unable to react in time before the robust young man was already smashed onto the ground.

AH!!!

The robust young man let out a shrill and miserable cry, and he was smashed to the point he was dizzy. He lay there on the ground as if he was having a seizure, and his entire body twitched violently from the intense pain.

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Chapter 1275: Unexpected

Hiss!

A wave of gasping resounded within the hall. Never had they expected that this young man who'd been silent since entering the hall would be so domineering and ferocious once he fought.

The robust young man was called Meng Ta, and he could be considered to be a great figure in the inner court. He was ranked at the 83rd position of the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, and he possessed a cultivation at the advanced-stage of the Golden Immortal Realm.

Most importantly, Meng Ta's combat strength wasn't as simple as his ranking made it seem to be. Once he fought, he was peerlessly overbearing, and even some experts ranked higher than him wouldn't dare fight him rashly.

Yet now, Meng Ta was actually instantly lifted up and smashed fiercely onto the ground like trash, and it was to the point that he wasn't able to stand back up again!

This was too shocking to the others.

"Sure enough, I knew that those who're able to enter into the inner court as the first in the inner court exam are definitely not simple." Many inner court students felt lucky in their hearts that they didn't look for trouble with Chen Xi earlier.

As he gazed at Meng Ta who was letting out shrill cries on the ground, the rage in Chen Xi's heart calmed down slightly. He looked down at Meng Ta with a calm gaze before he said, "If you didn't obstruct my path and didn't attack me without saying a word, then perhaps I would be a bit more courteous to you. Yet now, you aren't worthy of it. I welcome you to challenge me at any time in the future, but I won't let you off so easily next time."

As soon as he finished speaking, Chen Xi patted his hands together before turning around to look at Qing Ye who seemed to be dumbstruck before he said with a smile, "Let's go."

Qing Ye nodded, and then he couldn't help but say. "Senior Brother Chen Xi, Starpoints will be deducted for fighting in the academy."

Chen Xi said, "I know, it's only 10,000 Starpoints."

"But you don't know that a fight between inner court students will cause 100,000 to be deducted every single time." Qing Ye spoke in a weak tone.

Chen Xi was instantly stunned while the corners of his mouth twitched imperceptibly. This inner court...is really unlike the outer court!

Qing Ye smiled shyly when he saw that Chen Xi seemed to have understood the cons of it, and he said, "I feel that the meaning of cultivation isn't necessarily completely displayed in battle, and I hope Senior Brother doesn't fight too much in the future. Sometimes, fighting might not necessarily be the only method to solve a problem."

Chen Xi nodded. Qing Ye seemed to be young, yet he was Chi Cangsheng's disciple after all. He was pure in character and didn't like fighting, and this was understandable.

"Junior Brother, wait a moment. It doesn't seem to be right for you to leave after bashing someone up, right?" When they saw Chen Xi was about to leave, another inner court student stood out. He had silver hair, an extremely handsome appearance, and wore a loose silver robe. Moreover, every single move he made carried an oppressive and noble aura.

"Sure enough, Jiang Yu was unable to continue watching after Meng Ta was beaten."

"Senior Brother Jiang Yu is ranked at the 45th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings, and perhaps his rank is inferior to Chen Xi, but if they were to really be compared in combat strength, then Chen Xi will probably suffer a loss."

"Exactly. Senior Brother Jiang Yu is a disciple of one of the seven great ancient clans, the Jiang Clan. He has cultivated in the inner court for a thousand years, and he even possesses an ancient immortal treasure passed down to him by his clan. If he were to make a move against Chen Xi, then he would definitely be able to suppress the arrogance of this new student."

When they saw this silver haired young man walk out, the others in the surroundings started whispering in discussion, and the gazes they shot at Chen Xi more or less carried a trace of pleasure from Chen Xi's misfortune.

Chen Xi frowned. He really never imagined that there would still be someone that would fearless come forward under such circumstances. Could it be that I was too easy on Meng Ta earlier, and it wasn't deterring enough?

"Senior Brother Jiang Yu..." Qing Ye spoke cautiously when he saw this, and he seemed to intend to dissuade Jiang Yu. However, Jiang Yu interrupted him while revealing an indifferent expression. "Qing Ye, this is none of your business. Move aside."

"But..." Qing Ye frowned, and he pondered for a moment before he said seriously, "Senior Brother Chen Xi has just entered the inner court today, and I'm in-charge of receiving him in and arranging a place of cultivation for him. Since it's I who brought Senior Brother Chen Xi here, then how could it not be related to me?"

His features were clear while his bearing was pure and clear like a stream, and it wasn't tainted by a trace of impurity, causing it to be very difficult for others to arouse adverse feelings towards him.

However, Jiang Yu was slightly displeased and said impatiently, "You're so stupid, so why do you keep thinking about such things? Quickly move aside, otherwise, don't blame me for not warning you."

"Qing Ye, you idiot, quickly move aside!"

"This fellow really is stupid. I wonder why Dean Chi Cangsheng just had to choose this slow-witted fellow as his disciple."

The others were extremely amused as well when they saw this, and they spoke in succession.

However, to the surprise of everyone, the usually shy and reserved Qing Ye actually took a 180 degree turn in attitude today, and he didn't move aside at all!

Even Chen Xi was stunned, and he'd never imagined that Qing Ye would actually go so far for the sake of protecting him, causing his impression of Qing Ye to rise greatly while he said in his heart, If Jiang Yu dares to make a move later, then I'll absolutely not allow him to injure Qing Ye.

At this moment, Qing Ye's brows knit together even more tightly while he looked at Jiang Yu with a troubled expression, and he said in a low voice, "Senior Brother Jiang Yu, can you not make a move against him?"

"You really are slow-witted! Move aside now!" Jiang Yu was utterly displeased, and his gaze became icy cold as he pushed Qing Ye aside with the intent of pushing him away and stopping Qing Ye from nagging while blocking his path.

But to his surprise, he actually missed! Qing Ye hadn't utilized any ultimate techniques, and he'd just moved his shoulder back and easily avoided it.

At this instant, Chen Xi's eyes suddenly narrowed while a thought flashed within his mind. "Spatial profundities!"

Qing Ye hadn't moved his shoulder back at all earlier, and he'd utilized a type of Spatial force earlier, allowing him to move the position his shoulder resided at!

I never expected that Qing Ye actually grasped a type of Spatial profundities as well. I wonder which branch of the Spatial Laws it is... Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought.

On the other hand, Jiang Yu thought he'd been careless. Especially when it was under the gazes of everyone present, and his attack had actually been dodged by Qing Ye, causing his expression to faintly become unsightly.

"Senior Brother Jiang Yu, if you continue acting in this way, then I... I..." Qing Ye's expression was hesitant and troubled, and his handsome face had completely contracted together.

"Why do you want?" Jiang Yu's face sank while his eyes revealed a wisp of viciousness. "You still want to fight me? A stupid piece of trash like you? I really wonder why Dean Chi Cangsheng would take you as his closed door disciple. If it wasn't for your identity, you would have been bashed up countless times in the past, yet you still dare to threaten me now?"

As he spoke, he suddenly raised his hand and tried to push Qing Ye once more. "Move aside right now..."

He hadn't finished speaking when the troubled and hesitant expression on the face of the handsome, clean, simple, and reserved young man before him had instantly been replaced by a sharp aura. It was like a peerless sword had been unsheathed, and the young man was the cold edge of the sword!

In the next moment, Qing Ye made his move. His figure didn't seem to have made any move, yet before Jiang Yu's push could arrive, a slender and fair hand had already grabbed Jiang Yu's throat!

Yet when all of this occurred, Jiang Yu's hand had just been raised, and he'd only spoken half the words he intended to...

It was too quick!

Everyone felt as if something had flashed before their eyes, and they originally thought they would witness the scene of Qing Ye being blasted flying, yet never had they imagined that what they saw in their field of vision would be Qing Ye stretching his hand out to grab Jiang Yu's throat before forcefully raising the latter's body up!

Bang!

A muffled bang resounded. Jiang Yu didn't even have the time to struggle before Qing Ye pressed him down fiercely onto the ground, and it smashed the ground to the point the hall trembled slightly.

Jiang Yu's entire body trembled violently, and it seemed exactly like how Meng Ta had been defeated by Chen Xi earlier. The only difference was that Qing Ye's hand was always on his throat, causing him to be unable to make a sound no matter how intense the pain was. It suffocated Jiang Yu to the point his face flushed extremely red while nerves bulged on his face, and his appearance was unusually savage, miserable, and agonized.

This scene caused the students in the surroundings to be dumbstruck, and they practically didn't dare believe their eyes. When did this idiot become so formidable? Is he still...that clean and simple Qing Ye that always calls himself stupid?

Chen Xi on the other hand had expected this since a long time ago because Jiang Yu's ability was utterly insufficient to do anything to Qing Ye. But he'd similarly never imagined that once Qing Ye fought, Qing Ye would actually be so ferocious, straightforward, swift, and utilize the most precise method to restrain his opponent in one strike!

So this fellow has always been acting weak to defeat the strong. Chen Xi sighed with emotion in his heart.

Bang!

Meanwhile, Qing Ye raised his hand and directly utilized internal force to knock Jiang Yu out cold. Only then did he release Jiang Yu's throat and stood up, and his expression had returned to his usual harmless, reserved, and shy appearance. It was impossible to find a trace of that sharp aura from before.

But in the eyes of everyone, not a single one of them dared to underestimate this handsome young man before them, and it was even to the extent that many people faintly revealed gazes of fear because not just anyone could restrain Jiang Yu who was ranked at the 45th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings with a single strike!

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, excuse me for the scene from before." Qing Ye lowered his head and seemed to be slightly shy.

"I understand." Chen Xi smiled lightly with deep meaning.

"It...it really was the first time I've fought." Qing Ye was instantly anxious when Chen Xi seemed to not believe him, and he seemed like an obedient child that had been wronged. "Master always told me that if others desire to make a move against me, then I should strive to defeat the person before the person can make a move against me. I...really didn't deceive you."

Chen Xi stared blankly at Qing Ye, and then he said, "What else did your master tell you?"

Qing Ye seemed to be slightly cautious as he said with a bashful expression. "Master has taught me too many things in these years, but I'm too stupid, and I only remember some things that he always nags about."

Chen Xi covered his forehead with his hand while sighing endlessly in his heart. If this handsome young man isn't pure to a certain extent, then he's wicked to the extreme!

Subsequently, not a single person obstructed them any longer, and they directly walked towards the depths of the hall.

"That slow-witted Qing Ye was actually faking it all the time..."

"Dammit! He tricked us so terribly!"

"No wonder Dean Chi Cangsheng took him as his disciple. The master has a hot and vicious temper, and the disciple is a wicked fellow!"

As they gazed at Meng Ta who was still groaning in pain on the ground and Jiang Yu that had been knocked out, and as they recalled the scenes from before, all of them sighed lightly in their hearts without end.

One was a new student that had just stepped foot into the inner court, yet had defeated Meng Ta with a single strike; the other was a handsome young man that had always been extremely stupid in the eyes of everyone, yet he erupted with a terrifying combat strength that Jiang Yu was unable to struggle against...

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Chapter 1276: Sword Room

In the depths of Dao Knowledge Palace.

A lone 30m tall jade wall stood towering there. Its surface was enshrouded with mist and it revealed the model of numerous mountains. Each of these models were only the size of a thumb, and they were fine, exquisite, and lifelike.

Before this jade wall was an old man in grey clothes sitting cross-legged on a meditation cushion. His eyes were closed slightly, and he was meditating in silence.

When Qing Ye led Chen Xi here, he immediately bowed slightly to the grey clothed old man.

After that, he pointed at the jade wall and said in a low voice, "Senior Brother Chen Xi, the inner court's 1,800 abodes are listed on this jade wall. According to the different attributes of Immortal Energy contained within them, they're divided in Chaos, Primeval, Creation, Auspicious, Genesis, and so on and so forth. The students of our inner court choose the abode most suitable for their own requirements to cultivate in."

"For example, Senior Sister Ling Qingwu cultivates the Grand Myrtle Genesis Scripture. Thus, she chose the abode that contains Genesis Qi to cultivate in.

"On the other hand, Senior Brother Ye Tang cultivates the Chaotic Creation Technique, so he chose the abode that contains Creation Qi."

Along with Qing Ye's explanation, Chen Xi noticed to his surprise that this handsome young man was actually clearly aware of the cultivation techniques cultivated by many inner court students, and this was no simple matter.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, the abodes here are unlike the outer court, and there isn't much difference in their quality and only depends on suitability. So, Senior Brother Chen Xi should select one that's most suitable to you." Qing Ye moved aside after he finished speaking and allowed Chen Xi to make his choice.

Chen Xi frowned instead and was slightly unable to decide.

While he was in the Ninth Hell a long time ago, because his Blackhole World had been destroyed, he'd taken an unorthodox path and utilized the Dao of Talismans to rebuild the meridians and apertures in his entire body. Moreover, even his Blackhole World was condensed into form by the Divine Talismans of the five elements. It was also from then onwards that he hadn't chosen a cultivation technique again.

The reason was very simple, because his meridians, apertures, and even the circulation of vital energy in his body contained the profundities of various talismans like the five elements, Yin, Yang, Star, and Devour. So it was practically capable of accommodating the Immortal Energy of various attributes. This caused him to never have the thought of choosing a cultivation technique to cultivate in, and it wasn't of any use to him even if he did.

So at this moment, all the 1,800 different abodes were suitable for Chen Xi, and there was nothing for him to choose.

"Which abode did you choose, Junior Brother Qing Ye?" Chen Xi suddenly had a thought and asked.

"Me?" Qing Ye was stunned, and then he shook his head and said shyly, "I cultivate the Chaotic Gold Technique, so I chose an abode that contains Chaotic Qi."

As he spoke, he raised his hand and pointed at a mountain on the jade wall. A bright light flashed before the model of the mountain opened up slowly, and it revealed three abodes. Surprisingly, two of those abodes revealed the names of Ye Tang and Qing Ye, and the last abode was empty.

"What attribute does this abode contain?" Chen Xi pointed at the empty abode.

"That abode?" Qing Ye was stunned, and then he said, "No one has shown interest in that abode for many years. The reason is that the attribute of the Immortal Energy within that abode is too violent, and it's a mix of various attributes. Senior Brother Chen Xi, you should be clearly aware that it isn't always the best to utilize Immortal Energy that contains too many attributes mixed together as it will affect your path of cultivation in the future."

Chen Xi said instead, "I'll take it."

Qing Ye was stunned, and he couldn't help but say. "Senior Brother Chen Xi, once an abode is chosen, then it's impossible to be changed. Will you not reconsider?"

Qing Ye was indeed acting out of good intentions, but to Chen Xi, this abode that no one showed interest in was the most suitable to him instead. The problem of the Immortal Energy being too violent and containing a large mix of attributes was beneficial towards his cultivation, and the reason was naturally because his meridians and apertures were unlike ordinary people.

"It's decided," said Chen Xi.

Qing Ye could only glance at Chen Xi in wonder before going silent.

"This abode is called Sword Room, and it costs 5,000,000 Starpoints a year." Meanwhile, the grey clothed old man that sat cross-legged on the meditation cushion opened his eyes, and he glanced indifferently at Chen Xi before he said, "If you've made your decision, then hand your Violet Ribbon Starcrest over."

Chen Xi handed it over as the old man instructed.

Om~

Along with a strange buzzing sound, the abode called 'Sword Room' on the jade wall revealed Chen Xi's name, and it represented that it had a new owner.

After that, the grey clothed old man returned the Violet Ribbon Starcrest to Chen Xi.

"Junior Brother Qing Ye, come, bring me to my new residence. Oh, your abode just happens to be neighboring to mine. In the future, if I encounter any problems, I'll trouble you to provide me with guidance," said Chen Xi with a smile.

Qing Ye nodded bashfully. "I'm too stupid, so I'll probably be unable to guide Senior Brother."

Chen Xi went silent as he didn't know what to say, and then he moved to leave with Qing Ye.

"Wait." Right at this moment, the grey clothed old man spoke abruptly, and he seemed hesitant to speak any further.

Chen Xi was stunned, and he turned around and cupped his hands. "May I know what guidance Senior has to offer?"

The grey clothed old man stared at Chen Xi for a long time before he said, "You really don't know the history of that abode?"

Chen Xi's brows raised, and then he shook his head.

"Oh, I remember now. That abode, Sword Room, was where Senior Yun Fusheng cultivated all those years ago. However, since he left it, no one has chosen that abode ever since." Qing Ye slapped himself on the forehead and seemed as if he'd just remembered.

Yun Fusheng!Sword Room!

Chen Xi's eyes narrowed when he heard the name of this familiar legendary figure, and he'd never imagined that no matter where he went, he seemed to always hear things related to Yun Fusheng.

"What you said is correct." The old man faintly revealed a trace of worry, and he spoke of the past.

It turned out that since Yun Fusheng left the academy, no one had chosen that abode called Sword Room as their place of cultivation.

Firstly, it was because the Immortal Energy within it was too violent and contained numerous attributes. Secondly, it was because when Yun Fusheng cultivated there all those years ago, he'd left behind too many brands of the Sword Dao that hadn't dissipated until now. If one cultivated within the abode, then one had to be wary of the assault of this Sword Insight at all times.

"Of course, there have always been students over the years that refuse to believe this and chose Sword Room, and they hoped to comprehend some of the profundities contained within the traces of Sword Dao branded within the abode. Unfortunately, all of them were unable to endure it in the end, and they came back empty handed. Some of their minds even suffered great injury that caused irreparable harm to their cultivation." The old man sighed.

Chen Xi was surprised and anxious as well when he finished listening to all of this as he'd never imagined that an abode he chose casually would actually have such a past.

"Martial Uncle Lu, why...why didn't you say so earlier. If I knew this beforehand, then I wouldn't have allowed Senior Brother Chen Xi to choose this abode." Qing Ye's handsome face was covered in guilt and worry, and he seemed to feel that he'd led Chen Xi into a trap.

The old man waved his hand helplessly. "I just thought of it myself."

Qing Ye couldn't refrain himself and intended to say something else, yet he was stopped by Chen Xi. Chen Xi smiled to the old man and cupped his hands as he said, "Thank you for your guidance, Senior."

As soon as he finished speaking, he left the Dao Knowledge Palace with Qing Ye.

I swear to the heavens, I really didn't trap this little fellow intentionally... But this really is a coincidence. Could this be the will of the heavens? The old man watched Chen Xi and Qing Ye leave while he couldn't help but sigh in his heart.

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Skypath Mountain.

Om~

Space fluctuated before the figures of Chen Xi and Qing Ye appeared.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, look, this is my abode." Qing Ye pointed towards the distant Skypath Mountain and spoke with a smile.

The mountain towered into the sky and immortal mist roiled around it. It was suffused with surging divine radiance while ancient trees towered into the sky from atop the mountain. The mountain was completely verdant while immortal flying beasts fluttered in the sky, and it was extraordinary and beautiful.

At the mountainside was a verdant cliff, and an abode was situated behind the cliff. All around it was green bamboos dancing in the wind and aged vines coiled about, causing it to be filled with a quiet and secluded aura.

Surprisingly, the rock above the abode was inscribed with ancient characters that meant 'Sword Room.'

Chen Xi sized it up briefly and felt rather satisfied. This abode was even slightly superior to the Emperor Grade Abode he resided in at the outer court, and it wasn't just filled with Chaotic and Primeval Qi, it even contained Creation Qi, Genesis Qi, Auspicious Qi, and various other types of Immortal Energy.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, if there's nothing else, then I'll be taking my leave first." Qing Ye cupped his hands.

Chen Xi cupped his hands as well. "Thank you, Junior Brother Qing Ye."

He was clearly aware that the cultivation of inner court students fully depended on one's own will. There were various different classes listed out on the Violet Ribbon Starcrest every single day, and inner court students could go to these classes if they wanted or cultivate in seclusion within their own abodes if they didn't. They were practically unrestricted in their cultivation.

"Senior Brother Ye Tang might return from his training in the outside world after a few days. At that time, I'll introduce you to him. After all, only the three of us are living on Skypath Mountain, and we can frequently spar and exchange knowledge in the future." Qing Ye smiled before turning around and leaving.

Ye Tang?

Chen Xi was stunned and seemed to be lost in thought. Ye Tang was one of the six renowned blazing suns of the Immortal Dimension and being able to get to know Ye Tang could be said to be utterly beneficial.

As he contemplated in his mind, Chen Xi flew over onto the cliff and arrived before the abode.

I've finally become an inner court student... Chen Xi took a deep breath before he withdrew the Violet Ribbon Starcrest and waved it at the entrance to the abode.

Om!

A shapeless restriction surged, and then the tightly shut door of the Sword Room that hadn't been opened for countless years finally rumbled as it slowly opened up at this moment.

Chen Xi didn't hesitate in the slightest to flash in.

The abode was only 300m in circumference, and a meditation cushion, Dao platform, bed, book rack, table, and various other things needed for cultivation were set out within the clean and minimalistic abode.

Swish! Swish!

As soon as Chen Xi's figure appeared within the abode, a stream of sounds that were like waves surged over. Shockingly, it was a mist that was formed from Immortal Energy of various attributes. There was obscure Chaotic Qi, grey colored Primeval Qi, clear Creation Qi, jade Genesis Qi, and various others. They were condensed together like a tempestuous wave that whistled through the air and seemed extremely violent.

It really is as Junior Brother Qing Ye said. The Immortal Energy within this abode is extremely violent and mixed. If it was an ordinary person here, then the person would probably be unable to endure the pressure from such Immortal Energy, let alone cultivate here... But this is the most suitable paradise for me to cultivate instead. Chen Xi sized up the surroundings, and he was even more satisfied with this abode he'd chosen.

Swoosh!

Right at this moment, a wisp of sword qi suddenly shot out violently from within the surging Immortal Energy, and it was like a flash of cold light that tore open a shocking scar in space as it shot towards Chen Xi.

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Chapter 1277: Fight For Supremacy In The Dao Of Swords

Swish!

The wisp of sword qi that flashed abruptly carried an invincible imposing aura as it shot over violently, and it seemed to disregard the obstruction of space as it instantly arrived before Chen Xi's throat.

This wisp of sword qi was too swift and fine like a hair, causing it to be impossible to take precautions against!

Yet Chen Xi seemed as if he was prepared since the beginning, and he'd pressed his fingers together and made a slashing movement before the sword qi had shot over. The surrounding space trembled and rumbled, and it shook the wisp of sword qi to the point of trembling and slowing down.

Bang!

Chen Xi seized this opportunity to stretch out his hand and claw the wisp of sword qi into pieces that transformed into a rain of light that dissipated into the surroundings.

It really is a brand of his Sword Dao's aura that has been left here for a long time. The Sword Insight is pure, and it faintly carries a trace of a divine and inviolable aura. All those years ago, Yun Fusheng seems to have already exceeded the level of Grandmaster and touched the threshold of the realm of Sword God...No wonder no inner court students has been able to reside and cultivate here in all these years. Merely this Sword Dao brand isn't something an ordinary Golden Immortal can resist.

As he sensed the aura that effused out from the shattered sword qi, Chen Xi instantly analyzed its might, and he was shocked in his heart.

After all, his grasp of the Sword Dao had exceeded the scope of the level of Grandmaster, and it was faintly on the verge of touching the threshold of the realm of Sword God.

If it wasn't for that, it would be utterly impossible for him to so easily resist that wisp of sword qi from before.

Swish! Swish!

Before Chen Xi could rest for a moment, numerous strands of sword qi sprayed out from within the dense and surging Immortal Energy that was like tempestuous waves. The sword qi was like a storm that carried a powerful aura, and it faintly revealed the ability to throw Yin and Yang into chaos and annihilate everything.

This sword qi was terrifying indeed. Even if it had been left behind within the abode many years ago, it was still sharp and murderous to the extreme. The attack contained within every single strand of sword qi carried the terrifying might that surpassed the scope of the Grandmaster level in Sword Dao.

If it was any other inner court student, then the student would have withdrawn various Immortal Artifacts upon seeing such a shocking scene and used every means possible to resist the sword qi.

But Chen Xi didn't. He only took a deep breath before his figure flickered repeatedly, and his slender and fair fingers pointed out swiftly in an illusory manner. Every single strike of hit a wisp of sword qi with extreme precision.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Thus, in the next moment, the entire abode resounded with a wave of explosions that rose and fell. Every single explosion would definitely erase a Sword Dao brand that Yun Fusheng had left behind all those years ago.

Since I entered the academy, I've always been compared to you, and it seemed like no matter what accomplishments I attained, I can only be ranked on par with you and am unable to surpass your accomplishments from all those years ago...But this time, I don't intend to be on par with you any longer!

As his figure flashed while he dealt with the terrifying sword qi that shot over violently from all directions, the feeling of meeting his match had appeared in Chen Xi's heart at this moment, and the hot blood in his chest surged while he himself was filled with lofty sentiments.

He'd never been interested in rankings, yet since he entered the academy, he'd been repeatedly compared with Yun Fusheng's accomplishments from all those years ago. As time passed, it caused Chen Xi to frequently have the desire to find out if the Yun Fusheng from all those years was more formidable, or if he was the more formidable one.

Unfortunately, Yun Fusheng had left Dao Emperor Academy for too long, and he'd vanished without a trace. Even until today, there was no news about him in the three dimensions.

Moreover, even if there was news about Yun Fusheng now, since so many years had passed, he'd probably already attained a terrifying height. So the enormous gap in cultivation would make it impossible for Chen Xi to have a chance to have a fair fight with him.

But at this moment, it was a rare opportunity for Chen Xi to compete with Yun Fusheng!

The Sword Dao brands within the abode were left behind by Yun Fusheng all those years ago. At that time, he was only a Golden Immortal and an inner court student. No matter if it was his cultivation, identity, or status, it was roughly similar to Chen Xi.

Even the might of the Sword Dao brands that were left behind for years within the abode possessed a roughly equal level of accomplishment as Chen Xi's Sword Dao.

So at this moment, Chen Xi had truly encountered a formidable opponent that was on par with him!

Thus, Chen Xi intended to seize this superb opportunity to decide the final victor between him and Yun Fusheng!

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Bang! Bang! Bang!

Sword Qi flashed horizontally and vertically within the abode, and they flowed with cold glows as peerless sharpness swept through the surroundings. On the other hand, Chen Xi's figure was flashing and teleporting within the dense strands of sword qi, and he easily dealt with all the numerous strands of terrifying sword qi.

The battle was very intense. Fortunately, it was within this abode that was covered in numerous ancient restrictions. If it was in the outside world, then it would absolutely be a peak battle that drew the attention of all.

It was a competition between an astounding expert in the Sword Dao of the current younger generation and a renowned figure that had left behind numerous glorious deeds in the academy.

They'd surpassed the limits of space and time to compete with each other in this manner at this moment!

Swish!

Suddenly, Chen Xi's eyelids twitched as he acutely noticed that no less than over a thousand strands of sword qi were surging over explosively from all around him at the same time!

These strands of sword qi stabbed towards his throat, chest, head, wrists, abdomen, knees, hamstrings... All the vital points in his entire body were targeted.

This wasn't the most important point. The most important point was that these strands of sword qi were flashing over violently from various different directions at the same time!

This was terrifying!

It felt like thousands of Yun Fushengs were assaulting Chen Xi from all directions at the same time.

The Temporal Laws — Shadow of Time!

At this instant, a title floated up into appearance within Chen Xi's mind, and it was at this moment that his pupils constricted and revealed a serious expression.

It controlled time and formed shadows to overlap the numerous strands of sword qi at the same time. This sort of attack was unimaginable and astounding.

This was also the first time Chen Xi had encountered such a terrifying attack since he'd started cultivation, causing indescribable pressure to arise in his heart.

"Hmph!" Amidst this extreme pressure, monstrous battle intent suddenly surged out from Chen Xi's eyes, and it blazed like flames that intended to incinerate the sky. Moreover, the space around his body suddenly started to tremble and rumble strangely.

It seemed like a swarm of bees were flapping their wings, and every single inch of space was trembling in a unique pattern. One could notice with the naked eye that strands of Spatial Energy were trembling, shaking, and linking up before resonating with each other!

The Spatial Laws — Spatial Vibration!

This was one of the Allheaven Divine Crests bestowed to Chen Xi by the heavens when he advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, and it was a complete Spatial Divine Crest. The only difference was that with Chen Xi's current ability, he was only able to grasp the first level of the Spatial Divine Crest, Spatial Vibration, and due to the restrictions of his cultivation, he wasn't able to grasp the other levels like Spatial Ripples, Spatial Lag, and Spatial Overlap.

But even then, by merely relying on the might of Spatial Vibration, its might had already greatly surpassed ordinary Allheaven Divine Crests.

As it was said, time was king, and space was exalted.

No matter if it was the Shadow of Time or Spatial Vibration, they were both branches of the supreme Grand Daos of time and space, and there was no difference in superiority between them. It depended solely on the user.

Clang! Clang! Clang! Clang!

Right at the instant Chen Xi executed Spatial Vibration, the sword qi that contained the energy of time seemed as if they'd been terrified, and they suddenly started trembling while emanating extremely dense sounds of collision.

It was the might of Spatial Vibration. It was like a millstone that intended to shatter, crush, and destroy all the strands of sword qi. However, the latter were strands of sword qi that contained the energy of time, so they were practically capable of ceaselessly dodging this 'grinding' that gradually pressed down upon them.

It was a very strange feeling. Time and space were attacking each other, yet it seemed like two straight lines that were never able to intersect, and they were utterly unable to touch each other.

It was very difficult for Chen Xi to figure out the deeper meaning contained within this by relying solely on his current understanding of time and space. However, he was clearly aware that if he wanted to destroy this balance, then the key wasn't in the fight between these two Laws but his and Yun Fusheng's grasp of the Sword Dao!

The Sword Dao!

It was a technique Dao Insight related to the utilization of strength, and it was the publicly acknowledge supreme Grand Dao that possessed the greatest destructive force!

On this path, Chen Xi had already passed through the numerous levels and was on the verge of touching the threshold of the realm of Sword God.

A Sword God was one that was inviolable!

Once a sword strike was launched, then merely its imposing aura caused all swords to submit and even be unable to arise the thought of resisting it, so it was naturally impossible for it to be violated or disrespected.

At this moment, all the comprehensions he'd attained while cultivating in the Sword Dao over the years surged into his heart.

At this instant, Chen Xi's expression was unprecedentedly solemn. The spirit, energy, and essence within his entire body seemed as if it was on flames, and his entire body was like a peerless sword that came from within the abyss and emanated a boundless and blazing glow of the sword.

But in merely an instant, all the imposing aura emanated from Chen Xi was withdrawn, and the glow of the sword he emanated was withdrawn into his body. Only extreme calmness was left behind as everything had been washed away and returned to its initial calm.

After that, he pressed his fingers together into the shape of a sword before stabbing forward.

An extremely ordinary wisp of sword qi flashed through the sky, yet everywhere it passed, the airflow, Immortal Energy, dust, light, sound, and everything else in space was silently obliterated by this wisp of sword qi.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Amidst this calm, the sound of Spatial Vibration was devoured, and the surroundings fell into deathly silence, whereas the numerous strands of sword qi that contained the Shadow of Time were crushed into pieces at this moment, causing a rain of light to spray into the surroundings before dissipating into nothingness.

This sword strike was like hearing the sound of thunder in a place where no sound existed!

At this point, all the Sword Dao brands that Yun Fusheng had left behind within the abode all those years ago were completely obliterated by Chen Xi's extremely calm sword strike!

However, it was also this same strike that instantly emptied all the strength in Chen Xi's body. When all of this came to an end, his countenance was pale while his entire body was drenched in cold sweat, and he fell onto the ground before panting heavily without end.

Even the energy of his Dao Heart that had attained the Heart Soul Realm was actually completely exhausted in this short instant, causing his entire body to feel extremely exhausted.

At this moment, only his eyes that were deep and profound like the starry sky remained extremely bright.

Because he'd finally touched upon a trace of the profundities of the realm of Sword God! Even though it was merely a trace, yet the terrifying might it possessed caused his heart to tremble without end.

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Chapter 1278: Coming To Request For A Spar

Huff~ Huff~

His heavy and rapid panting gradually returned to calm and long breaths. Chen Xi sat cross-legged within the abode, and he under the extremely exhausted state he was in, Chen Xi unknowingly entered into deep levels of meditation.

When looked at from afar, he seemed to have transformed into a black hole, and the pure, violent, and thick Immortal Energy within the abode that was a mix of various attributes was ceaselessly being devoured into his body. All attributes were welcome, and it was a shocking scene.

Yet it was another scene within his mind. Numerous comprehensions of the Sword Dao exploded like a jet, and then they completely fused into his Sword Dao.

This was combat experience.

If one constantly stayed behind closed doors and cultivated, then it was impossible for one to comprehend this.

Moreover, this unusual battle was the most formidable and peak battle that Chen Xi had encountered since he'd advanced into the Golden Immortal Realm, and under this extreme pressure, he'd finally touched upon a trace of the profundities of the realm of Sword God.

Its might was absolutely capable of providing endless benefits to Chen Xi in the future.

Most importantly, this battle proved to Chen Xi that the Yun Fusheng from all those years ago was inferior to him at this moment!

This allowed him to break open a cage of obsession that coiled around his heart. So even if someone compared him to Yun Fusheng in the future, he would only laugh it off and wouldn't silently remember it in his heart.

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After an unknown period of time, a strand of indescribable fear silently surged into Chen Xi's heart, causing him to wake up from his meditative state. He opened his eyes, and there still was fear and discomfort within his heart.

Could it be that something has happened? Chen Xi muttered. This sort of fear had appeared silently and seemed too sudden. It seemed as if he had a feeling that something had happened, and it caused him to be suddenly affected.

He took a deep breath yet was unable to eliminate the fear in his heart, and he was even unable to calm down and continue cultivating. So he rose up and walked about within the abode while frowning and pondering without end.

When one's cultivation attained a certain height, one was able to sense an imperceptible trace of the fortune, fate, and destiny. Perhaps it was related to fate, disaster, or tribulation.

All of this was attributed to the ability of being able to 'predict the future.'

Chen Xi started examining himself to find the source of this fear as it was undoubtedly related to him.

Firstly, he eliminated the possibility of a tribulation because he was only at the intermediate-stage of the Golden Immortal Realm, and it was utterly impossible for him to welcome a tribulation of the heavens.

Next, he eliminated the possibility of a disaster because if an upheaval that could affect him had erupted in the three dimensions, then the seniors of the academy would have probably noticed it and warned him a long time ago.

It isn't a tribulation, nor a disaster. Then what exactly is it? Chen Xi gradually eliminated his guesses. After a long time, his entire body froze while his face turned grim, and he cried out involuntarily with shock. "How...how could this be possible!?"

His voice carried a feeling of shocking and being unable to accept this fact.

"Senior Evil Lotus...has actually perished..."

Clang!

A blood red sword floated into appearance on Chen Xi's palm. The sword was over 1m long and seemed like a short halberd, and it was completely crimson red like it was enshrouded by a lake of blood.

This blood red sword was of extremely beautiful make. The hilt was like numerous bloomed lotus flowers that were placed upside-down, the blade of the sword was peerlessly sharp, and it was suffused with an eye-piercing and terrifying ghastly glow.

Moreover, the body of the sword was branded with numerous simple and exuberant lotus flowers. Every single lotus flower contained strands of chaotic qi and auspicious qi floating within it, and it sometimes transformed into an old man wearing ancient clothes and a tall crown who read scriptures while shaking his head and sometimes transformed into a beautiful young woman that danced about while displaying a sword technique in numerous different poses. It was an extraordinary and magical sight.

If one looked carefully, then it felt like one was within a vast, terrifying, and bloody battlefield. The gods were roaring furiously, the saints were crying with sorrow while a rain of blood rained down from the sky, and the earth was covered in bones. The entire world was suffused with a bloody aura of extreme misery and terror.

If there was an ordinary person here, then merely taking a glance at this sword would cause that person's soul to collapse and perish on the spot in an instant!

This sword was the Dao Calamity Sword that came from the 99th level of the Bloodsoul Sword Cave in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. It was the treasure left behind by the founding ancestor of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, the Chaotic Divine Lotus, when it perished all those years ago!

Since Chen Xi took this sword from the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, he'd always hid it within the Buddha's Pagoda and had never used it. The reason was that it was a taboo that was linked to various terrifying karma, and once it was noticed, the consequences would be unimaginable.

Yet now, when Chen Xi withdrew this sword once more, a blood red lotus pattern that caused one's heart to palpitate had silently appeared on the sword.

How could this be possible? Senior Dao Lotus is still waiting for him at the 99th level of the sword cave. How could he perish just like this? But when Chen Xi's vision fell onto the blood red lotus pattern on the sword, his expression instantly became extremely complicated. There was sorrow, frustration, shock, and disbelief on his face.

Exactly...how did he perish? Was it the Misty Immortal Mountain? Or was it the Sovereign Sect? Chen Xi was stunned for a while, and he was speechless for a long time as he pondered swiftly.

Wait! According to Evil Lotus's wild nature, he would absolutely not perish silently like this. Perhaps I can investigate if any shocking battles occurred in the Immortal Dimension lately... Suddenly, Chen Xi had a flash of inspiration, and he thought of such a method. He was immediately unable to restrain himself, and his figure flashed as he charged out of the abode.

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At this moment, outside Chen Xi's abode, a figure was standing there indifferently. His long hair hung loosely over his shoulders while he emanated a cold and fierce aura, and the thick fluctuations of a Golden Immortal was undulating around him.

He was the inner court student, Meng Qi.

In the past, he was an existence ranked at the 30th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings. Unfortunately, just two days ago, his name had been wiped off from the rankings by Chen Xi, and if he wanted to charge up the rankings once more, then he had to wait for half a year.

Even though being ranked at the 30th position provided one with a reward of one million Starpoints every month, compared to these Starpoints, reputation was the most important to Meng Qi.

Yet Chen Xi's actions were absolutely an enormous provocation towards his combat strength and reputation!

A student that had just stepped foot into the inner court had actually wiped his name off the rankings. Presently, this matter had already spread throughout the entire inner court and caused Meng Qi to become a joke, and countless others would use it to ridicule him in the future.

This was a humiliation!

Meng Qi had restrained himself for a long time, yet was unable to restrain himself in the end, and he decided to come look for Chen Xi to have a 'spar.' He intended to rely on this battle to wash away the shame he carried on his shoulders.

That day at the Immortal Love Pavilion, I'd already exercised sufficient forbearance because you were a brother from the academy. Yet I never expected that you would actually take a yard when given an inch and cause me to be ridiculed by the others in the inner court. This time, let me see exactly what ability you possess that you actually dared to be so arrogant after just stepping foot into the inner court! As he stood before Chen Xi's abode, the rage in Meng Qi's heart surged, and he wished for nothing more than to smash open Chen Xi's abode right now and bash Chen Xi up.

But in the end, he didn't do so.

Because he wasn't stupid. Since Chen Xi could become the first amongst the new students and pass through the inner court exam while being ranked at the first position, Chen Xi's strength definitely couldn't be underestimated.

Meng Qi wasn't willing to fall at Chen Xi's hands because of carelessness. It was already sufficiently humiliating that his ranking had been wiped off from the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings. So if he were to return in failure after taking the initiative to request a spar with Chen Xi, then it wouldn't just be a simple humiliation, his reputation would simply sweep the floor.

"Why hasn't Senior Brother Meng Qi invited him to battle?"

"I feel that Senior Brother Meng Qi's mental state isn't bad. His mind was affected by his rage, and he knows that newbie, Chen Xi, isn't ordinary. This is why he's so calm and composed because as they say, there's always calm before a storm. Perhaps when he invites Chen Xi to battle later, Senior Brother Meng Qi will defeat him with his strongest ability."

"Yes, you're right. Let's just wait a while longer. Since I found out two days ago that Chen Xi ascended to the 30th position on the Violet Ribbon Gold Rankings in one go, I've been very curious about him. Now, I can seize this opportunity to witness his true combat strength."

There were many figures standing in the vicinity of Skypath Mountain. All of them were students of the inner court, and they discussed endlessly in low voices upon noticing that Meng Qi was still able to maintain his calm and composure while standing before Chen Xi's abode.

Meng Qi remained indifferent towards all of this. He took a deep breath and sensed the vital energy in his entire body was adjusted to its peak state before a feeling of confidence and arrogance welled up in his heart.

Let's begin!Today, I'll wash this shame away before everyone!

As Meng Qi's eyes blinked, cold lightning flowed within them. He kept his hands behind his back and considered what he would say before he cleared his throat and said in a deep voice, "Junior Brother Chen Xi..."

Bang!

Before he could finish speaking, the restrictions of the abode rumbled as they opened up, and then a tall and handsome figure suddenly flashed out from within.

The speech he'd prepared for a long time was interrupted, and it caused Meng Qi to be stunned while his expression couldn't help but freeze. Could it be that this fellow knew that I came here?But since he knew about it, then why didn't he allow me to finish and rudely interrupted me instead? It wouldn't be that he couldn't be bothered to listen to me, right? He really is arrogant!Meng Qi's face instantly sank.

On the other hand, when they saw Chen Xi appear abruptly, all the inner court students in the vicinity who'd come to watch the show were stunned because they'd never expected that Chen Xi would actually come out on his own before Meng Qi invited him to battle.

Hmm? Chen Xi was slightly stunned when he saw the scene outside his abode, and then he shook his head before turning around with the intention of leaving. He was anxious about the news of Evil Lotus's death, so how could he have the mood to care about this?

"Junior Brother Chen Xi, I came here this time..." When he saw Chen Xi actually disregarded him completely, Meng Qi's expression became even more unsightly. But he still tried hard to maintain the demeanor that a senior brother should possess, and he laughed lightheartedly before speaking.

"Sorry, I'm busy." He was directly interrupted by Chen Xi before he could finish speaking, and Chen Xi was about to teleport away.

"What? Could it be that Junior Brother is afraid of having a battle with me?" Meng Qi's face sank, and his figure flashed to obstruct Chen Xi's path.

"I've told you! I'm busy! Please move aside!" When he saw this fellow acting like this, Chen Xi who had a rather dispirited mood was instantly slightly displeased, and he frowned as he glanced at Meng Qi. In the end, he forcefully restrained his temper before turning around and leaving from the other side.

He wasn't willing to waste his time on Meng Qi.

"You really are arrogant! If you're afraid, then admit before all the others here that you're inferior to me, and I'll move aside right away. Otherwise, your constant avoidance will only make us all look down upon you!" Meng Qi's figure flashed and obstructed Chen Xi once more while laughing coldly without end. He felt that Chen Xi was afraid of him and avoiding his challenge, and Chen Xi deliberately used such a fierce tone because Chen Xi was obviously making an empty show of strength.

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As he gazed at Meng Qi that obstructed him once more, Chen Xi's eyes suddenly flashed with a wisp of a piercingly cold glow.

Swoosh!

In an instant, a thick and vast strand of sword qi slashed down from the tip of Chen Xi's finger.

This sword strike was executed casually, and he hadn't utilized the true ability of the realm of 'Sword God,' but the fierce and murderous aura it possessed was still extremely horrifying.

Meng Qi's pupils constricted while he felt astounded. He'd never imagined that Chen Xi would actually attack immediately without saying a word and coupled with the ghastly might of this strand of sword qi, it caused him to feel indescribable pressure. Thus, he practically instinctively dodged to the side and didn't dare bear the brunt of it.

Of course, he couldn't help but reveal a slightly embarrassing bearing when dodging while being taken by surprise. So after he steadied himself safely at the side, Meng Qi's eyes instantly turned red when he thought of how numerous others were watching in the surroundings.

I intended to formally invite him to battle, yet this bastard suddenly came out and interrupted me.I tried hard to maintain my demeanor as a senior, yet this fellow disregarded it and directly disregarded me.Moreover, at that instant earlier, this fellow even went as far as to actually attack without saying a single word just because I provoked him slightly...How can anyone fucking endure being repeatedly humiliated like this?

Meng Qi was utterly furious. He suddenly let out a long howl. His hair fluttered while he revealed a ferocious and arrogant bearing, and he seemed like an enraged lion that had been provoked repeatedly.

But in the next moment, his howl stopped abruptly while he himself was dumbstruck.

Because Chen Xi had seized this instant of time to teleport and vanish.

"Dammit! Chen Xi! You...you...you bastard! You're simply going too far!" Meng Qi was on the verge of exploding with rage, and his eyes almost split apart from fury while his lips trembled without end. He suddenly felt that his actions today were like a farce.

I was so serious and solemn about this spar, yet that bastard was so arrogant and haughty, and despicably disregarded everything I did!It was even the extent that he seized the opportunity to launch a surprise attack against me!Dammit!

Meng Qi had a bellyful of rage but nowhere to vent it, and his face flushed red from it. He swept the surroundings with his gaze, and the numerous inner court students in the vicinity didn't dare meet his gaze and avoided it.

But Meng Qi felt as if he was able to hear silent ridiculing laughter resounding by his ears, and it was like a myriad of swords stabbing his heart, causing him to reveal a savage expression.

"Chen Xi! This isn't over! It isn't over!!!"

Meng Qi was unable to restrain himself from roaring towards the sky, and his furious voice resounded in the sky above Skypath Mountain, causing the layer of clouds above to disperse as it resounded without end.

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Chen Xi was utterly unaware of all of this, and he didn't have any intention of finding out.

At this moment, he was rushing towards the Immortal Secret Pavilion.

The Immortal Secret Pavilion was known as the most well-informed place within Dao Emperor Academy, and all the newest information within the three dimensions converged here every single day.

This information included the changes in the situation within the Immortal Dimension, the summary of battles within the three dimensions, new phenomenon, new dazzling upstarts, and so on and so forth. It could be said to cover everything in the world.

To immortal cultivators, a piece of information could perhaps transform into an extraordinary fortuitous encounter, help one avoid danger, turn around the situation in an area, help obtain a treasure that one dreamed to possess...

So Dao Emperor Academy had specially established this Immortal Secret Pavilion and sent out specialized instructors and forces to gather the important information of events that occurred within the Immortal Dimension at all times.

Of course, if one wanted to look through or obtain a piece of information, one had to pay a certain amount of Starpoints in fees.

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A wave of spatial fluctuation arose before Chen Xi's figure appeared before an ancient and grand hall.

This is the Immortal Secret Pavilion? So long as I'm able to obtain information related to Evil Lotus, then I won't hesitate no matter how many Starpoints it takes... Chen Xi took a deep breath and steadied his mind to calm himself down before he walked towards the entrance.

"Eh, Chen Xi? You're actually here? What a coincidence, I was just about to go look for you." When Chen Xi approached the ancient hall, a peerlessly beautiful woman walked over towards him from within the hall. She wore a fiery red dress, had jet black and beautiful hair that flowed down like a waterfall, and skin that was fair and tender, and every single move she made was suffused with an oppressive noble and proud aura.

This woman was the descendant of a True Phoenix in the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Mengli. She was slightly stunned upon noticing Chen Xi and was slightly surprised before her red lips curved into a slight smile.

Chen Xi took a deep breath before he asked. "Oh? Miss Zhao, is it something urgent?"

"Something urgent?" Zhao Mengli was stunned, and then her gaze focused onto Chen Xi. She noticed that the space between his brows faintly carried a trace of deep anxiousness, and she instantly understood that Chen Xi had come to the Immortal Secret Pavilion this time to deal with something urgent.

"It isn't anything important. Thank you for helping me in the Outerealm Battlefield that day, or I wouldn't have been able to leave the tomb safely. After my Ancestor found out about it, she wanted to meet you and thank you in person." Zhao Mengli immediately spoke about what she intended to say in a swift and succinct manner.

"So it's because of that." Chen Xi smiled, and then he shook his head and said, "I'll go pay your Ancestor a visit when I have the time. As for thanking me, there's no need for that because it wasn't anything difficult."

He said this because he recalled that he still lacked the wings of a Phoenix to refine the Flame God Fan that was renowned in the primeval times, and if he wanted to accomplish this, then he had to eventually pay a visit to the 'old Phoenix' Zhao Taichi.

"Alright, I'll go notify my Ancestor. I'll stop keeping you from what you came here to do." Zhao Mengli seemed to have thought of something, yet after she took a glance at Chen Xi, she immediately restrained herself. She just nodded before turning around and transforming into a ray of fiery light that charged into the sky.

She seemed to have something to say before she left? Chen Xi frowned, and then he shook his head before walking into the hall. At this moment, all he desired was to find out everything about Evil Lotus's death, and he didn't want to bother about anything else.

The space within the Immortal Secret Pavilion was extremely large, and there were rows of screens of light that hung down from above within the hall. Every single screen of light displayed various different information. When one looked around, it felt like one had entered into a sea of information, and it was a rather magnificent sight.

At this moment, there were many figures walking about within the hall. Most of them were students of the academy, yet there was no lack of instructors as well, and it was rather bustling.

Indeed, there were no more than three places that were the most bustling in Dao Emperor Academy. The first was Assignment Mountain, the place where one accepted various assignments. The second was the Starpoint Hall where one exchanged Starpoints for various Immortal Artifacts and precious treasures.

The last place was this Immortal Secret Pavilion, and it was the place where one could look up the newest information of everything that occurred within the 4,900 continents of the Immortal Dimension.

When Chen Xi arrived here, he sized it up briefly before directly heading towards the depths of the corridor, and he moved left and right through the corridor before finally arriving in front of a screen of light.

This screen of light displayed various information related to Misty Immortal Continent.

"Eh! Senior Brother Chen Xi, it's actually you!" There was a table laid out at the side of the screen of light, and there was a yellow clothed young man sitting behind the table. When he saw Chen Xi approach, he immediately stood up and cried out with pleasant surprise.

Chen Xi was stunned. He faintly remembered that this young man was one of the new students that entered the academy with him.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, I'm Xue Zhen. I tried to enter the Star Alliance a few times, yet I was unfortunately limited by my insufficient strength and was unable to accomplish my wish. Now, I'm working in this Immortal Secret Pavilion to earn some Starpoints for myself." The yellow clothed young man was frank and open minded as he introduced himself with a smile on his face.

"So, it's Junior Brother Xue Zhen." Chen Xi nodded with a smile.

"Senior Brother, what information are you looking for?" said Xue Zhen with excitement. The gaze he shot at Chen Xi surged with adoration, and he seemed as if he wished for nothing more than to follow by Chen Xi's side.

"Yes, I want to obtain information related to Misty Immortal Mountain." Chen Xi immediately stated his purpose.

"Wait a moment." Xue Zhen withdrew an antique command token, and then formed some seals before swinging it towards the screen of light. The screen of light instantly surged violently before it quickly displayed numerous pieces of information related to Misty Immortal Mountain.

Moreover, the back of every single one of these pieces of information indicated the amount of Starpoints required to obtain it.

However, Chen Xi was slightly disappointed after he swept it with his gaze because the topic of these pieces of information were practically completely related to 'battles,' so he naturally didn't have any interest to spend Starpoints on them.

Could it be that Senior Evil Lotus attacked the Sovereign Sect directly? Chen Xi frowned because if it was like this, then the information related to it was probably even more difficult to obtain.

Xue Zhen hurriedly asked. "Senior Brother Chen Xi, what's wrong? Could it be that the information you require isn't amongst these?"

Chen Xi nodded, and his interest was slightly flagging as he said, "Thank you for your help, Junior Brother. I'll go look around."

Xue Zhen was stunned, and he hesitated to speak. But right after that, his gaze was drawn by a wisp of crimson red that suddenly appeared on the screen of light. It was a piece of information, but it was displayed in crimson red. It represented that this piece of information was extremely important and classified, and only some seniors of the academy possessed the qualifications to read such secrets!

"Misty Immortal Mountain was annihilated..." Xue Zhen suddenly gasped when he saw the topic of the information. He hurriedly raised his hand and immediately caught up to Chen Xi when he noticed Chen Xi hadn't gone far.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, wait a moment."

Chen Xi turned around, and then he heard Xue Zhen speak swiftly. "I new piece of classified information just appeared, and the topic was that Misty Immortal Mountain has been annihilated..."

What? Chen Xi was shocked, and he didn't finish listening to Xue Zhen at all before directly returning to stand before that screen of light. He focused his gaze towards it, and sure enough, he saw a piece of information that was crimson red in color.

Misty Immortal Mountain was annihilated... Could this matter really be related to Senior Evil Lotus? Chen Xi was shocked in his heart. He was just about to look through the information when he noticed that he actually didn't have the authority to read it.

"Senior Brother Chen Xi, this information is for the seniors of the academy. It isn't just inner court students, but even ordinary instructors aren't qualified to read it." Xue Zhen hurriedly explained from the side.

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Chen Xi pondered for a moment before he turned around and asked Xue Zhen. "Would I be able to look at this piece of information if I called Senior Xuanyuan Pojun over?"

Xue Zhen shook his head. "Senior Xuanyuan is only a head instructor of the inner court, and his authority is slightly lacking."

Chen Xi's brows raised, and he was even more certain that this piece of information definitely contained shocking secrets. When he thought up to here, he asked once more. "What about Senior Chen Hao? He's the Dean of the Pill Reserve, so he ought to have the qualifications, right?"

Xue Zhen was stunned, and then he shook his head once more. "This piece of information relates to the situation of the powers within the Immortal Dimension. As Grandmaster in the Dao of Pills, Dean Chen's qualifications are slightly lacking as well."

Chen Xi frowned without end. "Then exactly who should I bring over?"

Xue Zhen couldn't help but smile shyly, and then he hurriedly said, "Senior Brother Chen Xi, if you wish to look at this piece of information, then the Dean is absolutely capable. Besides him, the inner court's

Dean, Senior Chi Cangsheng, the Dean's disciple Senior Hua Jiankong, the Scripture Reserve's Ancestor of the Dragon Dimension, Senior Ao Ming...."

"Can I?" Before Xue Zhen could finish speaking, a clear and melodious voice resounded abruptly. This voice was extremely unique and seemed to contain the tune of nature, and it seemed to be able to resound in the bottom of one's heart and enlighten one's soul.

At this instant, Chen Xi acutely noticed that the bustling atmosphere within the entire Immortal Secret Pavilion had instantly fallen into deathly and perfect silence.

Besides that, no matter if it was the students or the instructors, everyone had stopped what they were doing and looked towards the entrance in succession while their expressions couldn't help but reveal a wisp of shock and reverence.

All of this was merely because of a single voice!

When Chen Xi recovered from his shock and looked towards the entrance, his eyelids instantly twitched while he revealed a wisp of shock.

It was a beautiful woman with snow white hair and an appearance that was young, smooth, and fair. Her skin was tender while her eyes were deep and calm like a lake, and it surged with strands of golden flames.

She wore dark golden palace clothes that were lined with black and held a golden Azure Phoenix Cane that was over three meters long. Her snow white hair was coiled into a bun behind her head and held there by a wooden hairpin, revealing a perfect and flawless peerless beautiful face, and her entire body emanated a supreme, mighty, and noble imposing aura.

Along with her arrival, the aura within the entire hall seemed to submit to her and had become extremely silent.

Zhao Taici!

In an instant, Chen Xi recognized her. Because at this moment, Zhao Mengli was obedient like a sheep and had her head lowered while she followed by this white haired woman's side.

Moreover, only the 'old phoenix' that had lived in seclusion within the Scripture Reserve for countless years could possess such a noble and supreme aura, and only she was capable of silently causing the aura within the hall to submit to her.

No wonder Senior Xuanyuan Pojun who had the most unrestrained disposition would be fearful when he mentioned her. This sort of imposing aura isn't something that just anyone can possess... Chen Xi exclaimed endlessly with shock in his heart when he saw this legendary senior of the academy make an appearance here.

Most shocking to Chen Xi was that Zhao Taici was actually walking over towards him.

It wasn't just Chen Xi, everyone else within the hall was surprised and bewildered as well because they wondered why this senior that had lived in seclusion within the academy for many years had suddenly made an appearance here. After that, when they saw this scene, many gazes instantly descended towards Chen Xi.

"Eh! It's actually Chen Xi."

"So it's him? Could it be that Senior Zhao Taici came here solely for the sake of looking for this fellow?"

"Isn't this like making a big deal out of nothing? Logically speaking, if she wants to see Chen Xi, then she only has to instruct Chen Xi to come see here, and Chen Xi would probably instantly stop everything he was doing to pay a visit to her, right?"

"How could this kid have the honor to actually make this Old Phoenix that's even more domineering than Dean Chi Cangsheng to personally come looking for him?"

Many people in the surroundings recognized Chen Xi, and they instantly felt slightly surprised and bewildered.

"Heh, how many years has it been since I've taken a stroll outside? I never expected that the academy even established an Immortal Secret Pavilion. Little Fellow, I ought to have the qualifications to look through this piece of information, right?" Zhao Taici's feet moved and instantly appeared by Chen Xi's side. Her eyes that were suffused with strands of golden flames swept the crimson red colored information on the screen of light before she spoke while smiling lightly. Her voice was clear and melodious, and it carried the tune of the Dao, causing it to strike directly at the hearts of all as it resounded through the hall.

She clearly had the peerlessly beautiful appearance of a young woman, yet she naturally emanated a mighty bearing that caused others to submit before her while her clothes and snow white hair served to display her peerless imposing aura.

"Yes, yes." Xue Zhen had never imagined that after the legendary Ancestor of the Phoenix Clan, Zhao Taici, made an appearance, she would actually speak to him. He was instantly overwhelmed by the unexpected favor, and he even started to stutter slightly.

Zhao Taici casually stretched out her hand and withdrew a crimson red jade slip from within the screen of light. However, she didn't look through it but directly and casually pass it over to Zhao Mengli that stood by her side.

Zhao Mengli's beautiful face flushed red for some reason when she saw this. Even though it was only for a moment, it was still noticed by Zhao Taici, and she couldn't help but sigh lightly in her heart. However, Zhao Taici didn't say anything and just shot her gaze that was calm like a lake and suffused with strands of golden flames onto Chen Xi.

Chen Xi instantly felt as it a mountain of pressure was surging through his entire body. Every single inch of his skin felt uncomfortable, and it felt as if that at this instant, his entire body was seen through from inside out by this ancestor of the Phoenix Clan that stood before him.

This sort of feeling was something he'd encountered for the first time, and he hurriedly took a deep breath in his heart before trying hard to visualize the River Diagram fragments in his sea of consciousness. Sure enough, in the next moment, his entire body felt relaxed and recovered to normal, and he didn't feel that heavy pressure from before any longer.

However, Chen Xi noticed that at this instant, there was a wisp of surprise that silently flashed past the depths of Zhao Taici's eyes before her gaze returned to calm.

"Here." Zhao Mengli's voice sounded out by his ears, and it was soft like the sound of a mosquito. Chen Xi raised his eyes to look over and saw Zhao Mengli was passing over a crimson red jade slip to him.

Her head was slightly lowered as she seemed to be not so accustomed to this sort of feeling, and her disposition was completely different to her usual noble and proud disposition.

Chen Xi stared blankly at her. He didn't think too much about it because his mind was occupied by the crimson red jade slip, and he puckered his lips before cupping his hands and bowing to Zhao Taici as he said, "Thank you, Senior."

After that, he received the jade slip from Zhao Mengli. "Thank you."

He didn't have the mood to guess why Zhao Taici and Zhao Mengli would suddenly make an appearance and help him like this, and he directly activated the jade slip and started looking through it because Evil Lotus's death caused him to have no mood to pay attention to anything else.

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The crimson red jade slip recorded a battle, and it was in a very succinct manner —

"Yesterday at fifteen minutes past noon, a mysterious person trespassed into Misty Immortal Mountain by himself. He possessed extraordinary ability and was merciless. He fought intensely for a day and night, and he slaughtered eight thousand members of Misty Immortal Mountain. Only a mere two or three members of the sect survived."

"After that, while this mysterious person was fleeing, he was stopped by an Immortal King on the way and perished on the spot. According to analysis, it's very likely that the Immortal King Realm expert was from the Sovereign Sect."

"Currently, we're unable to determine the cause of the matter. However, after so many years, the traces of the Sovereign Sect has appeared once more in the Immortal Dimension. It's unknown if this is a good or bad sign, and we can only report this to the seniors of the academy to make a decision."

"Because the Sovereign Sect is involved in this matter, news of it has been locked down by me and the other Fellow Daoists so as to avoid it being spread into the outside world and causing an unnecessary stir in the world."

After he finished reading the content of the jade slip, Chen Xi couldn't help but fall into deep contemplation. His expression was calm and emotionless like a still ancient well, and it caused others to be unable to sense exactly what he was thinking in his heart.

On the other hand, along with Chen Xi's silence, the atmosphere in the hall became even more deathly silent. Zhao Taici hadn't left, so no one dared make any noise as they were deeply afraid of disrespecting this terrifyingly senior expert.

After a long time, Chen Xi let out a long sigh while his gaze recovered its clarity. He immediately passed the crimson red jade slip back to Zhao Mengli before he cupped his hands and said, "Thank you Senior and Miss Zhao."

"Are...you alright?" Zhao Mengli acutely noticed that Chen Xi's mental state seemed to be slightly unusual at this moment, yet she was unable to determine exactly what was unusual about it.

Chen Xi shook his head. "I'm fine."

"If you want to thank Mengli, then come with me. I originally intended to make Mengli ask you to come see me, yet I never expected that you made me take the initiative to see you instead." Zhao Taici glanced at Chen Xi, and then she flicked her sleeve and didn't ask Chen Xi if he agreed or not at all. In the next moment, she brought him and Zhao Mengli along as she teleported away and instantly vanished from the hall.

Huff~ Huff~

When Zhao Taici left, no matter if it was the students or instructors, everyone in the hall let out a long sigh of relief while their entire bodies felt relaxed.

The imposing aura of this Ancestor of the Phoenix Clan was too terrifying, and it caused them to suffer a great deal of pressure. It was only at this moment that they dared to slightly heave sighs of relief.

However, after their anxiousness passed, the same question arose in all their hearts. Exactly what shocking secret was hidden within that crimson red jade slip? Why can only seniors like Zhao Taici look through it?Moreover, why did Zhao Taici come looking for Chen Xi?

No one was able to guess the answer.

Swoosh!

Right at this moment, a figure charged into the hall and said loudly, "Where's Chen Xi? I heard he came to the Immortal Secret Pavilion. Quickly get the fuck out here!"

Shockingly, it was Meng Qi. He had a furious expression while he fiercely swept the surroundings with his gaze, and then he noticed to his shock that the gazes everyone in the hall shot at him seemed to be slightly strange and seemed to contain pity...

What's going on? Meng Qi's felt utterly uncomfortable, and he gritted his teeth in his heart as he said, Dammit! It's all because of you again! You made me lose all face for the sake of looking for you...

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Scripture Reserve, Dark Parasol Forest.

This was Zhao Taici's residence, and there was usually no one that dared to take a step into this place.

Yet today, Chen Xi had the fortune to enter this mysterious place that was filled with ancient Dark Parasol Trees.

However, he didn't have the mood to size up the luxuriant and verdant ancient Dark Parasol Trees in the surroundings. Firstly, it was because he obtained the detailed information about Evil Lotus's death, and secondly, it was because he was unable to determine exactly why Zhao Taici had brought him here.

But as far as he was concerned, it was definitely because of something important.

"I heard you need the wings of a Phoenix to refine the Flame God Fan? Then do you know that there's a ban in my Phoenix Clan, and once we notice that someone in the three dimensions dares to refine this

treasure, then we must kill without mercy?" Zhao Taici walked towards the depths of the forest while she spoke casually to Chen Xi who followed behind her.	