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Chapter 561: The Sea of Dao Comprehension

West Radiance Peak.

Chen Xi and the others were slightly at a loss for what to do as they looked at Madman Liu.

At this moment, Madman Liu suddenly changed his attitude and revealed rare seriousness and solemnness, and he seemed as if he was making arrangement for matters after his death. Even though his voice was calm, yet Chen Xi and the others were able to perceive the reluctance and sentimentality within it.

“Master, are you really going to leave?” Qing Yu’s eyes were red as he spoke in a low voice.

It wasn’t just Qing Yu, the others had dejected expressions as well, and they were extremely reluctant. Who could have imagined that after being away for nine years, Madman Liu was about to leave completely as soon as he returned?

Only Chen Xi understood that Madman Liu really had no choice but to leave this time. Early on when they were in the Primeval City, Madman Liu’s identity as a forsaker of the heavens had already been exposed, and according to what Bing Shitian said, Madman Liu would at most be able to stay in the Mortal Dimension for three days before he would be forcefully drawn into the Immortal Dimension.

When he thought of this, a wisp of sorrow couldn’t help but gush out into Chen Xi’s heart. He knew that the reason Madman Liu’s identity was exposed was entirely because of him, and this enormous kindness caused it to be extremely difficult for him to calm his heart.

Even though he hadn’t been in contact with Madman Liu for a long time, Chen Xi was able to sense that Madman Liu’s feelings towards him came from the heart, and Madman Liu had taken him to be his disciple since long ago.

“Alright, alright. Once all of you have cultivated and become immortals in the future, wouldn’t we be able to meet once again?” Madman Liu frowned as he waved his hand. The heartfelt expressions of reluctance on the faces of his disciples caused him to be extremely agitated in his heart as well. He’d been unrestrained and uninhibited all his life, and his bearing was extremely careless and open-minded, so he was extremely unable to stand the sorrowful and unhappy scenes of parting.

“But... How long would that take?” Eldest Senior Brother Huo Molei spoke in a low voice.

“Idiot, can’t you have a little bit of ambition? You don’t even dare to think about becoming an immortal, then what’s the point of me fucking taking you as a disciple?” Madman Liu was angered to the point of cursing Huo Molei to his face.

“Master, you’re right.” Huo Molei rubbed his head and was extremely embarrassed.

“It’s the same for all of you.” Madman Liu’s gaze turned to descend onto Lu Sheng and the others, and he continued letting loose a torrent of abuse. “All of you are like logs. You’re studying some crappy trash all through the day and ignore your proper cultivation to the point all of you don’t dare say a single word

when your enemies have come knocking at your door. You're simply a group of pussies! Let me see how all of you survive when there's no one to take care of all of you in the future!"

"Master's teaching is correct." Lu Sheng and the others lowered their heads and were exceedingly ashamed.

If it was before, Madman Liu would surely be angered to the point of letting loose a torrent of curses when he saw his disciples like this. However, at this moment, he suddenly shut his mouth as a wisp of an imperceptible doting expression flashed within the depths of his eyes.

Chen Xi noticed it, and he couldn't help but sigh with emotion in his heart. No matter how he scolds them, Madman Liu actually dotes on these disciples of his in his heart. If it wasn't for him, how could Eldest Senior Brother and the others stay on West Radiance Peak while doing as they liked and be engrossed in studying the things they liked without being disturbed by the outside world?

It was even to the extent that if it was put in a crueller way, if it wasn't for Madman Liu, his Eldest Senior brother and the others would have been kicked out of the sect a long time ago. After all, the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was established by the sword, causing what his Eldest Senior Brother and the others cultivated wasn't proper in the eyes of the others, so they would naturally encounter a great deal of reproach and discrimination.

"In the future, everything on West Radiance Peak will be decided by your Little Junior Brother. Do everything he says, understand?" Madman Liu went silent for a long time before he spoke out slowly.

Huo Molei and the others nodded successively and didn't hesitate in the slightest.

"Alright, go do what you ought to be doing. Chen Xi, you stay behind." Madman Liu waved his hand as he spoke.

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"In the future, everything related to the West Radiance Peak will be up to you." After Huo Molei and the others left, Madman Liu stared fixedly at Chen Xi and said, "I can feel at ease with you here."

"Mmm." Chen Xi nodded. "Don't worry, Master. I'll take care of everything."

At this moment, even if Madman Liu instructed him with even more things, he wouldn't refuse anything. Because he truly owed Madman Liu too much, and only be working hard to do the things Madman Liu instructed wouldn't he not feel guilty in his heart.

"Let's go. I'll take you to the Matter Radiance Peak's Book Reserve Pavilion. As a disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, you have to familiarize yourself with the inherited martial techniques of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect eventually." Madman Liu smiled as he patted Chen Xi on the shoulder, and he didn't say anything further before flashing out while bringing Chen Xi along to fly towards the distance.

The Matter Radiance Peak was situated behind the True Radiance Peak, and it was shaped like a treasure pot. It was tall to the point of being capable to hold the sky up, and it emitted blazing divine rays of light while being coiled by mist and clouds, causing it to seem like an immortal realm.

Under Madman Liu's lead, the two of them descended onto the peak of Matter Radiance Peak after a short moment.

There was only a single pavilion here. It was completely constructed from enormous rocks, was 3km tall to the point of towering into the sea of clouds. It was like a divine palace constructed above the nine heavens, and it possessed a majestic and ancient imposing aura. Moreover, in the surroundings of the pavilion were numerous limestone paths that lead to various places on the mountain.

At this moment, there were already many disciples coming and going here. All of them bowed hastily when they saw Madman Liu and Chen Xi descend here, and then numerous curious gazes shot towards Chen Xi. Chen Xi had already seemed to have become a famous person in the Nine Radiance Sword Sect now.

Madman Liu paid no attention to those disciples and directly led Chen Xi towards the ancient pavilions. The closer they got, the more Chen Xi was able to sense the grandness and ancientness of this pavilion. It was like it had been standing towering here since the boundless primeval times, and it emitted a heavy and ancient feeling that caused reverence to involuntarily arise in one's heart.

Its ancientness symbolized the resources and inheritance of a sect, and only an extraordinary power like the Nine Radiance Sword Sect would be capable of perfectly maintaining this place of inheritance that had stood here for countless years.

Chen Xi looked at the pavilion before him, and a wisp of curiosity couldn't help but arise in his heart. As one of the 10 great immortal sects of the Dark Reverie, how great exactly is the collection of inheritances of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect?

But after that, his gaze was drawn by an old man that was before the pavilion.

The old man wore a grey robe and had an extremely aged appearance. He had very few strands of hair left while wrinkles were like ravines all over his face. At this moment, he lay on a rocking chair before the pavilion while basking under the sunlight with squinted eyes.

Moreover, there was a chubby black cat curled up on his knees. Its fur was jet black and soft, and it lay there lazily while basking under the sunlight with squinted eyes just like the old man.

The old man was very ordinary like an old man in the mortal world that was spending his remaining days happily, and there wasn't the slightest bit of aura emitted from him, whereas the black cat was very ordinary as well, and it didn't seem like any formidable spirit beast. However, when a combination of very ordinary like this appeared before the Book Reserve Pavilion, it seemed to be so unusual.

"Let's go." Madman Liu glanced at Chen Xi before walking in the Book Reserve Hall, and from the beginning until the end, he didn't spare a glance to the old man that sat on the rocking chair.

Chen Xi restrained his thoughts and hurriedly followed.

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After they pushed open the door and entered, what entered Chen Xi's field of vision was an extremely vast expanse of space. The blue sky was clear and dotted with white clouds while mountains rose and fell, and a sun hung at the center and emitted boundless light.

On the other side was a boundlessly vast ocean. The sea was clear while numerous lotuses that emitted a bright golden glow floated upon it, and it was an extremely magnificent scene.

Chen Xi felt surprised because there were actually row after row of bookshelves atop those mountains. Every single bookshelf towered into the clouds and were covered in books. All these books were in the form of jade manuscripts, bamboo tablets, golden rock tablets, jade slips, and even leaves, beast skins, clouds... There was a dense array that encompassed every single type of material.

It was simply a real mountain of books!

Besides that, at this moment, there were numerous disciples sitting cross-legged on the golden lotuses on the boundlessly vast ocean. They were either holding scrolls, pondering deeply with closed eyes, or reading aloud... All of them were studying various books.

There are no shortcuts through the mountain of books for learning, nor are there boats to traverse the sea of knowledge swiftly. For no reason or rhyme, such a passage appeared in Chen Xi's mind, and didn't the scene before his eyes represent a mountain of books and a sea of knowledge?

"The interior of the Book Reserve Pavilion forms a world of its own. Within that mountain of books is the various books that the numerous ancestors of our Nine Radiance Sword Sect gathered. There isn't just martial techniques and Divine Abilities within there, there are even astronomy, geography, medicine, astrology, and so on and so forth. It contains and covers everything." Madman Liu sent a voice transmission with a light voice. "Besides that, that sea is called the Sea of Dao Comprehension, and it's something left behind by the founder of our Nine Radiance Sword Sect. You'll be able to yield twice the result from comprehending cultivation techniques on those lotuses."

Mountain of books, Sea of Dao Comprehension... Chen Xi was extremely shocked in his heart. Compared to the scenes before him now, the treasure vault of the Darchu Dynasty seemed to be extremely negligible.

This was the resources and reserves of one of the top 10 immortal sects of the Dark Reverie, and it was ancient to the point one couldn't avoid being shocked.

"You can read all the books here in the future, and no one will dare obstruct you. This is a benefit I got for you with great difficulty. If it's any other Elite Disciple, then Hmph! They can only stay here for a single month every year." Madman Liu had a proud expression as he said, "Come, I'll bring you over to view the supreme inheritance of my Nine Radiance Sword Sect — The Nine Radiance Dao Scripture!"

The Nine Radiance Dao Scripture... Chen Xi was shocked in his heart. Within the rumors, the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture was formed from a lotus petal left behind by the founding ancestor, and it contained a world of its own within it that developed boundless Grand Daos, causing it to be marvelous to the extreme. It was the foundation of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect.

It was precisely because of the existence of this Nine Radiance Dao Scripture that the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was capable of standing amongst the top 10 immortal sects of the Dark Reverie for countless years and be renowned throughout the world!

"Martial Uncle Liu!" Right at this moment, a clear and melodious voice sounded out from the distance, and accompanying this voice was a young woman that ran over there swiftly.

She wore a fiery red dress that drew out the curves of her tall and slender figure. She possessed a beautiful appearance, a snow white long neck, a plump chest, a slender waist, and a pair of long and

slender gorgeous legs. A combination like this vividly displayed the lively and gorgeous beauty of the young woman.

Along with this young woman running over here, numerous gazes shot towards the young woman from the surroundings, and they revealed expressions of infatuation and adoration.

“Little Ke’er?” Madman Liu was surprised. “You little monkey, you hate cultivating the most. So why have you come over to the Book Reserve Pavilion?”

“It’s all because of the Peak Trials three months from now. My Big Sister forced me to come here.” The young woman waved her jade white and tender small fists as she spoke with indignation.

Even though she said this, her pitch black and lively eyes moved to size up Chen Xi instead, and her gaze contained a trace of thought-provoking playfulness.

“Disciple, this is Miss Ke. How is it? Both her face and figure are gorgeous, right?” Madman Liu grinned and introduced extremely indecently. “Her Big Sister An Wei is even more beautiful. Go have a look if you have the chance, it will absolutely be a feast for your eyes.”

Besides feeling embarrassed in his heart, Chen Xi couldn’t help but arouse a wisp of curiosity. An Wei? Isn’t that the one and only female cultivator amongst the five great Elite Disciples?

Moreover, this woman is even reputed to be the number one disciples amongst the five great Elite Disciples, and she stands above all!

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A young woman that was capable of becoming eminent amongst the Elite Disciples that concealed many formidable figures revealed that her natural talent and strength was surely shocking to the extreme, and it wouldn’t be too much to call her a proud genius of the heavens.

Chen Xi had been in confrontation with Du Xuan once, and he’d understood how formidable Du Xuan’s strength was from Du Xuan’s cold and fierce killing intent. Du Xuan was absolutely the most formidable amongst all the young disciples he’d encountered.

On the other hand, An Wei’s ranking surpassed above Du Xuan, so what extent had her strength attained?

The five great Elite Disciples... I wonder exactly how formidable the others are. If I want to smoothly take control of West Radiance Peak, then I probably have to go past them first. Chen Xi pondered in his heart. According to his knowledge, he had to pass the barriers of advancing to become a Seed Disciple and Elder if he wanted to become the master of West Radiance Peak.

However, there were extremely few seed disciples within the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and they were practically existences that were like phoenix feathers and qilin horns. Countless Elite Disciples were struggling hard with this as their target. So if he wanted to become a Seed Disciple, it would surely be unavoidable that competition would arise between him and the other Elite Disciples.

Besides that, advancing to become an elder from a disciple would be another extremely brutal competition. Thus, it was obvious from this that wanting to smoothly become the master of West Radiance Peak was absolutely not so simple.

Most importantly, Chen Xi only had 100 years of time. If he was incapable of completing all of this in a hundred years, then the position of Peak Master on West Radiance Peak would fall into the hands of others.

“Martial Uncle Liu, this is Junior Brother Chen Xi, right?” An Ke asked curiously. Her jet black hair was like a waterfall that flowed behind her, her appearance exquisite and beautiful, and her figure was tall and slender. She was filled with beauty and liveliness that belonged solely to young women, and she was gorgeous to the point it made one’s heart shudder.

“Yes, Little Ke’er, you have to properly love and cherish this Little Junior Brother of yours in the future and don’t let him be bullied by others.” Madman Liu grinned as he teased.

Chen Xi felt a wave of speechlessness. Madman Liu is too disrespectful for his age.

“Martial Uncle Liu, you’re such a bad person. I’m not going to continue playing with you.” The young woman reproached him. Her eyes rolled as they sized Chen Xi up once more before she pouted her smooth and moist little mouth and left like a gust of wind. Her beautiful hair fluttered in the wind while she glowed with vigor, and she gave others a feeling of boundless happiness.

“It’s fine so long as you play with my disciple in the future.” Madman Liu shouted at the top of his lungs, causing the fiery red and beautiful figure in the distance to freeze, and then she left as if she was fleeing.

A black line instantly crept down Chen Xi’s head as he was speechless to the extreme. Because he clearly noticed that all the surrounding disciples looked at Madman Liu with furious expressions, and they revealed an appearance of deep hatred and resentment because the goddess in their hearts had suffered disrespect.

It was even to the extent that the gazes they shot at Chen Xi were filled with hostility!

“Haha! This little girl isn’t bad, and her older sister is even better.” Madman Liu completely disregarded the gazes filled with killing intent that came from the surroundings, and he still clicked his tongue and praised endlessly.

Chen Xi couldn’t take it anymore and left. He was worried that he would be ganged up on by the surrounding crowd of people if he continued staying here.

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At the side of the mountain of books was a path that led directly to the peak.

Madman Liu led Chen Xi up the path. At the sides of the path was row after row of bookshelves that towered into the clouds and were piled with a superb collection of books, and it felt like he was strolling through a world of books, causing shock to arise in his heart.

Figures could be frequently seen standing on the mountain path. All of them were silent and concentrated on the books, and only the rustling sound of pages being flipped resounded out, causing it to emit a tranquil and serene aura.

Chen Xi followed behind Madman Liu to move silently up the mountain path, and his gaze couldn't help but scan through the rows of bookshelves on his sides.

Perfect Dao Grade martial technique, Goldmoon Rainbow.

Perfect Dao Grade martial technique, Tri-treasure Shocklight Sword.

Perfect Dao Grade martial technique, Dragonflow Heavenshock Steps.

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The more scanned through them, the more surprised Chen Xi was in his heart. The martial techniques stored on this mountain of books had obviously arrived at a rather terrifying amount, and practically every single one was perfect. Any one of these was sufficient to cause a rain of blood if placed in the Darchu Dynasty, yet at this place, they were put around casually while disciples were allowed to comprehend them at will.

These were the resources and reserves of an extraordinary power in the Dark Reverie. Its inheritance was so deep that it was sufficient to be described as capable of shocking the world.

"We've arrived. This is the Art Cultivation Grounds formed from the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture!" Madman Liu's voice suddenly resounded out by his ears, causing Chen Xi to be abruptly awakened from his deep contemplation. Raising his eyes, he saw that he was already standing at the peak of the mountain of books, and then his gaze suddenly froze as it looked at the scene ahead of him with shock.

Three kilometers ahead was an extremely vast and flat platform that seemed to be shaped like a lotus flower, and it bloomed layer after layer to form platforms that seemed like flower petals.

At the center of the platform which was the center of the lotus flower, there was a blazing ray of light that shot straight into the sky. It was shaped like a sword and emitted a myriad of rays of light that poured down like a rain of light, and it tainted the entire heavens and the earth with a gorgeous and dreamlike sheen.

When looked at from afar, it was like a god was standing proudly at the center of the lotus while emitting divine radiance that illuminated the heavens and the earth, and its majestic and imposing aura caused others to be unable to help but arouse reverence and the intention to prostrate themselves in worship.

What shocked Chen Xi was that the various rays of light that covered the sky were actually formed from various Grand Dao profundities! Green colored Wood Dao Insight, crimson red colored Fire Dao Insight, Lightning Dao Insight that revealed the glow of lightning... There were infinite glows in the sky while the Dao Insights within them were boundless!

"Could...could this be the source of the Grand Dao!?" Chen Xi was shocked. He felt as if he'd arrived at the source of Dao Insight during the absolute beginning of the world because Grand Dao Insights were everywhere his gaze could reach, and they contained a myriad of profundities that seemed boundless, causing it to seem like the source of the Dao!

"The Founding Ancestor of the sect was a divine lotus born in the quintessence of the world during the absolute beginning of the world. The lotus flower bloomed with nine petals, each containing a type of

divine light, and every single petal possessed supreme might. The Nine Radiance Dao Scripture was formed from one of the petals left behind by the Founding Ancestor.” Madman Liu spoke slowly with a voice that actually contained a trace of adoration. “This flower petal contains a world of its own within it, and it develops boundless profundities. The various inheritances in our sect were created from comprehending its profundity. Unfortunately, up until now, there has still been no one that was capable of completely comprehending all the profundities its contains.”

“All of this is actually formed from a single flower petal...” Chen Xi truly didn’t dare imagine exactly what sort of divine lotus that Nine Radiance Sword Sect’s Founding Ancestor was because a single flower petal he left behind was actually capable of creating the Nine Radiance Sword Sect that was reputed to be one of the 10 great immortal sects in the Dark Reverie!

“That lotus platform is formed from the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture, and it’s called the Art Cultivation Grounds. As you walk upon it, you only have to calm you mind and comprehend, and you’ll be able to sense the various profundities contained within it.” At this moment, Madman Liu seemed to be extremely patient, and he explained in detail. “But the comprehension of profundities varies between each person. Look at the platforms in the surroundings of the lotus, every single platform represents a Dao Art of a certain grade. The higher you go, the stronger the might of the Dao Art you’ll be able to comprehend.”

“Dao Art?” Chen Xi was bewildered.

“Exactly. Dao Art.” Madman Liu nodded. “When all is said and done, martial techniques and Dao techniques are only types of techniques, and they left behind traces that could be discerned, whereas Dao Arts stood above martial techniques, and they didn’t leave traces behind to be discerned.”

“This is the root cause why the martial techniques in the world are numerous like the hairs on an ox, whereas Dao Arts have practically never spread in the world. This is because the formation of Dao Arts came from martial techniques yet surpassed martial techniques, and practically every single Dao Art was an ultimate treasure of the various sects, a secret that wasn’t passed down outside of the sect. So normal sects were utterly unable to obtain one.”

“Simply speaking, the might of Dao Arts are more terrifying than martial techniques.” When he spoke up to here, Madman Liu said abruptly, “Do you know why Du Xuan was capable of annihilating a Nether Transformation Realm cultivator?”

“Could it be that he has mastered a Dao Art?” Chen Xi stared blankly as he spoke.

“Exactly. This kid obtained a Dao Art called Profound Qi Instakill Technique from the Art Cultivation Grounds. His sword strikes out like an instantly killing strike with a speed that surpasses the speed of sound by more than 10 times, and it’s impossible to guard against.” Madman Liu nodded.

Ten times the speed of sound... Chen Xi deduced in his heart and noticed that he was barely able to achieve this when executing the Starsky Wings with all his strength. If he were to go against Du Xuan, then facing a killer move with such an extraordinarily swift speed would really be able to catch him off guard.

“In short, you have to understand that martial techniques are the foundation for any Dao Art, whereas Dao Arts are the prerequisite techniques you need on the path that leads to immortality.” Madman Liu

said with a light voice, "Dao Arts, profound arts of the Dao. You'll understand after you become an immortal that the strength possessed by Heavenly Immortals were formed from Dao Arts, and they're called Laws!"

"Laws!" Chen Xi's heart shook as he finally had a faint understanding.

Martial techniques were the basic techniques that cultivators required to utilize Dao Insights and their strength; Dao Arts on the other hand were sourced from martial techniques and possessed even more formidable strength, and they were the abilities that were required to become an immortal.

Besides that, Laws were sourced from Dao Arts, and they were the ability and strength possessed by Heavenly Immortals.

"Go on. There're various profundities within the Art Cultivation Grounds. You just have to calm your heart and comprehend. With your comprehension ability, you don't have to worry about being unable to obtain a formidable Dao Art." Madman Liu patted Chen Xi on the shoulder as he spoke.

"I understand." Chen Xi took a deep breath and discarded the distracting thoughts in his mind before walking towards the lotus platform in the distance that emitted a myriad of divine lights.

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Outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, Madman Liu walked down the stairs, yet didn't leave right away. He stopped by the side of the old man that lay on the rocking chair instead, and he spoke lightly. "Martial Uncle, I hope you can take care of that little fellow once I'm gone."

The old man's eyes were still narrowed while the wrinkles on his face were like ravines, and his expression was completely peaceful as if he didn't hear these words.

Madman Liu couldn't help but shake his head when he saw this, and then he walked away.

"Jianheng, you've been unwilling to request anything of anyone for your entire lifetime. Why have you changed your thoughts?" A sigh sounded out faintly from behind, causing Madman Liu's entire body to go stiff, and his expression changed indeterminately.

Suddenly, the old man that lay on the rocking chair had already opened his eyes. His eyes were pitch black and clear, and they were actually more pure and flawless than the eyes of an infant. However, they were so deep like a vast starry sky, and it shocked the hearts of all.

"You asked the Sect master to allow him to succeed your position as Peak Master of West Radiance Peak, then opened the Book Reserve Pavilion completely to him. Now, you've even entrusted me with taking care of him. This isn't like you at all." The old man sighed again.

"All those years ago, I owed that person my life, and it's time to repay it..." After going silent for a long time, Madman Liu spoke with a hoarse voice, and his voice actually revealed indescribable sorrow and grief.

"No wonder, no wonder!" The old man was stunned as his grey and long brows knit together, and then he couldn't help but sigh once more before waving his hand as he said, "Go at ease."

“Thank you, Martial Uncle.” Madman Liu nodded before walking off with large strides, and his figure seemed lighthearted, yet revealed a desolate feeling.

Since that person left all those years ago, Liu Jianheng was no more in this world, and there was only a madman...

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The old man closed his eyes once more after Madman Liu.

But his hands were lightly stroking the black cat on his knees, and his rough hands that were covered in wrinkles were trembling lightly, causing him to seem rather restless.

After a long time, a sigh resounded out. “All those years ago, it wasn’t just you who owed that person a favor.”

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The peak of the mountain of books, the Art Cultivation Grounds.

Chen Xi walked towards the distant lotus platform that emitted a myriad of divine lights with steady footsteps, and it was just like his current feelings, calm while carrying firmness that was like steel.

Even though they hadn’t bid each other farewell, but he still knew that Madman Liu had already left to the Immortal Dimension, whereas what he could do now was work hard to improve his strength and protect the safety of the West Radiance Peak.

The brilliant rays of light were like rain that suffused the entire heavens and the earth, and along with his approach, an indescribable fluctuation stretched out from the lotus platform. Chen Xi’s soul couldn’t help but tremble when he sensed this fluctuation, and he felt slightly dazed.

It felt as if he was in an ancient and chaotic land, and there was no sky, no land, no mountains, no rivers, and no living beings everywhere his vision could reach.

There was only a boundlessly vast platform that was like a lotus flower. It emitted a myriad of Dao Insights that transformed into multicolored and resplendent light that filled and flowed in every inch of this chaotic space.

When he walked to arrive here, Chen Xi suddenly felt as if he’d seen the traces of the Grand Dao. It was so complicated, vast like an ocean of smoke, and he even had the feeling that if he sat down cross-legged here and comprehended, it wouldn’t take a hundred years for him to attain perfection in all the Grand Daos he possessed!

Dao Insights fill the surroundings while profundities overflowed... This place can be said to be peerlessly marvelous. Chen Xi muttered, and then he shook his head and continued moving forward.

This place was the Art Cultivation Grounds formed from the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture, and it contained a world of its own. There weren’t just numerous Dao Insights, and there ought to be various Dao Arts as well, whereas Chen Xi’s goal was to comprehend a Dao Art from it.

There were already numerous disciples meditating while comprehending in the surroundings of the lotus platform, and many of them shot their gazes over when they heard the sound of footsteps. After that, a wisp of a strange expression flashed past their eyes because they'd obviously recognized Chen Xi.

Chen Xi didn't pay any regard to these gazes, and he moved forward directly. Only when one looked at this lotus platform from a close distance would one be able to notice how ancient and aged it was. The numerous marks on it were left behind by time, and they were like the marks of the Grand Dao and possessed a force that shocked the hearts of all.

When he arrived before the stone stairway of the lotus platform, Chen Xi stopped moving and seemed to be lost in thought.

Every single one of the nine layers of platforms that seemed like flower petals covered an area of 3km, and there were already numerous figures standing on it. Strangely, the first layer had the most people, and the amount of people went down the higher the layer was. Up until the ninth layer, there was only a single person sitting cross-legged on it, and this person seemed extremely conspicuous.

Looks like it's really like how Master said. Not everyone can step foot on the stone stairways of every layer, and only someone with sufficiently formidable strength and natural talent was capable of going up each layer step by step. Chen Xi pondered for a short moment before he took a deep breath, and then he didn't hesitate in the slightest to step foot onto the stone stairway.

Om!

At the instant his foot stepped onto the platform, Chen Xi felt his soul shake as he instantly seemed to have entered into a world of fire. Everywhere his eyes could see was flowing tongues of flames and surging seas of flame that were crimson, blue, white, black... Various flames filled every single inch of this space.

Moreover, these flames actually transformed into numerous symbols that fluttered and whistled about in the heavens and the earth, and Chen Xi could even see some divine beasts that were bathed in flames moving about.

A Divine Inferno Bull that charged on a wave of flames, a Vermillion Bird that flapped its flaming wings as it fluttered about, a flaming Qilin that howled into the sky... Various divine beasts of fire roamed freely within the space while looking down upon all, and the scene was exceedingly shocking.

A world of flames, this ought to have been formed from the Grand Dao of Fire... Chen Xi's gaze swept out, and he noticed other disciples were sitting cross-legged within the various flames while comprehending in a state of meditation.

"Sunfire Lightning Dao Art! How many years has it been, I've finally comprehended a Dao Art!" Suddenly, a disciple stood up from the ground with an excited expression, and he seemed as if he'd obtained a precious treasure and started to cry out loudly.

The others couldn't help but reveal expressions of envy when they heard this.

After all, it wasn't such a simple thing to obtain a Dao Art from this Art Cultivation Grounds. Besides requiring natural talent, it also required attaining the Advanced Realm in a Dao Insight.

It was common knowledge that the four realms and 12 levels of Dao Insights were divided into the Elementary Realm, Initial Realm, Advanced Realm, and Perfection Realm. Every single realm was divided into three levels. So, if one wanted to attain the Advanced Realm in a Dao Insight, then one was at least required to attain the 9th level in a Dao Insight, and the difficulty to attain this was obvious.

Moreover, attaining the Advanced Realm in a Dao Insight could only be considered as possessing the qualification to comprehend a Dao Art in this Art Cultivation Grounds, and it still depended on natural talent and fortune to obtain a Dao Art.

“Hmph! What’s there to be complacent about? There are nine layers on the lotus platform, and the Dao Arts contained on the first layer can only be considered to be ordinary. So even if you’ve obtained one, it’s only slightly more formidable than a perfect martial technique.” Someone muttered with envy.

“Heh. There’re almost 3,000 Elite Disciples in our Nine Radiance Sword Sect, yet only a mere 100 plus people have obtained a Dao Art. I’m already satisfied with being able to obtain this Sunfire Lightning Dao Art. Everyone, I’ll be taking my leave first.” That person remained indifferent, and he waved his hand with excitement as he turned and left.

“This kid really doesn’t have great aspirations in his heart!”

“Stop being envious. He can already be called shockingly outstanding from being able to obtain a Dao Art from this Domain of Fire.”

“Right, let’s continue working hard, and we’ll surely be able to obtain a Dao Art.” Everyone discussed for a short moment before started to meditate and comprehend once more. All of these people were Elite Disciples and there wasn’t a single inner court or outer court disciple, causing it to be obvious that only Elite Disciples had the qualification to enter this place.

There’re nine layers to the lotus platform, and the higher one went, the more formidable the Dao Art obtained would be... Chen Xi witnessed the entire scene from before, he pondered slightly before shaking his head, and then he walked towards the depths of the Domain of Fire with large strides. His footsteps quickly passed all those disciples, and then he moved forward without stopping.

These actions of his quickly caused the silent surroundings to erupt with a wave of low clamorous voice. All the disciples that were in a state of comprehension had opened their eyes in astonishment, and they gazed at Chen Xi’s figure that was about to vanish before them.

“This fellow actually wants to head directly towards a higher platform? Could it be that he doesn’t know the probability of obtaining a Dao Art becomes lower the higher one goes?”

“He’s truly arrogant. Starting from the second layer, the realms within carry a Dao pressure, and if one’s comprehension in Dao Insights are insufficient, one’s soul will be injured!”

“Perhaps he wants to obtain a Dao Art of higher quality? I hope he’ll be able to persist.”

Amongst the nine layers on the lotus platform, every single layer represented a domain. For example, the first layer was the Domain of Fire, and it was filled with the Grand Dao of Fire. Moreover, one was able to obtain a fire element Dao Art from it.

Besides that, even though the domain of every single layer seemed like an independent world, they were actually linked to each other, and one was entirely capable of seeing the situation within the domain of the ninth layer from the first layer.

This sort of feeling was similar to how storage magic treasures were refined. The space within them was boundlessly vast, yet they could be completely reflected in one's mind in detail.

The domains on the nine layers of the lotus platform were like nine connected storage magic treasures, and every single space was boundlessly vast, yet all of them could be seen clearly.

When Chen Xi's figure stepped foot into the second layer, the Domain of Water, the disciples present here were obviously much fewer. But they could still be seen all over. Moreover, this Domain of Water was just like the previous Domain of Fire on the first layer. It was suffused with boundless Water Dao Insight and formed into various phenomena like symbols, divine beasts, and even numerous inconceivable and peculiar scenes.

The only difference was that this expanse of the heavens and the earth was filled with a Dao Insight pressure. The pressure pressed down directly onto the soul, causing one to unconsciously feel greatly oppressed, and it was like an enormous mountain was pressing down onto one's chest, causing even one's breathing to become difficult.

This sort of scene caused Chen Xi to recall the scene of the trial of the Ascension Peak during the Allstar Meeting. It was similarly the energy of Dao Insight pressure, yet the Dao Insight pressure here was much more shocking, pure, and formidable, and it forced him to have no choice but to circulate his cultivation technique before being able to eliminate the pressure he felt in his soul.

Chen Xi didn't stop here and continued moving up.

He felt that relying on his current comprehension in Dao Insight, he was entirely capable of going higher, and unless the Dao Insight pressure pressed down upon him to the point he was unable to resist it, he wouldn't stop.

The Domain of Water.

The Domain of Wood.

The Domain of Earth.

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Unknowingly, Chen Xi had already traversed four layers and arrived at the fifth layer, the Domain of Metal.

He entirely didn't notice that because of his actions of going up step by step, he'd already drawn the attention and discussion of numerous disciples behind him.

"This fellow is actually so strong? His natural talent and Dao Insight comprehension are both at the top standard since he's able to arrive at the fifth layer. He's absolutely capable of being ranked in the top 30 amongst the Elite Disciples of our Nine Radiance Sword Sect!" "How formidable! No wonder he dared to challenge Du Xuan. Now, another ferocious figure has appeared in our Nine Radiance Sword Sect."

“Haha, this new disciple is interesting. He’d just entered our Nine Radiance Sword Sect yet bashed Du Guan before driving out all those fellows that acted as tyrants and occupied the West Radiance Peak. Now, he has come to pass through the barriers of the Art Cultivation Grounds. Could it be that he wants to break the records of the five great Elite Disciples?”

“Yeah, amongst the five great Elite Disciples, Du Xuan and Pang Zhou both obtained a Dao Art in the sixth layer, the Domain of Yin, whereas, the South Radiance Peak’s Xia Yi ascended the seventh layer, the Domain of Yang, and obtained a supreme Divine Ability. Supposedly, it’s even capable of being ranked into the top 300 of the Divine Ability Gold Rankings of the three dimensions.”

“Leng Qiu had originally obtained a Dao Art from the seventh layer as well, but just three months ago, he’d already stepped foot into the eighth layer, the Domain of Wind, and he’d obtained another Dao Art. His results are brilliant.”

“Originally, Leng Qiu would be able to be ranked equally with the North Radiance Peak’s An Wei. But unfortunately, An Wei ascended onto the ninth layer, the Domain of Lightning, just moments ago, and she reigns supreme!”

“I wonder if this new disciple that has just joined the West Radiance Peak today will be able to break the records of any one of the five great Elite Disciples.”

At this moment, the disciples in the surroundings had opened their eyes as their gazes shot over in unison towards Chen Xi who was moving higher up the lotus step by step, and their gazes were filled with various expressions like disdain, curiosity, contemplation, anxiousness, doubt, and so on and so forth.

In short, Chen Xi had become the center of attention in the Art Cultivation Grounds at this moment, and everyone wanted to know to exactly what extent this fellow would be able to traverse?

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Chapter 564: Ascending The Lotus Step By Step

The Art Cultivation Grounds, within the fifth layer of the lotus platform, the Domain of Metal.

The entire lotus platform had suddenly become completely silent, and only the sound of Chen Xi’s footsteps resounded out while the hearts of everyone started to beat swiftly along with these sounds of footsteps.

At the same time that the atmosphere in the lotus platform went silent, the old man outside the Book Reserve Pavilion seemed to have noticed something and slightly turned his head while his pair of eyes that were clear and free from impurities slowly opened up, and it was like a myriad of stars had silently emerged in the night sky, causing his eyes to be vast and profound to the point it caused one’s heart to palpitate.

After that, the corners of his mouth curled imperceptibly into a slight arc, and he seemed to be slightly astonished.

Stomp! Stomp!

Steady, heavy, and rhythmic sounds of footsteps sounded out lightly on the quiet lotus platform as the tall figure strode forward with a speed that was neither swift nor slow, and he continued forward under the numerous gazes that held various expressions.

He was almost past the Domain of Metal to arrive at the sixth layer, the Domain of Yin!

“Haha! Crimsongold Heavenbreaker! Let me see how you, Chen Xi, fight me while I possess this Dao Art!” Right at this moment, a wave of roaring laughter suddenly resounded out in the Domain of Metal, and it seemed to be extremely ear piercing in this silent atmosphere, causing everyone else to be astounded and raise their eyes to look over towards that person.

The person wore feathered clothes and a black flat crown, had a handsome appearance, and a slender figure. Shockingly, it was Ming Yan who’d just joined the Nine Radiance Sword Sect today like Chen Xi!

Ming Yan had once entered into confrontation with Chen Xi on True Martial Peak, yet the battle between the two of them was stopped because the Sect Master stood out. Unexpectedly, he’d actually appeared in the Art Cultivation Grounds as well.

Moreover, based on the current circumstances, he seemed to have already comprehended a formidable Dao Art in the Domain of Metal!

This fellow took me as his imaginary enemy? Chen Xi stopped moving and glanced at Ming Yan with interest. The Dao Insight pressure within the Domain of Metal was extremely strong, and it carried a sharp feeling that pierced onto his soul to the point it ached faintly. But this little bit of pressure was unable to obstruct his footsteps either.

He was only slightly surprised because Ming Yan had actually comprehended a Dao Art so quickly. His strength and natural talent are really one of the best, but he has obviously taken me as his enemy, it’s truly regretful.

“Hmm? The atmosphere seems to be slightly...” Ming Yan was stunned, and his laughter stopped abruptly while the excitement he felt from obtaining a Dao Art vanished completely like receding tidewater.

He swept the surroundings with his gaze and noticed numerous people were looking at him with astounded expression, and they seemed as if they were looking at a freak. This caused him to feel like a clown and be extremely displeased in his heart. Dammit, what are those gazes? You don’t have to be like that even if you’re fucking envious that I obtained a formidable Dao Art, right?

“The atmosphere seems to be slightly off, right?” Right at this moment, an indifferent voice resounded behind him, causing Ming Yan’s entire body to instantly go stiff, and his expression changed indeterminately.

This voice was too familiar to him, so when he thought about how he’d roared excitedly about completely subduing this person after he obtained a Dao Art, he felt his face was burning.

Dammit! When did this bastard come here?

Ming Yan turned around and saw that familiar figure, causing his expression to be unable to refrain from turning extremely gloomy, and he was anxious and fearful in his heart instead.

This bastard slapped Du Xuan's younger brother to the point of fainting that day. I haven't mastered this Dao Art yet so I'm probably not a match for him now. If this fellow charges forward and beats me up in front of everyone now, then... It would be a huge humiliation!

"Junior Brother Ming Yan, if you chose the wrong target, then it would sometimes lead to a tragedy." Chen Xi smiled lightly and couldn't be bothered to pay any more attention to this fellow, and he turned around and left trippingly.

Ming Yan couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief in his heart when he saw Chen Xi leave and didn't embarrass him, and then his expression went grim as he stared at the figure that was gradually vanishing into the distance with eyes that were spitting flames while gnashing his teeth with hatred. Junior Brother Ming Yan? When did I fucking become his Junior Brother? He's simply going too far, and he even spoke about a tragedy? Tragedy my ass!

Once I cultivate this Dao Art successfully, I'll make you fucking make you taste the feeling of crying for your mom and dad! Ming Yan gritted his teeth and fiercely cursed in his heart before turning and leaving.

He was already impatient to cultivate this Dao Art he'd obtained.

However, he'd just taken two steps when he suddenly stopped moving, and then he turned swiftly towards the direction Chen Xi vanished as his pupils dilated slowly. This fellow actually wants to comprehend a Dao Art as well?!

Ming Yan's heart couldn't help but twitch fiercely. He understood that the lotus platform had nine layers and the quality and might of the Dao Art one could obtain would increase along with the height of the layer. Now, Chen Xi was actually walking forward step by step, so didn't it mean that he was going for the Dao Arts that possessed the strongest might?

This bastard's appetite is really huge. I hope he bites off more than he can chew! After a short moment, Ming Yan recovered from his shock, and a wisp of a cold smile couldn't help but emerge on his handsome face. He didn't believe that Chen Xi was capable of ascending a higher layer, and he utterly didn't believe that Chen Xi was capable of obtaining a Dao Art with an even more formidable might from it.

The reason was extremely simple. For example, Du Xuan and Pang Zhou were both ranked amongst the five great Elite Disciples, yet they'd only obtained a Dao Art from the sixth layer, the Domain of Yin. So no matter how formidable Chen Xi's natural talent was, how could he possibly compare to those two?

Even if Chen Xi was capable of ascending the Domain of Yin, what about it? It would be useless if he was unable to comprehend a Dao Art from there!

Ming Yan felt confident in his heart when he thought like this, and he turned and left. In his heart, he'd firmly believed long ago that Chen Xi's actions would be fruitless, and there was nothing to pay attention to.

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Actually, most of the people in the surroundings of the lotus platform had similar thoughts as Ming Yan. All of them had doubts towards these rash actions of Chen Xi's, yet none of them tried to dissuade him.

Presumably, they knew clearly as well that since this new disciple who'd just entered the sect dared to fearlessly beat up Du Xuan's younger brother and agree to Du Xuan's challenge, he surely had something to rely on.

Under these circumstances, it was obviously unsuitable to take Chen Xi as an ordinary disciple.

On the other hand, under the focus of these numerous gazes, Chen Xi's figure safely stepped foot into the sixth layer, the Domain of Yin!

Moreover, he didn't stop in the slightest and continued walking towards a higher layer.

All the disciples in the vicinity of the lotus platform couldn't help but gasp in their hearts when they saw this scene.

"The sixth layer! He's actually moving towards a higher layer again after arriving at the height both Du Xuan and Pang Zhou were capable of arriving at. Could it be that he's still unsatisfied and wants to break a higher record?"

"It's too early to say now. After all, he's only stepping foot into a higher layer. The key is still if he's able to obtain a Dao Art, otherwise everything would be in vain."

"Exactly, if we take the risk of our souls being injured, we're similarly capable of ascending a higher layer of the lotus platform, but it's extremely difficult to persist and comprehend there to obtain a Dao Art. In the past, there have been numerous disciples that relied on temporary strength to rashly ascend a higher layer, yet in the end, weren't their souls injured to the point they fell unconscious, and they had to recuperate for numerous years but were unable to recover completely?"

Everyone was discussing with low voices, yet their gazes had always been fixed upon Chen Xi's tall figure, and they watched as he surmounted the Domain of Yin step by step to ascend the seventh layer, the Domain of Yang, and the eighth layer, the Domain of Wind...

The expressions of everyone had already become serious, and they held their breaths in concentration while their fists covered beneath their sleeves couldn't help but be clenched tightly.

All of them knew clearly that if Chen Xi was capable of obtaining a Dao Art in the eighth layer, then he would break Du Xuan, Pang Zhou, and Xia Yi's records, and he would be able to be ranked alongside Leng Qiu!

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Bang!

At the instant Chen Xi stepped foot into the eighth layer, the Domain of Wind, an extremely vast and terrifying Dao Insight pressure assaulted straight at him, and the terrifying force from it was simply a few tens of times more formidable than the pressure in the seventh layer.

The Wind Dao Insight that existed everywhere was like surging and roaring primordial ferocious beasts that shook Chen Xi's soul to the point of droning and trembling, and stars danced about before his eyes. The pressure caught him off guard, causing him to staggered back from it, and he almost staggered back out of the eighth layer.

What an overbearing Dao Insight of Wind... Chen Xi's eyes squinted, and he was able to clearly see the Wind Dao Insight that existed everywhere actually seemed material as it fiercely struck towards him in the form of blades, spears, swords, halberds, and other weapons. They assaulted him aggressively, and they were utterly impossible to resist.

Because this Dao Insight was shapeless and directly affected the soul, ordinary methods were utterly incapable of dealing with them, and he could only rely on the strength of his soul to forcefully resist them.

If it was an ordinary person that encountered such an overbearing Dao Insight pressure, the person would surely find it to be extremely troublesome, or even be directly shaken to the point the person's soul is injured and blasted flying.

But to Chen Xi, this level of Dao Insight pressure was still within the scope he was able to endure.

After all, his current cultivation of the soul had become extremely formidable since experiencing the various temperings of the Primeval Battlefield and especially after he overcame the Phoenix Tribulation of Rebirth, and it was even stronger than a Nether Transformation Realm cultivator.

Coupled with the presence of the Fuxi Divine Statue within his sea of consciousness, his soul had undoubtedly obtained a layer of extremely solid protection, and it was utterly impossible to suppress his soul.

But what caused Chen Xi to frown was that even though the current strength of his soul was more or less capable of enduring the Dao Insight pressure of the Domain of Wind, it would probably be slightly difficult if he wanted to go even higher...

Even though his soul wouldn't collapse and shatter, it would suffer an injury. Moreover, once his soul suffered an injury, he would have to spend an extremely long period of time to recover.

Because the soul was different from the body. Bodily damage could be swiftly recovered by relying on various spirit pills and medicine, however there were very few spirit pills capable of repairing damage to the soul.

Unless one found a divine medicine that was capable of being directly utilized on the soul. But unfortunately, not to mention the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, it was extremely rare even in the entire Dark Reverie, and it was practically an existence akin to a legend.

What should I do? Could it be that I have to risk injury to my soul and ascend the ninth layer to obtain a Dao Art first? Chen Xi frowned without end as he looked at the final layer of the lotus in the distance.

He would be battling Du Xuan three months from now, so if his soul were to be injured now, then even if he obtained a formidable Dao Art, it would probably affect the exertion of his strength in battle.

Om!

However, right when Chen Xi was contemplating, a strange fluctuation suddenly and silently stretched out from within his sea of consciousness.

As soon as this fluctuation appeared, Chen Xi instantly felt that all the pressure his soul felt had vanished completely, and he felt as if he was walking on even ground and didn't feel the slightest uncomfortable feeling anymore!

This is... Chen Xi was stunned, and then a ball of bright light suddenly exploded out from his eyes. The fragments of the River Diagram!

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Chapter 565: The Domain of Lightning

Within his sea of consciousness, the fragments of the River Diagram that usually floated there quietly without moving actually emitted a strange fluctuation at this moment, and it stretched out to completely dissolve all the Dao Insight pressure in the Domain of Wind!

Besides feeling surprised, Chen Xi couldn't help but be delighted in his heart when he saw this scene.

After all, even though he'd already gathered three River Diagram fragments now, this thing was too mysterious, and he hadn't figure out exactly what uses it possessed even until this day.

It was only during the Allstar Meeting that the River Diagram seemed as if it possessed intelligence and passed down a supreme Divine Ability that could be ranked in the top 100 of the Divine Ability Gold Rankings of the three dimensions — The Eye of Divine Truth!

But since that moment onward, the River Diagram had fallen into silence and had never shown any intelligence ever again.

Yet now, under the pressure of the Dao Insight pressure within the eighth layer of the lotus platform, the Domain of Wind, the River Diagram fragments had demonstrated its might once more, and it emitted a fluctuation that annihilated all pressure, causing it to be really capable of being considered as a pleasant surprise to Chen Xi.

Hu!

Along with the pressure on his soul vanishing completely, Chen Xi's face couldn't help but be suffused with a wisp of a smile, and he didn't hesitate any longer to directly and suddenly speed up under the astounded gazes of everyone.

"He's actually fine..."

"How could it be like this? The Dao Insight pressure of the Domain of Wind is sufficient to shatter the soul of ordinary Elite Disciples. How could he seem to be so relaxed?"

"My god! He's going to charge into the ninth layer and break the record set by Leng Qiu!"

As they looked at Chen Xi's relaxed appearance as he took swift and large strides forward, exclamations instantly exploded out in the surroundings, and everyone had astounded expressions and didn't dare believe that Chen Xi was actually capable of resisting the terrifying Dao Insight pressure...

Outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, the old man had already stood up from the rocking chair and gazed silently towards the Book Reserve Pavilion behind him, and his gaze was profound and seemed capable of penetrating through the boundless space.

Many disciples had just left the Book Reserve Pavilion, and all of them were extremely astonished when they saw the old man had actually stood up. They looked over along with his gaze yet didn't see anything, and they couldn't help but be bewildered.

Could it be that something has happened in the Book Reserve Pavilion?

Everyone was curious. But they'd just exited the Book Reserve Pavilion and hadn't noticed anything unusual, so they hesitated briefly before resolutely turning around to return into the Book Reserve Pavilion.

The seniority of the old man that guarded the pavilion was extremely high, and even the elders of the sect had to bow extremely reverently and respectfully to him when they met him. Ordinarily, he was always laying on the rocking chair while dozing with narrowed eyes, and it was always the same every single day, causing him to be like a living stone that was completely silent. They'd long since been accustomed to the old man being like this.

Now he'd actually suddenly stood up, and this scene was simply too unusual, so they couldn't help but be curious. Exactly what happened within the Book Reserve Pavilion that drew the old man's attention?

"Come back here." However, right when these disciples turned around with the intention of going back in, the old man suddenly spoke out with an aged voice that carried an indisputable tone.

Everyone was instantly stunned, and they moved back without the slightest hesitation.

But this didn't stop their curiosity and caused them to be even more curious instead. Exactly what has happened within the Book Reserve Pavilion?

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Om!

The strange fluctuation emitted by the River Diagram fragments had completely dissolved all the Dao Insight pressure. Under these circumstances, Chen Xi seemed as if he was walking on even ground, and he'd walked into the depths of the Domain of Wind in an extremely short period of a few breaths of time before ascending the ninth layer of the lotus platform!

This place was the Domain of Lightning.

It was the final layer of the lotus platform, and above it was a boundlessly vast flat platform. At the center of the flat platform was the beam of light that was connected with the sky and emitted a myriad of rays of light that Chen Xi had seen when he'd just arrived at the peak of the mountain of books!

At this moment, violent Lightning Dao Insight filled the Domain of Lightning, and they developed into numerous ancient symbols that represented lightning. There were surging seas of lightning, raging thunderstorms, and numerous divine beasts that were born from lightning here, and everywhere that met the eye, the entire heavens and the earth were enveloped in an expanse of a dazzling and resplendent glow of lightning.

Moreover, amidst this world that was filled with boundless Lightning Dao Insight was a graceful and beautiful figure sitting cross-legged there. Her jet black hair was dense like a waterfall that flowed down

her shoulders, and it drew out graceful lines of her back, whereas her slender waist revealed shocking allure.

Chen Xi was unable to see her appearance clearly because she had her back towards him, but Chen Xi felt his breath taken away just from looking at this figure from behind.

That gorgeous hair that was like a waterfall that was suffused with a misty sheen and that slender and graceful outline of her back seemed as if they were carved and polished meticulously by the heavens. She was gorgeous, exuberant, and revealed an indescribable aura of allure.

If it was a cultivator with insufficient composure that saw this scene, the cultivator would probably have his soul entranced on the spot.

Chen Xi was slightly dazed as well before returning to his senses, and he couldn't help but exclaim with admiration in his heart. He'd never imagined in the past that merely the sight of someone's back would be able to take his breath away.

This woman is probably the number one Elite Disciple of the South Radiance Peak, An Wei... Chen Xi seemed to have thought of something, and then he shook his head before moving forward.

Even though a woman's beauty was a nice thing, it didn't belong to him in the end, and the pressing matter at hand was to search for a Dao Art to comprehend.

Actually, comparatively speaking, Chen Xi's composure could already be considered to be outstanding.

All the way during his path of cultivation until now, he'd encountered countless young women that were as gorgeous as celestial maidens, and most of them had deep relationships with him. It was even to the extent that he was very sure that so long as he took the initiative to open up his heart, he would probably already possess a family now like his younger brother, Chen Hao.

But regretfully, he didn't do this.

Sometimes, when the responsibility one carried on one's shoulder was greater than everything, it would cause one to have no choice but to give up the fetters of personal emotions because only in this way would one be able to be at ease while traversing one's path.

Chen Xi was just like this. There were truly too many things that he carried on his shoulders. So while he was still in a state of wandering about and without a definite residence, he didn't hope that the person he loved would lead a wandering life with him.

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!

Firm sounds of footsteps drifted clearly within the Domain of Lightning, and everyone in the surroundings opened their wide like saucers when they saw Chen Xi's figure appear on the ninth layer of the lotus platform.

It was even to the extent that those disciples that had always been in a state of comprehension had opened their eyes, and they shot their gazes towards the ninth layer of the lotus platform.

The ninth layer of the lotus platform!

In the hearts of the Elite Disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, it was simply impossible to surmount like a tall mountain, and the entire Nine Radiance Sword Sect had already been stirred a few days ago because An Wei had ascended the ninth layer. Now, there was actually someone that had stepped into it once more, so how could it not arouse shock in their hearts!?

“This new fellow...is really formidable!”

“Yeah. He broke the records of Du Xuan, Pang Zhou, and Xia Yi successively earlier, and now he has broken Leng Qiu’s record as well and stepped into the ninth layer, the Domain of Lightning, in one go, allowing him to be on par with the number one figure amongst the Elite Disciples, An Wei. Such natural talent and strength is indeed formidable to the extreme.”

“Based on his relaxed appearance, not only is he capable of ascending the ninth layer, it’s probably extremely likely that he’ll be able to comprehend a Dao Art from it!”

“Tsk! The West Radiance Peak’s Martial Uncle Liu has finally taken a good disciple. The situation of the West Radiance Peak might change in the future because of this kid.”

Everyone whispered in discussion, and their voices revealed indescribable shock. Who could have imagined that this fellow was only a new disciple that had just entered the sect for a day?

“It seems...as if I can still go slightly higher.” Chen Xi looked above the ninth layer and at the beam of light on the boundlessly vast platform that emitted a myriad of rays of light, and he spoke a sentence that was sufficient to cause the other disciples to spit blood.

After all, some of them had exhausted many years here yet were still unable to comprehend a single Dao Art, let alone step foot on the ninth layer. Yet now, Chen Xi had charged all the way to arrive at the ninth layer and was actually still unsatisfied...

Of course, Chen Xi couldn’t be bothered about what other people thought.

He only wanted to become stronger, strong to the point that when he faced Bing Shitian once again, his strength would be sufficient for him to not be like a powerless doll that Bing Shitian could humiliate at will.

Now, an opportunity to become stronger had appeared, so he naturally wouldn’t give up.

Because of this, as soon as he finished speaking, Chen Xi had directly taken a stride forward under the astounded gazes of the surrounding disciples.

Hiss!

Along with Chen Xi’s footsteps striding out once more, all the disciples in the surroundings of the lotus platform gasped. Could it be that this fellow intends to surpass the Domain of Lightning and ascend above the top of the lotus platform? Could it be that he doesn’t know that every single step on the top of the lotus platform would cause one to suffer a Dao Insight pressure that was a few tens of times stronger than before?

Outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, the old man slowly straightened his body as his clothes fluttered without the wind, and his pair of profound and clear eyes that seemed like the vast starry sky seemed to have a bright light flash past it.

Under the focused gazes of the numerous disciples, Chen Xi moved out step by step. He was able to clearly sense the Dao Insight pressure around his body that had suddenly become terrifying. But before this pressure arrived before him, it was dissolved completely by the strange fluctuation emitted by the River Diagram fragments, and it was like the autumn wind that swept the fallen leaves away, skillful and with ease.

Stomp! Stomp! Stomp!

Steady footsteps resounded out rhythmically and struck onto the hearts of everyone like the sound of a drum. Everyone practically forgot to breathe as they looked at the tall figure that ceaselessly approached the top of the lotus platform, and their eyes were filled with disbelief.

Stomp!

Chen Xi was only a step away from stepping foot onto the top of the lotus platform!

In the history of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, only a very few Elite Disciples had successfully taken this step. But all of that was something from an extremely long time ago, and it was long to the point that people were already unable to clearly remember everything that happened all those years ago.

Yet now, there was a new disciple who'd just entered the sect that was approaching and about to take this step. This was like the creation of a miracle, and it caused everyone to stare their eyes wide open and feel deeply afraid that they would miss the slightest detail.

"Do you know what exists at the top of the lotus platform?" However, right when Chen Xi was about to take this step, a soft and delicate voice that was pleasing to the ear sounded out by his ears.

Chen Xi was slightly stunned, and then he turned his head around. He saw that An Wei who sat cross-legged there without moving had suddenly opened her clear eyes, and she was looking towards him.

This was also the first time Chen Xi had clearly and directly seen An Wei's peerlessly beautiful appearance that could be described as drop dead gorgeous, and a wisp of undisguisable shock silently slid past his eyes.

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Chapter 566: Stepping Onto The Top

This was a beautiful face that was filled with a classical feeling. Her brows were like lush mountains, her eyes filled with light, her red lips peerlessly beautiful, her skin supple and white like jade, her elegant hair like a waterfall that flowed down behind her, and her forehead was full and white, causing her to look gorgeous and ethereal

Classical yet beautiful, ethereal to the point of transcendence like a celestial maiden.

However, her figure possessed shocking allure. Her legs were long and slender, her waist fine like the branches of a willow tree, with a plump chest that hung beneath her long and snow white neck, and her delicate shoulders that were white like ivory flickered with a bright sheen. Her figure curved up and down gracefully, and it revealed an extremely alluring charm.

An ethereal and gorgeous classical appearance yet combined with a figure that possessed charming and alluring curves. All of this gave others a strong visual impact.

With Chen Xi's level of composure, he couldn't help but be dazed for a short period of time upon laying eyes on An Wei, and then his gaze recovered its clarity and calm.

This young woman was really a peerless stunner. She possessed an appearance that could overturn a country and a figure that could bring ruin to a nation. But Chen Xi had met too many young woman of unsurpassed beauty, so he naturally wouldn't have his soul enchanted away like a fledgling.

For example, Qin Xiuyi, Zhen Liuqing, Fan Yunlan... Even though all their appearances had their own merits, yet they were on par with this young woman. But they just didn't give him a strong visual impact that took his breath away.

While Chen Xi was sizing An Wei up, An Wei was sizing him up as well, and when she saw the trace of a dazed expression that flashed within his eyes, her moist and red lips couldn't help but curve into a wisp of coldness. But this coldness vanished without a trace a moment later.

Because she noticed to her shock that the gaze of the handsome young man before her had recovered its clarity in practically an instant, and there was only calmness and a trace of admiration within his gaze. He was entirely not like the other people that would more or less reveal a trace of greed, burning desire, or the intent to possess her when they saw her for the first time.

This tiny discovery caused An Wei to sense that the fellow before her eyes was really as her younger sister had said, and he possessed a unique bearing that was beyond ordinary.

But she merely felt like this. As the number one disciple amongst the Elite Disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, she'd seen countless outstanding young experts. Amongst them were those with graceful bearings, heroic and unrestrained bearings, and various other types, so she naturally wouldn't arouse a favorable impression towards Chen Xi from just seeing him for the first time.

So she restrained her thoughts very quickly, and then her red lips opened lightly as she said, "At the top of the lotus platform is the core area of the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture. All the various domains on the nine layers of the lotus platform were formed from it, and once an outsider approached it, it would automatically create a resistive force, so venturing there will only cause injury to yourself."

"Oh?" Chen Xi's brows raised, and then he smiled. "I just want to confirm if I'm able to obtain an even more formidable Dao Art from up there, so I really didn't know there was something like this."

"You don't believe what I said?" An Wei's beautiful brows knit slightly. Combined with her gorgeous and classical appearance, and her figure that was charming and graceful, it had a shocking beauty of its own.

"Uh, of course I believe you, but I still want to try." Chen Xi rubbed his nose and spoke lightheartedly.

"If I'm not wrong, you ought to have something within your body that's capable of resisting the Dao Insight pressure." Right when Chen Xi intended to turn around and take the final step, An Wei suddenly spoke out.

Chen Xi heart shook instantly. Could it be that this young woman is capable of detecting the River Diagram fragments within my sea of consciousness?

"There's no need to be alarmed. No matter if it was in the past, or now, practically all the Elite Disciples that were capable of arriving at the ninth layer of the lotus platform had something to rely on, and so do I." An Wei spoke lightly with a melodious voice.

Chen Xi went silent as he thought in his heart. Looks like this young woman before me is an outstanding talent that possesses great fortune as well. Right, since she was able to become the number one disciple amongst the Elite Disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, this woman has surely obtained fortuitous encounters to be able to become eminent from countless outstanding geniuses.

"But any reliance would suffer suppression and even suffer destruction at the core area of the lotus platform." An Wei glanced at Chen Xi who went silent, and she continued. "You ought to know that this Art Cultivation Ground was formed from a lotus petal left behind by the Founding Ancestor, and it possesses boundless profundities. Up until today, there hasn't been anyone that has seen through all its profundities. So when facing a divine object like this, my advice to you is that it's better to stay on the ninth layer, because rashly moving forward might not be a good thing."

"Thank you." Chen Xi replied seriously. "But since I've come, I won't be satisfied until I've tried it myself."

"Do you think I'm dissuading you because I'm worried you would surpass me?" An Wei frowned, and her soft and pleasing voice carried a trace of displeasure.

Chen Xi went silent as he didn't know how to explain it to her.

"Forget it. Since you're determined to act in this way, then do as you please. I hope you don't injure yourself." An Wei shook her head and seemed to feel that Chen Xi didn't know what was good for him, and she couldn't be bothered to say another word to him before closing her eyes once more.

The conversation between the two of them was conducted via voice transmission, so all the people in the surroundings were bewildered by the sight of it and were unable to figure out exactly what the two of them were speaking about.

But everyone still felt a wave of envy when they saw An Wei had actually spoken with Chen Xi.

After all, An Wei was the number one figure amongst all of them, and she was a drop dead gorgeous beauty that possessed unrivaled elegance. They'd practically never seen her talk with another man, and she was simply like a goddess that could only be looked at from afar but not disrespected.

Now she'd chatted for a long time with a new disciple that had just entered the sect, so how could it not cause them to feel envy?

"Look, quickly! This fellow is starting to move!"

"My god! He really wants to ascend to the top!"

A wave of clamorous exclams resounded out, and then everyone saw to their shock that Chen Xi's tall figure faced towards the platform at the top before resolutely taking the final stride.

At this moment, even An Wei couldn't help but open her eyes once more and look towards that figure before her with a gaze that contained a wisp of a bewildered expression.

She was truly unable to understand why a fellow that had just entered the sect for a single day would risk his life to ascend the top of the lotus platform.

Outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, the old man seemed to have noticed something, and his tall and thin figure gradually became strained as he muttered. "He actually wants to surmount the lotus platform... Looks like the little fellow has many secrets..."

The old man's gaze was deep like the starry sky, and even though he stood outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, he seemed as if he'd clearly seen the scene within the lotus platform. In his senses, a strange fluctuation existed within Chen Xi's tall figure, and no matter how he probed it, he was unable to see through from exactly what treasure this fluctuation came from.

This caused him to be astounded. Because not to mention an Immortal Artifact, an existence like him had even seen many treasures that were greater than Immortal Artifacts. But he'd never seen such an unbelievable treasure like the treasure within Chen Xi's body.

"Interesting. Even though Jianheng said he was repaying a favor, but didn't he also win over good fortune for the West Radiance Peak?"

Stomp!

Under the numerous gazes from the surroundings that were filled with shock, the final step Chen Xi took descended onto the top of the lotus platform. However, right when his figure had stood up on it and before he could make any preparations, an exceedingly terrifying Dao Insight pressure gushed over like a powerful torrent, and it was vast and ferocious as it charge fiercely at him.

The Dao Insight pressure this time was actually a few tens of times more violent than before. Moreover, it seemed as if it possessed intelligence, and it carried a strong intent of attack, causing it to feel as if there was someone controlling the energy of Dao Insights to attack him!

Chen Xi's eyes squinted as he looked at the beam of light that shot into the heavens and the center of the platform. Under normal circumstances, the Dao Insight pressure ought to not possess such a strong intent to attack and seem as if it was intentionally striking him. In other words, the Dao Insight pressure on this lotus platform was emitted intentionally!

Bang!

Right when Chen Xi was contemplating in his heart, the terrifying Dao Insight pressure had blasted fiercely onto his body.

At this instant, the scene in the entire lotus platform changed. Various blazing lights flowed about and transformed into surging torrents, and it seemed like a slumbering ferocious beast had been disturbed and awakened, causing it to rage furiously.

This sudden change caused everyone on the lotus platform to exclaim with shock, and many disciples had suddenly stood up as they looked at this scene with astonishment. Obviously, in so many years, it was the first time they'd seen such a shocking change would actually occur in the lotus platform.

At practically the exact same time, the River Diagram fragments in Chen Xi's sea of consciousness seemed to have sensed this unexpected change as well, and it droned violently right away before it

emitted wave after wave of strange fluctuations that stretched out like tidewater and fiercely collided with the Dao Insight pressure that surged over.

Bang!

Sounds of collision that were low and heavy like the sounds of thunder resounded out at the top of the lotus platform before a shocking fluctuation of energy blasted out in all directions along with it. It surged out in all directions and shook all the disciples on the nine layers of the lotus platform to the point their vital blood and energy roiled, their minds droned, and they felt extremely astounded.

Under this sort of fluctuation, Chen Xi's figure trembled violently for a moment, and he couldn't help but let out a muffled groan. Even though the Dao Insight pressure was dissolved in the end, but the energy of the collision still caused his soul to feel as if it was struck by a sledgehammer, and he couldn't but feel pain and tremble.

Rumble!

Seeming as if to have noticed that this strike didn't beat Chen Xi back, an extremely violent Dao Insight pressure surged out once more from the top of the lotus platform. At the same time, the beam of light that shot into the sky suddenly emitted boundless piercing rays of light that flowed down successively before transforming into monstrous torrents that charged towards Chen Xi.

Its impetus simply seemed as if the world was about to end. Various Dao Insights surged as a myriad of brilliant lights rumbled, and it shocked open the jaws of everyone on the nine layers of the lotus platform and caused them to reveal extremely astounded expressions.

"This fellow is probably going to be blasted down..." An Wei's red lips pursed together lightly when she saw this scene, and a wisp of regret couldn't help but gush out onto her beautiful face.

She'd once attempted to ascend the top of the lotus platform as well. Unfortunately, she'd lost at the hands of the extremely terrifying and surging Dao Insight pressure in the end, whereas the scene Chen Xi was facing at this moment was simply exactly the same as what she encountered earlier. So she was extremely sure that not to mention Chen Xi, even if it was an elder of the sect, everyone was bound to fail beneath such an attack.

"If he's able to persist through this step, then perhaps he'll really be able to obtain one of the most mysterious Dao Art inheritances of the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture..." A wisp of rare nervousness couldn't help but suffuse the old man's aged face.

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Chapter 567: Shocking The Higherups

Bang!

Dao Insight rumbled as blazing lights raged, it was like tempestuous waves were surging down from the nine heavens, and the scene could simply describe as apocalyptic.

Chen Xi's expression became extremely heavy when he noticed how terrifying this strike was. Especially shocking to him was the fluctuation emitted from the River Diagram fragment was actually retreating in defeat bit by bit under this pressure!

Bang! Chen Xi's figure shook, and he was shaken by this extremely terrifying and enormous force to the point of taking a step back and almost being blasted flying out of the lotus platform.

Chen Xi pursed his lips, and his expression was slightly unsightly. Presently, he was already standing on the border, and if he was unable to neutralize this pressure, then he would fail a step short of success and fall back into the ninth layer.

Rumble!

The Dao Insight pressure on the top of the lotus platform grew even more terrifying, and it pressed down upon him to the point his long hair flew backward as the skin all over his body showed signs of collapse. Moreover, his soul even trembled intensely and was extremely oppressed, causing the vital energy in his entire body to show signs chaos.

However, he could only endure it bitterly, and only now had he experienced firsthand that the pressure on the top of the lotus platform was indeed as An Wei had said and was simply impossible to be resisted.

When looked at from afar, Chen Xi was currently like an ant that had climbed up the edge of a mountain, and he was so tiny and was on the verge of being swept flying by the raging mountain gales.

"This fellow is going to stop here in the end, and he doesn't have the fortune to ascend the top of the lotus platform..." When they saw this scene, everyone was able to predict that it wouldn't be another moment before Chen Xi would be forced back to the ninth layer of the lotus platform, and besides feeling regretful in their hearts, they couldn't help but heave a long sigh of relief in their hearts.

Just thinking about, it was already extremely lucky that a new disciple that had just entered the sect was capable of ascending the ninth layer of the lotus platform, so how could he possibly be able to achieve the feat of stepping foot onto the top of the lotus platform that no one had stepped foot on in countless years?

"It's good that he receives this lesson, then perhaps he wouldn't be so arrogant and conceited in the future." An Wei sighed lightly and muttered with a light voice when she saw this.

Chen Xi seemed to not know all this, and he utterly couldn't be bothered to pay attention to all of this.

At this moment, his mind was strained as he tried hard to resist the terrifying pressure that came from all directions, and the spirit, energy, and essence of his entire body boiled and revealed a feeling of unsurpassed persistence.

Even if he was unable to ascend the top, he wanted to resist until the end. Because up until this point, even though his soul had suddenly a great deal of pressure, yet it didn't show any signs of injury, and this allowed him to give it one last try without holding back in the slightest.

Bang!

Another monstrous and enormous wave of Dao Insight pressure swept over, and it was even to the extent that this energy had already transformed into numerous ancient symbols and numerous primeval divine beasts that were exceedingly ferocious. Phenomena rose successively, and they were terrifying to

the extreme. The space in the surroundings was warped to the point of shattering, and the aura of doom that revealed great chaos and destruction.

Obviously, the Dao Insight pressure on the lotus platform intended to blast Chen Xi flying with this strike.

Om!

However, it was precisely at this instant that Chen Xi suddenly sensed a fluctuation that was vast to the point it caused his heart to palpitate suddenly stretch out from his sea of consciousness, and it charged fiercely towards the Dao Insight pressure that assaulted directly at him.

This strange fluctuation was so vast and powerful, and it was simply like the energy of new life that was born at the instant the world was split open, brilliant, mighty, and all powerful.

Swish!

Chen Xi saw to his shock that along with this fluctuation stretching out, the myriad of ancient symbols and boundless ferocious divine beasts formed from the Dao Insight pressure were completely obliterated.

The scene before his eyes was simply like snow melting in water, and in the blink of an eye, all the Dao Insight pressure on the top of the lotus platform was completely wiped out.

Rumble!

Moreover, what stunned Chen Xi was that after the strange fluctuation wiped out all the Dao Insight pressure, it didn't slow down in the slightest before charging into the beam of light at the center of the lotus platform, causing even the beam of light to tremble faintly.

But in next to no time, Chen Xi recovered from his shock, and he strode out like an arrow that left the bow and flashed explosively towards the beam of light. If he didn't seize this trace of a rare opportunity to sprint forward now, then it would simply be intolerable even by the heavens!

Moreover, he faintly sensed that the core profundities of the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture and the formidable Dao Art he sought ought to be stored within the beam of light that shot into the sky.

Swoosh!

Without the presence of the Dao Insight pressure, Chen Xi's figure was swift like a bolt of lightning, and in the blink of an eye, he'd charged into the beam of light at the center and vanished instantly.

"How... How can this be possible!?"

"This fellow actually succeeded! My god! This isn't real, right?"

"A miracle! It's absolutely a miracle!"

When they witnessed this scene with their own two eyes, shock that couldn't be concealed gushed out onto the faces of all the people in the surroundings of the lotus platform. Just moments ago, they were still thinking that Chen Xi would fail for sure, yet never had they imagined that just the time for a single breath had passed and Chen Xi had actually succeeded!

It had been so many years yet no one was capable of stepping foot onto the top of the lotus platform. Now, a new disciple that had just entered the sect for a single day had succeeded, so this caused all of them to feel disbelief.

“Is this fellow...still human?” Some disciples looked at each other, and a feeling of powerlessness slowly crept out from their hearts. This sort of natural talent and strength caused others to utterly not have the courage to pursue him because he was too abnormal...

“He actually succeeded...” An Wei’s beautiful and ethereal face couldn’t help but reveal a shocked expression, and then she laughed with self-ridicule and muttered. “Looks like what I did earlier was unnecessary indeed.”

Outside the Book Reserve Pavilion, a wisp of indescribable color flashed suddenly on the old man’s wrinkled face, and his eyes that were profound like the starry sky emanated a rare expression of excitement.

The old man knew the Dao Insight pressure on the top of the lotus platform extremely well. Even though that level of pressure from before was only rejecting Chen Xi instinctively, that force was absolutely not something a disciple like Chen Xi was capable of resisting.

But the situation before him showed that not only had Chen Xi resisted this pressure, he’d even completely dispersed it, and this actions that were almost heaven defying caused the old man to be shocked in his heart as well.

According to his knowledge, in the boundless years since the creation of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, there was no lack of great figures that had ascended the top of the lotus platform, yet there wasn’t a single one that could do what Chen Xi had done!

In other words, Chen Xi’s actions seemed to be an unprecedented miracle.

“I wonder if this little fellow is able to obtain one of the Dao Arts the Founding Ancestor wrote himself...” The old man muttered with an absent-minded expression.

The Nine Radiance Sword Sect had countless books that could be said to be vast like an ocean, yet those that could be called ultimate inheritances were stored on the top of the lotus platform. The various great Dao Arts the Founding Ancestor left behind himself were there, and every single one of them had extraordinary might that was unbelievable to the extreme.

In the history of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, it had give birth to numerous leading experts that shocked the entire Dark Reverie. But all these experts had a similarity, they’d stepped foot on the top of the lotus platform and obtained a Dao Art left behind by the Founding Ancestor!

Unfortunately, the Nine Radiance Sword Sect had lost its former glory. Even though it still stood towering amongst the ranks of the top 10 immortal sects, it was already at the back and faintly showed traces of decline.

On the other hand, the other sects were extremely flourishing and strong, and young geniuses that shook the world frequently emerged from their sects. When these two sides were compared, it caused the Nine Radiance Sword Sect’s higher-ups to be extremely worried and anxious as well.

The core reason behind this was that during these past few thousand years, there wasn't another person in the sect that had stepped foot onto the top of the lotus platform to obtain the Dao Art inheritance left behind by the Founding Ancestor.

It was precisely because of this that the higher-ups of the sect had entrusted their hopes onto An Wei, and they hoped she would one day be able to step foot onto the top and obtain an inheritance left behind by the Founding Ancestor.

An Wei's display was extraordinary indeed. She'd only spent a short amount of time to ascend to the ninth layer of the lotus platform, and according to this speed of advancement, she might be able to step foot onto the top of the lotus platform in a few years.

But all of this hadn't been realized yet in the end, and the higher-ups of the sect didn't dare be certain if An Wei would be able to accomplish it. After all, the pressure on the top of the lotus platform was truly too terrifying.

This also caused the hearts of all the higher-ups to be slightly anxious and fearful as well.

Yet now, Chen Xi's appearance was undoubtedly a reassurance that caused their hopes to blaze once more. It was even to the extent that the old man could already predict that all the higher-ups of the sect would surely be greatly shocked and seethe with excitement when they obtained this news!

"Which disciple stepped foot onto the top of the lotus platform!"

"Sect Master, let's go take a look together." "Hahaha! I never imagined that after a few thousand years, an outstanding genius has appeared once again in my Nine Radiance Sword Sect!"

Right when the old man was in contemplation, a wave of loud laughter resounded out, and then the sky above the Matter Radiance Peak suddenly started fluctuation violently before over 10 figures that were dazzling like the scorching sun appeared. It was precisely the Sect Master, Wen Huating, and all the elders.

"These fellows really have an acute sense of smell." The old man couldn't help but laugh before laying back down onto the rocking chair, and his wrinkled face had already recovered its composure once more yet he still muttered in his heart. Jianheng, you've brought back a good disciple this time...

"Martial Uncle, exactly who was it that stepped foot onto the top of the lotus platform?" Wen Huating sleeves fluttered with the wind as he walked forward and bowed towards the old man before he asked.

Meanwhile, the other elders had restrained their thoughts and stood at the side as well. No matter how excited they were at this moment, they still didn't dare be disrespectful when facing the old man on the rocking chair.

"It wouldn't be An Wei, right? According to her natural talent and strength, she really does possess the strength to ascend the top." Before the old man could answer, Wen Huating had pondered briefly and spoke out.

"It isn't her." The old man shook his head.

At this moment, it wasn't just Wen Huating, even all those elders were extremely astounded. It isn't An Wei? Then who would it be? Amongst the younger generation, only An Wei possesses the strength to ascend the top, right?

"Martial Uncle, please enlighten me." Wen Huating took a deep breath and asked slowly.

"Jianheng came over earlier and brought a disciple along with him. I don't know his name, but it was precisely that little fellow that ascended the top..." The old man spoke slowly.

"Chen Xi!?" Wen Huating was amazed, and he felt slightly shocked in his heart. This little fellow has just entered the sect for a day yet has actually stepped foot onto the top of the lotus platform!?

The other elders revealed shocked expressions and felt disbelief as well.

"Chen Xi..." When he heard this name, the old man seemed to be lost in thought, and he said after a short moment, "Don't spread the news of this matter, and we'll speak about it after that little fellow comes out from the lotus platform."

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Chapter 568: Bamboo Slip Book Demons

"Right, it really is inadvisable to reveal this matter too early. It's easy for one that's outstanding to suffer the envy of others. Presently, the three dimensions are about to undergo an upheaval, and a storm is approaching. Such a good seedling can't suffer any harm." The Sect Master pondered slightly before he understood the old man's intentions, and he gave the order right away. "From today onwards, everyone is prohibited from speaking of this matter, and violators..."

"Will be thrown into the Floating Island!" As he finished speaking, Wen Huating's face that was warm like jade was already filled with killing intent, and it caused all the nearby elders to be shocked in their hearts.

They knew clearly that the Floating Island was a restricted area of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, and the traitors of the sect and great sinners were locked in there. Once one was thrown in there, it would be impossible to escape forever!

"Sect Master, this kid's natural talent is extraordinary, but if he's protected just like this and doesn't experience tempering, then he wouldn't be any different than a sheltered flower, and it would probably be easy for him to come to a premature end." Elder Yue Chi spoke out abruptly.

Wen Huating frowned. He knew that Yue Chi and Madman Liu didn't get along, so when he heard these words, he couldn't help but be worried in his heart that Yue Chi would implicate Chen Xi in this conflict.

Wen Huating knew extremely well that even though he was respected as the Sect Master, yet he didn't possess the supreme authority to decide everything.

After all, the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was truly too enormous, causing there to be numerous elders, and there were even many seniors of extremely high seniority that lived in seclusion. All of this restricted his authority greatly, and he had no choice but to carefully consider the opinion and intentions of every single elder.

Simply speaking, the Nine Radiance Sword Sect was like a Dynasty of the mortal world. There were marquis, kinsmen of the Emperor, and both internal and external officials. The entire power was extremely complicated and complex, so even if he was respected as the Emperor, there were some places where he was unable to manage.

“Let him walk down his path by himself, all of you only have to pay close attention to him, and it would be sufficient if all of you don’t interfere.” The old man on the rocking chair opened his eyes and swept everyone with his gaze, and there was a faint trace of warning within. “As for the matters between the younger generation, allow the younger generation to resolve it themselves. After all, in this Dark Reverie, every expert can only rely on himself at all times as he rises!”

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The place was a world covered in beautiful mountains and clear rivers. Twittering birds, fragrant flowers, and hanging plants were visible all over the heavens and the earth while Immortal Energy drifted all over, and it seemed like an immortal paradise in the realm of men.

Chen Xi saw this scene before him once he charged into the beam of light at the center of the lotus platform, and he couldn’t help but be slightly stunned. This place...seemed to be just like the world of stars in the Manor, and it forms a world of its own.

But, compared to the world of stars, the space here isn’t very big, and it’s like a gorge that’s split apart by a river

Chen Xi didn’t ponder for too long before moving forward.

According to his inference, he ought to have passed through the test of the lotus platform, and since he’d already arrived here successfully now, he ought to not encounter any danger.

The gorge was covered in lush verdant grass while a small stream that was clear like jade gurgled as it flowed through the center. There were pergolas at the edge of the stream, and within the pergola was a stone table that had a pile of books scattered on it.

These books were cut out from bamboo and bound together. When piled up together, they emitted an ancient fragrance of books that seemed to go back to the primeval times and the primordial era when sages used blades as their brushes.

When Chen Xi arrived here, his attention was drawn by the numerous bamboo slips on the stone table at first glance. If it was said that Dao Art inheritance existed within the gorge, then it would surely be stored within these bamboo slips.

He’d once heard that during the primeval times, men used the skin of beasts, bamboo, stones, and furnaces as their material to inscribe words upon and pass on the Dao, and it was an entirely different when compared to the jade slips that were commonly used now.

“Is this the place of inheritance that’s the most mysterious in the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture?” Chen Xi took a deep breath and restrained the excitement in his heart before stepping forward and walking towards the pergola by the bank of the stream.

“Ah, look! How many years has it been? Someone has finally come today.”

“The disciples of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect are really getting worse and worse generation after generation. They made us wait bitterly for a few thousand years before someone has finally appeared. Truly disappointing.”

“Oh, actually, it can already be considered to be not bad that someone was capable of entering here.”

Right when Chen Xi had just started moving, a wave of whispered discussions suddenly resounded out. At this moment, it instantly shocked him to the point of breaking out in cold sweat because his Divine Sense had stretched out 5,000km in the surroundings, but he didn't notice any living being with signs of life!

What's going on?

“Haha, let me test your strength first, little fellow!”

Swoosh!

Suddenly, loud laughter resounded out, and then an extremely sharp sword qi that carried the might of the heavens and the earth flashed over from the sky, and it slashed through the sky as it struck towards Chen Xi.

This sword qi was extremely swift like a bolt of lightning, and a vast and surging river of sword qi actually appeared in the sky as it slashed out. It seemed like a silver river that lay across the heavens and the earth, and it possessed a tremendous imposing aura and seemed rather magnificent.

Most horrifying of it all was that this sword qi seemed to have transformed the heavens and the earth to be of use to it, and it was filled with an unshakable might of the heavens and the earth. The sword qi flashed out both horizontally and vertically, and it simply seemed capable of slashing apart the stellar bodies and shattering both Yin and Yang!

With Chen Xi's reaction speed, he was still caught off guard and retreated repeatedly while the protective barrier on his body was sliced into pieces, and the sword qi almost broke through his defenses and heavily injured his body.

It was exceedingly terrifying.

After all, Chen Xi was almost injured by this sword qi even with his current strength and the speed of his Starsky Wings that could compare to the speed of teleportation, and if it was any other Rebirth Realm cultivator, the cultivator would probably have been killed instantaneously.

This was actually executed by a bamboo slip... As he dodged repeatedly, Chen Xi noticed that the thing that executed this sword qi was actually one of the bamboo slips within the pergola!

At this moment, this bamboo slip was floating in midair while covered in multicolored flowing lights, and it emitted a peerlessly fierce and vast sword qi that was simply shocking like that of a peerless expert of the sword.

Then the voice from before wouldn't be... Chen Xi suddenly realized that there seemed to be a laugh sound of laughter that spoke about wanting to test his strength.

“Not bad, not bad. You were actually able to dodge 10% of my sword qi attacks, you can inherit my mantle. Haha!” In the next moment, Chen Xi heard that voice resound out once more. Moreover, it had surprisingly come from that bamboo slip!

“What’s going on? Could it be that all these bamboo slips have become demons?” Chen Xi was shocked.

Everything in the heavens and the earth had a spirit. If some ordinary grass and rocks obtained a fortuitous encounter, they would turn into demons. Moreover, there were numerous legends about demons in the mortal world. For example, the Pagoda Tree Demon that would transform into a beauty at night and sneak into the temple to tempt young men before absorbing their Yang energy to nourish itself.

But these type of demons were generally extremely weak, and even ordinary martial artists were capable of annihilating them.

For example, in the cultivation world, only Demon-kind that had gained intelligence possessed formidable abilities like cultivators, and some demons were formidable to the point of being able to pluck that stars in the sky and overturn the world.

Chen Xi had once come into contact with numerous demons in the depths of the Southern Barbaric Mountain Range, but he’d never heard or seen demons that had transformed into demons from bamboo slips like the demons before him.

Swoosh!

Right at the instant when Chen Xi was pondering swiftly, a wisp of green light suddenly flashed into the sky. Shockingly, it was that bamboo slip that emitted fierce sword qi.

“Come, little fellow from the Nine Radiance Sword Sect. After you receive my inheritance, it’ll surely be able to allow you to swiftly transform into an expert that moves freely in the cultivation world and commands the winds and clouds.” That voice from before sounded out once more from within the bamboo slip, and then the bamboo slip had already spread open with a swish to be displayed before Chen Xi’s eyes.

Chen Xi forcefully restrained the astonishment in his heart as he sized it up, and he noticed that this bamboo slip had a verdant color and simple pattern, and words that seemed like the marks of swords were inscribed on its surface.

The words were written with vigorous, sharp, and powerful strokes, and it emitted a brilliant glow and a great imposing aura. Every single stroke was a formidable sword technique, and it seemed like a peerless sword cultivator had deduced the Sword Dao and inscribed the profundities of his inheritance onto the bamboo slip.

The words on the bamboo slip were primeval symbols that seemed like numerous tadpoles. Chen Xi didn’t recognize them yet through the words, he was instead able to clearly sense the terrifying sword technique it contained. With a single glance, it had caused his eyes to have a piercing pain of being pierced by a sharp light, and it was extremely shocked.

“Little fellow, how’s my Skycontrol Burial Sword? This Dao Art gained a shocking reputation in the heavens and the earth all those years ago, and its name shook the heavens and the earth. I remember it

seems to have been 8,000 years ago when a disciple called Gu Cangxue inherited this sword technique, and it allowed him to kill countless experts of the three dimensions.” The bamboo slip spoke slowly.

“Skycontrol, you’re bragging again. No matter how formidable your Skycontrol Burial Sword is, is it as formidable as my Grand Confinement Dao Art? All those years ago, the 37th Sect Master of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect relied on my Grand Confinement Dao Art to become famous in the world.”

“Hmph! Grand Confinement Dao Art? It’s nothing great. I think this kid is suitable to inherit my Myriad Netherwave Palm because as soon as it’s executed, obliterating mountains and seas would be nothing difficult.”

“Be quiet, be quiet. This kid was able to enter here at a young age, so he’s surely searching for the most formidable Dao Art. If it’s like this, then he can choose to cultivate my Nine Spirit Transformations and transform into the nine spirits of the primeval times, and he can kill anything in his path!”

Before Chen Xi could open his mouth, over 10 bamboo slips suddenly flew out from within the pergola, and all of them emitted translucent divine lights and glowed brilliantly as they shouted at Chen Xi in unison.

This scene seemed completely chaotic as if he was in a market.

This...is simply a group of book demons! Chen Xi was extremely shocked.

But after listening to the introductions of these bamboo slips, they did indeed have numerous formidable Dao Art inheritances recorded on them, and based on the situation, it seemed that they were competing to get him to inherit their mantle.

This feeling of suddenly become a hot item was too sudden, and it caught Chen Xi slightly off guard.

“Alright, all of you keep quiet for a while. It wouldn’t be late for him to look for all of you to select a Dao Art after his mind calms.” It was amidst these chaotic noises that a voice that was calm like the water on the surface of a lake resounded out slowly.

This voice seemed to have possess magical powers as it instantly suppressed all the other voices, and then all the bamboo slips closed their mouths as if they’d heard an imperial edict before obediently turning around to return to the pergola and keep silent.

Chen Xi raised his head, and then he saw that a young man was suddenly standing within the pergola at the side of the stream. He wore a green robe, had hair that dropped down to his waist, had a handsome appearance, and an expression of calm and relaxation was contained between his brows.

This green robed young man was like a modest gentleman, warm like jade and emanated a pure and flawless feeling, and he possessed a light and scholarly bearing. With just a single glance at him from afar, it caused one’s heart to be unable to help but surge with a feeling of peace and tranquility, and it was miraculous to the extreme.

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Chapter 569: Discussing The Dao

The green robed young man appeared out of nowhere, and he possessed a simple bearing that caused one's heart to feel peaceful. He seemed like a clear lotus in water and possessed a vast aura that subdued the hearts of all.

But when he met the eyes of this green robed young man, it caused Chen Xi's soul to tremble in fear instead.

Within this pair of eyes that were clear like a pond, he saw magnificent landscape, the scene of the heavens and the earth collapsing at the end of the world, a boundlessly vast starry sky, raging and monstrous lava of hell...

These various phenomena seemed to possess thorough knowledge of the annals of time, contain the variables of the three dimensions, and deduce the change in time, and they caused one to have the tiny feeling of being pulled in and being unable to free one's self.

"Let me introduce myself. I'm called Dao Lotus, and I'm formed from a lotus petal of a divine lotus from chaos. I have no form or material body, and I'm only a strand of Divine Intent." The green robed young man smiled warmly, and his voice was clear and melodious like a bell, giving Chen Xi the strange feeling as if he was listening to the miraculous sound of the Grand Dao.

Chen Xi suddenly returned to his senses when he heard this, and then he cupped his hands and said, "Disciple Chen Xi, greets Senior."

This young man called Dao Lotus was formed from the lotus petal of a divine lotus from chaos. Even if he was merely a strand of Divine Intent, he still gave Chen Xi the feeling as if he was facing someone divine.

His bearing was countless times more formidable than Bing Shitian who was a Heavenly Immortal, and he was simply like a living fossil that had surely lived for countless years. So Chen Xi utterly didn't dare to take him as a young man.

Not to mention this was the core and vital place of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, the source of all its Dao Arts. Since this young man resided here like the owner of this place, then his seniority was obviously extraordinary.

"There's no need to adhere to formalities. Our meeting is fate. Now that I speak of it, you can be considered to be the first disciple of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect I've met since I awoke from my closed door cultivation." Dao Lotus smiled as he beckoned towards Chen Xi.

Before Chen Xi could react, his entire body had instantly and naturally appeared within the pergola, and from the beginning until the end, he actually didn't arouse any thought of struggling!

He's too formidable. If he aroused killing intent towards me, then wouldn't I have perished on the spot long ago? Chen Xi was shocked in his heart. It was the first time he'd encountered this sort of situation, and he felt his body and mind didn't belong to himself and had completely submitted to every word and action of the young man in green robes.

Exactly what sort of cultivation is this to be able to control such power?

At this instantly, Chen Xi felt as if he was facing a true god of the primeval times, and he was formidable to the point that Chen Xi was utterly unable to arouse any thought of going against him.

"Tell me, why did you come here?" Dao Lotus seemed to have seen through Chen Xi's thoughts, yet he didn't expose them and only smiled as he asked, causing Chen Xi to feel as if he was bathed in the breeze of spring.

"For the sake of searching for Dao Arts." Chen Xi answered truthfully. He had indeed wanted to obtain the strongest Dao Art to strengthen his own strength, otherwise, he wouldn't spare no effort to ascend the top of the lotus platform and arrive here.

"Oh, then do you know what're Dao Arts?" Dao Lotus continued to asked with a smile.

"The art of utilizing the Grand Dao." Chen Xi pondered briefly before answering.

"Wrong!" Dao Lotus shook his head. "The art of utilization covers and contains everything. Ordinary people chopping firewood and birds building nests, both of them had an art of their own, but they aren't true Dao Arts."

When he spoke up to here, Dao Lotus raised his right arm as his white and slender fingers slightly pressed together, and then a verdant sapling appeared out of thin air. It grew ceaselessly, its stem growing greener, and its branches and leaves becoming even more luxuriant. In next to no time, a young and jade white lotus flower had bloomed slowly at its top. Its petals carried dew that emanated a refreshing and extraordinary aura, and it swayed about along with the wind.

After that, the leaves and flowers dropped, the stem withered, and it transformed into ash that vanished without a trace.

Even though the entire process occurred in a short time of a single breath, yet it displayed carefully and in detail how a lotus started to sprout, grow, bloom, wither, and vanish. The natural process from new life to death caused Chen Xi to be unable to refrain from being dumbstruck.

"This is a Dao Art, it's derived from nature, and the Dao must be obtained before being made into a technique. So it's called Dao Art." Dao Lotus smiled.

"Senior, see if my understanding is correct." Chen Xi pondered silently for a short while before he said, "At the heart of it all, it's derived from nature, because what is being comprehended is the myriad of things in nature, the Grand Dao profundities within the myriad of things in nature. Mastering a Dao Insight could be said as obtaining the Dao instead. As for how to make it into a technique, that's the core of Dao Arts."

"Not bad, not bad." Dao Lotus glanced at Chen Xi with a gaze of slight admiration, and then he said while nodded, "If you want to master Dao Arts, then you should understand how to execute a technique with your own Dao Insights."

"Actually, simply speaking, Dao Arts are only a higher level of martial techniques. The only difference between them is the execution of Dao Arts requires one to master a Dao Insight to the Advanced Realm, whereas martial techniques are like the foundation instead. One only had to have comprehended Dao Insights and one could cultivate them, and the final objective of cultivating martial techniques was for the sake of obtaining the Dao and using it in a technique."

“The ancient sages had once said, the actions of man affects the world, the movement of the world affects the Dao, and the Dao affects nature itself. Dao Arts can also be understood as the method of utilization Dao Insights as you’ve said.”

Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought and went silent when he heard this.

“Do you understand?” asked Dao Lotus.

“I do.” Chen Xi nodded.

“How can Dao Arts be explained?” Dao Lotus repeated the question from before while full of interest.

“I can’t say.” Chen Xi scratched his head and was slightly embarrassed. When facing Dao Lotus, he seemed to have become a muddled child that had lost his previous composure. But, this sort of feeling caused him to feel extremely comfortable instead, and he had the natural feeling of having his nature released.

“Excellent! Dao can be Dao yet not Dao. If you’re able to say, then it isn’t a Dao Art.” Dao Lotus clapped and praised. “The ingenuity in utilization depends on your own mind, and it must seem traceless and be achieved with great proficiency.”

Chen Xi was astounded as he never imagined his answer that wasn’t an answer actually obtained the praise of Dao Lotus, and this caused him to almost forget all the comprehensions of the truth of Dao Arts that he’d obtained earlier.

“Have you almost forgotten it?” Dao Lotus seemed to have seen through Chen Xi’s thoughts, and he smiled with a sigh. “It’s good if you have. Adhering too much to it will cause you to follow a fixed method instead, and what is gained from this can’t make up for the losses.”

Chen Xi was astounded once more.

Before he could open his mouth, Dao Lotus had said slowly, “You came here for Dao Arts, then let me see exactly how many Dao Insights you’ve comprehended.”

As he spoke, Dao Lotus stuck out his hand to pat Chen Xi’s shoulder.

Bang!

Chen Xi body suddenly emitted a wave of the rumbling of the Dao, and then numerous rays of multicolored lights gushed out onto the surface of his body.

The numerous rays of lights were like divine rays that weren’t material or possessed form, yet they could be seen with the eye, and they emitted the aura of various and completely different Dao Insights.

“Five elements, Yin, Yang, wind, lightning, star, sky... There’re actually 11 quintessence Grand Daos!” Dao Lotus said with slight astonishment, “No wonder you were capable of stepping foot here. Such natural talent was rare even during the primeval times.”

After that, his brows raised as he was stunned once more, and then he said with surprise, “Sword Dao, Talisman Dao, Slaughter Dao, Obliteration Dao... Eh, this is actually the Devour Dao! Extraordinary, extraordinary!”

As he spoke, he couldn't help but raise his eyes to size Chen Xi up once more with a profound gaze that carried a wisp of amazement that couldn't be concealed, and he seemed as if he was surveying a peerless piece of fine jade that had just been unearthed.

Chen Xi was stared at to the point he felt slightly uncomfortable, yet he heaved a sigh of relief in his heart. How could he not be happy in his heart that he was able to obtain the acknowledgement and praise of an old senior like Dao Lotus?

But he was bewildered that Dao Lotus seemed to have not discerned that the Grand Dao Insights of Paramita and Oblivion that came from the six paths of reincarnation were amongst the Dao Insights he'd grasped.

Chen Xi came to an understanding after pondering briefly. At a very long time ago, he'd known that the Netherworld Register and Condemn Evil Brush in his possession belonged to the Netherworld Emperor that controlled the six paths of reincarnation. Moreover, the Netherworld Emperor had been annihilated by the gods of the three dimensions and vanished from this world in the end because of the Paramita, Oblivion, and another Dao Insight that was the most heaven defying, the Terminus Dao Insight.

Besides that, Chen Xi had once been warned that unless his strength was formidable to the point of being able to go against the three dimensions, otherwise he shouldn't comprehend the Terminus Dao Insight because it would only bring the calamity of death to him.

In other words, the Terminus Dao Insight was a taboo, and once it appeared, it was bound to draw boundless disaster!

It was precisely because of this that Chen Xi heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Dao Lotus actually hadn't see through all the secrets within him. But, he wasn't sure if Dao Lotus had really not detected it or had intentionally feigned ignorance...

"I'm extremely curious. Exactly how did you comprehend and grasp all these Grand Daos? Moreover, every single one of them are at the Advanced Realm. If it was an ordinary person, merely the Dao of Talismans would be sufficient to exhaust all their lifetime." After a short moment, Dao Lotus spoke slowly, and his expression had recovered its calm yet his eyes still contained a wisp of wonder.

"I..." Chen Xi opened his mouth, yet didn't know how to explain it.

"Oh, looks like there is probably many secrets in your possession." Dao Lotus revealed a spurious smile and an expression of understanding, and then he frowned and said, "But with this level of Dao Comprehension that you possess, it would be slightly difficult to choose a Dao Art."

"Why?" Chen Xi was stunned and asked with a puzzled expression.

"There are too many that are suitable for you." Dao Lotus sighed. "Every single one of the Dao Insights you've grasped are one of the top Grand Dao profundities of the world, so finding a Dao Art that's entirely suitable to you is naturally extremely difficult."

When he spoke up to here, Dao Lotus seemed to have thought of something, and he couldn't help but ask. "Exactly what path do you wish to take in the future? The Sword Dao? The Talisman Dao? Or the

Slaughter, Obliteration, or Devour Dao? How do you intend to control the technique of Dao Insight or Dao Insight utilization?”

“Control?” asked Chen Xi.

“Exactly, control.” Dao Lotus said, “Only by flawlessly controlling all the various Dao Insights you’ve grasped will you be able to exert your strongest might.”

“To take you as an example, the Dao Insights are like your bones and limbs, so placing them in the correct positions isn’t enough, and you still require an existence like your soul that’s capable of controlling all these Dao Insights that form your body. Only in this way would you be able to achieve comprehensive mastery and flawlessly execute all the various Dao Insights you’ve grasped.”

“In other words, I must choose a Dao Insight as the leader to command and direct all the other Dao Insights?” Chen Xi seemed to be lost in thought.

“Exactly. The saying that all streams lead to a single ocean is exactly based on this principle. When the Dao Insights you’ve grasped grow in number, you must have a Dao Insight to lead and control them, otherwise, it would be extremely difficult for you to bring forth your entire strength.” Dao Lotus nodded.

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Chapter 570: Allheaven Truth

In the past, Chen Xi had comprehended Dao Insights to be utilized, and he’d never thought of selecting a Grand Dao profundity to control and command the other Dao insights.

But after carefully considering it, he noticed that what Dao Lotus said was truly brilliant.

For example, he’d only purely comprehended and mastered the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture in the past, but now that he thought about it, didn’t the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture utilize the Sword Dao to control the Dao Insights contained within the eight great sword moves?

For example, the Stellar Lightningform contained that Grand Dao of star, water, lightning, and devour, but it was the Devour Grand Dao that controlled the other Grand Dao’s, and this was similarly a type of command.

A further example was the Grand Astral Palm. Even though it was a Divine Ability, yet it was capable of containing various Dao Insights that circulated within it. But if he thought about it carefully, this Divine Ability was led by the Grand Dao of Star, and it commanded and controlled all the other Dao Insights.

All in all, the command and control between Dao Insights had already existed within the Dao Insights Chen Xi had comprehended and utilized in the past, but he’d just never thought about it carefully.

Now being reminded by Dao Lotus was simply like a word that woke him from a dream, and it caused him to attain sudden enlightenment.

“Only by flawlessly controlling the various Dao insights would I be able to bring out their entire might. If it’s like this, then I really must choose a Dao Insight to lead and command the other Dao Insights.” Chen Xi muttered lightly.

“It’s indeed like that. This path is a step that every single cultivator has to take, and it’s of utmost importance to you right now.” Dao Lotus said with a smile, “After all, you’re about to advance to the Nether Transformation Realm. If you’re unable to coordinate all your Dao Insights, then it would be very difficult for you to bring forth your entire strength.”

The Nether Transformation Realm!

Conforming with everything in the world and transforming one’s self into the heavens and the earth. Once one attains this realm, every single movement one made controlled the energy of the heavens and the earth, and one was really capable of collapsing mountains and splitting the ground with a flick of the finger!

Moreover, after one advanced to this realm, the Rebirth Wheel within the body would transform into a Blackhole, and it would be like a world had been opened up within one’s body, causing it to be also called the Blackhole World.

At that time, the entire body of a cultivator would reflect the heavens and the earth from the outside while the soul connected the body from within, and one would conform with the Heaven Dao. No matter if its strength or the essence of one’s life, they would obtain a completely new transformation.

Presently, Chen Xi’s cultivation had already attained the perfection-stage of the Rebirth Realm, and he was only a step away from ascending to this realm, so he was naturally extremely concerned about this, yet he was slightly unable to understand exactly what Dao Lotus meant.

Could it be that the controlling of one’s Dao Insight is closely connected to the Nether Transformation Realm?

“The reason is extremely simple. Once you advance into the Nether Transformation Realm, then being able to control one complete Grand Dao would allow you to exert double the combat strength of a Dao Art, whereas if you’re able to control two complete Grand Daos, it would allow you to exert three times the combat strength of the Dao Art, and so on and so forth. When you’re able to completely control all the various Dao Insights you’ve grasped, you can imagine how many times of combat strength you’ll be able to exert.” Dao Lotus had a profound gaze as he said word by word, “Most importantly, doing this will allow your Blackhole World to become vaster and more solid, and the True Essence accumulated within it would be multiplied!”

Chen Xi couldn’t help but be shocked in his heart when he heard this, and he felt slight disbelief.

When he was in the Darchu Dynasty, he’d never heard that the strength possessed by cultivators of the Nether Transformation Realm was actually so great to the point of being able to cause combat strength to rise explosively and multiply according to the amount of Dao Insights the cultivator was able to control!

This is perhaps the difference between a minor world and large world. The difference in the Laws of the heavens and the earth causes the things one can come into contact with to be different... At this moment, Chen Xi deeply understood the distance between a large world and a minor world.

This was like the difference between a remote village and a flourishing capital city. No matter if it was strength, cultivation systems, and various other aspects, a minor world was extremely inferior when compared to a large world, and it was simply like the difference between the heavens and the earth.

If he didn't come to the Dark Reverie, then he would probably be unable to imagine in his entire lifetime that there were actually so many things he didn't know of in this world.

"Now, have you figured out which Dao Insight to choose, and use it to lead and command the other Dao Insights?" Dao Lotus seemed to understand Chen Xi's feelings at this moment extremely well, and he waited silently for a long time before speaking.

"The Dao of Talismans!" Chen Xi was silent for a long time before he replied slowly.

"Talisman?" Dao Lotus was stunned, and then an indescribable bright sheen gushed out abruptly from the depths of his eyes. He seemed to be astounded, then seemed to have recalled some matters of the past and felt shocked.

"Exactly, the Dao of Talismans. If it's in terms of commanding the other Dao Insights, then there's only the Dao of Talismans." At this moment, Chen Xi had thought of many things, and his answer was extremely firm.

Presently, the Dao Insights he mastered included the five elements, Yin, Yang, wind, lightning, sky, star, Paramita, Oblivion, sword, talisman, obliteration, devour, slaughter, and so on and so forth.

Every single one of them was a Grand Dao profundity, and many were even rare Grand Dao profundities. However, if he had to choose one to control the other Dao Insights, then it would be the Talisman Dao without a doubt.

The reason was extremely simple, since the day he obtained the Manor within the jade pendant and he saw Ji Yu for the first time, an inseparable relationship had formed between him and the Dao of Talismans.

For example, the five great Divine Talismans that resided within the Talisman Armament, they contained the Grand Dao profundities of the five elements, yet all of them were controlled by the Dao of Talismans.

For example, the Grand Astral Palm was capable of encompassing various Dao Insights. However, the trajectory of the circulation of the stars within it were similarly covered by the Dao of Talismans.

Up until today, Chen Xi still remembered clearly that when he entered the Manor within the jade pendant, he'd once faced the test of the Star Secret Realm. At that time, he saw the trajectory of a myriad of stars circulating without end. These trajectories were of different length and thickness. They were either winding about, straight like a spear, curving into arcs, or spinning into circles, and they seemed like talisman markings made of various strokes.

It was as if a shapeless hand was using the sky as the talisman paper, the myriad of stars as the brush, and utilized a talisman crafting technique that was beyond imagination to freely draw unfathomable and profound talisman markings that were too wonderful for words.

It was precisely because of the Dao of Talismans that he was able to obtain the acknowledgement of the Master of the Manor and obtain various unbelievably formidable Divine Abilities like the Grand Astral Palm, Starsky Wing, and Stellar Lightningform.

It was just that, it was because of the Dao of Talismans that he was able to deduce the Myriad Convergence Sword Scripture to its limits, inscribe the five great Divine Talismans, refine the Talisman Armament...

All in all, in Chen Xi's eyes, the meaning of the Dao of Talismans far surpassed the profundities of the other Grand Daos, and only the Dao of Talismans would be able to allow him to control the other Dao Insights easily!

"I have to say, your choice is extremely unexpected to me." After a long time, Dao Lotus spoke with a voice that carried a trace of indescribable emotion. "From the ancient times until now, the Grand Dao of Talismans had been the most profound and complicated existence amongst the 3,000 Grand Daos. But very few were able to obtain accomplishments on this path, and the reason is that it's too difficult."

As he spoke, Dao Lotus pointed towards the distance. "Look at the traces of the sky, the geography of the land, the striation on the plants, the veins on the rocks. The traces of the Dao of Talismans exist everywhere."

"Now look at the trajectory of the heavy rain that descends from the sky, the traces of the violent wind that flashes through the land; talisman markings exist within everything in this world. Even fate, karma, prediction, luck... All these imperceptible things can be deduced and grasped with the power of the Dao of Talismans."

"However, it's precisely because the traces of the Dao of Talismans exists in everything that taking this path seems to be even more difficult."

When he finished speaking, Dao Lotus turned around to stare at Chen Xi as he said, "Have you really prepared yourself?"

Chen Xi nodded with an extremely firm gaze.

"Then do you know what it means when the Dao of Talismans is attained to the limit?" Dao Lotus continued.

Chen Xi shook his head. With his current cultivation, he was utterly incapable of knowing all these things. Unless he really attained the Dao of Talismans to the limit, then he might be able to answer this question.

As for now, he was indeed unable to answer it.

"Hahaha..." Dao Lotus let out a rare burst of laughter when he saw this, and his voice was clear and melodious like the tune of the Dao and reveal a carefree and heroic feeling. "Those who are ignorant are unafraid. Even though one might die while moving ahead fearlessly, there are no regrets!"

Chen Xi was stunned, and he was slightly puzzled about why Dao Lotus would be so excited.

“According to the rules, all disciples that come here may select a Dao Art to comprehend, but you’re an exception.” After a long time, Dao Lotus recovered his calm and pointed at the pile of bamboo slips on the nearby stone table. “It’s fine to pass down all these 49 Dao Arts to you.”

“What? You’re passing down all these Dao Arts to me?” Chen Xi was greatly shocked.

According to his knowledge, the Dao Arts left behind within these bamboo slips were left behind personally by the Founding Ancestor. Every single Dao Art possessed a heaven shaking might. In this history of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, every single disciple that step foot in here possessed exceedingly outstanding natural talent, yet in the end, they were only able to obtain a single Dao Art.

This was the rules that had been passed down until now, and it had never been changed for anyone.

Now, Dao Lotus had actually said that Chen Xi could comprehend all of the 49 Dao Arts. How could Chen Xi not be shocked?

“What? Are you not willing?” Dao Lotus smiled.

“I’m willing of course. But...this seems to be slightly against the rules, right?” Chen Xi rubbed his nose as he spoke.

“The three dimensions are about to undergo an upheaval. If no one cultivates then, then these Dao Arts that are always covered in dust would be utterly useless.” Dao Lotus sighed, and then he said, “You can comprehend all these Dao Arts, and you can also pass it to the higher-ups of the sect once you leave and allow them to make a decision.”

Chen Xi nodded, and he came to an understanding. Dao Lotus’s actions were because he was worried the upheaval of the three dimensions would affect the Nine Radiance Sword Sect, so he gave these Dao Arts to Chen Xi to be spread out, so that it would increase the overall strength of all the disciples.

“As the saying goes, the Dao is never perfect, yet is impossible to mend.” Dao Lotus suddenly smiled mysteriously and said, “But I think the most suitable Dao Art to you isn’t any of these 49.”

As he spoke, he raised his hand and flickered out a wisp of golden light that descended into Chen Xi’s hand. It was actually a flower petal!

The flower petal was golden in color and contained boundless profound striations, and it seemed to have boundless Grand Daos branded open it. Moreover, it emitted strands of golden sheens of divinity.

“This flower petal was refined by me, at it records the original Dao essence of the Nine Radiance Dao Scripture. I call it the Allheaven Truth. All the Dao Arts of the Nine Radiance Sword Sect can be comprehended from it, and with it by your side, it would be extremely beneficial for when you create your own Dao Arts and open up the path towards the Dao of Talismans...” As he spoke, Dao Lotus flicked his sleeve, causing 49 phantoms to appear suddenly atop the 49 bamboo slips on the stone table. “Give the bamboo slips to Chen Xi to take away. All of you find another place to reside in.”

“Good, good.” All these phantoms nodded in unison, and then they transformed into gusts of cool wind that vanished within the pergola.

Chen Xi instantly recognized to his surprise that these phantoms were the existences he guessed to be ‘book demons’ earlier.

“Chen Xi, if you have fate in the future, then we’ll surely be able to meet again.” Dao Lotus smiled warmly before he flicked his sleeve, and then the entire heavens and the earth instantly fell into chaos.

The gorge vanished, the stream disappeared, and the pergola by the side of the stream was gone, whereas Chen Xi felt his vision go black, and his body couldn’t help but be taken away by an enormous force.