

## Tales of Herding Gods Chapter 1081-1085

### Chapter 1081: The Dragon Qilin Loosening the Reins for a Better Grasp

Prince You Ming spoke with North Deity. He was appreciated by them, which made him very happy.

Deity Xuan said, "It's better that we split with the celestial heavens as early as possible. We should leave for the North Pole now."

Deity Wu said, "Although they control Celestial Emperor's corporeal body now, they can't decide on how to divide the spoils, making now the best time to split. If they finalize it, it'll be difficult to be free from the celestial heavens."

"However, having the celestial palaces leave the celestial heavens is a big thing. People will likely try to stop it. If we act, we should get the other deities to act too!"

Deity Wu and Deity Xuan rose and said, "My son, we discussed this with South Deity, West Deity, and East Deity. We are leaving now to not be constrained by the celestial heavens. We can live freely in our territories and rule the four poles. Isn't it better if we are the celestial emperors of our poles?"

Prince You Ming was happy, yet he also felt that it was a pity. He said, "I have many old friends in the celestial heavens. If I want to see them again, I'll probably take me years to come to the celestial heavens."

"Your friends are bad and superficial friends. There's no need to miss them!"

Deity Wu had Divine King Gong Yun's capabilities as she said, "It's better if you get rid of them. When we reach the poles, you'll be the prince of the pole's celestial emperor. You'll be happy and free."

Deity Xuan said, "This split is a major event. There'll probably be difficulties. My son, you will fly out of the celestial heavens with the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace and go north following the celestial river. I'll stay here with your mother to protect and escort you."

Prince You Ming was happy that he was valued.

Deity Wu loved her son, so she gave him the Glassy Sky Pagoda, saying, "This treasure was forged with our lifelong savings. With it, you can block any danger. Remember, you must not lose it."

Prince You Ming nodded.

The North Deity couple arranged for everything. They smiled at one another when, suddenly, a loud rumble came. The Black Tortoise Celestial Palace rumbled and gradually rose, splitting itself from the celestial heavens and celestial street as it did.

Ancient gods like the Great Sun Sovereign were shocked when they saw it. He immediately mobilized reinforcements to block them.

At the same time, loud rumbling came from the south, west, and east of the celestial heavens. The gods of the celestial heavens watched with disbelief as the Vermillion Bird Celestial Palace, White Tiger Celestial Palace, and Green Dragon Celestial Palace also split themselves from the celestial heavens and rose into the sky!

Many important officials of the celestial heavens like the seven masters, five constables, and four heavenly masters flew to the celestial palaces to seek audiences with the four deities to dissuade them.

North Deity Xuan Wu went to pretend to comply while they secretly used their magic power to get the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace to leave the celestial heavens.

The Great Sun Sovereign quickly reported this at the Numinous Sky Hall. At that moment, Celestial Emperor seemed to be seated with many Celestial Venerables and leaders of races. They appeared to be talking about important things, as the atmosphere seemed tense.

The Great Sun Sovereign quickly reported on the event, and the Celestial Venerables and race leaders meditated without speaking.

The ancient Celestial Emperor spoke. "I have important things to discuss for now and can't go and stop them. Star Sovereign, use the Celestial River Navy, the armies of the four sects, the ten guards of the celestial heavens, the five carriages, and other armies to try and stop their celestial palaces first."

The Great Sun Sovereign bowed and nodded.

The ancient Celestial Emperor waved and gave him the commander's seal to mobilize the ten guards of the celestial heavens.

The Great Sun Sovereign left hastily.

Silence filled the Numinous Sky Hall still. After a while, Celestial Venerable Huo laughed and said, "The four deities will be gone if this stalemate continues! The ancient gods must be killed! None of the four deities is allowed to live! Give me Celestial Emperor's corporeal body and let me kill them. I don't want this corporeal body. I'll return it after I've killed them. You lot can fight over it!"

Everyone coldly laughed.

Celestial Venerable Huo became furious and suddenly withdrew his primordial spirit from Celestial Emperor's corporeal body. He rose and said, "I'll kill South Deity!"

Son of Heaven Yin hesitated and said, "I'll go and take a look at the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace."

They left.

Those that remained still didn't move.

Celestial Venerable Yun suddenly said, "The stalemate can't continue. I have a suggestion. We shall take turns being Celestial Emperor. We'll take shifts and keep tabs on one another. We can create a system that prevents one from occupying Celestial Emperor's corporeal body!"

After a while, Celestial Venerable Hao smiled and said, "I agree."

In the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace, Prince You Ming went to find Yan'er and the others. He apologized to the dragon qilin, saying, "You truly are extraordinary. You could see the situation in the celestial heavens so keenly. It's just that I can't escort the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace to the North Pole alone. Thus, I would like to ask for your help!"

The dragon qilin and Yan'er looked at each other. Yan'er agreed, while the dragon qilin said with some visible hardship, "Our cultivation is weaker than yours, how can we help?"

Yan'er immediately shut up.

The dragon qilin said, "Truth be told, I've witnessed Heavenly Knowledge and learned algebra, but I can do little. Your escort will definitely be blocked by the gods of the celestial heavens. The ten guards of the celestial heavens, Celestial River Navy, five carriages, heavenly spirits, earthly fiends, star gods..."

He observed Prince You Ming's expression. Every time he mentioned a great army, his skin would shake.

The dragon qilin sighed and said, "We can't defend against their attacks without a powerful treasure. We can't even protect ourselves, let alone the celestial palace! Let us return, Brother."

Prince You Ming held his hand and said, "Brother, Sister! You two can't go back even if you want to! The Vermillion Bird Celestial Palace and Green Dragon Celestial Palace have already left the celestial heavens. Where can you two go? The four deities' bloodlines are united as one. Help me return to the North Pole, and I'll personally send you two back!"

He admitted, "I can't fight a war or lead an army. I lack wisdom too. When they attack, I need you to help me adjust the formation of my palace's disciples too."

The dragon qilin hesitated.

Prince You Ming said, "You don't trust me? Follow me!"

He led them to the front of the celestial palace and pointed to a place far away, saying, "Look!"

The dragon qilin and Yan'er looked towards the celestial heavens. They saw giant celestial palaces leaving the celestial heavens with thousands of their palaces and halls!

Besides South Deity, West Deity, and East Deity's celestial palaces, other large celestial palaces were also leaving the celestial heavens. They were likely Heaven Duke, Mother Earth, and Earth Count's celestial palaces.

At that moment, the celestial heavens rose up gently without the pressure from these celestial palaces. It seemed on track to drift out of the Primordial Realm!

Besides that, they also saw gods flying about in the celestial heavens and giving orders. Armies of the celestial heavens flew out to chase after the celestial palaces.

The dragon qilin's complexion grew pale as he said, "Brother, we're doomed!"

Prince You Ming apologized and said, "I know I was wrong, but we can triumph still. Father and Mother left the Glassy Sky Pagoda for me to guard the celestial palace with. It's an impressive treasure that has been hailed as the number one treasure in the world. With your intelligence and this treasure, we can triumph!"

The dragon qilin bitterly said, "How can one mere treasure block the armies of the celestial heavens? Brother, you're better off abandoning the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace and running away with the treasure."

Prince You Ming pulled them towards the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace's Numinous Sky Hall, saying, "That's because you two haven't seen the pagoda yet. If you two see it, you'll be relieved!"

### **Chapter 1082: The Third Ancient God Egg**

The dragon qilin smiled and leisurely said, "We needed to distract him and make him relaxed to capture him. We now have Prince You Ming."

Yan'er was unnerved as she whispered, "This Brother You Ming is so honest and generous. Is it too much of us to steal his Glassy Sky Pagoda and cause him to be suppressed for 600,000 years by North Deity?"

The dragon qilin hesitated and said, "If we don't, he'd probably die before the Eternal Peace Era. Stealing it counts as saving his life."

Yan'er always felt that it was wrong to deceive Prince You Ming. After some thinking, she said, "Even if we don't steal it, North Deity will find a reason to suppress him anyway so that he won't die from people like Son of Heaven Yin. Fatty Dragon, if we don't have to steal it, we shouldn't."

The dragon qilin hesitated before nodding and saying, "Sounds good. We can stay here and rely on the pagoda's protection until Cult Master recovers."

They decided to follow Prince You Ming to the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace's Numinous Sky Hall. Before they entered, the extravagance of it scared them.

They were shocked again when they entered. They saw giant jade glass pillars that held up canopies that were of a sky green color, resembling sugarcane.

When they approached, they could see that the canopy stretched out layer by layer as if stacked together.

Inside the canopy, all sorts of treasure light filtered in, as if it were hiding a small sun.

The dragon qilin looked up from below. He became dazzled when he saw how each canopy had jade pearls hanging down, and there were all sorts of treasures laid within, like bronze towers.

Stars orbited within the canopy too. Sometimes they were close and sometimes they were far away. They were too bright when they were close, but when they were far away, they became like stars in the night sky.

“My goodness!”

The dragon qilin probed, “Brother, how does one use the pagoda?”

Prince You Ming lifted the pagoda and carried it outside as he said, “What you ask from it, it will deliver. It’s created from the lifelong savings of my parents. It’s easy to use.”

He bowed and said to the banner, “Baby, give us some food.”

The canopy of the Glassy Sky Pagoda rotated, and all sorts of delicacies fell from it.

The dragon qilin and Yan’er were shocked.

Prince You Ming caught the falling food and distributed it, saying, “Baby, rain.”

Before he finished, the clouds gathered, and rain fell all over the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace.

Prince You Ming laughed as he bowed and said, “Baby, please protect the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace!”

Whoosh—

The pagoda suddenly expanded as its canopies became heavens. In total, 28 heavens surrounded the celestial palace. Each one of them had all sorts of treasures hanging from it. The sun and moon orbited it, and the stars shifted. It was glorious!

In the space of the heavens, there were also jade pearls, which expanded to become large planets of outer space.

Bronze towers, flowers, trees, clouds, and rivers floated around as well. They slowly moved in the sky and gave off all sorts of divine lights!

The dragon qilin looked up and saw how at the top of the 28 heavens, there was a heaven ball hanging down. There were all sorts of Great Dao runes on it that flickered. It was likely the core treasure of the pagoda.

“This heaven ball!”

The palace maid that Gong Yun borrowed to live suddenly shuddered. She immediately transmitted her voice to Qin Mu via consciousness. “North Deity Xuan Wu brought out a terrifying guy from the ancestral court! The couple really is daring! How dare they refine this egg to become a treasure!”

Qin Mu sat under the tree, cycling his heart and spirit as he utilized the Overlord Body Three Elixir Technique to refine the primordial liquid that Wei Suifeng poured into his stomach. He felt his corporeal body and vital qi growing stronger, though the primordial liquid in his body remained.

‘Egg?’

Qin Mu became slightly agitated as he lifted his head to look at the top of the 28 heavens. There was indeed a giant heaven ball floating as it exchanged glows with other treasures.

‘That’s an... egg?’

The consciousness that Qin Mu put in the tree was disorderly. The heaven ball really was an egg. It was similar to the egg of Tai Shi and Tai Chu!

However, it wasn’t entirely like the egg of Tai Chu. Tai Chu’s Great Dao runes were imprinted on the inside of the egg. Qin Mu got half of Celestial Emperor’s eggshell, which he fused with his third eye, making its nature clear to him.

The Dao voice of Tai Shi’s egg came from within, though he hadn’t researched Tai Shi’s Dao yet.

The core treasure of the Glassy Sky Pagoda also came from an egg of the ancestral court, but its Great Dao runes were imprinted on the outside!

‘Could it be that there are other ancient god eggs besides those of Celestial Emperor Tai Chu and Tai Shi.’ He stabilized his chaotic consciousness and grew curious.

“Is Black Tortoise not afraid of causing a catastrophe by bringing it out of the ancestral court?” Divine King Gong Yun was displeased.

Qin Mu was agitated. Gong Yun seemed to know a lot about this weird ancient god egg, so he probed, “Where did this egg come from?”

Before waiting for an answer, he continued, “I know that Celestial Emperor was born from the ancient god egg dug out of the ancient divine stone mine by the Ju Yu Clan. Thus, it was powerful. However, I didn’t know that there were more than one of such eggs.”

The maid hesitated before replying, “Since you know the origin of Celestial Emperor, I won’t hide anything from you. When the Ju Yu Clan found the oldest Grand Primordium Divine Stone mine and dug out the egg, the Grand Primordium Origin Stone was born with it. The ancient god that came from the egg became the ancient Celestial Emperor of today. However, other masters of creation also found old mines, and the divine stones that came from those mines weren’t Grand Primordium Divine Stones.”

Qin Mu’s heart jumped.

Gong Yun continued, “In total, there were five of these ancient mines if you include the Grand Primordium Divine Stone mine. After the Tai Chu egg was dug out, other mines were found with similar things. Two mines had nothing, and during the conquest of the Grand Emperor, two of the eggs were lost.”

Qin Mu blinked. One of those eggs was held by Celestial Emperor and hidden in the Clear Sun Hall.

Another of the eggs was held by North Deity Xuan Wu and forged to become a treasure, the main part of the Glassy Sky Pagoda.

“Humph! Black Tortoise doesn’t know how to recognize treasures. How could they treat the egg as a giant gemstone and the mainframe of the Glassy Sky Pagoda?”

Gong Yun laughed. “Idiots! The so-called reliability of the treasure comes from the manipulation of the ancient god within! It’s the ancient god that’s responding! North Deity Xuan Wu will be hurt by it eventually!”

Qin Mu groaned. This egg with Great Dao runes on the outside seemed similar to the treasures born from heaven and earth. However, it wasn’t necessarily true that North Deity failed to recognize that it was an ancient god egg.

It was possible that they recognized it but couldn’t hatch it.

What power did the ancient god within have?

Suddenly, a call came from a faraway place. “Dao Brother You Ming, Dao Brother You Ming! It’s me, Yin Chaojin!”

Prince You Ming was delighted as he said to the dragon qilin and Yan’er, “It’s my friend! It’ll be easy to return with his help! I’ll let him in!”

### **Chapter 1083: Dragon Pi Schemes Against Son of Heaven Yin**

“Hold it!”

The dragon qilin’s gaze flickered. “Brother, Yin Chaojin and Celestial Venerable Hao are quite close. This person has been up to no good all along. This time around, he is most likely here to stop you from leaving. It might even have been him who led the army of the celestial heavens to come and stop you!”

Prince You Ming hesitated for a moment, moving to the palace gate to look around. He saw that Yin Chaojin was currently chasing in the direction of the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace with the great army of the celestial heavens right behind him along with countless ships and their fluttering flags. It seemed to be exactly as this Brother Dragon had said, with Yin Chaojin really leading the great army of the celestial heavens there to attack him!

Prince You Ming was instantly enraged, and he cried out loudly, “Yin Chaojin, I treated you as a brother, yet you treat me as a fool! If I let you in, the celestial heavens’ troops of tigers and wolves will just come and trample my Black Tortoise Celestial Palace!”

Son of Heaven Yin turned around to look before laughing. “You’ve been so guarded because you thought that I’m with them? Dao Brother, I came here to tip you off, but I was discovered by the Celestial River Navy, and they have chased me all the way here. If you don’t let me in, I’ll die outside!”

Prince You Ming was unable to make a decision, and he looked towards the dragon qilin. “Brother, he said that he came to tip me off. If I don’t let him inside, isn’t he going to die out there?”

The dragon qilin was up to no good as he replied, “The Black Tortoise Celestial Palace is incredibly important. If you can’t protect it well and let it land in the hands of the enemy, even Deity Wu and Deity Xuan would be implicated. We must be cautious. Let Son of Heaven Yin kill some of the soldiers of the celestial heavens army to prove that he’s not one of them.”

Prince You Ming praised, “Brother is truly wiser. Brother Yin, if you’re genuinely here to help me, then kill some of the gods and devils from the celestial heavens. Otherwise, it shows that you actually led them here to harm me!”

Son of Heaven Yin wore a dazed expression. ‘This tortoise, when did he become smart?’

He turned his head to glance behind him. The Celestial River Navy had already arrived, and one of the leading generals at the front of the ship raised his knife and yelled out, “Prince You Ming, His Majesty Celestial Emperor has sent a decree! He wants you to return to the Jade Capital!”

Upon noticing that Son of Heaven Yin hadn’t laid a hand on the Celestial River Navy and that the Celestial River Navy didn’t attack Son of Heaven Yin, Prince You Ming was instantly enraged, and he yelled out, “Yin Chaojin, you’re really trying to trick me into opening the Glassy Sky Pagoda to try and take over my Black Tortoise Celestial Palace!”

Son of Heaven Yin was upset and anxious. Suddenly, he grit his teeth hard and charged towards the Celestial River Navy, thinking to himself, ‘If it wasn’t due to there being so many precious artifacts in North Deity’s residence, would I put myself in such danger?’

He suddenly unleashed a ruthless attack, and countless white banners flew out towards one of the navy’s ships. With a shake of the banners, the primordial spirits of the gods and devils on board that ship were also shaken as they were dragged out of their bodies one after the other and enveloped within his banners.

There were some stronger practitioners whose primordial spirits remained stabilized and didn’t suffer the same fate. However, in the next moment, the gourd on Son of Heaven Yin’s back opened up, and, from its mouth, countless insects flew out and swarmed onto the ship, sucking them all dry!

Having succeeded in his attack, Son of Heaven Yin yelled out, “Dao Brother You Ming, you have now witnessed my sincerity!”

Cries of rage could be heard from the surrounding ships, and the Celestial River Navy activated their formations. The celestial river seemed to be almost boiling as countless formation runes flew up and locked down all four sides of the celestial river.

Swoosh—

Countless divine weapons flew alongside those formation runes. Within the formation markings, the weapons struck together and heavily injured Son of Heaven Yin.



Son of Heaven Yin spat out blood as he flew backward and collided into the barrier of the Glassy Sky Pagoda.

Prince You Ming was about to open up the barriers of the Glassy Sky Pagoda to let him in when the dragon qilin raised a hand, “Brother, won’t you wait a little while more? What if it’s a self-harming ruse?”

Prince You Ming hesitated. At that precise instant, the Celestial River Navy unleashed their second attack!

The formation of the navy was incredibly powerful. Countless ships were sailing through the giant waves, and the various divine weapons became even more formidable when used together with the formation.

Even Son of Heaven Yin’s ancient primordial divine insects were almost all vanquished by the formation. Son of Heaven Yin conjured up his own Mingdu Heavenly Gate, which wasn’t completely formed when the terrifying power of the formation crushed it into pieces!

“Netherworld sea, up!”

With blood in his mouth, Son of Heaven Yin cried out shrilly, “Even though I may not be a Celestial Venerable, my reputation isn’t undeserved!”

Whoosh—

A boundless netherworld sea emerged from the void with violent waves surging. Within the sea, blood rays swept about as countless imposing corpses of gods and devils rose from it. They cried out with angry growls, prepared to fight the Celestial River Navy.

Even though the current Son of Heaven Yin didn’t have great achievements in his cultivation, one could already see the shadows of his future attainments through his paths, skills, and divine arts.

He was highly adept in the Great Dao of Youdu and had shocking attainments in the art of the soul. Regardless of whether it was the netherworld sea or the Mingdu Heavenly Gate, the Youdu knowledge required to execute them was extremely vast, and they even touched on the Dao of reincarnation. It could even be said that he had already surpassed the traditional Great Dao of Youdu and had great contributions towards its evolution.

Onboard the massive navy ships, the countless half-god generals revealed cold smiles as they raised their palms together and waved them down swiftly. “Activate the Sea Stabilizing Divine Needles!”

Dong dong dong!

Countless massive iron pillars descended from the sky and pierced into the netherworld sea, instantly freezing it in place. The corpses of the gods and devils that were just emerging from the sea also immediately stopped their ascent and were crushed back into the depths.

The netherworld sea was calm and peaceful, and nothing stirred in it anymore.

Son of Heaven Yin coughed out blood and dropped to his knees. Just as he was about to plead for mercy towards the Celestial River Navy, a slit opened up in the barrier of the Glassy Sky Pagoda as Prince You Ming reached out and pulled him inside.

The dragon qilin lamented, "Brother, we should have waited a bit more..."

"If we had waited any longer, Brother Yin would be dead!"

Prince You Ming looked incredibly apologetic as he turned to Son of Heaven Yin with a red face. "I have wronged Brother. I didn't expect Brother to be so loyal and fearless and to have such a righteous spirit that you would actually sacrifice yourself for my Black Tortoise Celestial Palace. I'm incredibly ashamed of myself."

Son of Heaven Yin rolled his eyes at him weakly as fresh blood surged up into his mouth, and he almost lost consciousness from the blood loss.

His netherworld sea, which he had cultivated painstakingly for the past tens of thousands of years, had been suppressed by the Celestial River Navy, and his Mingdu Heavenly Gate had also been crushed by them. It could be said that he had lost almost half of his most valuable assets.

'If I can't make some good profit off Black Tortoise's foolish son, then won't I have made great losses?'

Son of Heaven Yin gathered his spirits together, but his injuries were really too severe, so his aura was dispirited.

Prince You Ming hurriedly supported him and introduced him to the dragon qilin and the others. "This is Brother Dragon, these are the descendants of East Deity, and this is my cousin—the princess of South Deity's family."

Son of Heaven Yin stared at the dragon qilin and smiled coldly. "Brother, your friends here don't even dare to give their real names. I fear there might be some trickery."

Yan'er was a little nervous. In the later generation, when Qin Mu visited North Deity, Prince You Ming had seen them before. However, he hadn't seen the dragon qilin in his human form, and, in that period, Yan'er had a good figure and wasn't as fat as she was at present.

If they revealed their real names, then Prince You Ming would be able to recognize them in the later generation!

The dragon qilin was, however, calm as he replied, "Rumor has it that Son of Heaven Yin is scheming and ruthless, and that he has a divine art that allows him to kill someone just by knowing their name. Thus, in front of Brother Yin, I dare not reveal my real name. We are all distressed people from all over who are sharing a similar fate. There's no need for us to be acquaintances when we only met each other by chance."

"Well said!"

Prince You Ming clapped his hands together and praised as he laughed. "Brother Yin, you do have such a divine art, so it's not wrong that Brother Dragon is unwilling to reveal his real name."

Yan'er was full of admiration for the dragon qilin, and she looked towards him with a gaze full of respect.

The dragon qilin felt quietly pleased with himself. 'After all, I've also followed Cult Master and read some books on poetry... It's a pity I don't have a tail now, or else I could give it a shake...'

Having suffered such a great blow, Son of Heaven Yin was unable to recover in a short time period.

Prince You Ming gathered all of Black Tortoise's descendants within the palace and asked the dragon qilin to deploy the troops.

The dragon qilin said earnestly, "Deploying troops and setting up formations, I've learned some of it from an expert once, so I'll lay out the formations. Even if the ten guards of the celestial heavens come down, they can forget about invading the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace, much less just the Celestial River Navy!"

#### **Chapter 1084: Legend of the Past**

Son of Heaven Yin couldn't stop laughing as he waited to watch the dragon qilin make a fool of himself.

The power of the Celestial River Navy's formation was incredibly frightening.

This navy had a lot of people and ships. Its formation was designed according to the corporeal body structures of the ancient gods, and the Great Dao runes were designed by the formation experts of the celestial heavens.

Even strong practitioners like Son of Heaven Yin couldn't survive a single hit from the powerful formation of the Celestial River Navy.

This guy with the surname Dragon and the head of a qilin would definitely lose with his nonsensical formation!

Although the dragon qilin made an exaggerated promise, he was unnerved.

He wasn't good at formations. Although he learned a lot from Qin Mu, Qin Mu learned too many different things. While Qin Mu was good at every aspect, the dragon qilin was not.

"What do we do, Cult Master?" he sneakily asked Qin Mu in the halo.

Qin Mu roused his spirits and used his remaining consciousness to impart to him the ways to command the experts he had and use the Glassy Sky Pagoda's power to its maximum potential.

Although the dragon qilin knew little about the path of changing formations, he followed Qin Mu's orders and commanded the snake and turtle gods of the palace into the 28 heavens of the Glassy Sky Pagoda to form formations. This was to guard the treasures on the Glassy Sky Pagoda.

The formation was capable of unleashing their power and had a steady defense too.

Most crucially, the Glassy Sky Pagoda had a lot of treasures in it. The dragon qilin's formation was surprisingly able to adapt according to the attributes of different treasures to form different apt formations!

The Glassy Sky Pagoda had thousands of treasures from the ancestral court, and the dragon qilin set up thousands of different formations!

Prince You Ming was extremely impressed. Although Son of Heaven Yin was displeased with the dragon qilin, he couldn't help but admire his talent when he saw how he set up the formation.

Even he couldn't understand the principles and structure of the formation.

When the dragon qilin finished, the Celestial River Navy attacked.

Regardless of which direction they attacked, the dragon qilin would always command his troops with ease. He sent some gods to lay down formations every time, and it blocked the Celestial River Navy easily.

The Glassy Sky Pagoda was extremely powerful. The people of the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace weren't worthy opponents of the Celestial River Navy. However, when the Celestial River Navy entered the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace and went into the various heavens, they would see those powerful and terrifying treasures give off Dao markings that blasted towards them!

Those incredibly terrifying pulses shot towards the ships and immediately smashed them apart. The gods on them all died miserably. No one survived!

The navy attacked multiple times, but despite their casualties, they failed to break through into the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace.

The admiral immediately adjusted his formation and attacked again. The dragon qilin panicked, not knowing what to do.

"Pi, take the 28 heaven canopies of the Glassy Sky Pagoda and split every one of them into 360 heavenly cycle angles."

Qin Mu's consciousness came to advise him. "Turn the first heaven eight degrees clockwise, the second heaven three degrees counterclockwise, and the third heaven 62 degrees clockwise..."

The dragon qilin quickly moved under the Glassy Sky Pagoda's pillar and bowed. However, he saw the heavens of the Glassy Sky Pagoda rotate individually. The positions of the treasures inside it and the gods protecting it were moved as they each went in different directions!

The formation of the Celestial River Navy's admiral targeted the defensive formations protecting each treasure. Such a sudden change in formation and treasure caused chaos for the Celestial River Navy and hence brought heavy casualties.

The admiral attacked personally, so the dragon qilin sent Prince You Ming to intercept him.

Although Prince You Ming was honest and loyal, he was one of the few strong practitioners of the Emperor's Throne Realm. He also had Deity Wu and Deity Xuan's bloodlines, which made him powerful in combat. He heavily injured the admiral after several rounds.

The Celestial River Navy's ships swarmed to block Prince You Ming, and finally, they were able to get back their admiral.

The dragon qilin subtly sighed and thought, 'If Cult Master personally commanded the Glassy Sky Pagoda, he would easily sink the entirety of the Celestial River Navy!'

After all, having to listen to Qin Mu's formation advice made him slower.

Prince You Ming was very happy after his victory. "You really are a wise man, Dragon Brother. Your abilities shock the world! You are even qualified to be a heavenly master of the celestial heavens!"

The dragon qilin humbled himself and said, "This defeat may not get them to give up. It's only the navy blocking us for now. The other armies of the celestial heavens haven't arrived yet. We must not be complacent."

Prince You Ming praised him a lot. Son of Heaven Yin felt uncomfortable listening to him. Regardless, he was impressed by the extraordinary capabilities of this man with the head of a qilin.

'He's under East Deity? Strange, I haven't seen him before.'

Son of Heaven Yin's gaze flashed as he thought, 'East Deity has several powerful princes and princesses. I recognize all of them, and we have decent relationships. However, I haven't seen this fellow before. Considering his capabilities, he shouldn't be nameless in the Green Dragon Celestial Palace, yet he doesn't seem to have a reputation. East Deity is a cunning fellow too...'

With the dragon qilin controlling the Glassy Sky Pagoda, Son of Heaven Yin wasn't of much use, which he hated. This was because he had no chance of stealing the Glassy Sky Pagoda.

He was there for that treasure specifically.

Prince You Ming was someone unguarded. North Deity Xuan Wu rarely showed this treasure to outsiders, yet he brought many questionable friends to it many times. Hence, it was unsurprising that Yin Chaojin and Wei Suifeng desired it so much.

The Black Tortoise Celestial Palace continued north, yet the Celestial River Navy was on their tail. They didn't attack again, however. Instead, they just had several commanders advise Prince You Ming to stop and return to the celestial heavens.

Suddenly, the navy split up, and a large army came in from the side. It went in front of the navy's formation, and powerful gods and devils examined the Glassy Sky Pagoda's formations carefully.

Prince You Ming's expression changed as he shouted and said, "The celestial heavens' two Divine Martial Guards!"

The dragon qilin instantly lost confidence. The ten guards of the celestial heavens included the Left and Right Feathered Forest Guards, Left and Right Divine Martial Guards, Left and Right Dragon Martial Guards, Left and Right Divine Stratagem Guards, and Left and Right Divine Awe Guards. They only selected the best talents for their troops. The minimum requirement to enter was to reach the Jade Capital Realm!

They were Celestial Emperor's imperial guards. Wei Suifeng was a commander of the Feathered Forest Guards, but only the Right Feathered Forest Guards!

The Right Feathered Forest Guards alone were enough to level a large nation or race in the Dragon Han Era, such as Dragon Count Country!

The power of the two Divine Martial Guards was probably above that of the Celestial River Navy!

Suddenly, war drums could be heard again as another large army cut through the Celestial River Navy's formation. It went to the front, stopped, and raised its flag.

Prince You Ming looked at it and shouted, "The Northern Sect Army! The army commanded by the number one heavenly master! He's powerful and an expert in formations!"

The dragon qilin's heart pounded as he sneakily looked at the halo behind Yan'er.

Son of Heaven Yin saw it, and his heart fluttered. He also looked at the halo behind Yan'er's head, but he only saw an ancient tree in it and nothing else.

Qin Mu channeled his consciousness and said, "Dragon Pi, relax. The battle today will only cement your legacy in history!"

The dragon qilin calmed himself down and said to Prince You Ming, "I see through the two Divine Martial Guards and the Northern Sect Army effortlessly, as if they were as clear as a blazing fire. To me, they are selling away their lives. Victory will be swift!"

### **Chapter 1085: Number One Heavenly Master of Dragon Han**

In the past, Prince You Ming and Son of Heaven Yin would've thought that he was merely bragging. However, the dragon qilin broke the Celestial River Navy easily, forcing them to admit that he had such capabilities.

The dragon qilin couldn't help but proudly say, "No one knows a well-read man, but a person with talent will find a chance to unleash it! Today is my day!"

Prince You Ming praised, "You really are a worthy talent, Brother, enough to be called the number one heavenly master of the Dragon Han Era!"

Yan'er's face was full of admiration for him.

Even Son of Heaven Yin had to praise him, although bitterly. He thought, 'After this fellow blocks the armies of the celestial heavens, I'll find a chance to steal the Glassy Sky Pagoda!'

Celestial Emperor cut the world apart, allowing him to control the four poles of the four deities. With the four deities under the celestial heavens' control, they had no territories nor armies. They only had their descendants to guard their celestial palaces.

The dragon qilin was able to use the Glassy Sky Pagoda, the snake gods, and the turtle gods of the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace to utterly defeat the Celestial River Navy, which rendered him a talented genius.

This was because the two Divine Martial Guards, the Northern Sect Army, and the Celestial River Navy combined had enough power to easily trample over all of the strong practitioners of the Emperor's Throne Realm in the world, let alone the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace!

He deserved the title of number one heavenly master if he could withstand their attacks!

The three armies surrounded the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace to halt its advance up north. However, it was difficult, for Prince You Ming was North Deity's son, and his cultivation had reached the Emperor's Throne Realm.

Add to that the fact that North Deity was a saint born from the celestial river and how the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace was going north via the celestial river while being protected by the Glassy Sky Pagoda, and it became nearly impossible for them to use ships to halt the celestial palace.

Any ships that tried to block it would be pulverized by the celestial palace.

Using chains to bind the celestial palace was impossible as well. The Glassy Sky Pagoda had plenty of powerful treasures. When they tried to hook the celestial palace with chains and hooks, the disciples of the celestial palace utilized the power of the treasures to break said chains.

Although the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace wasn't fast, it was impossible to block it.

"A formation grandmaster is in charge of the Glassy Sky Pagoda!"

The number one heavenly master of the Northern Sect Army was Shang Pinying. He was a talent of the first year of the Dragon Han Era too. However, he was overshadowed by the nine Celestial Venerables. He had high attainments in algebra, which made him as formidable as Dao Ancestor, just not as famous.

He was more skilled in formations, researching the corporeal body structures and Great Dao runes of ancient gods and pioneering new formations. The armies of the celestial heavens cultivated his formations. He was the number one formation heavenly master of the Dragon Han Era.

It wasn't until the rise of Dao Ancestor's disciple, Yue Tingge, that he was replaced. This was due to Yue Tingge's extraordinary talent that surpassed even his.

Shang Pinying moved to the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace and orbited it once to examine the formations. He gravely said, "The one setting the formations is extremely intelligent. Even I can't see

through many of his formations. I would be pleased for the rest of my life if I was able to converse and exchange ideas with him! Could it be Prince You Ming? If so, he's really humble!"

He got excited and laughed, his blood boiling. "I'll control every army to break the formations and face off with this great formation expert!"

His clothes flew up as he passionately said, "The most beautiful language of this world is algebra! Formations made from algebra are the world's most majestic poems! I'll be satisfied for the rest of my life if I can use the most beautiful language and most majestic poems to meet a friend with algebra!"

He laughed and deployed the armies' formations to attack the Glassy Sky Pagoda!

The Black Tortoise Celestial Palace's army was weak, for the disciples' cultivation realms were low. However, with the power of the number one treasure, the Glassy Sky Pagoda, even millions of gods and devils could hardly break in with force.

Yet, to fully unleash its potential, an extremely intelligent person was needed.

The dragon qilin followed Qin Mu's advice and immediately changed formations to break the opponent's formation with a formation.

The number one heavenly master of the celestial heavens, Shang Pinying, felt his blood boil. The battle was intense, and its outcome was up in the air. The battle made him feel like he had found a bosom friend. He controlled the Celestial River Navy, the Northern Sect Army, and the two Divine Martial Guards to break formations with formations. He pushed the formation moves of the Dragon Han Era to the absolute limit!

Yet, the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace was like a giant and incomparable algebra calculation spirit weapon. Every formation crisscrossed, moved, and constantly changed irregularly. The formation expert in the celestial palace seemed incredibly powerful and intelligent, for he blocked all of the formations that Shang Pinying set up one by one, then broke them.

The most powerful group in the armies of the celestial heavens was the ten guards. Any random god or devil in the ten guards could be a commander in any other army. Yet, even such a strong army suffered heavy casualties when attacking the Glassy Sky Pagoda!

Shang Pinying grew more excited, and he became louder and louder. His brain calculated rapidly. He cared not for the casualties of the armies, for all he wanted to do was battle against the expert in the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace to test their cultivations.

The celestial river was dyed red by the corpses of countless gods and devils. It almost became a red river that flowed through the vast starry sky. This slaughter lasted from dawn until dusk and dusk until dawn.

For several nights, Shang Pinying remained excited, changing his formations and encouraging his armies to attack the Glassy Sky Pagoda.



He was incredibly intelligent, and he broke through heaven after heaven in succession, from the first to the twenty-eighth. He would soon break the Glassy Sky Pagoda's twenty-eighth heaven and attack the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace!

By then, the armies had lost more than half their men!

The disciples of the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace suffered heavy casualties too. The dragon qilin wasn't Qin Mu, so he was relatively slow despite being advised by Qin Mu.

Yet Qin Mu's consciousness injuries were too serious. He was barely conscious, and thus the descendants of Black Tortoise inevitably fell and suffered.

The drain on Qin Mu's consciousness was great as he used it to battle the number one heavenly master of the Dragon Han Era, Shang Pinying. His form became so bad that he ran the risk of having his consciousness obliterated.

Even Prince You Ming was deployed by him. He repeatedly entered the formation to fight and take on the two Divine Martial Guards. He almost died to them multiple times.

"Dragon Pi, bring despair upon this number one heavenly master."

Qin Mu's consciousness said, "Today, I'll make you famous. Worship the Glassy Sky Pagoda and reverse the twenty-eight heavens."

The dragon qilin heard it, bowed to the Glassy Sky Pagoda, and saw the Glassy Sky Pagoda's 28 canopies retract before spreading out again!

Shang Pinying had broken through to the twenty-eighth heaven and was about to reach the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace. It was then that everything suddenly changed. Layer upon layer of heavens expanded outside, making the twenty-eighth heaven the first!

The armies of the celestial heavens saw victory at hand before they suddenly returned to the outermost layer of the Glassy Sky Pagoda again. The interior heavens of the Glassy Sky Pagoda were guarded heavily by formations. The heavens they broke through with their lives were restored and made into killing formations!

The morale of the Celestial River Navy, the two Divine Martial Guards, and the Northern Sect Army collapsed. They had no will to fight, for despair was all they felt.

"Weurgh—"

Shang Pinying's face suddenly became red, and he spat out fresh blood before dropping down to the surface of the river, kneeling. His hair turned white at a visible rate, and soon, his gray hair became white as if he entered his senior years.

His Dao heart collapsed, and he never mentioned the idea of dueling that formation expert in the celestial palace again. He didn't want to fight anymore.

He lifted his head and shouted, "Retreat!"

Soldiers' cheers surrounded him as they retreated.

Shang Pinying spat out fresh blood by the mouthful as he kneeled there. He hoarsely asked, "Which expert was the formation master? May you appear and let me accept defeat wholeheartedly?"

The dragon qilin appeared. He stood outside of the Black Tortoise Celestial Palace's doors, looked at him, and said, "It was me."