#### Paradise 1361

# Chapter 1361: Sword1's Questioning

"You are also a traveler?!"

Sword1's words made Lin Huang quake inside.

'So this fellow noticed the anomaly...'

However, Lin Huang only dwelled on it for an instant before he regained his calm. He looked at Sword1 in silence without acknowledging or denying his identity.

They glanced at each other and it did not seem that Sword1 was going to probe any further.

"Let me experience for myself how strong a legendary traveler is!"

As Sword1 spoke, a long narrow white blade slowly formed in his hand and his aura began to rise frighteningly.

Lin Huang grasped his sword hilt tightly and unleashed his soaring Sword Dao without holding back.

He was now facing Great Heaven's strongest sword cultivator; he did not dare to be reckless.

Sword1 patiently waited for Lin Huang's Sword Dao to rise to its peak. The moment it did so, Sword1 tapped his toes on the ground and he vanished from his place.

"So fast!"

Lin Huang's pupils narrowed slightly. Including Seraphic Speed, he had mastered a total of four types of rapid speed rule powers. Including the multiplier on ultimate dao-type, it was almost equivalent to the effects of five types of rule multipliers.

Even though Sword2 specialized in rapid speed sword skill, his ultimate speed was only slightly stronger than Lin Huang.

However, although Sword1 in front of him had clearly specialized in cultivating ultimate dao-type, he was still one level faster than Sword2 in rapid speed sword skill.

He was so fast that Lin Huang's Divine Telekinesis could only catch traces of his afterimages.

Almost at the same time that Sword1's figure disappeared, Lin Huang vaguely saw a residual image approaching him and his body instinctively initiated four types of God Rule Power, including Seraphic Speed, to evade it.

Even so, he was still a bit too slow.

A white sword gleam skimmed across his left shoulder, and sliced not only the sleeve of his robe but also left a sword cut his left shoulder.

With just one attack, Lin Huang had been injured.

'His ultimate dao-type would have amplified his rapid speed sword skill to at least the effect of a level-3 rule...' Lin Huang knew from Sword2 that Sword1's rapid speed and force-type were restricted to level-3 rule power at most. However, even in the current situation where Sword1's rapid speed sword skill was restricted by the Trial rules, it still gave his rapid speed sword skill an amplification of a level-3 rule effect. 'If all goes as expected, his force-type will most likely receive the same level of multipliers.'

Lin Huang instantly understood the kind of opponent that he would be facing—not only was Sword1's rapid speed sword skill and force-type amplified to a level-6 rule, but he was also head and shoulders above Lin Huang in ultimate dao-type.

'Right now I'm only slightly stronger than Sword1 in force-type. I've mastered level-6 rule power for force-type, on top of the multiplier on ultimate dao-type, which is almost equivalent to level-7 rule power. So if we go head to head, he is not as good as me...' Lin Huang quickly analyzed his situation. 'In rapid speed sword skill, I've only mastered level-4 rule power. Even if I include the multiplier on ultimate dao-type, that's only equivalent to level-5 rule power which is one level below his. The biggest disparity between us though is not in rapid speed sword skill but in ultimate dao-type...'

'For now, I think there are only two ways to counter this situation.

'One is to master another rapid speed rule to completely eliminate his advantage in rapid speed sword skill, then force him into a direct confrontation and use my advantage in force-type to make up for my shortcomings in ultimate dao-type.

'Another way is to achieve another breakthrough in Sword Dao. If I can just elevate my Sword Dao from True Martial Level to True Meaning Level, even if Sword1 has a substantial background in ultimate dao-type, I'll be able to pressure him!"

Although theoretical there were two ways to counter the current situation, Lin Huang also knew that he could only rely on luck for the second method. He himself had no idea when his Sword Dao might have another breakthrough.

'From the looks of things, I can only work from rapid speed sword skill...'

After considering this, Lin Huang directed some of his attention to his skill panel.

Previously, Kylie's Lightning Lord skill had enabled Lin Huang to gain two types of rule power—one was Instant Flash in rapid speed, and the other was Heaven's Punishment in force-type.

Thunder's Lightning God skill, however, only enabled Lin Huang to gain insight in Lightning Enlightenment—Lightning God in force-type

Lin Huang only gave it a moment's thought and silently crushed an Epiphany Card.

In the next few days, Lin Huang kept using the Lightning God skill in rapid speed.

Sword1 also noticed Lin Huang's attempts. Having monitored his battles, it was very clear to Sword1 that Lin Huang was trying to comprehend new rule powers.

He was also curious about how long would it take for Lin Huang to master a new rule power this time.

In the blink of an eye, eleven days had passed.

A push notification suddenly popped up in front of Lin Huang.

"Congratulations to the host on mastering the new Elemental Enlightenment—Traceless!"

The moment Elemental Enlightenment—Traceless came into being, Lin Huang suddenly noticed that Sword1's speed had slowed down.

Initially, a second ago, he could only vaguely track the residual images of Sword1's movement. Now, however, he could clearly see Sword1's movement path and his sword trajectory.

Within these eleven days, he had been slashed by Sword1 at least a thousand times and could only evade with difficulty when his opponent attacked. This time though, he could finally wield his sword and block Sword1's white blade.

"Huh?" Sword1 raised a brow, not only because Lin Huang had managed to block his attack, but also because he sensed the change in Lin Huang's aura.

"It only took you eleven days to master a new Elemental Enlightenment... To be honest, although I spied on all of your previous battles and even re-watched some of them dozens of times, I still feel that your speed in comprehending rule powers is completely unreal." Sword1 suddenly retreated and sheathed his sword. He appeared to have no intention of continuing the fight. "If I hadn't seen this happening right before my eyes at present, I might not believe that it was true."

"You've sheathed your sword. Does this mean that I've passed the assessment for this last level?" Lin Huang still held on to his sword. He felt that this level would not end so easily.

"I have no way of giving you an answer to your question right now." Sword1 shook his head slightly. "I do have a question though. If you can answer it, I can immediately let you past this level."

Lin Huang was puzzled when he heard that.

Just when he thought Sword1 would test his knowledge about Sword Dao and he began to feel anxious, Sword1's voice came slowly.

"Have you heard of a group called the Raiders?"

Lin Huang was stunned when he heard the question. He then narrowed his eyes slightly and looked at Sword1.

Usually, only travelers were aware of the existence of the Raiders.

He did not really want to admit that he was a traveler in front of Sword1. After all, this kind of thing was a great secret and so far, he still did not know what Sword1's purpose was in probing his identity. Even if the other party was already very sure of his identity as a traveler, as long as he did not admit it himself, there was no way for the other party to be 100% sure.

However, in the current situation, if he denied his identity as a traveler and said that he had never heard of the Raiders, how would the other party react? Would it affect him in his quest to obtain Great Heaven's Inheritance?

After much thought, Lin Huang looked up at Sword1 with a blank expression.

"This question that you're asking now—I don't think the swordmaster would have allowed you to ask such a thing, right?"

"This question is something that I want to know." Sword1 glanced at Lin Huang with keen eyes. "If you know anything, please do share whatever information you have about the Raiders!"

Lin Huang was silent for a moment. After careful consideration, he nodded.

"I don't know much about the Raiders, I've only heard some rumors..."

### **Chapter 1362: We Must Find the Murderer**

"The Raiders are a group of extremists formed by travelers. The purpose of this group is very simple, which is to rob other travelers' Goldfingers to strengthen themselves. Of course, apart from other travelers, there are some in their midst who also target certain geniuses who have not fully grown up, using special means to plunder their divine abilities, skills, talents, and qualifications...

"The most terrifying thing about this group is that almost every member has unbelievable abilities and there is nothing they won't stoop to in order to achieve their goals.

"I'm very confident in my own abilities already but if I were to encounter a Raider who is of the same rank in combat power as myself, I would not dare say for certain that I would have a 100% chance of winning.

"As far as I know, even though the Raiders are few in number, there are just a handful of them in the great world that we are in. However, there are many more even stronger Raiders outside the great world and some of them may even have abilities that are above Lords..."

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Lin Huang shared the information that he had learned about the Raiders with Sword1.

"That's all I know about the Raiders."

"Thank you! The information you've provided already includes many things that I wanted to know!" Sword1 nodded slightly, the expression on his face displaying little emotion.

Lin Huang had initially felt that it was not a good idea to invade the privacy of others, but he still could not help asking curiously, "Are you asking about the Raiders because it has something to do with Senior Great Heaven?"

He had already discovered from Sword1 that Great Heaven was a traveler like himself, so it was highly probable that the other party's inquiry about the Raiders was related to Great Heaven.

Sword1 was silent for a moment. He seemed to be hesitating over whether or not to tell Lin Huang about this matter, but he soon made a decision.

"You have already passed the Inheritance Trial. Although you have not officially accepted the Inheritance, you are already considered the swordmaster's heir. There's no harm in telling you about this matter." After Sword1 finished speaking, he paused for a moment as if he were thinking about how

to word his next words before he continued, "The swordmaster's death is most likely related to the Raiders..."

Sword1's words immediately puzzled Lin Huang, "Wasn't Senior Great Heaven's death because of a failure in Dao unification?!"

"The Dao unification failure is true. But this happened because a lord-level powerhouse launched a surprise attack at him during Dao unification and severely injured him, which led to the failed Dao unification," Sword1 frowned slightly and explained.

"You mentioned just now that it's most likely related to the Raiders—so none of you know who the assassin was?" Lin Huang asked again.

"We don't know." Sword1 shook his head helplessly. "The other party attacked from the void, and immediately severed space-time and cause and effect after the attack. They even blocked the pursuit of the Dao unification raptor."

"Under normal circumstances, even Lords would never dare to interfere during Dao unification because contaminating cause and effect will produce karma. It may cause karmic fire to engulf the body and while the disintegration of the Dao tattoo is a trivial matter, in serious cases it may even lead to death. However, the person who attacked was able to sever cause and effect..."

"So you all suspect that the Raiders did it?" Lin Huang nodded slightly and asked after a slight pause, "Senior Great Heaven had crossed paths with the Raiders before when he was still alive?"

"Yes!

"When the swordmaster was newly elevated to true god-level, he met a woman. The two were together for more than three years. According to the swordmaster, those days were like an alliance made in heaven.

"One day, out of the blue, the woman said that she had in her possession a key to a ruin, which was a legacy from a deceased Heavenly God. She invited the swordmaster to explore it with her and he agreed without hesitation.

"Unexpectedly, on the second day after entering the ruin, the woman revealed her malevolent true face and assembled several True Gods to assassinate the swordmaster.

"She said that she was a Raider and her purpose for getting close to the swordmaster was to plunder the Goldfinger within him. To gain the swordmaster's trust, she spent more than three years laying her plans to kill him.

"She had prepared the ruin for killing the swordmaster way beforehand. It was a closed ruin that could only be entered by those below heavenly god-level and could only be accessed within 24 hours of the first day it was opened. The ruin would be closed automatically afterward and no one could get in or out until a month later when it reopened and teleported all the participants out together.

"To kill the Sword Master, the woman paid a huge sum of money to hire five high-rank True Gods. One of them was even a ninth-rank True God.

"According to the Sword Master, it was the hardest month of his entire life. He was pursued by this group of people every single day. While he fled, he cultivated and waited for the opportunity to fight back.

"It took almost a month of utilizing the power of his Goldfinger to kill all the assassins. However, he discovered that the woman had used some special means to escape before the ruin opened again.

"Two days later, he came out of the ruin and tried to find the woman, but discovered that all information related to her seemed to have been erased by someone.

"Later after he achieved heavenly god-level, the swordmaster assembled a large number of Sword Servants. He did not give up searching for information about the woman, but he never found anything...

"Three years before the swordmaster's Dao unification, the woman suddenly appeared outside the Great Heaven Palace and said that she wanted to see the swordmaster. I recognized her and was about to capture her alive but the swordmaster stopped me. He met her alone, but she walked out of the Great Heaven Palace in less than ten minutes. I asked the swordmaster whether or not to kill her and he answered that it was just a clone so it was not necessary. On that day itself, the swordmaster asked me to abandon the mission of looking for this woman.

"After a few months, without meaning to, the swordmaster and I ended up talking about this woman. I asked him what was her intention when she initiated the visit; the Sword Master said that she wanted to pull him into the Raiders but he refused. I wanted to ask more about them but the swordmaster kept silent. He also warned me not to look for any more information about the Raiders.

"Although I did not continue to search for information about the Raiders, the moment the Sword Master was attacked during Dao unification, the first word that came to mind was "Raider". The first face that flashed into my head after that was the woman who came to visit that day.

"My instinct tells me that the attack on the Sword Master is tied to her!"

After he listened to Sword1's story, Lin Huang was silent for a moment before he spoke again.

"Senior Great Heaven asked all of you to not continue searching for the Raiders to protect all of you. If his death is truly related to the Raiders, the more you seek the truth, the closer you will be to danger. This is probably why he arranged for you to be guardians of the last stage of the Trial so that all of you wouldn't be able to leave this Trial space..."

Sword1 fell silent as well; he had not expected that the swordmaster's arrangements for himself and the rest to act as guardians would have another layer of meaning to it.

After a long silence, he still said insistently,

"We must find the murderer and make her pay the price!"

#### **Chapter 1363: Obtaining the Inheritance**

After being teleported out from the First Palace, Lin Huang still had not yet recovered from the fact that he had passed the Great Heaven Trial when he discovered that where he stood was now a mountaintop.

Lifting his head to look into the distance, he could even gaze down on the stretch of endless mountains far away.

Just as Lin Huang prepared to spread his Divine Telekinesis to see how big the area was, a golden palace slowly emerged in front of him.

This palace did not emerge like how the Ten Palaces had appeared previously, where they coalesced from nothing into something solid. It was more like the palace had already been there, but was masked by some formation or barrier. Now that formation and barrier had been lifted, the palace's true façade was gradually revealed.

"The Great Heaven Palace..." Lin Huang's attention was immediately captured. He recognized the legendary palace at a glance.

The entire palace was golden in color. It shone brightly under the sunlight and looked resplendent and magnificent.

Unlike the ostentatious surface details of Sword9's golden palace, the various details of the Great Heaven Palace were of unequaled exquisiteness, which gave it a much more dignified atmosphere.

The stairs of the palace had a total of 108 steps. Below each side of the stairs, there stood the sculpture of a golden bird beast. The bird beast seemed to be covered in flames. Even stranger, it also had three legs and nine long feathers on its tail which simulated nine fire pythons with their heads raised.

When he looked at the two gold sculptures, Lin Huang could not help looking at it a few more times.

"A Golden Crow... If this thing were alive, it would be comparable to a fifth-rank supreme god..."

The two Golden Crow sculptures were based on the three-legged Golden Crow, which was originally a vestigial fire attribute bird of prey from the great world with an archaic bloodline. This beast was comparable to a current supreme god. Born with the combat power of a True God, it would automatically be elevated to a Heavenly God in its growth period, and reach peak heavenly god-level in maturity. There were a few with outstanding qualifications that could also be elevated to lord-level through successful Dao unification.

Lin Huang passed the two sculptures and walked up the white jade stairs.

After going up all 108 steps, he finally reached the doors of the great hall and stood before them.

The whole palace was built in the Chinese style, somewhat similar to the Taihe Hall in the Forbidden City, but its height and area were more than a hundred times that of the Taihe Hall.

A blue board with "Great Heaven Palace" inscribed on it in gold letters hung on the eaves of the first floor.

The golden doors were more than 100 meters high, and each had a golden dragon carved into it. The bodies of the two dragons seemed to be made from flames.

"Is this an Archaic Fire Dragon?" Lin Huang was a little uncertain.

He has seen the description of the Archaic Fire Dragon in the great world's monster guide, but there was no relevant image. However, the carving on this door matched the description almost perfectly.

The Archaic Fire Dragon, like the three-legged Golden Crow, was an ancient vestigial beast. Even until now, its powers remained at supreme god-level and were in no way less than the three-legged Golden Crow.

Before this huge palace, Lin Huang was as small as an ant. He only stared at the carving for a little while, however, then reached toward the doors with his palm.

The doors were cold to the touch and not that different from ordinary metal.

Lin Huang was just about to push open the doors when the eyes of the two carved Archaic Fire Dragons suddenly lit up.

He could clearly sense a vast, ancient aura gradually rising.

The whole palace resembled a living creature waking up.

A moment later, the door opened slowly on its own without Lin Huang needing to do anything.

Lin Huang glanced at the relief carvings on the door. The two Archaic Fire Dragons seemed to have come to life and their eyes fell on him, sizing him up.

"These are weapon spirits..." Lin Huang was startled. To use Archaic Fire Dragons as weapon spirits, two of them even, was quite a shocking spectacle.

After calming himself, Lin Huang nodded slightly at the two weapon spirits. He then shifted his gaze and stepped toward the doors.

As he passed through the guarded doors, Lin Huang sensed only darkness in front of him; he could not see anything.

He stood where he was without hastily venturing into the depths of the palace, but soon heard the thud of the closing doors behind him.

The moment the door was completely closed, the whole world seemed to light up.

The moment he saw the scene in front of him, however, Lin Huang was stunned.

This was a room decorated in the modern style, which was completely different from the houses where the Protoss of the great world lived. It was also a little different from the house where Lin Huang lived in the gravel world, but Lin Huang was very familiar with it.

These were Earth-style interior decorations.

Not only were there common items from the gravel world such as sofas, coffee tables, and paintings on the wall, but there were also items not available in the gravel world, such as wall-to-wall TVs, and TV remotes...

"It really is like home on Earth..." Lin Huang was very convinced that the other party was from Earth. Although Lin Huang did not know whether or not Great Heaven was from the same earth, he could be regarded as a fellow Earth dweller.

"This TV should be just for display, right?" Lin Huang murmured as he looked at the TV remote control on the coffee table.

He had just finished speaking when the TV suddenly turned on.

This feeling of being haunted scared him.

"No, it isn't!"

A pleasant female voice suddenly sounded, and the lines of static on the TV set quickly formed into a human figure.

It was a pretty young lady who looked like she was fifteen or sixteen years old. She had two long blue ponytails and was wearing the school uniform of a female middle school student.

"Hatsune Miku?!" Lin Huang could not help blurting out.

'This is plagiarism! Did you pay someone for the copyright fee?!'

Lin Huang was cursing silently for a little.

"My name is Yin Yin," Miss Ponytail introduced herself.

"Lin Huang," Lin Huang also gave his name, but he was a little puzzled about the identity of the other party. "Are you... a weapon spirit of the Great Heaven Palace?"

"No," Yin Yin smiled, denying Lin Huang's guess.

Just as Lin Huang was becoming even more puzzled, he suddenly heard the voice of the stone tablet within him. "She is a Goldfinger, a very high-grade sort, but there seems to be very serious damage."

"Yin Yin is the Goldfinger of Great Heaven, but Yin Yin's body has been destroyed and only the spirit is left," Yin Yin explained with a smile, "So I can only exist as a parasite in the Great Heaven Palace.

"Great Heaven said if someone enters the Great Heaven Palace, Yin Yin can go with him. Yin Yin waited and waited, and Lin Huang finally came."

"In your current state...how would you leave with me?"

Lin Huang just raised his doubts when he saw a hand extending from the TV. Right after this Yin Yin worked her way out of the TV and appeared physically in front of Lin Huang.

"If I do it like this, it will be possible," Yin Yin said as she reached out and held Lin Huang's hand.

The next moment, her body transformed into little dots of golden light and flowed into Lin Huang right between his eyes.

Lin Huang only felt a large amount of information beginning to surge into his mind...

Most of the visuals that poured into his mind, however, had nothing to do with Yin Yin. The protagonist in all of these mental pictures was a handsome blond man.

Lin Huang was a little surprised at first but soon realized that this was Great Heaven. These memories that Yin Yin was transmitting to him were actually Great Heaven's inheritance...

Lin Huang did not know how long it took for him to finish reading the information. He felt like hundreds of years had passed, but when he regained his senses, only a moment had passed in the outside world.

Sensing the huge amount of information in his mind, Lin Huang could not help lamenting at Great Heaven's power. Just this portion of the inheritance alone surpassed all the inheritances that he had previously obtained. The sword skills contained within the memories that he had the authority to access already numbered dozens of millions.

"Eh? This feeling..." As soon as his consciousness returned from the spiritual dimension to his body, Lin Huang noticed a slight anomaly. After a simple probe, he was stunned again. "My Sword Dao had a breakthrough?"

After the number of sword skills that he had cultivated reached 200,000, Lin Huang's Sword Dao was on the verge of a breakthrough, but he still lacked the opportunity to do so. He originally planned to put pressure on himself again and again through battles with Sword2 and Sword1 to achieve a breakthrough. What he had not expected was that while his Sword Dao could not achieve a breakthrough under the pressure of battle, after accepting the Great Heaven inheritance, he had broken through from True Martial Level to True Meaning Level.

While Lin Huang was still sensing his Sword Dao, Yin Yin's voice suddenly came from within him.

"Lin Huang, can I live in that?"

# **Chapter 1364: Great Heaven Palace**

After he heard Yin Yin's voice, Lin Huang dived curiously into the spiritual dimension.

Yin Yin was pointing to the Sword Soul that had grown to adult status after Lin Huang had achieved Sword Dao true meaning.

The Sword Soul looked at Yin Yin with a confused expression.

"You want to live inside the Sword Soul?" Lin Huang was also surprised.

"No." Yin Yin shook her head hastily. "His sword..."

"Sword?" Lin Huang lifted his head to look at the battle sword that the Sword Soul held.

The battle sword in the Sword Soul's hands was forged entirely from his own Sword Heart.

Considering that Yin Yin's function might be related to swords, Lin Huang could more or less understand why Yin Yin made this choice.

At this moment, however, lines of golden arcane patterns began radiating gloriously from the blade of the blood-red sword, and an extremely complex imprint quickly formed on it.

"This is...the page of the Sword Scripture?" Lin Huang remembered then. Previously, under the guidance of the Sword Soul, his Sword Heart and Sword Scripture had merged.

After seeing Yin Yin's brightly shining eyes as she looked at the imprint on the sword blade, only then did Lin Huang realize what she really wanted.

After all, the Sword Heart was related to the strength of the Sword Dao that he had mastered. His Sword Dao at True Meaning Level looked very strong from virtual god-level perspective, but as far as Yin Yin was concerned, for a Goldfinger it was insufficient. Moreover, she used to be Great Heaven's Goldfinger and Great Heaven's Sword Heart was many levels stronger than Lin Huang.

The only reasonable explanation was that Yin Yin had taken a fancy, not to the Sword Heart, but the object within the Sword Heart.

Moreover, it seemed that the imprint formed by the Sword Scripture was also responding to her.

Lin Huang was even more curious about what this page of the Sword Scripture was all about.

"Yin Yin, what you mean is that you want to live in this imprint?" Lin Huang wanted to confirm this.

"Yes." Yin Yin nodded quickly.

"Do you know what this imprint is?" Lin Huang quickly asked after confirming that Yin Yin had indeed set her eye on the Sword Scripture.

Yin Yin stood where she was and thought about it for a while before shaking her head at Lin Huang. "I can't remember..."

Lin Huang's inheritance memories had related content regarding Yin Yin's amnesia as well.

In Great Heaven's memory, Yin Yin had always been a saucy little princess as a Goldfinger and very acerbic in her manner of speech. Great Heaven had not been spared from her sharp tongue.

The reason why she had become like she was now was mainly that her soul had been severely injured and suffered partial amnesia.

As for her change in character, there was nothing about it in Great Heaven's memories. Lin Huang speculated that it might be because Great Heaven's death had severely affected her psychologically, and she had started to become the ideal Goldfinger that Great Heaven had told her about many times.

"Don't worry if you can't remember anything." Lin Huang rubbed Yin Yin's head. "If you want to live in it, go ahead."

"Can I really?" Yin Yin raised her head and her two bright eyes looked at Lin Huang.

"Of course. I can feel that the Sword Scripture seems to like you too." Lin Huang nodded with a smile.

"Lin Huang, thank you!" Yin Yin thanked him. In the blink of an eye, she appeared in front of the Sword Soul.

Before the Sword Soul could make a move, she pressed her hand against the glowing golden imprint. Her body turned into little golden sparks of fire and entered the imprint.

After a while, the golden imprint on the Sword Heart began to die down.

The blood-colored battle sword in the Sword Soul's hand seemed no different than before.

"Yin Yin, is it comfortable for you?" Lin Huang waited for the battle sword to be completely back to normal before asking this.

"It's wonderful," Yin Yin's response came quickly.

After a while, Yin Yin emerged from the sword blade and appeared in front of Lin Huang in a flash. "Yin also has a gift for Lin Huang."

"A gift?" Lin Huang raised an eyebrow. "What is it?"

"Yin Yin needs to go get it." After Yin Yin had finished speaking, she vanished from sight.

Lin Huang immediately returned his consciousness to his body and saw that Yin Yin was standing in the living room of the Great Heaven Palace.

"Yin Yin will go get it." Yin Yin skipped toward another room.

Lin Huang quickly followed and soon saw that Yin Yin had walked into the study. She took something from a shelf on the bookcase.

Upon seeing this object, Lin Huang's pupil contracted slightly. He could vaguely recognize it from its appearance—it was a scabbard.

He immediately thought of the two missions the Club had given him before he came to the Great Heaven Territory. One of these missions was to obtain the Heavenly Sword's scabbard.

Yin Yin walked to stand in front of Lin Huang and handed the scabbard to him.

However, the scabbard before him seemed to have been scorched black by flames. One could say it was almost completely carbonized and had broken into two pieces in the middle.

"This is..."

"This is Yin Yin's previous body, which is now useless. Great Heaven said that if Yin Yin likes the next person, this body can be given to them. Yin Yin will now give it to Lin Huang."

Lin Huang more or less understood why Great Heaven had said this.

Although this scabbard's Goldfinger had been completely destroyed and the weapon spirit had been set adrift, it could still be consumed as material by other Goldfingers.

After finding out the scabbard was Yin Yin's body, Lin Huang could not help narrowing his eyes slightly.

As the Club wanted this scabbard, it was highly probable that they knew that this was a Goldfinger. The inference was that the Club was likely to be an organization formed by travelers.

Thinking about it, Lin Huang's brows furrowed slightly and he began to worry a little about whether or not the Club would turn out to be another organization of Raiders...

"Lin Huang, here you go." Seeing that Lin Huang had not taken the scabbard yet, Yin Yin pushed it into his hands.

"Alright, thank you." Lin Huang came back to his senses and took hold of both pieces of the blackened scabbard.

After Lin Huang had stared at the scabbard for a moment, suddenly an image of Great Heaven's Dao unification failure flashed into his mind. The gigantic Dao unification raptor spewed out fire without end and completely swallowed Great Heaven up...

Lin Huang's mind received a shock and he immediately detached himself from the memory, but he was already completely soaked in sweat.

He used one cycle of Divine Power and the sweat evaporated. When he lifted his head to look around, Yin Yin had vanished once more.

At that moment, an aged voice sounded from above his head.

"Since you have accepted the master's inheritance and have been recognized by Her Royal Highness Yin Yin, from today onwards, you are the master of this aged servant."

As the voice finished speaking, a golden beam of light shone down from above Lin Huang's head, enveloping him fully in no time.

It took Lin Huang a moment before he realized who the speaker was. "Great Heaven Palace?"

"This aged servant has set the young master's authority over the Great Heaven Palace according to the instructions of Master Great Heaven. It will automatically be unlocked gradually as the young master's combat power increases. This aged servant has suffered severe damage; I fear I will be asleep for a long time..."

From the information sent by the Great Heaven Palace, Lin Huang could see that the damage had exceeded 80% and many of the palace features were no longer functional. The Great Heaven Palace Spirit had been in a state of slumber for more than 300,000 years and had only been awakened by Lin Huang's successful Trial. In its current condition, it was not easy for it to take the initiative to make a contract with Lin Huang.

After these few sentences, the Great Heaven Palace Spirit fell into a deep sleep again.

Lin Huang understood completely. Since he had Great Heaven's inheritance memories, the features of the Great Heaven Palace should be easily understood if he embarked on a little bit of exploration.

After putting away the scabbard that he held, Lin Huang directed his consciousness to explore the message transmitted by the Great Heaven Palace...

### Chapter 1365: The Swordmaster's Authority

"The damage to the Great Heaven Palace is that serious?!"

After briefly going through the information transmitted from the Great Heaven Palace, Lin Huang was left somewhat speechless.

Less than 20% of the Great Heaven Palace was intact. Except for the main hall and the attached space which were not greatly affected, other halls with various functions were almost completely damaged.

Lin Huang had originally thought that there would still be a lot of cultivation resources left in the Great Heaven Palace.

However, after going through the information sent by the Great Heaven Palace, only then did he realize that almost all of the Palace resources had been destroyed, except for a part that Great Heaven had depleted during his Dao unification.

Even the god relics that remained had been crushed by the Palace and used as materials to repair itself.

Now all that was left of the Great Heaven Palace was one main hall, one Inheritance Dimension, two Archaic Fire Dragon gates, and two three-legged Golden Crow sculptures which remained intact.

What surprised Lin Huang, however, was that the two Archaic Fire Dragons and the two three-legged Golden Crows were all living beast souls that possessed peak heavenly god-level abilities and that they were the guardians of the Great Heaven Palace.

Great Heaven had discovered the four beast souls in two different ancient ruins and brought them out.

However, Great Heaven was worried that his successor would rest on their laurels, so he allowed the Great Heaven Palace to restrict his successor's authority. At Lin Huang's current authorization level, it was impossible for him to order these four beast souls around.

Noticing that the information given by the Palace mentioned limits of authority, Lin Huang took a closer look at his current authorization.

At present, there were only six main authorizations available to him.

"Authorization 1: The swordmaster can return to the Great Heaven Palace at any time; the swordmaster cannot lock anything below lord-level."

"Until the swordmaster achieves heavenly-god level, the Great Heaven Palace cannot be taken away or even moved from its place."

'Authorization 2: As the swordmaster's Combat Level has not reached virtual god-level, the swordmaster may bring Sword Servants Sword301 to Sword368 out of the Great Heaven Territory. However, the Sword Servants' combat strength is limited by the swordmaster's own strength, and can only be higher than the swordmaster by one level at most."

"When the swordmaster elevates to virtual god-level, he will be authorized to have control over Sword Servants Sword101 to Sword300."

"When the swordmaster elevates to true god-level, he will be authorized to have control over Sword Servants Sword11 to Sword100."

"When the swordmaster elevates to heavenly god-level, he will be authorized to control the swordmaster's bodyguards from Sword1 to Sword10."

"Prior to obtaining the necessary authorizations, the swordmaster cannot bring the Sword Servants out of the Great Heaven Palace's associated space (the Trial space)."

"Authorization 3: As the new domain master of Great Heaven Territory, the swordmaster may leave the Great Heaven Territory with any creature of the Great Heaven Territory with combat abilities one level higher than himself. There are no restrictions on numbers."

"Before ascertaining the loyalty of the other party, it is best not to bring the other party out of the Great Heaven Territory without careful consideration, otherwise, the existence of the Great Heaven Territory could be exposed."

"Authorization 4: The swordmaster may utilize the Great Heaven Palace to teleport himself to any area of the Great Heaven Territory."

"Until the swordmaster elevates to heavenly god-level, he will not be able to integrate with the Great Heaven Territory. The swordmaster can only use the Great Heaven Palace to manage the Great Heaven Territory."

"Authority 5: In the Great Heaven Territory, within the tolerance range of the body and soul, the swordmaster can utilize a small amount of the Great Heaven Territory's world strength for simple applications."

"Because there is no formal integration with the Great Heaven Territory, once the swordmaster leaves the Great Heaven Territory, the swordmaster will not be able to utilize any world strength outside of the Great Heaven Territory."

"Authority 6: Within the Great Heaven Palace's associated space (the Trial space), the swordmaster has absolute control over the Sword Servants and the swordmaster's bodyguards."

"Only within the Great Heaven Palace's associated space does the swordmaster have absolute authority. Upon entering the Great Heaven Territory, this absolute authority will be weakened. Therefore, the swordmaster must elevate his combat strength as soon as possible to obtain full control and authority over the Sword Servants."

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"Authorization 1 means I can return to the Great Heaven Palace at any time, which is equivalent to an extra survival measure.

"Authorization 2—at my current authorization level, I only have control of the Sword Servants with numbers above Sword300. My combat strength is still too low...

"Authorization 3 means I can bring the people of Great Heaven Territory to the great world, but the people of Great Heaven Territory may not be loyal to me, the new domain master. It's even possible

that some of them were not loyal to the previous domain master, Great Heaven. Therefore, this function should be used with caution.

"Authorization 4—this teleportation is a good thing; unfortunately, it can only be used within the Great Heaven Territory.

"Authorization 5 means I can use world strength—this is not a bad level of authorization at all. Unfortunately, it can't be used outside of the Great Heaven Territory.

"Authorization 6 means I only have absolute control over the Sword Servants and the bodyguards within the Trial space. It's also specifically emphasized that after leaving the Trial space my authority will be weakened. This indicates that these Sword Servants are not absolutely loyal either, otherwise it wouldn't be necessary to set controls in place. Great Heaven very likely used this authority to restrict these people... So, it's still necessary to increase my combat strength as soon as possible to obtain more control over the Sword Servants!"

After reading the authorizations, Lin Huang interpreted them one by one.

Initially, he was not very satisfied with the fact that he could only control the Sword Servants with numbers higher than Sword300, but when he thought about it carefully, he realized that even the Sword Servants who ranked after Sword300 were actually quite terrifying.

One had to know that in the Competitive Trial, the Sword Servants were not just restricted in their Combat Levels. They were even more restricted in their ability to use their Rule Bending Powers and their Sword Dao strength was limited to peak level-6.

Even under such dismal circumstances, the ability of an unbelievable genius like Unrivalled God in the Competitive Trial was equivalent to Sword Servants ranked 200 or so.

The Sword Servants controlled by Lin Huang had all unsealed other aspects of their abilities to a certain degree except their combat strength. Not only were their Sword Dao levels unsealed up to True Martial Level, but they even had access to nine types of Rule Bending Power. They could almost be said to be at their peak.

If it came down to a fight, the accumulation of nine types of God Rule Power and Elemental Enlightenment in addition to True Martial Level Sword Dao meant that even Lin Huang—whose Sword Dao had elevated to True Meaning Level—would have had some difficulty taking them on one by one and winning.

"Although these Sword Servants are ranked after 300, with this level of authorization at present, their abilities would be no worse than Sword1 in the final Trial." Lin Huang briefly glanced over the available authorizations for the Sword Servants. He then realized that he might have an additional 68 people whose abilities were comparable to Sword1.

"The Great Heaven inheritance has been obtained; I already have the scabbard on hand, and I have also obtained authority over the Great Heaven Palace..." Lin Huang glanced out the window. "I have basically achieved my purpose in participating in the Great Heaven Trial, which means it's time for me to leave the Trial space..."

After murmuring to himself, Lin Huang suddenly spoke again.

"Everyone, assemble in front of the Great Heaven Palace!"

All the Sword Servants in the Inheritance Dimension heard his order clearly.

It was no surprise to all the Sword Servants, because a few minutes ago when Yin Yin transmitted the Great Heaven inheritance to Lin Huang, the Great Heaven Palace had already informed them that the new swordmaster had taken office!

Everyone had been waiting for the new swordmaster's summons for the last few minutes.

Most of them already knew who the new swordmaster was.

Earlier when the Competitive Trial had ended, the news that Lin Huang successfully initiated the final Trial had spread to all the Sword Servants. Moreover, more than two-thirds of the Sword Servants had fought against Lin Huang in the Competitive Trial and knew what he looked like.

As for the swordmaster's ten bodyguards, Lin Huang had passed by through each of their stages one by one.

After hearing the new swordmaster's order, more than 360 Sword Servants all set off at the very first instant and hurried to the Great Heaven Palace...

### Chapter 1366: Lin Huang's Plan

Upon Lin Huang's order, in less than three minutes, more than 360 Sword Servants were all present and lined up in the square in front of the Great Heaven Palace.

The ten bodyguards, Sword1 to Sword10, stood in the first row while the remaining Sword Servants were arranged in the order of their serial number.

Lin Huang noticed that Sword11's position behind Sword1 was vacant. Sword1 obviously also noticed it and his expression was rather sour.

Fortunately, except for the position of Sword11, there were no empty spaces for the other positions.

After everyone had arrived, the Sword Servants silently waited for the arrival of the new swordmaster. Except for a few who were distracted by Sword11's empty position, most of them turned their attention to the doors of the Great Heaven Palace. After all, as far as they were concerned, these doors had not been opened for more than 300,000 years.

Everyone originally thought that the new swordmaster would have had to take some time to dress up, so they would have to wait.

However, after the arrival of the last Sword Servant, in less than ten seconds, the doors of the Great Heaven Palace opened on their own.

When the Sword Servants heard the sound of the Palace doors opening, all eyes were drawn to that direction and they stared intently at the great doors.

Lin Huang had not even changed his clothes. He wore his original black robe and slowly walked out of the Palace.

After he came to a halt, he glanced around the assembly. Only then did he uncover his hood, take off his mask, and reveal his true face.

With a faint smile on his face, Lin Huang introduced himself calmly to the group of Sword Servants, "Hello everyone, my name is Lin Huang."

In reality, before he came out of the Great Heaven Palace, Lin Huang was a little nervous. After all, the three hundred over Sword Servants in front of him were all high-level heavenly gods and there were even quite a few who were peak ninth-rank heavenly god powerhouses. After he found a place to stand, however, he saw a lot of familiar faces and the feeling of nervousness left him. He had fought against the vast majority of Sword Servants in the crowd; they were no strangers to him.

"Hail Lord Swordmaster!"

All of the Sword Servants shouted in unison.

Many Sword Servants in the formation had battled Lin Huang. At that time their feelings were very complicated.

Most of them had doubts about Lin Huang during the Competitive Trial and felt that his chances of successfully passing the final assessments were slim. Lin Huang's abilities at the time were indeed far from sufficient to obtain the Great Heaven inheritance; at best he was equivalent to a weaker version of Sword10.

However, at this present moment, the numerous Sword Servants who no longer had any restrictions on their combat strength could clearly sense that Lin Huang had mastered a variety of Rule Bending Powers and his Sword Dao had been elevated to the second level of Sword Dao true meaning—True Meaning Level! His ability now could not be compared to his ability then. It was no surprise that he had been able to pass Sword1's level.

Just as Lin Huang smiled, not knowing what to say, Sword1 spoke.

"Lord Swordmaster, except for Sword11, all the Sword Servants are present!

"Sword11 violated swordmaster Great Heaven's prohibition and defected without permission out of the Great Heaven Palace's Trial space. As your subordinate, I will capture him personally and punish him according to the regulations!"

"I know about Sword11, I don't consider him a defector." Lin Huang looked at Sword1, and his words surprised most of the people that were present.

Because Sword11 had not been in the Trial space, Lin Huang, as a participant, could not have possibly seen him there.

"I met Sword11 in the Great Heaven Territory. For many years, he has been in the Great Heaven Territory gathering information about various sword cultivators. He chose Sword Dao cultivators whom he thought were able to stand a chance in obtaining the Great Heaven inheritance and allowed them to participate in the Great Heaven Trial.

"The information that I got from him allowed me to enter the Swordfiend Abyss. To a certain extent, my current position as the swordmaster owes a great deal to him."

Sword1 was silent for a moment, then spoke to Lin Huang again.

"According to what my Lord has said, Sword11 cannot be considered a defector; he can only be regarded as fleeing. But even if he did flee, it still violated the prohibition issued by swordmaster Great Heaven and he should still be punished!

"I'll catch him alive and let my Lord Swordmaster deal with him personally!"

Lin Huang pondered this for a long while and considered his words carefully before he spoke again.

"I will deal with Sword11 personally.

"By the way, because my combat strength is too low, Teacher Great Heaven has limited my authority. At present, I can only take Sword Servants with numbers higher than Sword300 out of the Great Heaven Palace's associated space."

Here, Lin Huang told a small lie and changed the original "Great Heaven Territory" to "Great Heaven Palace". It was mentioned in the rules that once the Sword Servants whom he had yet to have control over entered the Great Heaven Territory, they could break away from his absolute dominance.

Therefore, after careful consideration, Lin Huang had decided not to allow this group of Sword Servants into the Great Heaven Territory for the time being to avoid unnecessary problems.

After all, this group of people had waited for more than 300,000 years—they could wait for another several dozen or hundred years more. It would not too late to let them out when he elevated to heavenly god-level. By then, even if he let them out to the great world, they would not cause any trouble, much less in the Great Heaven Territory.

"Only those with numbers higher than Sword300?" Sword8 was a little unhappy.

"At present, it can only be those with numbers higher than Sword300, but this authority will increase as my combat strength increases," Lin Huang nodded and explained, "When I elevate to virtual god-level, the authorization to take numbers Sword100 and higher will be unlocked. After elevation to true god-level, the authorization for numbers Sword10 and higher will be unlocked. However, the authorization for the few bodyguards may have to wait a little longer; I won't be able to unlock that until I reach heavenly god-level."

Sword8 suddenly had a very sour expression on her face.

Someone from the back could not help asking, "Lord Swordmaster, did you just mention elevation to virtual god-level? Your current combat strength is not at Virtual God rank-9?"

"No, my cultivation method is not quite the same as ordinary people. At present, internally I do not yet have a consolidated Godhead; it's just that the intensity of my aura is similar to that of a Virtual God rank-9," Lin Huang nodded and explained, "However, elevating to virtual god-level should be fairly quick."

His words stunned a great many people present. Many of them had thought that Lin Huang's combat strength was at Virtual God rank-9. They had not expected that he had not even elevated to virtual god-level.

As for a few people such as Sword1, they had long since noticed the abnormality of Lin Huang's combat strength and also guessed at this in advance, so they were not surprised.

However, Lin Huang's low combat strength did not cause dissatisfaction among the Sword Servants; instead, it caused many of their eyes to shine. They began to look forward to the changes that Lin Huang would make after he came to power.

After some exchanges, Lin Huang divulged his follow-up plans to the assembly.

"After today's meeting, I will take Swords 301 to 368 and leave the Inheritance Dimension for the Great Heaven Territory. After dealing with Sword11, I will bring them back to the great world.

"Because I have insufficient authorization, I can't leave with the Great Heaven Palace for a while yet. After I leave, the Inheritance Dimension of the Great Heaven Palace will be closed to the outside world. Things here will be managed by the ten bodyguards together. In the coming year or two, I still have one personal matter that I have to deal with and I might not be able to return to the Great Heaven Palace for the time being. To avoid a long waiting period for everyone, I will adjust the speed of time of the Trial space back to 1:1 with the great world.

"After I have finished dealing with my personal affairs, I will formally establish a brand-new organization in the great world with everyone!"

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#### Chapter 1367: Sword1's Request

The meeting between Lin Huang and the Sword Servants lasted for less than half an hour, after which the Sword Servants dispersed.

In the square, only Swords 301 to 368 and the bodyguards Sword1 to 10 were left.

"Although the 68 of you can go to the great world with me, your combat strength will be limited by my own combat strength—it can only be one level higher than mine. I am now at grade-9 Imperial-level, so after you leave here, your combat strength will be restricted to Virtual God rank-9. Once my own combat strength achieves a breakthrough, then your combat strength will be further unlocked.

"However, it is a little better than the previous Competitive Trial in the sense that your Sword Dao will be unsealed to True Martial Level. In addition, your Rule Bending Powers are also unsealed but limited to a maximum number of nine types.

"Based on my previous understanding of your abilities, under these restrictions, you should have no problem in dealing with low-rank True Gods. Even if you encounter rank-3 True Gods, you should still be able to fight them."

"Lord Swordmaster, I still have some concerns about your safety." Sword1 frowned slightly and seemed to be unsatisfied with the abilities of the Sword Servants. "Can't you make an exception and bring along one or two bodyguards? Even if it's just Sword8 it's better than nothing."

"My authorization is genuinely limited." Lin Huang shook his head and patted Sword1's shoulder. "If it wasn't for the matter of authorization, I would certainly bring all of you back to the great world in one go.

"I can also understand the reason why Teacher Great Heaven set this restriction. He was afraid that I would get used to relying on outside help and not pay attention to improving my own abilities. If I were him, I might set these kinds of limitations on my future heirs as well."

Lin Huang referred to Great Heaven as his teacher because he had taken over the Great Heaven inheritance. No matter if it was in name or in essence, Lin Huang was considered Great Heaven's apprentice. Even though Great Heaven had died, Lin Huang felt it was a necessary mark of respect to honor Great Heaven as his teacher.

Sword1, Sword2, and the few of them were wily old foxes who knew what Lin Huang was up to. Lin Huang did have authority restrictions, but the restriction was that he could not take everyone out of the Great Heaven Territory, not the Trial space of the Great Heaven Palace.

However, Sword1 and the rest of them did not expose his lie as they probably guessed the reason why Lin Huang did not want to let their group leave the Great Heaven Territory. They raised no objections as though they had not heard anything untoward.

"I am clear about my situation. I am estimating that my elevation to virtual god-level would take a month or two. If it is true god-level, the slowest it would take to break through would be around three to five years. Heavenly god-level may take a little more time, however. So for the immediate future, I must temporarily inconvenience all of you," Lin Huang consoled them.

"Lord Swordmaster's cultivating speed is fast enough. It's not that easy to be elevated to heavenly god-level; we all know this," Sword10 spoke first, "We have been waiting for more than 300,000 years, and it won't make a big difference for us to wait for a few more years. Moreover, the ratio of the speed of time has been changed now—maybe after a good night's sleep, Lord Swordmaster will achieve a breakthrough."

Sword1 and the rest also nodded. "We have waited for so many years, it doesn't matter if we wait for a few more."

As soon as Sword1 was finished, he looked at Sword301 and the other Sword Servants.

"When you all leave this place, listen to the swordmaster's instructions in everything. Don't forget what your responsibilities are when you see the fascinating new world outside and don't cause any problems for Lord Swordmaster.

"Also, we bodyguards will not be with the swordmaster, so your core responsibility is to ensure Lord Swordmaster's safety. At least four people are required to stand guard over the swordmaster. Under special circumstances, make sure at least two of you assume guardian responsibilities..."

After Sword1's detailed instructions, he turned around and looked at Lin Huang. "Before Lord Swordmaster leaves, I have one more thing I would like to discuss with you privately."

Lin Huang nodded slightly and turned his head to look at the group of Sword Servants. "Please wait here for a short while."

He then looked at Sword2 and the rest. "If all of you have nothing else in mind, you're free to leave now."

Nine of them, including Sword2, bowed one after the other, said their farewells, and went their separate ways.

Only then did Lin Huang walk toward the Great Heaven Palace with Sword1.

Sword1 was on his left, half a position behind his new master; he immediately followed Lin Huang.

After entering the Great Heaven Palace, Lin Huang sat down on the sofa.

Sword1 glanced around unobtrusively and found that the interior of Great Heaven Palace was still the same as before. Nostalgia flickered in his eyes.

Just when Lin Huang was about to ask Sword1 what matter it was that required a private discussion, Sword1 suddenly knelt on the ground with a solemn face.

"What are you doing?!" Lin Huang stood up.

"Lord Swordmaster, your subordinate has a presumptuous request, but it may not be something Lord Swordmaster wants to hear..."

"Please stand up and tell me." After he heard what Sword1 had said, Lin Huang guessed that his request would be related to the Raiders.

Sword1 still refused to stand up; instead, he continued, "This humble servant hopes that after authorization has been unlocked, Lord Swordmaster will allow me to go to the great world to investigate the murderer who killed swordmaster Great Heaven, as well as look into the Raider organization."

Lin Huang was silent for a moment and sat back on the sofa. "Please stand up."

Seeing that Sword1 still refused to get up, he continued, "It's not that I forbid you to investigate the murderer of Teacher Great Heaven, but if it's related to the Raiders, it is far too dangerous.

"How about this—I will allow you to investigate this matter, but you must not act alone. When the time comes, I'll bring others in to help. The investigation will be under my control and all of you must listen to my orders. If I perceive any danger and request that the investigation be suspended, you must also obey my order—you must not act without authorization!"

"But in this case, once the matter is exposed, Lord Swordmaster will also be a target for the Raiders," Sword1 shook his head right away, rejecting Lin Huang's proposal, "I don't agree to your participation."

"Have you ever thought that if you investigated alone, it would involve me the minute your cover is blown?" Lin Huang had actually thought this through very thoroughly already. "The methods of the Raiders are beyond your imagination. Let's not even talk about them capturing you alive—even if they

only have your corpse, or maybe even just a remnant of your soul, they would have a very high chance of tracing the matter back to me.

"Once you're exposed, I can't escape being involved. The other Sword Servants and bodyguards will also be implicated; no one will be able to avoid it!

"Rather than letting you act alone, it's better that we plan this together. If we all come up with ideas, there'll at least be more ways to proceed than if you act on your own. This will also reduce the risk of exposing the identities of the investigators.

"Besides, Great Heaven is my teacher. I took over his inheritance; from a karmic perspective, I can't leave this matter alone.

"As for the Raiders, even if you hadn't mentioned them today, I'm sure to be at odds with them sooner or later. It's only a matter of time before my identity as a traveler is revealed; I'll become their target at some point regardless. Instead of waiting for them to come knocking at our door, why not take the initiative and investigate what's up with them?"

When Lin Huang first heard about the existence of the Raiders from Yang Ling, he already knew very well that sooner or later he would be in the Raiders' sights. Unless he was willing to join them and plunder the Goldfingers of other travelers, his opposition to the Raiders could not be reconciled.

He had been putting aside this potential threat because, on one hand, the Raiders were still very far from him, and on the other, his own abilities were insufficient to fight against them.

Now, seizing the opportunity afforded by the issue that Sword1 had brought up, he had finally made a preliminary plan to confront the Raiders.

"All you want is to get revenge on the Raider who killed Teacher Great Heaven, but in the long run, what I want is to destroy the entire Raider organization—or at least to destroy their branch in our great world!" Lin Huang outlined his great ambition.

"Sword1 is willing to fulfill this dream with Lord Swordmaster!" Sword1's eyes lit up like fire.

#### **Chapter 1368: Meeting Sword11 Again**

After he had sent Sword1 away, Lin Huang returned to the square in front of the Palace.

He looked at the group of Sword Servants who were still standing in formation and nodded with satisfaction.

"I will head to the Great Heaven Territory first and deal with the Sword11 issue."

The reason why Lin Huang had taken over the matter with Sword11 was partly that he had obtained the Great Heaven inheritance mostly due to the information provided by Sword11. He felt that it was necessary for him to at least let Sword11 know that his mission was over, and there was no need to continue to search for sword cultivators to take over the Great Heaven inheritance.

Another reason was that his other mission from the Club was to find a child named Jin Wu.

Lin Huang intended to make use of Sword11's connections to sort that out. After all, Sword11 had a good reputation among humans and should have some networks. It was certainly better than Lin Huang running around like a headless chicken.

However, Lin Huang did not hold out much hope for this. He only knew the child's name, "Jin Wu", and had no other information. On top of that, he was down to the last twelve days of the thirty-day Trial period in the Great Heaven Territory and the chances of finding someone in such a short time were even slimmer.

Although Lin Huang had now obtained the Great Heaven inheritance so he could enter and leave the Great Heaven Territory at will regardless of the Trial time limit, he did not intend to stay there longer.

One had to know that the Great Heaven Territory had developed an independent ecosystem, and there were tens of thousands of sapient tribes. Even if one visited one tribe for one day, it would take at least a few decades to complete the investigation.

Lin Huang obviously did not have the time to investigate them one by one. He just felt that since he was going to the human settlement, he could ask Sword11 to help him investigate at the same time. He would not force the issue if he really could not find the child.

The two missions assigned by the Club had only been touched on briefly with a mention that the rewards were generous; there were no demands made at all. The Club was aware that these two tasks were unlikely to be completed regardless of who they were handed to.

Lin Huang's trust in the Club was very limited.

He was still considering whether or not to use Yin Yin's scabbard to trade for items in the Club after returning to the great world. Although Yin Yin had said that the scabbard was completely useless to her, for now, Lin Huang was still not sure if the Club had anything to do with the Raiders.

Even if he did find the child named Jin Wu, Lin Huang was still considering whether to hand the child over to the Club or not.

"After some consideration, bringing too many people with me might cause some inconvenience of movement; therefore I will only bring Sword301 and Sword302 to the Great Heaven Territory this time. The rest of you can disperse now and wait for my orders." Lin Huang glanced around. "If there is a need for it while I'm in the Great Heaven Territory, I will call upon all of you again. If I don't need your help, wait for me to settle the matter regarding Sword11, and then I will take all of you to the great world."

Upon Lin Huang's orders, the Sword Servants soon dispersed, leaving only Sword301 and Sword302.

The main reason he chose these two people was that aside from them being the strongest among this group of Sword Servants, they were also both Protoss with full human forms.

Sword301's human body was that of a 27-year-old with a build similar to Lin Huang, but slightly stronger. He kept a buzz cut and had a scar on his face, which made him look quite tough. In addition, he was enveloped by fierce Sword Dao which emanated faintly from his entire being, which made his aura even more daunting.

Sword302 was a woman with short black hair tied into a short ponytail. She was very tall; at full height, she was no shorter than Lin Huang. In high heels, she would be more than 2 meters tall. Her weapon was sheathed across her waist—it was a sword in a golden scabbard. Including the hilt, its estimated length was more than 1.5 meters.

"Let's go!" Lin Huang waved his hands and a black whirlpool formed out of thin air.

Both Sword301 and Sword302 walked into it without any hesitation and disappeared.

Only after Lin Huang had made sure that both of them had entered did he step into the whirlpool.

A short while later, the three of them appeared in the room of an unlicensed hotel in Golden City.

Lin Huang had the authority to teleport anywhere in the Great Heaven Territory, but he did not know much about the places there. For their safety, he chose the unlicensed hotel for the teleportation coordinates, using the room that he used to live in.

Fortunately, there was no occupant in the room, and the awkwardness that Lin Huang had worried about before teleportation did not happen.

"We will live here for the next few days."

Like Lin Huang, the two Sword Servants were also unregistered residents in the Great Heaven Territory and could only live in an unlicensed hotel.

Fortunately, the room itself was a deluxe one and there were three bedrooms, so they could occupy one room each.

"Both of you, wait a little while in the room, while I go down and pay for it." After Lin Huang finished speaking, he left the two Sword Servants and hurried to the front desk on the first floor.

"Boss, I want to book Room 501 for twelve days."

Upon hearing that Lin Huang wanted to make a reservation, the middle-aged boss, who was nibbling on melon seeds, quickly got up and smiled. "Great! Let me know if you need any help."

After the reservation was sorted out, Lin Huang returned to the room. The two Sword Servants were still standing in the same spot as if they had not even moved.

"You don't need to be so formal in front of me. You can do whatever you want. Just don't fail me when you're carrying out my orders," Lin Huang said, pointing in the direction of the master bedroom when he was done speaking. "I will stay in the master bedroom with the bathtub. You can decide between yourselves about the two remaining rooms.

"We may need to stay here for ten to twelve days. Please take it easy; if you're so formal I don't think I could stand it," Lin Huang teased them, laughing.

The two nodded, looked at the remaining two rooms together, and quickly reached a consensus.

While both of the Sword Servants were looking at the rooms, Lin Huang sent a message to Sword11.

"I'm out of the Inheritance Dimension—let's set up a time to meet."

"You managed to get the inheritance?!" Sword11 replied within seconds.

The reason for Sword11's conclusion was that anyone who had entered the Swordfiend Abyss would have had any relevant memories erased. However, the message sent by Lin Huang showed that he remembered what had happened in the Swordfiend Abyss.

"I got it." Lin Huang pondered for a moment and decided to be honest.

He had also considered that Sword11's active search for Great Heaven's heir might have other purposes behind it. However, after thinking about it carefully, he decided to temporarily put his trust in Sword11.

"Where are you? I'll come over right away!" Sword11 replied within seconds again.

"The hotel that I previously stayed in—Room 501."

Less than five seconds after Lin Huang had sent the message, a series of knocks came from the entrance of the hotel.

Lin Huang got up and opened the door. Red-haired Sword11 had already appeared in the doorway.

When he first saw Lin Huang, Sword11 had some doubts about Lin Huang's identity because Lin Huang had taken off the Thousand Face mask to reveal his true face.

However, after looking over Lin Huang's shoulder and seeing Sword301 and Sword302 standing behind him, Sword11 burst into tears and fell to his knees. His voice choked.

"This humble subordinate hails Lord Swordmaster..."

"Come in and talk." Lin Huang quickly drew Sword11 up and pulled him into the room.

Sword11 could not stop his tears from flowing. He could not believe that his dream of so many years had finally been fulfilled. He broke down completely.

Lin Huang pulled him over to the sofa to sit down and handed him one tissue after another without being urged.

After a while, Sword11's emotions finally calmed down.

"My apologies; this humble subordinate forgot his manners."

"I can understand. For so many years, you've been running around for the Great Heaven inheritance. You've worked hard," Lin Huang patted Sword11's shoulder and comforted him.

"This humble subordinate violated the prohibition of swordmaster Great Heaven and secretly left. This humble subordinate is guilty; please punish me, Lord Swordmaster!"

Sword11 knelt on the ground again, storing away any defensive god relics on his body in the form of clothes and leaving only one piece of personal clothing. He also dispersed the Divine Power that enveloped his body, leaving himself defenseless.

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The expression on his face was determined as if he were ready to accept any punishment.

"Punishment is necessary. Teacher Great Heaven's prohibition did not allow the Sword Servants and bodyguards to leave the Inheritance Dimension and you broke this rule." Lin Huang nodded.

"However, your intention in violating his prohibition was good. Also, if it were not for you breaking that rule, I would have not been able to go to the Swordfiend Abyss, nor would I have been able to obtain the inheritance of Teacher Great Heaven.

"So, I've decided that your punishment will be light," Lin Huang finished, staring into Sword11's eyes, before continuing, "However, this violation of the swordmaster's orders is confined to this one instance and is not to be taken as a precedent. Next time if something like this happens again, you will be severely punished!"

"This humble subordinate understands!"

### **Chapter 1369: The Shabby Swordmaster**

"Apart from this matter of yours, my intention in coming back to the Great Heaven Territory is also because of something else."

After they had settled the issue of Sword11, Lin Huang finally switched topics to his secondary purpose.

"I need you to help me find someone."

Sword11 agreed without any hesitation. "Please go ahead, Lord Swordmaster! I still have some contacts in the Human Tribe; it should not be difficult to find somebody."

Lin Huang smiled and shook his head. "It's not as simple as you think. I only know that this person whom I'm looking for is named Jin Wu. Other than that, I don't know anything else.

"What they look like, whether they're a man or a woman, whether they're human or not, or even whether they are in human territory—I don't know at all. I only know that Jin Wu is probably young."

"In that case, I'm afraid it might be a little hard to find them." After he heard what Lin Huang had to say, Sword11 looked slightly embarrassed.

"I just want to try my luck. It doesn't matter if I can't find Jin Wu. This brat may not necessarily even be in the Human Tribe. I'm telling you this because I know that you have a fair reputation in the Human Tribe and using your contacts to find Jin Wu would be more efficient than me running around like a headless chicken," Lin Huang explained, nodding.

"I will do my best!" Although Sword11 knew that chances were slim, he still took the matter to heart.

"Is the Bug Tribe still at war?" Lin Huang asked again.

When he entered the Great Heaven Territory previously, he had encountered the war between the Bug Tribe and the Human Tribe. After that, he had entered the Swordfiend Abyss and stayed in the Great Heaven Inheritance Dimension for half a month. Now that he was back in the Great Heaven Territory again, he inquired about the situation as Sword11 was around.

"It's still ongoing, but the war is coming to an end soon. We have reached an alliance with several of the surrounding tribes. In the next few days, the Heavenly Gods from several tribes will join forces to put pressure on the higher ranks of the Bug Tribe," Sword11 revealed this secret news to Lin Huang.

"You can stay in the Great Heaven Territory for now, you don't need to return to the Inheritance Dimension for the time being," Lin Huang said, then continued, "As for your punishment, I haven't thought about it yet. But you don't have to worry, you will only be punished lightly."

"Thank you, Lord Swordmaster, for your generosity!" Sword11 bowed deeply.

After a moment of pondering, Sword11 continued talking, "Lord Swordmaster, this unlicensed hotel is simple and crude. You all may as well move to my place. I live in an independent courtyard. Without my consent, not many people can walk in and out on a normal day."

Lin Huang refused immediately, "No need, we would be easily noticed if we stayed there and it's more convenient for us to be here."

"Alright; after all, this is not my territory—there are many eyes around. After the war with the Bug Tribe is over, Lord Swordmaster can come to this humble servant's Heavenly Sword Planet as a guest," Sword11 issued a new invitation.

"If we have the time, we'll go," Lin Huang nodded and agreed.

The two talked for a little while more, then Sword11 said his farewells and left.

After he had sent Sword11 off, Lin Huang projected the star map that he had bought from the black market.

After a while, he zoomed in on an area and checked the coordinates.

"This is... a ruin?" Sword301 could not help asking.

"Yes, the owner of the ruin is a Demon God named Ah Mi. After he was beheaded by Teacher Great Heaven, the ruins he owned and most of what remained within them were placed in the Great Heaven Territory. It was considered an exploration site for the Great Heaven Territory residents," Lin Huang nodded and explained; all of this information came from Great Heaven's memory.

After he had elevated to heavenly god-level, Great Heaven killed many Heavenly Gods from various tribes. To nurture the residents of the Great Heaven Territory, he plundered only the core resources and left the ruins and remaining artifacts of these Heavenly Gods in the Great Heaven Territory. Such ruins were most plentiful in number around the area inhabited by the Protoss, followed by the areas surrounding the human settlement.

The ruins of this Demon God named Ah Mi were on human territory. Under normal circumstances, the ruins were only opened every 30,000 years, and could only be entered by those below heavenly god-level.

However, for Lin Huang, who had just obtained authority over the Great Heaven Territory, the time limit was meaningless to him. The methods that Great Heaven had set up to prohibit access were all in his memory. He was clear on how to unlock them using a backdoor method as well.

"Is there anything special about this Demon God's ruins?" Sword302 could not help asking.

Lin Huang glanced at the girl with the ponytail and said in full honesty, "There is nothing special about them, but I want to go in and plunder some resources.

"After returning to the great world, there will be a lot of places that require expenses. We need to take whatever we can get." After Lin Huang had finished, he continued, "Rest assured, I won't plunder everything. After all, these are the things that Teacher Great Heaven left for the locals."

The two Sword Servants were speechless for a while; they had not expected that the new swordmaster would act in such a shabby fashion.

After they thought about it carefully, however, they realized it was normal. After all, Lin Huang's combat strength had yet to reach virtual god-level. At his level of ability, it was difficult to obtain any benefits from a high-rank secret ruin.

After Lin Huang brought it up, the two Sword Servants could not help but consider plundering as well. After spending so many years in the Trial space, almost all the cultivating resources of the other Sword Servants had been used up, not just theirs. They desperately needed to replenish their resources.

When they considered this, both of them immediately had no objections to Lin Huang's plan for plundering resources.

In their hearts, the two Sword Servants silently comforted themselves with Lin Huang's identity.

The new swordmaster was to some extent the heir of swordmaster Great Heaven. The legacies that Great Heaven had left behind were his. It was not just the inheritance in the Great Heaven Territory but the entire Great Heaven Territory that belonged to the new swordmaster now. If he took things from the ruins, those were also things that belonged to him and could not be considered plundering.

Lin Huang quickly delineated the location of the seven ruins on the star map and nodded in satisfaction. Pointing at the seven areas he had circled with Divine Power, he instructed the two Sword Servants.

"Our main task for the next few days is to explore these seven sites to the best of our abilities!"

After all, these were Heavenly God ruins. It was possible that there were some powerful local monsters or guardians, and there might even be some areas hiding things that could kill a Heavenly God.

Although Lin Huang was able to enter these ruins, Great Heaven's memory also gave him a general understanding of their condition but his ability limitations prevented him from a more in-depth exploration of the ruins.

"I will make a list of all the things that we need to use in exploring the ruins. We will prepare these things today; if we can't get them, then we'll reach out to Sword11 for help. We'll make a move first thing tomorrow morning!"

It took more than half an hour for Lin Huang to carefully recall the internal condition of these ruins before he finally finished listing all the items needed.

After that, he took both Sword Servants straight to the black market.

It took the three of them more than two hours to visit more than twenty stores before they managed to buy everything on the list.

The afternoon went by; the three had lunch before returning to the hotel.

"You can move around freely in the afternoon, just don't cause any trouble." Even though Lin Huang had said they could do so, the two still did not leave the hotel room that afternoon.

For the Sword Servants, the job of protecting the swordmaster was far more important than enjoying themselves.

As for Lin Huang, to recuperate and recharge, he went to bed early in the afternoon and slept until the next day.

Early the next morning, he and the two Sword Servants had an unhurried breakfast and then returned to the hotel room.

"We've eaten and slept our fill; it's time for us to start work!"

As soon as he finished speaking, Lin Huang gestured with his hand and a black whirlpool quickly formed in the living room.

The three of them stepped in one by one and disappeared.

After a while, the black whirlpool slowly dissipated, leaving the entire room empty.

## Chapter 1370: You Are Not The Person I Am Looking For

The Demon God Ah Mi was a heavenly god-level powerhouse of the Abyssal Tribe who controlled a variety of Fire Element sequences.

The dimension that he left behind containing the ruins was a fiery world.

Large and small volcanoes could be seen everywhere. More than 70% of the ground was covered by magma, and occasionally, fire tornadoes could be seen swirling around...

Lin Huang took out a transparent crystal gem and mounted it on the helm of his god rule relic armor.

The two Sword Servants immediately followed suit and mounted similar crystal gems onto their own armor.

These crystal gems were called energy absorption gems; they had the ability to absorb all kinds of free-floating anomalous energies in the air.

Generally, in an area where energy fluctuations were more violent, implanting energy absorption gems onto the body could prevent the intrusion of these violent energies.

Lin Huang did not actually need the energy absorption gems. He had Divine Fire within him that could automatically purify all energies entering the body. However, the two Sword Servants were restricted to virtual god-level. Under such restrictions, their Divine Fire would be affected by the violent energies contained within the ruin.

To avoid giving too many explanations, Lin Huang also used energy absorption gems alongside them.

Only after prior preparations had been made did Lin Huang bring in both the Sword Servants. They began their explorations based on the route within his memory...

The explorations into this first set of ruins suffered from lack of experience—even though they had Great Heaven's recollections of the ruins, it was also a memory from millions of years ago, and there had definitely been some changes within the ruins themselves. Lin Huang and the two Sword Servants nearly walked into danger twice and took two full days to complete their preliminary explorations. Fortunately, the first round of loot that the three of them managed to plunder was quite substantial.

After leaving Ah Mi's ruin, without further ado Lin Huang and two Sword Servants left for the second set of ruins, the Xi Di ruins.

Xi Di, like Ah Mi, was also a Demon God of the Abyssal Tribe.

According to legend, this Demon God was hermaphrodite and very attractive.

However, within Xi Di's ruins, the native creatures were all extremely ugly. Fortunately, the environment was much better compared with the environment of Ah Mi's ruins.

It took only one day for the three of them to partially complete their looting of the resources there.

With the experience gained from the previous two ruins, the exploration of the next few ruins became much smoother, taking them only a day or so to complete.

For the seven ruins near the human territories, Lin Huang and the two Sword Servants completed their looting in less than nine days.

Lin Huang finally stopped plundering on the remaining three days.

It was not that he did not wish to continue, but news came two days ago from Sword11 that the war was over!

Under the combined pressure of several Heavenly Gods, the Bug Tribe had finally chosen to withdraw its troops.

Sword11 had specifically come to look for Lin Huang two days ago regarding this matter, but Lin Huang and the two Sword Servants were not present.

He waited for two days in Golden City before the three finally returned.

The minute they arrived in Golden City, Lin Huang sent a message to Sword11.

Less than ten seconds later, Sword11 appeared again in the unlicensed hotel room.

"Lord Swordmaster, I have some preliminary findings for what you asked me to investigate. Among the humans, there are four people with the name "Jin Wu" under the age of 16. If the scope is widened to include those under the age of 20, there are six people. If that's expanded further to include those under the age of 30, then there are nine people."

Sword11 projected the information on the nine people mentioned.

"However, we could only locate those with registered identities; we're unable to locate illegal residents who have no identity registration."

Lin Huang nodded and looked through the projected information on each of the nine people.

The more he studied what was in front of him, the more his brow furrowed.

From what he could see, there was nothing special about these nine people. Of the four under the age of 16, only one had cultivation potential, and that potential was very common. Of the two between the ages of 16 and 20, one of them also had cultivation potential, but that was also very ordinary. Out of the three people in the 20-30 age group, two of them had cultivation potential. One of them was slightly better, with a combat strength at holy fire-level, but it was still far from the level of a genius.

"Could you get hold of them in person?" Lin Huang thought about this for a long while before turning his head to ask Sword11.

"I asked my subordinates to send them to Heavenly Sword Planet for a free tour with the excuse that they won a lucky draw. They've been having a lot of fun on Heavenly Sword Planet these past few days."

"Let's go to Heavenly Sword Planet and meet them then." Lin Huang nodded slightly.

He wanted to see if there was anything special about these nine individuals in person.

"Are we leaving now, or..." Sword11 asked quickly.

"We'll leave now."

At this, Sword11 immediately brought out a dimensional portal.

Lin Huang glanced at it and guessed that the craftsmanship of the dimensional portal was likely to be of human origin from the great world, so the Great Heaven Territory and the gravel world would both have such a device.

After a brief moment for Sword11 to set the coordinates, all four of them stepped in one after another.

Upon stepping out of the portal, Lin Huang found himself in a tall building.

He looked out of the window wall and noticed that there were many dense low-rise apartments, but there were not many high-rise buildings.

The height and density of the buildings were similar to those of the grade-C foothold in the gravel world.

The Great Heaven Territory was much less advanced than the gravel world in terms of infrastructure.

"Lord Swordmaster, please wait for a moment. I will ask someone to go get them."

After Sword11 finished speaking, he dialed a number and hung up after a few simple instructions.

"We may have to wait a short while. Why don't we sit for a little and have some tea?"

"I'm not in a hurry." Lin Huang nodded slightly then turned and walked to the sofa to sit down.

Only then did Sword11 and the two Sword Servants seat themselves.

The four of them drank tea and engaged in small talk. The main conversationalists were Lin Huang and Sword11; Sword301 and Sword302 mostly listened.

About half an hour later, a woman stood at the door and knocked.

"Teacher, everyone has arrived."

"Let them come in." Sword11 nodded slightly.

Nine people entered the room one after another. When they saw Sword11, their eyes filled with adoration.

Lin Huang did a quick Divine Telekinesis scan through the bodies of the nine individuals but found nothing out of the ordinary. He turned his head and gave Sword11 a look.

Sword11 understood what Lin Huang meant. He then smiled and greeted the nine individuals.

"Welcome everyone!"

"Sword11...Sir..." All nine people looked overwhelmed and flattered.

One should know that Sword11 was the number one Sword Dao genius among humans and he was already a ninth-rank true god-level powerhouse. If his combat strength achieved yet another breakthrough, it would be at the level of a Heavenly God, which was considered the pinnacle of human combat strength.

All nine individuals had grown up listening to the legends told about Sword11. Now that they were seeing him in person, it was very hard for them not to be excited.

"All of you are very lucky this time. Not only did you win the lucky draw for participating in the free tour but today, my Senior Brother just happened to pass by Heavenly Sword Planet. We were just talking about finding him an apprentice, and all of you arrived. Let my Senior Brother take a look and see if there's anyone among the nine of you who is suitable.

"However, don't be discouraged if you are not selected. My Senior Brother's standards are very high."

Once Sword11 finished speaking, the nine individuals looked at Lin Huang with shining eyes.

From their point of view, Sword11 was very strong, so his Senior Brother would not be far behind abilities-wise. Once selected, even if their master was not good at teaching, they would still have a relationship with Sword11. It went without saying that they could occasionally ask Sword11, the Junior Uncle, to give them some instruction

As they thought about these things, all nine people began looking forward even more to being selected.

Lin Huang waited for Sword11 to finish and glanced at the nine individuals.

"I mainly want to check your Sword Dao potential."

As he finished speaking, he walked over to the first boy and said mildly, "Extend your hand."

The teenager immediately put his hand out. Lin Huang extended two fingers and placed it on the teenager's wrist; a ray of Divine Power endowed with a thread of awareness slowly seeped into the

teenager's body. Once the Divine Power had circulated fully within the other party's body, Lin Huang's consciousness finished probing within the teenager's body as well.

As per the result of the previous Divine Telekinesis, this teenager was nothing special—at least, Lin Huang did not detect anything out of the ordinary.

In less than ten seconds, Lin Huang turned to the second person.

This second person was a young girl of fifteen years old; she was the only one with cultivation potential among the four people under the age of sixteen.

After a round of inspection, Lin Huang still found nothing.

After that, he went to the third person...

By the time he had finished scanning the bodies of all nine individuals, less than two minutes had passed.

These nine people named Jin Wu seemed to be nothing special.

After silently pondering for a while, Lin Huang made contact with Yin Yin who resided within him.

"Yin Yin, do you think there's anything special about these nine people?"

"Yin Yin doesn't think so," Yin Yin's answer came quickly.

Lin Huang had asked Yin Yin because the two missions given by the Club could only be carried out in the Great Heaven Territory. The mission to find "Jin Wu" was most likely related to Great Heaven.

Since Yin Yin had said that she did not sense anything, then these nine people were probably not the ones that he was looking for.

After all, there were a lot of people named "Jin Wu" and the one whom the Club was looking for might not necessarily be among humans.

After checking the bodies of the nine individuals in question, Lin Huang retreated to Sword11's side and shook his head slightly at Sword11.

When Sword11 saw, he immediately spoke again.

"Unfortunately, none of you have been selected. But this is not a problem to do with any of you; the main reason is that my Senior Brother is too picky. It doesn't matter though; as compensation, I will give each of you a set of swords, all of which are my own creation."

Although the nine individuals were a bit disappointed, after they had calmed down and considered things, they felt it was to be expected. After they heard Sword11's consoling words, they immediately felt that it was not because their potential was deficient. Besides, there was also the gift of Sword11's hand-made swords, so their original feelings of annoyance were instantly swept away.

After happily receiving the swords from Sword11, all nine individuals quickly followed Sword11's apprentices and left.

When the nine of them were far away, Lin Huang spoke again.

"According to my inspection, none of these people seem to be anything out of the ordinary. It's highly probable that they are not the people I am looking for, but I can't completely rule out that there is something hidden within them that I have not been able to identify.

"In the meantime, please help me keep a close eye on what happens with these nine individuals," Lin Huang thought for a while and added on.

"I'll find someone to keep watch on them secretly." Sword11 nodded immediately.

"Does Lord Swordmaster have any other needs?"

"No." Lin Huang shook his head. "We will leave the Great Heaven Territory in three days. We don't feel like running around for the next few days, so we'll just stay here on Heavenly Sword Planet."

"Then let me take you around," Sword11 offered to be their tour guide.

"No need for that, you can tend to your own affairs," Lin Huang refused right away, "With you there, we would be too easily noticed; we can just stroll around by ourselves. If there is anything that we really need, I'll let you know."

"Very well then. I'll ask someone to draw up a travel and food guide and I will send it to you later. Actually, it would be good for you to go exploring on your own. If there is anything that you need, please do contact me."