

## A Demoness 271

### Chapter 271: Have The Guts To Fight Head-On

'Finally!'

Jiang Hao had a feeling that the efficiency of the Law Enforcement Hall had decreased these days. Otherwise, why would Liu Xingchen take three days to come to visit him regarding the case?

"Junior Brother Jiang, we meet again. This time I've come to find you for official business," Liu Xingchen said. He seemed to have been waiting for a long time in front of the courtyard gate.

"What is it?"

There was a strong presence of spiritual energy around Liu Xingchen, much stronger than before. It seemed that the Blood Demon was about to complete its final possession.

In other words, Liu Xingchen would soon advance to the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Jiang Hao felt a sense of urgency. The feeling of someone else catching up to his cultivation realm wasn't pleasant. In about a month, he would advance to the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

"Do you not know, Junior Brother Jiang?" he asked. "Oh right... The information hasn't spread yet. Most people are unaware of it. It's not good news." "What is it?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Have you had contact with the disciples of the Divine Corpse Sect?" Liu Xingchen asked.

"I have." Jiang Hao nodded.

“How was it?” Liu Xingchen asked.

“Well... the sect seems like a really major sect in the north,” said Jiang Hao.

Liu Xingchen smiled. “But... they look down on us, don’t they?”

Jiang Hao nodded.

“Who was it? Do you still remember, Junior Brother Jiang?” Liu Xingchen asked. “The man was called Gu Cheng, and the woman was Fang Jin.”

Liu Xingchen smiled. “That’s the reason I’ve come to find you. Fang Jin was killed on the night she had contact with you.”

“Killed?” Jiang Hao pretended to be shocked.

“Can we talk inside?” Liu Xingchen pointed to the courtyard.

“Of course, Senior Brother Liu. Please come inside.”

Liu Xingchen walked into the courtyard and was quite surprised. “You really like to grow some peculiar things. It seems like you have even more than before.”

“Senior Brother Liu, you must be joking.” Jiang Hao wasn’t worried about anything. Liu Xingchen already knew about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

The two sat at the wooden table, and Jiang Hao made some tea.

“Junior Brother Jiang, I’m sure you heard the commotion a few days ago,” said Liu Xingchen.

“Was that about the death of Fang Jin?”

“Not at all,” Liu Xingchen said. “It is said that at that time, many disciples of the Divine Corpse Sect were disrespectful to the various sects. And then...”

Liu Xingchen paused. “The Divine Corpse Sect sent thirty-two disciples this time, and ten of them were killed overnight, including Fang Jin.”

Jiang Hao was stunned. He really hadn’t expected this at all.

So, there was someone else involved in the killings. Weren’t they afraid of being discovered?

“Did they find out who did it?” Jiang Hao asked.

The Divine Corpse Sect was a major sect in the northern region. Whoever had done it was really bold.

Jiang Hao remembered that the Heavenly Note Sect was a demonic sect. They were capable of anything.

“The first suspect was Manlong,” Liu Xingchen said with a smile. “But Manlong claims that he suffered heavy injuries and is unable to do something like that.

His master did verify that for us.”

“What happened next?” Jiang Hao asked.

“We value evidence in our sect. Although Manlong is no longer a top disciple, he is still a True Disciple of the Flowing Waterfall branch and has made great contributions to the sect. Of course, we cannot arrest him without concrete evidence,” Liu Xingchen said. “The second suspect is Ye Yaqing of the Hundred Bones Forest. She ranks fifth among the top ten disciples, but she claims that she has been taking care of Bai Ye all this time. Bai Ye and Lian Qin can testify to that. Without solid evidence, we cannot arrest her either. The others were more subtle in their methods, and we haven’t found out who they are even after three days.”

Jiang Hao was speechless. This completely exceeded his expectations. Weren't the others afraid of offending the Divine Corpse Sect?

It was unlikely that they had acted without permission. They might have been allowed to do it directly or indirectly.

"Do you not use the divine item to find the person?"

"Divine item?" Liu Xingchen smiled. "The dead are not from our sect, so why use it?"

Jiang Hao realized that within the same sect, no one dared to kill anyone without consequence. No one could escape the investigation of the Law Enforcement Hall. But killing people from other sects did not have this restriction.

Such behavior would definitely offend the Divine Corpse Sect. Going to the north would be dangerous. In the future, the northern sect would even try to suppress the Heavenly Note Sect.

However, even if they were strong in the northern region, their influence had no bearing in the southern region.

Jiang Hao didn't care.

"I've come to find you because you had contact with Fang Jin, so I came to ask. Where were you that night?" Liu Xingchen asked.

"I was in my room making talismans," Jiang Hao said.

"In that case, you don't have anything to worry about." Liu Xingchen smiled.

Jiang Hao understood that the anger of the Law Enforcement Hall was just a show. They only came to him after such a long time because they hadn't been focused on the investigation. Otherwise, with the strength of the Law Enforcement Hall, anyone who did it would have been caught within a day or two.

Jiang Hao was curious. Did those people take the storage treasures of the Divine Corpse Sect disciples?

He didn't dare ask about that, so he asked about something else instead. "Will the people from the Divine Corpse Sect really let it go that easily?"

Liu Xingchen shook his head. "Who knows?"

At the guest house in the Heavenly Note Sect, there were many courtyards filled with abundant energy.

Among them, the most concentrated courtyard was occupied by two middle-aged men and a beautiful woman, with about twenty disciples standing beside them.

Gu Cheng was among them, but his eyes no longer held the arrogance they had before.

Clang!

A teacup was thrown to the ground by one of the middle-aged men. His voice was filled with anger.

"Evidence! How can a person from the demonic sect be more rule-abiding than those from the immortal sects? What evidence do they need? This is a joke! It's obviously all just for show! They have been at it for days and haven't found anything!"

At this moment, the middle-aged man furrowed his brow.

"I've said it before. We should be modest when coming here. Not only do they underestimate us, but they even try to teach us how to do things. Do they think this place belongs to their sect? Haven't you realized it yet? They have no intention of investigating. Do they really think this is some immortal sect that would consider their reputation?"

He was the leader of the group, Han Yu, a respected elder of the Divine Corpse Sect. His strength was on par with Zhuang Yuzhen.

“What do you plan to do, Senior Brother?” the beautiful woman asked.

“Give them another three days. They must give us an answer in the end, or else... It’s best to prepare,” Han Yu said coldly.

“They ambushed us. Otherwise, how could they be our match? Just a bunch of uncivilized peasants,” a young man with a cultivation level far surpassing the Primordial Spirit realm said.

The next morning, his body was found in a river.

Han Yu’s aura instantly spread. It was filled with anger. It seemed as if he would fight the Heavenly Note Sect to death..

Chapter 272: Can I Suggest Calming Down?

Han Yu was furious. His aura soared into the sky, and a powerful force swept in all directions.

‘This is too much!’

The people of the Heavenly Note Sect had no sense of restraint. Killing them was one thing, but plundering their storage treasures was barbaric!

Either someone had a special method to kill them, or someone powerful was involved. It was clear that more than one person was involved in the killings.

The demonic sect truly had no restraint at all. They had no regard for anyone.

The powerful aura swept across the surroundings, causing many people to tremble in fear. It seemed like a major battle was about to break out, and it was happening within the sect.

That meant that the Heavenly Note Sect's advantage was gone. If a fight broke out, the heavenly Note Sect would suffer.

A white figure descended.

Baizhi arrived as quickly as possible.

"Elder Han Yu, please calm down."

"How can you expect me to calm down?! Shouted Han Yu.

This person was the Acting Sect Master of the Heavenly Note Sect, with decent strength but nothing more.

If their isolated Sect Master was the same, then the Heavenly Note Sect was nothing special, after all.

Han Yu couldn't help but suspect whether Elder Zhuang had really fallen into their hands. Perhaps it was all a misunderstanding. They were so weak!

"I heard that you have been here for several days and haven't bothered to look around our Heavenly Note Sect. I will take you for a stroll. It should help you calm down," Baizhi said.

She was trying to deduce how much of a chance she had against this elder.

Although the person in front of her was not as good as Elder Zhuang Yuzhen, he was still extremely powerful.

It wouldn't be easy for their twelve branches to keep these three individuals captive.

"A stroll?" A middle-aged man on the side sneered. "A stroll will give us an explanation?"

"Rest assured. Our Heavenly Note Sect sincerely wishes to cooperate. After all, we know very little about the Corpse Realm Flowers," Baizhi said. "Elder Han Yu, please." She gestured.

Han Yu frowned. "Junior Sister, you come with me. Junior Brother, take the others inside."

After a short while, Baizhi led the two of them along a mountain path, and they could see a tower ahead.

"This is the Lawless Tower. Ordinary disciples cannot enter, nor do they have the qualifications to enter," Baizhi said as they reached the entrance. "For us, this tower is used to enhance cultivation and nourish the surrounding mountains. The forests of the Heavenly Note Sect were not this lush before. It became like this after we built this tower."

"Where did you get this tower?" Han Yu asked.

The tower was definitely not ordinary. He couldn't even see through it. He had never heard of the Lawless Tower before.

Baizhi smiled.

"By the way, to avoid any interference, you need to wear something," she said, handing something to Han Yu and his junior sister. Afterward, the three of them entered the Lawless Tower.

Han Yu remained vigilant. If any problems arose, he would take action immediately.

"Do we need to go through each floor?" the beautiful woman, Lan Qing, asked.



“No. We will go directly to the fifth floor.” Baizhi smiled.

On the fifth floor, she led them to a cell. Baizhi asked the two of them to stand

aside while she approached the prison cell.

Inside the cell, there was only one man. He looked disheveled and emitted a weak aura.

Han Yu was stunned. Although he couldn't sense it clearly, he recognized the person in front of him. He couldn't believe his elder was reduced to this!

“Zhuang Yuzhen, we meet again,” Baizhi said with a smile.

Han Yu and Lan Qing felt a pang in their hearts.

Zhuang Yuzhen looked up at Baizhi. “It's useless... I won't talk with you. I want to see that disciple. Bring him here. I will only talk with him.”

“He is not a disciple of my branch, so I can't order him to come here,” said Baizhi.

“Get lost, you filthy demonic sect. You are the Acting Sect Master. You expect me to believe you have no authority over him?” Zhuang Yuzhen said angrily.

“It seems you are always so dissatisfied with your situation.” “None of you are my match,” Zhuang Yuzhen said coldly.

“Are you saying that you want to see someone who is your match?” Baizhi asked.

Zhuang Yuzhen suddenly froze. He was afraid. “Get lost! I want to see that person. I don't want to see anyone else now, just him. Bring him to me!”

“I’ll go and ask for you,” Baizhi said politely.

Then she turned and left.

Soon, she led the two individuals out of the Lawless Tower.

They were still in a state of shock. They had sensed Zhuang Yuzhen’s fear.

Who could make him so afraid?

“Have you calmed down now?” Baizhi asked with a smile.

Han Yu and Lan Qing were both stunned.

Baizhi smiled. “Shall we discuss cooperation?”

In the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao walked around absentmindedly.

In the early morning, he sensed a powerful aura. It might be someone from the Divine Corpse Sect.

This terrifying aura reminded him of Zhuang Yuzhen.

Once someone as powerful attacked him, he might not even be able to escape.

Fortunately, nothing happened.

‘They are probably negotiating with the high-level members of the Heavenly Note Sect. I wonder if they can reach an agreement.’

If they reached an agreement, they could proceed smoothly. If not, a large-scale battle might break out.

The Heavenly Note Sect would suffer heavy losses even if they won. It would be better if they could solve the problem peacefully.

The consequences were unpredictable.

The afternoon passed without any further incidents.

Three days later, the sect announced cooperation with the Divine Corpse Sect and guaranteed the safety of the Divine Corpse Sect's disciples visiting the Heavenly Note Sect.

If anything happened, the Enforcement Hall would intervene.

After the announcement, Jiang Hao knew that the two parties had reached an agreement, and no one could kill members of the Divine Corpse Sect anymore. The Enforcement Hall would truly intervene this time.

No one would dare to make a move again. Each investigation would be strict.

Jiang Hao was not afraid of a normal investigation. What he feared was the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

In any case, things had been relatively quiet. In another month and a half, he would go and find Bai Ye.

No one approached Jiang Hao for the next month.

The people from the Divine Corpse Sect were doing their own thing and didn't come to visit him.

In mid-September, Jiang Hao sat cross-legged in his room, feeling the changes within his body.

At this moment, the Seven- Stars Sealing Technique appeared around him. He found out that he could use the technique to seal himself off from the outside world. It provided him significant defense against attacks.

Unfortunately, the range was fixed, and it wasn't easy to get out. It required a higher level of control. He would probably be able to figure it out another way after using it for a while.

Jiang Hao went to the courtyard and saw that the peach tree had started to bear fruits.

Time was running out.

He opened his interface. He needed to prioritize the matter of Bai Ye and then focus on other things..

Chapter 273: Someone Has Already Handled It

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 25]

[Cultivation: Middle Stage of Primordial Spirit Realm]

[Cultivation Method: Heavenly Sound Hundred Revolutions, Hong Meng Heart

Sutra]

[Divine Ability: Nine Revolutions Death Substitution (unique), Daily Appraisal, Clear and Pure Heart, Reappearance of Hidden Spirit, Divine Might, Revival of Withered Tree]

[Lifeblood: 100/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 99/100 (Can be cultivated)]

[Divine Abilities: 0/3 (Cannot be obtained)]

‘Just a little bit more cultivation is needed.’

He felt that he could obtain some blue bubbles the day after tomorrow.

He wanted to see what significant changes would appear after he advanced to the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

It would be good to take precautions. He now had accumulated three thousand spirit stones.

Everyone had been frightened by the terrifying aura from before, so his talismans sold very well.

However, these spirit stones were still not enough for the incarnation of the Immortal Peach Tree.

Jiang Hao didn't know if it was actually happening, but he felt that the growth of the peach tree had significantly slowed down.

He had appraised it, but there were no changes for the time being. He still needed to undergo six more rounds of incarnation.

He had no choice but to wait and appraise it when it matured.

“Master, this bamboo is so tall!” The spirit beast hung from the bamboo with its ears.

Looking at the bamboo that was taller than the surrounding walls, Jiang Hao wondered if he should cut and replant it somewhere else.

He had prevented the bamboo from spreading because it might crowd his space.

There was only one bamboo. He decided to keep it.

He would let the bamboo grow out for a while and then transplant a shoot outside.

“Dig some shoots out and give them to Xiao Li to be sent to the cafeteria,” Jiang Hao said.

The cafeteria staff would help Xiao Li take care of it.

For several years, he had paid the cafeteria spirit stones for extra food, and there hadn't been any problems so far.

“Master, how do I dig it out?” The beast descended from the tree and squatted in front of the bamboo shoot.

“With your claws.”

The beast then began to dig out the bamboo shoot with its claws.

The beast was on the verge of surpassing the Foundation Establishment Realm. Its claws had become sharper.

Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised that the beast was soon going to be at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Its progress seemed too quick.

“What is Xiao Li's cultivation realm now?” Jiang Hao asked.

“She has reached the sixth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm,” said the beast.

“What about Chu Chuan?”

“He has already reached the fifth stage.” “Did you give him his things?”

“I did. I always complete the tasks you give me.”

The spirit beast was indeed doing a good job of following Jiang Hao’s instructions. However, he didn’t always believe the beast’s words, so he did occasionally go and check for himself.

Chu Chuan reaching the fifth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm within three years was indeed impressive. Based on his recent progress, his talent was quite high.

Jiang Hao didn’t know if Chu Chuan would be able to advance to the Foundation Establishment Realm by the time the Bright Moon Sect’s conference was held.

“How is Lin Zhi doing?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Lin Zhi’s cultivation hasn’t increased, but everything else has improved,” said the beast. “I have urged him to improve his movement techniques.”

“Movement techniques?” Jiang Hao was curious. “What are you planning to teach him?”

The spirit beast picked up the bamboo shoot it had dug up. “To doge and hide. There is no need to teach him anything more.”

Jiang Hao didn’t protest. Lin Zhi was still at the third stage of the Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique, which was quite slow. If he reached the ninth stage, he would be able to accumulate enough star energy. But it was fine. Slow and steady was the best approach for Lin Zhi.

“By the way, it seems that Lin Zhi’s friends are still discussing how to find a way to let him stay in the sect,” said the spirit beast.

By now, they had left the courtyard and were heading toward the Spirit Herb Garden.

“No need to worry about that. Let them be,” said Jiang Hao.

“Oh, and one more thing... Master, I feel that this collar won’t last much longer. Can you get me a new one?”

Jiang Hao chuckled. He didn’t have enough spirit stones. The collars for Golden Core Realm beasts were quite expensive.

“Master, I’m going to find Xiao Li.” With the bamboo shoot in its arms, the beast headed in a different path.

Jiang Hao walked toward the Spirit Herb Garden. He noticed two disciples from the Divine Corpse Sect waiting there.

He knew they were waiting for him. He didn’t know what they wanted this time.

Hopefully, there won’t be any trouble. Otherwise, it would disrupt his plans to find Bai Ye next.

At White Moon Lake, Zhao Qingxue looked troubled. “Senior Sister, is there really no other way?”

“Don’t we still have half a year?” Zhou Chan smiled reassuringly. “Perhaps he can advance to the second stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm by then.”

“But I feel like there has been very little change in Lin Zhi’s spiritual energy and cultivation,” said Zhao Qingxue. “Maybe half a year isn’t enough.”

Zhao Qingxue had reached the fifth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm. She was also taller than before.



She looked completely different from Lin Zhi.

"I asked... and they don't even accept spirit stones anymore. They said they have other arrangements for the future." Zhou Chan sighed helplessly. "Then I asked Elder Qian Xu. He suggested giving Lin Zhi some spirit herbs to help him advance to the next stage. If the spirit herbs don't work, it means there is a problem with his talent. The problem can't be solved with a simple price." "I see..." Zhao Qingxue looked disappointed.

"Why are you helping him, Junior Sister Zhao?" asked a white-robed woman. Her ethereal beauty transcended the ordinary.

"Senior Sister Leng, greetings!" Zhao Qingxue bowed in greeting.

"Senior Sister, weren't you in seclusion?" Zhou Chan asked with a smile.

"I came out to take a look because of the matter with the Divine Corpse Sect." Leng chuckled. She was friendly with Zhou Chan.

Then she turned to look at Zhao Qingxue. "I have heard a bit about you and Lin Zhi. The two of you are not from the same world. If you treat him like this, you'll bring him even more trouble."

"I just want to help him. I feel that he has suffered too much. He was always so reserved and meek when he was young. He is still like that..."

"I understand you want to help him. But the way you're doing it is wrong," said Senior Sister Leng. "It's better to help him secretly. When everyone knows that you are going out of your way to help him, it'll only cause more harm. But you are young and impulsive right now. I understand... I am heading to the Cliff of Broken Hearts. I can inquire about your friend if you want."

"Senior Sister Leng, we'll come with you," Zhou Chan said.

Senior Sister Leng glanced at her and then nodded. Soon, they arrived at the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

The man in charge of managing the outer sect disciples looked fearful when he saw them. “Senior Sister Leng, it’s not that I’m not willing to help. It’s just that... Lin Zhi has been removed from the list..”

Chapter 274: This Person Is Too Clumsy

“Has it been removed from the list?”

Senior Sister Leng was a little confused. “When did this happen?”

“It should have been a year ago.” The other party dared not hesitate and answered quickly.

“A year?”

Zhou Chan thought for a moment and asked, “You mean, it happened before I arrived?”

The other party nodded awkwardly.

Senior Sister Leng did not care about this. Instead, she asked the most important question.

“In other words, Lin Zhi didn’t have to leave the sect?”

“Who did it then?”

The other party hesitated for a moment and spoke truthfully.

“It was the Cliff Master.”

This surprised them.

The Cliff of Broken Hearts' master had personally interfered?

The three of them did not stay any longer.

"Senior Sister, did that senior brother see you earlier?" Zhou Chan seemed puzzled after they left.

She remembered that ever since she entered the sect, her senior sister rarely went out.

"I'm not sure," Senior Sister Leng said calmly.

"But he sensed my cultivation."

Zhou Chan nodded. She had experienced it before as well.

It was as if the sky had collapsed, and it was extremely terrifying.

"Is there anything special about Lin Zhi?" Senior Sister Leng asked curiously.

"Perhaps his cultivation is stable?" Zhou Chan said.

"Did he encounter anything strange?" Senior Sister Leng asked again.

"I remember Uncle Rabbit mentioning it before, but he didn't go into detail," Zhao Qingxue said.

"Uncle Rabbit?" Zhou Chan contemplated for a long time before she said,

"The Cliff of Broken Hearts only has a rabbit as a spirit pet."

“Which senior brother is it?” Zhao Qingxue asked happily.

“It’s Junior Brother Jiang Hao’s. He’s the one who brought Lin Zhi into the sect,” Zhou Chan explained.

Hearing this, Zhao Qingxue’s joy disappeared, and it was replaced by disappointment.

He had assumed that a powerful senior found value in him. Unexpectedly, it was just an ordinary inner sect junior.

“Since there are no other problems, you can cultivate in peace next time. Your cultivation level has increased rapidly, but your foundation isn’t stable.

“If you desire to do something, your cultivation level must first be high enough.

Superior talent is not that rare in the sect. Now rarely can one still depend on one’s own hard work.

“Some people with great talent can become true inheritors, while others with great talent only end up being ordinary.

“Junior Sister, you have to realize this as soon as possible.” Senior Sister Leng looked at the two of them and said calmly.

“Let’s go back.”

Zhou Chan bade farewell to Senior Sister Leng and brought Zhao Qingxue back.

Only then did Senior Sister Leng walk deep into the Cliff of Broken Hearts to attend to her own matters.

“Seniors, is there something you need?”

In the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao spoke respectfully as he looked at the people from the Divine Corpse Sect.

“Fellow Disciple, you must be joking.” Gu Cheng smiled bitterly.

He had given it a long and careful thought. Junior Sister Fang Jin never offended anyone else except this unattractive disciple before him.

On the night that he had suggested using blood to feed the Corpse Realm Flower, Junior Sister Fang Jin had been brutally killed.

To say that this person had nothing to do with it was impossible.

Of course, it was not that the person before him was the culprit. There was a high chance that someone had done the deed on his behalf. Even if Gu Cheng looked down on him, he could not show it.

This was what Elder Han Yu had instructed as well.

Although he did not know what had happened, Elder Han Yu’s attitude changed after the substitute sect master of the Heavenly Note Sect invited him out.

No matter how dissatisfied or annoyed they were, they had to hide it.

“Let’s just leave it at that. The younger generation should get used to it.” Jiang Hao shook his head.

He could not erase their sense of superiority, and he did not want to cause any more trouble.

If he had insisted on calling her “Senior” last time, perhaps it would have been much better.

As primordial spirits, not many people were willing to address each other as fellow disciples.

If they were not from the same sect, it was easy for them to encounter unnecessary trouble.

This was especially true for those who were members of organizations that were labeled as great sects by the Mountain and Sea biographies.

What was a large sect?

Jiang Hao had read the book carefully. Those above large sects were called immortal sects.

The Clear Sky School or Bright Moon Sect were examples of such sects.

The Heavenly Note Sect had barely managed to become a first-rate sect in the past few decades. It was a sect that lacked foundation.

With that being the case, how could he compare with the other party?

According to Liu Xingchen, the Bright Moon Sect could defeat the Blackheaven Sect, the Sunset Sect, the Wind Lightning Sect, the Heavenly Note Sect, and so on with one hand.

Plus, these sects added together could probably go back and forth with the Divine Corpse Sect.

It was hard to say.

However, if the disciples of the Heavenly Note Sect were to travel north, they would probably not be able to return once they were caught.

Therefore, it was best not to have any conflicts.

Gu Cheng could not do anything about it.

“I’m actually here for the Corpse Realm Flower, Fellow Disciple Jiang.” “Corpse Realm Flower? Are you going to feed him?” Jiang Hao asked.

This again?

Since it was not a simple bloodletting process, the Corpse Realm Flower could easily absorb essence, qi, and spirit.

This was definitely not possible.

The advancement was imminent, and once a person’s essence, qi, and spirit were damaged, it was easy to fail the advancement.

“No, no, no.”

Gu Cheng quickly explained, “The Corpse Realm will open after a while. You might want to enter it as well, Fellow Disciple Jiang.

“We’re here to teach you some formations to deal with the situation inside.

“I’ll tell you about the rest later.”

“The Corpse Realm Flower Gathering? I might want to go in?” Jiang Hao was a little surprised.

The former was pretending to be surprised, while the latter was really concerned. It was too risky to enter such a dangerous place.

“We’re just following orders,” a senior sister beside him said softly.

She had been standing at the side the entire time. She was in the Exceptional Gold Core Realm.

She had a dainty appearance and a well-proportioned figure, like a typical girl next door.

“Yes, we were only following orders. You happened to be on the list, Fellow Disciple, so we came over,” Gu Cheng explained.

Although Jiang Hao was puzzled, he did not say anything.

He had to ask his master about this.

Shortly after, they arrived at the side of the wooden house in the Spirit Herb Garden.

“First of all, you need to identify a formation called the Three Aeons Formation. This formation is extremely wide and difficult to analyze. “It’s composed of Heavenly Yuan, Earth Yuan, and Human Yuan.

“What we really need to learn is a part of the Human Yuan.

“I’ll draw out the formation I need first before I explain it to you.

“I hope that you’ll gain a brief understanding of the situation today, Fellow Disciple,” Senior Sister Qing You explained as she drew a formation on the ground.

Jiang Hao did not ask any questions. Instead, he listened quietly.

Slowly, he gained some understanding.

This formation was part of the Corpse Realm Flower’s passage.



After a person learned these formations, he would be able to control where he landed.

Even if there was danger, he could use the formation to protect himself.

If he was unprepared, he would be sent to a random place.

If something went wrong during the process, there was a high chance that he would never be able to return.

The Divine Corpse Sect had paid a huge price to learn this.

'It looks like I have the qualifications to enter the special land, but why am I qualified?'

The people of the Divine Corpse Sect were either in the Exceptional Gold Core Realm or the Primordial Soul Realm.

What was a late-stage Foundation Establishment cultivator going to do there?

However, he was not in a hurry to question them. Instead, he observed the formation and tried to understand it.

Unfortunately, it was too difficult to understand.

Senior Sister You felt rather helpless as she tried to teach him.

His skills were indeed a little ordinary, perhaps too ordinary.

One's talent in formations could be poor, but if one was highly talented in cultivation, one would still possess a certain level of intelligence. It would be easy for one to understand the basics of formations.

The person before her was too ordinary.

He did not have that kind of skill.

It was obvious that he did not have much talent when it came to cultivation.

She did not understand why such a person would go to the Corpse Realm.

It was not that she looked down on those in the Foundation Establishment Realm, but he truly was not good.

With his talent, the Gold Core Realm might be his limit.

Going to the Corpse Realm was a waste on him.

Of course, she was also tired of teaching.

It was as if she was teaching a clumsy student..

Chapter 275: The Sealing Technique

Jiang Hao studied formations the entire day.

He could vaguely sense the other party's helplessness.

It seemed that his talent was causing some trouble for them.

He had been trying his best to ask fewer questions, but even so, the other party still felt that there were too many and that his comprehension was poor.

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly. He had done his best.

He knew very little about formations.

That kind of knowledge heavily relied on talent.

Sometimes, it required more talent than alchemy.

Alchemy, formations, forging, talisman-making. They were all specialized fields, and formations were probably the most difficult to master.

Fortunately, after dark, they successfully finished explaining the formations.

“You need to master this formation within a month. Next month, we will explain other formations. You must learn all the required formations before the Corpse Realm Flowers mature,” Senior Sister Qing You said.

“Thank you, Senior,” Jiang Hao said gratefully.

After that, Senior Sister Qing You and Gu Cheng left the Spirit Herb Garden. “What do you think, Junior Sister?” asked Gu Cheng when they were outside.

“He’s just average,” said Qing You with some disdain. “I’ve never seen anyone so difficult to teach. I think it’s a waste of a spot for him to enter the Corpse Realm. Maybe people think highly of him for some other reason.”

“I’m curious too. Why would someone at the Foundation Establishment Realm be on the list?” Gu Cheng frowned. “Maybe he has someone backing him, or it could be for other reasons. I’ll ask around in the

next few days, and maybe I can find out something. But I feel that the other inner disciples don't really care about him. His status doesn't seem very high."

"He has average talent. He isn't an alchemist. He spends all his time in the Spirit Herb Garden and isn't really valued much by other disciples. How could someone like that obtain a spot? While wasting a spot, he's also putting himself in danger. Even if he learns formations and can temporarily ensure his safety, once he offends someone, he will easily bring disaster upon himself." Qing You shook her head.

"For now, let's not worry about it. I'll ask around, and then we'll see. Regardless, Junior Sister, you still need to guide him next month," Gu Cheng said.

"I get a headache every time I see him now." Qing You rubbed her temples and sighed. "I'm afraid that even after a month, he won't be able to learn the initial formation. What am I going to do then? If it doesn't work out, I'll have to ask other seniors to come and teach him."

"I'll ask for you," Gu Cheng said.

After that, the two of them left Cliff of Broken Hearts.

They had to go back to report their work.

At this moment, Jiang Hao looked at the formations and felt a headache coming on.

He could sense the frustrations of those two people. But he had been in plenty of these situations and didn't mind.

After taking note of the formations, he began to take care of the spirit herbs.

If he didn't care for them, he would get no bubbles tomorrow. That would be a waste of the opportunity to become stronger.

Once the bubbles were wasted, they could hardly be recovered. It was better to be diligent in his work.

After taking care of the spirit herbs, he returned to his house.

He didn't rush to continue studying the formations.

There were more important things for him to do right now.

He needed to be in the best possible condition to do that. For the next two days, he needed to maintain his peak state.

On the third day, Jiang Hao arrived beside the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

A blue bubble flew into his body. [Cultivation +1]

Jiang Hao glanced at his panel. [Lifblood: 100/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Cultivation: 100/100 (can be cultivated)]

'It's full. I can advance tonight and act tomorrow night.'

He headed to the library to see if there were any anomalies related to his advancement.

After returning, he sought an audience with his master.

He wanted to ask about the Corpse Realm Flowers.

"Entering the Corpse Realm?" Ku Wu Chang said. "It's a sect reward. Whoever cultivates them successfully earns a spot."

Jiang Hao was stunned. He was unaware of this. Otherwise, he would have avoided it.

“Master, I feel that my cultivation is not enough. It would be better if other seniors were to take the spot instead of me,” said Jiang Hao.

Giving away his spot would be safer. The destination inside the Corpse Realm was uncertain. It would be dangerous to enter it.

Ku Wu Chang fell silent.

Finally, he handed Jiang Hao a piece of wood about the size of a thumb. It appeared ordinary, but it contained considerable power.

“Go do your work,” said Ku Wu Chang.

Jiang Hao knew that he had no choice but to leave. It wouldn't be appropriate to inquire further.

However, he was quite curious about the piece of wood.

After leaving his master's residence, he appraised the wood.

[Jade Ruyi: Automatically activates defense in the face of a powerful attack, capable of blocking a strike from the Primordial Spirit Realm and randomly teleporting beyond a distance of a thousand miles.]

Jiang Hao was speechless. This was a good item.

This was a life-saving treasure. Not only does it have a strong defense, but it also allows for a quick escape.

However, he wondered what the upper limit of teleportation distance was.

'Unfortunately, it's not very useful for me. I have the Nine Heavenly Battle

Armor for Primordial Spirit defense and the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman for teleportation. But for a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, it can indeed withstand any danger.'

After putting away the item, Jiang Hao went to the Spirit Herb Garden.

Currently, it seemed that he had to enter a special realm.

There should be a suitable foothold for Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators, and unnecessary entry was prohibited.

He needed to make preparations for this.

The next night, strands of moonlight illuminated the forest.

A figure moved in the moonlight. It appeared and disappeared. He arrived at the Hundred Bones Forest and stood outside the valley.

'I can't determine the location.'

Jiang Hao stood on a tree branch and looked ahead.

This was a place in Bai Ye's territory, so he didn't dare go further.

If he wanted to make a move, this distance was good enough.

Normal perception couldn't detect the opponent, but with his powerful spiritual sense and the knowledge from the nameless manual, it should be possible to locate the opponent.

Then Jiang Hao closed his eyes and perceived everything around him.

He sensed the spiritual energy around him, like spots of lights in the darkness. These spots of light became more and more numerous, and their range expanded.

The fluctuations of spiritual energy were all perceptible.

The shapes of spiritual herbs appeared one by one, and trees slowly took form.

After a long time, he saw two figures standing in the distance.

One had rich but somewhat weak spiritual energy, while the other was weaker but flowed smoothly.

'Found them!'

Jiang Hao opened his eyes and looked toward the valley.

At this moment, he held a long spear in his hand and threw it forward.

Purple energy began to cover everything, and the spiritual energy surged along with it.

The majestic power of the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm imbued the spear.

Subsequently, the Reappearance of the Hidden Spirit activated and covered the spear with even greater power.

At this point, the spear was full of cracks and was on the verge of collapse.



Jiang Hao threw it with all his might.

Its sound was masked by the purple energy that enveloped it.

The long spear whistled through the air. The spear didn't have the intent to kill, but it carried the intent to inflict serious injury.

Jiang Hao turned and left.

From now on, he would come here every once in six months.

Bai Ye would be covered by his Sealing Technique.

Without learning more about this technique, he could forget about advancing to the next stage..

Chapter 276: Where Did I Go Wrong?

In the Hundred Bone Forest, numerous spirit herbs grew in the valley.

Each herb was planted with a purpose. They covered the whole valley like a net.

In the center was a courtyard.

Bai Ye stood in the courtyard and looked at the surrounding spirit herbs.

"Senior Brother, you should go back and rest. Master said that you still need rest," Lian Qin said.

"No worries." Bai Ye shook his head and frowned.

“I don’t want to wait anymore. Let’s go to the Cliff of Broken Hearts tomorrow.

I need to confirm something. Everything feels off.”

“Do you need to be in such a rush?” Lian Qin couldn’t understand him.

“Whoever that person is... he has stopped the curse, and master lifted the remaining curse from you. Shouldn’t you rest and recover first?”

Bai Ye shook his head. “I can set aside other matters, but this... I need to solve it personally. I’m very puzzled and need an answer. My intuition tells me that this answer is important to me.”

Lian Qin was still puzzled, but she didn’t say anything more.

“It seems that the Divine Corpse Sect wants to enter the Corpse Realm together with our people. You had the opportunity to do it. Why did you refuse, Senior

Brother? This kind of opportunity is rare.”

“Because...” Bai Ye wanted to explain, but he was distracted by something in the valley. He turned to look.

He immediately activated the formation, raised his hand, and numerous defenses appeared around him.

Lian Qin was confused more than ever. Just then, a purple light flew toward them from outside.

The purple light collided with the formation. With a loud bang, the formation shattered on the spot.

Lian Qin finally saw the long purple spear. The speed at which it flew was incredible, and the power imbued was stronger than Golden Core Realm.

Whoosh!

The purple spear arrived in front of Bai Ye.

Boom!

When the spear struck, Bai Ye's defenses crumbled.

In the blink of an eye, Bai Ye watched as his defenses and treasures were completely destroyed. The spear pierced through his abdomen.

He felt intense pain. His whole body was lifted off the ground.

However, the spear shattered with a loud bang the moment it pierced him. Purple energy covered Bai Ye, and it seeped into his body.

The purple energy infiltrated his body and destroyed his limbs. His flesh was torn, and his meridians were crushed. Even his Primordial Spirit was harmed.

Blood oozed from his skin. The pain made him scream.

Bai Ye fell to the ground with a thud. The earth beneath him was stained red with his blood.

With hollow eyes, he looked at the night sky. He could feel that whoever had sent this hadn't meant to kill him. Otherwise, he would already be dead.

'What did I do to deserve this? What did I do wrong? Which step did I mess up?'

Bai Ye couldn't make sense of it at all.

He must have made a mistake somewhere! There must be a missing link to all this!

But where exactly?

As he was about to lose consciousness, he heard Lian Qin's cry.

A figure outside the Hundred Bones Forest paused under the moonlight and looked back. Then he disappeared into the darkness.

Jiang Hao returned to his house. He knew that Bai Ye would remain injured for a long time.

It might make him unable to cultivate for four months or more.

To make sure it worked, he needed to visit once every six months and check once more. He couldn't harm him or kill him permanently.

If that happened, the Law Enforcement Hall wouldn't let Jiang Hao off the hook. The investigation would be serious.

He just wanted to seal Bai Ye's cultivation. As long as it was sealed for a few years, that would be okay for him.

Bai Ye would probably let go of his concerns regarding Jiang Hao by then. If not, he could find another way to make a move once more.

A hundred years later, perhaps Jiang Hao would have a stronger standing among the sect's branches. By then, even the powerful person from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion would have to let go of his contempt toward him.

The Heavenly Joy Pavilion was like a knife hanging over Jiang Hao's head. They hadn't found a vessel yet, so they kept targeting him in anger.

Unfortunately, he had no means to fight back.

But there was no need to dwell on it for now.

At least the danger from Bai Ye had disappeared. He could deal with the rest of the problems one by one. The future held so much promise. Jiang Hao looked at his interface.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 25]

[Cultivation: Late Stage of Primordial Spirit Realm]

[Cultivation Method: Heavenly Sound Hundred Revolutions, Hong Meng Heart

Sutra]

[Divine Ability: Nine Revolutions Death Substitution (unique), Daily Appraisal,

Clear and Pure Heart, Reappearance of Hidden Spirit, Divine Might, Revival of Withered Tree]

[Lifeblood: 3/100 (can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 4/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Divine Abilities: 0/3 (cannot be obtained)]

The advancement had gone perfectly. Jiang Hao began to refine his cultivation. The sealing technique he had applied on Bai Ye had consumed a lot of his energy.

He needed to recover and reach his peak soon.

In the early morning, Jiang Hao took out a formation and began to study it.

He activated the Clear and Pure Heart ability. Even with that, the formation seemed very difficult to understand.

This formation was surprisingly challenging, especially for someone like him. Learning a formation was not just about studying the technique. It proved to be unimaginably confusing.

Jiang Hao wondered if the two people would teach him once more.

He sighed. It would only make them resentful.

Jiang Hao took out the stone tablet. 'The gathering should be soon...'

It had been over half a year since the last gathering. Ideally, it should be happening in the next month or two.

'I wonder what task Senior Dan Yuan will assign this time.'

He was actually looking forward to it. He hoped it was something he knew about already.

He was also waiting for Liu to find out about the "End of All Things." That way, Hong Yuye wouldn't keep pestering him about progress.

The stone tablet showed him the conversation between Gui, Liu, and Xing.

Liu said that he had already tried the Myriad Bodies Technique of cultivation.

All he needed to do now was to confirm the path and use the Shifting Stars Technique.

Jiang Hao wondered if he could ask them to teach him something about formations. His talent was only average when it came to formations, and if he couldn't rely on them, then who could he rely on?

A name surfaced in Jiang Hao's mind. 'It's been a long time since I last visited him...

He took out the Corpse Heart and sealed it with an additional layer of protection.

He also took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and sealed it once more.

Both items were terrifying, and he had to give it his all to keep them contained.

After finishing his work at the Spirit Herb Garden and selling some talismans, he went to see Zhuang Yuzhen.

He didn't know if Zhuang Yuzhen would be willing to talk to him. However, Jiang Hao had some leverage now. If he didn't cooperate, he could just pass the Corpse Heart to Elder Baizhi and be done with the matter once and for all.

Thereafter, Zhuang Yuzhen would have no chance left.

Jiang Hao arrived at the Lawless Tower that afternoon.

When he arrived, he saw two seniors escorting a man inside.

The man had a huge beard. His cultivation was profound and difficult to discern, but he was severely injured.

“The audacity of the Heavenly Note Sect to launch a sneak attack on us is despicable! Just wait until all our people arrive. We will destroy you! Do you expect to imprison me in this stupid tower? Idiots!”

Jiang Hao was stunned. He couldn't understand how a person could be so brash after being put into the Lawless Tower.

Jiang Hao stood aside and bowed to the seniors as they passed.

The two seniors didn't look over at him. They just escorted the captive deeper into the Lawless Tower..

Chapter 277: Threatening Zhuang Yuzhen Again

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao stood in front of a cell.

He saw Zhuang Yuzhen, who was weaker than before and had many bruises and scars on his body.

However, the wounds didn't seem to have any effect on his stubbornness.

Jiang Hao knocked on the wood. “Are you awake?”

Zhuang Yuzhen lifted his weary head, and his lifeless gaze sharpened upon seeing Jiang Hao.

He leaned back. “You're finally here.”

“I have some questions for you.” Jiang Hao sat down and took out a book. “I want you to answer them.”



“Questions?” Zhuang Yuzhen laughed. “Do you think I’m your master? You expect me to teach you cultivation? Why would I do that?”

“It’s not about cultivation. It’s about formations.” Jiang Hao picked up the book and showed it to Zhuang Yuzhen.

When Zhuang Yuzhen saw the formation, he frowned. It was unbelievable.

“Where did you get that information?”

“I can tell you if you teach me,” Jiang Hao said with a smile.

“Did someone from the Divine Corpse Sect approach you for cooperation?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked. Then he sighed. “Well, it’s about time for the Corpse Realm Flowers to bloom.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Zhuang Yuzhen didn’t look surprised at all. It seemed that he didn’t expect someone from the Divine Corpse Sect to come and rescue him.

Jiang Hao felt that something was not right. If it was a demonic sect, Jiang Hao could understand. But the Divine Corpse Sect was an immortal sect. Wouldn’t an immortal sect save its own people?

Jiang Hao used the Daily Appraisal on Zhuang Yuzhen.

[Zhuang Yuzhen: Elder of the Divine Corpse Sect. His cultivation was absorbed and disintegrated by the Lawless Tower, leaving him at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. Seeing the formation in your hand, he knows that his sect’s people have arrived. When his disciples make contact with the sect’s people, the Corpse Heart will be transferred. As long as those people observe the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower in the name of the sect, they will have the opportunity to release the Corpse Heart and regain their lives. Now, he plans to stall for time with you. If you are not by the side of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, others will have a better chance at succeeding.]

Jiang Hao was stunned.

He smiled and beckoned to Zhuang Yuzhen.

Zhuang Yuzhen's face darkened. He had a feeling that Jiang Hao had seen through his plans.

Jiang Hao put his hand down. "I forgot you can't really come close. Then let me tell you something. After I say it, you will be more than willing to teach me formations."

'Here it comes again....' Zhuang Yuzhen was traumatized by now.

"I heard..." Jiang Hao approached the cell. "Before the people from the Divine Corpse Sect arrived here, a spy from your sect died just outside."

Zhuang Yuzhen was stunned. His eyes widened in anger.

Jiang Hao smiled and put away the book. "It seems you don't want to teach me. Well, maybe we'll see each other next time."

He had no choice but to go back and study the formations on his own. It wasn't a loss for him, after all. He had given Zhuang Yuzhen a blow once again and kept him guessing in agony.

"I'll tell you! I'll teach you!" shouted Zhuang Yuzhen.

He was afraid that Jiang Hao would just leave like last time. Each time, he took longer to come and see him than the last time. If he left this time, it might take years for him to come and see him again.

No matter how angry Zhuang Yuzhen was, he had to swallow his anger and endure it.

"That's quite unexpected. In that case, please teach me properly. You can stall for time as long as you want. It doesn't matter," said Jiang Hao.

Zhuang Yuzhen was speechless. He knew it!

It wasn't a coincidence that this particular person was in charge of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

Jiang Hao handed Zhuang Yuzhen the notebook. He frowned as he flipped through it.

He looked at Jiang Hao after a while. "This is just the beginning of formations. How long have you studied formations?"

"Not very long. In fact, I just started."

"So... you don't have any knowledge regarding formations?"

"I don't." Jiang Hao shook his head.

Actually, he did know a little bit about it but not so much as to make a significant difference.

Zhuang Yuzhen didn't say anything more and began to guide Jiang Hao in formations.

The more Zhuang Yuzhen taught him, the more shocked he was. He couldn't believe Jiang Hao was this bad at understanding formations.

Jiang Hao wasn't embarrassed by it. This formation was related to his safety, so he had to thoroughly understand it.

For an entire month, Jiang Hao studied the formation diligently and was finally able to understand it completely.

He consulted Zhuang Yuzhen during the day and used his divine abilities for comprehension at night.

For safety's sake, he even had Zhuang Yuzhen simulate various situations.

Zhuang Yuzhen asked him for information about his disciple in exchange. "The main body of that clone is on the run."

Zhuang Yuzhen seemed to have found hope again.

Jiang Hao didn't mind.

He needed to report to Elder Baizhi again.

Zhuang Yuzhen had revealed the method to unseal one of his treasures, allowing the Heavenly Note Sect to obtain a complete and powerful treasure.

In this way, Jiang Hao made his contribution.

He visited Zhuang Yuzhen regularly for a month.

In mid-October, Jiang Hao stood in his courtyard. The peach tree had finally matured.

The beast occasionally brought Xiao Li along to pick the peaches secretly. They acted like thieves.

The beast always told Xiao Li that peaches were sweeter when stolen from the tree.

Jiang Hao was rendered speechless when he saw them doing this.

He felt that something was wrong. The peach tree seemed to be growing much more slowly than before.

He used the Daily Appraisal on it and found out that the tree needed to mature three times before the next incarnation. That meant it couldn't undergo incarnation this year.

'Once every three years... will I get a golden or a purple bubble by then?'

so far, he understood that purple bubbles gave him divine abilities, gold gave him treasures, and purple-gold bubbles gave him new techniques.

He preferred purple bubbles. He preferred having more divine abilities than treasures. He could use the abilities anytime but couldn't use some treasures.

If the incarnation was to happen once every three years, then he would have enough time to earn and save spirit stones.

However, it would mean fewer bubbles. They were rare, as it were.

"Master, let's go to the Spirit Herb Garden fast," said the beast.

"Why are you in such a hurry today?" Jiang Hao asked as he walked out of the courtyard.

"We have some new people coming in today. They need to know who has the final say in the Spirit Herb Garden," said the beast. "All my friends know that I, Lord Beast, am the only one capable of something like that." Jiang Hao smiled.

Gu Cheng and Qing You also headed to the Spirit Herb Garden.

"I asked around... The reason Jiang Hao got the spot is that he was the one who figured out how to make the Corpse Realm Flower bloom," said Gu Cheng.

"Really?" Qing You was surprised.

“I don’t know for sure... but I heard the flower first bloomed at the White Moon Lake, so there’s a possibility that someone from the White Moon Lake intended for this to happen,” said Gu Cheng.

“What do you mean? Is this person related to the Acting Sect Master of the Heavenly Note Sect?” asked Qing You.

“It’s hard to say. If the flower really bloomed at White Moon Lake first, then there are three possibilities. First, Jiang Hao is truly skilled at cultivating spirit herbs, and he somehow managed to make the flower bloom at White Moon Lake. Second, Jiang Hao has some connection with the Acting Sect Master. Third, the Cliff of Broken Hearts has some connection with the Acting Sect Master. Regardless of the three options, we still need to guide him in formations,” said Gu Cheng.

“But his understanding of formations is just average,” said Qing You. “Senior Brother Gu, which possibility do you think is the most likely?”

“It’s hard to say... but other seniors believe the third possibility is the most likely. I heard that Jiang Hao has no strong background and was almost used as a scapegoat. But...”

‘Was Fang’s death really just a coincidence?’

Gu Cheng sighed. “Let’s just focus on completing the mission for now.”

Qing You nodded. In any case, they should focus on completing the mission. They didn’t need to worry too much about the other speculations.

Whenever she thought about teaching formations to Jiang Hao, she felt tired. He couldn’t even grasp the beginner’s formations well. The more complex formations would be impossible for him!

Just one day might not be time enough to teach him everything..

Chapter 278: Feeling Embarrassed

On the way to the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao once again met Liu Xingchen.

He wasn't surprised by his visit.

After the heavy injury to Bai Ye, the Law Enforcement Hall would get involved.

Ideally, he had no interaction with Bai Ye, but for the bored Liu Xingchen, it was highly probable that he would suspect something.

Jiang Hao had even expected him to come sooner than this.

"Junior Brother Jiang, you are becoming stronger," said Liu Xingchen.

"You are too kind. I can't compare to you in any way regarding strength," Jiang Hao said politely.

Liu Xingchen was different from before.

The dark red aura around him had disappeared, and his cultivation realm had also changed.

He used to be in the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm, but now he was in the middle stage.

It seemed that he had taken a bite out of the Blood Demon.

Perhaps the three of the remnant souls had already gathered together and were planning how to fight back.

Jiang Hao decided to appraise him.

[Liu Xingchen: True Disciple of the Heavenly Faction. Born with the aura of a dragon. An undercover agent of the Law Enforcement Hall of the Heavenly Note Sect. Recently, he felt that the Blood Demon had sensed the presence of the other two remnants and became more cautious. Out of boredom, he observed the entity who attempted to possess him, but he was disappointed. To make it join forces with the other three as soon as possible, he consumed half of the entity's soul, thus advancing to the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. The severe injury to Bai Ye piqued his interest, but he couldn't determine who was responsible. He focused his attention on you. He looks forward to future developments.]

Jiang Hao noticed that Liu Xingchen became more and more interested in him as time went on.

It was true that Liu Xingchen had advanced to the middle stage of the

Primordial Spirit Realm after devouring a portion of the Blood Demon.

Unfortunately, he couldn't determine whether the three entities had already joined forces.

"Have you heard about the heavy injury inflicted on Senior Brother Bai Ye?" Liu Xingchen asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head. "No."

The news hadn't spread within the sect yet. Only a few people knew about it.

Liu Xingchen sighed. "It is said that someone threw a spear which pierced through Bai Ye instantly from outside the valley. Their strength was unimaginable, truly astonishing. The people from the Hundred Bones Forest were furious, and the Merit Hall pressured the Law Enforcement Hall to launch an investigation. The Law Enforcement Hall is in a miserable state this time. Fortunately, Bai Ye's cultivation was not harmed. Otherwise, it would have been a serious matter. As a True Disciple with significant accomplishments, if he died or if his cultivation was destroyed, the Law Enforcement Hall would have to raise the alarm."

"Is the opponent so cunning?" Jiang Hao asked.



He was genuinely worried now.

“Indeed, the opponent is cunning.” Liu Xingchen smiled. “Not everybody can do something like this.”

Jiang Hao understood that with the involvement of the Law Enforcement Hall, no one could escape.

“I heard that after the incident, Senior Brother Bai Ye’s foundation has been greatly strengthened,” Liu Xingchen said.

Jiang Hao nodded. “Of course. Otherwise, it would have been truly dangerous.”

After that, Liu Xingchen talked to him about the matter of the top disciples. He said that many people were vying for the position of the tenth top disciple.

Anyone with a Primordial Spirit Realm could compete.

However, their age needed to be verified, and the specific verification required a special treasure.

Jiang Hao also wanted to give it a try, but unfortunately, it wasn’t possible for him at the moment. He needed some time. But he was curious to see if Liu Xingchen would participate.

If someone in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm participated, then no one would be able to surpass Liu Xingchen.

However, Liu Xingchen shook his head and said that he had just advanced, and his cultivation was not stable.

Jiang Hao understood that Liu Xingchen had no interest in becoming a top disciple right now.

After bidding farewell to Liu Xingchen, Jiang Hao arrived at the Spirit Herb Garden.

As expected, he encountered the two members of the Divine Corpse Sect.

“Greetings, Seniors.”

“Friend Jiang, how is your progress in formations?” Gu Cheng greeted him with a smile.

“I have a basic understanding now,” Jiang Hao said modestly.

“That’s good. If you have any questions, you can ask me. I have free time,” Gu Cheng said generously.

“Thank you, Senior.”

He understood that he was just offering out of politeness. If Jiang Hao sought his help, it would mean he lacked intellect.

“In that case, let me explain the follow-up steps to you,” Qing You said.

“Okay.” Jiang Hao nodded.

Then they entered the small pavilion in the garden.

The new formation was quickly drawn, and the explanation began. Since he had already grasped the previous formation, this one was much easier to understand.

Jiang Hao only asked a few questions.

This made Qing You frown. She felt as though Jiang Hao was pretending to understand her explanation, even though nothing registered in his mind. She didn’t say anything.

It took a whole day, but she finally finished her explanation. “This formation is related to your life and death. If you can’t learn it, I advise you not to enter the

Corpse Realm.”

‘Did I ask too many questions?’ Jiang Hao thanked her for the warning.

After seeing them off, he recorded the formation. Although he had a rough understanding of it, he still felt that it was not enough.

He needed to be more prepared if it was something concerning life and death.

Starting tomorrow, he would go to the Lawless Tower to find Zhuang Yuzhen.

After tending to the spirit herbs, he returned to his residence.

Just as he arrived, he felt the stone tablet vibrate. It was a notification for another gathering from Dan Yuan.

The gathering would take place in fifteen days, at midnight.

‘Fifteen days... It looks like I have to prepare,’ he thought to himself.

Every time there was a gathering, he had to find a way to present himself so the others wouldn’t be suspicious of him.

However, there was no one from the gathering in the Hidden Cloud Prefecture. That made him feel a little safe.

The stone tablet could lock on one’s location. So, if anyone else with a stone tablet was close, they could sense the location of the next person holding the stone tablet.

There were ways to prevent this. Jiang Hao could do it.

The next day, Jiang Hao arrived at the Lawless Tower. “Shall I teach you the second formation?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked. “I always feel like I can’t grasp it,” Jiang Hao said as he sat down. “Do you have any wine?” Zhuang Yuzhen looked tired.

“Wait a moment.” Jiang Hao got up and left.

Zhuang Yuzhen felt a bit worried. He was afraid that he wouldn’t return.

However, half an hour later, Jiang Hao came back with three jars of wine.

Zhuang Yuzhen started drinking. “This tastes awful.”

“Tell me about this formation,” said Jiang Hao.

“This formation isn’t difficult.” Zhuang Yuzhen put the wine down. “But if you want to grasp it completely, you need to understand the formation of the Human Yuan Array. The Heavenly Yuan can control the heavenly aspects. The Earthly Yuan can control earthly conditions. The Human Yuan can control the variables. The unity of the three Yuans encompasses the evolution of all things and can deduce the beginning of heaven and earth. The Human Yuan is the beginning of all variables, situated between heaven and earth. It can touch the heavenly aspects above and interact with the earthly conditions below. Therefore, it can coordinate the universe, conform to the great Dao, and create life and transformation. So, the Human Yuan Formation you are learning can actually connect to the Heavenly Yuan and activate the Earthly Yuan. A slight mistake can bring about destruction. To fully grasp these changes, you need to thoroughly understand these simple formations.”

‘Simple...’ Jiang Hao sighed.

He always felt embarrassed when learning about formations..

Chapter 279: Gui Infiltrates the Heavenly Note Sect

For half a month, Jiang Hao had been studying formations with Zhuang Yuzhen.

The Three Elements Formation was much more complicated than he had expected.

Zhuang Yuzhen's explanations only scratched the surface. Mainly because Jiang Hao couldn't understand anything, which left him greatly disappointed.

He was aware of his own limitations, but for the sake of his future safety, he continued to study diligently.

His knowledge of formations had indeed become much stronger than before.

"Now you've learned almost everything, but you still lack a certain agility, which cannot be forced through talent. However, you can continue practicing various changes to compensate for your lack of experience," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

Jiang Hao closed his eyes, and in an instant, the formations he had learned began to appear in his mind.

As they evolved, the formations in his mind became increasingly complex.

Looking at these formations, Jiang Hao felt stressed.

He had memorized them all, but he couldn't make them undergo any changes. His talent was indeed just average.

But it wasn't the same for learning talismans.

'Does that mean I actually have good talent for creating talismans?'

It seemed that relying on formations to make money was out of the question. When he opened his eyes, he heard Zhuang Yuzhen's voice. "How do you feel?"

Jiang Hao shook his head. He had so many questions he wanted to ask.

It was evening now, and he still had plenty of time.

At that moment, a voice shouted from a corner. The guards were bringing someone in.

"Let me out! You beasts, what's the point of tormenting me like this? Just kill me. You beasts from the demonic sect!"

Jiang Hao saw a bearded man struggling frantically. His face was pale, and he looked frail.

Jiang Hao recognized him. It was Hai Luo, the man who had been bragging about breaking free from this tower a few days ago.

Now, it seemed that he had reached the late stage of the Primordial Spirit

Realm.

How long had it been?

Bang!

Hai Luo was locked in Room 2. He was now Zhuang Yuzhen's neighbor.

"It seems you have company now," Jiang Hao said with a smile.

“Surprised? Do you think you’re the only one worthy of my company?” Zhuang Yuzhen smirked.

Jiang Hao chuckled.

He remembered that when he first arrived, Zhuang Yuzhen had struggled even more frantically than Hai Luo.

Bang! Bang!

Hai Luo pounded his fists on the ground. “Let me out! Let me out! You beasts! Once my people arrive, you’ll all die! I will raze the entire Heavenly Note Sect to the ground. You dare to ambush me?! Have the guts to face me head-on.”

Zhuang Yuzhen looked at Hai Luo and felt that he was looking at himself. He also wanted to raze the Heavenly Note Sect to the ground.

Jiang Hao felt that Hai Luo posed a certain level of danger and decided to appraise him.

[Hai Luo: One of the Twelve Heavenly Kings of the Heavenly River Sea. His cultivation was dissolved and absorbed by the Lawless Tower, leaving only the power of the late sage of the Primordial Spirit Realm at his disposal. He came to the Southern Region for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl but was caught by Baizhi. He was then imprisoned. The people who cooperate with him will arrive one after another to search for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.]

‘One of the Twelve Heavenly Kings of the Heavenly River Sea?’

Jiang Hao had never heard of that before.

However, Liu mentioned that overseas people coveted the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

What surprised him was that the Heavenly Note Sect actually captured people outside and brought them into the Lawless Tower.

The Heavenly Note Sect could still hold its ground in the Southern Region.

They were more than capable of dealing with the Blackheaven Sect or the Sunset Immortal Sect.

However, when facing the northern sects and people from overseas, the Heavenly Note Sect had insufficient manpower.

Was it really okay to offend so many people?

Elder Baizhi must be aware of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Otherwise, she wouldn't have taken action so quickly.

"Where are you from?" Zhuang Yuzhen asked curiously.

"Who the hell are you? Do I need to tell you where I'm from?" Hai Luo said coldly.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Why were these people so stubborn?

But he didn't have any leverage over the new captive, so he remained quiet.

Although Hai Luo had come seeking the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, no one knew that the pearl was actually in the Heavenly Note Sect.

Also, no one knew who had it.

Zhuang Yuzhen looked at Hai Luo in contempt. "So... you're just a small fry."



“Tell me again, what makes you so arrogant when we’re all prisoners?” Hai Luo retorted.

In this tower, everyone was equal. Because their cultivation had been stripped away. They were all treated like animals anyway.

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly and turned to leave the Lawless Tower.

Tonight was the gathering, and he needed to make his preparations. He could continue learning about formations tomorrow.

As he left, he saw a woman in a black robe walking in. He quickly lowered his head in respect.

She was often in the tower and was in charge of interrogating important captives.

The woman nodded slightly, acknowledging his greeting.

Then she walked straight to the prison cells. And then came Hai Luo’s cry of surprise. “It’s you again? Let me tell you—” Crack!

The sound of a whip echoed in the hall.

Jiang Hao quickly left.

He didn’t dare to look.

At midnight, Jiang Hao entered the stone tablet.

When the other three arrived, he followed them and began to pay his respects to Dan Yuan.

“Senior Dan Yuan.”

Indeed, Dan Yuan deserved their respect. So far, they had gained so much from him.

Dan Yuan smiled. “Do any of you have any difficulties with your cultivation? “Senior, if I hide my cultivation, how can I attack without arousing suspicion? Gui asked.

“After your cultivation improves, there will naturally be many changes. Even if you hide your cultivation, there will still be traces left behind. It depends on the concealment technique. If the technique is average, it can counteract the changes brought about by the Primordial Spirit.” Dan Yuan explained.

‘Not only that, but there were also the fluctuations in spiritual energy, the impact of breathing, the flow of blood energy, the gaze, the extension of the mind, changes in behavior and movement, and being vigilant about fluctuations in spiritual energy during action and physical changes, and so on. Only then could one truly conceal their cultivation.’ Jiang Hao couldn’t say these things aloud. Even if he did, they wouldn’t be able to grasp them unless he gave them the nameless manual. But he wouldn’t give it to them ever!

Gui nodded.

Liu and Xing were busy with their clone technique and studying secret arts.

Finally, Dan Yuan’s gaze fell on Jiang Hao.

After hesitating for a moment, Jiang Hao asked, “What is needed to improve proficiency in formations?”

“Proficiency in formations?” Dan Yuan thought for a moment. “Talent, a renowned teacher, diligence, sufficient time, and an abundance of formations. Analyzing formations can help understand their structure, and sufficient talent can enable one to extrapolate from one formation to another. If the talent is lacking, you will be missing a bit of flexibility.

In that case, there is only one path: spend more time analyzing formations and the more you understand, the higher your proficiency will be.”

'Analyzing formations?' Jiang Hao thought for a moment and realized that the Heavenly Note Sect didn't have that many formations.

There were many formation masters in the sect, but there was no specialized branch for teaching formations.

Even if there was, he wouldn't spend his time learning it.

Learning basic formations was not as good as studying talismans.

Seeing that no one else asked any questions, Dan Yuan said, "Then let's talk about something else. Any news about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower or the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?"

Everyone shook their heads.

"Then let me talk about the new mission. Enter the Corpse Realm and find something. Can anyone enter it?" Jiang Hao felt that he could try to complete this task.

But he didn't want to reveal anything right now.

Gui suddenly said, "I can try. I already have the qualification to enter the

Corpse Realm."

Jiang Hao was shocked. 'How is that possible?!'

Gui was in the Heavenly South Prefecture, and the Heavenly South Prefecture was right next to the Hidden Cloud Prefecture.

She was also in the southern region!

But where else could she find the Corpse Realm Flower?

It seemed that only the Heavenly Note Sect had it right now.. Was she already in the Heavenly Note Sect?

Chapter 280: Finding Gui

If Gui had the proper qualifications to enter the Corpse Realm, it was highly likely she was already in the Heavenly Note Sect.

Jiang Hao wondered how she had made it here. There were two possibilities.

First, she belonged to the Heavenly Note Sect. Second, she gained entry through another force.

Regardless, she certainly wouldn't be using her true identity.

With numerous people in the Heavenly Note Sect, selecting one would be extremely difficult.

But if she was pretending to be someone from the Divine Corpse Sect, she might have an 80% chance of getting in.

He had heard that all twenty-two disciples of the Divine Corpse Sect were going to enter the Corpse Realm, along with twenty-six from the Heavenly Note Sect.

'Maybe Gui killed the people from before!'

Jiang Hao felt a chill down his spine. Fortunately, his stone tablet couldn't be tracked.

There's another question in his mind. 'If Gui is discovered, will Hong Yuye take action against her?'

He was no match for Gui, and Hong Yuye never made a move by herself.

Jiang Hao felt it was not suitable for Hong Yuye to intervene just yet.

Moreover, if something happened to Gui, others might suspect him. The undercover mission would fail. He should take it slowly.

The top priority was to find her first.

"Gui, you can enter the Corpse Realm?" Liu looked surprised.

"I inquired about the Corpse Realm Flowers and found out that the realm is related to the flowers. In the south, only the place mentioned by Friend Jing has the flowers."

Gui smiled at him. "Friend Jing, do you have the qualifications to enter too?"

'Is she testing me?' Jiang Hao didn't answer her directly. "It seems you started preparing right after learning about the Divine Corpse Sect, Gui."

Gui smiled and remained silent.

"Now that Gui is getting close to that place, I must ask... Have you seen or heard anything about the heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower?" asked Xing.

Jiang Hao had wanted to ask the same thing but didn't want to appear suspicious.

"No." Gui shook her head with a sigh. "I don't have a treasure to explore the

Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, so I can't find its location. But the Heavenly Note Sect is quite dangerous. After over a hundred years of development, it has become more terrifying. Give them a little more time, and they will be able to confront the Blackheaven Sect and other sects head-on."

The others were surprised but didn't say much.

"After entering the Corpse Realm, head to the Heavenly Stele Mountain and carve the contents of the sixth stone tablet from the foot of the mountain. As for the reward, information, techniques, secret arts, and pills are all acceptable in exchange."

"Senior, can I ask for the Snow God Pill?" Gui asked.

"You can." Dan Yuan smiled.

That surprised everyone. The Snow God Pill could only be used once and was super rare.

"But there's one thing you need to pay attention to..." Dan Yuan looked at everyone. "The surface contents of the sixth stone tablet are not the true

Jiang Hao knew about that. The person entrusted with the information doesn't obtain the true contents of the sixth stone tablet.

He wanted to use others to obtain the true contents to perfect his secret arts and techniques.

Gui nodded in agreement.

"In addition, there's another task, which is to find the person seeking the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Any information about overseas or any other faction is acceptable," Dan Yuan said calmly. "You can ask me any doubts you have about any aspect."

That includes various questions, such as how to make the land fertile or more details about the Crimson Feather Divine Pill.

Jiang Hao knew of a name, so if he had any questions in the future, he could exchange the name for an answer to his doubt.

Liu had been paying attention to this. "I do know one person, Hai Luo, one of the Twelve Kings of the Heavenly River Sea Area. This person is very high-profile and has already entered the southern region. I don't know much beyond that."

'He has already been captured...' Jiang Hao couldn't say that aloud.

"As long as we capture him, we can learn more about other people. The King of the Sea has a fatal weakness. Every hundred years, he becomes infatuated with a woman. A few years ago, he became infatuated with a woman in the Foundation Establishment Realm, and he hid her very well. I happened to encounter her at the Heavenly Immortal Pavilion on Tranquil Island. I asked for her name. It's Miao Anxian," Liu said.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Liu looked robust and muscular, and he seemed particularly interested in talking about women.

Jiang Hao could make good use of this information and have a heart-to-heart with the Sea King.

As for the list, Elder Baizhi should already be handling it. He didn't need to intervene.

If he can obtain one or two names, he can exchange them for some answers. Dan Yuan nodded. "Do you want to ask your question now or later?"

"Later," Liu said.

He wanted to focus on his cultivation, and some of his questions required a price to be paid. He would save those questions for later.

After the tasks were completed, it was time for trading information among the group.

“Should I reveal this to everyone or just you?” asked Liu.

“Just me,” Jiang Hao said.

Stone tablets appeared beside them. After Liu let go, Jiang Hao placed his hand on the stone.

Many words and phrases appeared in his mind.

“The End of All Things, the pursuit of ultimate destruction, is a kind of existence similar to a sect...”

Jiang Hao didn't read it very carefully. He just memorized it. He would write everything down when he returned. Then he could take a closer look. “Is it information about the End of All Things?” Xing suddenly asked.

Jiang Hao nodded.

“I have some information about it as well,” Xing said.

“What do I need to give in return?” Jiang Hao had his doubts. It would be easy to expose himself this way.

“Previously, I was pursuing a group of people. Most of them were severely injured and imprisoned overseas. Only one person escaped and headed to the southern region. I hope you can keep an eye out for this person, Friend Jing. The name is Gu Qing,” Xing said.

“Alright.” Jiang Hao nodded without hesitation.

Although he didn't want to take on this task, he had no choice.



Fortunately, it was just a matter of remaining alert.

“Good. I recently obtained a secret code. It’s the communication code among some disciples of the End of All Things. It can be used to find other people,” Xing said, looking toward Dan Yuan.

At this moment, the stone tablet appeared again.

Jiang Hao successfully obtained the secret code.

“The Heavenly Extreme, The End of All Things.”

“This secret code will probably change after a while, so if you want to use it, you should do so as soon as possible. It could be as short as three months or as long as three years,” said Xing.

Jiang Hao nodded. This was quite the gain.

After the trading was completed, the group began discussing the situation in their respective regions.

“Do you remember when I said the Bright Moon Sect recruited a talented disciple?” Xing looked at everyone eagerly.

“It is said that she is even more talented than expected. She has exceptional talent, a special physique, astonishing comprehension, and is surrounded by great fortune. The upper echelons of the Bright Moon Sect are fighting to decide who gets to take her as a disciple..”