

A Demoness 331

Chapter 331: I Am Very Rich

Yun Qi touched the sealed entrance to the cave. "We can't get in. This cave is very special. But it seems Jiang Hao couldn't come out, or maybe he planned to use this mine to escape from us?"

Lan Qian stood beside him. She frowned. "That shouldn't be the case. He has already reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, so it's even more dangerous for him inside. It appears that he didn't manage to come out in time."

"What a pity. I mined some ores and planned to share it with him. There was quite a lot." Yun Qi sighed and reluctantly picketed the extra spirit stones.

"Let's wait a bit. Maybe he will come out when the spatial fluctuations disappear," Lan Qian said.

Yun Qi nodded. He didn't mind waiting. He glanced at Lan Qian. "When will you teach me the content of the sixth stone tablet?"

"Before we leave," Lan Qian said.

"Alright, then let's continue mining here for now. This is quite interesting," Yun Qi said with a smile.

"Who are you selling the ores to?" Lan Qian asked curiously.

"To the ones in Soul Ascension cultivators. Who else would be willing to make trades below the Soul Ascension Realm cultivators? They are all so poor," Yun Qi said helplessly. "I find that even they are also poor."

"If they are on the path to making progress in their cultivation, you won't find many people with spirit stones," Lan Qian said. "Cultivation is an extremely costly affair, and spirit stones are meant to be

earned and used to enhance oneself and become stronger. If one's cultivation is not sufficient, everything is just useless."

"I am different. I am very rich." Yun Qi chuckled. "Senior sister, do you want to follow me? I'll take you to enjoy all the food and drinks."

Lan Qian glanced at him. She didn't reply and just sat cross-legged to begin cultivating while waiting for the mine to return to normal.

Jiang Hao walked into an unfamiliar mine and noticed that the stone walls here were reinforced with bricks. It looked more like a man-made structure than a naturally occurring cave.

The light was also different, but he couldn't determine the location. He was only certain of one thing: there was danger here.

Soon, he encountered some demonic beasts in the mine. They were entirely black with sharp claws and fangs and at the peak stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Instead of confronting them, Jiang Hao chose to hide and wait for them to leave.

If they were in the Primordial Spirit Realm, he would have attacked them. He could get some blue bubbles that way. However, with the beasts at Foundation Establishment Realm, he couldn't even get white bubbles.

Jiang Hao continued to explore the passage and search for an exit from this place. He had no intention of fully exploring this place. It looked dangerous and unnatural. He wanted to leave as quickly as possible.

At this point, he had already sealed away his rooster. If it started crowing, it would be quite troublesome.

He had evaded the beasts a few times along the way. Suddenly, he heard footsteps from another passage nearby. He lowered his head and remained quiet.

If the person approached him, he would have to take action. The Half-Moon Blade was already in his hand. When the person got close, he would decide whether to kill them or not.

Thud! Thud!

The footsteps were getting closer. However, just as the figure was about to

arrive, Jiang Hao heard a sound from another direction. The person stopped, said something, and turned and left.

Jiang Hao let out a sigh of relief. Based on the spiritual energy fluctuations around him, the person should be at the peak of the Golden Core Realm. He couldn't understand what he had said to the other person. It sounded too complicated.

He could only remember some of their words because the person had seemed surprised.

Jiang Hao was now curious.

He waited for a while until the people were gone for good.

Only then did Jiang Hao start to look for a way out.

After all, with different languages, there would surely be differences in their methods as well. It would be best not to engage in conflicts. Jiang Hao used a notebook to write down the words he had just heard.

The pronunciations were somewhat similar.

However, he could understand it because the words remained in his mind. He was just worried that he might forget it someday, so he wrote it down.

“Pi Tiao Ge Sheng Qiu...”

He looked at the words. They didn't make sense at all.

If he could figure out the language, he might be able to find out which place this mine was connected to.

Although it was not useful to him just yet, the information might come in handy at the next gathering.

Afterward, Jiang Hao kept evading the demonic beasts. He tried to find a way out.

After about half a month, he saw a faint light in the passage.

Once he confirmed that there was no problem, he stepped through and returned to the passage.

“Back already?”

Once he confirmed there was no problem, he released the rooster. It was still asleep. Its advancement was taking longer than expected.

He checked to make sure no traces of the Universe in a Palm were left behind. After that, he walked out of the cave.

He saw two people outside the entrance of the cave. Yun Qi and Lan Qian.

“You are safe.” Yun Qi was somewhat surprised.

“I was mining and didn't pay attention to the changes around me. When I finally noticed it, I didn't dare to act recklessly, so I managed to come out safely,” Jiang Hao said.

He also put the rooster aside.

“Many demonic beasts have been hiding lately. It seems that many of them are going to advance,” Yun Qi said.

Jiang Hao felt strange. Why were so many demonic beasts advancing at the same time? He didn't ask that aloud.

After that, Jiang Hao handed over the ores and obtained four thousand spirit stones.

“So much?” Jiang Hao said.

It was more than what he got before. The ores he had were accumulated from previous mining. The stock was depleting. He would soon run out.

“Keep mining. There are still two months left. When you get out of here, you will still have spirit stones to spare after buying a Heavenly Rejuvenation Pill,” Yun Qi said with a smile.

“Let's wait until the rooster wakes up,” said Lan Qian. “Yes, Senior Sister. You are quite attentive.” Yun Qi smiled.

Jiang Hao thanked her too.

That day he went out and returned with a new rooster. Then, he went back to the mine.

Yun Qi and Lan Qian were stunned. Why did he have to be so passionate about mining?

“I believe what he said before might be true. Perhaps he received some spirit stones. Otherwise, why would he be so willing to mine?” Yun Qi said jokingly.

Jiang Hao's enthusiasm was beneficial to them as well. They would earn several thousand spirit stones this way

"Some people are watching us," Lan Qian said.

"They are nobodies. Senior Sister, don't worry about them. You can continue to cultivate. Leave everything to me. In the entire Blood Tide Forest, I'm invincible as long as the extraordinary genius doesn't arrive," said Yun Qi.

Lan Qian glanced at him but didn't say anything.

At this moment, Jiang Hao felt a lingering fear. He had triggered something at Heavenly Stele Mountain because of which all this was happening. Even beasts were trying to advance.

'I should find time to appraise Yun Qi.'

Half a month later, the rooster crowed.

Jiang Hao walked out of the mine.

It was now early December, and there were at most one and a half months left until the boundary to the Corpse Realm closed..

Chapter 332: Even Soul Ascension Cultivators Are Defeated

When he came out of the mine, Jiang Hao saw Lan Qian cultivating at a distance.

Yun Qi half-reclined on a tree.

A woman was kneeling under the tree.

Jiang Hao noticed that the woman's cultivation was higher than Primordial

Spirit Realm.

The woman looked terrified. She seemed unable to move.

"Do we look like an easy game to you? You, a late-stage Soul Ascension Realm cultivator, dare to come here?" Yun Qi sat up and looked at the woman in front of him. "How does it feel to see your cultivation drop bit by bit? It cost me quite a few spirit stones. I've been earning for so long, but it's not even enough for the small change. Will you compensate me for that?"

"Please, Senior, forgive me. I have a magic treasure. I can give that to you as compensation," the woman pleaded.

Then, Jiang Hao saw the woman's cultivation drop to the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

'A curse?'

Jiang Hao glanced at Yun Qi and then activated his divine ability.

Soon, he received the feedback.

[Yun Qi: True Disciple of the Divine Corpse Sect. His cultivation is displayed in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. His mind has been wiped by Bi Zhu. He is under Bi Zhu's control.]

Jiang Hao was surprised. The information he got was limited. It was much less than what he got from Shang An.

'Wiped and controlled... Does that mean the main person behind this isn't here?' Jiang Hao wondered. 'At least I can be sure that Gui's real name is Bi Zhu. I need to be more careful.'

Although the information he received was limited, it was still valuable.

However, he couldn't say this at the next gathering.

The woman handed Yun Qi a magical treasure, and he let her go.

After dealing with the woman, Yun Qi approached Jiang Hao and handed him four thousand spirit stones.

Jiang Hao thanked him. He had received eight thousand spirit stones from him in total.

Combined with what he had from before, it came up to forty-seven thousand spirit stones.

He could soon catch up to the loss he had suffered from buying the September Spring tea.

In the past few days, he felt that his understanding of the Hong Meng Heart Sutra had become clearer.

He didn't know if it was because of the tea or Heavenly Stele Mountain. Maybe it was both.

So far, the changes he observed were that his strength had increased slightly, but his cultivation realm had not changed.

In addition, the purple spiritual energy on his body had become denser. His techniques were also more effective.

For example, the sealing technique, which previously required the same level of strength as the enemy to inflict severe damage. Now he could use it on anyone unprepared.

However, it would still be broken after a while, but he could keep reinforcing it.

After handing the other ores to Yun Qi, Jiang Hao took a break.

He had to wait for the mine to reopen.

Recently, there had been a change. The mine opened for days on end, but it took longer when it was finally closed.

This time, it would probably take half a month to open.

Since he couldn't mine, he might as well try doing something else.

Jiang Hao looked at Yun Qi. "Senior, has Heavenly Stele Mountain appeared anywhere again?"

After the Heavenly Stele Mountain disappeared, he had not received any new summons.

In theory, Heavenly Stele Mountain should appear somewhere again.

"You should ask Senior Sister about it." Yun Qi glanced at Lan Qian.

Lan Qian had finished her cultivation just now. She looked at them. "In theory, it should appear again, but because of the extraordinary genius, it has disappeared. Currently, there is no news of it appearing anywhere. It might not appear again."

'What? It won't appear again?' Jiang Hao was surprised. He wanted to ask about the extraordinary genius, but he didn't want to ask too many questions. It might annoy them. He would ask Zhuang Yuzhen when he returned to his sect.

“Senior Sister, what did the extraordinary genius do at Heavenly Stele Mountain that time?” Yun Qi asked.

‘Good question...’ Jiang Hao felt that Gui was good at asking questions.

“He reached the summit. I think he was trying to comprehend the highest stone tablet. It is said that only a very few people have been able to approach the highest stone tablet in the history of the Divine Corpse Sect. I heard that the highest stone tablet is blank, but he still comprehended something from it.

‘I’m not sure...’

Jiang Hao hadn’t comprehended anything. Compared to the people here, his talent was indeed lacking. But he didn’t mind.

If he continued to hide in the Heavenly Note Sect, he could steadily become stronger. He didn’t need to compare himself to anyone.

However, the fact that Heavenly Stele Mountain wouldn’t appear again made Jiang Hao feel disappointed.

He hadn’t wiped off the dust from all the tablets yet.

He was looking forward to coming back here again.

Next time, he would visit Heavenly Stele Mountain and spend the rest of the time mining.

Hao stayed in the same place to cultivate for a month before the mine reopened.

Since the appearance of Heavenly Stele Mountain, the changes in the mine were very strange. It was completely different from before.

“You can only mine for ten days. Use the remaining time to try to communicate with the Human Yuan Formation. It will be convenient for your departure,” Lan Qian said calmly.

Jiang Hao nodded and thanked her.

Afterward, Jiang Hao entered the mine once again. Allying with the two wealthy seniors proved quite beneficial.

He could get a good share of spirit stones.

He just hoped they wouldn't turn against him at the last moment.

Jiang Hao had already appraised Lan Qian. She was an ordinary disciple of the Divine Corpse Sect and was in the middle stage of the Soul Ascension Realm. She was reserved in nature, but she didn't really have any intention of robbing him.

There was also nothing threatening about Gui or Yun Qi.

This time, he couldn't mine for ten days. On the eighth day, the rooster crowed.

Jiang Hao glanced at his interface. [Lifeblood: 98/100 (Can be cultivated)]

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

‘What a pity! ‘

He didn't want to advance in this place and alert others. So, it was just as well.

After going back, he could try to advance within a week.

Then, he would go to Bai Ye.

However, he couldn't do it right after going out. He needed to delay it a bit.

Yun Qi took the ores. "There's no time to sell them. Everyone is getting ready to go out. I'll take the remaining ores. You can still get two thousand for these."

Jiang Hao thanked him and accepted the spirit stones. He was delighted. He had earned ten thousand during this period.

It was a lot.

He had a total of forty-nine thousand spirit stones on him. He was almost about to reach fifty thousand.

Unfortunately, when he returned, it would be the start of a new year. It would be the time for another incarnation of the peach tree.

These spirit stones couldn't be kept for too long.

"Do you know how to communicate with the Human Yuan Formation?" Lan Qian asked.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded.

"In that case, you can stay here for the remaining days. No one dares to approach this place in the Blood Tide Forest," Yun Qi said with a smile.

Jiang Hao thanked them. He had wanted to find another place, but it seemed that he couldn't do it now.

After that, Yun Qi and Lan Qian left.

For them, they were just helping someone at the Foundation Establishment Realm and earning some spirit stones in the process.

The two arrived in a secluded area of the Blood Tide Forest.

“Senior sister, let’s part ways here,” Yun Qi said.

Lan Qian nodded.

“By the way, this is for you.” Yun Qi gave her a blood-red bead. “This thing can save your life, and it’s very lethal. Let me put it this way, even the elders who brought you to the Heavenly Note Sect wouldn’t dare to touch it. Oh, and there’s this too.”

Yun Qi took out a jade pendant.

“Keep this, Senior sister. I have some people in the south and east regions. If you feel like running away one day, you can find me there.”

Lan Qian was speechless..

Chapter 333: Home Has Changed After Being Away For A Year

Jiang Hao looked at the deserted mine.

He felt a certain connection with this mine.

Then, he drew a formation on the ground to communicate with the Human Yuan Formation, so that he could leave without any problems.

This time, he had gained a lot from this trip. He had even discovered that cleaning or wiping ancient artifacts could produce bubbles.

After returning, he could use his Primordial Heavenly Blade to conduct experiments.

He couldn't leave these artifacts lying around for too long, as it would be easy for Hong Yuye to find out.

He didn't feel secure without having some hidden cards.

Soon, he finished drawing the formation.

However, when he tried to activate the formation to connect with the Human Yuan Formation, the formation suddenly sensed his presence. This surprised Jiang Hao.

'Is it already connected?'

For a moment, Jiang Hao felt that he only needed a thought to connect to the formation.

'What's going on?'

He checked the formation under his feet again, but it wasn't activated.

Puzzled, he erased it.

However, he could still connect with the Human Yuan Formation and felt that he could leave ahead of time.

'How is this possible?' Jiang Hao was puzzled.

He quickly thought of Heavenly Stele Mountain.

This was definitely because he had left his mark on heavenly Stele Mountain. 'It seems that leaving a mark is equivalent to securing a way out.'

If he encountered danger, he could leave the Corpse Realm immediately. He felt that it was a little useless because he had discovered this only at the end.

Jiang Hao drew the formation again and activated it once more. He pretended that he was using the formation to connect with the Human Yuan Formation.

Then, he waited for the passage to open.

He was curious about what would happen if he stayed here.

Jiang Hao wondered if he could use the golden rings to leave the Corpse Realm.

After hesitating for a moment, he left a ring in the Corpse Realm. He wanted a way to sneak into the Corpse Realm in the future.

If he couldn't enter, he would have to ask someone for help to retrieve the ring.

He had already used four rings. He needed to be careful when using them.

Jiang Hao had given some rings to Xiao Li and the spirit beast uselessly. He regretted it a little.

In the following days, the Blood Tide Forest was exceptionally quiet.

On the last day, Jiang Hao felt that the passage was about to open.

At this time, the two roosters kept staring at him.

Jiang Hao felt helpless. He couldn't possibly raise the roosters.

He had the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman and the golden rings. Each of them had spatial fluctuations.

If he kept the roosters, he would be discovered.

He scattered some food, responded to the Human Yuan Formation, turned into a beam of light, and soared into the sky.

At this moment, he saw countless beams of light shooting toward the horizon. Many people were in the Blood Tide Forest.

Occasionally, he could see some familiar faces, such as Gu Wen and the others.

Jiang Hao felt that he was lucky to have gotten a chance to cooperate with these people. Otherwise, he wouldn't have earned so many spirit stones. And there were also quite a few spirit herbs. He could still sell some of them.

He could accumulate up to fifty thousand.

Soon, Jiang Hao left the Human Yuan Formation.

When he stepped out, he was beside the Corpse Realm Flower.

Mu Qi and Gu Cheng and Qing You were also nearby.

Gu Cheng and Mu Qi's cultivation was about to break through. Qing You had advanced to the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Gu Cheng smiled. "It seems that everyone has gained quite a bit from the trip."

"I was just lucky," Mu Qi said.

Jiang Hao lowered his head and didn't say anything.

However, he felt that Mu Qi's breakthrough was only held back because there wasn't much time. Otherwise, he could have advanced to the Primordial Spirit Realm.

It had only been a year since he broke through to the peak of the Golden Core Realm

Mu Qi had an ancient inheritance, so there was no need to rush.

"You've broken through, Junior Brother Jiang?" Mu Qi asked politely.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded. "I encountered Heavenly Stele Mountain."

"If Junior Brother Han knew about this, he would definitely work harder." Mu Qi chuckled.

Jiang Hao was speechless. 'Poor Junior Brother Han..

"Now that everyone is back, you should keep an eye on the Corpse Realm Flower. We're going back to report to the sect," Qing You said. "When the passage closes, the flower will turn into a seed. Plant it a few months before the next opening."

Mu Qi thanked her. Although the people of the Divine Corpse Sect couldn't take seeds out, they advised them to take care of it.

After Gu Cheng and the others left, Jiang Hao also bid farewell to Mu Qi. He noticed that Miao Tinglian was coming over, and it would be awkward if he stayed.

Mu Qi smiled and nodded. Although he had many questions to ask, he refrained from doing so.

“Leaving so early, Junior Brother Jiang?” Miao Tinglian greeted Jiang Hao with a smile.

Jiang Hao just bowed to greet her and then went back to his house.

After a long time in the Corpse Realm, he felt a bit unaccustomed to the things around here.

He needed to take out some spirit herbs and store them in the Spirit Herb Garden.

The spirit herbs he had were not of high quality, so they might not fetch him much.

Moreover, he was at the peak of Foundation Establishment Realm for all intents and purposes. Only one step away from reaching the Golden Core

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On his way back, he happened to see a dispirited man walking on the road.

Jiang Hao recognized him. He was Feng Yang. The one from the cafeteria where Jiang Hao paid for extra food for Xiao Li.

“Junior Brother Feng?” Jiang Hao called out.

Feng Yang saw Jiang Hao, and he looked delighted to see him.

Jiang Hao assumed that Xiao Li had caused trouble again.

“Senior Brother Jiang, you’re back already?” Feng Yang asked excitedly. Jiang Hao nodded. “What’s wrong? Did Xiao Li cause trouble again?”

“Not exactly,” Feng Yang said. “It’s just that Junior Sister seems to have a much bigger appetite now, and the previous amount of food can’t satisfy her. But if we don’t give her enough to eat, she will cause trouble in the cafeteria. So, for the past six months, I’ve been covering up for her expenses...”

Feng Yang looked at Jiang Hao expectantly. “How much more spirit stones are needed? I can’t let you spend money on such matters.”

“About eight or nine spirit stones a month.” Feng Yang dared not say more than that.

“For a total of six months, right?” Jiang Hao gave him sixty spirit stones.

“This is too much..

“It’s necessary,” Jiang Hao said politely.

After all, Xiao Li was an outer sect disciple, and the reason Feng Yang was willing to cover for her for half a year was because of Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao walked with Feng Yang because he was going in the same direction.

On the way, he asked about Xiao Li and how she was doing.

Apart from having a bigger appetite, Xiao Li hadn’t done anything to anger others. But there were always minor incidents with her since she wasn’t very obedient.

Jiang Hao also asked about the spirit beast. Feng Yang had only good things to say about the beast.

After making sure that nothing troublesome had come to pass, Jiang Hao bid farewell to Feng Yang and returned to his courtyard.

As soon as he entered, he frowned.

He looked around but didn't see anything else.

'Why was there suddenly so much spiritual energy?

Chapter 334: The Undercover Agent Of The End Of All Things

As Jiang Hao observed the changes in the courtyard, he felt puzzled.

At first glance, there wasn't much difference.

The Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower had six leaves now, but there were no other significant changes.

The several lotus flowers remained unchanged.

The Immortal Peach Tree was still taller than the surrounding walls, but it hadn't yet borne fruits.

The bamboo grove had become even more lush.

Other than these, there were no other notable changes in the courtyard.

He checked the formation, but there were no problems.

'How did the spiritual energy become so dense?'

He knew there was a Spirit Gathering Formation here, and the spirit herbs and Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower could nurture spiritual energy.

However, it had become much denser. It was like suddenly being surrounded by thick fog.

Jiang Hao walked into the house. In any case, he needed to check other areas first.

The golden ring was still there, the bathroom showed no signs of being used, and the cultivation area had no traces of being disturbed.

After thoroughly inspecting both inside and outside, Jiang Hao realized that the only change was the increased density of spiritual energy.

It seemed like a good thing, but he needed to observe further to know the details.

Jiang Hao sat in his courtyard and began to communicate with the golden ring he had left in the Corpse Realm.

As expected, the communication was successful.

However, he was unsure if he could go there or what would happen if he did.

He decided to go to the Lawless Tower and ask Zhuang Yuzhen.

But first, he needed to inform his master about his return.

When he arrived, he saw that Mu Qi had also just come back. Ning Xuan was there too. There was also an unfamiliar man with them. The man looked cold and aloof.

Mu Qi and Ning Xuan greeted him.

“Senior Brother Dongfang, hello.”

Jiang Hao also bowed in greeting.

This man was Dongfang Ji, the one who went with them into the Corpse Realm. His cultivation was indeed formidable.

However, Jiang Hao was only an inner sect disciple at the peak of the

Foundation Establishment Realm, so it was better not to get too involved with them.

Dongfang Ji nodded in response. The four people then entered Master Ku Wu Chang’s courtyard together.

Jiang Hao followed them. He couldn’t help but feel that something was strange about Dongfang Ji. It seemed like there were faint traces of green light around him.

That green light was exactly like the aura of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

‘It’s about to disappear... But why would Senior Brother Dongfang Ji have a remnant of the aura of the Earth Extreme Heart devouring Pearl?’ Jiang Hao was confused. He used his Daily Appraisal ability.

[Dongfang Ji: A True Disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect. His cultivation is at the middle stage of the Soul Ascension Realm. He is an undercover agent of The End of All Things. After submitting Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, he will be qualified to go overseas and become an internal member of The End of All Things. He is somewhat interested in you.] ‘Undercover agent?’ Jiang Hao was astonished.

Dongfang Ji was actually the one who had obtained the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl and was undercover for The End of All Things organization within the Heavenly Note Sect!

Jiang Hao recalled Xue Yue. Her life had been tragic, and Dongfang Ji also had a tragic past. Maybe The End of All Things approached people with tragic lives.

However, what surprised Jiang Hao was the fact that Dongfang Ji had agreed to go undercover for them.

‘Also, why would he be interested in me?’

Jiang Hao thought it might be because of the mine.

At that time, The End of All Things had set their sights on the mine. When the conflict with Shang An arose, several members of The End of All Things died, and the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl was destroyed.

Jiang Hao happened to be acquainted with Shang An’s group. Therefore, Dongfang Ji might have some interest in him.

Jiang Hao felt relieved.

However, there was one very important thing that needed to be addressed. He needed to get the spirit beast to retrieve the secret code.

After meeting his master, Jiang Hao left.

The other three stayed behind.

He didn’t know what they wanted to discuss.

He went straight to the Lawless Tower and headed to the fifth floor.

A whole year had passed, and the number of people here had increased.

A woman was in a cage this time. Her hair was disheveled, and her cultivation had dropped to the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. If she fell any further, she would have to leave the fifth floor.

In contrast, Hai Luo and Zhuang Yuzhen, one at the late stage and the other at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm, hadn't changed at all throughout the entire year.

The two people sat silently with lowered heads as though they were trying to conserve their energy.

Thud, thud!

Jiang Hao knocked on the door twice.

Zhuang Yuzhen struggled to lift his head. When he saw Jiang Hao, his eyes lit up.

"It seems you've gained quite a lot."

He had indeed gained quite a lot. He had supposedly leaped from the late stage to the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"Finally, someone who we can talk to. These people were useless! They couldn't touch the depths of my heart at all. Do they think I'd want to share information with them? What a joke!" yelled the Heavenly King and glared at the guards.

"You're just a little brat who relies on selling out your companions. Otherwise, you would have been thrown to the lower level long ago," Zhuang Yuzhen said disdainfully.

"You're one to talk! You, at the early stage of Primordial Spirit Realm, are no match for me. I can defeat you with one strike of my hand!"

"Actually, this time I want to ask some questions about the Corpse Realm," said Jiang Hao.

“Go ahead. Ask.” Zhuang Yuzhen was curious about what Jiang Hao had encountered inside.

After some thought, Jiang Hao asked, “Is there a place in the Corpse Realm that connects to other spaces?”

“Yes.” Zhuang Yuzhen nodded. “However, such places are extremely rare. Even

if you accidentally enter them, conflicts between both sides are unlikely to occur. It’s full of illusions. Some special monsters can shuttle through these spaces, but they also face significant restrictions. It’s challenging for them to appear in the Corpse Realm. If you leave before the passage closes, there shouldn’t be a problem. If you are unable to leave... no one knows what could happen. I have never heard of anyone attempting that.”

“I see...” Jiang Hao nodded.

However, what he had felt was so clear that he doubted they were just illusions.

He decided not to be rash for his own safety.

After mining for so long, he hadn’t seen any such monsters coming out of the cave.

“Is there anything else?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked.

“Is there such a thing as an extraordinary genius in the Corpse Realm?” Jiang Hao asked.

Zhuang Yuzhen looked excited. “Did the extraordinary genius appear?”

“It seems like it.” Jiang Hao nodded.

“What actually happened?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked eagerly.

“Is an extraordinary genius that important?” Jiang Hao was puzzled.

“Of course,” Zhuang Yuzhen said. “Since our sect opened up the Corpse Realm, there has only been one extraordinary genius about two hundred years ago. It was only then that the term “extraordinary genius” was used.”

Zhuang Yuzhen looked confused. “Weren’t you in the Blood Tide Forest? How did you know about the extraordinary genius?”

“The extraordinary genius was suspected to be in the Blood Tide Forest, and Heavenly Stele Mountain appeared in the Blood Tide Forest for that person. It was said that the mountain teleported to the Blood Tide Forest just ten days after appearing in another region.”

“Impossible!” Zhuang Yuzhen found it hard to believe.

How could such a thing be possible?

“It happened. What’s so different about an extraordinary genius?” Jiang Hao asked.

“The difference lies in the topmost stone tablet. Others have to climb up themselves, but the extraordinary genius can directly reach the top. And this is just the beginning,” Zhuang Yuzhen said with a sigh. “After going up, there are two possibilities..”

Chapter 335: The Extraordinary Genius

“What are the two possibilities?” Jiang Hao sat cross-legged on the floor and listened attentively.

“The truth is, the topmost stone tablet is blank, and it’s also the most special one. This stone tablet can also be used for enlightenment, but the results are completely different. Back then, I also went up there.

You should know that the entire Divine Corpse Sect, including me, only had seven people so far who managed to reach the top,” Zhuang Yuzhen said.

“At that time, I sat in front of the stone tablet and cultivated for seven days and seven nights. In the end, I comprehended a divine ability, which was incredibly powerful.”

Jiang Hao felt envious.

“Do you think that is a good thing?” Zhuang Yuzhen suddenly asked.

“Isn’t it?” Jiang Hao asked in return.

“I thought it was a good thing at the time.” Zhuang Yuzhen smiled bitterly. “But when I returned with excitement to inform my master, he sighed. He told me that among the seven people who comprehended the stone tablet, only one person didn’t gain anything. However, that person has already become one of the strongest in the Divine Corpse Sect, and all the others look up to him. So... the true genius is the one who gains nothing.”

Jiang Hao was speechless. What if an ordinary person happened to go up there?

“At that time, I was unconvinced. Later, I went to meet that person. When he displayed his power and his aura, I understood the true difference in comprehending the stone tablet.”

“What difference?” Jiang Hao was curious.

“Shadow,” Zhuang Yuzhen said earnestly. “When I was comprehending the stone tablet, I saw some figures within it, and one of those figures was that person’s. So, those who are truly recognized by Heavenly Stele Mountain will leave their own shadows.”

“Why is King Hai Luo so quiet today?” The woman seemed to have woken up. She looked at Jiang Hao “Just a mere Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, yet you all give him such attention? Pathetic! Even though I’m weak right now, a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator is not even qualified to fetch my shoes.”

Jiang Hao ignored her and continued to talk with Zhuang Yuzhen. After that, he

left.

On his way back, he thought about what he had learned.

He was well aware of his own talent.

He didn't entirely believe what Zhuang Yuzhen said.

'If there's no opportunity, and you only leave a shadow behind, what's the point?' Jiang Hao sighed and shook his head.

What he wanted wasn't to leave a shadow behind, but to gain divine abilities or something related to talismans.

Those things could benefit him. Leaving a shadow behind might be useful in the future or have some benefits for his reputation. However, those were the things he wanted to avoid. People might target him for it.

So, it was best to remain a diligent inner sect disciple and focus on his own affairs.

He had asked about what happened to those who stayed behind after the passage was closed. It seemed they disappeared and were never seen again.

When he returned to the courtyard, it was already evening.

As soon as he entered, he saw the spirit beast and Xiao Li sitting in front of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

“I have a way to call back master,” the spirit beast said.

“Really?” Xiao Li was curious.

“Everyone knows I never lie. Just watch,” said the beast and sniffed the

Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. It then reached out its tongue to lick it.

Just as its tongue was about to touch the flower, a familiar scabbard swung down and pinned its tongue to the ground.

The spirit beast looked terrified, and Xiao Li looked stunned.

“Master!” said the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao glanced at the beast. He then drew out his Half-Moon Blade. He noticed some cracks on the blade. It was probably from the time he had faced those two Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators in front of the mine.

‘Golden Core treasure has done well against Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators until now...’

“Master, you returned so quickly?” The spirit beast jumped up on the table.

“Wasn’t it you who called me back?” Jiang Hao asked.

Then he gazed at the Immortal Peach Tree. “Who ate all the peaches?”

Xiao Li lowered her head and placed some white dates on the table. “For you,

Senior Brother.”

Jiang Hao tried it and found it tasteless. He gave them back to Xiao Li. He suddenly remembered that he had kept two pills from before. He checked it and found that it hadn't been damaged, so he gave them to Xiao Li.

After Xiao Li left, Jiang Hao turned to the spirit beast. "What about the secret code?"

"Master, rest assured, my friends in the cultivation world all know about me. They will handle the matter without leaving any trace," said the beast.

The spirit beast hadn't caused any trouble so far.

Jiang Hao found out that a Golden Core Realm cultivator had come for the secret code on the third day after Jiang Hao left.

"Didn't he discover you?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I have some talismans and concealing abilities. He definitely didn't detect me," said the spirit beast. "Master. The Golden Core Realm cultivator doesn't seem to respect you at all!"

"So? There are so many experts who don't respect me at all," said Jiang Hao.

"Master, you can't be like this. You need to work harder," said the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao ignored it. He asked about the Golden Core Realm cultivator.

"He's from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion?" Jiang Hao was surprised. "Did he wipe out the secret code?"

"Yes. Not only did he wipe it, but he also left the mountain shortly after and hasn't returned since."

Jiang Hao wasn't concerned about that.

If he wanted to inquire about The End of All Things, he could always do it through Dongfang Ji even if it was a little dangerous.

"Have Lin Zhi and Chu Chuan made any progress in the past year?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Chu Chuan has progressed quickly and has already reached the sixth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm. Lin Zhi works very hard, but his cultivation hasn't changed at all," said the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao wasn't surprised by Chu Chuan's progress, but he was curious about

Lin Zhi's situation.

"What do you mean there has been no change?" Jiang Hao asked.

"There's been no improvement in his cultivation at all," said the spirit beast with drooping ears. "I don't know why, but his cultivation hasn't made any progress."

"What about other things?" Jiang Hao asked.

"A lot more people have been bullying him... more than before."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

"It seems that his two friends rarely appear now, so many people have started bullying him. He was getting beaten up every day. I saw him hiding in a corner and crying secretly."

"Isn't Lin Zhi around fourteen or fifteen years old?" Jiang Hao asked. "He's fifteen, and Chu Chuan is almost the same age," the beast said.

“What about Xiao Li?” Jiang Hao asked.

“According to Cheng Chou, she is sixteen years old,” the spirit beast said uncertainly.

Xiao Li still looked like she was still twelve or thirteen years old.

Jiang Hao wanted to ask some more questions, but he felt the stone tablet vibrate.

He checked it and found out that there would be a gathering tonight as soon as the Corpse Realm closed. It seemed like they were in a hurry to know about the sixth stone tablet.

‘I also need to consider what questions to ask...’

He would also receive the reward for his previous list.

If Hai Luo hadn’t deceived him, there would probably be a reward waiting for him.

He took out some tea leaves and handed them to the beast.

The spirit beast looked delighted. It ate some of the tea leaves. “Master, this is good! Is there more?”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Seeing the Spirit beast enjoy the tea so much, Jiang Hao wanted to try it himself..

Chapter 336: Vast Heaven Platform

He needed to think about the previous gathering and his interaction with Gui. Then, he thought about what he wanted as a reward. He had to ask questions without leaving any clue about his own identity.

As for the matter of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, he still had no news about it. He hoped the others won't ask about it.

With his answers in mind, Jiang Hao placed his Half-Moon Blade in a corner of the courtyard. He waited for midnight to arrive.

He asked the spirit beast why there was so much spiritual energy in the courtyard. The spirit beast told him that it was because of its friends from the underworld.

Jiang Hao chuckled.

At midnight, Jiang Hao sat on his bed and took out the stone tablet. He entered the common area. Once he arrived, he found his seat, and the other three also took their positions.

Over the years, apart from them, no one else had come.

After confirming that no one else would arrive, the four of them began to talk to Dan Yuan.

"Do you have any doubts about your cultivation?" Dan Yuan asked.

"Senior, I want to ask about the spiritual technique of the Heavenly Feather Sect," said Gui.

This surprised Jiang Hao. 'Did she already obtain the Sky Feather Spiritual

Technique?'

"Do you mean the Sky Feather Spiritual Technique that can break through the bottleneck?" Dan Yuan asked.

“Yes... Is that really possible?” Gui asked.

Jiang Hao listened attentively.

“It is possible.” Dan Yuan nodded. “But the price is that you cannot cultivate other spiritual techniques. Moreover, in order to correctly cultivate the Sky Feather Spiritual Technique, you need to enter the Sky Feather Lair. Otherwise, your Primordial Spirit will be cursed, and you will be turned into a puppet if you go to the Heavenly Feather Sect. This is one possibility. Secondly, you can find two copies of the Sky Feather Spiritual Technique. Each one is different. But each copy is genuine, and there is no problem cultivating it. You will face problems, though. Even if you avoid the curse, there will be other issues. The Heavenly Feather Sect used to lure people into the sect like this.”

“Is it more difficult to learn than the Great Thousand Divine Avatars?” Gui asked.

“This is the foundation of the Sky Cloud Sect. The Great Thousand Divine Avatars are only a part of the Great Thousand Divine Sect, so naturally, they are different,” Dan Yuan explained.

“I got a copy, but it seems useless now,” Gui said and shook her head in defeat.

Jiang Hao was the same. He had also obtained a copy, but he never expected that he couldn't use or sell it at all.

“No problem. Let's move on to the previous task. Do you have any news about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower?” Dan Yuan asked.

After that, a stone slab appeared in front of him.

After a while, Dan Yuan nodded. “You can start thinking about the reward you want.”

“I'll leave it for later,” Liu said.

Dan Yuan nodded and then asked Jiang Hao and Liu to prepare the rewards they wanted. The previous list was correct.

“Is there any more on this? If not, this task is over. Some sects have already started being vigilant,” Dan Yuan said.

It was their goal to alert the other sects. They couldn’t do it alone.

“Then, what about the sixth stone tablet?” asked Dan Yuan.

He looked at Gui and Jiang Hao.

Gui glanced at Jiang Hao. “I do have the contents of the sixth stone tablet.” A stone slab appeared in front of her.

After receiving the information, Dan Yuan asked again, “Anything else?”

Gui knew that Jing had been in the Corpse Realm too, so she thought he might have more information.

Jiang Hao remained silent because he genuinely didn’t know about the sixth stone tablet.

“Now, you can talk about your rewards,” Dan Yuan said to Jiang Hao and Liu. Liu asked about the information related to the Ten Thousand Beings.

Jiang Hao waited for Dan Yuan to finish explaining.

After a while, Dan Yuan looked at Jiang Hao. “What do you want to ask about, Friend Jing?”

“I want to know where I can learn the complete languages of various regions. The more comprehensive, the better,” said Jiang Hao.

He wanted to learn the languages that he had heard in the Corpse Realm, but he couldn't ask about them directly. He could only start with common languages. Even if he didn't find anything, he could expand his search in the future. He might even directly assign tasks to them.

"Languages?" Dan Yuan said, "I have them here."

As he spoke, a stone tablet appeared in front of Jiang Hao. He saw countless characters.

He hadn't seen most of them ever in his life.

It took him a long time to memorize them.

"It's quite comprehensive," Dan Yuan said.

Jiang Hao thanked him.

Senior Dan Yuan was indeed quite knowledgeable.

"There are no additional tasks this time. You can freely talk with each other," Dan Yuan said with a smile.

"When you have time, please keep an eye on Gu Qing for me," Xing said to Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao nodded.

It had been more than a year since Xing had given him that task. However, he wasn't pushing him to find out more. He was being polite.

However, Jiang Hao had no idea where Gu Qing was, so he could only wait and

See.

Apart from Jiang Hao and Liu's transactions, the others didn't have anything to trade.

So, it was time for them to talk about things they had found.

"Didn't I say before that there are astonishing geniuses in the Corpse Realm?" Gui said eagerly. "Do you know how terrifying that genius was?"

"How terrifying?" Liu asked.

"Heavenly Stele Mountain summoned him several times, but he never came. Then, the mountain appeared to find him," said Gui. "At that time, I was on Heavenly Stele Mountain. The next moment, we were all at the Blood Tide Forest in the Foundation Establishment region. Although some people think that the extraordinary genius is in the Foundation Establishment Realm, I think that's impossible. I think he is an expert, but he happened to be in that region. No one knows why. However, I heard a name... Shang An. Some people think that the extraordinary genius might be him, especially since all the commotion in the Foundation Establishment region was because of him."

Gui looked at Jiang Hao because she thought that Jiang Hao was probably there at that time too. She even suspected to some extent that Jiang Hao might be an extraordinary genius.

'Don't look at me...' Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

He had never admitted that he was in the Corpse Realm. He remained silent.

"Heavenly Stele Mountain appeared just for him? I think that's a first," said Dan

Yuan.

He was surprised, but he didn't appear envious.

“Speaking of extraordinary geniuses, I also heard about one.” Xing looked at everyone. “Do you remember what I said last time? It was about the elder of Clear Sky School crossing through space and leaving. She returned recently, and it’s said that she brought back a person. No one knows much about this person, but it seems that he was injured pretty badly. After he was treated, the first thing they did was to send him to the Vast Heaven Platform to see how many realms he could reach.” “And then?” Gui asked..

Chapter 337: Time For A Surprise

Jiang Hao knew that it was Shang An.

‘With Xing’s connection, we’ll soon find out that it is Shang An. What will Gui do then?’

When Heavenly Stele Mountain appeared in Blood Tide Forest, Shang An was already gone from the Corpse Realm. When they find out that Shang An had already left, they would know that he wasn’t the extraordinary genius.

Jiang Hao didn’t care about that. No matter what happened, it would be difficult for them to guess that he had been in the Foundation Establishment region.

He needed to be more cautious.

He only had one question about Xing’s explanation. What exactly was the Vast Heaven Platform?

“It gets interesting,” said Xing. “At that time, I happened to be outside when I saw thunder in the clear sky, followed by a seven-colored radiance falling on the Clear Sky School. The seven-colored light is the most extraordinary phenomenon of the Vast Heaven Platform. At that time, I was far away, but I

could still hear the commotion in the entire Clear Sky School. Many experts broke out of their seclusion. The cultivator who was trying to break into the Clear Sky School was right. Many regretted not listening

to him. So many tried to recruit the gifted person as their disciple, but none succeeded. The entire thing alerted the bright Moon Sect. Now, they have postponed the Dao

Conference. They want everything to settle down first before they go through with it.”

“Why?” Jiang Hao was puzzled.

“Why?” Gui asked too.

“Because that person possesses a saintly heart, and under his influence, the Bright Moon Sect’s grand plan might fail,” said Xing.

Jiang Hao suddenly remembered what Hong Yuye had said. “Because they are attempting a Heavenly Dao...”

“Heavenly Dao?” The three of them looked at Jiang Hao with confusion.

“What the Bright Moon Sect truly seeks is probably not just the favor of heaven and earth, but the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment,” he said.

They were shocked because they had never heard of the Heavenly Dao

Foundation Establishment before.

They looked at Dan Yuan.

Dan Yuan frowned.

“It’s indeed possible. The Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment disappeared from the cultivation world for a long time. The criteria were extremely strict and not many people could achieve it. It was extremely difficult. If the Bright

Moon Sect encounters a talented disciple, they do have the capability to attempt something like that. If it's really the Heavenly Dao Foundation

Establishment, there will be two signs. First, that talented disciple has yet to establish their foundation.”

Secondly, the Clear Sky School's seven-colored radiance will have a great impact. If it continues, it might disrupt the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment. Therefore, there must be some high-level members of the Bright Moon Sect heading to the Clear Sky School.”

Xing was greatly surprised.

Everyone knew that some high-level members of the Bright Moon Sect had gone to Clear Sky School.

“It seems that Jing had read some quite extraordinary books,” said Dan Yuan.

“I just happened to come across the descriptions. There's not much more to it,”

Jiang Hao said.

It was the truth. He needed Dan Yuan's expertise on the matter.

Dan Yuan looked at everyone. “The appearance of the Heavenly Dao Foundation

Establishment might be of some benefit to us. First, there is the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, and then there might be the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, both of which require the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment. We should try our best to support the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment. The more stable the world, the better it is for us.”

Everyone nodded.

Jiang Hao also felt the same way. In this way, even if he escaped in the future, he won't have to face extreme calamities.

Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and Earth Extreme Silent Pearl were two things he couldn't fight against.

"What is the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment?" Gui asked.

"It's to be suppressed by the great power of heaven and earth, assisted by the aura of a powerful expert, and accommodate the great power of heaven and earth to achieve the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment Realm. Those who establish the Heavenly Dao will be favored by Heaven and Earth and can later become possessors of great auras. Those with great auras can suppress all evil in the world," Dan Yuan said.

The others were in disbelief. They looked at Jiang Hao in astonishment. The more they thought they knew him, the more mysterious he turned out to be.

Jiang Hao was satisfied that he had succeeded in making himself appear mysterious and unpredictable.

Then, they continued to talk about other matters.

"Speaking of which, I have been investigating Hai Luo and found that he disappeared as if he encountered an enemy. I plan to find his lover. I discovered that they are in the process of moving to another location because the Heavenly King has been missing for too long. I have confirmed that they are somewhere on Heavenly Moon Island. It's a nice but quite expensive place. The Heavenly King Hai Luo is quite generous. I even suspect that he has used most of his assets to support this woman." Liu found it amusing.

The renowned Heavenly King was unexpectedly in love.

Liu suddenly remembered something. "By the way, I want to ask you about something. Recently, the Heavenly King's partner disappeared in the southern region, most likely due to the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. I can pay to get information about her. Her name is Mi Lingyue."

“I’ll ask around and see if I find anything,” said Gui.

Only she and Jing are in the southern region.

Jiang Hao also made a mental note of the name.

She might actually be in Heavenly Note Sect since the sect was hunting the members of The End of All Things right now.

If not, he won’t be able to do anything.

They talked for a while before the gathering came to an end.

The first thing Jiang Hao did after leaving was to write down everything he had learned, especially about the book of languages.

Early in the morning, Jiang Hao finally closed the book. He had just finished writing.

The next step was to study it.

After that, Jiang Hao began to take stock of everything he had learned so far from the gathering.

At the White Moon Lake, a woman dressed in black robes arrived at the lakeside and bowed to the figure in white.

“Elder Baizhi.’

Baizhi gazed at the lake’s surface. She seemed lost in thought.

She sighed softly. “Speak.”

“The people we captured are all stubborn and uncooperative. Moreover, the Heavenly King who used to be a bit cooperative has turned sides and become even more unyielding.” The woman in the black robe was puzzled. “Yesterday, Jiang Hao went to visit him. Compared to before, he shouldn’t be so stubborn. I wonder if something happened between them.”

“Let him try. If it doesn’t work, forget it,” Baizhi said calmly.

They have captured a lot of people, and there were still more to come. They didn’t need to rush to find out their purpose. There was plenty of time for that.

One by one, they would eventually break.

Then, they would make it seem like they had a chance to escape. When they finally try to flee, they would all be killed.

The others would be made to watch so that they wouldn’t try anything like that.

“Is everything prepared for dealing with the Heavenly Saint Sect?” Baizhi asked.

The matter concerns their sect, and she intended to personally pay them a visit.

She wanted to deal a heavy blow to them.

“It’s ready, and we can set off in a few days..”

Chapter 338: A New Junior Sister Wants To Join the Spirit Herb Garden

Putting away the comprehensive language guide, Jiang Hao began to reflect on the gathering.

“The task for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl has been completed, and the task for the sixth stone tablet is also done. Only the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower is left.”

The outcome had been good. If the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was nowhere to be found, everything would be okay.

As for the contents of the sixth stone tablet and its impact, it was still unclear.

There was no need to think too much about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower for now. He needed to keep an eye on the undercover agents of The End of All Things.

There was also the matter of Gu Qing, which was the most difficult one.

However, she had supposedly fled to the south, so she should be hiding in some sect.

“Heavenly Note Sect has some reputation in the south, and it’s a newly rising sect, so the likelihood of being chosen is high. Moreover, this sect is very strict about its rules, which can help them avoid danger.”

There was no choice but to wait and see what happened with Gu Qing. If she surfaced anywhere here, Jiang Hao could handle it. If not, he would just tell Xing that he couldn’t find anything about Gu Qing.

After all, all tasks didn’t need to be completed.

There were other things to think about, like Shang An.

Shang An had made it to the Clear Sky School. As his master had said, his future was bright.

Jiang Hao couldn’t help but sigh when he thought about how he had disrupted

Shang An’s plans.

He should probably avoid Shang An in the future.

There's also the good news that the Bright Moon Sect's Dao Conference has been delayed, giving Chu Chuan ample time to improve.

Otherwise, it would have been difficult for him to advance to the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"If it hadn't been for Liu, I would have never found out. Wouldn't he have laughed at me if I had used another name to threaten him next time?"

The gathering was over, and he needs to familiarize himself with the situation in the sect.

He also needs to be on guard against Gui. He didn't know where she was right now.

Jiang Hao felt uneasy when he arrived at his courtyard. The abundant spiritual energy made him feel strange.

He always felt like there were secrets hidden here that he couldn't see.

It was like living in a wooden hut all his life and suddenly moving to a palace.

Something just didn't feel right.

'I need to figure out the source of this change.'

Early in the morning, Jiang Hao watered the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and kicked the drooling beast softly on the rear.

"Let's go."

The spirit beast opened its eyes in a daze and looked at Jiang Hao in confusion.

It seemed to be asking, “When did you come back, Master?”

Then, realization dawned on it.

Jiang Hao left the courtyard.

“Master, you weren’t here for a year. Did you bring me a gift?” asked the spirit beast as it followed Jiang Hao.

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

‘I brought you 24,000 Spirit Stones.’

“What is it? My friends are waiting to see my gift!”

“It’ll take some time. Let me check the situation here first.” Jiang Hao smiled.

“By the way, someone came looking for you,” said the beast.

“Who?” Jiang Hao glanced at the beast.

The spirit beast was at the Foundation Establishment Realm and its collar was at the Golden Core Realm. It should last a long time.

Jiang Hao could have saved the money instead of buying the collar, but the spirit beast was just too noisy and kept pestering him.

“It’s the same one who said she ate people.” The spirit beast seemed a little frightened. “I feel like she doesn’t show me any respect. She won’t become the new mistress, will she?”

“No, she won’t,” Jiang Hao said.

He knew who the spirit beast was referring to. It was Ming Yi.

Ming Yi’s cultivation should be at the early or middle stage of the Golden Core Realm now. However, she couldn’t be underestimated. If possible, it was best not to treat her as an enemy.

“Anything else?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Spirit Herb Garden has been busy. Xiao Li and I often go around to test Chu Chuan.’

Jiang Hao understood. Cheng Chou didn’t have time to accompany them.

In the past, Cheng Chou always watched over them.

However, what puzzled Jiang Hao was why the Spirit Herb Garden had become so busy.

As he thought about it, a talisman flew towards him.

It was from the White Moon Lake. Elder Baizhi wanted him to visit the Lawless Tower and interrogate Heavenly King Hai Lu again.

Jiang Hao was confused.

Zhuang Yuzhen came for the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, so it made sense for him to interrogate him.

Heavenly King Hai Luo was related to the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, so why should he be the one to interrogate him?

'Before, King Hai Luo cooperated with the sect. Otherwise, he would have already fallen far below in his cultivation. Why is he being stubborn now?' Suddenly, Jiang Hao thought of what Liu had said.

'Could it be because his people had moved to another place already?'

Jiang Hao couldn't help but feel that Liu was truly an extraordinary person.

Jiang Hao wasn't in a hurry to go to the Lawless Tower immediately. Elder Baizhi hadn't given him a deadline.

Today, he wanted to visit the Spirit Herb Garden and wanted to find out what was going on. If he had time after that, he would visit the Lawless Tower tonight, or tomorrow.

He would talk to King Hai Luo for a bit and then continue with his other tasks.

He needed to keep him hanging, just like he had done with Zhuang Yuzhen.

Being too direct might not yield any results.

After all, he couldn't really threaten Miao Anxian for real.

Jiang Hao saw that people were busy at work in the Spirit Herb Garden. Jiang Hao could tell that there would be turmoil in the Heavenly Note Sect in the coming days.

Either someone would attack them, or they were going to attack someone else.

Most of these spirit herbs were for healing injuries. Some could be ingested directly, while others needed to be sent to the alchemists.

Some herbs could help concentrate one's energy and enhance cultivation. They needed to be fully prepared, and there could be no time when the fight began.

The time of a fight or a war was the most beneficial time for the Heavenly Note Sect. The spirit herbs sold like hotcakes, and the ones who came back alive after the fight was done would usually have advanced a lot in their cultivation.

"Senior Brother Jiang, you're finally back!" Cheng Chou let out a sigh of relief when he saw Jiang Hao.

He found that it wasn't as easy as he thought to oversee the Spirit Herb Garden.

The pressure was too much, and he always received too many orders for spirit herbs.

He heard that the other Spirit Herb Gardens in the sect had some minor accidents. He had listened to Jiang Hao and hadn't added anyone new to the garden.

He would only allow people to join if Jiang Hao agreed.

Cheng Chou knew that he wasn't good at judging people, so he waited for Jiang Hao to come back.

"You've worked hard." Jiang Hao looked around the garden.

He found that there were quite a few special spirit herbs in the corners.

"Whose are those?"

"They were sent by the Hundred Bones Forest. They said they wanted to foster them here for a while."

'Hundred Bones Forest?' Jiang Hao thought of Bai Ye. 'Is he finally making a move? Has my sealing technique failed?'

Jiang Hao felt that he needed to advance as soon as possible and visit Bai Ye.

"By the way, some seniors plan to send people here to help us. I dared not to take in any new workers. This time, it's newly recruited only outer sect and inner sect disciples," said Cheng Chou helplessly. "I told them that I needed a bit more time to decide because I couldn't just allow anyone in."

"Inner sect disciples are coming?" Jiang Hao felt that one Spirit Herb Garden didn't require so many inner sect disciples.

He was enough. Sometimes, others would visit for a while and leave. Cheng Chou joined recently mainly because of Xiao Li.

Now, there were even more coming in, and he couldn't help but feel that they were here to compete for positions.

"It's a Junior Sister who said she wanted to join," Cheng Chou said.

"Junior?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

Among the inner sect disciples, Cheng Chou was the youngest.. How was it that there was another Junior Sister?

Chapter 339: The Unyielding Heavenly King

Currently, the most likely candidate to become an inner sect disciple is Xiao Li.

But Xiao Li needed to surpass the eighth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm to enter the inner sect.

If the master wanted to accept her as a True Disciple, she would have to wait until she reached the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Apart from Xiao Li, there wasn't any other candidate for the inner sect.

Unless someone from outside advanced to Foundation Establishment Realm soon...

The outer sect disciples of the Heavenly Note Sect didn't belong to any specific branch. Once they advanced, they could choose to join a branch.

Jiang Hao was brought to the Cliff of Broken Heart because he reached the eighth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm before turning eighteen. That had made him eligible to join the inner sect.

He felt concerned about the newly recruited Junior Sister, especially since she willingly joined the Spirit Herb Garden.

"Yes, that Junior Sister is a newly recruited disciple. It is said that she was a rogue cultivator before and joined the sect at the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm," Cheng Chou said.

'Rogue cultivator?'

Jiang Hao nodded. He was on guard. This didn't seem right.

"When do you want to meet her, Senior Brother Jiang?" Cheng Chou asked.

"Bring her here tomorrow," Jiang Hao said.

Today, he needed to familiarize himself with the situation in the Spirit Herb Garden.

He had been away for too long. If it weren't for the fact that no one was willing to stay in the Spirit Herb Garden, he might have gone to do something else.

Jiang Hao inquired about the situation in the Outer Sect's Spirit Herb Garden.

It was still in progress. It would take more time for the barren land to turn into a spirit field.

Although the spirit field under their jurisdiction was only average, it ranked ninth among the twelve branches.

'Isn't that third from last?' Jiang Hao found it amusing, but he didn't say anything.

The important thing was to participate.

When the time came, one of the branches would take over everything, and they would cooperate accordingly.

Jiang Hao observed the spirit herbs and the workers in the Spirit Herb Garden.

For now, everything seemed fine.

However, it was getting difficult for the workers because of the increased workload.

Still, no one was slacking off. They were very diligent in their work.

They also knew that this was the best place to be. Some of the workers, especially non-cultivators, had worked in other places before and weren't treated well.

Cheng Chou had also visited other Spirit Herb Gardens and seen the condition of the workers there. Many inner sect disciples simply didn't care about them.

As long as they did their work properly, they would be treated badly here. Many felt that this garden was run like a righteous sect where everyone was treated well.

Cheng Chou felt embarrassed when he heard that. But he felt that it was true. Jiang Hao was always good to everyone working here. After all, he had been on the receiving end of Jiang Hao's kindness many times.

If he hadn't met Senior Brother Jiang Hao, he might have had no hope of reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm in his entire life.

At this moment, Jiang Hao saw that there were some vacant spirit fields and felt that he could plant some spirit herbs there.

But he needed to handle it properly. The sealing technique should not be seen by anyone.

After taking care of the spirit herbs for the whole afternoon, everyone was aware of his return.

He began to take over from here on out. The ones who were the happiest to see him were the ordinary non-cultivators.

In the evening, Jiang Hao left the Spirit Herb Garden and went to the Lawless Tower.

First, he would chat with Heavenly King Hai Luo.

He was just getting used to a day without mining. These two days, he hadn't received any blue bubbles.

He hadn't seen a single white bubble, either. He had to wait until tomorrow for that.

In the cave, he had found so many white bubbles that it had made him feel motivated. That feeling disappeared after returning home.

In an inner sect courtyard of the Cliff of Broken Hearts, a beautiful woman sat cross-legged. She was deep in cultivation.

When she opened her eyes, a trace of blood appeared on her brows, and her face turned pale for a moment.

“My injuries are severe. I need to go to the Spirit Herb Garden as soon as possible to absorb some spiritual aura to restore my strength.

“It’s a pity that I got struck by an early-stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. I’ll wait a few more days. If they don’t let go, I’ll deal with them. I can’t let a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator affect my recovery.”

As for the sect’s rules, she didn’t care at all. These rules were just for show. Which sect was not like this?

If she didn’t get caught, no one would care. Even if someone suspected something, who would stand up for an ordinary disciple?

As long as she contacted the person in charge of the investigation, and let them know why they shouldn’t offend her, everything would be fine.

“The Heavenly Note Sect is not bad, but the level of disciples is clearly inferior to other major sects. The high-ranking members aren’t very strong either. Although they can’t help me against the bright Moon Sect, this place is safer for me. I can recover properly and hide for a while.”

She was Gu Qing, who had escaped to Heavenly Note Sect. She joined the sect with Foundation Establishment Realm cultivation and had treasures that could perfectly conceal her real cultivation realm. No one here would detect it.

The people she interacted with were all weak. She could kill them with no consequence.

There was a knock on the door. Gu Qing walked over and opened it. There was a handsome man at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm standing at the door.

It was the person who had brought her into the sect.

“Junior Sister Gu, were you resting?”

“Not really. How can I help you, Senior Brother Tian?”

“You said you wanted to help out in the Spirit Herb Garden, right? A junior has

returned, and tomorrow you can go and meet him. He is in charge of the garden,” Senior Brother Tian said.

“He’s your junior? Why did Senior Brother Cheng refuse in the beginning?” she asked.

“That junior who has returned is in charge of the Spirit Herb Garden, that’s why. When recruiting new workers, his approval is needed. He has Senior

Sister Miao backing him, and also Senior Brother Mu Qi. Senior Brother Mu is a True Disciple and has a high status in the sect. He is also Senior Sister Miao’s partner. They have a good relationship with Junior Brother Jiang, so he has a lot of say on how to run the Spirit Herb Garden.”

“I see.” Gu Qing nodded. “Will Senior Brother Jiang not let me join?”

“Unlikely. The Spirit Herb Garden is currently short on people. You can help there for a while, and your future cooperation will depend on your abilities,” Senior Brother Tian said with a smile.

“Thank you, Senior Brother.” Gu Qing smiled.

“You’re welcome. I can see that you have extremely high talent, and they will like you. I like helping you,” said Senior Brother Tian in embarrassment.

“Then Senior Brother, will you come and pick me up tomorrow?” asked Gu

Qing.

Senior Brother Tian nodded and left.

Gu Qing watched him leave. ‘Men... they’re all the same...’

Senior Brother Tian finally breathed a sigh of relief.

‘I fell into her trap again. I need to get rid of her as soon as possible. She’s just a woman. How was I so willing to help her?’

Senior Brother Tian felt wary and didn’t want to meet her again. Such people were dangerous. He shouldn’t try to provoke her.

In the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao arrived at the fifth floor and met the black-robed woman guarding it.

“Junior Brother, can you help me find out about their purpose in coming here? If you can’t get anything from them, it’s okay. It’s just that Hai Luo’s attitude has been very strange lately. I just want you to confirm what’s going on.” “Strange?” Jiang Hao was puzzled.

She explained everything. Lately, Hai Luo had become stubborn and arrogant as if he had nothing to fear.

Jiang Hao nodded. He had a rough guess of why he was acting like that. He also wanted to meet the Heavenly King Hal Luo..

Chapter 340: I Prefer The Unruly Heavenly King

Hai Luo, the Heavenly King, made the interrogation more challenging with his stubbornness. Most people didn't know as much as he did.

Previously, they could interrogate others based on Hai Luo's information. After which, he would confirm whether the information was accurate.

However, everything they got out of him or the others was false information.

Hai Luo kept insisting that what he said was true as if he was mocking everyone.

The black-robed woman concealed herself and left Jiang Hao alone to deal with the situation.

He approached Zhuang Yuzhen, who seemed to have found a way to deal with the stripping down of his cultivation. He looked better than before. Moreover, the cage seemed to provide some protection, so it could maintain a balance.

The Heavenly King Hai Luo was in very good condition too. He had managed to stay at the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm by betraying his companions.

The heavenly Note Sect hadn't yet revoked the protection on him, even though he was being uncooperative.

"What do you want to ask today?" Zhuang Yuzhen looked up at Jiang Hao.

"I'm here to see the Heavenly King Hai Luo," Jiang Hao said calmly.

Zhuang Yuzhen was surprised. It was the first time Jiang Hao had come to see Hai Luo. He remembered that Hai Luo had been talking fearlessly a lot lately.

Moreover, after seeing Jiang Hao yesterday, he seemed to want to see him again.

“Looking for me?” Hai Luo smiled. “Why do you want to see me?”

Jiang Hao walked over and looked at the Heavenly King in front of him. It seemed like he had been waiting for this day for a long time.

“I heard that you have not been cooperating with our sect lately, so I wanted to ask why,” Jiang Hao said calmly.

“Why?” Hai Luo burst into laughter. “What a king does or doesn’t is his own choice. Do I have to tell you everything, you brat?”

“Oh?” The woman in the third cell was surprised. “Why are you being noisy again? What is it this time?”

“I’m just curious,” Jiang Hao looked at the person in front of him.

“Curious?” Hai Luo leaned back and made himself comfortable. “Then let me tell you why. Because this king has had his fun. When I came here, it was too boring. I wanted to play with you all for a while. Now that I have had my fun, I won’t play anymore. It’s a pity that you scums can only use sneak attacks.”

“That’s right,” said the woman excitedly. “This sect is simply insane, even more, sinister and dirty than our methods overseas. They even impersonated my husband and used charm techniques on me. I thought my husband was disgusted with me. I still have trauma from that. Dirty, despicable bunch of scumbags! Have the guts to fight me head-on!”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He couldn’t understand the woman at all.

Nevertheless, she was right. The Heavenly Note Sect’s methods were unsightly.

However, why were they taking unnecessary risks if they knew what the sect would do?

‘ You guys do some ruthless things, even more than those of us overseas. You’re not worthy of being called a demonic sect,’ the woman said in anger.

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

Zhuang Yuzhen didn’t say anything. He had been defeated.

“It seems that we need to find a way to make you feel less bored,” said Jiang

Hao.

“How do you plan on doing that? Can you make me happy?” Hai Luo stared at Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao gestured to the person in front of him. When Hai Luo couldn’t come any nearer, he lowered his hand.

“Alright, three words. After hearing them, you will be happy,” Jiang Hao said.

Zhuang Yuzhen looked at Jiang Hao and waited for him to speak.

The woman beside him looked confused. What was this Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator doing? Was he really threatening Hai Luo? How was that possible?

Many people had approached him and threatened him, but they couldn’t make him talk. What could a mere Foundation establishment Realm cultivator achieve?

“Hahaha!” Hai Luo looked at Jiang Hao and laughed. “Do you really think that trick will work? That’s funny. I was just playing with you last time. You actually took it seriously! It’s so hilarious that I can’t stop laughing.”

Jiang Hao smiled and then softly uttered three words.

Heavenly King Hai Luo was stunned. He then burst into laughter again.

He held his stomach and laughed. “How ridiculous! Why don’t you go and look in the mirror to see how ridiculous you look now? Do you really think you’re some extraordinary figure? You want to make me happy? You want me to cooperate? It’s impossible!”

Hai Luo then calmed himself. “Next time they have questions, tell them to ask me directly.”

The woman who had admired him looked puzzled.

“So... the Heavenly King just surrendered?” Zhuang Yuzhen sneered. “I preferred the unruly Heavenly King Hai Luo.”

“B*stard, just fight me one-on-one then. You dare to be so arrogant when you are only at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm!”

“You little piece of trash.” Zhuang Yuzhen sneered in contempt.

Meanwhile, the woman looked stunned. ‘Why did Hai Luo give in so easily?’

“You are from overseas, right? Why did you come to the southern region?” Jiang Hao asked.

The purpose was something the black-robed guard wanted him to find out about.

“For luck. Although our group appears to be targeting the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, they are actually here for luck. Everyone knows the terror of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. It needs strong luck to suppress it. The fact that the pearl had surfaced means that there must be such luck nearby. As for myself, I came for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. With it in my possession, no one in this realm will dare to cross me,” said Hai Luo. Then he asked in a low voice, “Do you still need further cooperation?”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He was suddenly curious about Mi Anxian. Her name could make Hai Luo cooperate with them in such a way.

The woman beside him was also puzzled. She was curious about what had made Hai Luo give in so easily.

She looked at Jiang Hao. “Hey, how did you make him give up that easily? Maybe you can make me cooperate too. Come on, don’t be shy. Tell me a few words and make me cooperate too.”

Jiang Hao observed the woman in the third cell. She was injured everywhere. Her face was covered in scars. Her hair was disheveled. Otherwise, she appeared quite ordinary.

He used his Daily Appraisal ability on her.

[Mi Lingyue: A disciple of the Great Thousand God Sect. She was undercover along with Mu Longyu and unexpectedly became his partner. She gave birth to Mu Longyu’s child, Mu Yin, and hoped the child would break free from their influence and grow up happy and safe. Because of her son, she was determined to leave the Great Thousand God Sect and start her life anew after finding powerful luck..]