

## **A Demoness 361**

### Chapter 361: An Impromptu Gathering

The next day, Jiang Hao noticed that the stone tablet was vibrating.

He discovered that there would be a gathering tonight at midnight.

'An impromptu gathering? They're already having a gathering so soon?'

Jiang Hao was surprised. This was the first time he encountered an impromptu gathering.

'I wonder what it could be about?'

Jiang Hao took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Whether it was an illusion or not, he felt that the pearl was becoming more active.

After wiping off the mud, he carefully examined it, but there was no reaction.

After hesitating for a moment, he appraised it.

[Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl: A magic treasure of providence. Sealed by the Universe in a Palm Technique. It will automatically break free from the seal after 45 years. If left unsealed, it will gradually spread misfortune and cause suffering and death. In the sealed state, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl can suppress curses.]

'Forty-five years? Something seems off.'

Jiang Hao felt that it should be around fifty-one years.

Why had it suddenly decreased by six years?

Jiang Hao used the Universe in a Palm Technique to seal it again. He hoped the information given by the ability was a mistake.

He made sure nothing was wrong with it and put it away.

However, no bubbles appeared even after being covered in mud for so long. It seemed that treasures sealed by the Universe in a Palm Technique could not produce bubbles.

Fortunately, he still had the rings and the Heavenly Blade. He could continue his experiments later.

At midnight, Jiang Hao entered the stone tablet.

This time, when he entered, everyone was already in their seats.

After exchanging greetings with Senior Dan Yuan, everyone sat down cross-legged on the floor.

Jiang Hao noticed that Liu and Xing looked puzzled.

Gui looked worried.

Although he couldn't see their faces clearly, their emotions were discernible.

'Could this gathering be related to Gui?'

Senior Dan Yuan got straight to the point. "This urgent gathering was called because Gui has made a discovery."

Everyone looked at Gui.

“I found traces of great luck near the Heavenly Note Sect, but I realized that someone got there ahead of me,” Gui said.

For a moment, both Xing and Liu looked at Jiang Hao. They knew he was near that sect.

“It wasn’t me,” said Jiang Hao.

He hadn’t even gone to search for it. Even if he did, it would have caused him trouble.

And besides, going out was dangerous for him.

It was easy to be discovered by others, and he’d have to accept missions from the Law Enforcement Hall.

“Did you find anything else?” Liu asked.

“Yes, while sensing the traces of great luck, I also detected an ominous curse.

It’s a very special one. Even I wouldn’t dare to touch it recklessly,” Gui said. “The curse seems to be attached to great luck there. I heard those people saying that someone had used the traces of great luck. So, I have a frightening guess.”

“Someone used the traces of great luck to find the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?” Senior Dan Yuan’s voice was grave.

Jiang Hao was stunned. He then recalled the changes in the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. What Gui said must be true.

“Yes.” Gui nodded. “That kind of misfortune might come from the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. The reason that person is still alive is that the great luck traces protected him from the backlash.”

“While traces of great luck do indeed have a certain chance of avoiding the backlash, it’s extremely difficult to completely evade it. Only with a resolve to die can one possibly attempt such a thing. Do you know who it is?”

“Mu Qiu... that’s what I heard,” Gui said.

Mu Qiu was one of the people from overseas who was targeting the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Jiang Hao was worried. He was worried about someone coming for him, and about the seal being broken from the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Once the seal was broken, the first one to die would be him, followed by the entire Heavenly Note Sect. Then it would spread to the Hidden Cloud Prefecture, and, in time, the entire southern region.

No wonder they called for an impromptu gathering. This was a major issue that affected all of them.

It was also the first time they were this close to the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

“Is the location near the Heavenly Note Sect in the southern region?” Xing suddenly asked.

Gui nodded.

Xing nodded. “Coincidentally, someone from the Bright Moon Sect is heading to the southern region. If they receive this news, they will head to the Heavenly Note Sect soon. However, we can’t be sure when the Heavenly Fate Misfortune

Pearl will erupt.”

“But just that is not enough. We need to be prepared to send messages to the immortal sects. Anyone can request information from me if they need it.” Senior Dan Yuan looked at everyone.

“There’s a problem. They may not believe it, especially if we’re not certain whether the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl will erupt. Sending messages like this won’t gain their trust,” Liu said.

Jiang Hao lowered his head and hesitated. “If misfortune is about to erupt, I might be able to sense it.”

The others looked surprised, but no one asked further.

After the discussion, the gathering came to an end.

The topic revolved around the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

On the balcony, Jiang Hao took out the pearl and examined it. It was stable at the moment.

However, any external stimulus would cause fluctuations, which could eventually break the seal.

If someone had used the traces of great luck to search for it from the beginning, he would have been in real danger.

By sealing it every day, he had created a buffer zone.

“I should give it to Hong Yuye. I’ll give it to her again the next time she comes.” For someone at his level of cultivation, carrying such a thing was indeed risky.

Putting away the pearl, Jiang Hao started to think of a way for the issue.

‘The Bright Moon Sect’s people will probably arrive at the Heavenly Note Sect sooner than expected. Although their presence alone might not be effective, they have a powerful backing.’

Liu Xingchen might be able to notify the Clear Sky School too.

But...

No one could save him.

Indeed, he could foresee an eruption, but it will mean his own destruction first.

'I need to get stronger. If someone comes looking for me, I can make them give up on finding the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.'

However, for safety, he took out a Breath Concealment Talisman. It could conceal him for a few days.

Although he wasn't sure if it would work, every extra day counted.

If he could escape, he wanted to leave as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, it was pointless to take the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl with him. Even if he was able to get rid of it, he was connected to it by now.

Once it was unsealed, death was inevitable.

Somewhere in a forest, a thin man frowned.

"I could clearly sense it just now. Why has it disappeared now? No worries, I can still wait."

His eyes glowed faintly red.

He sat in the woods and gazed at the moonlight.

“Did you find it?” Mu Qiu approached him.

“The traces are gone... obscured, but not for long. I feel that it’s about to appear. It would be better if I could get closer.” The man extended and pointed toward the direction of the Heavenly Note Sect.

“Heavenly Note Sect? Alright. In a few days, we’ll find a way to enter. How confident are you about this?” Mu Qiu asked.

“Thirty percent. There’s a chance it might bring forth bad luck,” said the thin man..

Chapter 362: Making Arrangements for the Arrival of the Bright Moon Sect

Early the next morning, Jiang Hao collected two bubbles.

[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

The Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower spawned two bubbles.

So far, besides the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, there were no other things that could consistently produce blue bubbles.

Even top-grade spirit herbs couldn’t do it. Maybe something of a higher quality could.

For advancement, one or two top-grade spirit herb seeds weren’t enough.

He glanced at his interface. [Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 27]

[Cultivation: Peak 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: 39/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 36/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Divine Abilities: 2/3 (cannot be obtained)] [Golden Legend: 1/2 (cannot be obtained)]

‘Still, a long way to go.’

He sighed and took out his Primordial Heavenly Blade.

After being left alone for so long, he wasn’t sure if it had produced any bubbles.

Out of curiosity, he gently wiped off the dirt on it.

The dirt didn’t come off.

He knocked twice. The dried mud cracked and fell. He then wiped it clean.

At this point, bubbles began to fall. One green and one white.



[Common Spirit Sword +1] [Spirit +1]

He continued wiping.

[Strength +1]

In the end, he got a total of three bubbles out of it.

One green and two white.

‘It took two months for this many bubbles?’

It seemed that obtaining blue bubbles was impossible, or at least not in a limited time.

If he had time to spare, he would leave it alone for a longer time.

But not right now.

Someone might use the traces of great luck to find the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. It might not be long before they arrived.

The blade had to remain in its sharpest state.

The sun shone brightly today.

“Master, when are we going to the Spirit Herb Garden?” asked the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao stroked the Heavenly Blade. A thicker aura emerged.

With a lift of the blade, he could suppress everything.

It was the primordial form of the Mountain Suppression.

Jiang Hao put the saber away.

The next time he took action, he could draw the blade and unleash the Mountain Suppression at any time.

“Are you very busy?” Jiang Hao stood up.

“My friends are all waiting for me, Lord Beast, to visit them,” it said. The spirit beast was fiddling with its collar. Sometimes, it even used that as a weapon.

One golden ring, one collar. It could be called the Double-Ringed Lord Beast

“When is Chu Chuan’s next test?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Today,” the beast replied.

“You don’t need to go today. I’ll go,” Jiang Hao said.

Some matters needed to be addressed.

When he arrived at the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao saw Cheng Chou waiting for him.

“Senior Brother Jiang,” he said. “I heard that you have a sect mission to attend to.”

“A sect mission?” Jiang Hao was a bit surprised but realized that it had been a long time since he had received one.

It had been two years since the last one.

“Do you know what it is?” he asked.

“It seems like it’s to clear out some demons in the Devil’s Den,” Cheng Chou said.

Jiang Hao nodded. That wasn’t difficult.

Before, he was weaker and was being watched by the Heavenly Joy Pavilion, so he had to be discreet.

But now things were different. As time passed, many from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion had let go of their grudges.

Now, the biggest problem was that the Pavilion Master couldn’t find a Charm

‘If Senior Dan Yuan helps me find a Charm Vessel, would it speed things up? Jiang Hao wondered.

The Pavilion Master of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion was growing impatient.

If there was news about the Charm Vessel, he would be left alone. Otherwise, it would bring trouble. Escape was impossible.

And the rings couldn’t take him too far away.

Perhaps he could send someone to the Bright Moon Sect and find a hidden place to bury one of the nine rings.

This way, he could quickly escape when he needed to.

After confirming the sect's mission, Jiang Hao went to find Chu Chuan.

"You're close to reaching the seventh stage of Lifeblood Refinement Realm. Your progress is fast, but your cultivation isn't stable," said Jiang Hao.

"I'm supposed to meet Chu Jie next time, so I have to advance to the Foundation Establishment Realm," Chu Chuan said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

Chu Chuan had the heart of an immortal. After reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm, his cultivation would become even more solid.

"Soon, people from the Bright Moon Sect will arrive. Some of them might have been sent by Chu Jie to find you..." Jiang Hao briefed him on matters relating to him.

Chu Chuan nodded. He had noticed that Jiang Hao liked to remain undiscovered.

"There's one more thing you need to consider." Jiang Hao looked at the young man in front of him.  
"When the people from the Bright Moon Sect come here, there's a possibility that they might invite you to join their sect. If you're willing, there's a high chance you can leave the Heavenly Note Sect and go to the east to join the Bright Moon Sect."

"Is the Bright Moon Sect very powerful?" Chu Chuan asked curiously.

"Very powerful." Jiang Hao nodded.

"How much more powerful are they than our sect?" Chu Chuan asked.

"It's hard to say, but the Bright Moon Sect ranks at the top. As for the Heavenly Note Sect, it doesn't have a ranking."

Chu Chuan was surprised.

“You can think about it. That place is beyond comparison. Don’t rush to make your decision. You can think about it before the people from the Bright Moon Sect approach you. Of course, this is just my guess,” Jiang Hao said.

Chu Chuan nodded.

After that, Jiang Hao went to find Lin Zhi.

He instructed him that when the people from the Bright Moon Sect arrive, he should stay in his room. He shouldn’t rush to practice the cultivation techniques.

Lin Zhi didn’t quite understand but didn’t question him further.

He was just worried about what to do when the time for a mission came.

They still had missions to accomplish.

Jiang Hao told him not to worry.

Later, he called the spirit beast and told it to greet the outer sect members when the time came.

With a sect mission on the horizon and his plans to enter the Devil’s Den soon, he wasn’t sure whether the people from the Bright Moon Sect would arrive when he wasn’t here. So, he needed to be prepared.

Seven days later, Jiang Hao saw an elder heading toward the sect’s entrance to welcome some people.

There was quite a commotion.

According to Liu Xingchen, they were overseas visitors, and one of them was called Mu Qiu.

Jiang Hao's heart sank. They had arrived.

The Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman was effective for four days only. After that, it needed a four-day cooldown period.

It could only be used again tomorrow.

Fortunately, he was about to go to the Devil's Den in these two days. It was a chance for him to evade these people.

However, these two days felt strange. He constantly felt that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was moving.

When he examined it, he saw nothing wrong.

After using his Daily Appraisal ability, he realized that the duration of the seal had reduced from forty-five to forty-four years.

This meant that the person who was using great luck to find the pearl was nearby.

But they hadn't found him yet.

At White Moon Lake, the black-robed woman approached Baizhi.

"Elder, I have news from Mi Lingyue. She wants to see Jiang Hao, and she's willing to provide something in exchange. We obtained something quite interesting."

"Something interesting?" Baizhi was curious.

“It’s a list.” The black-robed woman handed over the list.

After reading it, Baizhi frowned slightly. Then, she chuckled. “Summon the leaders of the other eleven branches..”

Chapter 363: Inviting A Fellow Daoist to the Lawless Tower

On the day of the journey to the Devil’s Den, Zhou Chan approached Jiang Hao.

“Junior Brother Jiang, we meet again.” She smiled.

“Senior Sister Zhou, do you have something to do at the Spirit Herb Garden?” Jiang Hao asked.

“That’s right.” She handed over a transparent box. “Elder Baizhi asked me to give you this.”

Jiang Hao understood that it was another reward for cultivating the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

After delivering the item, Zhou Chan left.

Jiang Hao felt strange.

Something seemed different.

He still remembered the information he had received about Zhou Chan the last time he appraised her. Something about rising to power like a fish leaping over the dragon gate...

He didn’t know how she was going to rise, but now it seemed there were already signs of it.

'Senior Sister Zhou has a heart of gold and can perceive malice in people.

Perhaps her rise is related to that.'

He wasn't worried about Zhou Chen. She was quite alright. The reason she was friendly to him might be because she couldn't sense any malice from him.

Such people belonged to immortal sects, but they were better off at demonic sects. No one was a hypocrite in a demonic sect. They were always honest even in their brutalities.

The ones who pretended to be good and moral usually turned out to be bad, nine times out of ten.

"The Nine Heaven War Boots?" Jiang Hao looked at the contents of the box.

This thing needed to be worn first, and it would resonate with the other battle artifacts for a few days before fully activating its potential.

After finding a place to put on the boots, Jiang Hao jumped two times to see how comfortable they were. He tapped the boots and felt that the material was good. It had extremely strong defensive capabilities.

It seemed like it might also increase his speed.

He activated the Demon Sound Thousand Miles Technique for a moment and found that it had increased by twenty percent. This was remarkable!

After putting away his old shoes, Jiang Hao headed to the Law Enforcement Hall to head to the Devil's Den.

He just wanted to go there to avoid any issues. If the new guests found him at the Cliff of Broken Hearts, there would be new troubles.



The Devil's Den was alright. It wasn't easy for others to enter, and the place was spacious enough to attempt to hide.

He wasn't a match for them, but as long as he had some time, he could escape the Devil's Den and return to his house.

And then, he would continue to figure out a plan.

A total of five people were going to the Devil's Den this time.

Jiang Hao was a bit disappointed to not find Zheng Shijiu and the others in his group this time. Otherwise, the journey would have been much better.

All five of them had reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

There wasn't a leader this time, and everyone had the same level of cultivation. No one would have to bow to another.

"You're here quite late, aren't you?" A burly man looked at Jiang Hao coldly.

He was Hu Kai of the Flowing Waterfall.

Adart from him. there were three others:

An Jing of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion, Qi Xian of the Misty Cloud Peak, and Yi Wen from the Candlelight Pill Pavilion.

An Jing was dressed in a white gown, while Qi Xian wore a blue dress.

“Let’s set off,” said An Jing.

Jiang Hao didn’t say anything. Actually, he had arrived earlier than the designated time. But he hadn’t expected these four people to arrive earlier than that.

It didn’t matter. They all headed to the Devil’s Den.

As long as they completed the mission well and didn’t interfere with each other, everything would be fine.

However, he looked carefully at the disciple from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion.

She didn’t look dangerous, but he could never be sure when she would decide to make a sudden move. He needed to stay vigilant.

After a short while, they rode their swords to the entrance of the Devil’s Den.

They entered the cave and quickly arrived at the forest. They found that many demons were wandering around.

“So many?” Qi Xian frowned. She looked nervous.

“And they don’t look that weak. Did the Devil’s Den have this many demons before?” Yi Wen asked.

“Why so many questions? Just clear them out.” Hu Kai took a step forward and charged at the demons.

Jiang Hao frowned. Wasn’t that too reckless?

They could have at least lured them with some techniques.

Demons could throw giant rocks as weapons. It wouldn't be easy to avoid them once they approached.

Boom!

Hu Kai had already started fighting.

But there were no giant rocks in sight.

Jiang Hao and the others charged forward.

Hu Kai wasn't dealing with the demons individually. He was pulling all the surrounding demons to him.

The others were displeased.

"Senior Brother Hu, isn't it dangerous to lure the demons over like this?" An Jing asked.

"Not a match for them? You should have informed me earlier if you couldn't fight them. Why wait until I start to fight?" said Hu Kai.

Jiang Hao didn't say anything. He just cooperated with attacking the demons.

Killing demons of this level didn't benefit him in any way. So, he wanted to take it slow.

Leaving too early would be too dangerous.

He didn't know why the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was not inert like before. Something had caused it to react strangely, and Jiang Hao was curious about it.

At the guest residence of the Heavenly Note Sect, Mu Qiu addressed the people around him.

“Inform the people of the Heavenly Note Sect that the person we’re looking for might be hidden among their disciples. I hope they can help us search. We can afford the required spirit stones.”

“Yes.” The person by his side left.

When only Mu Qiu was left in the room, his face darkened.

‘Master Hong Cheng didn’t come along... It seems he has different intentions. Since that’s the case, we’ll need to use the Heavenly Note Sect’s help to eliminate him. ‘

He looked toward the door. His people must be spying in secret.

When needed, they would appear.

He was guarding not only against the Heavenly Note Sect’s people but also against other cultivators from different sects.

‘This demonic sect doesn’t look like a demonic sect at all. It seems worse than the rumors.’ Mu Qiu sighed.

He thought he would have to pay a considerable price to come in here. Unexpectedly, the sect was quite accommodating.

It only took a few spirit stones to enter this place, and they provided conveniences in various aspects.

It was really baffling. A demonic sect wasn’t supposed to be like this. How had they managed to survive for so long?

He decided to take a stroll outside.

However, just as he reached the doorway, an underling suddenly rushed in.

He crawled to Mu Qiu's side in fear. "Elder, something bad has happened."

"What happened? Speak!" Mu Qiu frowned. He had a bad feeling about this.

"The Heavenly Note Sect has killed most of our people and is now besieging us! I don't know why." The person was terrified.

Mu Qiu found it hard to believe. 'Why?'

"How many people are left?" he asked.

The person knelt before Mu Qiu. He wanted to answer but only managed to spit out a mouthful of blood. Then blood spurted from his body.

He was about to collapse.

Mu Qiu was astonished. When he leaned in closer to take a look, the person smiled coldly.

Right after, his hand turned into a sword.

Splat!

The hand broke through the magic treasure, shattered the defense, and pierced through Mu Qiu's body in a single strike. "Despicable!" Mu Qiu was furious.

Boom!

He started to defend himself.

The person dealt another blow and retreated.

At this point, magical treasures appeared in the air, with four people suppressing him.

Each of them had formidable strength.

“It’s nice to be given this much attention to an old man. Five branch masters have arrived to deal with an old man like me. I just want to know why. Even if you’re from a demonic sect, there is no need to be so direct,” said Mu Qiu.

A dignified middle-aged man looked at Mu Qiu. “We’ll be taking you to the

Lawless Tower, Fellow Daoist Mu..”

Chapter 364: Do You Want Us to Comply With You Every Time?

At White Moon Lake, the black-robed woman arrived to report on the developments.

“How is it going?” Baizhi asked.

“Mu Qiu has already been sent to the Lawless Tower. He came here for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Could this pearl be in the vicinity of our sect?” the black-robed woman asked.

Baizhi lowered her head.

In fact, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had always been in the Heavenly Note Sect. It was only recently taken away, but they still didn’t know who had taken it.

“Find a way to extract more information from Mu Qiu. His value lies there,” Baizhi said.

“Yes.” The black-robed woman nodded.

Baizhi was somewhat worried. If the other person had reached this point, it meant they had made some progress.

“By the way, also find out how many people he encountered and who he cooperated with,” Baizhi said.

They couldn’t take the matter lightly.

If the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl erupted, the Heavenly Note Sect would be doomed.

“Understood.” The black-robed woman nodded. “Should we postpone dealing with Zhuang Yuzhen?”

Baizhi fell silent for a moment. They wanted to find out who the mysterious person was from Zhuang Yuzhen. However, there had been no progress so far, so it might be reasonable to hold off for now.

“Go ask them about their level of knowledge regarding the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl,” Baizhi said.

These people had some use after all.

After Jiang Hao and his group killed a group of demons, they took a break.

Due to the large number of demons, it was the first time they had cooperated.

Problems kept arising. Yi Wen and Qi Xian were injured.

“You’re all at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, and yet you all are quite useless,” said Hu Kai and scoffed.

Yi Wen and Qi Xian were furious. If Hu Kai hadn't charged recklessly, they would have been able to deal with the monster properly without getting injured.

If the four of them hadn't jumped in to help, Hu Kai would have been severely injured. He had the nerve to say they were useless!

However, they didn't say anything in return. Instead, they quietly restored their cultivation.

Jiang Hao sat at the edge and remained vigilant about his surroundings.

The current demons were powerful and were mostly at the late and peak stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Luckily, they lacked intelligence, so it was easy to deal with.

Jiang Hao had thought that they would split up and act individually. But, for now, they could only stick together.

In the early morning hours, Jiang Hao, who was patrolling the surroundings, took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and felt some commotion within it.

He appraised it and found that the seal would last for only forty-three years.

'How did they manage that?'

Jiang Hao was puzzled. Normally, to affect the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, one needed to be contaminated by it. And usually, those people didn't survive for long.

'Are the traces of great luck this impressive?'



He sealed it again with the Universe in a Palm Technique.

Previously, he used it once a day. Now he needed to use it more times to prevent the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl from breaking the seal.

Only when the pearl was sealed for the duration of forty-four years did he put it away.

However, using a technique like this had a significant impact on his condition.

It was already daylight.

Yi Wen and the others had also mostly recovered. The five of them ventured further inside.

“If you can’t handle it, just stand there and watch. It’s better than getting in the way.” Hu Kai stared at Yi Wen and the others.

They didn’t say anything.

This time, they didn’t encounter many enemies, and cleaning up the demons went rather smoothly.

Three days later, An Jing and Qi Xian started to get to know each other better. Yi Wen also grew closer to them.

Jiang Hao sat alone at the side. They occasionally greeted him.

He always responded politely. He didn’t want to offend these people.

An Jing treated him as if it was their first meeting and paid him no attention.

He appraised her and found that she didn't hold any special malice toward him. She didn't care about Yun Ruo nor about the Pavilion Master finding a vessel.

"These demons are quite strong this time. When I came here before, it wasn't like this," Yi Wen said.

They discussed some matters related to the Devil's Den.

They were also amazed at the large-scale activities of the Devil's Den recently.

Jiang Hao sat on the side and listened to them quietly. He hoped he could get some useful information from them.

His attention had been on the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl these past few days. He felt the danger gradually closing in.

Listening to these people talk about normal things eased his mind a bit.

"This is the place where we rest. I'm going to cultivate. Can you all keep quiet?" shouted Hu Kai.

The three people who had been talking looked at him. Everyone fell silent.

Even if they did speak, it was in hushed tones.

Jiang Hao could only close his eyes and rest.

Tonight, he wasn't on patrol, so he could just sleep.

However, he didn't dare to let his guard down. He remained vigilant about those around him.

He knew that someone nearby was affecting the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. He didn't know who it was and didn't want to take any chances.

Two more days passed, and Jiang Hao once again used another Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman. That would decrease the probability of him being detected

even more.

Boom!

Jiang Hao killed a demon.

The mission proceeded smoothly, and the only thing to worry about was when that person would secretly arrive.

Killing the demons went well, but the relationship between the people in the group became somewhat tense.

During the night, Hu Kai ate the prey he hunted and drank his wine. "Good wine!"

Jiang Hao felt a thick aura from him. It seemed that drinking and eating was a form of cultivation for him.

"Senior Brother Hu, can't you keep your voice down? We need to cultivate in peace too," An Jing said.

"If you want to cultivate, go further away. This is where we all stay. How can we stay quiet just for your sake? You can't expect everyone to do what you want all the time," said Hu Kai.

"You!" Silent Fairy said. "A few days ago, you were shouting at us to be quiet!"

“Is that all you guys do? Bicker over trivial matters? I’m always at the forefront. Why don’t you care about that?” Hu Kai said.

“Who asked you to rush ahead? You cause trouble for us every time.” Yi Wen also stood up.

“Heh! This is ridiculous!” Hu Kai looked at Yi Wen and the others disdainfully. “You didn’t say anything when we were fighting. Now that the fight’s over, suddenly you’re so bold.”

The three of them looked furious.

Jiang Hao just watched. He didn’t join in.

He closed his eyes to rest and thought about the matter of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

As the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman expired, the person drew closer and closer.

Once that person got near him, he would be finished.

They pressed forward.

In early August, Jiang Hao opened his eyes after taking a break.

He took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and appraised it.

[Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl: A magic treasure of providence. Sealed by the Universe in a Palm Technique. It will automatically break free from the seal after 25 years. If left unsealed, it will gradually spread misfortune and cause suffering and death. It is currently resonating with the rare Body of Misfortune and can break the seal at any time. In the sealed state, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl can suppress curses.]

‘Body of Misfortune?’

Jiang Hao looked around. He didn't believe that anyone who resonated with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl could survive.

The longer they delayed, the weaker the other person would become.

They might even die.

However, he couldn't continue waiting..

Chapter 365: Preparing the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror

Early the next morning, Jiang Hao followed the four people as they headed deeper inside.

They had been cleaning up for about a month, but the number of demons was inconsistent.

It seemed like there was no progress at all.

Fortunately, nothing unexpected occurred. They hadn't encountered a Golden Core demon yet.

Otherwise, the five of them would be in trouble. If they didn't provoke them, there shouldn't be any danger.

Jiang Hao was surprised that there were still so many demons after they had spent their time clearing out the area in droves.

When he was here last time, the short demon was worried about the extinction of its kind. Now, they were numerous again.

Was it due to their fast reproductive rate?

But with so many at the Foundation Establishment Realm, they couldn't let the demons go unchecked.

Jiang Hao was curious about what was at the core of the Devil's Den.

Unfortunately, he couldn't go there. Even if he could, it would be dangerous. Whether there were peerless legacies or great battles, he had no right to get

involved.

If there were benefits to be gained, the Heavenly Note Sect would have already taken them there.

There were countless geniuses and remarkable individuals in the cultivation world.

Although he was somewhat special, he knew his limitations.

"Now, should we go in?" asked An Jing.

"Of course, we should go in," Hu Kai said loudly. "How else will we encounter more demons if we don't go in?"

"But Senior Brother Hu, please don't lure too many demons at once like before," said Qi Xian.

"I know what to do. I don't need you to teach me," Hu Kai said.

Qi Xian was annoyed.

Jiang Hao sensed the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl in his storage treasure. He felt that he couldn't delay any longer.

At first, he wanted to follow these people, wait for them to split up, and then evade the hidden person with the Body of Misfortune by himself. But now he couldn't.

That person was getting closer, and their influence was getting stronger. It would be troublesome to continue following the group.

"How about we split up?" Jiang Hao said. It was what everyone had been thinking about, but they were hesitant to bring it up.

This place was dangerous, so it was safer to be in a group.

Hu Kai and the others didn't get along well. Often, the danger came from him. That's why Jiang Hao suggested splitting up.

However, everyone thought it was fine for now and continued to stick together. After all, they were all trying to complete the mission.

Now that Jiang Hao brought it up, everyone began to consider whether it was a good idea.

"Junior Brother Jiang, just because you suggest we split up, we have to do it? Do you think this team is yours?" Hu Kai asked.

"What do you think, Senior Brother Hu?" Jiang Hao asked politely.

"I disagree," Hu Kai said.

"What about the other seniors?" Jiang Hao looked at the other three people.

Yi Wen hesitated for a moment. "I agree. We should split up."

“We also agree to it,” said An Jing and Qi Xian.

Hu Kai frowned. His face darkened. “Since everyone’s opinions differ, let’s make a decision based on strength.”

“Senior Brother Hu, aren’t you being a little unfair? You’ve been at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm for so many years, and your main focus is combat. How can our strength possibly compare to yours?” Yi Wen was angry. As an alchemist, he had weaker combat abilities. How could he fight?

An Jing and Qi Xian were also similar in strength.

“Weakness is weakness. There is no excuse. Besides, the Cliff of Broken Hearts also specializes in combat, does it not?” said Hu Kai.

Jiang Hao stepped away. “I’m very sorry for offending you, Senior.”

As Hu Kai watched Jiang Hao preparing to leave, his whole body swelled up in anger. “You have a death wish!”

His arms seemed to carry the weight of a thousand gold coins. He punched.

Clang!

The Half-Moon Blade was already out of its scabbard. It glimmered like moonlight.

Boom!

The blade landed near Hu Kai’s neck. The strike of the blade swept behind and cut the trees in the forest. A trench was left in its wake.



Hu Kai's arm was bleeding. Beads of cold sweat formed on his forehead. He trembled uncontrollably.

In the blink of an eye, he felt like he was going to die.

Jiang Hao sheathed his blade and politely said, "Thank you, Senior Brother Hu, for showing mercy on me and yielding."

He put away his blade and left.

In just a few moments, he disappeared into the forest.

Hu Kai was panting heavily. He looked back at the trench behind him.

Their cultivation realm was the same, but Jiang Hao's blade seemed sharper and more powerful.

The others all exchanged glances in astonishment.

"How did it go?" Baizhi asked.

"Mu Qiu refuses to talk, and the others only know that someone had contact with the traces of great luck, but that person disappeared. According to what they said, Mu Qiu had placed all his hopes on him. From Mu Qiu's few words, it can be deduced that this person is searching for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. He might even find it soon," said the black-robed woman.

"Find him. Dig up the earth if you have to. There's not much time left," Baizhi said.

Finally, she went to the Lawless Tower herself.

She went up to the fifth floor and stood before an old man who had been tortured.

“How can we find that person?” Baizhi asked.

“Hahaha...” Mu Qiu looked up at Baizhi and laughed. “Scared? Unfortunately, it’s too late. I can sense it. He’s getting close to the target. In just a few days, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl will erupt. By then, you’ll all be dead. Everyone will die. Hahaha...”

An invisible blade light swept past and severed Mu Qiu’s arm.

“Tell me where that person is, and I’ll let you live. I’ll even help you in your cultivation and let you leave. You have my word.”

“Just a mere disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect has such an ability? Don’t use sweet words to deceive me. Soon, everyone will be equal. Everyone will die here,” Mu Qiu said. “No one can stop it. It’s useless to even try.” Baizhi scowled. “Do you really think we can’t find him?”

“Find him then, if you can. Hahaha...” Mu Qiu laughed maniacally.

Baizhi turned and left, and the black-robed woman followed behind her.

After leaving the Lawless Tower, Baizhi looked toward the sky. “Gather the other eleven branches, notify the Law Enforcement Hall, and prepare the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.”

The woman in the black robe was frightened. This was the second time in the sect’s history that the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror was being used.

“Understood.” She dared not hesitate.

Baizhi didn’t know if the situation was really that severe, but she had seen the traces.

People from there had already died because of evil luck.

She needed to take this very seriously.

In the southern skies, two figures flew past.

“Junior Brother Fang, why do you have to take this risk with me?” Xu Bai asked.

“I have treasures given to me by my Master. Perhaps they can lend you a hand,” Fang Jin said solemnly.

After receiving the news, they pushed aside the other matters and headed to their destination. The Heavenly Note Sect.

At first, Xu Bai had intended to go alone, but Fang Jin would hear none of it.

He couldn't refuse.

Xu Bai's jade pendant showed a mysterious formation, with sun, moon, and stars inside, and powerful spiritual energy circulating outside. It seemed to resonate with the stars in the sky.

“How is the Master?” Xu Bai asked the jade pendant.

“In the southern skies, a red star is rising. It indeed resembles the precursor to the eruption of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl,” said a man from the jade pendant.

“Do we have a way to deal with it?” Xu Bai's face turned serious.

“I've already notified the Clear Sky School. The Clear Sky Mirror will be aimed directly at the south. If there's an eruption, you need to stall for time,” the voice said.

“Okay, I'll wait for your message.”

Before the communication ended, the voice said hesitantly, "There's only one outcome if you come in contact with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl."

"I know.."

Chapter 366: You 're Too Weak

"Senior Brother Xu, how terrifying is the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?" Fang Jin asked.

Xu Bai thought for a long time. "Among the disasters in the cultivation world, it's almost second to none."

"Can't it be suppressed?" Fang Jin was puzzled.

He shook his head. "Based on what I know, it's not possible. Even if we have the sect's treasures with us, we won't be able to withstand a major eruption for long. All our actions are to stall for time so that the sect can figure out a way."

Fang Jin was terrified.

"Don't worry. The worst is not here yet," said Xu Bai.

"How did something like this come about?" Fang Jin was confused.

"There's no information on this. Even if there is, I haven't come across it in the sect."

The two continued moving through the sky and headed toward the Heavenly Note Sect.

Heavenly Note Sect.

Devil's Den.

Jiang Hao stood by the riverbank and glanced around before heading upstream.

He walked quickly.

When he arrived at a pool of water, he took out a ring and wiped it. Then he threw it into the water.

Boom!

The golden ring turned into a three-foot-long piece of metal.

[Strength +1]

'There are bubbles here!'

Jiang Hao smiled.

He could feel that the person was getting closer to him. The reaction of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was becoming more intense.

'Someone's coming...'

Jiang Hao quickened his pace and continued ahead.

Three days later, he took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl to appraise it. The time limit had dropped to eighteen years.

'I wonder how much longer this person can hold out before being crushed by misfortune?'

Jiang Hao wanted to deal with the person head-on but letting them get close would likely trigger the eruption of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

As long as it doesn't erupt, he could still seal it.

But once it erupted, everything would be doomed.

"Don't run away. You've sensed me, and I've sensed you. You can't escape."

A sudden voice reached Jiang Hao's ears.

He quickly moved away again. This time, he headed deeper into the area. Along the way, he buried another ring.

Another three days passed, and Jiang Hao realized that the distance between him and the other person was gradually decreasing.

At this point, the seal on the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had sixteen years left. And this was with him sealing it continuously.

"It's useless. The distance between us is the distance between you and misfortune. No matter how you escape, it won't work."

The voice carried disdain.

He attempted to flee again and found that it was indeed futile. No matter how fast he tried to flee, he couldn't escape.

He couldn't stop either. He had to stall for time.

The closer the person got to the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, the more difficult it became for him to endure the curse that was affecting him.

At this moment, in the Lawless Tower, Mu Qiu laughed heartily.

“You can’t find him. He’s someone walking the path of misfortune. He proceeds step by step toward the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. No one can stop him. We’ll all die together.”

Baizhi looked at him.

She turned and left. She left the tower and entered the shrine.

On the shrine was a mirror about the height of a person. It was surrounded by flame-like patterns and with the sun, moon, and stars on the back. It was the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

“Is everything ready?” she asked.

“Everything is ready,” said a middle-aged man respectfully.

“Then let’s begin. Start with Mu Qiu as the source and use the mirror to find the location of that person,” Baizhi said.

At this point, nine figures appeared around the mirror. Each one was exceptionally powerful.

They held a mirror similar to the one in the middle in their hands.

The nine Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirrors were activated by the nine individuals. Nine beams of light shone onto the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

Baizhi rose into the air. She activated the power within the Lawless Tower and caused immense spiritual energy to surge into the sky. This energy landed on the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

However, the mirror's response was still slow.

"Activate the formation!" Baizhi shouted.

At this moment, the leaders of the other eleven branches arrived.

The sect's grand formation was activated, and numerous spirit stones gathered within it. All the power converged within the array's radiance.

Light shone upon the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

This time, the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror responded.

However, it still required quite some time to fully illuminate everything.

Within the Lawless Tower, Mu Qiu suddenly froze. He felt uneasy.

It was as if something had locked onto him and was probing his past and future. The sensation was terrifying.

Zhuang Yuzhen seemed to have sensed something. He frowned. "It's a divine treasure."

"Who knew the Heavenly Note Sect possessed so many great treasures?" Ming Lingyue was also astonished.

In the Devil's Den, Jiang Hao had been fleeing for a day, but the person kept getting closer.



He suddenly stopped.

He heard footsteps behind him.

He turned to see a figure emerging from the depths of the forest.

The person exuded an ominous aura.

Jiang Hao saw the person's appearance clearly.

He was a skinny young man, radiating a red light.

He appeared quite weak. He was affected by a curse.

Jiang Hao used Daily Appraisal on him as he got closer.

[Li Bai: Body of Misfortune. Early Stage of the God Ascension Realm. Corrupted by misfortune, his body is weak, and his mind is delirious. Mu Qiu noticed him since his birth and marked him. As a result, his happy life turned into misery, from hope to despair, from joy to pain, until the Body of Misfortune awakened. Mu Qiu led him into The End of All Things. He's destined to trigger the eruption of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and bring about destruction.]

'Mu Qiu?'

He truly used any means necessary.

Although Jiang Hao had sensed the person's misfortune, there was no use for that anymore. Everything had become clear.

Moreover, the most important thing was that the person was at the early stage of the Soul Ascension Realm.

Jiang Hao thought of something. Despite the person being in the Soul Ascension Realm, he was weak, and his mind wasn't stable.

Jiang Hao's Primordial Spirit Realm was at its peak, and his Reappearance of Hidden Spirit was at its fullest strength. Perhaps the situation wasn't hopeless yet.

"Don't run. It's pointless." Li Bai looked at Jiang Hao. His eyes glowed red.

This red light carried misfortune within it.

Jiang Hao took out Half-Moon Blade and his aura spread. Following that, he swung his blade.

Boom!

Li Bai instinctively raised his hand to defend himself. In his hazy state of mind, he wanted to find Jiang Hao.

However, by that time, Jiang Hao had disappeared without a trace. He had escaped again.

But it was futile.

Jiang Hao arrived in the woods where he had buried a ring.

However, when he tried to flee, Li Bai appeared in front of him.

"Your misfortune is my path. With the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl on your body, no matter where you go, I can follow. You can't escape." Li Bai slowly approached him.

Jiang Hao lowered his head.

As the other person approached, he felt the activity of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

He didn't dare to get too close to Li Bai, but escape was also impossible.

Jiang Hao sighed and took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. He gripped it tightly with one hand as purple energy covered the bead.

He also retrieved his Primordial Heavenly Blade.

"Aren't you going to run?" Li Bai looked at Jiang Hao and sneered. "When I found you, everything was already determined. Your cultivation is too weak. Even if you had stronger cultivation, it would be useless."

Sunlight illuminated them.

Jiang Hao moved, becoming one with the light.

In an instant, he vanished from his original position.

Li Bai turned to look behind him.

Boom!

The blade struck him from behind.

Jiang Hao frowned. He had done that just to test Li Bai, but Li Bai hadn't even tried to dodge his attack.

'What's going on?'

He suddenly felt something was happening to Li Bai..

Chapter 367: Appearance of the Demoness

Jiang Hao understood that the person was about to get captured.

“Killing me would be futile. I’m right by your side.” Li Bai sneered.

Jiang Hao also realized that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was struggling and about to break free of the seal.

His mind raced. He had to figure out a way. The pearl was dangerous, but he couldn’t be discovered by others.

He had to escape from this person before anyone arrived.

In an instant, a ring appeared and wrapped around Li Bai’s neck.

Then purple energy covered the two, and everything disappeared.

The two reappeared in the main hall of Jiang Hao’s courtyard.

He had used the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

During this time, another ring flew out and activated in the hall.

Then they disappeared again. They appeared outside the Heavenly Note Sect.

At the peak of a mountain, a vortex appeared in space, and Jiang Hao and Li Bai appeared there again.

Jiang Hao looked at Li Bai and raised the Heavenly Blade high. However, he was delayed for a few breaths. He didn't know where the misfortune came from, but it had already appeared on him. It was beginning to erode his body.

Nevertheless, he couldn't be stopped. The Reappearance of Hidden Spirit was activated. Jiang Hao then used the third form of the Heavenly Blade: Meteor.

"Kill me and bear my misfortune. Then, detonate the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl." Li Bai's face contorted, and a red light emanated.

Swoosh!

The Heavenly Blade slashed, and Li Bai's head flew off.

"Your death won't affect me."

Jiang Hao retracted the ring and communicated with the ring in his courtyard.

This time, he didn't have time to add two more strikes to his attack. As the enemy's life force dissipated, misfortune enveloped him.

His enemy was dead, but the pearl was about to erupt.

Just before disappearing, he saw Li Bai staring up at him.

Back in the courtyard, Jiang Hao used purple energy to erase all traces and put away the ring he had just used.

He then vanished from there and returned to Devil's Den.

When he landed on the ground, he felt a deathly aura emanating from his body.

Everything related to the Body of Misfortune rushed toward him. It caused havoc.

The misfortune resonated with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Jiang Hao sat cross-legged. He felt that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was on the brink of an eruption.

He didn't mind the curses and misfortune on his body. He calmly began sealing the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl once again.

During this process, he swallowed the Scarlet Feather Divine Pill.

This pill could heal injuries and eliminate all curses.

However, there was no reaction.

He was puzzled, but there was no time to think about it.

He activated the Universe in a Palm Technique and began to seal the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

But his body grew increasingly weak. His vitality was crumbling.

At this point, the Revival of Withered Tree ability began to counteract the

effects of the curse.

For a while, purple energy and red light flowed continuously around Jiang Hao's body.

He felt physically and mentally exhausted.

He felt as though he would drop the pearl from his hands at any moment.

He couldn't let go because releasing it meant death.

For so many years, he had lived cautiously. He just couldn't end up dead like this.

The will to survive drove Jiang Hao to frantically operate the Hong Meng Heart Sutra.

He intended to extract his cultivation and life force to resist the curse of misfortune and heal himself.

But suddenly, a red figure appeared before him, and an immense aura rushed toward him.

Inside the Lawless Tower, Mu Qiu was laughing heartily. He sensed that Li Bai had found the misfortune pearl.

He was arrogant and satisfied because he knew the eruption of the pearl would happen at any time.

Everyone would die.

However, soon, he felt as if a mirror had been directed at him. The feeling of everything being exposed scared him.

He realized that Li Bai was about to be discovered.

He was even more shocked when he realized that Li Bai was dead. However, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl hadn't exploded yet.

“What’s going on? Why is this happening?”

In front of the Lawless Tower, everyone was trying hard to resonate with the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

The other nine mirrors were full of cracks and on the verge of collapse.

At this moment, the mirror directed toward Mu Qiu revealed a haze of red. As it became clearer, they noticed that there was a figure there.

Beneath the red figure, a person was lying on a peak.

“Found him!” a middle-aged man exclaimed loudly.

“Outside the sect... in the southeast direction. It’s Mingcheng Mountain.” Baizhi disappeared in an instant and headed toward Mingcheng Mountain.

After a while, she arrived at the mountaintop.

She sensed a strong aura of misfortune.

In the midst of it, there was a body without a head. But what about the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?

The middle-aged man also followed her.

“Are there any usable Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror left?” Baizhi asked.

“Yes.” The middle-aged man nodded.



“Activate it,” Baizhi ordered.

The middle-aged man activated the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror.

Soon, an image appeared on it.

The image showed someone suddenly decapitating Li Bai in a single strike.

“I can only see this much. The person seems to have great luck with him. It’s hard to reflect in the mirror,” said the middle-aged man.

Baizhi was deep in thought.

“Seal this body properly and bring it back for investigation,” she said.

Xu Bai and Fang Jin were still on the road.

However, at this moment, the jade pendant lightened up once again.

“Senior Uncle, have you made any progress?” Xu Bai took out the jade pendant and asked.

“It disappeared,” said a voice from the jade pendant.

“Disappeared?” This puzzled Xu Bai.

“Yes, the red light disappeared.” The voice sounded surprised.

“What happened?” Xu Bai asked.

“At first, the red light was blazing. That indicated that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was about to erupt. However, a purple light severed everything.” The voice sounded astonished.

“Purple light?” Xu Bai was confused.

It seemed like the danger of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had disappeared, and the purple light had something to do about it. “Let’s go over and take a look,” Xu Bai said.

Since they were already close, they might as well proceed.

They needed to observe the situation at the Heavenly Note Sect.

A sect that had only risen to fame in the past few decades and had become the center of attention in recent events. It must be extraordinary.

Fang Jin sighed in relief.

When he came along, he thought he had the power to protect himself, but the appearance of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had shaken him.

He needed to cultivate properly and become stronger.

Fortunately, he could still go back.

“Alright, now that we’re here, let’s pay a visit to the Heavenly Note Sect first,” Xu Bai said with a smile.

Then, they set off again towards the Heavenly Note Sect.

However, this time, they didn’t rush as they did before.

When Jiang Hao saw the red figure and sensed the terrifying aura, he felt the curse on his body rapidly dissipating and his injuries visibly recovering.

He could finally seal the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Without the influence of the Body of Misfortune, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl couldn't resonate with the outside world.

There was simply no possibility of it erupting.

After a long while, Jiang Hao felt that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had quietened.

His injuries had also mostly recovered.

When he opened his eyes, he saw Hong Yuye sitting at the wooden table and drinking tea.

He immediately stood up. "Thank you, Senior, for saving my life."

"Don't thank me. Do you remember what I said? I will take something from you every time I help you. This is the second time. You owe me two things. Have you decided what you'll give me in return?" Hong Yuye sipped her tea and smiled..

Chapter 368: Demoness Asks About Xiao Li

Jiang Hao fell silent.

Even if Hong Yuye hadn't appeared, he thought that he might have been able to rely on his cultivation and life force to save himself. However, he didn't know if he would have come out of that unscathed.

He couldn't come up with an answer.

The only thing that puzzled him was that the Scarlet Feather Divine Pill had unexpectedly failed him.

It might be because the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was too strong.

Hong Yuye didn't say anything either.

She just motioned for him to pour her tea.

"Did you attend the gathering?" Hong Yuye lifted the teacup. Jiang Hao noticed another teacup and poured himself a cup as well.

"Yes." He took a sip of the tea.

Although he didn't know what type of tea it was, he suddenly felt like his entire body was being cleansed.

His wounds were recovering rapidly. This tea was extraordinary.

Hong Yuye put down the teacup. "Tell me what happened."

This gathering was an impromptu one, with nothing particularly noteworthy. The only thing discussed was the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Jiang Hao took out the pearl and handed it over to her.

"Senior, can you seal it?"

Even if he were to send the pearl back to the ruins, there wouldn't be enough time to make sure it remained inert.

The great luck had already returned to the heavens and earth. Relying solely on the ruins wouldn't be able to suppress it at all.

Leaving it on his person was too dangerous.

He could use it to threaten others. However, more often than not, the others came seeking it willingly and put him in danger.

The members of The End of All Things were not afraid of death at all.

Most of them were reckless.

They resented the world and were burdened by a past full of despair and misery.

Whether it was Xue Yue or Li Bai, they were all the same. They were all filled with despair.

The past of Dongfang Ji was similar too. He had a tragic life. However, he seemed a little different.

It seemed like his heart was still in the Heavenly Note Sect.

Jiang Hao could sense that keeping the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl on himself had more disadvantages than advantages. Hong Yuye looked at him. "That thing is bad luck."

Jiang Hao was helpless.

After a moment, Hong Yuye said, "That person used the traces of luck to find the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Are they able to appear by your side at any time? This isn't an ordinary method."

Neither Mu Qiu nor this person could possibly know this method. Someone from The End of All Things must have taught them.”

Jiang Hao nodded.

When he had appraised Li Bai, the information he got was that the person was a rare Body of Misfortune. Since he entered The End of All Things, he must have been discovered by some formidable individuals.

“If the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl really erupts, how will sects like the Clear Sky School and the Bright Moon Sect respond?” Jiang Hao asked.

“They will use the Clear Sky Mirror to control the eruption area temporarily. Then, the major immortal sects will gather and use their treasures to suppress it,” said Hong Yuye while sipping tea. “Will it work?” Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye didn’t answer.

“How old are you this year?” Hong Yuye suddenly asked.

“Twenty-seven.”

He was almost thirty. It made him feel as though he was entering middle age.

“What’s your cultivation realm?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.”

Hong Yuye glanced at Jiang Hao. Her smile looked sinister. “When I was your age, I wasn’t full of lies like you.” Jiang Hao put down his teacup.

“How’s my flower doing?” Hong Yuye asked.

“It’s growing well. ”

“Are you taking care of it well?”

“Senior, it’s your flower. I wouldn’t dare to neglect it.”

“Do you remember why I had you infiltrate the Stone Tablet Gathering?”

“Yes. I don’t forget about it even for a moment.”

He had indeed forgotten for a moment.

He remembered that his purpose was to find the mastermind behind the stone tablets. Then, he needed to find the location of the other stone tablets.

The progress he had made so far was that he had found out more about The End of All Things, but it was unclear who exactly provided the stone tablet to them.

He felt relieved after recalling all of this. He wouldn’t be caught off guard when asked about it again.

Hong Yuye chuckled, but she didn’t ask him anything further.

She quietly sipped tea for a while before looking at Jiang Hao. “I remember you have a junior sister who is a dragon.”

“Yes. It’s Junior Sister Xiao Li,” Jiang Hao said.

He didn’t understand why Hong Yuye suddenly brought up Xiao Li.

“You think I want to harm her?” Hong Yuye asked.

“I wouldn’t dare to think so.” Jiang Hao stood up. “Senior, you are unparalleled in the world. You are both wise and resourceful and possess great virtue. Naturally, you wouldn’t stoop to the level of a child.”

Hong Yuye smirked. “Go on.”

Jiang Hao hesitated for a moment. He felt embarrassed.

He composed himself. “Senior, you are as vast as the blue sea. You are unparalleled in the world and stand alone at the top. You are gifted in strategizing. You are far-sighted, perceptive, humble, and breathtakingly beautiful. You have extensive knowledge of everything in the world.”

“That’s all?” Hong Yuye asked with a smile that seemed to hold a deeper meaning.

Jiang Hao was speechless. He couldn’t think of more things to say.

Hong Yuye sneered. “Is that how you see me?”

Jiang Hao lowered his head.

Hong Yuye didn’t press him further and changed the topic. “What’s your relationship with junior Sister Xiao Li?”

‘Relationship?’

Jiang Hao thought for a moment. “Junior Sister Xiao Li’s family entrusted her to me. She looks upon me as her elder brother and has taken my surname. She goes by the name Jiang Xiao Li now.”



Hong Yuye didn't ask him anything more.

Jiang Hao couldn't understand why Hong Yuye was suddenly interested in Xiao Li.

Hong Yuye had known about Xiao Li for a long time. She knew that Xiao Li's old, adopted parents had passed away.

But why would she suddenly be interested in her now?

"What about the stone tablet?" Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao took out the stone tablet.

After a quick look, Hong Yuye allowed him to put the stone tablet away.

It seemed that she was just checking if everything was normal with it.

After that, she continued to drink her tea.

Jiang Hao also sipped his tea.

When the tea was finished, Hong Yuye instructed him to pour the remaining leaves away. Jiang Hao knew that these tea leaves were special. He thought it was a waste to throw them away. He could give them to the spirit beast.

After that, Hong Yuye reached out and touched Jiang Hao's chest.

Then, she drew something there. It made Jiang Hao feel slightly uncomfortable.

Immediately after, Hong Yuye struck out with her palm.

Jiang Hao was sent flying.

“Remember, you owe me two things. Sooner or later, you’ll have to pay the price. If you don’t want to pay a heavy price, better take good care of my flower.”

Hong Yuye’s voice echoed in Jiang Hao’s ears as she disappeared.

Jiang Hao fell to the ground. He didn’t feel any pain.

It was somewhat different from the collision with the vast aura from before.

He touched his chest and found nothing there.

He didn’t understand what Hong Yuye had drawn there. As for that palm strike, he felt like something had left his body.

He was unclear about the details, but it seemed that nothing was wrong with his body anymore..

Chapter 369: Purple Light Like Jing’s

Jiang Hao sat under a tree and thought about what had happened earlier.

The appearance of Li Bai caught him by surprise.

Fortunately, he had only come to meet his doom and had no intention of actually attacking him.

He had a good chance of winning. If Li Bai had resisted, Jiang Hao wouldn’t have survived.

Something had been brewing. Thankfully, everything went smoothly.

However, the misfortune had fallen on him and created some life-threatening situations.

‘What was the light that had shone on me, though? It made me feel like I had nowhere to run...

The feeling made him uneasy.

‘I used up all my Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman. I’ll need to make more of those.’

Making more of the teleportation talismans would hamper his divine ability again, but with the Revival of Withered Tree ability, he might be able to recover soon.

As long as he didn’t exert himself too much, it would turn out okay.

If it affected him too severely, he might not be able to recuperate without the Snow God Pill.

Jiang Hao took out the nine rings. This particular treasure had proved extremely useful.

It had also made him realize something. He needed to bury one of the rings outside the sect.

That way, he could avoid using the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman and also avoid his courtyard when someone was following him.

After all, there were too many important things within his courtyard that he didn’t want anyone to know about.

If someone happened to enter the place, it would be dangerous.

He only had four rings left that he could use. If he used one more, he would only have three left.

Three should be enough for critical moments.

He had used three rings to deal with Li Bai.

He had wasted one to return to the courtyard and erase his tracks. Otherwise, two would have been enough.

'If necessary, I'll have to ask for the rings back from Xiao Li and the beast.'

At first, he had thought that the rings weren't that important, so he had given them away. Only now he understood that it could be used in critical situations.

Now it seemed like such a waste to have given them away.

The Nine Rings of Heaven and Earth had a main ring and eight sub-rings.

Xiao Li and the beast each had one. He had buried one in the Corpse Realm. There was another in his courtyard.

If he buried one outside the sect, he would be left with three rings. He would have only two if he used another and buried it somewhere else.

It didn't feel like they were enough.

Fortunately, there was no issue right now which needed the rings.

If he ran out of rings in the future, he could replace them with the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talismans.

After taking a break, he began to continue with his task of eliminating demons.

During this period, he thought about the traces of great luck. He tried to use the secret technique that Dan Yuan had taught them in the gathering but couldn't find any trace of great luck at all.

Even at the site of the ruins where he had found the pearl, there were no traces left.

It seemed that the return of great luck to the world left traces in random places. The proximity to the source didn't necessarily make it easier to find.

If he couldn't find it, he wouldn't push it. He continued getting rid of the demons.

In the following days, he appraised the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and the Nine Heavens Boots.

There were no issues with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl; he just needed to keep sealing it.

The boots added another attribute to the set of Nine Heavens Battle Armor.

[One of the Nine Heaven Battle Armor Set Pieces (Boots): The abilities of the four battle armors have been improved. All aspects have reached the Soul Ascension Realm. Wearing it regulates spiritual energy, enhances movement techniques, and provides the ability to ride the wind.]

Jiang Hao was quite surprised. The Nine Heaven Battle Armor was indeed remarkable.

Unfortunately, he hadn't yet reached the Soul Ascension Realm, so he couldn't fully use its power.

Right now, the abilities only stopped at the Primordial Spirit Realm.

He was curious about the remaining pieces which were the helmet, belt, pants, and the battle robe.

There were a total of eight pieces in the set. There might even be more of them.

For now, he didn't pay much attention to it.

He focused on finishing off the demons and completing the sect's mission.

However, there was no need to rush. He could just hide here for a while.

Mu Qiu was still outside, and he didn't know what was happening. It was better to stay hidden.

The danger of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had disappeared, so there was a high probability of another gathering.

The next day, he received a message. There would indeed be a gathering tonight.

It was another impromptu gathering.

This time, Jiang Hao didn't need to prepare anything. As soon as midnight arrived, he entered the stone tablet.

They gathered at the common area and took their seats.

"I heard there has been progress," Dan Yuan said.

Gui looked around. She wasn't sure what kind of progress had been made.

However, she noticed that Jing didn't bring up any issues, so she assumed everything was fine for now.

“Is it good news?” Liu asked.

He was overseas. If there was an eruption, he could stay out for a while to avoid trouble. However, his peace wouldn’t last very long.

“Yes,” said Xing. “After the Bright Moon Sect shifted its focus to the south, it sensed that the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was about to erupt. It informed the Clear Sky School. However, the signs of an eruption disappeared at a critical moment.’

“Disappeared?” Gui was puzzled.

“It suddenly disappeared, and the only thing we can confirm is that someone intervened. The crisis was resolved smoothly.” Xing nodded.

“Who was it?” Liu exclaimed.

“We don’t know who it was, but there’s a sign.” Xing looked at everyone. “It seems that a purple light appeared and severed everything.”

“Purple light?” Gui was astonished. She looked at Jiang Hao instinctively.

‘Don’t look at me...’ Jiang Hao remained silent.

Gui’s behavior surprised the others as well.

They speculated many things but refrained from asking Jing outright.

However, they did have one thing in mind. The purple light might be related to Jing.

“Since everything went well, you can each ask me a question. But you must ask them now,” Dan Yuan said.

The others understood that this exchange wasn't like a regular thing, and they might not have such a chance again.

"I want to know the whereabouts of the Heavenly Silkworm," Gui said.

"I want to ask where more Wood Essences can be found," Liu said.

"I want to know about the Fallen Immortal Clan," Xing said.

Jiang Hao wasn't very familiar with the first two, but the Fallen Immortal Clan that Xing wanted to inquire about might be related to Gu Qing.

When it was Jiang Hao's turn, he hesitated for a moment. "I would like to know where I can find someone who knows more about different languages in the world."

Dan Yuan nodded. "In the next gathering, you will receive your answers."

With that matter settled, Gui said, "Senior, I've detected another trace of great luck."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

That meant that Gui was still nearby.

He thought that she might have left.

Gui informed Xing and Dan Yuan of the location where she had found the traces.

She received rewards from both of them.



The gathering came to an end.

There wasn't much talking this time.

Although the gathering was brief, Jiang Hao felt that the impression he left behind was effective. He had made himself come off as mysterious and elusive.

As for his wish to find someone who knew about languages, he would find the answer to that in the next gathering.

At that time, he could decide whether to meet them or not.

Late at night, Jiang Hao emerged from the gathering.

He closed his eyes to take a rest and decided to eliminate demons the next day. He needed to be in his peak condition.

At Hundred Flowers Lake in the Heavenly Note Sect, Baizhi stood in front of a pavilion.

"Sect Master."

Hong Yuye sat in the pavilion. "Speak."

"We can confirm that the person searching for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl has been killed. The one who acted is a mysterious individual, and their identity cannot be determined for now. Based on the current information, this person is highly likely to be connected to the individual we assume to be behind Jiang Hao. So far, we assume that this person is enigmatic and possesses sufficient strength and concealing abilities," Baizhi said.

"However, it's also possible that spies might be involved in this. After all, the matter of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl is of great significance. It is possible that other sects would try to harm the person, after all."

“Anything else?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Mu Qiu is being interrogated. He makes it very difficult to extract information from him,” said Baizhi. “I’m not sure why, but the Bright Moon Sect has decided to ignore all other sects and are making their way here. They said that they will arrive in a few days..”

Chapter 370: Arrival of the Bright Moon Sect

Hong Yuye didn’t say much. The issues and the relevant actions were up to Baizhi as the Acting Sect Master.

“Is there anything else?” she asked.

“The treasure obtained from Gu Qing has been fully tested. The treasure is called Heaven-Piercing Shuttle. It possesses the ability to travel through space and the capability to conceal itself. It’s temporarily placed in the Law Enforcement Hall because it can be used to pursue special enemies,” Baizhi said.

“What about the progress regarding the End of All Things?” Hong Yuye asked.

“For now... there’s nothing. However, we’re still monitoring Azure Mountain to check if they have any contact with those overseas. Our people have already infiltrated The End of All Things. We should be able to find out who is in contact with Azure Mountain,” Baizhi said earnestly.

Although she still didn’t understand why the Sect Master was concerned about these matters, she didn’t dare to be negligent.

Hong Yuye gazed at the flowers outside in silence. After a long pause, she said, “What about Jiang Hao?”

“Nothing major. But recently, the spiritual energy in his courtyard has surged. That seems to be related to Bai Ye. His cultivation is decreasing rapidly, but it’s unclear why. As a True Disciple with many accomplishments, he should have sought help from the Law Enforcement Hall. However, he hasn’t said anything so far. There’s a probability that the person who is backing Jiang Hao must be threatening him. I don’t think there is any enmity between them, though. It’s difficult to say for sure. However, since it has nothing to do with traitors or spies, I haven’t really paid much attention to it.”

Hong Yuye nodded.

After reporting on the status of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, Baizhi left.

Back at White Moon Lake, Baizhi was still confused.

She couldn’t understand why the Sect Master paid so much attention to Jiang Hao and the End of All Things.

However, Mu Qiu came from the End of All Things. He had admitted to it.

‘Could it be that the Sect Master already knew about the End of All Things from before and knew they would bring trouble in the sect?’

The dangers they had brought within the sect weren’t small, after all.

As for the Sect Master’s interest in Jiang Hao, Baizhi couldn’t understand it at all.

She always had a purpose behind her actions. In time, everything would be revealed.

At that moment, a black-robed woman appeared in front of her.

“Elder Baizhi, Mi Lingyue wants to see you. She has information connected to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, but in return, she wishes to meet Jiang

[Strength +1]

The demon fell, and white bubbles appeared.

Jiang Hao had already killed quite a few demons. It had been about ten days since Li Bai's death.

It was now the end of August. September was approaching, and he needed to leave.

The incarnation of the Immortal Peach Tree was near. If he missed it, he would have to wait another year.

Once the incarnation was successful, he could get a bubble when it germinated again. He might either get a blue one or a purple one.

He had to become stronger, so he didn't want to miss any chance.

After he left Devil's Den, Mu Qiu would target him.

Despite assurances during the gathering that the crisis had passed, he was the only one who knew that danger could strike at any time.

If more Bodies of Misfortunes appeared, it would be even more dangerous.

'It's not just about the Body of Misfortunes. It's also about traces of great luck.'

Traces would disappear over time.

Jiang Hao felt that what he lacked most was time.

Whether in terms of cultivation or the crisis of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, time was essential.

However, spending two months here had not significantly increased his cultivation or vital energy.

Fortunately, he had narrowly escaped disaster. Mu Qiu was still a threat outside.

Mu Qiu was significantly more powerful, and Jiang Hao was no match for him.

He could only take things step by step and be prepared for whatever might come.

At noon, Jiang Hao took out a piece of talisman paper and decided to draw a Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman before leaving Devil's Den.

He calmed his mind and started to draw.

In an instant, he remembered the talisman that Hong Yuye had given him. The strokes felt as clear in his mind as if they were carved there permanently.

He observed and learned.

In the afternoon, the runes burst into flames. It was a failure.

On the second day, he continued drawing talismans.

In the evening, the runes burst into flames again.

It was another failure.

On the third day, he suffered another failure.

On the fourth day, it was the same.

On the seventh day, the runes started to glow.

He finally succeeded!

Jiang Hao sat down. He felt tired and uneasy. His spiritual power had suffered more severe damage than before.

Fortunately, the Rival of Withered Tree ability was still working.

Jiang Hao noticed that the strokes and the power contained within the talisman were different from before.

[Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman: Low-Grade. Ignores all spells and barriers. Randomly teleports the user to any location within 1300 miles to 1700 miles away. Can be activated using blood or spiritual energy. Cannot be interrupted.]

'It increased by three hundred miles.'

It was good news. However, it also meant that his Clear and Pure Heart ability might have been damaged severely.

'I feel like I pushed myself too much. My body can't handle it. I need to improve my cultivation to make sure I recuperate.'

Still, the fact that it was of the Inferior grade surprised him. How much more terrifying would a higher-grade Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman be?

After that, he continued clearing out the demons.

He used only a dagger and the strength of the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Occasionally, he used the Light and Dust Technique.

He hunted the demons for three more days.

During this time, he encountered Hu Kai and the others.

He joined them once again and continued clearing out the demons.

In the following days, Hu Kai seemed to be more cooperative. He wasn't acting recklessly anymore.

Jiang Hao understood that they had been working together for a very long time.

In mid-September, their task concluded. During this time, they obtained some spirit herbs and a stone tablet with strange inscriptions.

It was probably some kind of technique.

Jiang Hao obtained a stalk of thyme. It was cheap, but it was still a good harvest.

"I think it's over. We should leave. What do you all think?" asked Hu Kai.

He had certainly changed. He now understood how to respect others. With that wisdom, perhaps he could live longer.

None of the others had any objections to leaving.

After some time, the group left Devil's Den and headed to the sect.

They all breathed a sigh of relief as they walked out of the cave.

Jiang Hao remained cautious of his surroundings.

Quite some time had passed since the last incident. Mu Qiu and the others might have already taken action.

They saw many people riding on swords and flying over.

This puzzled Jiang Hao and the others.

They asked around and learned that the Bright Moon Sect's people had arrived.

"The Bright Moon Sect's people are here?" Jiang Hao was surprised.

Others might not be sure why the Bright Moon Sect was here, but he knew the reason.

First, for the Heavenly Extreme Calamity Bead.

It was for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Mu Qiu probably wouldn't survive the encounter.

They were here for Gu Qing as well.

"Should we go take a look?" An Jing asked.

The others nodded, and Jiang Hao followed them.

The five rode their swords and headed toward the sect.



He noticed that almost all the leaders of the twelve branches were present and were led by Elder Baizhi.

They floated in the sky and waited for the arrival of the Bright Moon Sect.

This was the first time Jiang Hao had witnessed such a grand reception prepared by the Heavenly Note Sect.

Other than the Sect Master, all the important people were present.

The Bright Moon Sect was indeed different from the rest.

Even though Heavenly Note Sect had been under attack, they dared not appear arrogant in front of such a big sect.

'The sect must be truly remarkable.' Jiang Hao couldn't help but marvel. At this moment, the sky started to brighten, and two figures approached from a distance.

The individuals looked refined and elegant. They wore white and radiated a dignified aura.

They were illuminated by the brilliance of the sun and the moon and were accompanied by the vastness of the stars.

Baizhi stood high in the sky and observed the two figures, especially the one in the lead.

However, the latter's aura quickly dissipated.

Xu Bai's aura was extraordinary, but he did not seem to have any cultivation aura.

He approached Baizhi and bowed respectfully. "I'm Xu Bai. I'm here with my

Junior Brother Fang. We apologize for the intrusion..”