

A Demoness 521

Chapter 521 - 521: A Bad Person

Three days were left until it was July.

Since the last gathering, Bi Zhu was waiting for the right time.

“Senior Dan Yuan should be quite concerned about this royal family union. Perhaps his people will come. Jing said everything will go smoothly. I wonder if he’s dealing with something dangerous again.”

Senior Dan Yuan gave her a sense of reliability, while Jing made her feel that danger was everywhere.

It wasn’t that he was dangerous, but it made her feel like he was always involved in something dangerous.

The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was with him. He was also the first to know about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

Who knows what other dangerous things he had on him?

Fortunately, everyone was here for a gathering, so conflicts were unlikely to arise.

Shaking her head with a sigh, Bi Zhu decided to complete the task at hand first.

In the courtyard, she sipped tea and looked at the gate.

She waited for the Shangguan family’s response and also her elder brother.

Only three days were left until the main event.

She felt that the Shangguan family's response was about to come. After all, they couldn't wait forever.

But what surprised her was that her second brother came to visit her.

"I'm thinking about when our eldest brother will be free." Bi Zhu stretched and sighed.

"Let's go," Bi You said.

"Go where?" Bi Zhu was puzzled.

"You were asking when our eldest brother would be free, right? Well, he is now." Bi You smiled.

"Now?" Bi Zhu perked up.

After a short while, the two of them walked out of the courtyard together.

"Where's Auntie Qiao?" Bi You asked.

"She went to buy some snacks for me. It is a bit far, so it will take her some time to come back," Bi Zhu said softly.

"Sister, you're really brave. I heard that the other princesses are eyeing you and planning to bully you," said Bi You with a smile.

The imperial palace was vast and magnificent.

The path was lined with blooming flowers, and the trees were neatly arranged.

A faint floral fragrance wafted up and refreshed the senses.

“This place still smells so nice,” said Bi Zhu with a smile.

“It’s been a long time since you’ve been here, hasn’t it?” Bi You looked around and whispered, “You’ve been away from the Imperial City for years. Even when you come back, you just stay in your own residence.”

“That’s right. I worry that people will make fun of me when I come out. What if I get angry and they suffer? I might draw circles at night to curse them,” said Bi Zhu jokingly.

Bi You ignored it.

They talked and laughed along the way and occasionally saw some women along the way.

They were beautiful.

Most of them were young princesses, and they seemed surprised when they saw Bi Zhu as if they were looking at something elusive and rare.

Everyone stole glances at her.

The bold ones would come over and greet them.

“Royal brother, royal sister, greeting!”

Then, they asked about their age and were stunned to look at a princess who was over three hundred years old.

After a long time, Bi Zhu entered a large courtyard and couldn’t help but let out a sigh of relief.

This was why she didn't want to leave the palace. Some princesses were genuinely curious, while others wanted to ridicule her. It was not a pleasant experience.

'Out of sight, out of mind...'

"Come in." A deep voice came from the courtyard.

Bi Zhu looked inside but didn't see anyone.

"Eldest brother has already entered the Return to Void Realm. We can hear his voice, but we can't see his figure." Bi You smiled. "Come on, let's go in." "Will you also reach this realm soon?" Bi Zhu asked.

"It's probably impossible for me. Although we, the royal family, live a long time, talent is not determined by age." Bi You sounded regretful. "It's a pity that our royal family hasn't produced a stunning genius."

"There is." Bi Zhu pointed at herself. "Right here."

Bi You laughed and led the way ahead.

After a while, they saw their eldest brother by a pond.

He looked like a man in his thirties with no visible aura on his body.

He wore a gray robe.

"Big Brother," said Bi You.

"Big Brother." Bi Zhu followed suit.

At this moment, Bi Zhu turned around. His features were distinct, and his eyes were deep. He exuded a majestic aura.

“It’s been many years since I last saw you. Bi You, you’re already at the Primordial Spirit Realm! What about you, Bi Zhu?” he asked with a gentle smile.

Bi You chuckled. “Big Brother, stop making fun of Bi Zhu. Otherwise, she’ll say she’s the first genius of the royal family and her realm is unfathomable.” Bi Zhu was speechless.

Bi Chen laughed and looked at his sister. “I heard you’ve been in contact with the Shangguan family?”

“Yeah. I asked for some things,” she said.

“Yeah, it’s good to make contacts.” Bi Chen nodded. “If you encounter any trouble, you can come to me. Perhaps we are not stronger than others, but we are not afraid of them.”

Bi Zhu nodded and promised to do so.

In fact, she hadn’t been here before, and she didn’t have any trouble.

“Here, take this.” Bi Chen then handed over two blood jade pendants. “When there’s danger, I’ll sense it. If I’m not held back, I’ll come and help you. Also, the palace may not be very stable lately, so don’t wander around.” Bi Zhu nodded with a sunny smile.

The next day, at Bi Zhu’s house, General Lin visited her with three items.

One was the Spear of Curses she had requested. Another was a book from overseas titled “Travels in the Heavenly River,” and a six-sided die from the east.

“A replica?” Bi Zhu noticed that the six-sided dice was a replica, but even so, she felt it shouldn’t be used carelessly.

Overall, these gifts were not sincere enough, but General Lin insisted.

So, Bi Zhu had no choice but to cooperate and accept these items.

Then, she decided that in two days, she would enter the ancestral land with the heir of the Shangguan family.

In early July, Jiang Hao stood in front of a sea fog in the Sea Fog Cave.

He looked ahead and waited for something to change. Ah Zha stood beside him. It was curious about this human.

“Human, how do you behave as a person?”

“How do I behave as a person?”

“I think a person like you won’t be harassed or exploited.”

“Why not? Many things are beyond one’s control.”

Jiang Hao shook his head. He wanted to leave this place, but it was not suitable to leave without a proper reason.

He had to do things till he remained in the Heavenly Note Sect. “So, what does it take to not be harassed or bullied?” Ah Zha was curious.

“What do you think?” Jiang Hao asked.

Ah Zha thought for a moment. “Do whatever you want to do?”

Jiang Hao shook his head. "Ideally, yes. But sometimes you have to do things even if you don't want to."
Ah Zha was puzzled.

It suddenly paused.

"They're here."

Upon hearing this, Jiang Hao closed his eyes and began to sense the sea fog. The nameless manual guided him. He could sense subtle movement from the sea fog.

The waves were coming.

Without hesitation, he found Zheng Shijiu and the others.

"Please have everyone pack up. We need to leave this place quickly," said Jiang

Hao.

The crowd was stunned.

Yue You was about to ask, but Zheng Shijiu and Xin Yuyue began to make arrangements immediately.

Xiao Xiaohui and the others were also surprised by this. They hadn't received any evacuation orders.

It wasn't until Ah Zha spoke that they found out the Sea Fog Cave was about to create waves..

Chapter 522: This Is the Real Me, A Super Genius

“Human, why are you leaving? It’s dangerous in the sea fog when the waves are forming. Even I may not find the right direction,” Ah Zha said as she walked ahead of Jiang Hao in the sea fog.

In fact, it wasn’t just Ah Zha. Many people didn’t understand. They felt Jiang Hao was a bit delusional. If there were waves coming, it would be safer to stay in place. There were treasures and defenses set up in the area.

Wasn’t it better than running around in the sea mist?

Jiang Hao didn’t explain to those who questioned him. He wasn’t forcing them to leave. On the contrary, he preferred acting alone. It’s just that he didn’t want them to be in danger because he was in charge.

This wave was extraordinary.

The royal family, the Sacred Bandits, the heavenly Note Sect, and powerful individuals from overseas were all involved. After what the Sacred Bandits had been planning for a long time, he didn’t believe that the people on the periphery would be safe.

So even if they were punished, it wouldn’t matter.

They just didn’t know if they would make it in time.

The sea fog seemed to be changing. They needed to leave quickly.

However, it wasn’t that easy.

Ah Zha seemed to have lost its way.

“What’s going on? Why can’t I find the direction? It seems to be getting blurry,” Ah Zha said.

“Even you can’t find the way, Senior?” Zheng Shijiu was surprised.

“It’s not that easy,” Ah Zha said.

The others were a bit worried, and some even said it would be better to stay in the stronghold. At least they could try to defend themselves. Now, in the sea fog, they couldn’t even see the way. It was like waiting for death to come.

The others could only agree.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. He hadn’t seen much with the technique from the nameless manual, so he couldn’t find the way, especially with so many forks in the road.

In the Imperial City, the moon was bright.

The wedding ceremony had already begun, and Bi Zhu sat in a corner.

She still hadn’t seen Shangguan Hengyu, but the first group of people was about to enter the ancestral ground, so he should be coming soon.

“Princess, do you really want to go into the ancestral ground with the Crown Prince Shangguan?” Auntie Qiao was a bit worried.

“It’s just to take a look. Speaking of which, I haven’t been there before, so let’s take a look,” Bi Zhu said with a smile.

“Aren’t you afraid of getting married for real?” Auntie Qiao asked.

“What if they break the engagement on the other side? Given his personality, he could do something like that,” Bi Zhu said without concern.

Auntie Qiao felt that the princess had already thought of a way to make the other person break the engagement. That would mean she would escape the marriage but still would receive the gifts she had asked for. If everything went smoothly, she felt the princess would gain a lot.

But she didn't know if it would cause trouble.

At that moment, a young man walked over to Bi Zhu.

"Princess Bi Zhu?" he asked with a smile.

"That's me." Bi Zhu nodded. "Shangguan Hengyu?"

"Yes. Are you the one who cried and wanted to go into the ancestral ground with me?" Shangguan Hengyu said disdainfully.

He was dressed in magnificent clothes and had an extraordinary appearance.

"Have I disappointed you? Then, it's fine. Let's not go." Bi Zhu looked at him. "I was just joking." Shangguan Hengyu snorted coldly and didn't speak again.

After that, they planned to go to their ancestral land.

Before entering, Qiao Yi informed Bi Zhu that the prince was in the Golden

Core Realm and that she should be careful.

'Golden core Realm?'

Bi Zhu smiled. He was not at the Golden Core Realm for real. He was only slightly weaker than her brother. The Shangguan family kept their real cultivation realm hidden.

The ancestral land was deep within the Imperial City. They were led by the guards and walked into the ancestral land.

Here, they could receive the blessing of the land, but what exactly the blessing was, few people could perceive it.

But every royal family member, upon marriage, had to come here once.

They could only enter once.

So, if they didn't intend to marry for real, not many people would visit the place.

After entering the gate of the ancestral land, Shangguan Hengyu seemed to relax. "Princess, I didn't expect you to be over three hundred years old and still look so young."

"Do you like older women?" Bi Zhu looked at the person beside her.

"Not really. I was just marveling at how well you are dressed." Shangguan Hengyu shook his head and walked ahead.

He seemed to have his own purpose for this trip.

Bi Zhu followed behind him and didn't care. She just let him go wherever he wanted.

"Maybe it's my natural beauty," said Bi Zhu.

"Princess, do you think it was right to choose to come to the ancestral land right now?" Shangguan Hengyu looked serious. He didn't look frivolous and flighty like before.

“It certainly doesn’t feel wrong,” Bi Zhu said.

“Do you think you are a bit naive and getting older and less knowledgeable?” Shangguan Hengyu asked while preparing something in an open space. “You are the same as the rumors made you out to be. Young with little to no experience.”

By now, the formation had been set up, and everything was ready.

The moon was in the sky. The moonlight shone on the formation and activated it.

“That’s true.” Bi Zhu nodded.

“Princess, you are as naive as they say. You must be getting older,” Shangguan

Hengyu said and gestured to her. “Can you stand inside?”

“Of course.” Bi Zhu nodded.

She stepped into the formation. She looked unconcerned.

“I heard you like to talk big. What kind of big things do you say?” Shangguan Hengyu asked while activating the formation.

By now, the formation was fully activated, and a light enveloped Bi Zhu.

Gradually, something eroded her body.

“I often tell Auntie Qiao that I am the first genius of the royal family and unparalleled throughout history. Standing at the pinnacle of the royal family, I’m only slightly inferior to the astonishing geniuses.” Bi Zhu shrugged. “But Auntie Qiao just laughs at me, and so does my second brother. Although my eldest brother doesn’t speak, I’m sure he’s laughing inside too.”

“That’s indeed quite amusing.” Shangguan Hengyu nodded.

Then, he looked at the young girl in front of him. “Do you have any last words?”

“Last words?” Bi Zhu tilted her head in confusion. “I’m fine and dandy. Why would I need to say my last words?”

“That’s a pity.” Shangguan Hengyu sighed.

Then, he cast his technique, and the fortune of the royal family began to be corroded. A formation appeared under his feet.

But he felt uncomfortable.

Then, without any warning, the flesh of his arm began to rot.

“What’s going on?”

The sudden change shocked him.

“A curse. Haven’t you encountered it before?” Bi Zhu stood in the center of the formation.

“A curse?” Shangguan Hengyu’s face changed, and he immediately tried to channel his power to counter it, but it had no effect.

“How is this possible? How can a mere curse be impossible to dispel?!” he exclaimed.

“A mere curse?” Bi Zhu gave him a charming smile. “This is not just a mere curse. It’s the curse on my body. According to your words, you’re just an early-stage Return to Void Realm cultivator. How can you withstand the curse on my body?”

Shangguan Hengyu was horrified to find that his flesh and blood were also decaying, and his cultivation was crumbling. He panicked.

He gritted his teeth as he looked at the young girl in front of him. “What do you mean?”

“Uh...” Bi Zhu shrugged. “Didn’t I just tell you? I am the first genius of the royal family and am unparalleled throughout history. The entire Imperial City can’t even match my strength. This is the real me. It’s just that no one believes me..”

Chapter 523: Beyond Saving

At the ancestral land of the royal family, a young woman stood in a brightly lit array of magic. A man stood opposite her. The array under his feet gradually darkened.

It seemed like something was being transferred from his body.

But this simple transfer was enough to make his flesh rot, his cultivation collapse, and his life wither.

He looked at the young woman in front of him in disbelief.

“Why? How does no one know about this?” Shangguan Hengyu was filled with questions.

They had been paying attention to the royal family for so many years, and even the Saint Bandits had confirmed it.

Why had no one discovered this person’s strength?

“Perhaps because you were overconfident? After all, when I told you just now, you were so full of yourself.” Bi Zhu smiled.

At this point, the curses on her body were rapidly leaving her and merging into the array.

These curses were being transferred through Shangguan Hengyu to an unknown location.

Bi Zhu had some speculation about this. It must be going to the Sea Fog Cave of the Heavenly Note Sect.

The other side of the array would also bear her curse, but that was no longer

Shangguan Hengyu smiled bitterly.

The flesh on his body was decaying, and this decaying flesh kept falling off.

He was filled with regret. “I didn’t expect that I actually picked someone who could ruin everything for me.”

“Actually, you didn’t pick me,” Bi Zhu said. “It was I who picked you. You cooperated with the Saint Bandits because you wanted to become the next royal family and coveted the blessing of the land. I couldn’t turn a blind eye to that. So, as one of the key figures involved in this, you naturally caught my attention.”

At that point, Shangguan Hengyu’s body was disintegrating, and he couldn’t make a sound anymore.

He could only stare at the young woman in front of him in fear and confusion.

When had he exposed himself?

“I should actually thank you. This array is a bit unique. It can transfer all the curses out of my body. It allowed me to successfully reach where I intended.” Bi Zhu took a step in the air as if stepping on an endless platform.

She looked up at the sky. “The sky is even broader now, and I have the qualifications to touch the limit.”

Then, a new curse appeared on her. This time, it no longer affected her.

It was as if she had the natural talent to avoid it.

Shangguan Hengyu watched Bi Zhu in disbelief. He didn’t know what realm she was in.

His cultivation realm and energy dissipated and finally turned into dry bones and became part of the earth.

Boom!

In the distance, there was a rumble. Someone shouted in anger.

Bi Zhu knew that the conflict had begun, but she planned to observe secretly and only intervene if necessary.

She didn’t want to stay in the Imperial City, but she had to wait until her “lifespan” was extended.

Shaking her head with a smile, she headed deeper into the ancestral land.

As she left, all traces gradually disappeared, as if she had never existed in the first place.

Deep inside the Sea Fog Cave, the sea fog was constantly churning.

Some tentacles appeared in the sea fog, but they were hard to see clearly.

In the shadows, there was an altar in operation.

The man who arranged the personnel earlier was maintaining it.

He was waiting for the arrival of the royal family's fortune from the other side.

"Tong Tian, be careful," Yi Jian reminded him. He had made many preparations. Everything was ready.

"I know." Tong Tian nodded and looked into the distance.

"The people from the Heavenly Note Sect are coming. Once we start, they will find us. You should be careful." Yi Jian looked outside and sighed.

They had arrived.

Unfortunately, he needed quite a bit of time to restore his peak strength.

At this moment, a trace of the royal family's fortune appeared on the altar. Tong Tian was overjoyed.

Finally, they were going to succeed!

But soon, he frowned.

Yi Jian furrowed his brows in confusion.

"What happened?"

Tong Tian remained calm and then said, "Sever the connection between me

and the other altars... all altars related to Shangguan Hengyu."

Yi Jian immediately severed all connections related to Shangguan Hengyu, and then looked at Tong Tian. "What's happening to you?"

"I'm beyond saving." Tong Tian's voice was calm as if he was talking about someone else's matter.

At this moment, he was still letting the array absorb things from the other side and separating the fortune from the curse on the way. The fortune condensed into a bead, and the curse stayed on him.

"If I regain some cultivation, maybe I can avoid this disaster, but unfortunately, the other side is too strong," Tong Tian calmly said. Black fumes appeared on his skin.

However, in the next breath, the black spots started decaying.

His cultivation was also crumbling.

Tong Tian did not show anger or pain. On the contrary, relief showed on his face.

"This is also good. I can go and do my own things now."

Tong Tian turned to Yi Jian. "Something has happened in the Imperial City, and it's something unexpected. But the consequences are now your concern. Now, I want to do one last thing."

Yi Jian looked at his friend and hesitated. "Let me take you back. Perhaps there's still hope. With my cultivation and artifacts, I can buy you enough time."

Tong Tian smiled and shook his head. "No need. It's fine. This is enough. Tong Lu is dead, and I need to do something for him. Even if I can go back alive, it's not what I wish for."

Yi Jian lowered his head and remained silent.

Tong Tian staggered down from the altar and then placed some treasures on it.

He was about to die, so he left all his useful things for his friend.

Finally, he walked into the sea fog and disappeared.

Yi Jian was silent for a moment, but he had to continue with the plan. The Heavenly Note Sect was an enemy they had to face.

Their plan had reached this point, and they were no longer worried about being discovered.

Countless tentacles emerged behind him. They bore many runes.

Then, they charged outward.

It wasn't just him. In every passage, tentacles appeared.

It seemed as if they wanted to engulf all life in the Sea Fog Cave to provide power for their plan.

Shangguan Hengyu's failure was a significant blow to them, but this was not the entirety of their plan.

Outside the Sea Fog Cave, Jiang Hao led the way, and the sea fog kept rushing in. Even Ah Zha found it difficult to find the path.

Fortunately, they did not backtrack.

If it weren't for the Sea Patrol Spirit Beast guiding the way, they would have been lost in this fog. The beast was indeed very accurate in finding the way.

"How are you doing, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked in a low voice.

He felt danger everywhere.

Others seemed unconcerned as if they didn't think much of the tide. Ah Zha had said that the fog wasn't something to worry about. They all felt Jiang Hao had made the wrong decision.

Xiao Xiaohui and the bald Golden Core Realm cultivator also felt this way, but they didn't know the strength of the other side, so they couldn't say much.

"How about we turn back?" asked a Foundation Establishment cultivator suddenly. "I asked the Sea Patrol Spirit Beasts, and they confirmed that turning back will surely take us back to the base.."

Chapter 524: Junior Brother Is Always Kind To Others

Walking in the sea fog was unsettling. Some people wanted to go back and continue staying at the base.

"Yeah. Going back the way we came would be much quicker," said someone.

Things were getting noisy as more people chimed in.

Zheng Shijiu wanted to dissuade them, but Jiang Hao stopped him.

He let everyone choose for themselves.

It was not his choice. He would let everyone make their own decision.

Some people chose to leave. They asked Jiang Hao about the ores and the mines.

Jiang Hao told them they could have it.

They were even more excited to go back.

Some people looked at the few Golden Core Realm cultivators. If there was a Golden Core Realm cultivator among them, they would follow.

However, Xiao Xiaohui and the bald cultivator hesitated for a long time and eventually gave up.

They had faced Jiang Hao's threat earlier and were afraid of retaliation. They sought refuge in stronger individuals.

In the end, only some of the people left.

Most of them lacked confidence and were afraid of making the wrong choice. So, it was better to follow the strong.

"If you want to leave, you can leave now. Don't blame me for being heartless if you can't leave later." Zheng Shijiu looked at the people around coldly.

There was no response.

Jiang Hao didn't mind. He would fulfill his responsibilities. Beyond that, they weren't his concern.

They weren't children, after all. They could make their own choices. As long as it didn't affect his safety, he didn't need to care. "Ah Zha, lead the way," Jiang Hao said.

The others could only follow.

Among the people who stayed behind, most just went with the flow but some had stayed behind because they trusted Jiang Hao's judgment.

In the end, these people discovered that the manager didn't intervene when others went away and felt a bit regretful.

If they had left earlier, they could have gone back to mine and obtained a lot of spirit stones.

In the fog, everyone felt insecure, as if danger could strike at any moment.

Zheng Shijiu and Xin Yuyue, on the other hand, had confidence in Jiang Hao. They had worked together many times and knew him.

Xiao Xiaohui and the others were uneasy. The sea fog was becoming more intense. If it got any denser, they might lose their way entirely.

However, since things had come to this point, they could only grit their teeth and continue ahead.

After a while, the sea fog started to churn.

Their field of vision and their perception shrank.

Ah Zha didn't dare to point in a random direction.

"The people who went back might have already reached the base," someone said softly.

Jiang Hao stopped.

He looked in a certain direction with a frown.

“Senior, look over there!” Ah Zha turned to look.

A little while later, Ah Zha’s face changed.

“Oh no! How did these monsters end up here? We’re done for! Hurry! Run!” Ah Zha exclaimed in panic.

The others were confused.

Ah Zha wanted to escape alone but was grabbed by Jiang Hao.

“Senior, stay calm. Running randomly will be dangerous. Find a way out of the Sea Fog Cave,” Jiang Hao said.

Ah Zha felt immense pressure.

It hadn’t expected these things to appear. They had never come out during previous surges.

This also confirmed that it should learn from these humans in the future.

Boom!

As the sea fog closed, the tentacles began to attack.

Jiang Hao unsheathed his Half-Moon Blade and used the Demonic Sound Slash

Boom!

The blade flashed and temporarily dispersed some of the sea fog.

Thus, the thing underneath the sea fog was revealed.

Countless tentacles were swiftly rushing toward them. The frontmost tentacle had some blood stains on it, and it even held some ore.

It even held onto some severed human limbs. Blood was dripping from the severed parts.

Jiang Hao knew that those who had just left were in great danger.

The people behind him turned pale in shock.

They saw the ores, which meant...

They felt lucky to have followed Jiang Hao instead of going back.

“Senior Ah Zha, find a way out quickly!” Someone begged in fear.

“We can’t go the wrong way. If we do, we’ll be attacked from behind,” Jiang Hao said.

Ah Zha felt stressed.

It hadn’t expected these things to come out. They had never done so before.

Boom!

As the sea fog closed, the tentacles began their assault.

Jiang Hao slashed with his Half-Moon Blade. The tentacles were cut off.

But soon, new tentacles continued their attack.

“The strength of the late Foundation Establishment stage,” said Jiang Hao.

Xiao Xiaohui and the others were overjoyed. If it was only at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. They could hold their own, especially with their four Golden Core Realm cultivators.

Boom!

Boom!

They fought for a while and retreated.

Even with four Golden Core Realm cultivators, they couldn't stop the

Foundation Establishment Realm tentacles. Some of them were injured.

As time passed, the strength of these tentacles increased. They were almost at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Jiang Hao frowned. If they continued like this, these people would all die. He couldn't go ahead alone.

Moreover, without Ah Zha, it was unlikely that he could find his way. He would have to use his golden rings to go back

Boom!

The tentacle attacks were relentless.

Even a Golden Core Realm cultivator couldn't escape unscathed. Only Jiang Hao, who had studied the nameless manual and could finely control his power, could handle it with ease.

The bald Golden Core Realm cultivator tried to beat back the tentacles with his blade.

However, the more he fought, the more he was surrounded by numerous tentacles.

When he came to his senses, he found himself completely surrounded by the tentacles. They were surging toward him.

Even when he defeated a part of them, it was futile because new tentacles replaced them instantly.

These tentacles were shifting toward the Gold Core Realm cultivator gradually.

At that point, he had no way to retreat. He began to panic.

Although he had escaped to this point, he was now in a dire situation because of his impulsiveness.

He opened his mouth, attempting to plead for help.

But who would come to save him at this moment?

Everyone was selfish. When others were in crisis, they would not rush to help them at the expense of their own lives.

He should have understood this earlier, but...

He opened his mouth to ask for help.

Just then, a blade flashed.

“Thousand Demonic Tones!”

Boom!

The demonic sound roared as the blade cut through everything.

The bald Golden Core Realm cultivator, who was initially surrounded by tentacles, looked in disbelief as the blade approached. He was even more surprised at the person who wielded that blade.

He felt that he might as well devote his loyalty to this person.

Jiang Hao grabbed the person’s hand and pulled him out.

Then, he swung the Primordial Heavenly Blade.

“The intensity is approaching the Golden Core Realm,” Zheng Shijiu said wearily.

There were simply too many tentacles, and they couldn’t stop them all.

Jiang Hao realized that if they continued, everyone else would undoubtedly die.

He looked at the people around him and fell silent for a moment.

Everyone was afraid that Jiang Hao would leave them there and go off alone.

Evidently, their manager was very strong, and his sense of perception was exceptional.

If he left, he could obviously survive. Others would have no way of escape.

At that moment, they understood that Jiang Hao's choice would decide their life and their death.

"You all go first," Jiang Hao said calmly.

Everyone was incredulous to hear those words.

In truth, Zheng Shijiu had already planned to tell Jiang Hao to escape while he could and that there was no need for him to take them along.

However, Jiang Hao was telling them to escape first.

'It is no wonder the people in the sect doubt him of practicing the Blood Wish Path because Junior Brother Jiang is always kind to others.'

Zheng Shijiu was shaken to his core..

Chapter 525: Stronger When No One's Around

"I'll stay," said the bald Golden Core Realm cultivator.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He looked over and saw him standing resolutely beside him with a determination to face death.

The others were also ignited with a fiery passion. They wanted to stay and fight the enemy alongside him.

Jiang Hao swung the Half-Moon Blade in his hand.

The hilt struck the bald man's neck, and the force invaded his body and knocked him unconscious.

The sudden action left others shocked. "Senior Brother Zheng, I'll have to trouble you again."

Jiang Hao looked at Zheng Shijiu.

"Alright, Junior Brother Jiang. Be careful," Zheng Shijiu said solemnly.

He knew that Jiang Hao wouldn't easily get into trouble, especially when he was alone.

Jiang Hao was at his strongest when he was alone.

If they stayed behind, they would only hold him back.

However, he didn't know Jiang Hao's limits. The only thing he could do was not get in his way.

So, Zheng Shijiu retreated with the others.

Everyone else could only follow his orders.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief. Finally, he was alone.

If it were possible, he would have left with everyone. That way, it wouldn't attract attention.

But the tentacle attacked so fiercely that retreating together wasn't the best choice.

He could only stand alone against the danger and let the others leave first.

With people around him, he couldn't do what he wanted.

Now that no one was around him, he could use his techniques freely.

He had a way. If there was no other choice, he could even use the life-saving magic weapon his master had given him.

He could escape from here using the spatial power of the magic weapon.

But there was a problem. It seemed that he was being targeted by someone. That was why he had to act alone.

It seemed that someone was closely watching him and would appear at any sign of movement.

The tentacles began to swarm.

He used the second form of the Heavenly Blade, Mountain Suppression.

Powerful blade intent covered the surroundings and suppressed the frontmost tentacles.

After that, Jiang Hao felt the changes in the surrounding sea fog and sensed the tentacles' attacks. No tentacle crossed the line.

Blades flashed and swept in all directions.

Countless tentacles were cut off and turned into bubbles.

The tentacles couldn't escape Jiang Hao's blade.

At this moment, Jiang Hao had absolute power.

He used the Heavenly Cauldron to lure and trap the tentacles in the divine domain.

Unfortunately, the divine domain was broken because the tentacles were too long.

But as time passed, the frequency of the tentacle attacks began to decrease.

Finally, they retracted.

However, Jiang Hao did not let his guard down. He felt that this was just the beginning of the danger he had to face.

The person who was keeping an eye on him seemed to have arrived.

He couldn't determine the newcomer's strength. It made him wary.

'Who could it be?'

"Brother! "

Suddenly, a voice broke the silence.

The surrounding sea fog no longer blocked his vision.

A child of about four or five years old stood in front of him in ragged clothes.

The child looked around in panic and shouted, "Brother! Where are you?"

Tears fell from the child's eyes.

The child looked frightened.

At that moment, another voice came from the other side. "Xiao Lu, where are you?"

The child immediately looked around.

Then, he saw a teenager in his early teens, dark complexion, and weak in spirit and blood, as if he had been hungry for a long time.

The child ran over to the teen and hugged him.

"Brother, I thought you were going out like mom and dad," said the child in tears.

"That'll never happen," said the young man as he wiped the child's tears and patted his head.

"When will Mom and Dad come back?" the child asked.

"They'll be back in a few days. I brought you some food." The young man took out a piece of sesame seed cake.

"What about you?"

"I'm not hungry. I already ate."

"Why don't people in the clan like us?" The young man smiled but did not answer.

The scene shifted.

The child stole a piece of meat from a place and then managed to escape while being chased.

Finally, he ran to his brother excitedly. "Brother, there's meat!" The young man was surprised. "Where did you get it?" "You eat it. I'll tell you after you finish eating it."

Jiang Hao looked at the two brothers and frowned.

At the same time, a man came from the opposite direction.

He had many dark spots on his body. His breath was ragged. He was cursed.

The two boys disappeared, and the sea fog emerged.

At that moment, Jiang Hao could only rely on the nameless manual to sense the other person's presence.

"We depended on each other since childhood. Xiao Lu was all grown up, but he died by your hands," said a voice.

"Are you indignant?" Jiang Hao understood that the person in question was probably Tong Lu.

He remained calm, but his body was accumulating strength. "As you grow up, many people will want to kill you, and you will also kill many people. Isn't that right?"

"Yes. We've killed many people too." Tong Tian sighed. "Even if it wasn't you, Xiao Lu would have died at someone else's hands in the future. But we're brothers. Now that he has died at your hands. I need to do something. Even if I

die, I'll need to answer to him. At least... I can tell him that I did my best." Swish!

Jiang Hao saw a figure breaking through the sea fog at an impossible speed.

Boom!

He defended with the blade and activated the Immortal Mountain Sea Shield immediately.

However, even so, the powerful force sent Jiang Hao flying back.

He felt the wail of his blade. His blade had cracked.

'So strong!'

In an instant, the Immortal Mountain Sea Shield was activated to defend him.

But even so, his internal organs were injured.

The Revival of Withered Wood ability began to activate automatically.

Many thoughts went through his mind in an instant.

When he landed, he quickly moved forward and attacked.

He couldn't determine the other party's strength, so he didn't dare to hold back.

He unsheathed the Primordial Heavenly Blade and activated the Reappearance of the Hidden Spirit.

He used the third form of the Heavenly Blade, Meteor.

Jiang Hao's figure whizzed like a meteor and collided with the opponent.

However, Tong Tian blocked the Heavenly Blade with his bare hands.

Boom!

They moved like shooting stars that rapidly disappeared and reappeared. Their power and aura swept the surroundings. Stones from the walls of the passage kept falling.

Boom!

The Heavenly Blade clashed with the opponent's fist, and Jiang Hao was once again forced back.

Even with the Immortal Mountain Sea Shield support, he couldn't withstand the opponent's attacks.

Without hesitation, Jiang Hao attacked once again.

The Heavenly Cauldron was activated. Jiang Hao wanted to pull the opponent into his divine domain. That would give him an advantage.

Tong Tian's body was already covered in black spots. He looked at the man in front of him and felt uneasy.

'Late stage of the Soul Ascension Realm?'

It was entirely reasonable for Tong Lu, who was also in the late stage of the Soul Ascension Realm, to die at the hands of this man.

That last blade technique was more than enough.

'I can't hold on for much longer. I need to finish this quickly.'

Tong Tian knew that his cultivation was rapidly declining, and he would die in no time.

If the opponent didn't have any more tricks up his sleeve, then he might have a chance..

Chapter 526: Tell Him That We'll Meet Again

The sea fog surged like dark currents in the deep sea.

Jiang Hao's clash with Tong Tian was relentless. Their fight barely gave them time to catch their breaths.

However, even with such intense attacks, they were unable to break through the sea fog.

It was evident that the sea fog had reached an unimaginable height.

Continuing to stay here would undoubtedly be dangerous.

The Heavenly Blade flashed, and Jiang Hao severed Tong Tian's arm with a single strike.

In return, Tong Tian kicked and shattered Jiang Hao's thigh.

Despite the pain, their attacks were unwavering.

Boom!

The brilliance of their strength clashed, and their figures constantly changed as they exchanged strikes with blades and swords.

However, as they fought, Jiang Hao stood in place and blocked the opponent's attacks.

The Heavenly Blade swung in front of him and cut down all attacks.

Tong Tian was incredibly fast. Even with only one arm, he had the strength to break through any defense.

But after a moment, he found a flaw in Jiang Hao.

He threw a punch.

It was like a vast sky striking down. If it had landed, Jiang Hao would have been gravely injured.

However, what surprised him was Jiang Hao's calm gaze. 'Is he falling into my trap? What can he use to defend himself?' Tong Tan was doubtful. He had no choice but to keep attacking.

Boom!

The force shook everything.

In an instant, a heavy shield blocked his fist.

However, his strength carried a resolute intent and left no room for retreat.

Crack!

The shield shattered.

As he attempted to move forward again, a long blade stabbed into him.

A strange force corroded his body and disrupted his balance, and the curse's power erupted at this moment.

The once mighty fist landed on Jiang Hao's shoulder like cotton.

At this point, Jiang Hao thought he had won.

To his surprise, Tong Tian smiled. "You've lost."

Jiang Hao frowned. He sensed the presence of the curse.

Without hesitation, he activated the purple energy.

However, a tidal wave of black energy erupted from Tong Tian's body and enveloped him entirely.

Even though the purple energy could resist some of it, it couldn't stop all the curses.

In an instant, the curse entered Jiang Hao's body.

The Hong Meng Heart Sutra started to circulate and attempted to suppress the curse.

However, the curse was unusually massive. For a moment, he thought he couldn't suppress it.

"It's useless." Tong Tian sighed as his arm went limp. "This isn't an ordinary curse. Even if your cultivation realm matches the caster's, it's difficult to resist it. It will destroy one's vitality and erode one's cultivation realm. The moment I sensed it, I knew I was beyond redemption. But it's okay. It allowed me to come find you and fulfill Tong Lu's last wish."

Jiang Hao retracted the Heavenly Blade. "As members of the Heavenly Spirit Tribe and Saint Bandits, why did you want to seize the royal fortune and the blessings of the land?"

"You seem to know quite a bit." Tong Tian signed again. "For the depths."

"The depths?" Jiang Hao asked as he let the spots appear on his body.

"The source of everything," Tong Tian said.

"The person who wrote about the Heaven Lock Technique?" Jiang Hao asked again.

Tong Tian was astonished. "How do you know about Heaven Lock? Did you discover it?"

Recently, the Heaven Lock had appeared in the world, but they couldn't figure out who had discovered it.

"Is there a limitation to the Heaven Lock Technique?" Jiang Hao asked.

"How is it possible that you were able to see it?" Tong Tian was shocked. The content of Heaven Lock wasn't something anyone could easily see.

Heaven Lock was mind-boggling and even the heavens and the earth shrouded its content.

Even a Soul Ascension Realm cultivator, no matter how special, couldn't see it.

Jiang Hao remembered the figure he had sensed beside him.

It seemed that he could make sense of the technique only because that figure had been present. Without him, he couldn't see it.

Tong Tian smiled helplessly. "Forget it. We're both dying. What's the use of being so special?"

Jiang Hao sighed. He realized he couldn't hold on much longer. Otherwise, the curse would really hurt him.

In the blink of an eye, a pearl appeared in his hand.

In an instant, all the curses in his body subsided.

Tong Tian was stunned.

When he met Jiang Hao, he felt it was extremely difficult to kill him, especially with the curse constantly eroding his strength.

So, he decided to use the curse to kill him.

But he never expected that the curse would be quelled by the opponent. Tong Tian saw a crimson pearl inside the purple sphere. It looked familiar.

"The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?!"

He was shocked.

Tong Tian smiled weakly. "This is the first time I've seen someone holding the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. We didn't die in vain." Jiang Hao said nothing.

"Did Xiao Lu suffer before his death?" Tong Tian asked.

"He used something to self-destruct. He wanted to take me down with him," Jiang Hao said.

“Is that so? That’s good. I hope he won’t blame his useless elder brother.” Tong Tian felt his eyelids growing heavy and slowly closed his eyes.

At the moment of his passing, he seemed to hear Tong Lu’s annoyed voice.

“Brother, why did you come here too? You’re making me angry.”

Tong Tian smiled weakly and murmured, “Brother is here to accompany you.”

In the blink of an eye, Jiang Hao saw the opponent turn into bones and then disappear completely.

Jiang Hao also breathed a sigh of relief. Dealing with the curse was troublesome.

Now, how could he get out of here?

He couldn’t let go of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Once it left his hand, the misfortune would erupt.

If he went out now, there would undoubtedly be strong opponents waiting for him.

If the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was targeted, the problem would become more serious.

‘I need to find another way to suppress the curse. It’s also troublesome to get out of here.’

Without Ah Zha, it was not easy to get out of the place.

After hesitating for a moment, he walked to the place where Tong Tian had disappeared. He wanted to see how his opponent had found this place. Was it because of the magic treasure or something else?

Unfortunately, he found nothing and had to find a way out on his own using the nameless manual.

As for the curse...

Jiang Hao took out the Sea God Pill that Hong Yuye had given him.

This pill not only healed injuries but also dispelled curses.

If he was correct, the curse on his body was from Gui.

He didn't know if the Sea God Pill could completely dispel it.

And it felt a waste to use it here.

In the depths of the Sea Fog Cave, Yinsha and the others were being chased by tentacles.

There were originally nine of them in the group, but only three remained.

"It seems like we're constantly going in circles," a male cultivator said.

Yinsha knew that too, but there was no way out.

"Look over there." Another cultivator pointed into the distance. At this moment, they noticed the sea fog disperse and reveal a passage.

The three were surprised.

After a moment of hesitation, they headed in that direction.

It was like entering a completely new space.

This was a cave. Above the cave was a strange symbol that was difficult to discern.

“What kind of place is this?” The three were puzzled. “A place that can take you out of here,” said a calm voice.

The three were startled.

They discovered a figure standing deep in the cave.

The figure was faint and indistinct. It wasn't easy to see clearly.

“Who are you, Senior?” Yinsha asked warily.

“Do you want to leave?” the figure asked. “Do you have a way, Senior?” Yinsha asked again.

The figure...

She remembered Jiang Hao's reminder.

“Help me with something, and I'll help you get out of here. It's a simple task.”

Without waiting for Yinsha and the others to ask, the figure tossed a stone at them. “Take this thing and give it to him. Then, tell him that we'll meet again. Thank him for his praise. Since the appearance of Heaven Lock, only he has praised me, and it seems that only he has understood my discovery..”

Chapter 527: A Fool

At the Sea Fog Cave, Jiang Hao walked through the passage. His injuries had now completely healed, and he was in even better shape than before.

The effect of the Sea God Pill far exceeded his expectations.

It was almost unbelievable. The curse was dispelled easily. Not even a trace remained on his body.

The injuries on his body were visibly healing at a rapid pace.

His primordial spirit was condensing, and the power of his divine abilities and techniques was once again enhanced.

The Immortal Mountain Sea Shield had also been restored to its original state.

He felt the terrifying nature of the divine pill for the first time.

When he first consumed the Scarlet Feather Divine Pill, he didn't experience any reaction, so he thought that divine pills were just like that.

Now he realized that he had wasted the Sea God Pill. It was truly invaluable.

Shaking his head, he decided to figure a way out of there first.

He was unfamiliar with the route, and he had to find his way on his own.

Even with the nameless manual's assistance, finding an exit was still quite challenging.

Fortunately, he thought of a way. He let one of the tentacles lead the way.

If he wasn't noticed, he could follow the tentacles and find his way.

It was going smoothly.

However, in order to maintain an appearance of slow progress, he occasionally severed the tentacles and obstructed them.

When the time was right, he would let the tentacles lead the way again.

Boom!

As he walked along the path, he heard a loud rumbling sound followed by the surging of sea fog waves.

There was a powerful aura inside.

'It seems like a big battle is erupting inside. I wonder how it will turn out.'

Logically, there should be reinforcements soon, but he didn't see any along his route.

Fortunately, besides the initial encounter with Tong Tian, no one else chased him.

After a long time, Jiang Hao finally saw signs of people. In the huge passage, many people were retreating while fighting.

Each person had some injuries, and some were directly swallowed by the tentacles.

Jiang Hao took out his Half-Moon Blade and joined the battle.

"Sorry about this."

Jiang Hao looked at the nearly shattered blade and sighed. He had been using it for quite a while, and it was indeed time for a replacement.

However, top-grade treasures like Golden Core level blades were quite expensive.

With Jiang Hao joining the fray, the pressure on these people greatly decreased, but they didn't know that someone was helping them.

They couldn't perceive that someone had joined the battle inside the sea fog. They only felt that the tentacles had weakened.

“Stay focused! The attacks are weakening!”

“If we get through this section, we'll be able to get out. Hold on.”

Others shouted and began to exert their full strength.

However, the person who boosted their morale took the opportunity to escape.

It seemed like he wanted the others to help block the tentacles for him.

In Jiang Hao's perception, he could “see” that eight or nine people had escaped.

Only fools would stay at the forefront.

Jiang Hao felt that he was indeed a fool.

In order to avoid attention, he had no choice but to retreat with the rest of the group.

Even with his participation, many people still died.

He could only save those he could, and fortunately, these people were not very clever. Even if he saved them, it wouldn't bring him much trouble.

Outside the sea fog, powerful individuals entered. They were at least in the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Zheng Shijiu and the others stood at the edge of the sea fog and looked inside.

With Ah Zha's efforts, they managed to get out. But Jiang Hao still hadn't come out.

Although they had looked for him several times, they hadn't seen him come out at all.

They didn't know what had happened.

The bald Golden Core Realm cultivator lowered his head. This experience had made him suddenly understand something.

There were still good people in this world.

Or rather, he felt the brilliance of humanity for the first time, and this light emanated from Jiang Hao.

Not only did he risk his life to save others in danger, but he also forcibly saved him when he was about to die together with him.

In the many years of his cultivation, he had encountered many people, and everyone seemed to be filled with selfishness.

The suffering and darkness he had endured since he started cultivating constantly reminded him of how terrifying human nature could be.

In this world, no one would save him. Only self-preservation mattered.

But Jiang Hao was different. He had challenged the Golden Core Realm cultivator's beliefs.

In the eyes of some, Jiang Hao was complex. But mostly, he was a kind person.

Jiang Hao's death wouldn't affect them much. At most, they would think of him once in a while.

After all, they were still alive.

At that moment, Zheng Shijiu and the others saw someone rushing out.

It seemed that this person had just escaped from inside.

Soon, they were questioned by the people from the Heavenly Note Sect.

"I came to ask for help. Our people are coming out soon, but at the last moment, they were held back by the demonic beasts. I hope the sect can provide support."

Almost everyone had similar things to say.

There were indeed people from the sect who had gone inside.

Jiang Hao was inside too. He considered how to leave without attracting attention. Running out now would be too conspicuous.

Suddenly, he felt someone approaching.

This person was very powerful.

Boom!

A powerful attack blasted open the sea fog.

The crowd rejoiced. The sect had come to support them.

Jiang Hao also breathed a sigh of relief, then followed the crowd and withdrew.

This time, there were no surprises, and everyone made it out.

Zheng Shijiu noticed him.

After a brief reunion with the group, they all left.

It wasn't safe to stay in the sea fog cave for long.

If the Heavenly Note Sect and the people from overseas had won, it was fine. But if they lost, it would affect the outside.

Once he confirmed that everything was fine, Jiang Hao planned to go back.

It had been a long time since he went home.

He didn't know what it was like back there.

He had come to the sea fog cave at the end of January, and now it was early July.

Five months had passed.

Zheng Shijiu, Xin Yuyue, and the others also left with him.

The four of them were on the same team, so they were going back together to report their mission.

The sea fog cave had experienced unusual changes, and it was no longer suitable for cultivators of their level to participate.

Surviving and coming out was already considered as the mission being completed.

“This mission exceeded our expectations,” Xin Yuyue said with emotion as she flew on her sword.

“It was so much easier back when we were recruiting disciples together,” Zheng Shijiu said with a smile as he opened his folded fan.

“It’s been so many years. How are the recruited disciples doing?” Yue You asked curiously.

Xin Yuyue smiled awkwardly. “Mine didn’t have any surprises. They are all ordinary disciples.”

Zheng Shijiu sighed helplessly. His situation was the same as Xin Yuyue.

“I brought back four people. The one who stood out among them was the one with insufficient talent back then,” Yue You said. “I thought he wouldn’t last long, but unexpectedly, he showed astonishing perseverance and a heart like steel. He’s most suitable for our Flowing Waterfall branch.”

They looked at Jiang Hao. They were curious about the people he brought back.

Jiang Hao recalled the three people he had brought back. “From the three people I brought back.. one married an inner disciple. The other one is at the Foundation Establishment Realm. The last one is still at the first stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm.”

Each of them was extraordinary.

The first two were as expected, but the last one was simply unbelievable.

It had been so many years, and they were still at the first stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm.

“I remember that one. His friends have already reached the Foundation Establishment Realm, right?”
said Zheng Shijiu.

The group expressed their sympathy. They talked about casual matters and arrived at the Law Enforcement Hall.

After reporting the completion of their mission, the four of them went their separate ways.

On his way, Jiang Hao met Liu Xingchen.

He encountered him as soon as he came back. It made Jiang Hao feel that something was wrong..

Chapter 528: I'm Not Angry. I'm Just Lost In Thought

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“Junior Brother Jiang...” Liu Xingchen looked at the person in front of him, hesitated, and finally sighed.
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“Currently, your achievements are ranked first. I feel that even after the crisis in the Sea Fog Cave is over, your achievements will still remain in the first place.” Liu Xingchen sighed. “If that’s the case, then you might be taken out of the Law Enforcement Hall’s suspect list.”

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Heaven Lock is extremely unique. He was still waiting for Elder Baizhi’s sealing order, and he had some worries that he might be in danger.

Heaven Lock should be known to as few people as possible. So, he wouldn’t talk about it publicly.

Now he is directly lying on the merit list, isn’t that telling others blatantly that he has made a major gain?

And won’t the members of the Holy Thief who know about Heaven Lock target him immediately?

Even if it was not Heaven Lock, his first contribution in the Sea Fog Cave was that he had disrupted the Saint Bandits’ plans.

Before, he thought that the Saint Bandits would target him, but now, in this way, he would definitely be resented.

His achievements weren’t of importance. What worried him was that he was going to be taken out of the suspect list.

“That was just an accident,” Jiang Hao said helplessly.

He also mentioned the matter of the Life Core Bead.

Liu Xingchen thought for a moment. "Junior Brother, you can consider it seriously. Currently, there are not many people targeting you in the sect. Once you are off the list, you will become a True Disciple. After that, not many people will dare to target you, especially since the Heavenly Joy Pavilion seems to have settled their matter."

"Is there a way by which I can remain on the list?" Jiang Hao. "We are paying close attention to the matter, especially the Task Hall." Jiang Hao was speechless.

If he was taken off the list, the Task Hall wouldn't be able to earn spirit stones from him. It was natural for them to pay attention to this.

The two walked on the road, and Jiang Hao thought of a solution.

His achievements are too high. If there are no accidents, the Law Enforcement Hall won't be able to handle the pressure.

It seemed impossible to keep him on the list.

He really didn't have the intention of making great contributions. Who could have known that Elder Baizhi would give him such great credit?

If someone understood the text on Heaven Lock, they would know how terrifying the thing is.

"By the way, we recently found someone at the Cliff of Broken Hearts," Liu Xingchen said. "We have been watching this person for a long time, and it seems that he wants to leave. But he knows that he is being watched and is still contacting people. Maybe he's looking for a scapegoat. But this person has been guarding the mountain lately and hasn't been in contact with anyone."

Liu Xingchen seemed to think of something. "Oh, I heard that you killed a Golden Core Realm cultivator in the Sea Fog Cave. Although it was someone from overseas, we are currently cooperating with overseas forces. Your actions may be seen as damaging the alliance between the two sides."

Jiang Hao looked at Liu Xingchen and understood his implication.

The crime of threatening the alliance is not really that big. He still needed to be associated with traitors and spies to be considered suspicious.

Currently, the known undercover agents were Liu Xingchen, Senior Sister Ming Yi, and Senior Sister Hua Le.

Unfortunately, these three were not suitable for his plan. So, the only option was the one mentioned by Liu Xingchen.

He just didn't know if it would be considered serious enough.

Regardless, he had to try.

Guarding the mountain was also a sect mission that usually lasted for several years.

He just didn't know which sect the undercover agent was from.

After bidding farewell to Liu Xingchen, Jiang Hao headed away in regret.

The three remnant souls had disappeared. He didn't know what had happened to them.

Perhaps they already disappeared, or maybe are biding their time.

But in a few years, Liu Xingchen may step into the Soul Ascension Realm, which was surprisingly fast.

Jiang Hao went straight to the Heavenly Note Sect's gate in the mountain.

There were four people standing there, and each of them had a Golden Core Realm cultivation.

Among the four people, one of them might be the person mentioned by Liu Xingchen.

'No one is hiding their cultivation realm, and there are no issues with their auras.' Jiang Hao observed them for a moment but couldn't determine who was the most suspicious.

There were two men and two women.

They were sitting cross-legged on the ground and seemed to be meditating and cultivating.

'Two of them are cultivating, and the other two are paying attention to their surroundings.'

'The ones cultivating have stable auras which represent a calm state of mind.'

Those two might not be the spies mentioned by Liu Xingchen.'

After that, Jiang Hao looked at the two women who were standing nearby.

One was at the late Golden Core Realm, and the other was at the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm.

He didn't know which of the two was the person from the Cliff of Broken Hearts, so he could only use his ability to appraise them. He first appraised the one in the late Golden Core Realm.

She was from the Law Enforcement Hall.

'Not her, then it must be...' Jiang Hao turned to the woman in the middle of the Golden Core Realm.

She was wearing a dark red gown.

'Could it be her?'

Jiang Hao couldn't be sure, so he would have to wait until tomorrow.

If it was her, he had to make contact with her as soon as possible.

He had to cement his stay on the suspect list before the situation in the Sea Fog Cave stabilized.

Back at the Cliff of Broken Hearts, Jiang Hao saw Xiao Li sitting in front of the Spirit Herb Garden. She looked angry.

Cheng Chou walked over with a box of pastries.

"Senior Brother Jiang?" He was very surprised.

"What's wrong?" Jiang Hao asked. "Who made her unhappy?"

"It's because of this." Cheng Chou handed the pastries to Jiang Hao. "Junior Sister Xiao Li said she prepared a box of pastries for you, but you didn't return for a long time, and she couldn't resist and ate them all. She is upset at herself."

Jiang Hao chuckled and approached her.

When he got closer, he handed a pastry to her. "Want some?"

Xiao Li instinctively bit into it and realized it was Jiang Hao who had given it to her.

"Senior... Senior Brother Jiang."

"Are you upset?"

Xiao Li immediately shook her head. “No. I was just lost in thought.”

“Is that so?” Jiang Hao didn’t press further. He handed her the pastries. “Cheng Chou bought them for you.”

After eating the pastries, Xiao Li became excited and completely forgot about why she was upset.

“Where is the spirit beast?” Jiang Hao asked.

It should have come back by now.

“It probably went to find Junior Brother Lin. A lot happened this time he went back, and Junior Brother Lin took quite a hit,” Cheng Chou said.

That was bound to happen. Two people of the same age at the Foundation Establishment Realm, while one was still at the Lifeblood Refinement Realm...

“What happened?” Jiang Hao asked.

“When he went back, the old lady who was helping to keep Lin Zhi’s house clean passed away. She couldn’t make it through. She froze to death. At that time, he said if his cultivation was a bit higher, he could have used the techniques to save her.. He could use the technique at the right time...”

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Even if it was not Heaven Lock, his first contribution in the Sea Fog Cave was that he had disrupted the Saint Bandits’ plans.

Before, he thought that the Saint Bandits would target him, but now, in this way, he would definitely be resented.

His achievements weren’t of importance. What worried him was that he was going to be taken out of the suspect list.

“That was just an accident,” Jiang Hao said helplessly.

He also mentioned the matter of the Life Core Bead.

Liu Xingchen thought for a moment. “Junior Brother, you can consider it seriously. Currently, there are not many people targeting you in the sect. Once you are off the list, you will become a True Disciple. After that, not many people will dare to target you, especially since the Heavenly Joy Pavilion seems to have settled their matter.”

“Is there a way by which I can remain on the list?” Jiang Hao. “We are paying close attention to the matter, especially the Task Hall.” Jiang Hao was speechless.

If he was taken off the list, the Task Hall wouldn’t be able to earn spirit stones from him. It was natural for them to pay attention to this.

The two walked on the road, and Jiang Hao thought of a solution.

His achievements are too high. If there are no accidents, the Law Enforcement Hall won’t be able to handle the pressure.

It seemed impossible to keep him on the list.

He really didn’t have the intention of making great contributions. Who could have known that Elder Baizhi would give him such great credit?

If someone understood the text on Heaven Lock, they would know how terrifying the thing is.

“By the way, we recently found someone at the Cliff of Broken Hearts,” Liu Xingchen said. “We have been watching this person for a long time, and it seems that he wants to leave. But he knows that he is being watched and is still contacting people. Maybe he’s looking for a scapegoat. But this person has been guarding the mountain lately and hasn’t been in contact with anyone.”

Liu Xingchen seemed to think of something. "Oh, I heard that you killed a Golden Core Realm cultivator in the Sea Fog Cave. Although it was someone from overseas, we are currently cooperating with overseas forces. Your actions may be seen as damaging the alliance between the two sides."

Jiang Hao looked at Liu Xingchen and understood his implication.

The crime of threatening the alliance is not really that big. He still needed to be associated with traitors and spies to be considered suspicious.

Currently, the known undercover agents were Liu Xingchen, Senior Sister Ming Yi, and Senior Sister Hua Le.

Unfortunately, these three were not suitable for his plan. So, the only option was the one mentioned by Liu Xingchen.

He just didn't know if it would be considered serious enough.

Regardless, he had to try.

Guarding the mountain was also a sect mission that usually lasted for several years.

He just didn't know which sect the undercover agent was from.

After bidding farewell to Liu Xingchen, Jiang Hao headed away in regret.

The three remnant souls had disappeared. He didn't know what had happened to them.

Perhaps they already disappeared, or maybe are biding their time.

But in a few years, Liu Xingchen may step into the Soul Ascension Realm, which was surprisingly fast.

Jiang Hao went straight to the Heavenly Note Sect's gate in the mountain.

There were four people standing there, and each of them had a Golden Core Realm cultivation.

Among the four people, one of them might be the person mentioned by Liu Xingchen.

'No one is hiding their cultivation realm, and there are no issues with their auras.' Jiang Hao observed them for a moment but couldn't determine who was the most suspicious.

There were two men and two women.

They were sitting cross-legged on the ground and seemed to be meditating and cultivating.

'Two of them are cultivating, and the other two are paying attention to their surroundings.'

'The ones cultivating have stable auras which represent a calm state of mind.'

Those two might not be the spies mentioned by Liu Xingchen.'

After that, Jiang Hao looked at the two women who were standing nearby.

One was at the late Golden Core Realm, and the other was at the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm.

He didn't know which of the two was the person from the Cliff of Broken Hearts, so he could only use his ability to appraise them. He first appraised the one in the late Golden Core Realm.

She was from the Law Enforcement Hall.

'Not her, then it must be...' Jiang Hao turned to the woman in the middle of the Golden Core Realm.

She was wearing a dark red gown.

'Could it be her?'

Jiang Hao couldn't be sure, so he would have to wait until tomorrow.

If it was her, he had to make contact with her as soon as possible.

He had to cement his stay on the suspect list before the situation in the Sea Fog Cave stabilized.

Back at the Cliff of Broken Hearts, Jiang Hao saw Xiao Li sitting in front of the Spirit Herb Garden. She looked angry.

Cheng Chou walked over with a box of pastries.

"Senior Brother Jiang?" He was very surprised.

"What's wrong?" Jiang Hao asked. "Who made her unhappy?"

"It's because of this." Cheng Chou handed the pastries to Jiang Hao. "Junior Sister Xiao Li said she prepared a box of pastries for you, but you didn't return for a long time, and she couldn't resist and ate them all. She is upset at herself."

Jiang Hao chuckled and approached her.

When he got closer, he handed a pastry to her. "Want some?"

Xiao Li instinctively bit into it and realized it was Jiang Hao who had given it to her.

“Senior... Senior Brother Jiang.”

“Are you upset?”

Xiao Li immediately shook her head. “No. I was just lost in thought.”

“Is that so?” Jiang Hao didn’t press further. He handed her the pastries. “Cheng Chou bought them for you.”

After eating the pastries, Xiao Li became excited and completely forgot about why she was upset.

“Where is the spirit beast?” Jiang Hao asked.

It should have come back by now.

“It probably went to find Junior Brother Lin. A lot happened this time he went back, and Junior Brother Lin took quite a hit,” Cheng Chou said.

That was bound to happen. Two people of the same age at the Foundation Establishment Realm, while one was still at the Lifeblood Refinement Realm...

“What happened?” Jiang Hao asked.

“When he went back, the old lady who was helping to keep Lin Zhi’s house clean passed away. She couldn’t make it through. She froze to death. At that time, he said if his cultivation was a bit higher, he could have used the techniques to save her.. He could use the technique at the right time...”

Chapter 530: Marriage Certificate

Jiang Hao sat in the chair and poured himself a cup of tea.

In the demonic sect, he just wanted to survive, and ordinary people outside also simply wanted to survive.

In a certain sense, they were all the same.

All struggling in their own way.

“Did she die from the cold?” he asked.

“No.” The spirit beast shook its head. “She was afflicted with an incurable illness and had no chance. Even if she went to another place, she wouldn’t have survived this winter.”

Jiang Hao nodded and didn’t say much.

Life, old age, sickness, and death were experiences everyone had to go through.

It all depended on how they faced it. Some people succumbed to depression and ended their lives. Others had brief moments of glory, and yet others left a lasting legacy.

Peace and harmony were a luxury.

“What about Zhao Qingxue?” Jiang Hao asked.

“That tomb didn’t show any respect for the great demon.”

Jiang Hao understood.

Even the spirit beast could do nothing and could only watch the events unfold.

“How is Lin Zhi doing now?”

“Not well, and more people are bullying him. They all know that the genius is missing. He has fallen into a cycle of self-blame and doubt.”

This was something Lin Zhi had to go through.

“Keep an eye on Zhao Qingxue. Let me know if there are any updates,” said Jiang Hao.

Zhao Qingxue’s fate would determine Lin Zhi’s direction of life in the future.

If she survived, it would bring relief to Lin Zhi. If she died, it would be a knot in his heart. That could ruin his life.

He had accepted the death of his mother and harassment from other disciples without complaints.

But this time, it was something he couldn’t accept. He would feel like it was his fault she had died.

No amount of encouragement could change the fact that Zhao Qingxue had died because of him.

Even if he wiped out the entire Azure Mountain, it couldn’t change the fact that she was dead.

“Master, when Xiao Li was cleaning the house, she found a bathroom inside. She asked if she could bathe in there,” the spirit beast suddenly asked.

“No.” Jiang Hao shook his head. “You go buy something similar for her and place it in her house. If the house is too small, let me know.”

He couldn't trust the spirit beast to build a house.

As for his bathroom, it was used by Hong Yuye. If someone else used it, Hong Yuye might be offended.

If that happened, Xiao Li would lose an elder brother, and the spirit beast would become a wild creature without a master.

He returned to his room and started cultivating.

This time, he was learning something different from the previous techniques, the Heaven Lock Technique.

This technique was so terrifying that he didn't dare teach it to others.

If Hong Yuye asked about it, he didn't know how to respond.

After a night, there was no progress in his cultivation.

Even though he felt he could learn it, he just couldn't get into the right state.

Acing the Clear and Pure Heart ability didn't help either.

'This technique is really strange.'

In the courtyard, he examined the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and realized that there was hardly any change over the past few months.

Thirteen years had passed, and it had only grown seven leaves.

After instructing the spirit beast to go to the Spirit Herb Garden, he went alone to the mountain gate.

This time, the four people were not cultivating. They were talking to each other.

Jiang Hao focused on the woman from before and appraised her.

[Luo Zhi: Disciple of the Heavenly Saint Sect. She is in the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm. She is undercover at the Cliff of Broken Hearts of the heavenly Note Sect. She is here to monitor you to unveil the secrets left behind by Yan Hua. Now that she's aware of the investigation by the Law Enforcement Hall, she's anxious and wants to find a scapegoat. Unfortunately, she hasn't interacted with enough people and urgently needs a suitable person to bear the undercover title.]

Jiang Hao sighed and realized that there were quite a few people undercover from the Heavenly Saint Sect.

Senior Sister Ming Yi was one, and Yan Hua was another. Now, there was Luo Zhi. There were three people at the Golden Core Realm.

However, it seemed like only Ming Yi had her own plans, and she concealed them well.

Currently, she still didn't pose any threat to him and even helped him sometimes.

Thus, he didn't need to deal with her.

If she was a threat, Luo Zhi wouldn't have any business here.

Jiang Hao quietly left after that.

The Heavenly Saint Sect was persistent in investigating him. It had been so many years, and they still thought Yan Hua had entrusted the secret to him.

They even sent someone to watch him.

However, this spy seemed very careful and didn't approach him.

'She is searching for a scapegoat to brand them as a traitor. That's fine by me. But how do I approach her? As fellow disciples of the Cliff of Broken Hearts, there might be a chance.'

After much thought, the only solution he could think of was to exchange sect missions.

He could exchange with her to guard the mountain gate. It wasn't impossible to do that.

If she wanted to find a scapegoat, she would definitely agree. Then, they both would make an exchange.

'I'm just wary that she might not do anything at all.'

He couldn't act first. He had to wait for her to use him as a scapegoat.

Otherwise, he would be blamed for killing a fellow disciple of the sect.

If that happened, he wouldn't just be on the suspect list. He would be sent directly to the Lawless Tower.

Decades of cultivation could be ruined in an instant.

Back at the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao was still thinking about how to exchange missions with the woman.

“Junior Brother Jiang, you’re back?”

It was Miao Tinglian. She was as beautiful as ever.

“Senior Sister Miao, you look happy,” said Jiang Hao.

He felt something was odd between Miao Tinglian and Mu Qi.

“Is that so?” Miao Tinglian looked at her hands. “Not really.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

“You’re already at the early stage of the Golden Core Realm! Your advancement in cultivation is so fast.” Miao Tinglian frowned. “I used to think you were fast, but I didn’t expect you to reach the Golden Core Realm at such a young age. In a few more years, won’t you surpass me?”

“Really? You are so talented. I don’t think I can surpass you, Senior Sister Miao.”

Actually, Jiang Hao felt that Miao Tinglian was very talented, but she was wasting that on her romantic relationship.

However, her cultivation still progressed rapidly. Ten years ago, she was in the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm, and now, she was in the late stage of the Golden Core Realm.

“Really? That’s good then.” Miao Tinglian laughed.

It seemed like she was really happy. Jiang Hao was puzzled. “Did Senior Brother

Mu Qi propose marriage to you?”

“Proposal? What proposal?” Miao Tinglian looked confused. She then stumbled, and a red paper fell to the ground.

“Oh my! What’s this? Do you want to see?” Miao Tinglian said as she handed it to Jiang Hao.

“A marriage certificate?” Jiang Hao took the paper.

“A marriage certificate?” Miao Tinglian covered her mouth with delicate fingers and acted surprised. “Whose is it? Can you read it aloud?” Jiang Hao glanced at her and then looked at Mu Qi.

Mu Qi turned away awkwardly.

“Junior Brother, don’t you know how to read?” Miao Tinglian said.

Jiang Hao slowly began to read it aloud.

“Under the auspicious signs, a good fate is sealed. Mutual respect and sincerity, like the mandarin ducks in harmony. May our relationship be prosperous and lasting. With one heart and one virtue, let our home be blessed. May our bond be as eternal as the mythological phoenixes and bound together with eternal love. This is the testimony.

Mu Qi and Miao Tinglian..”