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Chapter 741 - 741: Finding a Way to Mine

Jiang Hao vanished from the spot.

When he reappeared, he was back in his own courtyard.

Only then did he retract the Thousand Faces Treasure Fan and return to his house.

He sat down in the courtyard and gazed absentmindedly at the peach tree.

His discoveries during the outing made his heart race.

They also made him understand that with insufficient strength, exploring exceedingly powerful things shouldn't be attempted at all.

It could lead to trouble.

With a sigh, Jiang Hao intended to sell the Heaven Rejuvenating Pill. He wanted to gather enough to awaken the beast's bloodline so that he could get a golden bubble.

He would get a new treasure.

Judging from previous experiences, he knew that treasures emerged from golden bubbles.

The Primordial Heavenly Blade, the nine golden rings, and the Immortal Mountain Sea Shield had all emerged from golden bubbles.

There had been only one purple-gold bubble, so he still didn't know how they worked.

Apart from the beast, he also needed to wait for Hong Yuye to arrive and inquire about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. However, it was uncertain when she would come.

He could only wait.

After two days of waiting, she still didn't visit. Senior Sister Zhou Chan arrived instead.

They met at the entrance to the Spirit Herb Garden.

"Is there a reason for your sudden visit, Senior? Can I help with anything?" Jiang Hao asked.

Senior Sister Zhou Chan had already reached the early stage of the Golden Core Realm. Normally, upon successful advancement, one's cultivation would skyrocket.

However, there seemed to be no signs of such progress from her. It was puzzling.

Perhaps she didn't want it herself.

"I came to give something to you, Junior Brother. I also have a message for you," she said as she took out a square box and handed it to him.

Jiang Hao knew it was a reward for growing the divine flower.

It had been a long time since he had received one. He felt embarrassed to accept it.

He hadn't made much progress with the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and hadn't even tended to it much.

Still, he accepted the reward because this treasure set was very powerful.

The belt might bring about some significant effects.

“I heard Lin Zhi is mining?” Zhou Chan asked.

“Yes. He’s cultivating there.” Jiang Hao nodded.

There was nothing wrong with mining. It allowed Lin Zhi to refine himself better and avoid people who constantly bullied him.

After all, most of the miners were prisoners at lower levels and couldn’t bully him.

Of course, the downside was that nobody managed that place properly, so there was danger at every corner.

Lin Zhi seemed to be at the Lifeblood Refinement Realm, but he was actually at the Foundation Establishment Realm, so there wasn’t much danger for him.

Besides, the beast often went over to meet him and observe the surroundings.

Occasional attacks were useful for Lin Zhi to practice his newfound strength. It would prepare him for the dangers of the cultivation world.

“When will you bring him back?” Zhou Chan asked. “Junior Sister Zhao wanted to know, so I’m asking.”

“Why didn’t she ask herself?” Jiang Hao wondered.

Zhou Chan shook her head.

Jiang Hao could understand. The difference between the two had grown, and perhaps a meeting might be embarrassing for one of them.

It was better to not meet.

Besides, Lin Zhi still felt guilty.

Meeting each other would unearth guilt and remorse and make it worse for both of them.

"I'll go over to check on his situation in a few days," Jiang Hao said.

He suddenly remembered something.

If he went to visit Lin Zhi and found him mining, should he talk to him?

"That's great. Although Junior Sister Zhao isn't going to meet him, she's still very concerned about Junior Brother Lin Zhi." Zhou Chan smiled.

Jiang Hao nodded.

Zhou Chan looked at Jiang Hao. "Junior Brother Jiang, you seem to have remained the same."

"What do you mean, Senior Sister?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

"Nothing. It's just a passing... thought. The real matter is that Elder Baizhi asked me to inform you that your guest is arriving tonight, so prepare to welcome them," Zhou Chan said.

After that, she bid farewell to Jiang Hao and left.

Watching her leave, Jiang Hao let out a sigh.

Senior Sister Zhou Chan was undoubtedly a good person, but this was a demonic sect, and it was somewhat dangerous for her here.

Jiang Hao began to focus on tonight's event.

The so-called guest should be Zhuang Yuzhen.

He was coming to see the Heavenly Fragrance Dao flower, and he wondered what his reaction would be upon seeing the flower.

Originally a strong cultivator, he had become a prisoner due to this flower. His cultivation was also crippled.

Without power and status, his future would be hard.

The Corpse Heart was his last hope, but there had been no response for so many years.

He probably would find it exceedingly difficult for a rebirth.

Everything was normal in the Spirit Herb Garden. Jiang Hao sought out Cheng Chou to inquire about his cultivation.

Unlike others, Cheng Chou consistently had issues, and Jiang Hao would explain them to him. Some fellow disciples would also listen in.

Occasionally, they would ask questions, and out of courtesy, Jiang Hao would give a brief explanation.

This led to some people wanting to help in the Spirit Herb Garden, but all offers were declined. The Spirit Herb Garden didn't need anyone else.

It required only one Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, which the garden already had.

Now, it also had a Golden Core Realm cultivator because Jiang Hao chose to stay. Cheng Chou helped around, but he wasn't in charge. He just liked working here and was close to Xiao Li.

Xiao Li probably had no significant responsibilities.

Perhaps, before long, she would also have to complete sect missions.

By then, he could ask her to take the beast along.

It was about time for her to start getting involved with others.

At night, Jiang Hao stood at the courtyard gate and waited.

In the distance, someone arrived riding a flying sword. It was Senior Sister Yinsha with two others escorting Zhuang Yuzhen.

The latter had numerous suppression runes on his hands and feet.

For others, the Lawless Tower might show some leniency, but not for Zhuang Yuzhen.

"Junior Brother Jiang, we'll wait outside. If there's any problem, call us immediately," said Yinsha as she urged Zhuang Yuzhen forward.

Jiang Hao nodded. "Senior, please..." he said politely as she stepped aside to let Zhuang Yuzhen in.

Regardless of Zhuang Yuzhen's cultivation realm, he was still a senior. Basic courtesy was still necessary.

Just because someone's cultivation realm had declined didn't mean they weren't a senior anymore.

Zhuang Yuzhen nodded and stepped forward.

He wasn't worried about anything. The people from the Heavenly Note Sect wouldn't harm him. There was no need for that now.

Jiang Hao followed him inside.

As soon as they entered the courtyard, Zhuang Yuzhen frowned. He surveyed the courtyard and was quite surprised.

The spiritual energy here was rich, and there were high-grade spiritual herbs and sacred medicines.

Finally, his gaze fell on the peach tree.

It looked ordinary, but he knew it wasn't.

"Senior, the flower is over there," Jiang Hao said.

With that, Zhuang Yuzhen followed Jiang Hao and saw a flower with only seven leaves.

That was the Heavenly Fragrance Dao flower he had been thinking about all these years.

It didn't seem particularly special, but it was indeed a divine object.

Zhuang Yuzhen chuckled and sat down.

Looking at this sapling-like little flower, he couldn't help but sigh. "If I had been a bit more cautious back then, would I have ended up like this?"

Jiang Hao also sat down and recalled everything. He felt quite sentimental. "Fortune is where misfortune lurks, and misfortune is where fortune lies."

Life was always uncertain..

Chapter 742 - 742: A Request from the Heavenly King

Zhuang Yuzhen shook his head and sighed.

"On the path of cultivation, once you fall, it's incredibly difficult to rise again. Because countless eyes are fixed on you. They all want to pounce on you, especially if you underestimate yourself."

"Senior, do you plan to stay in the Lawless Tower your whole life?" Jiang Hao asked as he took out some wine.

"My whole life?" Zhuang Yuzhen took the wine and drank it. "Is there any meat?"

Jiang Hao took out some jerky he had saved for Xiao Li.

Zhuang Yuzhen suddenly laughed as he ate the meat and drank the wine. "My greatest dream before cultivating was to eat a lot of meat and drink a lot of wine. Unfortunately, I never managed it, even after achieving my cultivation." "Why not?" Jiang Hao asked.

Zhuang Yuzhen smiled bitterly. "No reason... I just felt it was childish." Jiang Hao remained silent.

"What about you? What were your wishes when you were young?" Zhuang Yuzhen suddenly asked.

Thinking back to his childhood, Jiang Hao smiled. "Eating a lot of meat." "Is that all?" Zhuang Yuzhen asked.

“Yeah, that’s it. I really wanted to eat meat and good food back then.”

“Did you finally get to eat everything you wanted?”

“I did.”

Once, Jiang Hao felt his stepmother was unreasonable and mistreated him behind his father’s back.

Now, when he recalled everything, it seemed alright.

After all, he wasn’t her biological child, yet she took care of him since he was born.

He often got scolded, but he did grow up in peace.

Remembering the closed door at home, he sighed in his heart. He couldn’t go back anymore.

Many times, he wished to see them again.

He couldn’t recall his father’s appearance. The last memory of him was when he was sold, which made him feel regretful.

With time that passed, some grievances dissipated.

Jiang Hao wanted to put a perfect end to his childhood.

“Isn’t the Divine Corpse Sect an immortal sect? Can’t you return there?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Even in immortal sects, there are open fights, hidden struggles, and many enemies.” Zhuang Yuzhen sighed. “Moreover, people were always after my status and position in the sect. Now that my cultivation realm is low, why go back to invite trouble? Staying in the tower would be less worrisome.”

“Do you know if the mysterious person who told you about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao flower is powerful?” Jiang Hao asked.

He knew Zhuang Yuzhen wouldn't provide any details, but getting a general idea was still helpful for him.

Jiang Hao agreed with Zhuang Yuzhen's decision to stay in the Lawless Tower. The cultivation world was full of dangers, and getting stronger was more for survival than anything else.

Staying put at the tower ensured survival, but it was hard to see any hope there.

Leaving would mean struggle, and the risks were higher. It was a matter of personal choice.

Zhuang Yuzhen chuckled. “Perhaps...”

Jiang Hao smiled but didn't press further.

“Have you ever encountered the natives in the Corpse Realm speaking?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked.

Jiang Hao looked at him in confusion.

“They speak the language of the Heavenly Spirits Tribe, but with your current knowledge of the Heavenly Spirits Tribe language, you can't translate it. It needs to be translated in reverse,” Zhuang Yuzhen muttered to himself. “It's something few people know about. I discovered it accidentally. But even if you hear them, it's rare to hear anything secretive.”

Jiang Hao appeared calm but was shocked. The reason he couldn't translate what he heard wasn't due to a lack of knowledge. It required reverse translation due to the sequence issue and different pronunciations.

“The Corpse Realm is far more complicated than you think.” Zhuang Yuzhen sighed. “Do you know why the higher your cultivation realm is, the less you are allowed entry into the Corpse Realm? Normally, the limit is at the Return to Void Realm. Going higher requires self-restraint, but many times, even the

Return to Void Realm cultivators can’t use all their power to enter.” “I didn’t know about it. Please enlighten me, Senior,” said Jiang Hao.

“It’s because of the sea,” Zhuang Yuzhen said.

“Sea?” Jiang Hao asked in confusion.

“Yes, the sea,” Zhuang Yuzhen said. “When entering at the Return to Void Realm, you might see a vast sea. Once you accidentally enter, there’s no chance for a comeback. The higher the cultivation, the more likely you’ll enter this sea. Unless you have the strength to cross it, they won’t let high-level cultivators in.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. “The people who didn’t come out, or those who disappeared along with the Heavenly Stele Mountain... they might have entered this sea?”

“There’s a possibility. But no one has reappeared to confirm the truth, so it remains a mystery,” Zhuang Yuzhen said while sipping his wine.

Jiang Hao lowered his head, then he remembered Hong Yuye. She must know about that sea. Perhaps he could ask her.

However, what the Corpse Realm hid wasn’t essential to him. Knowing a bit more was mainly to consider the Corpse Realm as a backup plan.

If one day he was being pursued, he could try hiding in the Corpse Realm. It would make it difficult for others to find him.

Zhuang Yuzhen spent the whole night gazing at the flower. Finally, he left.

Jiang Hao didn't know what he was thinking but understood his situation.

Being so close, yet unable to attain one's desires... The feeling was always despairing.

In the early hours of the morning, Jiang Hao watched as Senior Sister Yinsha escorted Zhuang Yuzhen away.

To Jiang Hao's surprise, as Zhuang Yuzhen left, he met Mu Longyu.

Fortunately, they met in the Lawless Tower, so it wouldn't affect Jiang Hao much.

He had encountered many powerful individuals. There were the members of the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, the Clear Sky School Sect, and the kings from overseas. These encounters could bring unnecessary trouble.

Fortunately, most of them were in seclusion. However, it would be better to detach himself from these individuals and their situations as soon as possible.

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao looked at Mu Longyu and Mi Lingyue respectfully. "Do you have something to discuss with me, Seniors?" he asked politely.

"No need for such formality, friend," said Mu Longyu politely.

His polite attitude made Jiang Hao wary. Did he need something from him?

"Is there something you wish to ask, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked. "Indeed," Mu Longyu said. "I presume you know my wife?"

Jiang Hao nodded.

"And do you know about her origins?" Mu Longyu asked.

This time, Jiang Hao didn't speak.

"It's like this..." Mu Longyu wasn't bothered by Jiang Hao's silence. "We want to be together. Do you have any methods to help us?"

Jiang Hao understood. Mu Longyu hoped he could help Mi Lingyue break free from the control of the Great Thousand God Sect. However, he had no idea how to do that.

It seemed impossible.

Perhaps he could appraise her and find out something.

Jiang Hao glanced at Mi Lingyue beside him and activated his power.

He used the Daily Appraisal.

[Mi Lingyue: A disciple of the Great Thousand God Sect. She was planted as a spy by Mu Longyu's side. She unexpectedly became his partner. She gave birth to his son, Mu Yin. She hopes to escape from the influence of her sect to make sure her child grows up happy and safe. She came here with Mu Longyu to teach King Hai Luo a lesson. However, her husband sensed someone powerful might be backing you up. He hopes to use your help to free her from the control of the Great Thousand God Sect. Staying in the Lawless Tower will give you a chance to observe the control methods of the Great Thousand God Sect..]

Chapter 743 - 743: Paving the Way for Xiao Li

Looking at the feedback, Jiang Hao couldn't help but sigh. The Lawless Tower was truly powerful.

It could suppress all sorts of things.

He wasn't sure if it could also suppress the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. Otherwise, it could be offered to the sect.

However, the Heavenly Note Sect loved to fight. If they had such a pearl, they would expand their influence further.

This would make the Spiritual Medicine Garden exceptionally busy, which would not be conducive to his peaceful life.

It was somewhat regrettable.

Jiang Hao contemplated with a lowered brow.

Mu Longyu had noticed that someone was backing him, which wasn't surprising.

Being on the fifth floor signified that he had certain secrets.

The others from the Lawless Tower should have noticed, but his identity wasn't an issue.

At least, he wasn't a traitor.

Although there were suspicions, the Law Enforcement Hall didn't convict him, so there wasn't an issue.

Everyone tacitly refrained from asking.

"Do you have any insights on the matter?" Mu Longyu asked.

Mi Lingyue was also expectantly listening.

Jiang Hao didn't answer but thought intently about it.

During the appraisal, he found that Mi Lingyue was under the control of the Great Thousand God Sect's spiritual technique.

If she stayed in the Lawless Tower, it might help to understand the technique more.

But...

There were many factors involved.

The strength of perception determined whether detection could be successful.

At least, it was very difficult for Mi Lingyue herself to perceive it. She had been in the tower for a long time. Yet, she never detected the core of the mental control technique.

It was also possible that she never thought along those lines, but that still signified that it was very difficult.

"Have you ever thought..." Jiang Hao hesitated.

"Please go on," Mu Longyu said. He looked pleased.

As long as Jiang Hao didn't refuse outright, there was still hope.

Mi Lingyue also didn't expect Jiang Hao to know about such things.

"Thought about what?" she asked.

Jiang Hao didn't want trouble on his hands. Although telling them wouldn't pose much of an issue, it could easily attract other problems.

And he couldn't gain much from them.

Perhaps it wasn't the case that he would gain nothing.

Mi Lingyue was a master in forging, alchemy, formations, and runes.

After careful consideration, he decided to express it indirectly so that he could distance himself from the matter.

"The Lawless Tower is remarkable. We can consider it to find a solution."

"The Lawless Tower?" Mu Longyu furrowed his brow.

That wasn't a good place.

When he questioned further, Jiang Hao simply shook his head and refused to say more.

Not long after, he bid farewell and left.

Mu Longyu was even more puzzled.

"The Lawless Tower?" He looked at his wife. "What did you feel when you were there before?"

Mi Lingyue thought for a moment. "During my stay, they asked me what I had been doing. I didn't think much of it then. Could it be that the Lawless Tower can suppress mind control techniques?"

They began to discuss it.

In the tower, not only mind control techniques but also cultivation, perception, sound, and breath were all suppressed or even absorbed.

So, staying in the Lawless Tower could be useful...

“Can one evade such control? Is it even possible to break free from it?” Mu Longyu muttered.

“Although he didn’t explicitly say it, that might be his implication. He was like that on the fifth floor. He never gave a definitive answer... he was always elusive,” said Mi Lingyue.

For a moment, they seemed to have found a new direction.

However, they also felt uncomfortable. They had to enter the Lawless Tower and stay there willingly.

It was similar to Heavenly King Hai Luo’s situation.

They began to suspect if Heavenly King Hai Luo had discovered something, which was why he wanted to stay in the Lawless Tower.

“Is he that clever? It doesn’t seem very likely.” Mi Lingyue refused to believe it.

“There is no rush. We need to think about this carefully,” Mu Longyu said seriously.

The Lawless Tower wasn’t a good place. Entering it meant that one’s cultivation would be disintegrated. This was an unbearable cost.

If it were in their prime, they wouldn’t have made this decision.

Mi Lingyue’s cultivation had been mostly absorbed anyway, so they could consider this option.

Leaving the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao headed to the Law Enforcement Peak.

He heard Xiao Li's mission was about to be issued and wanted to pay attention to it.

As for Mi Lingyue and Mu Longyu, he could only go as far. He couldn't help them further.

What they did next wasn't his concern.

It would be beneficial if he could join them, but it would have less of an effect on him if he stayed away.

At the foot of the Law Enforcement Peak, Jiang Hao headed to the place where missions were being issued.

Sure enough, there was Xiao Li's name. "Cliff of Broken Hearts, Jiang Xiao Li." "Heavenly Joy Pavilion, Duan Yu." "Flowing Waterfall, Yue You." "Ice Moon Valley, Zheng Shijiu."

"Thunder Fire Peak, Xin Yuyue."

Jiang Hao was stunned. "Such powerful individuals?"

Among the others, Xiao Li's cultivation realm was the lowest. The highest being that of Senior Brother Zheng Shijiu, who was probably at the Golden Core Realm.

Senior Sisters Xin and Yue should be in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Given the right opportunities, they might have already reached their peak.

As for the Heavenly Joy Pavilion's disciple, he didn't know the person.

The mission was supposed to take place at Devil's Den.

"Weren't some people just sent there? Why are they going again?"

Usually, once a group was sent to Devil's Den, that was enough. A repeated mission indicated failure.

Moreover, deploying someone at the Golden Core Realm implied an increase in difficulty at Devil's Den.

'Well... following them won't do any harm...'

Jiang Hao was somewhat worried. It was Xiao Li's first mission, and problems could arise.

Fortunately, he knew these people, so greeting them would be fine.

Once Xiao Li got used to going out, a little more growth was needed and then, she could be set free.

Although he was eager to set her free, it was better to be cautious.

She was just like Chu Jie, who had finally become ready to venture out into the world, while Chu Chuan stayed put in the sect.

Even so, Jiang Hao wasn't in a hurry to send Chu Chuan away.

At least, he should reach the Golden Core Realm before leaving the sect.

Jiang Hao hoped that he could venture from the southern part to the eastern part.

By that time, several hundred years would have passed.

No one would be coming back to cause him more trouble.

Several hundred years later, he would have become extremely powerful.

After that, Jiang Hao visited Zheng Shijiu and explained his situation.

“Jiang Xiao Li?” Zheng Shijiu was somewhat surprised. “You know her?” Jiang Hao nodded slightly but didn’t say much.

“Jiang Xiao Li... Surname Jiang?” Zheng Shijiu looked at the person in front of him and felt shocked. “I heard she’s only in her teens. Could she be... your daughter?”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Senior Brother Zheng’s guess was absurd.

“Hahaha... I’m just kidding. I know Jiang Xiao Li was the girl you recruited into the sect.” Zheng Shijiu laughed. “Initially, we thought she had no talent, but in the blink of an eye, she became a True Disciple. She even advanced to the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm so quickly.”

“Xiao Li is a bit reckless. I hope you won’t leave her to her devices,” Jiang Hao said seriously.

“Junior Brother, rest assured. I definitely won’t,” Zheng Shijiu said solemnly.

Before leaving, Jiang Hao left two Rejuvenation Talismans.

Later, he also sought out Senior Sisters Yue You and Xin Yuyue.

Similarly, he hoped they could take care of Xiao Li and left a Rejuvenation Talisman for them.

He even went to find Duan Yu.

However, he only gave him a Healing Talisman.

With that, he hoped everything would be fine.

Two days later, Xiao Li went to meet them with the spirit beast..

Chapter 744 - 744: Meeting An Old Friend Again After Surpassing Him

Xiao Li carried the beast with her and arrived at the Law Enforcement Peak.

“Beast, what should I do later?”

For her first task, Jiang Hao had specifically instructed her not to cause trouble for others.

So, she had to ask the beast.

“They are all friends. Just mention Lord Beast’s name, and they will show you respect,” said the beast confidently.

“If I don’t do well, will they complain to Senior Brother Jiang?” Xiao Li asked.

During her time in the outer sect, people often ran to Senior Brother Jiang to complain about her.

“These friends are discreet and won’t complain,” said the beast with a mouthful of carrots.

“Really? In the village, people used to complain to my parents. Father even hit me once. He said we shouldn’t eat other people’s things or stare at them while they eat.” Xiao Li pouted. “Later, Father stopped hitting me. Even when I found branches for him, he didn’t hit me. He said I had grown up, and he couldn’t bear to hit me again.”

“Does the Master hit you?” the beast asked.

“He did. Once when I sneaked out, Senior Brother Jiang knocked me on my head,” Xiao Li said.

It was the first time they met in the sect.

The beast didn't pay much attention to this. “Do the demons in Devil's Den live a comfortable life?”

Xiao Li shook her head.

Before long, they arrived at the meeting point.

Xiao Li saw four people. There were two men and two women.

Three of them seemed somewhat familiar, while one looked very pale.

She immediately walked forward with the best. “Hello, I'm Xiao Li. This is

Beast.”

She even lifted the beast a bit.

Zheng Shijiu looked at them and couldn't help but sigh inwardly.

‘A Golden Core demon?’

‘It was Jiang Hao's pet, and everyone knew it. But they didn't expect it to accompany Xiao Li.

They all realized that Xiao Li's relationship with Jiang Hao was extraordinary.

“Who is Junior Brother Jiang Hao to you?” asked Yue You.

“Huh? Senior Brother Jiang is my brother,” said Xiao Li after thinking for a moment. “He is my elder brother.”

“Elder brother?” Xin Yuyue was somewhat surprised. “Did you take his surname?”

“Yes.” Xiao Li nodded.

“Now that everyone is here, let’s set off. Junior Sister Xiao Li has the lowest cultivation realm, so take care of her,” Zheng Shijiu said.

The others didn’t have any objections, especially since they had just reconciled with each other.

Duan Yu had reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. He had no objections either.

A middle-stage Golden Core Realm cultivator had sought him out a few days before. How could he dare to have any objections?

After that, the five of them flew on their swords.

“Is this Junior Brother Jiang Hao’s spirit beast?” Xin Yuyue asked.

“Lord Beast, if you please,” said the beast. “When in danger, you can mention my name. My friends and I will always help you. Any demon will show you respect after that.”

Zheng Shijiu and the others felt a bit awkward.

Was that really effective?

“I have friends everywhere and demons always show me respect,” said the beast again.

Everyone felt the beast might be a little too fond of exaggerating things.

After a while, they entered Devil's Den.

"According to the Senior Brother who managed to escape, the strength of the demons in Devil's Den isn't weak. At the very least, you need to be at the middle stage to be able to withstand them. Even late-stage cultivators might find it difficult. So, be careful," said Zheng Shijiu.

He wanted to caution Xiao Li against running around, but when he saw the beast, he gave up.

The beast's strength was unquestionable. That terrifying aura, even against demons, was effective.

Before long, they encountered quite a few demons.

Surprisingly, there were even Golden Core Realm demons around.

What were they doing there? How did they come to be here?

"Leave the Golden Core Realm demons to me. Junior Sister Xiao Li, stay put. Others, take care of the remaining demons," Zheng Shijiu said.

Yue You nodded. "Okay."

Xin Yuyue also unsheathed her spirit sword. "Remember... aim for the neck. It's the weakest spot."

Xiao Li stood still and held the beast to her.

Soon, the other seniors began fighting the demons.

“Beast, should we help?” Xiao Li asked.

“They are showing me respect by not letting you do anything. When someone gives that kind of respect, it’s polite to just accept it,” said the beast emphatically.

“It’s a bit strange,” Xiao Li said.

Whenever she was in a fight, she would charge ahead in any situation.

Soon, the demons were dealt with.

“Junior Sister Xiao Li, stay alert. If any demons break through our defense, you’ll have to handle it yourself,” Zheng Shijiu said.

Xiao Li nodded eagerly.

Xiao Li and the beast left, while Jiang Hao continued with his daily routine.

He watered the divine flower and tended to the spirit herbs.

The matter with the Lawless Tower had been resolved.

King Mu Longyu hadn’t come looking for him again.

All that was left was to earn spirit stones. Once he had enough, he could tie up the spirit beast and awaken its bloodline again.

Jiang Hao remembered Lin Zhi.

He asked Cheng Chou about his situation.

“He’s peacefully mining. Since his cultivation has remained at the Lifeblood Refinement Realm, many people know him. He’s often bullied wherever he goes,” Cheng Chou said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

In the afternoon, after selling some talismans at the market, he returned to his house.

Early the next morning, Jiang Hao watered the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower before heading to the mines.

He wanted to check on Lin Zhi.

In a short while, Jiang Hao found a Senior Brother he had worked under before.

He was Wei Lie.

Back then, he had worked under him when he was in the early stage of the Golden Core Realm.

Wei Lie looked at Jiang Hao with a strange expression.

He was supposed to have a fierce, bald, and menacing appearance, but at this moment, he appeared somewhat comical.

“Senior Brother Wei, it’s been a long time,” Jiang Hao said respectfully as he greeted him.

“Junior Brother Jiang, you had extraordinary talents. I’m sorry to have offended you back then,” said Wei Lei politely.

Over a decade ago, Jiang Hao was at the Foundation Establishment Realm, and now, he had reached the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm. He had surpassed Wei Lie.

Once someone of this caliber was offended, the consequences would be unimaginable.

However, just being called 'Senior Brother' made him feel somewhat relieved.

The tone of the other person was calm, unlike someone seeking revenge. Moreover, if there was any retaliation planned, he wouldn't have waited until now.

"I was grateful for your guidance back then, Senior Brother." Jiang Hao chuckled lightly.

At that time, when he was working here, Wei Lei wasn't particularly friendly to him, but he hadn't intentionally targeted him either.

"No." Wei Lie shook his head. "What brings you here this time?"

"A junior is working here, so I came to see him," Jiang Hao said truthfully.

Wei Lie seemed somewhat worried. A sudden visit like this...

Was he here to stand up for that junior?

"Which junior are you talking about? Perhaps, I know him," he said politely.

"Lin Zhi," Jiang Hao said.

"Lin Zhi?" Wei Lie asked.

He did know Lin Zhi. Quite a few people knew about him. However, no one knew that a Golden Core Realm cultivator had come to see him.

“I do know Junior Brother Lin, but he seems...” Wei Lie appeared a bit troubled.

“Senior Brother, you needn’t worry. Some friction between fellow disciples of the same sect is normal,” Jiang Hao politely said. “I’m not here for that.”

His meaning was clear. Some friction and bickering between disciples were normal. However, targeting someone intentionally was not okay.

Wei Lie breathed a sigh of relief.

After that, he led the way.

Upon finding Lin Zhi, Jiang Hao discreetly handed him a talisman. It wasn’t a very valuable talisman, but it conveyed his sentiments.

After all, this wasn’t his territory, and it wasn’t appropriate to use his cultivation realm to pressure others..

Chapter 745: What Should Be Set Free Has Been Set Free

Wei Lie left.

Jiang Hao stood in place.

In just over a decade, he had surpassed Wei Lie.

The speed of his cultivation was simply inconceivable.

If it weren't for Junior Brother Han, Jiang Hao wouldn't have dared to advance this way. There would have been many eyes on him.

However, with Han Ming around, things were different.

Han Ming bore the brunt of most of the attention, and the remaining would be absorbed by the Blood Wish Path.

This way, Jiang Hao could relax.

Even if there were a few curious onlookers, there wouldn't be anyone daring enough to act. The danger was minimal.

He then shifted his gaze to the entrance of the mine.

Lin Zhi stood in the prisoners' area. While he helped supervise, he was also responsible for mining.

Jiang Hao approached the entrance.

At that moment, he saw Lin Zhi hard at work with his pickaxe.

Fortunately, his gaze was still sharp, unlike the numb look the other miners wore.

Spending too long mining here made people gradually numb. This was the fate of countless miners.

The Heavenly Note Sect's mining site was relatively better. It at least allowed people to cultivate in peace. In other places, to exercise better control, they didn't permit cultivation. Only a very few could cultivate independently.

After he entered the mine, Jiang Hao followed along without anyone noticing his presence.

It wasn't until the miners started working and Lin Zhi was scolded a few times that he began mining in a corner.

Those who didn't know might have mistaken him for an ordinary miner.

After observing for a while, Jiang Hao noticed that Lin Zhi's movements were fast and efficient, and he looked calm.

He didn't get angry or embarrassed when he was scolded.

However, his face looked dejected, as though something was on his mind.

Jiang Hao finally took out a pickaxe, approached Lin Zhi, and began mining beside him.

Clang!

As the pickaxe struck, Lin Zhi noticed someone beside him.

He turned to look and froze.

"Senior Brother!"

Jiang Hao continued to mine without looking up. "Do you know what kind of life I enjoy?"

"What?" Lin Zhi also started mining, but unlike Jiang Hao, he couldn't focus.

"Mining is the life I once desired." Jiang Hao gently smiled. Lin Zhi didn't believe it. Nobody would willingly come to mine.

It was too monotonous, dirty, and chaotic here.

How could an immortal be willing to come here?

Jiang Hao paused, looked at Lin Zhi beside him, and said seriously, "Have you ever thought that the life you're living now might be the dream of others?" Lin Zhi was stunned. He was completely frozen in place.

He had thought he was suffering. He believed his life was difficult.

He now realized that he was still alive and well. The spirit beast looked after him and a senior cared for him.

He even had two friends who occasionally sought him.

In a demonic sect, how many people were as fortunate as he was? After thinking for a long time, Lin Zhi finally said, "I... I understand now."

Jiang Hao gazed at him for a while, then continued mining.

[Spirit +1] [Strength +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

Watching the bubbles fall, he felt a sense of contentment.

However, blue bubbles were not easy to come by.

Perhaps one day, there wouldn't be any bubbles anymore.

He would then have to seek rarer ores and approach some divine creatures.

'I wonder if there's any ore near the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.' Jiang Hao suddenly thought.

He could consider it next time.

He could only intervene as long as the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl remained sealed. Once it was unsealed, he could only flee.

However, this matter wasn't urgent. He had to wait for Hong Yuye. "Do you want to go back?" Jiang Hao asked while mining.

"A little." Lin Zhi nodded.

Jiang Hao thought about it. Who would willingly stay at a mine at such a young age?

"Have you been neglecting your cultivation?" Jiang Hao asked.

"No. Not even a little," said Lin Zhi.

Jiang Hao felt relieved. Some people couldn't handle the pressure and would give up on themselves.

Lin Zhi had a promising future. If he were to give up on himself now, his future would become even more challenging.

Jiang Hao didn't speak further but continued mining until afternoon.

Lin Zhi was somewhat surprised. Why wasn't the senior resting with the other miners? If his senior didn't rest, he couldn't afford to rest either.

Jiang Hao mined until break time and spoke little throughout the day. Only when it was over did he follow Lin Zhi back to his dwelling.

Because of the spirit beast's formidable reputation, Lin Zhi had been given a small room to himself. Other Lifeblood Refinement Realm cultivators shared rooms with three or four people.

"Have you been practicing the Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique all this time?" Jiang Hao asked as he sat down.

The simple lodging was far from the accommodations found at the outer sect.

Many people believe this place was unfit for humans.

If they were sent here, everyone would assume they had made a mistake or offended someone. It was unheard of for anyone to come here for training. "Yes, I've been continuously practicing. I wouldn't dare to slack off," said Lin Zhi.

"Do you have any doubts?" Jiang Hao asked.

The Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique belonged to the Bright Moon Sect, and it contained certain complexities. Understanding it was not a given, especially since Lin Zhi had limited exposure to various techniques and very little experience.

There would be doubts.

As expected, Lin Zhi raised some issues. He experienced slight discomfort when practicing the Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique in different ways.

Jiang Hao spent half the night teaching Lin Zhi. He explained some parts and deliberately left others somewhat ambiguous to allow Lin Zhi to ponder on his own.

The Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique required delving into the stars and myriad things. It didn't have a simple explanation. Overexplaining could cause one to lose their creativity.

Once Lin Zhi had a general understanding, Jiang Hao asked something tentatively..

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“Do you want to go back?”

Jiang Hao was referring to his hometown.

His home was there and also the resting place of Lin Zhi's mother.

After reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm, Lin Zhi was no longer the same as before. He could return.

He had the qualification to kneel in front of his mother's grave and declare that he had become an immortal.

Unfortunately, it had come too late.

Lin Zhi remained silent for a long time.

Jiang Hao patiently waited.

Some people could return home, while others didn't even have a place to return to.

“I...” Lin Zhi hesitated for a while. “Can someone at the first stage of the

Lifeflood Refinement Realm really go out?”

Jiang Hao smiled. “As long as you’re willing.”

“There are still many things to attend to at the mines,” Lin Zhi said worriedly.

Jiang Hao suddenly realized that Lin Zhi was entangled in many things.

He wanted to go back, but his situation prevented him from doing so.

He had tasks to accomplish, and duties restricted him.

Returning home would affect many things.

It wasn’t that he didn’t want to go back, but he was simply occupied.

Jiang Hao felt sentimental. The current Lin Zhi was akin to his past self. Once too much attention was drawn, he would easily become the target of others.

Everyone wanted a peaceful life.

“That’s not a problem,” Jiang Hao said.

Once one’s cultivation reached a certain realm, many things would become easier.

But...

Not everything waited for his cultivation to improve.

Some things would eventually pass and were beyond his control.

After bidding farewell to Lin Zhi, Jiang Hao returned to his courtyard.

He hadn't visited the Spirit Herb Garden today, but his gains surpassed those from the garden.

He could frequently use Lin Zhi as an excuse to go to the mines, but doing so for a long time would attract attention.

People would become suspicious.

It was quite troublesome, especially with Hong Yuye.

She was very perceptive.

While other things being discovered might be manageable, the discovery of the bubbles in the mines must be avoided at all costs.

Everything now rested on the kindness of others.

But where was kindness in the cultivation world?

Sitting in the courtyard, the only thing Jiang Hao could do was to adapt to the situation as much as possible and try to gain more bubbles.

He needed to slowly improve.

After a moment of silence, Jiang Hao started making talismans.

Many things were difficult and living through it meant enduring numerous hardships. Yet, he still wanted to strive and hope.

The more he did, the easier the future would be.

Even in despair, he wanted to find a glimmer of hope.

Blaming his fate or others wasn't his style.

What he had to do now was earn spirit stones and obtain another golden bubble from the beast.

The Immortal Peach Tree's incarnation had to wait until next year, but there was no hurry.

Time passed swiftly, and in just over ten days, May arrived.

The sect remained as quiet as ever, and this peace continued for several months.

Lin Zhi descended the mountain and left.

Jiang Hao initially thought of sending Cheng Chou with him, but he eventually gave up on the idea.

Lin Zhi was no longer the teenager from years ago.

He was now a young man in his twenties. He had his own thoughts and his own path to make.

Not everything needed to be protected.

However, on the day after Lin Zhi left, Chu Chuan came looking for him. He intended to descend the mountain to find Lin Zhi.

Jiang Hao agreed to his request.

They were the same age. It wouldn't hurt for them to explore the world together.

At this point, everyone Jiang Hao intended to set free wasn't around him.

"It's really quiet now..."

In the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao was filled with emotions.

He needed to get used to such silence.

At the Bright Moon Sect, Xu Bai sat under a tree and gazed at the sky.

The spiritual energy flowed gently around him and gradually entered his body.

At that moment, a hint of the sword's intent emerged from his magic treasure and interfered with the spiritual energy.

For a while, the spiritual energy was tainted by the sword's intent, then it poured into Xu Bai's body.

When the amount of spiritual energy was sufficient, the sword's intent was repelled.

It surged out of Xu Bai's body and entered the magic treasure.

Only then did he open his eyes.

His aura had become heavier, and he appeared somewhat taller.

With that, he stood up and left.

He arrived at another peak.

“Greetings, Senior Brother,” someone on the path said respectfully.

Xu Bai nodded slightly and walked toward the peak.

The once bright sky gradually gave way to stars as he entered the mountain, and the night was speckled with more stars.

Eventually, the sky became a sea of stars.

Xu Bai paused in front of a star platform. “I, Xu Bai, respectfully request an audience with Master.”

“Come on up,” a deep said from above.

Xu Bai smiled and stepped up.

After a while, he stopped in front of an elder with white hair, and a compass floated in front of him.

Inside the compass, there were myriad stars. There were faint fluctuations within.

Xu Bai didn’t know what these fluctuations represented.

He didn’t have much understanding of this.

“Why did you suddenly come to find an old man like me?” The Ancient One slowly raised his head and asked the young man in front of him.

“May I sit?” Xu Bai asked.

“You’re being quite polite now. When I invited you to be my disciple back then, you were quite impolite when you refused.” The Ancient One chuckled. “Master, you must be joking. It was you who refused,” said Xu Bai awkwardly.

Then, he sat down.

“Speak. What’s the matter?” The Ancient One glanced down at the star compass. Xu Bai smiled. “Master, do you know about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl?”

The Ancient One raised his eyebrows and glanced at the person in front of him.

“Do you want to know about that, or do you want to say something else?”

Xu Bai didn’t beat around the bush and got to the point. “I’ve heard that the

Earth Extreme Silent Pearl might be on the brink of breaking the seal.” The Ancient One frowned. “What? Where is the pearl now?”

“The southern region,” Xu Bai said.

“It seems your answer isn’t entirely false. But are you really here to ask me to verify whether the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is truly about to break its seal?” asked the Ancient One indifferently. “Let me tell you this... after the appearance of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, I started to calculate the possibility of such calamities occurring. I only got an answer recently. The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl won’t be an issue this soon.”

“Perhaps there have been other recent changes?” Xu Bai asked. “The End of All Things might offer some clues.”

“That’s just child’s play. Do you truly believe that you can find the location of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl by relying on The End of All Things? Even if they know, they can’t enter the place. The predecessors who sealed the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl aren’t comparable to those from The End of All Things,” said the Ancient One.

“Master, you are indeed stubborn,” Xu Bai said helplessly. “How about at least taking a look?”

The Ancient One snorted coldly. “What do you expect me to do then?”

Xu Bai pointed to his head. “Try it here on the spot?”

“And if there’s no reaction?” asked the Ancient One.

Xu Bai thought for a long time. “Then... treat it as if I never came here to pester

you with ‘

The Ancient One sneered. “You’ve got some nerve.”

Xu Bai’s face remained unchanged. He looked up at the starry sky for a long time before withdrawing his gaze. “I’m not that bold or shameless. I’m just here to tell you that I won’t lose, Master.”

“You are quite confident. Let’s see what the consequences of your confidence will be.” The Ancient One coldly snorted and slapped the table with a hand.

The surrounding stars began to emit a strong light.

For a moment, the stars in the sky revolved, and the cycle of cause and effect converged.

A burst of starlight erupted from the Ancient One, and his whole being merged with the stars of heaven and earth.

After a while, he frowned, squeezed out from the stars, and his previous calmness was replaced with shock.

“Something big is about to happen.”

Xu Bai was surprised. Was the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl’s movement so significant?

“No. It’s not just the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl this time. It might involve the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. Within half a year, we must find its location and attempt to stabilize the seal,” said the Ancient One and once again entered the stars.

Xu Bai sighed. ‘Half a year...’

He had a bit of time, after all.

It was just that the situation was dire.

The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl might be possible to block, but the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl couldn’t.

And the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl was near the Earth Extreme Silent

Pearl...

“Maybe I need to pay a visit to the Clear Sky School...”

Visiting the Clear Sky School wasn't a big deal for him. It was just the right time to go and see Shang An.

It was said that one could see his back on a certain mountain peak. One could even converse with him.

Speaking with a sage was a good thing.

Asking him about matters in the southern region might also lead to new discoveries..

Chapter 747 - 747: Eagerly Awaiting The Demoness' Arrival

Jiang Hao's days passed uneventfully.

He watered the flower in the morning and tended to the spirit herbs in the afternoon.

He then set up a stall at the marketplace and returned in the evening to craft talismans.

At present, there wasn't much else for him to do.

Only the matter of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl hung over his head like a blade.

Everything else could be postponed, even the matters with the Heavenly Joy

Pavilion, Feng Hua, and The End of All Things.

All could be discussed later.

When he returned, Jiang Hao glanced at the belt hanging at his waist.

It had completely fused with the other sets, and he could now assess its effectiveness.

He had the battle armor, wrist guards, boots, a ring, and now the belt. It made up a set of five items for the Nine Heavens Battle Armor.

Together, they possessed formidable power.

However, most of them were for defense.

He appraised them.

[Belt of the Nine Heavens Battle Armor: The abilities of the five battle armors have been increased to the Return to Void Realm in all aspects. It can release a defensive circle to completely defend against surrounding attacks. Spells, poisons, and curses cannot break through.]

“It’s actually a defensive circle.”

Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised.

Moreover, it was a defensive circle that could protect against various attacks.

Until now, he had defended only against direct attacks.

Poison and curses could only be resisted by his body or spiritual essence.

Now, with the belt, it would be difficult for attacks at the Return to Void Realm to penetrate.

“Five pieces. I wonder how many pieces there are in total.”

Jiang Hao was curious. If he gathered them all, what kind of power would it wield? How would it manifest itself?

Although he was somewhat looking forward to it, he knew it would be challenging to collect them all.

He could only wait patiently.

These past few days, besides his daily routine, there hadn't been much else.

He had earned some spirit stones.

But he still hadn't encountered Senior Brother Duan Guan and Senior Sister Leng Tian.

The peace within the sect made him feel comfortable.

If the sect didn't attack those outside, the people outside would find opportunities and grow.

An unprecedented peace quietly descended on the sect.

Jiang Hao knew that this calmness could easily be shattered by the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

Now, he only hoped for more strong individuals in the sect so that he would at least get a chance to escape.

'Hong Yuye hasn't visited.'

Jiang Hao looked up at the sky. He felt unusually eager for her arrival.

After hesitating for a moment, Jiang Hao sold a Heaven Rejuvenating Pill in the marketplace for seven thousand spirit stones.

The price had dropped because of the arrival of Shang An. His ascension had given many people an opportunity to advance in their cultivation realm. Various elixirs and talismans were priced down.

Without hesitation, he went to the Snow Lotus Pavilion.

“What do you need, Senior Brother?” asked the woman at the reception.

She knew that Jiang Hao was a decent customer.

“I need to buy some tea leaves.”

The woman smiled. “I can make some decisions on the things that are being sold. Perhaps I can offer you a discount too.”

“Really?” Jiang Hao felt delighted. “How much cheaper can you make the September Spring?”

The woman smiled. “I can lower the price a little. Maybe around ten...”

Initially confident in her reply, the woman suddenly paused. She thought she had misheard. “What kind of tea are you looking for, Senior Brother?”

“September Spring,” Jiang Hao said.

Her face soured, but she quickly composed herself.

Stepping back, she respectfully said, “Senior Brother, please follow me.”

Jiang Hao didn't mind the change in her demeanor. He just wanted to know if there would be a discount.

Hong Yuye had asked for it, so he couldn't be negligent as per their last agreement. Otherwise, it might cause problems.

After a while, Jiang Hao left the Snow Lotus Pavilion.

He had spent 19,500 spirit stones on the tea. He was even more far away from catching up on the amount of spirit stones to awaken the beast's bloodline. Only thirty-eight thousand spirit stones at hand made him feel helpless.

How long would it take to earn twenty thousand more?

Letting out a heavy sigh, Jiang Hao headed back to his house.

Some matters were rather urgent and needed more thought.

He believed that Hong Yuye could deal with the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

Time slowly passed. It was early June.

There still hadn't been any developments at the Lawless Tower.

The people from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect didn't leave either.

They seemed to be waiting for the Corpse Realm Flowers to bloom.

It was said that the Divine Corpse Sect had sent an invitation, and they would arrive in a few months.

Mu Longyu and Mi Lingyue left too. They seemingly ignored his advice.

Jiang Hao didn't care about this.

During this time, he read the Ancient and Modern Book.

It was an autobiography.

It described a young man who emerged from the mountains. He was naive and thought only good things about the world.

In the end, he was nearly killed by a wealthy family.

After that, he became more familiar with the world and embarked on the path of growth.

Later, he was scouted by a teacher and joined the Astronomical Academy.

He rose swiftly afterward and was unstoppable in his momentum.

After growing up, he traveled from the west to the east and then to the north.

Over the years, he learned many things at the Bright Moon Sect, the Clear Sky School, and the Mountain Sea Sword Sect.

He defeated all the strong individuals of the same generation and dominated that era.

Finally, he headed to the south.

He froze in the face of the truth and vanished without a trace.

After reading it, Jiang Hao felt that it was the autobiography of an ancient figure.

Moreover, the part where he froze in the face of the truth seemed obviously added later on.

He flipped to the back and discovered a sentence.

“Farewell, I am and yet am not myself.”

Looking at the book, Jiang Hao thought of the imprint on his hand.

‘It feels like I’ve fallen into an Ancient and Modern Trap. I’ll have to be more careful in the future.’

After that, there was nothing much to do. Jiang Hao felt a bit anxious, but he remained calm.

News about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was hard to come by, and finding its entrance was even more challenging.

Being weak was indeed troublesome.

If the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl were to erupt, the only gamble would be the Corpse Realm. Once inside, he could avoid this calamity. The question was whether he could safely enter it.

Boom!

In Devil’s Den, Zheng Shijiu and the others had eliminated another batch of demons.

But they were all somewhat exhausted.

“Why are there so many?” Xin Yuyue was astonished.

They had been to Devil’s Den several times, and apart from the previous counterattacks by the demons, such a situation hadn’t occurred before.

There were simply too many.

Groups of demons were coming out from deeper inside.

Compared to the previous counterattacks, it was definitely less severe in strength, but it was significantly more in numbers.

Xiao Li never attacked. It was always the seniors who killed the enemies. freeweb .co m

Occasionally, one or two would come running over to her in their injured state. She killed them with a single strike.

“This doesn’t seem ordinary. We should inform the sect,” Zheng Shijiu said.

Yue You’s brow furrowed. This was indeed quite tricky. The demons here were not only numerous but also powerful.

They were currently in the forest, but the forest had no visible boundary, so they didn’t dare venture too deep.

“This is not good,” Duan Yu suddenly said and stood up. “The vigilant array I set up has been triggered. Numerous demons are approaching.”

“This is troublesome.” Zheng Shijiu frowned. “Retreat first and then figure things out.”

No one objected because the demons were too challenging to deal with.

After a while, Duan Yu sighed. “The path we took has changed. Now, we can’t find our way back.”

Roar!

Distant roars echoed. It indicated that numerous demons were about to surround them.

“Set up an array and see if we can manage them for a while,” Zheng Shijiu said as he took a deep breath.

Except for Xiao Li, the others didn't hesitate..

Chapter 748 - 748: The One With Fortune And Luck

Half a month later, in early June, under a secluded and dimly lit tree, several individuals began arranging formations.

Every person was on high alert.

Only after finishing the arrangements did they relax.

“We'll hide here first, take turns watching our surroundings, and alert each other immediately if there's an issue.”

Zheng Shijiu sat down exhausted.

Half a month ago, they were forced to engage in a defensive battle and hadn't been able to leave at all.

The demons didn't allow much time for preparation, but luckily, their strength was passable.

They could manage, but now, they fought while retreating.

They used to chase the demons, but in just a short span of days, everything reversed.

They became the prey, while the demons became the hunters.

“When will this end?” Xin Yuyue leaned against a tree with numerous injuries.

“We can’t contact the outside.” Duan Yu’s complexion grew even paler.

Yue You kept her head down.

She was exhausted, yet she couldn’t rest because the demons would catch up at any moment.

Xiao Li sat nearby and helped to cook.

Zheng Shijiu had set up formations in advance, so the flames wouldn’t affect the surroundings.

Soon, everything was cooked, and Xiao Li distributed portions to each person.

Then, she started eating her own.

Not long after, she finished hers. She still wanted more.

She sneakily glanced at the meat in front of Zheng Shijiu.

Seeing her senior meditating with closed eyes, she asked in a low voice, “Senior Brother, are you going to eat? If not, can I have it?”

He didn’t reply, so she sneakily reached out.

However, just as she was about to touch the meat, something tapped at the back of her hand.

Startled, she retracted her hand.

She turned to see the beast. She felt a strange sense of *déjà vu*.

She saw her old, adopted mother appear behind the beast as if saying, "Do not steal other people's things."

Behind her old mother, there was a young figure. The face was invisible but was riddled with exceptional vitality.

She opened her mouth, and a voice, both unfamiliar and familiar, mixed with her mother's, followed:

"Don't use your hands, use chopsticks!"

Soon, the image disappeared, and she only saw the beast in front of her.

Xiao Li withdrew her hand and rubbed her back.

Her stomach growled.

"Friends on the road can offer you something to eat, but stealing? The owner won't show me respect after that." The beast stood on Xiao Li's shoulder. "Say the name of Lord Beast, and you can eat whatever you want."

At that moment, Zheng Shijiu woke up and glanced at the meat in front of him. He then handed it to Xiao Li. "Here, Junior Sister Xiao Li. You can eat it."

"Is that alright?" Xiao Li asked.

Zheng Shijiu nodded.

Xiao Li smiled. Indeed, the beast's influence was useful.

Meanwhile, in the distance, numerous demons appeared around the lush forest's edge.

Changes unfolded silently.

At the White Moon Lake, Senior Sister Yinsha walked through the main gate.

"Zhou Chan, has Elder not come out yet?" she asked.

Zhou Chan was taken aback. "Elder Baizhi has been in seclusion all this time."

"Can you inform her? Just say I have something important to report." Yinsha looked at Zhou Chan earnestly.

Zhao Qingxue felt puzzled. It seemed like the seniors in the sect all liked to send Senior Sister Zhou Chan to find Elder Baizhi.

"But Elder Baizhi doesn't want to be disturbed at this time," Zhou Chan said hesitantly.

"This is a major matter. Please go ahead," Yinsha said.

After Zhou Chan left, Zhao Qingxue curiously asked, "Senior Sister, why do you all like to send Senior Sister Zhou Chan to find Elder Baizhi?" Yinsha smiled. "Because Zhou Chan is favored by her."

Zhao Qingxue was even more confused.

“When you become stronger, maybe then you’ll understand. In our sect, anyone might betray the Elder, except Zhou Chan. To Elder Baizhi, Zhou Chan is the most trustworthy of all the people,” Yinsha said.

Zhao Qingxue lowered her head. She still didn’t understand.

Soon, Zhou Chan came out and told Yinsha to enter.

In the courtyard, Baizhi stood in the yard. Her aura was elusive. It gave off an unfathomable feeling.

However, her face seemed somewhat downcast.

“Elder,” Yinsha said respectfully.

“What is it?” Baizhi asked. Her voice carried a chill.

Yinsha knew that if the information wasn’t something important, she would be held accountable.

“Devil’s Den is facing problems,” Yinsha said seriously. “It’s a strange issue. The terrain has changed, and there’s been no news from the core. The number of demos has increased, and the forest is filled with them.”

“Can the core still be reached?” Baizhi asked.

“No.” Yinsha shook her head.

Devil’s Den was a peculiar place, and they knew very little about it.

All they knew was that it needed to be manned, and the demons were the most active race within.

It required clearing every year.

Sometimes they counterattacked, and it always brought a lot of trouble.

But it hadn't been long since the last counterattack, so theoretically, this type of incident shouldn't happen.

"No one has been sent to suppress it?" Baizhi asked.

"No. They can't. The more people go, the stronger the response, and the larger the changes. The heads of various branches dare not approach," Yinsha earnestly said.

Such changes made people wary.

Since there was no answer, they had to consult Baizhi.

Baizhi thought for a while. "What is the strength of the demons now?"

"The highest is at the middle stage of the Gold Core Realm, and the weakest at the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm," Yinsha said.

"Choose five individuals from the sect. One from each stage from the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm to the middle stage of the Gold Core Realm among the strongest at the same level. Send them in first to clear the demons. We'll consider the rest later." "Yes." Yinsha didn't hesitate.

Baizhi watched her depart and frowned.

This change was quite significant.

Something within Devil's Den was definitely causing this. This was no longer something she could decide upon on her own.

Even though she had ascended, she still dared not take Devil's Den lightly. Where there was bad, there was also good, and they had gained quite a lot because of this.

Otherwise, they would have certainly been handed over to the immortal sects.

Soon after, she disappeared from the spot and went to the Hundred Flowers Lake.

A red and white figure was seen in the pavilion.

In the past, she had only ever seen the figure from afar. Seeing the Sect Master still felt mysterious and impossible.

Baizhi understood that this was due to her ascension. It allowed her to sense things more.

She also realized how terrifying the Sect Master was.

Fortunately, she had never had any problematic thoughts.

"I, your subject, seek an audience, Master said Baizhi.

The hundred flowers in the lake swayed gently.

Baizhi understood that this meant she could enter.

Soon, she arrived in front of the pavilion and quietly waited.

Hong Yuye sat in the pavilion and sipped her tea. After a moment, she finally said, "Speak."

"An anomaly has occurred in Devil's Den," Baizhi said.

She then mentioned her own approach to a solution.

Hong Yuye turned to look at Baizhi. "Your luck this time is quite favorable." Baizhi was somewhat surprised. Why did the conversation turn to this?

"It's due to your guidance, Master."

Hong Yuye shook her head slightly. "Just sending people with strong abilities won't suffice for the matter in Devil's Den. We need individuals who possess sufficient luck and fortune to test their luck."

"Test their luck?" Baizhi was somewhat puzzled.

If not handled properly, the consequences could be unimaginable.

After hesitating for a while, Baizhi finally asked, "But where can we find individuals with sufficient luck and fortune?"

Hong Yuye glanced meaningfully at her. "You may go now."

Baizhi frowned as she left.

What did the Sect Master mean by that?

'Just now, Sect Master mentioned that my luck is favorable. Could it be that I possess luck and fortune? It's highly unlikely. If it were just me, the Sect Master wouldn't need to mention it.'

After thinking for a moment, Baizhi recalled the origin of her opportunity, which came from Shang An. Why had Shang An appeared here?

'For Jiang Hao...'

The person who possessed luck and fortune might actually be Jiang Hao.

"Is the Sect Master trying to tell me that Jiang Hao already possesses enough luck and fortune and that he might be incomparable?"

Chapter 749 - 749 Ranked First Among His Peers

There hadn't been any news of changes in the sect recently.

So, each day passed calmly, and there was no one coming to bother the Spirit Herb Garden anymore.

It wasn't because his Golden Core could suppress everything, but rather because people didn't have the time to trouble him.

On this day, Miao Tinglian found him.

"Why are you still here taking care of the spirit herbs?"

Jiang Hao was puzzled. What else should he be doing if not tending to the spirit herbs?

"Master asked you to come over," Miao Tinglian said.

Jiang Hao frowned. "Master called me? I haven't received any messages yet."

"So? Why do you think I am here?" Miao Tinglian said with a smile.

Jiang Hao felt his senior sister was quite good at teasing people.

At that moment, Miao Tinglian looked around and whispered, "Want to take a look?"

“Look at what?” Jiang Hao asked.

“At the junior sisters in the middle and lower stages of Golden Core Realm. Although we are from the demonic sect, these people care a lot about their status. I guarantee there won’t be any problems,” Miao Tinglian said seriously.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Was Senior Sister Miao so bored that she bothered with things like these?

“What about Senior Brother Mu Qi?” Jiang Hao asked.

“There are so many outstanding junior sisters to see. Why are you concerned about my husband?” Miao Tinglian asked.

Jiang Hao was at a loss.

Finally, he made an excuse to see his master and left.

“Junior Brother Jiang, are you really not considering it?”

Jiang Hao turned a deaf ear.

Upon reaching his master’s courtyard, Jiang Hao noticed there were already four other people there.

They were at the middle stage, late stage, and peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, and the fourth person was at the early stage of the Golden Core Realm.

He hadn’t seen any of them before.

But each person emitted a unique aura. It gave off a chilling and heavy feeling.

“Master.” Jiang Hao looked towards the highest seat and bowed in greeting.

“I need you to take them on a trip to Devil’s Den,” said Ku Wu Chang with a nod.

Jiang Hao frowned. ‘Devil’s Den? Again?’

Moreover, this time the people were evidently very strong.

“Why?” he asked.

Not long ago, Xiao Li and the others had just entered, and now there was a need for another group. Three batches had gone in within a few months.

It seemed like something was wrong inside.

“There was a slight accident in Devil’s Den. It’s now full of demons, but their cultivation hasn’t exceeded the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm. And it will increase according to the strength of the people entering, so only you guys can go in,” Ku Wu Chang said.

‘Us?’ Jiang Hao was puzzled.

After thinking for a moment, he realized that among the same realm, these people were probably the strongest.

And he had been ranked first among his peers several times, so...

It was all because of his high status.

But how could Devil's Den have problems for no reason?

For a moment, Jiang Hao thought of the Blood Pool and the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl beside it.

If it was indeed because of that, it would be useless for him to go.

It would even be dangerous.

Although he was concerned, he still promptly accepted the task.

It was unexpected for him to be the team leader this time.

They hurried to Devil's Den.

The task this time had two parts: clearing the demons and finding out the problem, then contacting the outside as soon as possible.

On the way, Jiang Hao got to know these people.

Qian Dongjie, in the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, was a young man in his twenties. He was a disciple of the Flowing Waterfall Branch. His body was filled with explosive power.

Tan Baiyu was in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment. She wore a pink dress and her eyes exuded indifference. She was a disciple of the Law Enforcement Hall and was skilled in the use of spells.

Wen Feng, at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, was a somewhat tall man from the Ice Moon Valley. He emitted a chilly aura.

Chapter 750 - 750: Is The Spirit Beast Speaking The Truth?

“Are you sure, Senior Brother?” asked Shi Jiang in astonishment.

She still didn’t understand the senior before her.

He was just an inner sect disciple and a mere guardian of the Spirit Herb Garden. Why venture into the depths?

Soon she understood. There were rewards and achievements for this. She had heard that this senior was frequently summoned to the Law Enforcement Hall. Without achievements, it was very risky for him. He had managed to come out safely multiple times only due to his achievements.

He hadn’t achieved anything for a long time. He urgently needed some accomplishments. It was somewhat understandable.

But she didn’t know the details. She had only heard it from other disciples.

The sect was so vast and filled with many legendary figures. This particular individual had no connection with her, so there was no necessity to pay attention to him.

In the Cliff of Broken Hearts, she knew Han Ming and had been paying attention.

The opponent was strong. If they fought, it would be difficult to win.

She had wanted to meet this person before. Unfortunately, they were in seclusion.

“If I don’t come out for a long time, Junior Sister, you should take the others and leave. Clearing out the demons isn’t easy,” Jiang Hao said.

This made Shi Jiang and the others frown.

What was going on with him? Why would he care about them and urge them to leave quickly?

At that moment, Jiang Hao looked into the distance and observed the increase in demonic aura. Something was peculiar.

Perhaps the forest was the boundary of distortion.

“Do not enter the forest. If you see anything, quickly evacuate,” Jiang Hao said.

Since he had brought them in, it was only fitting for him to instruct them.

After they nodded, Jiang Hao rode his sword into the depths. Although he didn't know what was inside, the danger was certain.

Watching Jiang Hao leave, Tan Baiyu was somewhat puzzled. “Why is the senior doing this?”

“I've heard that this senior practices the Blood Wish Path. I wonder if it's related,” Qian Dongjie said.

“I think it might have to do with achievements,” Wen Feng said.

Regardless of the reason, they couldn't go deeper.

After all, this senior hadn't led them into peril, which was good.

“Let's begin preparations. We hunt demons without entering the forest,” Shi Jiang said.

The others didn't object. As for whether Jiang Hao would return alive, they weren't certain, yet they didn't dwell on it.

Doing what needed to be done and keeping an escape route was the most crucial thing right now.

Talent and cultivation were all reliant on staying alive.

Once dead, even if you had outstanding cultivation and talent, they would be of no use whatsoever.

Death meant death.

At the Bright Moon Sect, the stars swirled into an endless ocean at the Star Platform.

A figure manifested within the sea of stars but disappeared in an instant.

Soon after, crackling sounds echoed from the boundless stars.

Boom!

A tremendous explosion shook everything.

The night turned into day, and the Ancient One's figure emerged from it. He had tried to come out but couldn't.

Now, he seemed somewhat weary.

He sat cross-legged and waited.

With such a significant event occurring here, it would naturally attract the sect's attention.

Sure enough, figures appeared from afar.

"What happened?" asked a middle-aged man.

The Ancient One sighed as he looked at them.

At the foot of the mountain, Xu Bai looked up and sighed. "It seems there's no good news. I wonder how the sect will respond."

The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was indeed beginning to affect the southern region.

The Bright Moon Sect held a meeting. What was discussed there was unknown to others, but the sect's treasure had been activated.

Some seniors who had been in seclusion also came out.

All this happened quietly. No one would have known about the sect's actions if they hadn't paid close attention.

The Sect Master of the Bright Moon Sect left the sect and went to the Clear Sky School.

A magical artifact connected with the Astronomical Academy and the Mountain Sea Sword Sect in the north.

A plan known only to a very few was unfolding.

At that moment, Xu Bai seemed to understand a bit why there were no immortal sects in the south.

The east, west, and north surrounded the south.

It seemed like they were waiting for something.

In the South, inside a vast cave, corpses lay everywhere. They were both human and beast.

At the center, there was a green sphere emitting a faint light. It was seemingly resonating with something.

Moreover, there were signs of struggle.

An elder below was stunned at the scene.

Then, he burst into laughter.

“It’s done? The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is showing fluctuations! Hahaha!” After that, he ordered the others to continue the sacrifice.

At that moment, everyone was extremely excited. If they succeeded, the South would soon become history.

“Continue! It won’t be long before we get what we want,” the elder shouted.

Numerous people below echoed in response.

Deep within the forest, Zheng Shijiu took out a Rejuvenation Talisman and began healing.

They leaned against the trees, having no energy left even to set up a formation.

The four people were heavily injured.

The demons’ cultivation wasn’t too high, but their numbers were overwhelming.

Moreover, for some reason, the forest seemed boundless.

It was as if everything was being swallowed by the forest and becoming a part of it.

Xiao Li held the beast and looked at the other three. "Senior Brother, Senior Sister, can't you defeat the demons?"

Xiao Li looked like a girl of eleven or twelve.

Zheng Nineteen sighed. "Yes, we can't defeat them anymore. They'll be here soon."

Yue You and Xin Yuyue bowed their heads. Their injuries were severe, and escape was nearly impossible.

There was a problem with this forest. They understood the problem but couldn't solve it.

They thought the mission would be simple, but everything exceeded their expectations.

"Why don't we ask the beast for help, then?" Xiao Li placed the beast in front of Zheng Shijiu. "Beast has many friends and holds considerable influence." The four looked at Xiao Li. They were unable to speak for a moment.

"I never lie," Xiao Li said seriously.

'You may not lie, but you seem unable to distinguish between real and imaginary...' Everyone thought that but didn't say anything.

Roar!

The demons' roars echoed from afar. Xiao Li was a bit anxious. "Quick. As the beast if there is a way."

"This..." Zheng Shijiu and the others felt awkward, but considering this was a Golden Core Realm Great Demon, they eventually gave in. "Respected beast..." "You can call me Lord Beast," said the beast as it munched on a carrot.

“Lord Beast... Do you have a solution?” Zheng Shijiu asked.

“When you encounter a demon, just invoke my name. They won’t bother you after that. Everyone knows that,” said the beast confidently.

“You see?” Xiao Li said seriously. “As long as we hold the beast in front, they’ll recognize us as the beast’s friends and spare us out of respect.” Saying so, Xiao Li walked into the crowd.

Then, she sat in the middle and gazed into the distance.

At that moment, footsteps sounded, and numerous demons rushed over. In an instant, Zheng Shijiu and the others panicked. They couldn’t move. This was bad!

“Don’t be afraid. The beast is here,” Xiao Li said firmly.

Zheng Shijiu and the others felt this young girl was too naive.

The next moment, the demons charged towards them...

Unexpectedly, the demons rushed right past them.

Just like that... they passed by.

It seemed as though they genuinely respected the beast and refrained from attacking them.

Suddenly, everyone looked at the spirit beast.. Could it have been telling the truth all along?