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Chapter 771 - 771: The Attitude Of A Higher Cultivation Realm Cultivator

Jiang Hao was pulled away by someone. It was quite unexpected.

Ahead of him was a man who looked about thirty years old.

He looked quite composed, but his cultivation wasn't very solid.

He was at the peak of the Golden Core Realm, but his cultivation wasn't as refined as the people from before.

To break through, it would require significant opportunities.

However, why would this person suddenly intervene and help him? At first, he thought this person was in cahoots with the others, so he hadn't paid him much attention.

He had never expected this person to do the opposite and help him. At this moment, the three Golden Core Realm individuals broke through the net and chased after them.

The middle-aged man seemed to have anticipated this early on. He pulled Jiang Hao into the woods and then hid in the shadows.

There were many formations in the woods. All were at the level of the Golden Core Realm.

Jiang Hao lowered his head to look. Although these formations were sturdy, his understanding might not be as good as that of an expert in formations. Breaking through them was quite simple.

As the three people entered the formations, they felt disoriented and ran away.

“You are asking for death!”

Watching the three leave, Jiang Hao knew they had fallen into an illusion.

Only then did the man beside him relax. f(r)eeweb(n)ovel

Jiang Hao politely said, “Thank you for helping me, friend.”

“It’s nothing. These three are from a demonic sect. They behave recklessly. They like to unite and target individuals who are alone.” The man, with a bit of stubble, looked quite reliable.

Jiang Hao nodded. He considered inviting this man to go to the mines with him.

“I am a disciple of the Western Waters and Mountains Valley Sect. My name is Dole,” said the man.

“Smiling San Sheng...” Jiang Hao smiled.

He never intended to use his real name because he could only attract Feng Hua’s attention in this way.

The other party might also go after Xiao Li, but Xiao Li’s Dragon Pearl should be able to negate the threat from someone at the Return to Void Realm. She was a True Dragon, after all.

She was safer here because of restrictions on cultivation.

“Your name is quite unique. Are you always smiling?” Dole asked jokingly.

Jiang Hao shook his head. “It means smiling through life.”

“I see...” The man looked at him apologetically. “Where do you plan to go, friend?”

“I want to find a mine. Do you want to join me?” Jiang Hao looked at him.

He didn’t understand why this person had decided to save him, but since he was only going to find a cave to mine, there was no harm in inviting him along. As long as he could help find a market to sell the ores, everything would be fine.

However, the Soul Ascension area was dangerous.

The only possibility was to take the route through Moon Lake to reach the Thousand Feet Mountain. The area was remote and not very accessible.

“Mining?” Dole was surprised. “Are you here to earn spirit stones?” Jiang Hao nodded.

“Understood. It’s a little dangerous for you since you don’t hide your cultivation,” said Dole. “I can help you sell the ores that you mine.”

“That’d be great. I’ll mine for ores. You sell them. We split the profits 50-50,” said Jiang Hao.

“No. You take 60%. I’ll take 40%. I heard that mining is very dangerous, so it’s only reasonable for you to have more,” said Dole politely.

Jiang Hao was surprised. Mining for ores wasn’t very difficult for him, so he agreed.

“Then, let’s go,” Jiang Hao said.

Immediately, the two flew off on their swords. On the way, Jiang Hao asked, “Why did you help me?”

“I just saw you in trouble, so I decided to help,” said Dole.

Jiang Hao nodded.

The next day, he appraised Dole. He wanted to see who he actually was and what was his goal here.

He was surprised.

[Dole: Disciple of the Western Waters and Mountains Valley Sect. He is at the peak of the Golden Core Realm. He has only mediocre talent and is comparatively weaker when compared to others in the same realm. He likes to help out those lower in the cultivation realm. He enjoys the feeling of being relied upon and worries about being useless. He is extremely sensitive.]

Jiang Hao had thought this person wanted to use him for some gain. He never thought the person actually enjoyed helping those weaker than him.

He wasn't very strong but wanted others to perceive him as such. It was extremely important for him to feel reliable and useful.

'It's no wonder he suggested a 60-40 split to show how generous he was...'

Jiang Hao glanced at him. He looked to be about thirty and seemed indifferent to things around him, yet his eyes were vigilant.

It must be tough to maintain such calmness after what happened.

Jiang Hao wanted to increase his cultivation to the Soul Ascension Realm. After all, in the Soul Ascension area, he would be able to mine in peace if his cultivation was high enough.

Otherwise, why transform into his current appearance?

But after hesitating for a moment, he gave up on the idea.

“Well then, I’ll have to rely on you, Friend Dole,” said Jiang Hao.

“Okay.” Dole smiled.

They weren’t slow, but it would still take some time to reach the Thousand Feet Mountain.

Jiang Hao sped up to push Dole to be a bit faster, too.

Seven days later, they arrived at the border of Moon Lake and could see a barren mountain ahead.

“This is the Thousand Feet Mountain?” Dole was shocked.

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded. “It is said that there are no cultivators nearby, so there’s no need to worry too much. And we’re near the Moon Lake. We can sell the ores here.”

“That makes sense.” Dole nodded.

Jiang Hao glanced at him and could tell from his face that Dole was worried, but he tried hard to appear calm.

Dry trees stood tall, and spiritual energy was scarce. There were no signs of demonic beasts.

Apart from safety, there seemed to be nothing else here.

Jiang Hao carefully sensed his surroundings to try to understand the place.

If it were just a regular barren land, it would be fine, but he feared there might be a special reason behind it.

It could attract trouble.

After a while, he discovered that something beneath the mountain seemed to emit an aura that dispersed some spiritual energy.

It wasn't just a lack of spiritual energy here. The spiritual energy in one's body would also gradually dissipate.

"This seems like a good place."

Since this place was so barren, no one would come here at all.

But he wasn't sure about what lay below. If someone knew about it, they might come looking for the place.

As he descended from the sky, Dole asked, "Friend, did you find anything? If you want to choose this place, I can set up formations that will allow you to mine in peace."

Jiang Hao was surprised.

"I have a bit of talent for formations." Dole chuckled.

Jiang Hao nodded. "Then, I'll have to rely on you, friend."

After that, Jiang Hao arrived in front of a mountain and used his cultivation to crack open an entrance.

As soon as he saw the ores, he started digging.

For now, everything was going smoothly.

In the Blood Tide Forest, Xiao Li tiptoed around and examined her surroundings.

Her face was covered in dust. She looked distressed.

The trees and flowers here were dangerous. They could steal people's belongings.

It even stole her food.

She was furious. She uprooted the flowers and trees in the area as revenge.

Now, she had to search around for things to eat.

"This is so infuriating! If I see those trees and flowers again, I'll uproot them all!" Xiao Li grumbled in frustration..

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Xiao Li looked around and realized she was lost. "I wonder where Senior Brother Jiang is."

Wherever her senior was, there was usually food.

After meeting Senior Brother Jiang, she had never gone hungry.

As she was about to continue, a voice suddenly said from behind, "Stop!"

Xiao Li turned around in confusion and found three people standing behind her. She hadn't noticed them before.

Two of them were women, while the third one was a man who somewhat resembled Chu Chuan.

“Are you calling me?” Xiao Li pointed at herself.

“Don’t go any further,” said the woman in white.

The three of them were guarding a monster. The creature was about to emerge from the man-eating forest.

They couldn’t let anyone in to avoid startling the monster.

Otherwise, why would they care if someone in the middle stage of Foundation Establishment Realm wanted to rush into their death?

All three were at the peak of Foundation Establishment Realm. As long as they acted swiftly, they should be able to deal with this middle-stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator quietly.

However, they felt the person in front of them seemed a bit... naive.

She looked like a child.

But they didn’t dare to be careless because they didn’t know if she was only pretending to be like that.

The price of a slight misjudgment could be fatal.

They couldn’t afford to have any accidents.

“Why can’t I go?” Xiao Li took two steps back.

She was very receptive to advice.

There must be a reason why she wasn't allowed to go in. She just wanted a place to hide and find some food.

Seeing the young girl step back, the woman's tone softened a bit as she said, "There is a man-eating forest ahead. You'll get eaten if you go in."

"Eaten?" Xiao Li thought for a moment and asked, "Are those the same trees and flowers that steal food?"

"Yes. It's extremely difficult to deal with... Hey, what are you doing? Stop!" Before the woman could finish her words, she saw Xiao Li rushing in.

The three people were shocked.

They couldn't stop her in time.

She was remarkably fast, which meant she was prepared for this.

"Damn! We got played!" said the woman in white.

She thought the young girl was actually a child. She never expected the child to deceive her.

"But why did she rush in? Isn't she putting herself in danger?" the young man asked.

"Maybe she thought we meant her harm?" said the short-haired woman.

They felt this was likely, but they couldn't let the person act recklessly. They had to go and check on her. Waiting here would be useless.

The three immediately followed Xiao Li inside.

Soon, they heard a rumble. It was hopeless now.

“This is infuriating! A child has ruined our efforts!” said the woman in white angrily.

They thought that she wouldn’t cause much damage since she was a child. But she had ruined everything.

Boom!

Boom!

Boom!

The sounds followed in succession. It felt as though the entire forest was trembling.

They were shocked. Something was strange about this situation.

As they got closer, they were even more shocked. fr(e)e

They found it hard to believe.

The child who should have been fragile seemed like a different person in here.

She walked among the trees and flowers. She looked very angry, and her fists constantly swung at the trees and plants.

Wherever she went, plants withered, and flowers wilted.

She was extremely fast, and she emitted a blue light.

When she stopped, the trees and flowers behind her exploded.

Petals and leaves fell like ashes. Blood scattered across the ground. At that moment, the young girl turned to look at them.

The three people were shaken to their core.

“Do you have something to say?” Her calm yet puzzled voice made the three of them instinctively take a few steps back.

They were worried that she might rush toward them.

After a little while, whole man-eating trees were uprooted.

The three people were now afraid.

Rumble!

Xiao Li’s stomach grumbled, and she pouted. “I’m hungry!”

“I... I have some food here,” said the woman in white as she took out some pastries.

These were prepared at home and were expensive and delicious.

At the Golden Core area, Yin Xueni was intercepted by someone in black.

“Who are you?”

“Someone who wants to help you vent your anger.”

The voice of the stranger was hoarse, but it was undoubtedly a woman.

Yin Xueni frowned. Her hand gripped her sword.

“You want to help me?”

“Are you searching for someone? Perhaps a Golden Core Realm cultivator?” said the woman in black.

“What if I am?” Yin Xueni asked.

“Is this person named Jiang? He humiliated you when he was just at the Golden Core Realm. How dare he humiliate you?” asked the woman in black.

“What are you trying to say?” Yin Xueni asked coldly.

“I just wanted to tell you... he’s not in this area. He’s at Moon Lake.” The woman in black robes smiled. “Of course, he might have already gone somewhere else, but I can quickly track his location. Do you want my help?”

“Are you trying to tell me how to do things?” Yin Xueni was angry.

“Of course not. I’m just a cultivator in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. I’m not your match. How could someone like me dare to tell you what to do? I’m just being opportunistic,” said the woman in black. Yin Xueni relaxed slightly. She then turned and left.

The woman in black robes just watched quietly.

After the person left, she chuckled. "Such a person is truly likable. Killing her would be such a pity."

"What's there to pity?"

At that moment, a man emerged from behind a tree. "She is just a disgrace to the sect. Let her go and kill someone, and then the Heavenly Note Sect won't spare her."

The woman in black smiled. "Should we follow along? In case she doesn't succeed, it would be nice to lend her a hand.."

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The woman in black didn't mind. "I heard that the Heavenly Note Sect members are heading to the Foundation Establishment area. Should we send someone there?"

The man was puzzled.

The woman in black smiled. "A Fallen Immortal Clan member has entered, and it seems the Fallen Immortal Clan is looking for someone. Perhaps we could ask them."

"Do we need spirit stones?"

"It depends on you, Senior. Your cultivation is very high, after all."

After that, the two headed off into the distance.

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Jiang Hao dug for a long time and finally unearthed an ore.

A blue bubble dropped.

[Cultivation +1]

“Is the probability of achieving bubbles this high here?” Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised.

He then took out his pickaxe and began mining.

Sounds echoed from inside.

White bubbles and green bubbles appeared one after another.

An hour later, Jiang Hao discovered that the possibility of finding blue bubbles wasn't that high.

Moreover, this ore, upon closer inspection, was blood-red. It might not be that significant.

It was hard to say how many spirit stones it could fetch.

However, earning spirit stones wasn't a priority, so it didn't matter how much they got paid for the ore.

As he was about to continue, his vision blurred, and he heard the waves again.

He didn't dare be careless and summoned the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl immediately.

After that, everything disappeared.

'No... mining like this is very dangerous.'

He lost himself while digging for ores. If he were pulled into the sea, it would be dangerous.

After some hesitation, he decided to use the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl as a night light.

He also took out the Nine Nether just in case.

“Can you understand?” he asked hastily.

The Nine Nether nodded eagerly.

The Nine Nether seemed to have been influenced by Xiao Li. It behaved like a puppy.

“Keep an eye on the surroundings. If there’s any change, break the seal,” he said.

Upon hearing that, the Nine Nether looked desperate. It didn’t dare move near the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

‘Attack the seal?’ It wasn’t like it could break out.

Jiang Hao left behind a wisp of purple aura, which made it even safer.

Then, he notified Dole to get ready to set up formations.

Dole nodded. “Leave it to me. I’ll check the nearby area. It’s better for you not to go out. If people from the Soul Ascension area discover you, it would be disastrous.”

Jiang Hao nodded in gratitude.

He fell silent as he watched the person head toward Moon Lake.

Finally, he turned and looked behind. “You’ve been watching us for a long time, haven’t you?”

“Although I wasn’t hiding myself intentionally, I’m not someone that a Golden Core Realm cultivator can sense,” said a middle-aged man as he walked out from behind the withered tree.

He had a lock of white hair on his forehead, a clean face, and a scholarly appearance.

Chapter 775: Life And Death Decided With Just One Punch

Xiao Li was huffing as she pulled out a man-eating tree.

Finally, she let out a sigh of relief.

However, the three people behind her were sweating profusely.

They had seen everything by now. Wherever there were trees or flowers, they were destroyed.

This child killed every tree she encountered, without exception.

When they asked her why, she told them these trees and flowers had stolen her food.

Now, besides filling her stomach, she was intent on destroying these trees and flowers.

An eye for an eye...

The three of them didn’t dare to offend her in the slightest and could only follow her. They even searched for food for her.

Only then could they survive.

Her strength was unbelievable regardless of her cultivation realm.

“This has caught too much attention. Some Golden Core Realm cultivators might come here. There are rumors that this junior obtained a treasure that can even control the Blood Tide Forest. It doesn’t matter whether it is true or not. Someone will definitely be here to check it out,” said the young man, Zhong Fahua, in concern.

The Golden Core Realm cultivators here were either in the late stages or at the peak. The early-stage Golden Core Realm cultivators were absent because they needed the others to advance and leave before they could step foot anywhere.

“I hope this junior can restrain herself. The Blood Tide Forest has been facing a lot of problems lately,” said the woman in white, Bai Shuang, helplessly.

They could only survive because they were doing everything to feed the young girl.

They knew which monsters could be eaten and which couldn’t. Moreover, if they looked around, they might find a way to bring the situation under control.

However, Xiao Li only knew how to roast meat, and nothing else.

Only after all the trees in the area were destroyed did Xiao Li finally relax and take out something to eat.

Otherwise, she couldn’t eat in peace.

‘I wonder where Senior Brother Jiang is. I need to tell him that these trees and flowers are very dangerous...’ Xiao Li thought as she ate.

At that moment, there was suddenly a thunderous attack from the distance.

Boom!

A powerful attack landed directly on Xiao Li and sent her flying.

This sudden attack terrified the three people beside her.

This wasn't the aura of a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. That meant a Golden Core Realm cultivator had arrived. Moreover, the powerful attack hit Xiao Li directly.

It was over.

In an instant, the three knew that Xiao Li was in grave danger. Even if she wasn't dead, she was surely injured.

Xiao Li rolled on the ground. After some time, she finally fell into a puddle.

At that moment, the food in her hand also fell into the puddle and hit the mud. Xiao Li was covered in mud and was furious. She looked in the direction where the Attack had come from.

"You wasted my food. I'm angry now!"

At that moment, three people arrived in the sky with their flying swords. They emitted a majestic aura.

The overwhelming pressure of the peak of the Golden Core Realm spread in all directions.

"She's not injured?! In that case..."

The man in the lead looked at Xiao Li condescendingly.

However, before he finished speaking, his vision was suddenly blocked by a figure.

There was a blue light and a tiny fist emerged from within it.

In the next moment, the fist suddenly enlarged.

Boom!

A punch was thrown. It tore the man's skin, incinerated his flesh, and broke his bones.

The flames burned over him.

With a single punch, the peak Golden Core Realm cultivator was reduced to ashes. There was no trace of his bones either.

The blue light didn't disappear. It continued to emanate the aura of a True Dragon.

Xiao Li was even more furious now that the person she attacked had disappeared. She turned to the other two.

The sudden attack terrified the two Golden Core Realm cultivators.

However, before they could react, the fists had already appeared before them.

Boom!

Boom!

After two successive punches, no one was left standing in the sky.

There was no trace of anyone.

With a thud, Xiao Li fell to the ground and looked around. She couldn't find the three people from before at all.

"Darn it, they escaped!"

She stomped her foot in frustration.

The three people who were watching from behind were dumbfounded.

This girl...

It was unbelievable.

But soon they were certain of one thing: Xiao Li didn't like it when food went to waste.

The three people had made her food fall into the mud. That was why this disaster had happened.

The man-eating forest seemed to have snatched her food away as well.

In their eyes, Xiao Li was no longer an ordinary cultivator.

She appeared to be an unpredictable little demon.

Jiang Hao and the others flew their swords toward the Moon Lake.

It was a loss not to visit Heavenly Stele Mountain.

"What do you know about Heavenly Stele Mountain?" Dole asked suddenly.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

Guan Zhongfei said, "Heavenly Stele Mountain is the gathering place for all the opportunities in the Corpse Realm. Any insights obtained elsewhere can also be obtained at Heavenly Stele Mountain. Even if the opportunities are not great, one can still gain some benefits."

"What kind of opportunities do you all want?" Dole was curious.

Jiang Hao thought for a moment. "I just want to try my luck."

Guan Zhongfei said, "I want spirit stones or things that can be sold for spirit stones. How about you, Senior Brother Dole?"

"I want cultivation techniques. My cultivation techniques are somewhat average." Dole smiled.

"Senior Brother Dole, your cultivation realm is high. So, how can your technique be just average?" asked Guan Zhongfei in surprise.

Jiang Hao could tell that Dole's cultivation techniques were rather average.

Dole laughed. "The technique is just average. There's nothing to it."

He didn't elaborate on the matter.

"If you have any questions about cultivation, you can ask me. I might be able to help," Dole said.

Guan Zhongfei thanked him and mentioned a difficult but quite common issue.

Sure enough, Dole provided an answer.

Jiang Hao glanced at Guan Zhongfei. He didn't pay much attention to it, since this person didn't mean any harm anyway.

Seven days later, they arrived again at the shore of the Moon Lake.

At that moment, Heavenly Stele Mountain stood tall in the center of the lake. Its enormous peaks pierced the clouds.

It was magnificent.

This was Jiang Hao's first time seeing Heavenly Stele Mountain from afar. Before, it had appeared directly in front of him.

"It is quite spectacular!" Dole exclaimed. "This is where opportunities are. It seems that many people are going up."

At that moment, people were flying in all directions and heading toward Heavenly Stele Mountain.

Jiang Hao and Guan Zhongfei followed Dole's lead but kept their swords low. They didn't dare to fly too high to avoid offending stronger individuals.

Most of the people were no threat to Guan Zhongfei.

"It seems like there are many Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators here," Dole said softly.

"Yeah, after all, the Thousand Feet Mountain is nearby," Jiang Hao said. After a short while, they arrived at the foot of Heavenly Stele Mountain.

Once they went up, they would be able to see the first stele.

Jiang Hao and the others went up together. The first stele was accessible to everyone, but what came after would depend on their abilities. After a while, Jiang Hao and the others arrived in front of the first stele. Like before, the stele was inscribed with the words: "Moon in the Well."

This time, Jiang Hao didn't go to see the content or sense any special content of the stele.

He wanted to touch it and see if there was any dirt on it..

Chapter 776: Bubbles Falling Nonstop

There were many people at the first stone stele, but most of them merely observed without truly understanding it.

"Why do they keep staring?" Guan Zhongfei asked.

"I've heard that opportunities are hard to come by. Heavenly Stele Mountain will only stay here for a month, and obtaining an opportunity within that time is already at the limit," Dole said.

Guan Zhongfei nodded. "Do you want to go up and take a look?"

The first stone stele wasn't much. There was nothing much to glean from it.

It was common knowledge that the good stuff was at the top.

Jiang Hao shook his head. "You go up first. I'll stay here and take a look."

"Then, friend, be careful. We'll meet at the foot of the mountain after we're done," Dole said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

Guan Zhongfei relaxed and began climbing up.

As they moved away, Jiang Hao thought about what to do.

With so many people, it seemed odd for him to wipe the stele clean. So, he activated the Heavenly Cauldron.

He pulled everyone into it and then veiled their perceptions.

However, when he attempted to wipe the stele, he found that it was impossible.

The stone stele couldn't be brought into the cauldron.

With a sigh, he put away the Heavenly Cauldron.

He tampered with their perceptions with divine power so that they would only see illusions.

There was no dirt.

There was only some dirt at the bottom. When he wiped it, several bubbles spawned. None were blue or green.

Jiang Hao wasn't too disappointed. It was better than nothing.

The first stele was seen and touched by all. It was only natural that it was clean. He was satisfied as long as he could get even a few bubbles.

This increased the likelihood of something significant being up at the top.

After wiping the stele, he gained ten white bubbles.

Jiang Hao stepped toward the second stone stele.

The others didn't notice anything unusual. Most here were Golden Core Realm cultivators and were easily deceived.

The situation might change later if he encountered a Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator.

The rest should be easy. Even if he was discovered, it wouldn't cause him any damage.

But before making his move, he needed to observe the surroundings and ensure no hidden cultivators were around.

He tried not to offend anyone, especially with stronger cultivators. It was always better not to act rashly.

At the second stone stele, there were mostly Golden Core Realm cultivators, but notably fewer than at the first.

He activated his divine power again. He wiped the stele and gained only eight white bubbles.

Just because he got more this time didn't mean he got something better.

Jiang Hao glanced at the peak of the mountain. There were a hundred and eight stone steles in total, thirty-six Heavenly Constellation Spirits, and seventy-two Earth Seals.

Among them, reaching the Heavenly Constellation Spirits was extremely challenging, but the Earth Seals were relatively easier.

So, the Heavenly Constellation Spirits might yield good returns. 'I wonder if anyone will reach the highest point this time.' Many aspired to reach the top, but only a few succeeded.

He didn't know if there were any remarkable people this time.

At the third stone stele, Dole had stayed behind.

Jiang Hao didn't greet him but used divine power to deceive everyone and then wiped the stone stele.

This time, there were two green bubbles.

'That's something, at least...

Jiang Hao continued upward. By the tenth stone stele, he finally got a blue bubble.

[Cultivation +1]

He glanced at his interface.

It was currently July, and he hadn't accumulated many bubbles.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 36]

[Cultivation Level: Peak of the Return to the Void Realm]

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

Sutra]

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

Clear and Pure Heart, Reappearance of Hidden Spirit, Divine Might, Revival of Withered Tree, Heavenly Cauldron, Indestructible Vajra]

[Lifeblood: 12/100 (can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 9/100 (cannot be cultivated)] [Divine Abilities: 1/3 (cannot be obtained)]

Since it was only the tenth stele, there were still many people.

However, the number of Golden Core Realm cultivators started decreasing.

Conflict rarely occurred on Heavenly Stele Mountain. Everyone was here to seek opportunities, not to fight.

After that, Jiang Hao occasionally encountered blue bubbles.

At the thirtieth stone stele, Jiang Hao didn't see Guan Zhongfei. He probably headed to the Heavenly Constellation Spirits.

Regardless, it didn't affect him.

Jiang Hao arrived at the last Earth Seal, the seventy-second stone stele.

The last Earth Seal must be special.

There weren't many people here. There were only about a dozen with a high cultivation realm. Even the weakest was in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Jiang Hao's arrival didn't attract anyone's attention.

By now, his cultivation had changed. He was no longer in the Golden Core Realm but at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. If someone noticed him, they wouldn't cause trouble.

“Sky in the Well.”

Jiang Hao looked at the words in surprise.

Was it the same last time?

It was too quick then, so he had no time to pay attention.

Many people began climbing up.

Among them was a young man with a sword. He stood in place for a long time. He then shook his head and sighed. “It's not what I want.”

He then continued forward in dissatisfaction.

Jiang Hao glanced at the person. He was also at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. His aura resembled a sharp sword with restrained sword intent.

He was very strong.

Fortunately, he had left. Jiang Hao didn't want to use his divine abilities recklessly.

There was a chance of being discovered.

After waiting for some time, Jiang Hao activated his divine ability, Divine Might.

After veiling their perception, Jiang Hao approached the stone stele to start wiping.

Unlike before, this stone stele was surprisingly dirty.

After he wiped for a while, two blue bubbles popped up.

[Cultivation +1] [Lifeblood +1]

“So many?”

Jiang Hao was astonished, but he continued wiping.

[Strength +1] [Spirit +1]

[Cultivation +1]

[Spirit Sword +1] [Spirit Spear +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

As Jiang Hao wiped, a string of bubbles dropped.

The speed at which they popped up made him happy.

He had never expected there to be so many.

Jiang Hao wiped slowly. He feared he might wipe the stone stele clean too quickly.

He wondered if the last stone stele was special. Whenever the dirt was cleared,

bubbles appeared.

Although most were white or green, they were incomparable to the previous stone steles.

At that moment, his cultivation points were gradually increasing.

He might not have to wait for a year to advance if this was the case. After a little while, Jiang Hao finished wiping the last corner.

[Lifeblood +1]

A blue bubble fell.

Looking at the clean stone stele, Jiang Hao felt reluctant to leave.

He wiped it again to make sure he hadn't missed any spots.

At the foot of Heavenly Stele Mountain, Yin Xueni looked at the peak. She stayed at the first stone stele. Jiang Hao would definitely pass through here.

It would be much easier to find him this way.

Unless he dared not come...

She didn't believe anyone would reject such an opportunity.

As long as she killed him, her thoughts would be clear, and it would help immensely with her cultivation.

Perhaps there was a chance for her to reach the Soul Ascension Realm.

However, she couldn't concentrate on her cultivation. All she could think about was how Jiang Hao had humiliated her.

Her complex emotions made her resonate with the first stone stele.

For a moment, she entered an empty space where she saw only one figure who was using a divine ability.

The colors of the sky and earth changed..

Chapter 776 - 776: Bubbles Falling Nonstop

There were many people at the first stone stele, but most of them merely observed without truly understanding it.

"Why do they keep staring?" Guan Zhongfei asked.

"I've heard that opportunities are hard to come by. Heavenly Stele Mountain will only stay here for a month, and obtaining an opportunity within that time is already at the limit," Dole said.

Guan Zhongfei nodded. "Do you want to go up and take a look?"

The first stone stele wasn't much. There was nothing much to glean from it.

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It was common knowledge that the good stuff was at the top.

Jiang Hao shook his head. "You go up first. I'll stay here and take a look."

"Then, friend, be careful. We'll meet at the foot of the mountain after we're done," Dole said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

Guan Zhongfei relaxed and began climbing up.

As they moved away, Jiang Hao thought about what to do.

With so many people, it seemed odd for him to wipe the stele clean. So, he activated the Heavenly Cauldron.

He pulled everyone into it and then veiled their perceptions.

However, when he attempted to wipe the stele, he found that it was impossible.

The stone stele couldn't be brought into the cauldron.

With a sigh, he put away the Heavenly Cauldron.

He tampered with their perceptions with divine power so that they would only see illusions.

There was no dirt.

There was only some dirt at the bottom. When he wiped it, several bubbles spawned. None were blue or green.

Jiang Hao wasn't too disappointed. It was better than nothing.

The first stele was seen and touched by all. It was only natural that it was clean. He was satisfied as long as he could get even a few bubbles.

This increased the likelihood of something significant being up at the top. freeweb(n)ovel

After wiping the stele, he gained ten white bubbles.

Jiang Hao stepped toward the second stone stele.

The others didn't notice anything unusual. Most here were Golden Core Realm cultivators and were easily deceived.

The situation might change later if he encountered a Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator.

The rest should be easy. Even if he was discovered, it wouldn't cause him any damage.

But before making his move, he needed to observe the surroundings and ensure no hidden cultivators were around.

He tried not to offend anyone, especially with stronger cultivators. It was always better not to act rashly.

At the second stone stele, there were mostly Golden Core Realm cultivators, but notably fewer than at the first.

He activated his divine power again. He wiped the stele and gained only eight white bubbles.

Just because he got more this time didn't mean he got something better.

Jiang Hao glanced at the peak of the mountain. There were a hundred and eight stone steles in total, thirty-six Heavenly Constellation Spirits, and seventy-two Earth Seals.

Among them, reaching the Heavenly Constellation Spirits was extremely challenging, but the Earth Seals were relatively easier.

So, the Heavenly Constellation Spirits might yield good returns. 'I wonder if anyone will reach the highest point this time.' Many aspired to reach the top, but only a few succeeded.

He didn't know if there were any remarkable people this time.

At the third stone stele, Dole had stayed behind.

Jiang Hao didn't greet him but used divine power to deceive everyone and then wiped the stone stele.

This time, there were two green bubbles.

'That's something, at least...

Jiang Hao continued upward. By the tenth stone stele, he finally got a blue bubble.

[Cultivation +1]

He glanced at his interface.

It was currently July, and he hadn't accumulated many bubbles.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 36]

[Cultivation Level: Peak of the Return to the Void Realm]

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

Sutra]

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

Clear and Pure Heart, Reappearance of Hidden Spirit, Divine Might, Revival of Withered Tree, Heavenly Cauldron, Indestructible Vajra]

[Lifeblood: 12/100 (can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 9/100 (cannot be cultivated)] [Divine Abilities: 1/3 (cannot be obtained)]

Since it was only the tenth stele, there were still many people.

However, the number of Golden Core Realm cultivators started decreasing.

Conflict rarely occurred on Heavenly Stele Mountain. Everyone was here to seek opportunities, not to fight.

After that, Jiang Hao occasionally encountered blue bubbles.

At the thirtieth stone stele, Jiang Hao didn't see Guan Zhongfei. He probably headed to the Heavenly Constellation Spirits.

Regardless, it didn't affect him.

Jiang Hao arrived at the last Earth Seal, the seventy-second stone stele.

The last Earth Seal must be special.

There weren't many people here. There were only about a dozen with a high cultivation realm. Even the weakest was in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Jiang Hao's arrival didn't attract anyone's attention.

By now, his cultivation had changed. He was no longer in the Golden Core Realm but at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. If someone noticed him, they wouldn't cause trouble.

"Sky in the Well."

Jiang Hao looked at the words in surprise.

Was it the same last time?

It was too quick then, so he had no time to pay attention.

Many people began climbing up.

Among them was a young man with a sword. He stood in place for a long time. He then shook his head and sighed. "It's not what I want."

He then continued forward in dissatisfaction.

Jiang Hao glanced at the person. He was also at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. His aura resembled a sharp sword with restrained sword intent.

He was very strong.

Fortunately, he had left. Jiang Hao didn't want to use his divine abilities recklessly.

There was a chance of being discovered.

After waiting for some time, Jiang Hao activated his divine ability, Divine Might.

After veiling their perception, Jiang Hao approached the stone stele to start wiping.

Unlike before, this stone stele was surprisingly dirty.

After he wiped for a while, two blue bubbles popped up.

[Cultivation +1] [Lifeblood +1]

"So many?"

Jiang Hao was astonished, but he continued wiping.

[Strength +1] [Spirit +1]

[Cultivation +1]

[Spirit Sword +1] [Spirit Spear +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

As Jiang Hao wiped, a string of bubbles dropped.

The speed at which they popped up made him happy.

He had never expected there to be so many.

Jiang Hao wiped slowly. He feared he might wipe the stone stele clean too quickly.

He wondered if the last stone stele was special. Whenever the dirt was cleared,

bubbles appeared.

Although most were white or green, they were incomparable to the previous stone steles.

At that moment, his cultivation points were gradually increasing.

He might not have to wait for a year to advance if this was the case. After a little while, Jiang Hao finished wiping the last corner.

[Lifeflood +1]

A blue bubble fell.

Looking at the clean stone stele, Jiang Hao felt reluctant to leave.

He wiped it again to make sure he hadn't missed any spots.

At the foot of Heavenly Stele Mountain, Yin Xueni looked at the peak. She stayed at the first stone stele. Jiang Hao would definitely pass through here.

It would be much easier to find him this way.

Unless he dared not come...

She didn't believe anyone would reject such an opportunity.

As long as she killed him, her thoughts would be clear, and it would help immensely with her cultivation.

Perhaps there was a chance for her to reach the Soul Ascension Realm.

However, she couldn't concentrate on her cultivation. All she could think about was how Jiang Hao had humiliated her.

Her complex emotions made her resonate with the first stone stele.

For a moment, she entered an empty space where she saw only one figure who was using a divine ability.

The colors of the sky and earth changed..

Chapter 777 - 777: The Infinite Sword

After finishing wiping the last Earth Seal, Jiang Hao headed toward the thirty-six Heavenly Constellation Spirits.

However, after he left, many people noticed that something was amiss.

They didn't realize that their perception had been played with, but they noticed that the stone stele before them was cleaner than before.

What was going on?

Several people looked around but found nothing. They just dismissed the matter.

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By this time, Jiang Hao had reached the first stone stele of the Heavenly Constellation Spirits.

Guan Zhongfei was there.

He stood in front of the first stone stele with his brows furrowed.

He was the only one there.

Jiang Hao didn't use his divine ability but walked over to him.

Guan Zhongfei looked at the newcomer. Then, he immediately moved aside.

The first Heavenly Constellation Spirits' stone stele had some words written on it: "Fishing for Moon in the Well."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Why was Heavenly Stele Mountain obsessed with wells?

Jiang Hao's name was "Jing" in the gathering, which meant wells. He was quite sensitive to that.

He always felt it was somehow related to him.

Apart from these words, there was nothing else on the stone stele.

'It's empty... Fishing for the moon in the well means rushing toward something that doesn't exist... Does it mean that this stone stele has nothing inside?'

Jiang Hao stood there and stared at it for a while.

In the end, he decided to start wiping it.

This sudden move surprised Guan Zhongfei.

Jiang Hao didn't care about him and continued wiping the stone stele.

Soon, bubbles started dropping.

[Cultivation +1]

[Spirit +1]

It wasn't much but passable.

After a while, he reluctantly left.

As the sole spectator, Guan Zhongfei was somewhat bewildered.

He couldn't understand what the person in front of him was doing.

He suddenly thought of a possibility.

'Could it be that "Fishing for the Moon in the Well" means reaching out? Is he cleaning the stone stele to tell me to make contact?' Otherwise, why would someone do this?

Guan Zhongfei felt that the explanation was highly likely.

He approached the stone stele and reached out. He sensed something.

Soon, he felt that his hand had pierced through something.

Then, he saw a figure. He held the sun and moon in his hands and plucked the stars in the sky.

Jiang Hao arrived at the second stone stele of the Heavenly Constellation Spirits.

There were several people there, but they were all in a state of meditation.

Outsiders usually found it challenging to interfere during this state.

So, Jiang Hao felt at ease and began to wipe the stele clean.

Further ahead, the stone steles had less dirt on them.

There were some bubbles, but rarely any blue ones.

It was alright. There were still thirty-six steles left.

Since the time he had entered Heavenly Stele Mountain, he was only 180 bubbles away from ascension. The gap was gradually narrowing.

The higher he went, the fewer people he saw.

The last fifteen stone steles had no one.

However, what surprised Jiang Hao was that he hadn't seen the young man with restrained sword intent all the way up.

He didn't know which stone stele he had gone to.

He arrived at the thirty-fifth Heavenly Constellation Spirit's stele and found no one there.

'He went all the way to the top...'

Jiang Hao was surprised.

For the previous hundred and seven steles, no one was there, so it must be the last stone stele that everyone wanted to reach.

Those who could reach that point were geniuses.

Zhuang Yuzhen had also gone up but left no trace. 'I wonder if that person will leave something behind.'

Jiang Hao was puzzled but also very excited.

Before, when he had wiped it, he had gotten all blue bubbles.

Without thinking too much, Jiang Hao arrived at the thirty-fifth stone stele and started wiping.
[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

Seeing two blue bubbles dropping at once, Jiang Hao felt that he might be about to advance.

However, halfway through wiping, no blue bubbles appeared.

It was regrettable.

Fortunately, some more appeared later.

After he finished, Jiang Hao headed toward the top.

There must be someone up there. He didn't know if the person was in meditation.

At the peak of Heavenly Stele Mountain, a young man silently gazed at the stone stele before him.

He wasn't in a hurry to comprehend anything, especially since he had a feeling that someone was approaching from behind.

After a while, footsteps sounded from behind.

Two people stood in front of the last stone stele. This was a rare occurrence.

The young man turned to look at Jiang Hao.

"I didn't expect it to be you," the young man said slowly. Jiang Hao felt helpless. The person seemed to be in a daze.

"Do you know me, friend?" he asked.

"No. I've only seen you down below and felt that you're somewhat extraordinary," the man said.

Jiang Hao nodded slightly. He was unsure of what to do.

The person was alert, and any rashness would be disastrous.

“I’m Jian Wuji from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect,” said Jian Wuji politely.

“Smiling San Sheng.” Jiang Hao bowed.

Jian Wuji looked at the person in front of him. “We are in the same realm and can reach the highest peak, so I have an unfortunate request.” “Please do tell me, friend,” Jiang Hao said courteously.

“I want to test your strength.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

He didn’t intend to fight. He had only come here to wipe the stele clean.

Jian Wuji made a move, and a pitch-black sword fell to the ground. “This

Infinite Sword is part of the Mountain Sea Sword Sect’s Seven Extreme Sky Swords. If you win against me, you can take it away.”

“What if I lose?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Then, either leave the mountain or leave behind something of equal value,” Jian Wuji said.

“And what if I refuse?” Jiang Hao asked again.

'My sword's intent won't attack, but it will compel you to fight me,' Jian Wuji said earnestly.

Jiang Hao sighed. "Shall we start then?"

"Of course." Jian Wuji nodded.

In an instant, the blade intent erupted, and the sword intent surged.

After just a few clashes, the sword intent receded, and the blade intent disappeared.

At that moment, Jiang Hao appeared in front of Jian Wuji.

The two looked at each other.

Jiang Hao walked to the side of the Infinite Sword, raised his sword, and walked toward the stone tablet.

As he spoke, Jian Wuji realized that he was injured between his eyebrows. Blood trickled down.

His eyes looked as though they had lost their light. "This is..." "The Heavenly Blade," Jiang Hao said calmly.

"Why didn't you kill me?" Jian Wuji's aura began to recede.

He hadn't held back.

"We aren't of the same era. Your time hasn't come yet. Such a person dying under the Heavenly Blade would be a shame," Jiang Hao said.

Jian Wuji was indeed strong.

Their paths were different, but it wasn't necessary to sever their connection just because of a match.

With a thud, Jian Wuji fell to the ground and lost consciousness.

Jiang Hao didn't exert too much force. He just ensured that Jian Wuji wouldn't be causing trouble for a while.

In fact, Jiang Hao had the advantage of being in a higher realm. He had won unfairly.

Jiang Hao impaled the Infinite Sword into the ground and left a note with it:

"Those destined may obtain it."

After that, he began wiping the stone stele clean...

Chapter 778 - 778: Imitating The Stars In A Palm Ability

The Infinite Sword was not an ordinary sword. Jiang Hao could tell with just one glance.

However, such a sword would undoubtedly attract attention from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect.

He didn't need the trouble it would cause if he held onto it.

However, sealing it away was a bit disappointing.

It would be better to keep it for now.

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The destined person was obviously Jian Wuji, who was unconscious presently.

As for whether he would want it back, that remained to be seen.

People had their own pride.

So, he didn't directly hand it over to him but left it impaled in the ground.

Jiang Hao looked toward the stone stele.

This stone stele had no content, but he didn't care about the secrets it held inside.

He just wanted to wipe it clean.

Last time, he hadn't finished wiping it, so he couldn't afford to miss it now.

Jiang Hao took out a piece of cloth.

The same cloth had wiped the Heavenly Blade, the Xuanyuan Sword, and many other steles.

He began wiping the stele on the spots where he had wiped before, and white bubbles fell from it.

These were insignificant.

Soon, he finished wiping the areas he had wiped before, but there were no blue bubbles.

He then started wiping the spots he had missed before.

[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1] 'Here it comes...' [Lifeblood +1]

He continued wiping.

[Cultivation +1]

Jiang Hao was shaken. There were quite a few bubbles.

However, after a few more wipes, they disappeared. Fortunately, shortly after, they reappeared.

Some time passed in this manner.

Jiang Hao stood desolately in front of the stone stele.

He finished wiping it.

He reached out to touch the stele and felt a bit regretful.

There wouldn't be any blue bubbles appearing for several hundred years.

Only when enough time had passed would blue bubbles appear again.

Otherwise, there would only be white and green ones.

It would only be a waste.

Then, he sensed it. The stone stele changed.

The blank stone stele now displayed some figures.

Some held the sun and the moon, some danced with swords to cut rivers and lakes, some radiated the brilliance of sages, and some transformed into nine figures.

Within these figures, Jiang Hao saw a purple aura, within which sat a figure in meditation.

That was him.

Jiang Hao was quite surprised. It turned out there really was a figure inside.

But what use was this?

He looked at the various figures and eventually noticed that there were a total of eighteen figures left on the stone stele, three of which had dimmed.

Did the dimming of the three figures signify their deaths?

Jiang Hao was puzzled.

He withdrew his hand, and the figures disappeared.

Jiang Hao didn't understand what was going on. He let it be since it didn't affect him.

He then turned to leave.

It was time to return to mining.

Before leaving, he glanced at his interface.

[Lifeblood: 82/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Cultivation: 79/100 (can be cultivated)]

He was still a bit lacking, but it was close. Another one or two months of mining, and he could attempt advancing to a higher realm.

However, a question remained: would he still be safe after advancement?

With the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, it shouldn't be too dangerous.

But was it really okay to ascend to a higher realm under the influence of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl?

Jiang Hao sighed. He was unsure of what to do.

Then, he headed down and found Dole. He left a message and disappeared from the spot.

He had to return.

Flying back would be a waste of time, so he teleported from there.

With the sub-ring in the mine, it was very convenient.

Once again, he appeared in the mine within the Thousand Feet Mountain.

After examining the surroundings, he began mining.

He wanted to ascend to the Immortal Ascension Platform. He couldn't afford to miss opportunities here.

As for the spirit herbs outside, they were too ordinary and wouldn't produce blue bubbles.

Jiang Hao mined eagerly.

One month later, around early August, Jiang Hao realized that there was still quite a way to go before he could advance. It would take him another month or so.

The yield from the mine began to decline.

Everything depended on luck here. Fortunately, there were other alternatives.

He lacked just over twenty points more.

He could try advancing to the Immortal Ascension Platform in one or two months.

He couldn't go on accumulating bubbles because the bubbles would vanish if his cultivation points were at their max. It was wasteful. It was better to wait for other opportunities and continue digging.

Jiang Hao emerged from the mine and sat in the small wooden house that Dole had built. He discovered that he could indeed gather spiritual energy here, and the spirit herbs could survive.

"Dole's talent in formations is quite high," Jiang Hao said in surprise.

He found that many people had good talents in formations, but he was completely clueless.

Having spent too much time in the mine, his spiritual energy was completely depleted.

He needed to rest for a day or two and take care of the spirit herbs so that he could prepare himself for more digging.

Two days later, Jiang Hao resumed mining.

Seven days later, Dole and the others returned.

Jiang Hao gave them the ores he had mined so they could sell them.

Looking at the piled-up mountain of ores, Dole and Guan Zhongfei were shocked.

'Everyone else is seizing opportunities at Heavenly Stele Mountain, and you've been mining the whole time?' Guan Zhongfei didn't dare ask that aloud.

"Friend San Sheng, did you have any trouble at Heavenly Stele Mountain?" Dole asked.

"No trouble at all. I just prefer mining," said Jiang Hao.

Dole hesitated for a moment. He then handed over a book. "Take this."

Jiang Hao was puzzled and took the book to take a look. He found that it contained various methods for forging.

This... he had no idea about it.

"This is the profound forging technique I comprehended. I don't have talent in this area, so I'm giving it to you. Considering how skilled you are at mining, I assume you might be interested in this," Dole said in a low voice. Jiang Hao nodded and accepted it. "Thank you very much, Friend Dole."

"No problem." Dole shook his head.

At that moment, Jiang Hao glanced at Guan Zhongfei.

The latter's heart sank. He immediately said, "I comprehended a supernatural power called "Stars in a Palm." Although I really want to teach you, it's not recorded anywhere. I can't teach it if I haven't mastered it."

"What's it like?" Jiang Hao asked because the name sounded somewhat similar to the Universe in a Palm ability that he had.

"I'll show it to you." Guan Zhongfei reached out toward a distant boulder.

A force expanded and enveloped the boulder. Guan Zongfei then closed his fingers and withdrew his hand. The boulder shrank and was trapped in the palm of his hand.

Afterward, the force dissipated, and the boulder returned to its original size.

"You can't sustain it?" Jiang Hao asked.

Guan Zhongfei shook his head.

Jiang Hao nodded. It seemed there was quite a gap in this ability when compared to Universe in a Palm.

The supernatural power did seem to imitate it.

However, the Universe in a Palm was just a technique, not a supernatural power.

Supernatural powers were difficult to teach, but techniques were easier to learn.

After thinking for a while, Jiang Hao began to imitate Stars in a Palm.

Since he knew how to use Universe in a Palm, he might be able to imitate it.

After a while, he reached out toward a stone. The stone shrank and was sucked into his hand.

He didn't use any purple energy.

When the force dissipated, the stone returned to its normal size.

Guan Zhongfei was astonished. 'Did he... just learn it?'

Jiang Hao wrote down his findings and handed them to Dole. "Senior Brother, please take a look at this. I feel like what I comprehended at Heavenly Stele Mountain is quite similar, but I've been feeling that something is not quite right."

Dole agreed wholeheartedly.

After that, Jiang Hao went back inside to continue mining.

On the other side, Yin Xueni waited until Heavenly Stele Mountain disappeared, but the person she wanted to see didn't appear.

She was puzzled.

Did he really not care about opportunities?

Chapter 779 - 779: Almost Time For Advancement

At Moon Lake, it wasn't just Yin Xueni who was puzzled but also the woman in black robes and the people beside her.

They were all perplexed.

“We didn’t spot him. Why is that?” The woman in black robes frowned.

They had always assumed Jiang Hao would come here, but unexpectedly, he never showed up.

“Since the Heavenly Note Sect is not an option, let’s consider other alternatives,” the man said calmly.

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With so many people here, there must be someone they could use.

However, Yin Xueni had good cultivation, and there weren’t many who could kill her.

Fortunately, the Thousand Feet Mountain was nearby. There should be many people there who could fight her.

“Let’s first assess the situation around us and then devise a plan,” the man said.

The woman in black robes nodded. “The people from the Fallen Immortal Clan are about to arrive. What do you plan to do, Senior Brother?”

“What are their intentions?” the man asked.

“It’s hard to say. Perhaps we’ll know once they arrive,” the woman in black robes said.

“Then, let’s wait,” said the man.

They weren't in a rush. After all, they still needed to observe the Thousand Feet Mountain. Perhaps they could gain something there.

The opportunities at Heavenly Stele Mountain were for everyone, but there was a lot more freedom beyond that.

Jiang Hao kept digging deeper into the mine.

The mountain was vast and sloped downward, so he didn't have to worry about digging into other areas.

However, the deeper he went, the more the spiritual energy was consumed.

There was definitely something below, but no one knew what it was.

It might be dangerous.

Jiang Hao didn't want to keep digging down recklessly. He decided to first exhaust the surrounding ores before deciding.

He wouldn't mind digging downward if there was a divine object below.

There were rare ores present where the Xuanyuan Sword was located.

It didn't seem like a good idea to dig downward.

It would be better if he reached the Immortal Ascension Platform first before digging down.

From August to September, Jiang Hao continued digging.

He glanced at his interface.

[Lifeblood: 96/100 (can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 95/100 (can be cultivated)] He wasn't far from advancement.

Another half a month or so, and he'd make it.

He walked out and handed all the ores over to Dole and Guan Zhongfei.

Over the past month, they found many different markets to sell them. They had made around 50,000 spirit stones.

Guan Zhongfei was surprised to find that he had begun earning spirit stones.

The profits were good.

Moreover, they had only sold a portion of the ores. If they sold everything, they could earn quite a lot.

He came here for opportunities, and unexpectedly, opportunities arose along with the spirit stones, especially with an unrelenting miner among them who did nothing but mine.

Others cultivated or searched for opportunities, while he mined. Even when others rested after a long day, he kept mining.

Someone having high cultivation was different, as expected. He could just go on mining.

This person appeared to be virtuous. Otherwise, with such a high cultivation realm, he could have gone around pillaging and robbing others.

However, that would cause a lot of trouble.

Selling ores for spirit stones seemed like the most rational thing to do, especially in the Golden Core Realm area and the Soul Ascension Realm area. These two places were fairly safe.

The only issue was that the people here were few. It slowed the sales down. If there are more people in their group, their profit would be less.

“I’ll be mining inside for about a month,” Jiang Hao said.

He intended to advance inside and didn’t want to be disturbed. When the time came, he would activate the Yin-Yang Bracelet and make it difficult for others to enter the cave.

“That’s great. It’s perfect timing. We need to go out to sell the ores as well,” said Dole.

He handed Jiang Hao the 50,000 spirit stones and suggested they split them later. Given the potential risks of going out, leaving it with him would be safer.

Guan Zhongfei was somewhat unwilling. He felt that once things were in Jiang Hao’s hands, they would disappear. However, he didn’t dare voice his opinion. “Senior Brother Dole is right.”

Jiang Hao nodded and accepted the spirit stones. Although he felt a pang of longing for the spirit stones, he wouldn’t take other people’s snare or bait. There was no need for that. Since the others trusted him, there was no need to betray them.

After that, he turned and entered the mine. When it was time to come out, he would have advanced to the Immortal Ascension Platform.

To ensure safety, he buried a ring outside the mine and another one inside to prevent any accidents during his advancement. He was wary of accidents happening in the Corpse Realm itself.

One of his worries had to do with the endless sea.

He still didn’t know what it was about, but he wanted to stay vigilant.

Dole couldn't help but sigh when he watched Jiang Hao enter the cave again. "Brother San Sheng really seems to love spirit stones."

Otherwise, why would he mine relentlessly?

Guan Zhongfei sighed. He had been worrying about his spirit stones and now felt like he might not get them back. But with so many ores at hand, he didn't feel like he was at a loss.

If he were to leave now with the ores, it would be good, but...

Why did he suddenly inform them that he would be mining for a month? Clearly, he had some other plan.

He wasn't sure what Jiang Hao was planning and didn't dare to ask.

Dole might be fearless in his ignorance, but he wasn't. However, he somewhat understood why the person had made him listen to Dole. Dole was indeed a decent person, but his personality caused some trouble for himself sometimes.

All he could say was that Dole was a good person while Smiling San Sheng chose to be one. The former was a good senior, and the latter was someone who helped if a person was good and punished a person if they were bad.

"We should quickly sell the ores we have," Guan Zhongfei said.

"Alright. I'll set some formations around here to prevent detection," Dole said seriously.

Guan Zhongfei genuinely admired the formations Dole set up. He was curious.

"Senior Brother Dole, have you learned the technique mentioned earlier, the "Stars in a Palm"?"

Smiling San Sheng had written down the steps, so he was still studying it.

Dole smiled awkwardly. "Not yet. It'll take me some more time."

After talking for a while, they started their work.

Dole went to Moon Lake to sell the ores. Some people knew he was selling ores, while others tried to ambush him. He was always prepared.

Several days later, he encountered a woman in black robes and a middle-stage Golden Core Realm man. These two had intentionally sought him out.

"Do you have something to say to me?" Dole asked.

"We're here to buy ores," the woman in black robes said softly.

Dole nodded. After negotiating, they agreed to buy some ores for 3,000 spirit stones.

As Dole was about to leave, the woman in black suddenly asked, "Who are you doing this for?"

"For a senior at the Thousand Feet Mountain," Dole said without hesitation. He always mentioned a make-believe "senior" to avoid trouble.

The woman thanked him and didn't ask further. Then, she watched him leave.

"If we tell Yin Xueni that Jiang Hao is selling ores with this person, do you think she'd believe us?" the woman in black suddenly asked.

"We'll only know if we try." The man chuckled..

Chapter 780 - 780: Mental Demons

“That is quite troublesome. Why don’t we handle it ourselves?” asked the woman in black.

“I heard she has a treasure on her. Once someone attacks or detects her aura, the people backing her might become aware of it. If you are confident that you can do it... try not to be discovered.” The man chuckled.

“Then, I’ll let the person behind the ore handle it. Someone who dares to come out and sell ores here must not be weak. If someone captures his people and kills them, he might resort to... violent means,” said the woman in black.

“If they don’t succeed, we can just take their gains. Either way, we won’t lose.” The man chuckled again.

“Senior Brother, you have a point. Now, let’s see whether Yin Xueni believes us or not.” The woman in black smiled.

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The two headed to where Yin Xueni was.

Whether the plan succeeded or not wasn’t important to them. They still had plenty of time. If necessary, there was another method.

They could always spend spirit stones to hire someone to do the job. However, it was unnecessary to take direct action for now.

As for who to assign the task...

Weren’t the Fallen Immortal Clan looking for someone?

That would work out quite well.

As for Jiang Hao, if he couldn't be used, then they could just forget him. His disappearance probably would do more harm than good.

This was a dangerous place for a Golden Core Realm cultivator. They would just chalk it up to unfortunate timing if something were to happen.

Soon, Yin Xueni received the news. She looked at the woman in black and frowned.

"Where did you get this information?"

"From running errands for you. We might find him at the mines. Someone is selling ores at Moon Lake, so we can find out the location of the mine where he's at. I also heard that nobody at the mining site has a cultivation realm higher than you," said the woman in black.

"Is that so?" Yin Xueni looked at her. Her voice was icy. "What if you're just trying to use me?"

"My cultivation realm speaks for itself. If I was using you, you could easily kill me," said the woman in black. "If you were to kill me here right now, I don't think I can even defend myself."

Boom!

Yin Xueni struck the woman in front of her. Then, she left.

She intended to seek out the person selling ores. She didn't know if the information was accurate, but she wanted to check for herself.

As for the woman in black...

'How dare she think I'm so naive?'

It was obvious she had a hidden agenda.

Why would she spare her?

Once Yin Xueni left, the woman in black walked out from the shadow. She sighed. "She's truly heartless."

"Let's wait until the ore-seller takes her to the mines. We'll follow them discreetly," the man said.

After entering the cave, Jiang Hao didn't think of anything else and continued mining.

He stopped after almost half a month because he received the final blue bubble.

[Cultivation +1]

He checked the interface again. [Vitality: 100/100 (can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 100/100 (can be cultivated)]

"Finally, it's time..."

Putting away his tools, Jiang Hao brought out the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

He strengthened the seal before sitting down and preparing for advancement.

This advancement might not be as quick as before.

A major boundary had to be breached, and the Corpse Realm was a dangerous place. He couldn't be sure what might happen during his advancement here. However, he had prepared a lot for this, so there shouldn't be anything he couldn't handle.

His body was suppressed by the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. The pearl wouldn't erupt. He had made sure of that. However, he wasn't sure if this would have any effect on his cultivation.

With various precautions in place, he hesitated and took out some other divine items.

The Immortal Mountain Sea Shield and the Primordial Heavenly Blade were among them.

This made him feel much more at ease.

He closed his eyes and adjusted his state. He then began extracting his cultivation and lifeblood.

In an instant, Jiang Hao felt a surge of massive spiritual energy. His body started undergoing noticeable changes.

His strength increased rapidly.

Jiang Hao felt the changes and constantly circulated the Hong Meng Heart Sutra.

At that moment, his body was covered in purple energy and filled with the essence of Hong Meng.

The power of the sutra gradually manifested.

Jiang Hao emitted a mysterious aura.

His brows were tightly knit. This advancement wasn't as smooth as he'd hoped.

At that time, he maintained his true self and immersed himself completely.

However, for some reason, his thoughts began to wander.

Memories of his childhood, past experiences, Xiao Li's life and death, Lin Zhi's regrets, Chu Chuan's efforts, and even the carefree nature of the spirit beast flashed through his mind.

Other than that, he also saw Cheng Chou's ordinary life and the struggles of ordinary non-cultivators in the Spirit Herb Garden.

In just a few decades, he had seen a lot and had been involved in many things.

He could understand these emotions and could understand their pain.

These emotions held him back, and his advancement became unstable.

It was like a mental demon. Jiang Hao didn't know why his thoughts suddenly wandered.

However, his pursuit of the cultivation path had never changed, so he calmed himself down.

It wasn't about erasing his thoughts but facing them calmly.

He knew he had regrets and unresolved trauma.

But people ultimately had to face them. It was unavoidable.

Regardless of who they were, they had to confront these things.

In a daze, he heard the sound of waves.

Jiang Hao didn't know where it came from, but he couldn't act rashly.

He could only face it calmly.

He had to try to peacefully break through.

This advancement indeed didn't happen so quickly.

After three days of maintaining his state, everything finally calmed down, and the ascension proceeded smoothly once again.

This time, there wasn't much time. Jiang Hao seemed to have broken open a door, and his power underwent a drastic transformation.

A completely new force spread throughout his body.

Jiang Hao opened his eyes and found that he was still in the cave. The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was glowing.

The Primordial Heavenly Blade and other things were also there.

At that moment, he sensed the power of the Immortal Ascension Platform.

He had successfully advanced to the early stage of the Immortal Ascension Platform.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

After that, he glanced at his interface. He had no extra cultivation points to refine his newly achieved realm.

He was helpless. He would have to spend another five days to refine his cultivation.

Five days later, Jiang Hao got up and checked his surroundings.

He vividly remembered hearing the sound of waves.

However, when he looked around, he didn't notice anything. His senses didn't pick up anything either.

'Was I almost pulled into the sea?' Jiang Hao couldn't be sure.

At that time, he couldn't afford any distractions, so he waited.

'What exactly happened?'

He didn't have an answer.

Then, he looked at the Nine Nether.

"What did you see?"

The Nine Nether thought for a moment. Then, it transformed into waves. Jiang Hao wondered if that meant that the sea had actually appeared.

"How did it appear?"

This time, the Nine Nether couldn't answer.

Jiang Hao felt horrified. He hadn't noticed it.

Besides, with the Yin Yang Bracelet on, how did the waves enter the range of protection?