

A Demoness 781

Chapter 781 - 781: Just Getting Started

Before entering the Corpse Realm, Jiang Hao understood that there were two types of seas.

One was the Corpse Sea. It was a sea that would appear occasionally but wasn't as dangerous.

It was just not commonly seen. It was similar to Heavenly Stele Mountain.

The other was the Endless Sea. It was a sea where one would be pulled into upon entry.

Once inside, there was no escape. One couldn't enter or leave.

At that time, it was uncertain whether one could even stay alive.

Jiang Hao didn't know exactly what kind of sea it was. He didn't think about it any longer.

Instead, he collected his things.

He left behind the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

He tried to put away his belongings, and as he did so, the waves appeared.

The Endless Sea emerged.

Jiang Hao felt as if he was about to plunge into an abyss.

Without hesitation, he took out the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl again.

In an instant, the space became stable, The sea area gradually vanished too.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

He was curious how Gui and the others had entered the Corpse Realm and remained unharmed.

He had just advanced to the Immortal Ascension Platform.

If it were above the Immortal Ascension Platform, wouldn't he have fallen into the Endless Sea?

Hiding was of no use. His ability to conceal his cultivation had surpassed numerous others.

But he still needed to rely on the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl here.

'Perhaps I need another identity..

Jiang Hao recalled that Shang An and others had used someone else's identity to enter the realm.

However, Shang An's true form appeared after a while. Jiang Hao didn't know how he had managed to avoid danger then.

Jiang Hao shook his head and set aside his thoughts.

Shang An had prepared for many years. Perhaps there were more ways.

He didn't have that much time to prepare.

After packing his things, he left.

The Yin Yang Bracelet also returned to his wrist.

It was almost October. He planned to rest for a few days and then continue mining because his mind wasn't at peace.

After advancing to the Immortal Ascension Platform, he had gained formidable power.

There was an impulse within him to challenge someone.

He felt like he was invincible.

Such feelings were normal. He calmed himself down.

As he left the cave, his aura gradually diminished and stabilized to display his cultivation at the middle stage of the Golden Core Realm.

He looked around but found no one.

'They haven't returned yet?'

The place was as desolate as ever, but many spirit herbs grew on the ground.

Spiritual energy was also gathering densely here.

Having ascended to the Immortal Ascension Platform, his perception had sharpened.

Coupled with the knowledge from the nameless manual, he could sense the aura in the mountains too.

Although it was barren and dry here, there seemed to be an underlying force of mountains and rivers underground, which remained dormant and unseen... as if it was waiting for something.

It didn't seem entirely natural. It felt as though it was man-made.

The details were hard to understand.

The perception that came with the Immortal Ascension Platform wasn't enough. He needed the help of the Heaven Lock Technique.

From this perspective, the one who created this place was quite formidable.

After waiting for a long time, he still didn't see anyone return.

Three days later, Guan Zhongfei returned with a radiant smile on his face.

When he saw Jiang Hao, he stopped smiling and bowed to him.

He was surprised. Although Jiang Hao still seemed to be in the middle stage of the Golden he seemed to possess a different aura.

It felt as though getting closer to him would be fatal.

"Did the selling of ores go well?" Jiang Hao looked at him.

"Yes. We earned a total of seventy thousand spirit stones." Guan Zhongfei presented all seventy thousand spirit stones.

Jiang Hao knew that they had met a big client.

This reminded him of Senior Sister Leng Tian and Senior Brother Duan Guan.

It had been a long time since he had seen them.

“Now, we have a total of 120,000 spirit stones,” Jiang Hao said.

After dividing it, he could also earn more than forty thousand for himself.

He felt wealthy again.

Adding the twenty thousand he already had, he would have a lot of spirit stones.

“Do you have September Spring on you?” Jiang Hao suddenly asked.

Guan Zhongfei shook his head.

Jiang Hao waited for Dole to return.

However, he still didn't return even after two days.

“It's time,” Guan Zhongfei said.

Jiang Hao nodded. Being a day or two late was normal.

During this time, he had tried to study the art of forging, which was truly profound.

His only regret was that he didn't seem to have a talent for it.

However, it might still be useful to keep it for later.

Someday, when he desired to learn it again, he could give it a try.

But for now, he set it aside.

Jiang Hao didn't have as much time to fuss over forging matters. After all, cultivating spirit herbs and making talismans already took up most of his time.

The remaining time was covered by mining.

So, there was no time to do other things.

Two more days passed.

In early October, Jiang Hao still didn't see Dole. Instead, he saw some Golden Core Realm cultivators.

These were the same three people he had encountered before.

It was fate.

However, their arrival didn't seem like a coincidence.

"Dole must have run into some trouble," said Jiang Hao. He stood up and walked toward the three people.

"You can leave these little fries to me," said Guan Zhongfei. He intended to show off a bit.

Jiang Hao shook his head. "No need."

Guan Zhongfei probably didn't care about Dole, so Jiang Hao didn't need to force the issue.

However, Jiang Hao wanted to know the details. If he was powerless, then there was nothing he could do.

If it was within his capabilities, he would do his best to save Dole. What Dole had done for him was a small matter, but he couldn't leave him in danger.

He had saved Jiang Hao from the three Golden Core Realm cultivators before. They seemed excited to see him. "It seems we've found the right place." "Are you here to mine?" Jiang Hao asked softly.

"Mine?" The man in the lead chuckled. "Who would mine in this place? We're here to snatch your gains from mining."

It seemed their guess was correct.

"Dole refused to speak. I guess there is no 'senior' to speak of in this place, after all. Just a bunch of Golden cultivators... That's why he refused to speak. It seems he was saving other weaklings. I don't even know why Dole's sect chose him to enter this place," said the man in the lead with a sneer.

Jiang Hao had already guessed that Dole had been captured, but he hadn't disclosed their location.

"Can you tell me where Dole is?" Jiang Hao asked softly.

The three people burst into laughter.

"You better consider your own fate. You still dare to..." Before the man in the lead could finish his words, he felt his vision blur.

Finally, with a thud, he fell to the ground.

For a moment, he was dazed. Then, he fainted.

His blood splashed onto the other two.

They were still laughing, but now, they froze in place.

“Can you tell me where Dole is?” asked Jiang Hao.

At that moment, the two of them looked at Jiang Hao in disbelief.

They saw that he held a blade in his hand. That blade had killed their leader.

“You...” The woman charged forward angrily. “How dare you...”

Splat!

There was a slash, and the person fell to the ground.

She was no longer breathing.

Jiang Hao looked at the last person standing. “I don’t like to repeat myself..”

Chapter 782 - 782: We Walk The Same Path

Jiang Hao held the Half-Moon Blade in his hand and felt nostalgic.

It had been a long time since he had clashed with anyone.

Be it outside or within the sect, he rarely engaged in conflicts.

In recent years, he had worked on his state of mind or mining and cultivating spirit herbs.

He quite enjoyed that kind of life.

Fighting and killing weren't good. Even if he won this time, next time could end up being his last.

Losing in such situations would be catastrophic.

Therefore, he avoided everything and resolved issues as quickly as possible.

Since everyone who had come here wanted to challenge him, he needed to be prepared.

He worried about being weaker than others. He was concerned that would put an end to his progress.

It was all for him to progress a little further and become a little stronger.

Whether one was right or wrong didn't matter here.

Everyone was on the same path. It was all about survival.

With a sigh, Jiang Hao looked at the last person standing.

Even dealing with Golden Core Realm cultivators required him to put in his full effort. These people were all extraordinary, and no one knew what kind of trouble they might stir up.

“Let’s take a walk and talk?” Jiang Hao soared on his sword and swiftly crossed the distance with the Golden Core Realm cultivator before him.

The Golden Core Realm cultivator felt a sense of dread. It seemed the person before him was not an ordinary cultivator in the middle stage of the Golden

He wasn’t at Primordial Soul Realm, either. He was more powerful than that.

The reason they had survived last time was because Dole had saved them.

Now, they had willingly walked into their doom.

Although they had escaped death before, they had walked toward it again.

“Dole was captured by someone... There’s news that Dole was selling ores for a senior, and this ‘senior’ might possess a tremendous opportunity related to Heavenly Stele Mountain. The rumor was that the senior was powerful enough to control the whole mountain, and Dole was selling ores on his behalf to collect enough spirit stones to activate a hidden treasure,” the man said.

Jiang Hao furrowed his brow. Did anyone believe such a bizarre story?

“Such events have occurred,” Guan Zhongfei said seriously. “But it’s just hearsay. It’s rumored that someone from the Astronomical Academy achieved this and attracted Heavenly Stele Mountain before and advanced in a single leap. It’s said that he was the only one to climb Heavenly Stele Mountain then, and others couldn’t enter that area because it was under his control. No one knew what he obtained, but everyone knew that his cultivation realm had advanced rapidly. He became a legend.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. “From the Astronomical Academy? Which senior was

Guan Zhongfei shook his head. “I don’t know. No one does. But everyone believed that he had the power to control a large area. So, when news was leaked, many people surely wanted to investigate.”

“Because of this, it attracted many people?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Yes, and Dole became an informant. People wonder who might be behind Dole. We know that Dole can’t do anything like that. Otherwise, why would someone be interested in someone like Dole,” said the man disdainfully.

He thought of something and looked at Jiang Hao. It did seem that Dole had the attention of a “senior.”

“Where is Dole now?” Jiang Hao asked.

“He was captured by a powerful person. Rumors suggest that this senior has already obtained the location of the treasure. Then, she was besieged. She hasn’t obtained it yet. She left Dole in an open space so anyone could interrogate him. She wants to remain clear of suspicion. However, Dole truly is tight-lipped. I heard that he remained silent even when his limbs were broken,” said the man in admiration.

“Are the people still there?” Guan Zhongfei asked.

“Some left, but some felt there might be a possibility of the person behind all this showing up. Also, Dole had quite a lot of ores and spirit stones on him, so everyone’s eyes were on him,” the man said.

Jiang Hao fell silent.

However, his speed increased.

This time, even Guan Zhongfei felt a chill from Jiang Hao.

He was unbelievably fast.

Two days later, Jiang Hao arrived at the edge of Moon Lake.

There were quite a few people there, and their cultivation realms were not low.

“Where is he being held?” Jiang Hao asked a nearby Golden Core Realm cultivator.

“Over there,” said the person and pointed.

Jiang Hao flew over.

It was a forest with chaotic signs of struggle, but apart from a few individuals in the middle, Dole was nowhere to be seen.

Jiang Hao sighed. He would have to ask others.

He glanced at a middle-aged man, who also returned his gaze.

He was at the peak of the Soul Ascension Realm.

“Excuse me, do you know where Dole is?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Why are you looking for him?” The middle-aged man looked at Jiang Hao. “He’s in my team. You’ve captured him, so naturally, I’ve come to take him

back,” Jiang Hao said calmly.

“Your team?” The middle-aged man was taken aback. “You’re the one controlling the area with the treasure?”

Jiang Hao smirked and nodded. “Yes, that’s me.”

Something flickered in the middle-aged man's eyes, and those around him were also astonished.

Guan Zhongfei was dumbfounded. He knew this wasn't true.

Jiang Hao was deliberately provoking people.

"Is that so?"

"Yes. So, can you tell me where Dole is?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Can I see the treasure?" The middle-aged man's aura expanded.

At that point, being at the peak of the Soul Ascension Realm made him the strongest person around.

However, Jiang Hao's fan appeared in his hand, and his figure vanished.

He reappeared in front of the middle-aged man. The fan poised against the man's shoulder.

An invisible wind blade sliced open the man's neck, and blood spurted out.

"Do you still want to see it?" Jiang Hao asked.

The middle-aged man's heart raced. He didn't dare act rashly.

"Do you know where Dole is?"

"I-I know. He was taken into the lake. Someone wanted to use him to find the location of someone you're associated with."

Jiang Hao nodded and headed toward the center.

He didn't take anyone with him.

In the center of the lake, a group of people surrounded Dole. He seemed unconscious.

Yin Xueni frowned. She hadn't expected things to turn this way.

What was previously about finding a Golden Core Realm cultivator had turned into a situation involving a group of Soul Ascension Realm cultivators.

She couldn't leave either because these people still suspected that she knew something.

As for the treasure controlling a certain area, she hadn't even heard of it.

Using Dole should have been in her favor.

However, things had escalated, and it made her have second thoughts about the whole thing.

But when she wanted to retreat, others didn't allow it.

"Everyone, it's worth trying! If there really is a treasure controlling an area, everyone knows the kind of benefit we'll get from it," a young man said.

He held a compass in his hand, and a formation extended beneath his feet.

Six Soul Ascension Realm cultivators and eight Golden Core Realm cultivators joined forces.

They believed they couldn't find the person backing Dole.

“The person hasn’t shown themselves right now. But if we find them, we’ll surely find more opportunities,” said a Soul Ascension Realm woman.

“Hasn’t shown themselves, have they?” said an amused voice came from behind. “Why would I hide? I’m late because I wasn’t informed about this.” Everyone felt a chill.

The man in the lead attempted to turn to look, but a blade pierced through his chest.

“Don’t you know interfering in other people’s business gets you killed?” Jiang Hao pulled out the blade from the body and smiled at everyone.

“You captured my man and tortured him. I’m not unreasonable. You all shared one goal. Now, we tread the same path..”

Chapter 783 - 783: Those Who Are Evil Will Meet Their Doom

Jiang Hao’s sudden appearance disrupted everyone’s plans.

Moreover, his attack left everyone trembling with fear.

A Soul Ascension Realm cultivator at his peak was killed and couldn’t even muster up the power to defend himself.

Such a powerful person scared everyone.

Everyone began to retreat and avoid Jiang Hao.

Only the person who was lying with his blood staining the lake was unmoving.

“Who are you?” asked the Soul Ascension Realm woman.

“Weren’t you all looking for me?” Jiang Hao ignored them and walked to Dole’s side.

Dole’s limbs weren’t working, and he was on the brink of death.

Even his cultivation showed signs of decline. It was halfway ruined.

Jiang Hao sighed and waved his hand, and a purple aura entered Dole’s body. It protected his meridians and nourished his body.

Then, he looked at the others. He was surprised to see that they hadn’t fled.

“Friend, you should know that once cultivators beyond the Soul Ascension Realm exert too much power in this place, they’ll face catastrophes. Even if you have remarkable abilities, you can’t deal with us all. Why not bring out that treasure and share it with us?” asked a man.

Jiang Hao smiled. “The treasure is on me. You can come and try to take it.” The group of people hesitated. They didn’t want to fall into his trap.

“Since that’s the case, I’ll make the first move,” said Jiang Hao with a smile.

In an instant, he was beside the man who had just spoken.

He struck him.

The man had already prepared his defensive magic treasure.

“It’s useless. Although your strength is formidable, my magic treasure is stronger. You might break through it using your full strength, but you’ll also be devoured by the Corpse Realm,” the young man said confidently. Before he could finish his words, a beam of moonlight flashed past.

At that moment, his confidence faltered.

He felt his own power disappearing.

Soon after, his body split apart and dropped into the lake.

He couldn’t even understand how he had died.

Jiang Hao looked at the man apologetically. “Your treasure might not have been fully activated.”

Then, he turned to the others. Many began to flee.

“Senior, we...” (f)ree

Moonlight flashed, and Jiang Hao beheaded the speaker.

“We agreed to leave together, didn’t we? A person should have integrity at least,” said Jiang Hao indifferently.

The crowd was terrified.

Soon, some of them started to fight back.

“Friend, if you spare us, we’ll spare you. We come from influential backgrounds. There’s no need to be this aggressive.” Someone tried to reason with Jiang Hao.

“Step back, and show some mercy.”

At that moment, someone tried to push Jiang Hao back.

Various spells and attacks came at him. Jiang Hao smiled. “Are Golden Core

Realm cultivators not worthy of your mercy?”

He blocked various spells and attacks effortlessly.

“Friend, his background is not that influential, and his cultivation is weak. This place isn’t suitable for him. Since he’s here, he must be prepared. Without background or talent, he’s different from you and me. Even if he dies, it’s just natural for him,” said someone.

Jiang Hao nodded. That made sense.

Then, he walked over to her side and used the Mountain Suppression Technique.

The person’s vitality dissipated with one slash, and her body shattered.

Jiang Hao looked at her. “You’ve misunderstood something. His sect, his background... That doesn’t matter. They are not his lifeline. I am. He is under Smiling San Sheng’s protection and is free to roam around Moon Lake as he pleases. You provoked him. You asked for this.”

In an instant, Jiang Hao brandished his sword, and the wind surged.

Blood splattered wherever the blade passed.

For a moment, everyone was horrified. They looked at Jiang Hao in fear.

They tried to persuade him. They even tried to explain their influential background to make him stop.

Some fled the scene.

However, it was all in vain. One by one, bodies fell into the lake from Jiang Hao's strikes.

Watching this from afar, Guan Zhongfei was petrified. He didn't dare make a move. He was afraid of offending the person in the lake.

Luckily, he had understood from the start and had never tried to target Dole.

Dole was an ordinary cultivator in terms of talent, but he had met someone far more powerful than anyone else could fathom.

Guan Zhongfei lowered his head. He couldn't watch any longer.

These people gathered by the lake weren't weak. They were strong individuals, and yet, Smiling San Sheng murdered them without breaking a sweat.

This person looked amiable but was crazy.

Those who treated him kindly saw his generosity, while those who treated him badly met their doom.

In just a short while, most people had died and fallen into the lake.

Some people tried to run but couldn't.

At that moment, only Yin Xueni was still standing.

Jiang Hao looked at her. "Are you the one who captured Dole?"

“I-I didn’t mean to offend you, Senior. I was merely looking for someone. They were the ones looking for some treasure. Senior, I was pressured into it,” Yin Xueni said nervously.

She truly hadn’t expected things to escalate like this.

It was supposed to be just about finding a certain Golden Core Realm cultivator.

“Why did you capture Dole?” Jiang Hao asked.

A rumored treasure couldn’t just appear out of thin air. There must have been someone behind the scenes manipulating the whole thing.

“I just wanted to know the location of a Golden Core Realm cultivator from him,” said Yin Xueni.

“And you assumed this Golden Core Realm cultivator was associated with

Dole?” “I don’t know. Someone told me about it.” “Who was it?” “I don’t know her name, but I killed her.”

Jiang Hao frowned.

“You cannot kill me, Senior. I have a treasure on me. If you kill me, my grandfather will sense it, and it won’t be good for you,” Yin Xueni said pleadingly.

“Is that so?” Jiang Hao was surprised. He ended her life with one slash.

A person should always be honest and without bias. If he left her alive after killing everyone else, wouldn’t that look unfair?

He closed his eyes and began to sense his surroundings.

If someone was using Yin Xueni, they must be nearby.

The person was remarkable. They had manipulated so many people into believing a lie.

It reminded him of someone.

He wondered if they were connected.

After a moment, he opened his eyes.

“Found them!”

On the other side, the woman in black robes and the young man looked astonished.

They were observing the situation on the lake’s surface using their treasures.

Yin Xueni was killed.

“The situation has escalated beyond our expectations... At least, we completed the mission,” said the young man in relief.

“Yeah... That person who suddenly appeared is indeed strong, but what’s the use? In the end, they became our pawns,” the woman in black robes said with a bright smile.

Suddenly, a blade appeared near her neck.

She froze..

Chapter 784 - 784: Bloodbath

This sudden attack left the woman in black robes speechless.

The young man beside her was taken aback. He hadn't noticed anything at all.

How had the person discovered them so fast?

"Friend, let's talk. We were just passing by and got curious. We were just peeking to see what was happening there. We didn't mean to offend you," said the woman in black robes.

"Yeah. We were just passing through. We didn't mean to offend. Please don't get angry. It's just a misunderstanding. If there is something we can do, we'll do it," said the young man.

He wore a black robe with blue patterns and looked rather extraordinary. He exuded a mysterious charm. He seemed to possess unique powers and extraordinary strength.

He looked remarkable.

Jiang Hao glanced at him and smiled. "Misunderstanding?"

Although he hadn't heard everything, he knew these people were trying to fool him.

"Yes, it's all a misunderstanding. Senior, please don't act rashly," the woman in black robes said fearfully.

Without hesitation, Jiang Hao slashed down, and the woman collapsed.

After that, he quietly watched the body on the ground. He chuckled. "This technique is quite interesting."

The body wasn't the real one. It was borrowed. Although the aura was muddled, Jiang Hao could sense that someone else was controlling this body from the shadows.

And that person was nearby.

"Won't you come out?" Jiang Hao smiled.

There was no escape. Not only did he have the Heavenly Cauldron, but also the Yin Yang Bracelet.

There was no way in or out.

"Friend, how about I help you find her? Can you spare me?" the young man asked with a smile.

"Isn't she your fellow sect member?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Fellow sect member? Friend, you must be joking. Someone who doesn't even know there's a treasure on Yin Xueni's body... how could that person be my fellow sect member? I presume my fellow sect members are already dead. I've chosen to withhold that truth since her goals somewhat align with mine," said the young man.

He was called Ku Hu San, a True Disciple of the Heavenly Gate Sect. He was in the early stage of Return to Void Realm.

"By the way, this person seems to be in league with the Fallen Immortal Clan.

They exchange a lot of messages in secret. Those people are about to arrive. Friend, you'd better deal with her and leave as soon as possible," Ku Hu San said kindly.

He knew how strong this person was. He knew he was no match for him. If he could escape somehow, that would be great. After all, this person didn't seem that bad. He was saving people and standing up for others too.

Therefore, he could be easily influenced. Although he was one of the instigators behind the scenes, he hadn't taken any direct action.

If this person was good, now would be the time to make him pay. He could abandon the others.

"Friend, I can still offer..."

A blade plunged into his heart without any hesitation.

"You must feel great trying to play a game with me, right?" Jiang Hao stared at the person. "Now, you should also feel the blade. Otherwise, your life will be full of regrets."

He withdrew the blade and cut the body in two.

Ku Hu San looked at the person before him in horror. He had never expected that all his preparations were useless. He couldn't defend against this opponent at all. Jiang Hao took the storage treasure.

He would return later to take the storage treasures of the others. Killing the enemy was important, and spirit stones were important too.

Although he wanted to take the storage treasures, he had to make sure his surroundings were safe first. The people here weren't weak.

After collecting the storage treasure, Jiang Hao walked step by step toward the woods.

The skills from the nameless manual and the Heaven Lock Technique weren't something others could attain.

He arrived in front of a tree.

“Why hide from me? I heard you prepared a gift too. I’m here to collect it?” Jiang Hao took out the last Tranquil Heart Fruit and ate it. “This is really the last one.”

However, the tree didn’t react at all because it had turned into an ordinary tree.

With a flicker, Jiang Hao appeared in front of another tree.

“Your technique has some flaws. I discovered it so quickly,” Jiang Hao said.

He had identified the person. It was a clone of Feng Hua. He hadn’t made a move because he was waiting.

Feng Hua had sent three avatars this time, along with one leading a group of the Fallen Immortal Clan.

He didn’t want to bother with the Fallen Immortal Clan. He was waiting for another avatar.

There was no way in or out of here, and even the avatar’s memories were cut off.

There was no way in or out.

The Yin Yang Bracelet was truly impressive.

Jiang Hao extended his hand and struck the ground. With a bang, the woman in black robes was knocked out of the tree.

She coughed out some blood and looked at Jiang Hao.

“Senior, why target me? I’m just a puppet.”

“A puppet?” Jiang Hao nodded slightly. “I see. You have no purpose then.” “I can help, Senior,” the woman in black robes said earnestly.

“In that case, I’ll have to trouble you a little.” Jiang Hao raised the Half-Moon Blade and struck down.

Blood splattered.

Jiang Hao stabbed twice more.

“This time, it’s all over.”

After collecting the storage treasures, Jiang Hao walked outside.

Others had also arrived.

Once he took care of all of them, he could mine in peace.

It was quite troublesome to handle them one by one.

On the other side, a middle-aged man furrowed his brow.

Two powerful cultivators followed behind him.

They were almost at their limits.

With their precious possession, they could use all their power.

“You said there’s news about Jiang Xiao Li here?” a woman asked. “Yes, just ahead.” The middle-aged man pointed forward.

At that moment, they all saw a figure approach.

The middle-aged man started silently and stepped back. Shortly after, a tremendous power erupted in the woods.

There was a flash of a blade.

Moments later, the two Fallen Immortal Clan members looked at the man in front of them in disbelief. The pearl in his hand made them feel horrified.

After beheading the two people, Jiang Hao approached the middle-aged man.

“It’s been too long, Feng Hua,” he said with a smile. “Where’s the gift you promised me? I’ll come out and ask you for it myself. I just don’t know if you can receive this message.”

The blade rose and fell.

The middle-aged man glared at Jiang Hao.

After a while, Jiang Hao left with Dole from Moon Lake.

The news quickly spread.

Moon Lake was dyed red with the blood of numerous Soul Ascension Realm cultivators.

Those who heard the news dared not act rashly here.

And Dole, the cause of everything, was known to everyone.

“Dole? Our junior brother?” Disciples from the Mountain River Valley Sect couldn’t believe it.

In just a month, Dole became a person no one dared to provoke.

Rumors spread that someone had slaughtered the Soul Ascension Realm experts because they had threatened Dole..

Chapter 785 - 785: Striking It Rich

Jiang Hao returned to the Thousand Feet Mountain.

He placed Dole on the side to allow him time to recover.

The matter at Moon Lake was over, but the impact of it would be significant.

It seemed someone was spreading rumors in secret.

Otherwise, things wouldn’t have come to this.

It must have been Feng Hua’s backup plan. She didn’t know the details, so she blamed everything on Dole.

In that way, the deaths at Moon Lake would be assumed to be connected to Dole.

Once he left this place, Dole would be in danger.

That was something Jiang Hao couldn’t control.

Let alone in the western region, it would be challenging to ensure his safety even in the southern region.

At present, all Jiang Hao could do was provide him as much safety as he could.

Guan Zhongfei also felt that Dole would be in danger.

Although no one dared to provoke Dole in the Corpse Realm, it was different outside.

Even his sect wouldn't be able to protect him.

As for Smiling San Sheng, he didn't seem to belong to the western region.

Being so far apart made it impossible to keep Dole safe.

No matter how strong, there was nothing he could do.

Killing a Golden Core Realm cultivator was so simple, especially for those sects in the western region.

So many had died because of Dole this time. If they couldn't find Smiling San Sheng, they would target Dole.

Guan Zhongfei sighed as he watched Dole recover.

He hoped that Dole could escape this problem.

However, there was too much for him to handle.

As a Golden Core Realm cultivator, he was just too ordinary.

Jiang Hao started to inspect the storage treasures of the other people.

He had picked up about a dozen or twenty storage treasures.

He wondered how many spirit stones he would get.

These people had decent cultivation realms, had influential backgrounds, and were individuals with considerable influence in their sects. He checked the first storage treasure. 'Whose is this?' There were several pills and several spirit stones. That was it.

'Does it belong to Feng Hua's avatar?'

It shouldn't be anyone else besides her.

The second one was the same.

It probably belonged to another avatar.

Feng Hua didn't like to let others benefit.

There were some items in the third storage treasure but not much.

There was a peculiar Nine-Ringed Blade. It was a Golden Core Realm treasure.

There were also three thousand spirit stones and some Golden Core pills.

The fourth one had eleven thousand spirit stones, a Primordial Spirit Realm spirit sword, and numerous pills.

Jiang Hao continued to go through the storage treasures.

He found that these people had some spirit stones.

After examining all the storage treasures, Jiang Hao realized he had struck a gold mine.

There were a total of 226,894 spirit stones.

There were three Soul Ascension Realm magical treasures, five Primordial Soul Realm magical treasures, nine Golden Core Realm magical treasures, and various ordinary treasures.

These items were priceless.

Aside from the pills, there were numerous cultivation techniques as well.

These could only be sold as spirit herbs. None were worth keeping in Jiang Hao's collection.

226,000 spirit stones...

'How should I spend it?'

He didn't dare to sell the magical treasures yet. He would attempt to sell them when he went overseas or to the eastern region. Otherwise, he would be targeted easily.

It wasn't worth the risk.

If he sold all the magical treasures, Hong Yuye would be able to drink September Spring every time she visited.

Using all the spirit stones for some high-grade spirit herbs was also a good choice.

However, now that he had advanced to the Immortal Ascension Platform, the effectiveness of even high-grade spirit herbs would diminish.

He didn't know how many blue bubbles a hundred spirit herbs would bring him.

Presently, he had twenty thousand spirit stones on hand. He had picked up 226,000 more. He also had 120,000 spirit stones from selling ores.

That totaled 360,000 spirit stones.

However, 120,000 spirit stones needed to be shared with the others.

There would still be spirit stones to be earned in the future.

Having so many spirit stones suddenly made Jiang Hao feel a bit weird. He didn't know what to think. He had never received so many spirit stones before.

He remained in place for a long time. Then, he got up and went to mine.

He asked Guan Zhongfei to look after Dole.

One month later, Jiang Hao walked out of the mine with a desolate look.

The earnings had drastically decreased. There had only been seven blue bubbles in a month.

Previously, there used to be fifteen or sixteen.

At this rate, it would take two or three years of mining to advance to the middle stage.

Advancing further would be even slower.

However, compared to others, it was still astonishing that he had reached this state.

At thirty-six years old, he was at the early stage of the Immortal Ascension Platform. He didn't dare reveal this to others.

Although he had surpassed the top ten disciples of the sect and even most disciples beyond that, it was still not enough.

Even a simple Branch Master could end his life.

It would be better to wait and get stronger.

"Is Dole awake?" Jiang Hao handed over the ores to Guan Zhongfei.

"No," Guan Zhongfei said.

Dole had recovered. Jiang Hao had given him many spirit herbs, and now, they were just waiting for the purple aura to awaken his Golden Core. His cultivation had been affected, but luckily, his realm remained intact.

He would recover fairly quickly.

Despite having so many spirit herbs and even the protection of the purple aura around his heart meridian, it barely maintained his cultivation base.

It was evident that Dole's injuries were severe.

After sending Guan Zhongfei off to sell the ores, Jiang Hao received a message on his stone tablet.

There was a gathering tonight.

'It's been so long. Finally...'

Jiang Hao sighed.

There was a chance he could save Dole.

But he could only do his best. He could only do what he could.

The last gathering hadn't revealed anything significant.

However, it was best to review what they had discussed before and prepare.

Outside the Blood Tide Forest, the woman in black robes appeared. "Esteemed seniors, you can go in and take a look. If the information is correct, Jiang Xiao Li should be inside."

At that moment, the two men gazed at the Blood Tide Forest and frowned.

They felt something strange about this forest.

The aura inside was chaotic as if something terrible was trying to break out.

But upon careful consideration, there didn't seem to be anything outwardly wrong.

"Is this really the Foundation Establishment area?" He Xing asked.

He felt that this place was bizarre.

His task was to capture Jiang Xiao Li. However, this didn't seem like a place where Jiang Xiao Li would stay.

"The Corpse Realm only has one Foundation Establishment area. This is the place," said the woman in black confidently.

"Let's go and take a look," He Lian said.

He Lian appeared to be in his forties and looked sturdier.

He Xing, in his late twenties, showed no hint of fear.

They couldn't afford to fail this mission.

It was just a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. If they couldn't capture her, then who in the entire Corpse Realm could?

The two entered the Blood Tide Forest.

The woman in black stood outside.

She turned and smiled as she looked into the distance.

After that, she followed them inside. She wanted to see Jiang Xiao Li begging for mercy helplessly as she was captured.

She planned to send that to Jiang Hao if he was still alive. She hadn't received any news from him yet.

It would be a pity if he were dead.

After all, she needed Jiang Hao..

Chapter 786 - 786: Protecting the West Alone

In the Blood Tide Forest, everyone felt unsafe.

They sensed that the current forest was different from what they had known before.

This place was very stable before. It was calm and not too terrifying.

Even if there was something, it was easily avoidable.

It was different now.

There were many threats.

The anomalies that only happened at night were now visible in the day.

The beasts that only emerged at night before were rampant in the daytime.

They didn't even know how to evade them, especially since they emitted an eerie aura as if they would devour everything around them.

The most frightening part was that they couldn't escape, no matter how many times they tried.

Among those who were most distressed were Xiao Li and her three companions.

'Why can't we find any food lately?' Xiao Li pouted and patted her stomach.

The woman in white, Bai Shuang, looked at the girl before her and felt horrified.

During this time, Xiao Li had been intimidating everyone. Anyone who provoked her ended up dead with a single punch.

Yet she seemed unaware of it. She wondered why people fled when they saw her.

When a blue light emanated from her, she was unstoppable.

If she got angry, the consequences were severe.

But when she wasn't angry, she was easy to talk to.

She would listen intently to their suggestions, except when it came to destroying the cannibalistic forest.

Because of the disappearance of that forest, things changed.

The ecosystem was broken.

It seemed like something was about to emerge from the ground.

They sensed it.

The terrifying aura made them collapse to the ground in fear.

But when Xiao Li muttered something toward the ground, that thing retreated. It seemed afraid to offend her.

They increasingly felt that a little devil who feared neither heaven nor earth had arrived.

“Shall we change places and go find my senior brother?” Xiao Li suddenly asked.

“Leave from here?” Bai Shuang hesitated. “Where should we go?”

Xiao Li pointed in a direction. “Over there. We can ask as we go. If they know the Beast, then they are friendly. If not, they’re not friends, and we do not need to respect them.”

The three were speechless.

Who was this beast?

They dared not ask.

But soon, someone did.

After they set off, they met someone who asked who the “Beast” was.

Xiao Li said, “A great demon of heaven and earth. A chaotic powerhouse.”

Only then did the other person understand why Xiao Li could act so recklessly. It turned out she had the support of a great demon of heaven and earth.

Fortunately, she looked like a child, so as long as they were nice to her, there wouldn’t be a problem.

So, they said they knew the Beast she spoke of.

As friends, they naturally gave her directions.

“The Golden Core area is around that way,” said a man and pointed toward Moon Lake. “It’s usually near Moon Lake.”

Xiao Li politely thanked them and continued with Bai Shuang and the others. She was very excited.

As long as she found Senior Brother Tianc. she wouldn’t have to worry about starving.

After much effort, the few who were already on the edge finally left the Blood Tide Forest.

The moment Xiao Li left, the forest seemed to relax.

Soon, the eerie aura gradually diminished.

Looking back at the Blood Tide Forest, the three couldn’t help but breathe a sigh of relief. They felt that the forest was much more dangerous than the Golden Core area.

Of course, the danger was solely because of Jiang Xiao Li.

Wherever Xiao Li went, danger followed.

They were curious whether Jiang Xiao Li’s senior brother could handle it.

A Golden Core Realm cultivator probably couldn’t.

The three exchanged doubtful glances.

They felt like they were walking a path of no return.

Once they did, it would be difficult to return to their area.

Without Jiang Xiao Li, they couldn't move an inch.

At midnight, Jiang Hao activated the Yin Yang Bracelet.

He simultaneously activated the Heavenly Cauldron.

Then, he entered the stone tablet.

When he arrived, the others were already in position.

After exchanging greetings with Senior Dan Yuan, the five of them sat cross-legged on the floor. "Any issues with your cultivation?"

No one spoke.

Their cultivation progress wasn't that rapid.

"Any news about the Saint's Pages?" Dan Yuan asked.

"I heard they're at the Thousand Spirit Lake in the west, but many have gone there with no results," Zhang said.

"Members from the Bright Moon Sect seem to be searching for the pages as well. They cast a divination and found that these pages are extremely unique, challenging to detect, and even more challenging to comprehend. All they know is that the pages have surfaced, but they're unsure of what exactly it is or whether someone has acquired them," Xing said. He had examined the pages and found discrepancies. The pages seemed quite extraordinary.

“There’s some information from overseas too. Rumor has it that there have been changes in the Abyssal Sea. People from the Heavenly Tower suggest that the pages might be there,” Liu said.

“There’s no information from the southern region.” Gui shook her head.

Many things existed in the south, yet it remained the region with the least information available.

Jiang Hao remained silent.

The others looked at him.

However, he didn’t speak. So, everyone paid him no further attention.

“These ancient pages seem to be somewhat different this time. They deserve some attention,” Dan Yuan said.

The others nodded.

It appeared that these ancient pages were indeed unique.

After Senior Dan Yuan finished discussing the new tasks, it was time for the group to exchange information.

“I’m still interested in the location of... that person,” Zhang said. “Is the person more important or the book?” Jiang Hao asked.

His voice was low.

“The book is more important, but without finding that person, we won’t get the book,” Zhang said firmly.

“I have the book,” Jiang Hao said.

Zhang was surprised but didn't question him because Jing was the sort of person who had made the Astronomical Academy obey his suggestions with just a few words.

“Can I know the content of the book?” Zhang asked.

“Sure.” Jiang Hao nodded.

He then looked at Senior Dan Yuan.

Soon, a stone tablet appeared before them.

Jiang Hao left all the content of the “Ancient and Modern Book” on it, including the final sentence.

After she finished reading it, Zhang was shocked.

This... wasn't the same “Ancient and Modern Book” she had read, but she knew that this book was definitely not fake.

This one seemed more important, perhaps even... authentic.

She was excited. If she obtained the genuine one, the rewards would be unimaginable.

She hesitated. “What price do I need to pay?”

“Ensure the safety and well-being of someone in the western region... at least temporarily. Can you make sure they aren't targeted by other sects?” Jiang Hao said.

This surprised the others.

Who exactly was this person who deserved such protection from Jing?

Zhang was surprised, but she believed she could manage it.

This request wasn't as valuable as the book anyway. Making sure someone was safe wasn't very difficult.

"Fine. I hope to obtain the physical copy of the book."

"No problem. But you'll need to retrieve it yourself or have someone else do it for you."

"Hmm?" Zhang was quite puzzled.

"We haven't used a teleportation channel for trade with Friend Jing yet. If needed, I can act as an intermediary," said Gui with a smile. "However, I would require a small piece of information in return... like where the Moon Wheel might appear next."

She wanted to go and search for the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment to see if she could meet them.

The southern region was getting dangerous, and she wished to get out of there..

Chapter 787 - 787: A Curse And The Black Sea

Jiang Hao had no objections to Gui's suggestion.

After all, he had encountered Gui several times before.

Meeting her once more wouldn't make much of a difference.

When they met, he would be Jiang Hao. They had very little to do with him anyway.

So, there was no need to worry about anything.

Gui knew the location of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, so she wouldn't be reckless.

Zhang also agreed to it.

He was from a moderately huge sect. She hadn't heard the name before.

Fortunately, the sect wasn't too far from her, so it wouldn't take much time.

She didn't understand who or what the particular person had offended. Otherwise, Jing would never ask for protection for that person in exchange for something as valuable as the Ancient and Modern Book. She felt the pressure of taking on such a responsibility.

Jing and Gui were done with their trade.

"Somebody overseas wants to pass on a message to Wu Yang. Who among you has the time?" asked Liu.

Gui looked at Jing and hesitated for a moment. "What message?"

"I heard that someone captured an elderly person intending to exchange them with Wu Yang for something," Liu said.

"I can go," Gui said.

Since she was about to meet Jiang Hao anyway, it wouldn't be a problem to pass on a message.

Jiang Hao remained silent.

This kind of task didn't bother him much.

Presently, he had nothing in particular to worry about overseas, so he didn't need Liu's help.

As for Chi Tian, everything had been discussed long ago.

If there were any changes, Liu would tell him.

After that, they didn't have any more transactions.

They began discussing various things happening around them.

"I heard that Shang An is lecturing at the Clear Sky School. During that time, a rainbow surrounded him. An aura as warm as the sun shone upon everyone. Some could even get close enough to talk to him," said Xing with a smile.

"But what puzzled everyone was that Shang An was facing away from them, and no one saw his true face. Nobody knows why," he said.

"Didn't you go and meet him?" Liu asked curiously.

"I'm already on the way, but I'm not sure if I'll be able to meet him," Xing said with a smile.

"Can you ask Shang An something from me?" Gui asked.

"Of course." Xing smiled softly.

“Ask him if there will be a chance for an opportunity when next time he advances,” said Gui.

Everyone understood that Gui had missed her chance last time.

Xing agreed readily. He looked at the others. “Do you have any questions you want to ask as well?”

“What does the world look like from the eyes of a sage?” Liu asked.

Zhang thought for a moment. “From the perspective of a sage... if someone intends to kill me, should I forgive them?”

Jiang Hao remained silent. He wanted to ask if sages ever lacked spirit stones. However, based on the mysterious impression he had left, he knew he couldn't ask such a silly question.

“I recently encountered people from the Shangguan family overseas and researched their curse. I found that the curse is alive,” said Gui. “Want to know what else I found?”

“What?” Liu asked.

“A sea. For some reason, the curse is now active. There must be a cause for it. When I observed the sea, it was entirely pitch black... like the Black Sea,” Gui said with some trepidation. “Fortunately, I escaped before it got dangerous. I'm not sure why I saw the sea instead of the person behind the curse.”

“Black Sea?” Jiang Hao was surprised. He hadn't expected the Shangguan family's curse to be connected to the Black Sea. Was this Black Sea related to the sea in the Corpse Realm?

Jiang Hao couldn't be sure.

However, no matter how he looked at it, this wasn't something he could involve himself in.

It was better to avoid contact with them as much as possible.

“I’ve also heard that once the Shangguan family members enter the southern region, the Great Thousand God Sect will subdue them. If not for the fact that the sect is withdrawing from the south at the moment, there would have been a huge fight,” said Gui.

They didn’t know why these people wanted to fight.

However, they were curious about what lay behind the curse. Unfortunately, they couldn’t get any details.

“I recently heard about a senior at the Astronomical Academy who is said to be on par with the light. Some people are trying to find him everywhere and hoping to bring him back,” Zhang said.

“Besides being in harmony with the light, he stood alone against the beast tide in the western desert. He sacrificed himself to protect the disciples of the Astronomical Academy. He was a true senior of the academy. That’s why many are searching for him again,” she said.

Jiang Hao felt somewhat strange. It seemed like anyone powerful and connected to the academy was referred to as a “senior,” and those stronger than seniors were considered Elders.

He suspected that Gu Jin had joined the Astronomical Academy because of this.

After discussing some more matters, the gathering came to an end.

Jiang Hao withdrew from space.

However, when he left, there was a slight delay.

After that, he successfully returned to his body.

Looking at the stone tablet again, he noticed it seemed considerably dimmer.

“What’s going on?”

Jiang Hao didn’t even have time to record the contents of the gathering.

He found no issues with the stone tablet.

It wasn’t until he retracted the Yin Yang Bracelet that he noticed it had also dimmed slightly.

He understood what was happening.

There seemed to be a conflict between the stone tablet and the Yin Yang Bracelet.

The stone was a karmic artifact, so theoretically, it shouldn’t affect the Yin Yang Bracelet. After all, he was within the bracelet, and karma wouldn’t break.

It should have been the impact of the gathering.

“It looks like I need to be more cautious next time.”

Putting away both items, Jiang Hao took out a notebook to write down all he had learned from the gathering.

Senior Dan Yuan’s task still involved the ancient Sage’s Page. This time, the pages seemed different somehow.

Exchanged the Ancient and Modern Book with Zhang for protection. Additionally, Gui would be coming to collect the book and to pass on a message to Wu Yang.

Xing wanted to ask Shang An some questions. The Astronomical Academy was searching for a senior, one who is in harmony with the light.

The Shangguan family's curse overseas seems connected to the Black Sea, possibly related to the Corpse Realm. The Shangguan family had a conflict with the Great Thousand God Sect. Jiang Hao didn't write that down. He suspected the reason was Feng Hua.

Dole murmured something as Jiang Hao finished writing. Jiang Hao turned to look. Dole's eyes fluttered open.

"Dole, you're awake."

"Where am I?"

Dole seemed to have recovered from his injuries.

He was a conrusea.

"A senior saved you and brought you back. He healed your injuries," Jiang Hao said.

"A senior?" Dole found it hard to believe. "Which senior saved me?"

"I don't know." Jiang Hao shook his head. "But the rumors have been going on, and they say it was me. I guess they couldn't find anyone to pin the rumors on, so they used my name."

"Isn't that dangerous for you?" Dole was concerned.

Jiang Hao nodded. "That's why I can only stay here and continue mining." After resting for two days, Dole went out to sell the ores.

Jiang Hao watched him leave but wasn't particularly worried about him.

The real danger was in the west. For now, he could peacefully mine here..

Chapter 788 - 788: The Appearance Of The Demoness

In October, there wasn't much to do in the Corpse Realm.

On this day, Jiang Hao continued mining as usual.

He had received an additional thirty thousand spirit stones from Dole.

There were a total of a hundred and fifty thousand spirit stones to be divided. He alone had over two hundred and forty thousand.

He was extraordinarily wealthy. To be safe, he asked Guan Zhongfei to ask around for September Spring.

It had been a while since Hong Yuye visited, and he didn't know what new demands she might have when she finally did.

It was better to be prepared.

Clang! Clang!

Jiang Hao kept swinging the pickaxe.

He suddenly felt something strange.

He turned to look behind, and his heart almost stopped.

At some point, a red and white figure appeared behind him.

She looked at him intently.

“Keep going. What do you think I’m here for?” Hong Yuye said teasingly.

Jiang Hao didn’t dare to act rashly.

Her sudden appearance caught him off guard.

When exactly had she appeared?

Fortunately, there hadn’t been any fluctuations around.

“Senior, greetings.”

He couldn’t mine anymore.

“Why did you come here to mine?” Hong Yuye asked.

“To earn spirit stones,” Jiang Hao said.

“Is that so?” Hong Yuye said. “Didn’t earn much this time either?”

“Not exactly,” Jiang Hao said. “I earned forty thousand spirit stones this time.

It’s enough to buy two packs of September Spring for you, Senior.” “Oh?” Hong Yuye was surprised.

“You bought September Spring already?”

“It’s not easy to find in the Corpse Realm, but I’ve told someone to ask around. I have prepared Red Azure tea.”

He indeed had prepared Red Azure tea.

Hong Yuye looked at Jiang Hao for a long while. Finally, she asked, “What’s your cultivation realm now?”

“Middle stage of the Golden Core Realm,” Jiang Hao said.

“Middle stage?” Hong Yuye chuckled. “I thought you were already in the late stage.”

She stepped outside.

Jiang Hao collected his things and quickly caught up.

“Have you attended any gatherings recently?” Hong Yuye asked along the way.

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

Hong Yuye stopped and extended her hand.

Jiang Hao hesitated for a moment. Then, he handed over the notebook.

“Give me the stone tablet,” Hong Yuye said as she received the book. Jiang Hao didn’t dare to hesitate and immediately handed over the stone tablet.

Hong Yuye frowned.

“You’re quite adept at stirring things up,” she said.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. It was difficult to explain, so he remained silent.

A red light enveloped the stone tablet, and the tablet gradually recovered.

A rune entered the stone tablet.

Before long, she returned the stone tablet to Jiang Hao.

Hong Yuye flipped through the book. She asked Jiang Hao to explain.

“Currently, Senior Dan Yuan is focusing on the Sage’s Pages. How much do you know about these pages?” Jiang Hao asked.

“What about you?” Hong Yuye asked.

“I’ve learned a bit from the Ancient and Modern Book. It’s said that when these pages appear, changes are inevitable. If it’s ordinary, it’s manageable.

However, unpredictable changes might occur. Things like the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment have all been recorded in these pages,” Jiang Hao said truthfully.

“The ancient pages are indeed very special, and there are many rumors. But no one knows their true origins,” Hong Yuye said calmly.

“Should we search for them?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Do you want to search for them?” Hong Yuye looked at Jiang Hao and smiled. “Are you protecting someone in the west because of this?” “Senior, your insight is as sharp as ever,” he said.

Hong Yuye chuckled. "Tell me about your plans."

"Dole is a very useful person. My relationship with him is good. Moreover, his luck is extraordinary, so he's bound to achieve something in the West. Now is the perfect time to invest in him. Besides, I suspect there's a plan to end everything in the West, and the people from the Great Thousand God Sect are paying attention. We have Chi Tian overseas. In the west, we have Dole. If there's an opportunity, I will arrange to have some people in the east and north. This will provide us with enough channels to find the person behind the stone tablet. We are only lacking a bit of time," Jiang Hao said earnestly.

Hong Yuye was astonished.

She remained silent for a long time. "You're truly dedicated."

Jiang Hao bowed his head. "I'll do anything for you, Senior." "Your beast can't compare to you in lies."

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

Hong Yuye didn't press him further.

At that point, she stepped outside. A table and chairs appeared.

She sat down and asked Jiang Hao to make Red Azure tea.

Jiang Hao didn't hesitate. Red Azure tea was no problem to brew. Hong Yuye looked at the book. "What about the name Gu Jin left for you?"

Jiang Hao extended his hand and pointed at the book. "It's here."

Hong Yuye glanced at it but didn't say much.

Jiang Hao was puzzled.

What did she mean by it?

“Is there something wrong with this?” he asked hesitantly.

“Keep it. Aren’t you planning to place some people in the west?” Hong Yuye asked. “With this, things will be much easier for you in the west.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

That name would surely bring a lot of trouble, but he didn’t want to go through with it. However, with Hong Yuye saying so, he had no choice but to accept it. fr(e)e

“Do you know about the Black Sea?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Yes. The Black Sea is in the Corpse Realm,” Jiang Hao said.

“Have you seen it?” Hong Yuye glanced at the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl in Jiang Hao’s hand.

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

“How long do you plan to carry around that ominous thing?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Well...” Jiang Hao hesitated and put it away. Nothing happened.

Sure enough, with Hong Yuye around, danger seemed to disappear.

“Have you been to the Black Sea, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked.

“No.” Hong Yuye shook her head. “The Corpse Realm is far from being as simple as one might think.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. If even Hong Yuye said so, this place must indeed be somewhat special.

He had studied the ancient language before but hadn't found a suitable translation. Translating it the other way around didn't seem to work either. He wasn't sure why. Otherwise, he would know what they were talking about. Perhaps people were living in the Corpse Realm in hiding.

“The ancient pages can be sought after. Knowing their content can give a glimpse into the next era... whether good or bad,” Hong Yuye said.

“Senior, where do you think the ancient pages might appear?” Jiang Hao poured a cup of tea for Hong Yuye.

Logically, they should appear in the West, but based on the information from Xing and the others, the pages might appear unexpectedly.

“Senior, is it the appearance of the ancient pages that causes things to be recorded, or were things destined to happen, and the ancient pages just predict them in advance?”

Chapter 789 - 789: A Person Not to Be Trifled With

‘What exactly are the pages of the ancient book?’

Jiang Hao wasn't certain.

But from the information he gained, they were definitely not simple.

He didn't understand why some were items like the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, while others were ordinary things like cooking recipes and so on.

It seemed there was no distinction between the immortal and mortal.

Anything could appear on the pages.

“Did the legends come before the pages, or did the pages come before the legends?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Weren’t some of them just ordinary things?” Jiang Hao wondered why they were all legendary.

“Ordinary things?” Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao mentioned things like culinary skills that he had seen on the pages.

Hong Yuye asked, “Before delicious food appeared, what did people eat? Before magnificent buildings rose, where did people live? Before weaving emerged, what did people wear? Before the appearance of paper, what did people use to write on? Those who cultivate have their own world and perspective. But that doesn’t mean that only things related to cultivators are legendary. With time, you will discover that all living things experience legendary phenomena. Each legend accumulates to form the present world. And now, people consider culinary skills ordinary because they have long lived amidst legends.”

Jiang Hao understood that the appearance of pages from the ancients was actually influencing the world.

“The things recorded on the pages of the ancients already exist. Even if there were no pages, those things would eventually happen someday. The appearance of the pages accelerates the appearance of what’s recorded and even provides methods to counter it. In other words, the pages of the ancients record various things and wait for the destined person to retrieve them,” Hong Yuye said.

After thinking for a moment, Jiang Hao realized that it all made sense.

It was when history reached a bottleneck and was about to usher in change that the Sage’s Page would appear.

It would inform others about what the change would be.

Whoever obtained them could step ahead of others and lead.

But whether one could achieve something like that was another matter entirely.

Whether it was the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl or the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment, the same rules applied.

These were things that couldn't be achieved by individuals alone, even if they obtained the pages.

Even if one hid the pages, one couldn't prevent the things that were destined from happening.

The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment would still have emerged.

The Sage's Page had the upper hand.

Many were naturally interested in those pages.

After finishing the book, Hong Yuye returned it to Jiang Hao.

"Do you think the Hundred Nights Curse is related to the Corpse Realm, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye glanced at him but said nothing.

Instead, she drank her tea.

Jiang Hao also sat down and poured himself a cup.

“How long have you been here?” Hong Yuye asked.

“I arrived in June. It’s now October. It’s been more than four months,” Jiang Hao said.

“Do you plan to continue mining and earning spirit stones?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Of course. Serving you is my priority, Senior,” said Jiang Hao.

After hesitating for a moment, he said, “While I was cultivating in seclusion inside, I heard the sound of waves. I don’t know where it came from.” Hong Yuye looked at the mountain range. “Do you want to enter that sea?” “It’s not that... I’m just curious,” Jiang Hao said.

It wasn’t necessary to enter. If fate allowed it, he could go in and take a look.

If not, then he could forget about it.

“It won’t be long. In a while, you will be able to enter that sea,” Hong Yuye said.

Jiang Hao was surprised. It meant that the sea was the Corpse Sea after all.

He just didn’t know if he could see the founder of the Divine Corpse Sect.

The other party hadn’t left any traces at Heavenly Stele Mountain, which was regrettable.

Asking them help him understand what the Corpse Realm was all about.

It could also clarify whether it was possible to enter through teleportation.

The two didn’t speak again but silently drank their tea.

After half a pot of tea was finished, Hong Yuye turned to Jiang Hao. "Is Xiao Li also here?"

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Aren't you going to go and find her?"

"Xiao Li is not a child anymore. Eventually, she has to learn to go out on her own."

"She's not a child anymore?"

"Yeah."

Hong Yuye looked at the person in front of her and then pointed into the void. A red light shot across.

No one knew where it led to or what it intended to do.

Dole once again visited Moon Lake, but he no longer sold ores openly.

He was much more cautious than before.

The only regret was not having a convenient treasure to conceal himself. Otherwise, it would have been much easier.

He possessed numerous ores which were priceless.

In his lifetime, he had never seen so many spirit stones.

Although he hadn't sold them yet, he already treated them as spirit stones.

After a long time, he saw a late-stage Golden Core Realm cultivator, whose cultivation wasn't as strong.

The person seemed to possess some spirit stones.

After a brief hesitation, he emerged from hiding.

The other person was startled.

"Friend, please don't be afraid. I mean no harm," Dole hurriedly said.

The man, who had been cautious, couldn't believe it was Dole.

He instinctively stepped back and hastily said, "Friend, let's talk things out."

He knew very well that since the appearance of this person, there hadn't been any powerful figures daring to act brazenly at Moon Lake.

Everyone who targeted Dole had died, no matter their origin or opportunities.

Every person was mercilessly slain.

It was all because they had offended this person.

Therefore, among the people at Moon Lake, Dole was feared.

"Friend, I really have no ill intentions. There's no need to be so frightened," Dole said kindly.

“Do you... do you have something to say to me?” the man asked. “I wanted to ask if you’re interested in buying ores. I have some...”

“I’ll take it. I’ll buy everything.”

Dole sold the ores in a daze and earned about three thousand spirit stones.

This puzzled Dole. The man looked terrified of him.

After that, he met several more people. It was the same with everybody.

They bought many ores from him. They gave him all their spirit stones in exchange.

Dole felt like he was robbing people of their money.

In the distance, two people observed Dole.

Their cultivation realms were extremely high, and Dole, at the Golden Core Realm, naturally couldn’t sense them.

They were both women. One was clad in tiger and leopard fur and exuded a wild aura, while the other looked graceful and elegant.

“That really is Dole from our sect,” said the woman in animal fur.

“Yeah, it’s him. Is it true that whoever offends him gets slaughtered?” asked the

graceful woman.

“Didn’t you notice? The late-stage Golden Core Realm cultivator who bought the ores was actually at the Primordial Spirit Realm.”

They dared not offend Dole. It seemed the rumors were true.

Here at Moon Lake, Dole was not someone to be trifled with.

“It seems that quite a few people have their eyes on him,” said the woman in animal fur.

“He’s doomed once he leaves.”

“Should we warn him? If it is possible, perhaps we could advise him to stay here. There might be some hope here,” said the graceful woman.

“Forget it. He has offended many great sects. I heard that most of the deceased were from major sects. If someone suspects that we know him somehow, there’ll be a disaster.”

“That’s true but doing nothing makes me feel a bit guilty.”

“We’ll pay attention after he leaves.”

Outside, Yan Yuezhi from the Astronomical Academy found Jing Dajiang..

Chapter 790 - 790: The Real Corpse Realm

In the backyard of the Astronomical Academy, Yan Yuezhi hesitated for a long time before deciding to leverage the academy’s power.

Although Dole’s sect seemed ordinary, the person holding the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had asked for his protection.

Her individual strength might not be enough.

Since she sought that particular book, she needed to ensure everything went flawlessly.

Failure would have dire consequences.

Failing to acquire the book would affect future trade as well.

After all, she had read the contents of the book.

Moreover, she had already intended to use the promise made by that senior.

If she was delayed, it would be too late for regrets.

She decided to use her trump card.

She wasn't fond of surprises.

"Young lady, here again? What do you intend for us this time?" Jing Dajiang sat under a tree in a reclining chair.

Yan Yuezhi bowed respectfully. "Senior, you promised me that you would fulfill one request for me."

"Yes. If you want to become my disciple, I can arrange for someone to teach you." Jing Dajiang smiled at her. "So, have you decided what you want?"

"Yes, I have decided, but it might be a bit troublesome for you," Yan Yuezhi said.

After a short while, Jing Dajiang furrowed his brow as he looked at the student in front of him. "Are you sure?"

“Absolutely.” Yan Yuezhi nodded.

After some time, Yan Yuezhi left the backyard and departed from the Astronomical Academy.

She headed in the direction of the Mountain River Valley Sect.

Half a month later, she reached the sect’s premises, but she couldn’t find Dole.

After asking around, she found out that he had entered the Corpse Realm.

She was surprised.

He hadn’t even left the Corpse Realm, so why was Jing trying to protect him?

After thinking for a moment, she understood.

Jing was in the Corpse Realm too. He knew that Dole would be in danger after coming out of that realm. But why did he want to protect him?

It was impossible for her to guess.

Dole must be valuable. Otherwise, Jing wouldn’t be trying to protect him.

“It seems I’ll have to wait here.”

Yan Yuezhi picked up a book and began reading.

This book was about the methods of cultivation that she couldn’t comprehend before.

Yet now, as she read the book, she started to understand it.

Suddenly, she entered a state of meditation.

Half a month had passed.

Jiang Hao noticed that Hong Yuye wasn't planning on leaving. He had no idea what she was here for.

He couldn't even mine anymore.

He didn't even dare to tend to the spirit herbs.

He was afraid of absorbing the spiritual energy accidentally.

Once or twice might be okay, but with frequent occurrences, somebody would surely suspect him.

Moreover, his tea supply was almost depleted.

He didn't know what to do.

Although he had many spirit stones, it didn't matter if he couldn't find a place to buy tea.

He couldn't brew tea for her.

Suddenly, he heard the waves again.

Gradually, the sound grew louder as if something was being crushed.

Jiang Hao turned to look at the mountain range. The sound was coming from within.

“The Corpse Sea?” He was surprised.

He hadn’t expected to get lucky. He had encountered the Corpse Sea!

Jiang Hao hadn’t imagined the Corpse Sea would be within a mountain range.

It was no wonder only a few people had seen it.

At that moment, Hong Yuye got up. “You want to enter that sea? Let’s go.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

With Hong Yuye by his side, he would be much safer.

However, there were many things they couldn’t do. There was always some gain and a certain kind of loss.

Perhaps the greatest advantage of such a place might be encountering countless treasures that had remained untouched throughout the years. Perhaps just brushing past it might mean a lot of benefits. However, even if it were so, he had to give them up.

He feared he would get white bubbles.

Blue and green bubbles wouldn’t compromise his location. However, white bubbles might not be so safe.

After that, the two walked into the mine.

It looked like a normal cave to mine in.

However, the further they went, the louder the sound of waves became.

It was as if they were at a huge seaside.

After walking for a bit, Han noticed the ground becoming damp

Moreover, the passage seemed to have changed.

The narrow passages from the time he had mined here were gone. They were replaced by a huge, spacious pathway.

After a few steps, an endless sea came into view.

Jiang Hao stood at the edge of the passage and sensed the bottomless abyss beneath him. It was eerie.

“Why is this sea so eerie? The Corpse Realm is full of vitality. This place is grim and lifeless.”

After observing for a while, Jiang Hao realized that he was at a cliff within the cave. The sea spanned below.

Jiang Hao didn't dare to fly out on his sword recklessly.

He extended his senses and ensured there wasn't any problem in the surroundings. He intended to go to the sea surface. “Senior, is this sea dangerous?” he asked Hong Yuye.

However, she didn't respond.

Fortunately, the path didn't look too slippery. He could go down and take a look.

As for finding the founder of the Divine Corpse Sect, he didn't know how to begin.

Jiang Hao took a step forward and appeared above the Corpse Sea.

At that moment, he could see the cliff above.

It was not a very tall mountain peak.

"Senior, shall we go up and take a look?" Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye looked at him without saying anything.

It seemed like he had to figure this out on his own.

After that, Jiang Hao arrived at the top of the mountain.

Only then did he realize that the mountain was connected to an endless continent, where everything was desolate and lifeless as far as the eye could see.

And the vast sea in front of him gave off a similar aura.

If the Corpse Sea was ahead, then what was the land behind?

He felt a bit lost.

The entrance below was connected to the Present Corpse Realm.

"This should be the coast of the Corpse Sea," Jiang Hao said.

He remembered that the founder of the sect would be here, but he didn't know how to find him.

Boom!

Suddenly, something rumbled and echoed in the distance.

Jiang Hao turned toward the direction and saw a person fleeing. He was being chased by three others.

"Friend, please save me," said the middle-aged man.

He was injured and flew over to this side without stopping.

"Where are you escaping, you demon?" the three people behind him yelled angrily.

Jiang Hao watched as the man got closer and sighed.

Then, he unsheathed his sword.

As the man approached, he swung his sword.

He used the First Form of the Heavenly Blade, Moon Slaying.

Swish!

The man seeking help was killed with one slash.

The three pursuers were momentarily stunned. This sudden turn of events shocked them.

Jiang Hao turned to them. "Didn't you call him a demon? I helped you get rid of him. Now, will you do me a favor in exchange?"

The three people were stunned.

"F-friend, you're right." One of them nodded in agreement. "Were you all here before, or did you just arrive?" Jiang Hao asked.

These people made him feel strange.

They seemed to carry an aura of death as if they were inhabitants of this place. He wasn't sure if that aura latched onto whoever entered this place, or if they had to stay here a while for it to develop.

Perhaps the reason he didn't have it might be because of Hong Yuye's presence.

He wasn't certain if it was an illusion, but he felt that this was the real Corpse

Realm..