

## Another World 1551

### Chapter 1551: Uses of White Clouds

It must be said that Zhao Hai chose the right place. Firstly, Hidden Cloud Village was a forgotten place. People who come here rarely leave, and there were very few people who thought of coming here. Additionally, the island wasn't very big. It had no special products so it had no business prospects. The people who leave and return to this place were merchants of the village. Until now, except the people in the Hidden Cloud Village, nobody from the Cloudsea Territory knew about the presence of Zhao Hai and the others.

This also gave Zhao Hai and the others an opportunity to establish their foundation. Under Zhe Jun and Li Jiang's arrangements, 10 thousand people from the Ten-thousand Realm battlefield were able to move into Hidden Cloud Village.

Of the 10 thousand people, the worst were at the Transcending Tribulation Stage. On the other hand, the strongest people in the Hidden Cloud Village were in the Transcending Tribulation Stage. Because of this, the people in the Hidden Cloud Village became very anxious. They were careful in their actions, making the atmosphere of the island very heavy.

Seeing that the mood was getting heavier, Zhao Hai discussed with Mu Yu who immediately ordered the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm to get in touch with the people from the Cloudsea Territory. He asked them to exchange pointers. Although the two had different cultivation methods, they could still exchange ideas with each other.

This caused the mood of the island to improve. The people from the village were no longer afraid of the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm. Slowly, the two groups were able to integrate with each other. This took about ten days to happen.

One of the reasons why the two were able to smoothly integrate with each other was because the people of the Hidden Cloud Village were weak rejects of society. Their cultivation methods were a mix of good and bad. As for the cultivators from the Hundred Treasures Realm, there's no need to mention how good their cultivation methods were. They were more than adequate to guide the people from the village. What do cultivators pursue the most if not for strength? With the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm giving guidance, the cultivation speed of those in the village increased. Naturally, they were happy about this result.

Another reason was because the Hundred Treasures Realm sent weapons to the Hidden Cloud village. The Cloudsea Territory had scarce resources. Because of this, their weapons were generally made from cloudbeast bones and refined white clouds. Naturally, this fact was noticed by Mu Yu and the others.

Although the materials used for their weapons were very simple, they were still very good and tough. Moreover, they even had an ability to repair themselves. This surprised the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Zhao Hai thought that this might be because of the white clouds. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to analyze the structure of these white clouds. He also had the Space integrate the white clouds with liquid silver. Now, liquid silver has the abilities of the white clouds.

Even if Zhao Hai doesn't have the ability to analyze the white clouds for now, he could still use it for crafting. Moreover, it turned out that it was a very good material to use.

This discovery caused the Hundred Treasures Realm to be happy. Zhao Hai also tried it afterwards. White clouds can be used together with any material to increase a material's tenacity as well as provide it with a self-repairing ability. Most importantly, artifacts refined with white clouds could absorb spiritual qi on their own and then release it for the user's body to absorb. The spiritual qi gained this way was much purer than the ones in the surroundings.

It can be said that the white clouds caused the level of the Hundred Treasures Realm's weapons to increase by a level. The people in the Cloudsea Territory didn't discover this because they were starved of resources. Moreover, they were using beast parts as refining materials and not metals. Only people from big clans could go to the copper and iron walls to mine materials. Weapons refined from these metals were tougher compared to their other weapons.

However, average big clans wouldn't be able to do this. Let alone the fact that they had no bases on the copper and iron walls, just the cloud beasts in the vicinity weren't easy to deal with. Moreover, the density of the black clouds on the copper and iron walls was much higher compared to other places. Most people wouldn't be able to stay there for a day without their abilities declining.

If a person's strength dropped inside the black clouds, this doesn't mean that their support has decreased. Instead, it was their level that fell. For example, Zhe Jun was now at the Core Formation Stage. When he uses his cloud rats, he would be able to stay for 15 days in the dark clouds. In these 15 days, his strength wouldn't be affected. But once 15 days passed, although the rats supplied him with

the same amount of spiritual qi, his strength would drop down by a level. If he stayed for seven or eight days more, then his strength would drop to the Foundation Establishment stage.

This wasn't a temporary fall into the Foundation Establishment Stage but a permanent one. Once he returns to a whitecloud island, he would have to cultivate again from the Foundation Establishment Stage.

If one's strength gets demoted by the black clouds more than ten times, then they wouldn't be able to increase their strength anymore. Nobody has ever broken this rule. It was like a sword hanging down their heads, reminding people every time they ventured out into the dark clouds.

Someone had an idea of moving a large chunk of white clouds to the two mountains to see if they can grow them there. If it was possible then it might allow them to create a stronghold.

However, they discovered that this was impossible. Once transferred to the areas near the mountains, the white clouds were slowly being swallowed. It was simply impossible for them to grow. Because of this, the copper and iron walls weren't conquered to this day.

As for the reason why the white clouds were swallowed, the Cloudsea Territory also did some investigation. For white clouds to grow, they needed enough volume to do so. White clouds that were too few couldn't grow on their own and would just be swallowed by the black clouds.

From their research, only white clouds that were ten li(5km) across could grow. However, since this was the minimum, the rate of growth was very slow. The more white clouds there were, the faster it would grow. It was because of this that people in the Cloudsea Territory had endless amounts of white clouds to use.

The most troublesome thing about transplanting white clouds wasn't their speed of growth, but the fact that they couldn't be stored inside spatial items. Because of this, there was no way to carry a large volume of them. Cloud beasts would also need to consume white clouds. Without white clouds, tamed cloud beasts wouldn't survive in the black clouds for long.

This difference between tamed and untamed cloud beasts was a headache for the people from the Cloudsea Territory. However, they had no way to change it since this was the law. As long as a cloud beast gets tamed, they have to eat white clouds. Otherwise they wouldn't survive for long.

For these reasons, the Cloudsea Territory's development was very slow. It made it impossible for them to expand their territory. This was also the reason why the Cloudsea Territory had no contact with the Ten-thousand Realm battlefield after all these years.

Besides the white clouds, the Hundred Treasures Realm was also delighted about the cloud fruits, cloud rice, and other products. They had very big uses for the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Zhao Hai's Space has already begun planting these products. Although white clouds couldn't be analyzed for the time being, cloud fruits, cloud rice, and other things could be. At the very least, it could analyze what they can do and how they could be used.

The Space's scanner was really strange. It couldn't analyze the white clouds yet once it was refined, the scanner can analyze the optimal ratio of white clouds to use. This caused Zhao Hai to be confused.

In order to experiment with the white clouds, Mu Yu brought some of it back to the Ten-thousand Realms Battlefield. However, a problem arose. The white clouds couldn't exist in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield for a long time. Once they get exposed to the air of the battlefield, they begin to quickly disintegrate.

A small clump of white clouds would be eaten by the dark clouds, and the same amount would disintegrate in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. It's fragility was quite startling.

Even if you put it inside artifacts, it would still disappear. This caused the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm as well as Zhao Hai to be confused.

Fortunately for Mu Yu and the others, white clouds that had been refined into transforming clouds were saved from these attributes.

Mu Yu returned to the Hundred Treasures Realm and found out that transforming clouds didn't disappear. Although they couldn't be used as weapons, they were very comfortable compared to praying mats.

Moreover, transforming clouds could be placed inside spatial artifacts. But unlike natural white clouds, even if they provide spiritual qi, they only give a very small amount. They can exist among the black clouds, but not for a long time. After about a month of exposure, they would also begin to disappear.

The Cloudsea Territory has flying artifacts called Cloud Piercing Ships. These flying artifacts can be large or small. Smaller ships can accommodate 3 to 5 people while the larger ones can accommodate hundreds or thousands of people. Li Jiang said that he had seen ships that can hold tens of thousands of people. These ships can exist in the black clouds for 40 days if it holds a thousand people, 60 if about a hundred, and more than 100 days if there's only one person inside.

However, Cloud Piercing Ships were very rare in the territory. Only big clans have them. Even then, big clans wouldn't have a lot of them. This was because Cloud Piercing Ships couldn't just be powered by its users. Cloud Piercing Ships require cloud crystals to function. The ships were easy to use, but very hard to power.

#### Chapter 1552: Ye Island Plan

In a blink of an eye, a month passed by. Hidden Cloud Village had officially become the Hundred Treasures Realm's base. A group of a hundred refiners settled themselves in the village. At the same time, Zhao Hai had Zhe Jun and Li Jiang install defensive artifacts, turning the island into a fortress.

Because white clouds disappear in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, Mu Yu had to bring a team of refiners to the Hidden Cloud village.

The white cloud was truly a supreme refining material. They even increase the success rate of a refined artifact by ten percent. In other words, if a refiner had 10% success rate before, after they use white clouds they could increase it to 20%. This was very important to any realm.

However, the success rate wasn't as important for the Hundred Treasures Realm because of Zhao Hai. He can let the refiners refine all they want without worrying about the scraps.

What Zhao Hai wanted to see was whether the people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield would feel any discomfort after staying in the Cloudsea Territory. At the same time, he also wanted to see how the cloud beasts react to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Therefore, Zhao Hai had Zhe Jun take people from the Cloudsea Territory to the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters.

There's a reason why Zhao Hai had other people go with Zhe Jun. He wanted to see how cloud beasts react to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, but he found out that beasts improved by the Space weren't affected and they didn't even need to eat white clouds. Zhao Hai only improved Li Jiang and Zhe Jun's beasts, so he wanted to see how the beasts of other people would fare in the environment of the battlefield.

When Zhe Jun arrived at the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, there was nothing wrong with his rats. They were still alive and well. Zhe Jun's rats also increased his cultivation since he now had more spiritual qi to absorb.

As for the unimproved cloud beasts, they didn't fare as well. After arriving at the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, the beasts seem to have weakened. They also provided less spiritual qi to their owners. But since they can absorb a lot of spiritual qi, it balanced out the loss.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai knew that the cloud beasts wouldn't be able to adapt to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. They were more suited back in the Cloudsea Territory. He had everyone besides Zhe Jun go back. He also asked Tang Jie to arrange residences for Li Jiang and Zhe Jun to cultivate in.

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It has been a month since they arrived at the Cloudsea Territory. Zhao Hai knew that it was time for them to make the next move. He sent the children as well as Laura and the others back to Bluetree Planet. Then he began to get ready for the next step.

It wasn't only Zhao Hai who was busy. Zong Ze and the others were also taking action. Mu Yao and the others invited the Elders for a Ten-Elder Assembly in order to discuss the Cloudsea Territory.

The Cloudsea Territory wasn't a fun place. Going there was equivalent to grabbing the lands of the Cloudsea Territory's people. There were also experts in the Cloudsea Territory. If the two sides fight, it would be very hard to say what the result would be.

With the strength of the Hundred Treasures Realm, it was impossible for it to swallow the entire Cloudsea Territory. Even if they allied with other realms, it would only be enough to get a piece of land from the territory.

As the matter stands, information about the Cloudsea Territory needed to be shared with the other realms. This month, Zong Ze and the others were mainly discussing this issue.

Naturally, they couldn't fight in the Hidden Cloud Village. So their goal was to find someplace else. Fortunately, after a month, Zhao Hai was able to get a clearer understanding of the surrounding region. Apart from the islands that Li Jiang introduced before, there were other whitecloud islands around. They were occupied by clans that weren't that strong.

In the end, Zong Ze and the others settled on an island. It was located opposite of the Cloudbeast Fortress. There was a medium-sized whitecloud island 15 days away from the fortress named Ye Island. The reason for this name was because it was occupied by a big clan named the Ye Clan. The Ye Clan had a Cloud Piercing Ship that could hold a thousand people. This allowed them to travel to Ye Island while others couldn't. In addition to the strength of the Clan, they were able to have a firm hold on the island.

Because of this, the island was relatively isolated. The Ye Clan had a tight hold on the island, so nobody would care about what happens there. It was suitable as a base.

Moreover, it was on the other side of the Cloudbeast Fortress and far away from the Hidden Cloud Village. So even if other clans find out about what's happening to Ye Island, they wouldn't think that the Hidden Cloud Village had also been occupied. In fact, it might even be possible that people had already forgotten about the village. Only people who were desperate would think of the Hidden Cloud Village

After Zong Ze and the others' discussion, the next step was up to Zhao Hai. Knowing what the realm wanted, Zhao Hai immediately flew to Ye Island on the Hell King's Ship.

It takes about one month of travel from the Hidden Cloud Village to Ye Island. Naturally, it wouldn't take too much time for Zhao Hai and he used the Space to appear near the island. After that, he called over Xiang Bo and the others and allowed them to scan the surroundings with their spiritual qi.

Xiang Bo and the others had a very relaxed time. They also know that the one who made them survive in the sea was Zhao Hai. If Zhao Hai wasn't there, they would have long since died. So even if Zhao Hai hid what happened outside, they weren't dissatisfied. They just retreated into their rooms and cultivated.

Now that Zhao Hai called them over, they immediately went out of their rooms. After going out of their rooms, Xiang Bo and the others stared. This was because they saw a person standing beside Zhao Hai. The person's white hair and white clothes were too eye-catching. But soon they discovered that this person wasn't alive, it was an Undead.

Recalling Zhao Hai's ability to use Undead against his enemies, Xiang Bo and the others weren't too surprised. They swept the Hell King's Ship with their spiritual force and found out that although the children were still there, Laura and the others were nowhere to be seen.

Actually, the children were also sent off. What Xiang Bo and the others detected was Zhao Hai's deception technique. Being an expert in using spiritual force, adding fake people was too simple for Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiang Bo and the others and said, "Did you have a good rest? Let me introduce you. This is someone I came across. He's now an Undead. I didn't expect to see someone here. I interrogated him and found out that there's another place here called the Cloudsea Territory. Guo Ling, tell them about the Cloudsea Territory."

Commanded by Zhao Hai, Guo Ling told Xiang Bo and the others about the Cloudsea Territory. Naturally, he told them that he was someone who came to catch cloud beasts and then met Zhao Hai. He didn't say anything about Ye Island but he told them about the Cloudbeast Fortress as well as its current strength.

It took several hours before Guo Ling finished. Xiang Bo and the others had shock on their faces. They didn't expect there to be a place like the Cloudsea Territory. But each one of them were very happy. This discovery would certainly gain them a huge amount of merit.

After hearing Guo Ling, Xiang Bo and the others looked at Zhao Hai, their expression a mix of surprise and worry. Zhao Hai smiled and said, "We went on an expedition and attained success. However, we need to pass the information back as soon as possible. Everyone, let's write a jade sword message. I'll use my space abilities to send them to Hornview Mountain. This is the farthest my ability can go. And I can only send something as small as a jade sword message. After sending our messages, we'll go around to scout the area and if possible find a place and set up a transmission formation so that our people can come over. What do you think?"

After thinking about it for a while, they all nodded and said, "Alright, we'll do what Mister said." Zhao Hai nodded and then took out a jade sword message and began to write on it using his spiritual force.

However, the contents of his message were different from the others. What he wrote was a message telling Zong Ze that the plan had officially begun.

Once Xiang Bo and the others were done with their jade sword messages, Zhao Hai took them all before closing his eyes and reciting an incantation. Before long, he waved his hand and said, "Open!" A spatial rift appeared beside him, but this rift was very small. It was the size of a basin, impossible for people to get in. Zhao Hai immediately threw the jade sword messages to the rift. Then the rift began to slowly close.

Zhao Hai let out a long breath. His face was pale as he sat down. He rested for a while looking quite exhausted.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Xiang Bo and the others were worried. Zhao Hai knew that they weren't worried about his safety. Instead, they were worried that trouble might be coming while Zhao Hai was down. If Zhao Hai was killed, they would no doubt die as well.

Looking at everyone, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Don't worry, the jade sword messages have arrived at Hornview Mountain. I believe it wouldn't be long before our realms receive the message. The next thing we need to do is to find a place to settle in."

Xiang Bo and the others nodded. Zhao Hai turned to Guo Ling and asked, "Guo Ling, besides the Cloudbeast Fortress, are there any islands around here that we can go to? A place where the inhabitants are weaker?"

Guo Ling immediately said, "If we go straight for half a month, there's a small whitecloud island owned by the big clan called the Ye Clan known as Ye Island. Besides the Cloudbeast Fortress, it's the nearest island."

Zhao Hai raised his brows and said, "How strong are big clans in the Cloudsea Territory?"

Guo Ling immediately replied, "Big Clans in the Cloudsea Territory have at least 500 Immortal Experts. As for Severed Soul and Transcending Tribulation Experts, nobody bothered to count."

Hearing Guo Ling say that, Xiang Bo and the others stared. Then they let out a cold breath. Five hundred Immortal Stage Experts, it was a force that couldn't be underestimated.

Xiang Bo couldn't help but reply, "Besides these two, are there other places we can go to?"

Guo Ling replied, "These two places are the closest. Apart from them, the closest islands would take more than a month of travel."

Zhao Hai knit his brows, he turned to Xiang Bo and the others and said, "What do you think?"

Xiang Bo forced a smile and said, "We have no choice but to go to Ye Island. If we set up a transmission formation there in the quickest time possible, I believe we can return to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Just like Guo Ling said, people would venture out into the black clouds in order to catch cloud beasts. The more we stay in this area, the more likely we would be detected. We should just go to Ye Island and leave as soon as possible."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Going to Ye Island is also good. Let's take a look at the situation first before occupying an area there. I have a lot of Undead that can stall for time while we construct the transmission formation. I can also send small Undead to see what kind of transmission formations they use. Maybe when the time comes, we can use their transmission formation to come back. What do you think?"

Originally, Xiang Bo and the others wanted Zhao Hai to use the Hell King's Ship to travel back. Although it would take more time, it was a safer method. But now that they heard Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but be tempted. If they can use a transmission formation, then they would be able to save a lot of time. If they recognize the other party's transmission formations, and even gain the coordinates, their contribution would be even greater.

For unwanted people like them, gaining a huge merit was very important. With this merit, they would have a path towards the Immortal Stage. Moreover, they would obtain resources to cultivate. They would be able to increase their strength quickly.

Zhao Hai looked at the others and said, "Let me first take a look using my small Undead. I want to see what the Ye Island is like. If they have a defensive formation, then it would be troublesome. If they don't

have one, it would be easier for us. If the island isn't well defended, we may be able to invade and quickly build a transmission formation. What does everyone think about this?"

Xiang Bo clenched his teeth and said, "Alright, let's do that. But Mister, if you really manage to scout Ye Island, can you pay attention to their strength? If we can find out how strong they are, we'll gain more merit. It will also allow us to move better around the island. We might even be able to find their weak point."

Everyone nodded. After that, Zhao Hai said, "Alright, let's depart." He waved his hand as the Hell King's Ship sailed towards Ye Island's direction.

#### Chapter 1553: Crowd In An Uproar

Zong Ze looked at the jade sword message in his hand before he smiled faintly. He looked at Mu Yao and said, "Little Hai just said that the plan has begun. He's heading towards Ye Island to make a transmission formation and head back."

Mu Yao knit his brows and said, "This kid actually dared to do that. Isn't this just alerting the enemy? What would he do if something goes wrong? The Ye Clan has a lot of experts. Didn't he say it himself that there are at least 500 Immortal Experts in the Ye Clan?"

Zong Ze smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry about him, he knows what he's doing. On the other hand, there really are a lot of Immortal Experts in the Cloudsea Territory. Their cloud beasts act as their cultivation partner, making them cultivate quicker than us. Also, their cloud rice, cloud fruit, and other food contain a lot of spiritual qi and are easier to absorb. I really envy the people of the Cloudsea Territory."

Mu Yao scoffed at Zong Ze as he said, "Stop wasting words on them. Now that the plan has begun, it won't be long before the other realms react. What do you plan to do now?"

Zong Ze replied, "There's no need to plan anything. They will beg us if they want to go. Besides Zhao Hai, nobody is immune to the black clouds. Moreover, besides Zhao Hai, nobody knows the coordinates of the Ye Island's transmission formation. If they want to go to the Cloudsea Territory, they will need to ask us, specifically Little Hai. Hahaha. Imagine the feeling when that happens."

Mu Yao looked at Zong Ze's expression and couldn't help but bitterly smile. To be honest, he also wants to laugh at their current state. In the war against the Giant Spirit Realm and the Fireweavers, these realms were waiting on the side wanting to grab some cheap benefits. Only when the Hundred Treasures Realm was about to win did they make a move. And before they offered a hand, they even demanded a lot from the Hundred Treasures Realm. Their conduct was very hateful.

Now that they have this opportunity, it would be strange if the Hundred Treasures Realm didn't embarrass them. This would make them let go of the ill feeling in their guts.

However, Mu Yao was indifferent to this. He also wouldn't dare call Zong Ze a petty person. Because of this, he could only stay silent and force a smile.

Seeing Mu Yao's expression, Zong Ze snorted and said, "Old Mu, you're too calm and you don't like to argue. If I were you, I wouldn't have allowed that fellow Shen Wei to become arrogant, I would have had the Elders kick him out a long time ago. But you, really."

Mu Yao waved his hand and said, "Forget it, we're already having a hard time as cultivators. We're fighting against the heavens, isn't it too bothersome if we fight amongst ourselves? Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. Little Hai's plan will succeed, so we need to make proper arrangements on our side."

Zong Ze nodded and said, "Pass the order, have everyone prepare according to our original plan." A Severed Soul Expert nodded and then went out to pass the order.

While the Hundred Treasures Realm were preparing their steps, the people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield were in an uproar. Naturally, this uproar was only from the high-grade realms of the battlefield. The lower-grade realms had no idea what was going on.

The higher-ups of the various realms learned about Zhao Hai's expedition almost at the same time. Naturally, this didn't include the Ghost Spirit Realm. Nobody told them as well. Even if they had spies on the other realms, it's still impossible for this kind of secret to be found out so easily.

It must be known that this information was very important. Besides the Hundred Treasures Realm, every other realm had this in a very strict state of confidentiality. The reason why the Hundred Treasures Realm didn't hide it too much was because they have great confidence in themselves.

The last battle against the Fireweavers wasn't all bad for the Hundred Treasures Realm. The war was a chance for the realm to temper itself. The Hundred Treasures Realm was strong, but it had too many impurities in its strength. These impurities were weak cultivators and even spies from other realms. Weak cultivators could still be fixed. On the other hand, spies cause great harm to the realm.

The previous war was like a hammer that tempered the Hundred Treasures Realm. If it was ordinary steel before, now that it had removed its impurities it had become refined steel.

Spies hidden inside the Hundred Treasures Realm became more active during the war. They thought that the Hundred Treasures Realm would lower their guard since they were fighting against two strong realms. But they didn't expect the Hundred Treasures Realm to do the opposite. Instead of relaxing their guard, they became more strict.

Mu Yao was normally indifferent and didn't like fighting. But as a cultivator, he didn't reach his current stage by being a pacifist. It was just that Mu Yao's methods weren't as brutal as other cultivators. His methods were quite calm and very gentle.

It was because of this gentle manner that nobody noticed Transcending Tribulation Experts and Severed Soul Experts disappearing. During wars, death was quite common. Nobody would think that Mu Yao made a move on a certain number of people.

Because of the tempering, the Hundred Treasures Realm became one unified body. In the past few years, it became impossible for other realms to send spies to them. Therefore, none of the other realms knew what was going on inside the Hundred Treasures Realm.

On the other hand, the Hundred Treasures Realm were aware of what was happening to the other realms. If spies were sent to the Hundred Treasures Realm, it's also natural that the Hundred Treasures Realm sent spies to the other realms.

But because of the importance of this matter, the spies of the Ghost Spirit Realm were unable to hear about this news. They were still unaware of what was going on.

What Xiang Bo and the others wrote caused a huge shock to their respective realms. They also wrote that their jade sword messages were sent through a spatial rift that Zhao Hai opened. Otherwise, they wouldn't be sent.

This caused the other realms' higher-ups to feel very annoyed. Although it was written clearly, they knew that Zhao Hai could get in and out of the black clouds freely. This was something that even Immortal Experts weren't able to do.

The higher-ups of the other realms immediately had a meeting. In the end, they decided to reach out to the Hundred Treasures Realm. They believed that the Hundred Treasures Realm received a message as well. It might even be possible that they received the news much earlier. They also knew that the Hundred Treasures Realm wouldn't be able to swallow the Cloudsea Territory on their own, they would certainly need help.

The next day after the jade sword messages arrived, Immortal Experts from several realms went to the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters at the same time. They wanted to discuss the matter of cooperation between their realms.

At this time, Zhao Hai was rushing towards Ye Island. There were now plenty of liquid needles in and around the island. Whitecloud Islands in the Cloudsea Territory had no shields at all. At most, its inhabitants would erect defensive formations. As soon as intruders arrive, these formations would detect and attack them. But as for protective shields, there were none at all.

This didn't mean that the Cloudsea Territory didn't have any good formations. In fact, formations were as common here as in the Ten-thousand Realms Battlefield. The reason why they didn't have any barriers was due to the territory's situation.

There used to be a big clan who covered their own Whitecloud Islands with a protective shield. But they suddenly found out that their island was beginning to shrink. They thought that someone was attacking them. After some investigation, they still couldn't find out the reason why their island was shrinking. In the end, someone suggested that it might be the protective shield. Once the shield was removed, their island stopped shrinking and began to grow back.

After this news spread, almost nobody in the Cloudsea Territory used protective shields. It's because of this that protective shields weren't very common in the territory. This also caused whitecloud islands to be susceptible to attacks made by cloud beasts. Entire whitecloud islands being annihilated by beasts weren't unheard of.

This lack of protective shield gave Zhao Hai an easy way to infiltrate the island with liquid silver. Now that liquid silver had the properties of white clouds, it could vaporize itself and become one with the island's white clouds. Once the flying needles entered Ye Island, they immediately vaporized. Even Immortal Experts wouldn't be able to detect them. At this point, Zhao Hai was aware of almost everything that happened on the island.

But because of Xiang Bo and the others, Zhao Hai didn't make any moves. They were now cautiously moving forward, afraid of being discovered by people from the Cloudsea Territory.

Xiang Bo and the others also didn't pressure Zhao Hai. After listening to Guo Ling, they were afraid of the Cloudsea Territory. A normal big clan in the territory would have at least 500 Immortal Experts. How powerful were 500 Immortal Experts? If an Immortal Expert appeared, then Zhao Hai might be able to escape. But 10? 100? They wouldn't even be able to react. Because of this, they wanted Zhao Hai to act with caution. They didn't dislike Zhao Hai's slow movement. On the contrary, they fully support it.

Zhao Hai and the others also met a few cloud beasts along the way. Since this was the edge of the Sea of Beasts, the beasts they met weren't that strong. But since they were afraid of making a sound, Zhao Hai and the others killed all the beasts they met.

When Zhao Hai and the others were very close to Ye Island, the Immortal Experts sent by the other realms arrived at the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters. These Immortal Experts visited discreetly. Because of this, the Hundred Treasures Realm also removed people from their transmission formations while waiting for the Immortal Experts to arrive. Once they arrived, they immediately moved to a secret room in the headquarters.

#### Chapter 1554: Kicking the Ghost Spirit Realm Out

Once everyone had settled down, Zong Ze looked at the Immortal Experts and said, "Everyone, did you come because of the jade sword message?"

When the Immortal Experts heard Zong Ze, they didn't waste any words as an Immortal Expert of the Puppet Realm said, "Since Elder Zong said that, then there's no need to talk nonsense. Elder Zong, the Cloudsea Territory isn't something that you can eat on your own. It would be better if our realms work together, what does Elder Zong think?"

Zong Ze looked at the Immortal Experts. He knew what these guys were thinking. If it weren't for Zhao Hai who can get in and out of the Cloudsea Territory safely, these people wouldn't have proposed working together with the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Zong Ze looked at everyone and said, "Naturally, we need to cooperate. But everyone should know who owns the credit for the exploration. Since you received the jade sword message, you are all well aware that if it weren't for Little Hai, the people you sent would have perished a long time ago. Now, not only did Zhao Hai discover the Cloudsea Territory, he also allowed your people to send the word back. This should be a small contribution right?"

Hearing Zong Ze, the Immortal Experts knew that Zong Ze was raising the price. Since they would be cooperating with each other, the terms of the cooperation needed to be agreed upon. It was clear that the Hundred Treasures Realm wanted a bigger slice of the pie.

These Immortal Experts were also reasonable people. They knew that the discovery of the Cloudsea Territory was Zhao Hai's merit. The Hundred Treasures Realm needed to be compensated for this contribution, so they all nodded.

Seeing everyone nod, Zong Ze smiled faintly and said, "Since everyone is in agreement, then we will discuss the matter of distribution. This time, among those who sent people, only the Ghost Spirit Realm didn't get the message. I reckon the Ghost Spirit Realm still has no idea. But if they learn about it in the future, they would certainly cause trouble. So before we talk about our shares, we need to discuss how to deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm."

Xiang Bo and the others also mentioned this matter in their message. But as to how the person from the Ghost Spirit Realm died, they didn't tell. But they said that not long after they left, the person from the Ghost Spirit Realm left saying that he would act on his own. And he hasn't been spotted since.

The people from the other realms weren't fools. They understood what was going on. The person from the Ghost Spirit Realm was killed. But who killed him? This was also not an issue, it was certainly Zhao Hai. From what they heard in Hornview Mountain, it seems like Zhao Hai had a conflict with the Ghost Spirit Realm.

Because of a little conflict, Zhao Hai killed the person from the Ghost Spirit Realm. His tendency for revenge was very strong. However, although everyone thought about this, they didn't actually care. This was the case for cultivators. If you want revenge, then you take revenge.

Now that Zong Ze said that, it was really a problem. The Ghost Spirit Realm was very strong. If they cause trouble in the future, then it would be a headache.

It was because of this that the Immortal Experts didn't make a sound. They frowned slightly. After a while, an Immortal Expert said, "Should we inform the Ghost Spirit Realm? Although they didn't contribute anything, they still sent someone for the expedition. It would be bad if they aren't included."

Zong Ze looked at the Immortal Expert and said, "Does anyone else agree to the Iron Sword Sect's proposal?"

These Immortal Experts weren't fools. They immediately heard something wrong with Zong Ze's words. It's obvious that Zong Ze doesn't want to inform the Ghost Spirit Realm.

Thinking of this, the Immortal Experts looked at each other before someone from the Puppet Realm said, "I think it wouldn't be a good idea. This is something we gained on our own. If the Ghost Spirit Realm decided to head out alone, then why should we share our achievements with them? Do you think they would tell us if they were the ones to discover something?"

The other Immortal Experts were secretly cursing inside. Everyone knew that this was complete nonsense. It was impossible for the Ghost Spirit Realm to act alone. But since the jade sword messages said this, they can treat it as the truth. Most importantly, if they include the Ghost Spirit Realm, then everyone's share would decrease. Who would want to go to the Cloudsea Territory and fight them if they didn't want more benefits? It would be best if the Ghost Spirit Realm wasn't in the picture.

Looking at the situation, the expert from the Iron Sword Sect knew what the other Immortal Experts were thinking. He knew that if he didn't say anything, then these people would push him down. So he immediately responded, "I also don't want the Ghost Spirit Realm to participate. But I'm thinking about the trouble they would cause us. If they did, then it would be quite a headache for all of us."

When they heard him say this, everyone stared before they all nodded. Zong Ze saw this and smiled as he said, "Everyone, why are you afraid of this? The Ghost Spirit Realm is just one realm, what can they

do to all of us if we work together? Everyone, don't forget, if we include the Ghost Spirit Realm, then we will have to share the benefits with them. Is everybody alright with that?"

Zong Ze's words brought everyone back from their thoughts. Right, they weren't even that strong. Why would they give the Ghost Spirit Realm a share? They have numbers on their side, so why were they afraid?

Thinking of this, everyone nodded. Seeing that everyone agreed, Zong Ze continued, "We still aren't clear about the Cloudsea Territory. We still have to wait for Zhao Hai and the others to send news back. We can make our decision until then. What does everyone think about this?"

Seeing that Zong Ze didn't say anything about everybody's share, everybody kept quiet. In the end, the discovery of the Cloudsea Territory was Zhao Hai's merit. Moreover, their entry to the Cloudsea Territory depended on Zhao Hai. Offending the Hundred Treasures Realm right now wasn't the wisest idea.

Zong Ze looked at everyone and said, "I reckon you don't want to return just yet. If Zhao Hai and the others send a message, you would have to come back again. How about just staying here while we wait?"

Naturally, nobody wanted to go back. They knew that they received the message later than the Hundred Treasures Realm. Since Zhao Hai was a spatial ability user, he can send jade sword messages from the Cloudsea Territory whenever he wants. If he was able to do it once, he would be able to do it again. Because of this, they would rather stay in the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters in order to get the news quickly.

Zong Ze also understood what they were thinking, so he asked them to remain. He did this for the realm's sake. Zhao Hai already told him that the Ghost Spirit Realm tried to kill him. Zhao Hai was now the ace of the Hundred Treasures Realm. The Ghost Spirit Realm tried to kill him, so how could the Hundred Treasures Realm just do nothing. This time, Zong Ze wanted to kick the Ghost Spirit Realm out of the battlefield.

If the Ghost Spirit Realm received information, they would definitely come over and look for trouble. If these Immortal Experts stayed here, then they would speak up for the Hundred Treasures Realm. It would also make the Ghost Spirit Realm understand that it wouldn't be so easy to get benefits. When the time comes, these Immortal Experts might team up against the Ghost Spirit Realm without Zong Ze's urging.

Zhao Hai was aware of what was happening to the headquarters, but he wasn't worried. He was still slowly moving forward. After fifteen days, they finally arrived outside Ye Island.

The reason they took such a long time was because they were careful and didn't go too fast. So it took them 15 days before arriving at the periphery of Ye Island.

They didn't dare get too close to Ye Island. The island was the Ye Clan's territory. Moreover, since it was close to the Sea of Beasts, it was attacked by beasts quite often. Because of this, the Ye Clan had people patrolling the island. Naturally, these patrols only went around the island. They didn't leave the island.

Zhao Hai led Xiang Bo and the others around for three days so that they could have a closer look at the island. Looking at the state of the island, Xiang Bo and the others were stunned. They didn't expect a whitecloud island to be like this.

After traveling around Ye Island for two more days, Zhao Hai turned to Xiang Bo and the others and said, "We have been traveling around Ye Island for a few days. I have already placed my Undead on the island and found out about a weak point in their defense. On the southeast part of the island is a cloudfruit forest. Although there are patrols there, they're quite rare. If we speed up towards the forest, we will be able to set up a transmission formation as soon as possible. We will be able to head back without getting into conflict with the people on the island. What do you think?"

Naturally, Xiang Bo and the others have nothing to say about this. Although they had been going around the island for a few days, they were still very far away from it. Xiang Bo and the others were unable to see the whole state of the island. Since this is the case, it was impossible for them to know the weak points of the island.

Zhao Hai was aware that they would have this response. The place he chose was decided upon after many calculations of the Universal Scanner. It was the place where they would be least likely to be spotted.

It must be said that the situation of the whitecloud islands was very strange. They don't do anything and just consume the products of the land like cloud fruits, cloud rice, and so on. Meanwhile, cloud beasts liked to eat the white clouds and not what the humans eat. The beasts that eat the products of the land were called whitecloud beasts.

Whitecloud beasts were different from cloud beasts. Cloud beasts live in the Sea of Beasts while whitecloud beasts live on whitecloud islands. The little mouse that Zhao Hai met when he first stepped foot on the Cloudsea Territory was a whitecloud beast.

Most people in the Cloudsea Territory treat whitecloud beasts as pests and exterminate them. This was because they discovered that whitecloud beasts had no use to them. And they also consume the same things the inhabitants consume.

The place that Zhao Hai chose to invade was a huge cloud fruit orchard. Despite this, Zhao Hai didn't see any whitecloud beasts in it. It was clear that the Ye Clan managed the orchard well. But since the cloud fruits were still far from becoming ripe, almost nobody came to watch over them. As long as Zhao Hai and the others were fast, they could build a transmission formation and return to the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters.

#### Chapter 1555: Causing A Stir In The Cloudsea Territory

After a day of preparation, there was nothing else left to do. Finally, Zhao Hai managed to receive permission to connect the transmission formation to the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters.

Zhao Hai had Xiang Bo and the others practice how to establish the transmission formation several times before they began. As he was waiting, Zhao Hai was looking at the monitor inside his head. The screen displayed the current situation of Ye Island. This time, he wasn't intending to fight the people here.

After some time, the conditions have been met. Zhao Hai turned to Xiang Bo and the others and said, "I will make the Hell King's Ship smaller now. However, I can't maintain it for long. Once we enter Ye Island, we need to set up the transmission formation as soon as possible. I can't help much this time, so you need to be fast."

Xiang Bo and the others nodded. They knew that Ye Island didn't only have one or two Immortal Experts. If someone discovered them, they wouldn't even know how they died.

Looking at the time, Zhao Hai said, "Let's go." Then his body moved as they flew towards Ye Island. The Hell King's Ship also shrank, turning into a one meter long ship in Zhao Hai's arms.

The group sneaked quickly into Ye Island and crashed into the cloudfruit forest. When they were about 1 kilometer in, Zhao Hai stopped, then turned to the others and said, "Let's finish this quick."

Xiang Bo and the others didn't delay as they immediately arranged the transmission formation. However, it's clear that Zhao Hai underestimated the strength of the Cloudsea Territory's Immortal Experts. The moment they entered the cloudfruit forest, a Ye Clan's Immortal Expert immediately discovered them.

Ten Immortal Experts immediately flew towards Zhao Hai and the others. Zhao Hai also noticed the Immortal Experts. In fact, he knew the moment the Immortal Experts moved. Zhao Hai changed his expression before turning his head and said, "People are coming. Stay here while I block them."

Zhao Hai didn't dare mention to Xiang Bo and the others that there were 10 Immortal Experts because he was afraid that it might distract them. As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, the complexion of Xiang Bo and the others changed. However, they still nodded. Zhao Hai immediately left the place as his Hell King's Ship enlarged and filled with Undead. At the same time, the ship's cannons were being primed.

Just as the Hell King's Ship enlarged, a fierce voice was heard, "Rats, you actually dared to come to Ye Island to cause trouble!"

Zhao Hai didn't reply and just quietly looked at the direction where the 10 Immortal Experts were approaching from. As soon as the experts appeared one after another, they all looked at Zhao Hai in astonishment.

Zhao Hai knew why these Ye Clan experts were in a daze; it was because of his appearance. His looks showed that he wasn't from the Cloudsea Territory but from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Discovering a person from the legendary Ten-thousand Realm battlefield in their own island would naturally cause anyone to stare.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai wasn't stunned, but he bowed and said, "Seniors, may I ask where this place is? I have been wandering in the Sea of Clouds for a long time and I suddenly found this place. When I came in, I didn't know that it's the Seniors' territory. Please forgive me."

Zhao Hai said all of these to attract attention to him. He also knew that Xiang Bo and the others would be finished soon. At the same time, their movements needed to be hidden from these Immortal Experts. Because of this, Zhao Hai planned to delay the Immortal Experts before running away.

Naturally, the Ye Clan's Immortal Expert couldn't be underestimated. They probably discovered Zhao Hai's plan. One of them said, "Enough talking, don't allow them to run. Capture them first then we'll interrogate them slowly." The other Immortal Experts nodded as two threw themselves to Zhao Hai. The others went to capture Xiang Bo and the others.

Seeing the situation, Zhao Hai knew that things weren't going so well. He immediately waved his hand as the Hell King's Ship fired all of its cannons. A wave of bullets began to assault the Immortal Experts.

The Ye Clan's Immortal Experts were truly strong. However, they were wary about Zhao Hai. So when they heard the shots they couldn't help but slow down.

Zhao Hai let out a sigh as he said inwardly, "Sure enough."

The reason why Zhao Hai knew that these Immortal Experts would slow down was because he discovered that Immortal Experts in the Cloudsea Territory were stronger in terms of spiritual cultivation. Otherwise, it would be impossible for them to discover Zhao Hai and the others this quickly. The position that Zhao Hai chose was the farthest place from these Immortal Experts yet they were still able to find them. If these experts were like the ones in the Ten-thousand Realm battlefield, then they wouldn't have discovered Zhao Hai's group.

For the Cloudsea Territory's Immortal Expert to discover them, it only meant that their spiritual force was much more powerful compared to the experts of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

But it was precisely because of their strong spiritual force that these Immortal Experts slowed down. This was because they found out that the strength of Zhao Hai's cannons and rifles wasn't weak. The bullets had the strength equal to the attack of a Severed Soul Expert while the cannon shells had the strength equal to an attack by an Immortal Expert.

Zhao Hai's rifles and cannons weren't this strong originally. Although the bullets had been installed with yin-yang lightning ponds, they were still small so they couldn't be supplied by a lot of energy. However,

Zhao Hai discovered that the yin-yang lightning ponds could exert more power in the Cloudsea Territory. This made the cannons and rifles more powerful.

Since the bullets and shells were powerful, these Immortal Experts couldn't help but hesitate. It must be known that Zhao Hai shot nearly 2000 cannons and a hundred thousand rifles.

These Immortal Experts wouldn't dare face such an attack. Naturally, they can allow themselves to be injured and rush towards Xiang Bo and the others. However, Zhao Hai bet that these Immortal Experts wouldn't do that. This was because the sense of self-protection of Immortal Experts were much stronger compared to other people.

Sure enough, Zhao Hai bet correctly. The movements of the Yu Clan experts slowed down. Then a few of them took out a pair of blades and performed a blade dance. The blade lights protected their bodies to the point where even water wouldn't be able to get inside.

This was also another difference between experts in the Cloudsea Territory and the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Experts in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield rarely went for close-combat. On the other hand, the people in the Cloudsea Territory almost exclusively use close combat techniques.

The Hell King's Ship didn't stop firing. However, the Ye Clan's experts were still able to advance bit by bit.

After the fifth round of firing, Zhao Hai finally received a voice transmission from Xiang Bo, "Mister, we're done."

Zhao Hai gave a gentle nod. The Hell King's Ship didn't stop firing. On the contrary, it increased its rate of fire. After three successive attacks, Zhao Hai waved his hand and the ship instantly shrunk. Then Zhao Hai's body moved and rushed towards the transmission formation. Xiang Bo and the others were already prepared to move. As soon as they saw Zhao Hai, they immediately activated the formation and with a flash of light, the group disappeared just as the Immortal Experts arrived.

As the white light vanished from the formation, the entire transmission formation exploded. It could no longer be described as a transmission formation.

An Immortal Expert of the Ye Clan immediately said, "Immediately send word back to the clan's Elders. At the same time, spread this information to everyone. The Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield's appearance here isn't good news."

The other experts nodded. They weren't idiots to be deceived by Zhao Hai's words. In their opinion, Zhao Hai and the others planned this beforehand. In other words, the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield has found a way to enter the Cloudsea Territory. And they would begin moving soon.

Thinking of this, the expressions of the Immortal Experts weren't attractive. This matter was of great importance. The Ye Clan was aware of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. After all, the Cloudsea Territory once captured an Immortal Expert of the battlefield. They also knew that the people of the battlefield were very powerful. If the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield was really able to travel to the Cloudsea Territory, then the territory wouldn't have a good future.

The information spread out by the Ye Clan caused a stir in the Cloudsea Territory. Big clans near the Ye Clan immediately came over to ask about the situation. After getting confirmation, they went to the cloudfruit forest where Zhao Hai and the others left from. There was nothing left there now. The white clouds of the island had long since covered up the explosion. However, the cloud fruit trees near the transmission formation were decimated. Some traces of the explosion could still be seen.

Naturally they couldn't see anything else. They also mobilized people to search the surrounding area, but they couldn't find any clues. Nobody could see Zhao Hai and the others and the cloud beasts around them didn't decrease as well. Zhao Hai and the others seem to have fallen from the sky and landed on the Ye Clan's island.

If it weren't for the destruction of the Ye Clan's cloud fruit trees, nobody would believe the news. And the more they believed the news, the more anxious they became.

Because of some reasons, the people from the Cloudsea Territory couldn't expand outside nor could they go to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Because of this, they heavily interrogated the Immortal Expert from the Ten-thousand Realm battlefield that they captured. From what they found out, it's very likely for the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield to come over.

But after some time, they haven't seen anyone else from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Because of this, they began to relax thinking that it was a once in a lifetime chance that someone was able to reach the territory. They didn't think that they would be able to see someone from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield once again. Hearing this, the entire Cloudsea Territory was shaken.

Long before the Cloudsea Territory was in a stir, Zhao Hai and the others appeared in the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters. Seeing the new arrivals, the person responsible for the transmission stared. Then he immediately shouted, "Zhao Hai is back, Zhao Hai is back!"

Looking at the guard shouting his name, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh inside. This person normally had a quiet appearance. Zhao Hai didn't expect him to be this excited. It was a very rare occurrence.

In the past, when Zhao Hai appeared on the transmission formation, this guard would just casually greet him.

Xiang Bo and the others were unaware of Zhao Hai's thoughts. After seeing that they were in the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters, they all let out a long breath. They were finally back to safety. The 10 Immortal Experts of the Ye Clan gave them a real scare. They thought that they would forever remain in the Cloudsea Territory. But now they were finally back.

Zhao Hai looked at Xiang Bo and the others and said, "I'll return to Bluetree Planet first. I'll be back immediately." After he said that, he quickly entered the transmission formation. He also brought the Hell King's Ship with him. Looking at Zhao Hai, Xiang Bo and the others knew that he was out to deliver the children back.

After Zhao Hai left, the guard of the transmission formation looked at Xiang Bo and the others and said, "Please come with me. Your Elders are waiting for you."

Xiang Bo stared, "The Elders are here? Does it include an Elder from the Puppet Realm?"

The guard smiled and said, "It does. Besides the Ghost Spirit Realm, the Elders from your realms are here. Moreover, they have been waiting for quite a long time. Please come with me." Xiang Bo and the others didn't dare to delay. They immediately followed the guard to a residence at the backside of a mountain.

Shortly after the group left, Zhao Hai reappeared on the transmission formation. Then he slowly walked towards the residence. Naturally, he also had to report to the Elders, but he wasn't required to be there as soon as possible.

Zhao Hai also met some Hundred Treasures Realm experts along the way. He exchanged greetings with everyone he met. These people were aware of what was going on, so they played along. They knew that with foreign Immortal Experts in the headquarters, they might be discovered if they did something strange. Because of this, they were coordinating with Zhao Hai's play.

Before long, Zhao Hai arrived at the cave residence at the backside of the mountain. There were two Severed Soul Experts guarding the entrance. Upon seeing Zhao Hai, they immediately said, "Zhao Hai, the Elders have been waiting for you." Zhao Hai nodded as he walked in.

Upon entering the residence, Zhao Hai saw Zong Ze, Mu Yao and the Elders of the other Realms. Xiang Bo and the others were also there, answering questions from their respective elders.

Through the Space, Zhao Hai knew what the Elders asked Xiang Bo and the others about. But what they said was nothing more than what they saw during the expedition. However, since Xiang Bo and the others were kept inside the cabins by Zhao Hai, they didn't have much useful knowledge to share. But in order to get some merits, Xiang Bo and the others begged Zhao Hai to share some information with them to pass on. Because of this, Xiang Bo and the others said the exact same words without any omissions.

#### Chapter 1556: Waiting for Time

The Immortal Experts also asked Zhao Hai some questions. Since they had agreed upon it before, Zhao Hai's answers were watertight.

Zong Ze and Mu Yao also asked Zhao Hai some questions. But actually, they were keeping a tight hold on their stomachs. Naturally, Zong Ze and Mu Yao knew about Zhao Hai's arrangements. Because of this, they found the current situation quite funny.

After a routine interrogation, Zong Ze asked Zhao Hai what everyone was concerned about, "Little Hai, you said before that you want to get the coordinates of Ye Island. How did it go? Did you get it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I have it. I can arrange a transmission formation to Ye Island at any time. But Elder, I suggest not going to the Cloudsea Territory right now. Since they discovered us, they

would certainly be on full alert. I think we should wait. If we go now, we would only be walking into a trap. The Cloudsea Territory will meet us with an intense counter-attack.”

As soon as the other Elders heard what Zhao Hai said, they couldn't help but knit their brows. This was because they felt that Zhao Hai was being too cautious. Moreover, they thought that someone of Zhao Hai's status didn't have the right to speak such words. Although Zhao Hai had become more influential, his words towards Zong Ze and Mu Yao were still inappropriate. If a junior said those words before them, then they would immediately reprimand them.

The experts from the other realms were now waiting for what would happen to Zhao Hai. In their minds, a disrespectful junior like Zhao Hai needed to be dealt with.

But much to their surprise, after Zong Ze heard Zhao Hai, he didn't become angry but instead nodded and said, “You know the Cloudsea Territory more than us, so we will listen to you. We'll start our preparations here, but we won't send people to the Cloudsea Territory in the meantime.”

Zong Ze's words caused the other Immortal Experts to stare. Zong Ze wasn't angry, this wasn't what they expected.

Zong Ze turned to the other Immortal Experts and said, “We just learned about the state of the Cloudsea Territory, but we already know that they have a lot of experts. We need to prepare all we have if we want to attack them. Besides preparing, the most important thing we need to do is to stabilize our rear. Otherwise, we might have a fire in our backyard while we attack the Cloudsea Territory. And when we come back, we might have lost what is ours.”

Hearing Zong Ze the experts from other realms also indeed. Zong Ze looked at Zhao Hai and the others and said, “You head back first. Rest assured, you will receive adequate rewards. Go and take a rest.” Zhao Hai and the others nodded before leaving.

Zhao Hai's words just now had also been discussed with Zong Ze and Mu Yao. The Hundred Treasures Realm had now sent 10 thousand people to the Cloudsea Territory. There was indeed tension in the Cloudsea Territory. It was something that Zhao Hai asked Zhe Jun and Li Jiang about. They would prepare and only attack when the time was ripe.

Moreover, what Zong Ze said about stabilizing their rear wasn't a joke. The Hundred Treasures Realm has a lot of enemies, the Fireweaver Race the biggest one of them. However, the Fireweavers should have learned their lesson from the last time. But this doesn't mean that the Hundred Treasures Realm was safe. Don't forget that the Hundred Treasures Realm now has a new enemy, the Ghost Spirit Realm.

The Ghost Spirit Realm and the Hundred Treasures Realm had no prior enmity with each other. However, the Ghost Spirit Realm attacked Zhao Hai, which made them enemies with the Hundred Treasures Realm. What the Hundred Treasures Realm wanted to do was to kick the Ghost Spirit Realm out of the alliance. And with the character of the Ghost Spirit Realm, they wouldn't just let the Hundred Treasures Realm off for this. If the Hundred Treasures Realm went to the Cloudsea Territory at the same time the Ghost Spirit Realm attacks, the Hundred Treasures Realm would be in trouble.

The Ghost Spirit Realm would definitely do such a thing. The people of the Giant Spirit Realm were the type of people who would just let things go. If the Ghost Spirit Realm drags everyone behind, then there would be no problems. However, the Ghost Spirit Realm was most likely to drag only the Hundred Treasures Realm behind. This way, they wouldn't incur everyone's anger. In this case, the other realms would just stand on the sides and spectate. Once the Hundred Treasures Realm gets in conflict with the Ghost Spirit Realm, then their operations on the Cloudsea Territory would definitely be affected and their shares would be less.

With the Hundred Treasures Realm's current strength, they wouldn't dare deal with the Fireweavers. On the other hand, they can make a move against the Ghost Spirit Realm.

After Zong Ze and Mu Yu discussed matters with the other Elders of the Hundred Treasure Realm, they decided to let Zhao Hai and Mu Yu develop the Hidden Cloud Village while they dealt with the Ghost Spirit realm. As long as the Ghost Spirit Realm was dealt with, they would have no worries in going to the Cloudsea Territory.

Although the Fireweaver Race was still present, their failure against the Hundred Treasures Realm caused them to have a hard time. The other Great Realms began to cause them trouble. They have no time to retaliate against the Hundred Treasures Realm. After all, when it comes to it, their own domain was much more important compared to their revenge against the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Since they already had a plan in place, Zong Ze declined attacking the Cloudsea Territory in the meantime. At the same time, he increased his relations with the other realms, officially establishing their alliance.

The news of Zhao Hai and the others' return couldn't be kept secret. The Ghost Spirit Realm weren't fools. Seeing Zhao Hai return alive with Xiang Bo and the others while their representative wasn't present, they should know what happened. Additionally, the person they sent to attack Zhao Hai didn't return while Zhao Hai was able to arrive at Hornview Mountain. These all indicated that their actions had all failed. And with the recent movements of the Hundred Treasures Realm, the Ghost Spirit Realm should be clear about their relationship with the Hundred Treasures Realm.

The people from the Ghost Spirit Realm also thought about the Hundred Treasures Realm's gains from the expedition, but they weren't sure what it was. The person they sent hasn't returned, so they naturally had no idea what was going on in the sea. Zhao Hai and the others were back, but the Ghost Spirit Realm weren't told anything about the expedition. This caused the Ghost Spirit Realm to be suspicious so they pursued this matter with all their strength.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this matter. He already went to the Cloudsea Territory with retreat as a reason. The matters of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield should be left to Zong Ze and the others to deal with.

Mu Yu has assumed command of Hidden Cloud Village. Although the Cloudsea Territory was now quite noisy, the Hidden Cloud Village looked very calm. Nobody went there to make an investigation. It was as if the Cloudsea Territory had forgotten about the people in the Hidden Cloud Village.

But there was another type of noise that was happening in the village. This unrest wasn't brought up by external forces but instead from within the village.

This unrest didn't mean that there was conflict within the village. Instead, it was brought by Ze Jun and Li Jiang. In the past, the two of them weren't that strong. The main reason why they can order people around in the village was because they were Zhao Hai's people. The obedience of the people in the village towards the two of them was an extension of their obedience towards Zhao Hai.

However, this notion has been changing recently. Zhe Jun and Li Jiang's strength has been rapidly increasing. They were now Nascent Soul Experts.

This caused the other people in the village to feel strange. Later on when they asked Li Jiang, they found out that Zhao Hai has the ability to improve cloud beasts. After the cloud beasts are improved, they become stronger and provide more spiritual qi to their masters. This was the main reason for Li Jiang and Zhe Jun's rapid increase in strength.

This caused a sensation in the Hidden Cloud Village. The people in the village had given up on struggling a long time ago. This was also the reason why Zhao Hai was able to control the Hidden Cloud Village.

The majority of people in the Hidden Cloud Village were driven here by the big clans. All of them held a grudge in their hearts but they knew that they had no hope of revenge. After following Zhao Hai, their fire of revenge reignited. It was precisely because of this that they followed Zhao Hai. But this didn't change the fact that they had already given up on their cultivation.

Now, they saw the changes to Li Jiang and Zhe Jun. They knew very well that the talent of Li Jiang and Zhe Jun wasn't very good. However, the progress of the two recently has been very astonishing. All of these were because of Zhao Hai. Everyone's heart skipped a beat. The originally calm ocean inside was beginning to churn in waves.

No cultivator wishes to be mediocre. Since they began their cultivation, they intend to go against the heavens. If they were willing to be mediocre, they wouldn't have survived to this day. It's just that they were driven to the Hidden Cloud Village. Although there were still cultivation resources in this place, their source of income has decreased. For cultivators, money was very important. Without money, they couldn't cultivate. Without money, they wouldn't have pills, weapons, and other things. So after years of dejection, the hearts of the people here slowly became cold.

Seeing Li Jiang and Zhe Jun's increase in strength, the people in the village were excited. They began to see a road ahead of them leading to success.

And Zhao Hai didn't disappoint them. Zhao Hai began to issue missions in the village. As long as someone completes a mission, they will obtain points. Once they have enough points, Zhao Hai can give them resources and even improve their cloud beasts. The points can even allow them to close up in the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters!

Besides their improved cloud beasts, another reason for Zhe Jun and Li Jiang's increase in strength was their seclusion in the Hundred Treasures Realm's headquarters. A twofold increase in cultivation speed was a huge attraction for any cultivator.

Because they were aware of this, the people in the Hidden Cloud Village went all out in completing Zhao Hai's missions. They weren't afraid that Zhao Hai would request a lot, conversely, they would be disappointed if Zhao Hai didn't issue enough missions.

## Chapter 1557: Cloud Mountains and Silver Rivers

Mu Yu looked at the busy Cloudsea Territory cultivators and let out a long breath. Then he turned to Zhao Hai as he laughed and said, "Little Hai, your move is really effective. These fellows immediately behaved themselves. They will slowly adapt to this kind of life and become people of the Hundred Treasures Realm in the future, even if the Hundred Treasures Realm withdrew, they would still be loyal to us. With such people under us, the Hundred Treasures Realm would always have a firm foundation in the Cloudsea Territory."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "These people have given themselves to me, so I can't treat them unfairly. As long as they complete my tasks, they will be rewarded. Isn't this already good?"

Mu Yu smiled and said, "It's very good. Because of your missions, we've basically grasped a good understanding about the situation around us. This is excellent for us."

Zhao Hai replied, "These are just the early missions. They will receive more missions. Moreover, in the future, we might even be able to send them missions in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield."

Mu Yu gave a faint smile as he turned his head and said, "Is this the reason why you had everyone withdraw from this place?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I have the people of the realm withdraw because the Hidden Cloud Village isn't safe at this moment. It's fine for the two of us to be here. But if the others are still here while the people from the Cloudsea Territory come, imagine the amount of trouble we'll be in. If we have a lot of people here, we will be quickly found out."

Mu Yu nodded and said, "This is really a problem. But will the people of the Cloudsea Territory really come over? It has been several days."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "This is just in case. The nearby islands are now very suspicious of the surrounding region. This includes the Hidden Cloud Village."

Zhao Hai's words made sense. The last time when he was in Ye Island, he left behind some silver needles. All of these needles embedded themselves onto everyone who went to Ye Island. As soon as they left, they brought with them Zhao Hai's silver needles. This allowed Zhao Hai to have a clear grasp of the situation in the Cloudsea Territory.

And with the people from the Cloudsea Territory interacting with each other looking for clues about Zhao Hai, the meetings with all parties were very frequent. By this point, the Space had already mapped about a thousand whitecloud islands. And this was just the northern part of the Cloudsea Territory.

The size of these whitecloud islands greatly varied. The big ones looked like continents while the smaller ones had enough sizes to house a village or a town. What surprised Zhao Hai was that there were mountains and rivers on the bigger islands. The mountains were called cloud mountains. They looked like white cotton piled very high up. As for the rivers, they were silver and looked like flowing mercury.

Zhao Hai asked Zhe Jun and Li Jiang about this. Although Zhe Jun didn't know about it, Li Jiang did. Li Jiang was originally from a big whitecloud island so he told Zhao Hai that some specially huge islands have mountains that grow all kinds of herbs. These herbs have benefits to a person's cultivation. The effects of these cloud herbs were much higher compared to cloud rice, cloud fruits, or cloud vegetables.

As for the river, it has a pleasant sounding name, the silver river. However, the water of the silver river couldn't be drunk. The people from the Cloudsea Territory didn't need to consume water. Eating cloud fruits and cloud vegetables was enough for them. If you drank water from the silver river by mistake, then congratulations, you have won the winning ticket. In three days, your body would slowly turn into mist until eventually you would become part of the white clouds.

Although silver river water couldn't be drunk, it can be used to water the cloud fruits and other cloud plants. Silver river water would make these plants grow better and allow them to mature sooner. It was precisely because of this that big clans on huge islands would have enormous gardens. Their plants grew quickly and were much better than average ones.

In general, whitecloud islands don't have these mountains and rivers. Most whitecloud islands were flat lands. Only particularly huge islands would have these beautiful scenes.

These huge whitecloud islands fascinated Zhao Hai, but it didn't matter much to him. The cloud plants in the territory had already been sent to the Space. Methods to grow them and make them better had already been found.

However, the water of the silver river had also been sent to the Space. It had the same analysis as the white clouds in that its composition couldn't be scanned. The method of using this silver river water was researched and tested. This water could increase the growth rate of the crops inside the Space. However, this river water would also transform the plants. Like the plants in the cloudsea territory, these plants would take in cloud-like forms. Fortunately, the effects of the plants didn't decrease, on the contrary it increased.

Even so, Zhao Hai didn't plan on using the river water for the plants inside the Space. But something confused Zhao Hai. In the past, whenever a liquid entered the Space, it would be integrated into the Spatial Water. But the silver river water remained independent. This caused Zhao Hai to be curious. But since he can't find the reason, he could only blame it on the fact that the Space couldn't analyze the silver river water so it wasn't integrated to the spatial water.

And it wasn't just the spatial water that cannot integrate into the silver river water. Even Bubble, the source of myriad water, couldn't touch the silver river water, let alone absorb it. In the end, Zhao Hai had to give up on his research on the silver river water.

Zhao Hai already had a whitecloud island setup inside the Space. He decided to put this silver river water on the island and then plant some of the Space's plants there. He wanted to see how they grow up to be.

Naturally, all of these were left for Cai'er to do. While this was going on, Zhao Hai kept sending missions to the people of Hidden Cloud Village. He wanted to get a much farther reach around the island as soon as possible. In addition to paying attention to the big clans, he was also looking at their military activities.

Although everyone in Hidden Cloud Village offended other clans, all of them offended people far from the village. They didn't offend the clans near the village. Otherwise, the clan would definitely chase them.

The reason people hid in the Hidden Cloud Village was because big clans communicate with each other. They were afraid that upon heading out, they would meet people from these big clans and then they would be captured.

But now it was different. Although the entire Cloudsea Territory was paying attention to the wanted men in the village, their attention was divided because of Zhao Hai. This allowed the people of the village to go out and make some inquiries.

With the people of the Cloudsea Territory collecting information for him, Zhao Hai was more relaxed. He now obtained a lot of useful information. The big clans on the Cloudbeast Fortress were beginning to investigate the area. It wouldn't be long before they check the Hidden Cloud Village.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't worried. They had hidden a transmission formation in the village. Moreover, the weapons they provided the people on the island were made out of cloudbeast bones and refined clouds. Even if they were taken by other people, they would just think that it was a specially refined artifact.

Additionally, Zhao Hai modified the weapons so that investigating them would be near impossible. This was because after refining, the weapons of the Cloudsea Territory would seem like it was made of metal.

In fact, since deciding to take Hidden Cloud Village as his base, Zhao Hai expected that such a day would arrive. After all, the people of the Cloudsea Territory were different compared to the people from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. When the people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield arrive, they would be coming in blind. Not to say about the matters of the Hidden Cloud Village, they won't even know about the existence of the village. In this case, the Hidden Cloud Village could survive for a long time.

However, Zhao Hai still believed that this wasn't very safe. He was now preparing a large formation composed of 38 flags and one plate. It had only one function and that was to produce a huge spatial distortion around the village. Everyone who wanted to get close to the village would unconsciously turn into another direction. Everyone who wanted to enter the village would need a token issued by Zhao Hai. This would provide great protection for the village.

However, this formation couldn't be arranged inside the village. Instead, it needed to be erected on the surrounding sea.

The reason why Zhao Hai wanted this kind of formation was because the situation in the Cloudsea Territory was quite special. The people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield could only move around whitecloud islands. Even if they left, they can't go too far since their spiritual force would be suppressed.

In this case, it would be more difficult to find this formation. It would be more impossible for them to discover the Hidden Cloud Village.

At the same time, the people of the Cloudsea Territory couldn't easily discover the formation. Although their spiritual force was more powerful compared to those in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, they also couldn't fly out of the islands for a long time. And with the Hidden Cloud Village being a place for rejects, Zhao Hai believed that the formation wouldn't be discovered. As long as the formation was intact, the Hidden Cloud Village would be safe.

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Zhao Hai didn't arrange the formation around the island at this time because the situation was still very sensitive. He would arrange the formation once the Hidden Cloud Village was done being searched. He believed that once the Hidden Cloud Village was cleared, nobody would come checking in for a very long time.

If he arranged the formation at this time, this would certainly cause the people around them to be vigilant. Although the Hidden Cloud Village has been forgotten by the people of the Cloudsea Territory, it wasn't a complete erasure of memories. Zhao Hai's appearance caused a huge stir, so the people of the Cloudsea Territory wouldn't leave any stones unturned. They would definitely check the Hidden Cloud Village.

The appearance of a formation would definitely bring people's attention. And if they send out an Immortal Expert to the Hidden Cloud Village, then the formation would definitely be discovered. Once they did, they would find a way to break it. Moreover, they would guess that something was going on in the Hidden Cloud Village. The big clans have information about the Hidden Cloud Village and they know that nobody in the village was able to arrange this type of formation.

Since he was afraid to cause suspicion from those big clans, Zhao Hai postponed arranging the formation at this time. Another reason was because preparing the formation would be very time-consuming.

This spatial formation didn't exist before, and it was just Zhao Hai's idea. Also, this formation needs to use the Cloudsea Territory's environment as the base. The black clouds need to supply energy to the formation so that it wouldn't be supplied by other people. Moreover, the spatial distortion has to be all-encompassing but undetectable. People who meet it would not be able to sense anything and would just think that they were flying forward. Even if they use artifacts, they still wouldn't sense anything.

Because of Zhao Hai's requirements, it took some time for the Universal Scanner to come up with a blueprint for the formation. Then it took another period of time to manufacture the flags and the formation core. It was only recently that the formation was prepared. Added to the previous reasons, Zhao Hai hadn't arranged the formation until now.

Actually, even if Zhao Hai didn't assign missions to the people of the Hidden Cloud Village, he would still have a good grasp about the surrounding area. However, that would be too suspicious. What would he do if Mu Yu asks how he got the information? He can't always depend on his Undead for reasons. Therefore, he switched methods. No matter how much it costs, it was worth it as long as he can hide the existence of the Space. Moreover, the missions brought the people of the Hidden Cloud Village closer to the Hundred Treasures Realm.

The islands in the region were not conducting investigations on their surroundings. Moreover, their scope was slowly approaching the Hidden Cloud Village.

Zhao Hai also discovered this point, so he gave the people in the village an order to act like normal as though nothing happened to the village lately. And to also cooperate with the investigators that would be coming over.

The first to visit the Hidden Cloud Village was the Mi Clan of the Cloud Rice Township. Since the Mi Clan was closest to the Hidden Cloud Village, it's natural that they would be the first ones to arrive.

Zhao Hai also knew that the Mi Clan was going to arrive at the Hidden Cloud Village. He immediately told everyone of their arrival.

Mi Ruyan was the Third Miss of the Mi Clan. The Mi Clan was a big family and they're quite powerful. Being the Third Miss of the family, Mi Ruyan held quite a substantial power. She was already a Severed Soul Expert. In the Mi Clan, whether you're a male or a female, you will be assigned a mission when you reach a certain age. This mission varied and had its own advantages and disadvantages. Originally, Mi Ruyan's assignment was very good. She was responsible for guarding Cloud Rice Township's northeast side. This gave her a lot of time for cultivation. And with her subordinates being easy to manage, she was able to live a comfortable life.

However, this good life changed when Zhao Hai and the others appeared. The entire Mi Clan entered a level 1 alert level and Mi Ruyan was sent to go on patrol.

Ten days passed but they didn't even find a trace of Zhao Hai. In the end, the clan issued an order for them to go north and check if there were people from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield in the Hidden Cloud Village.

The people of the Cloudsea Territory didn't believe that the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield didn't have an entry point to the territory. The Immortal Expert they captured in the past made it clear how attractive the Cloudsea Territory would be for the people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

Because of this, the people of the Cloudsea Territory needed to scour the whitecloud islands for Zhao Hai and the others. And the only island north of Cloud Rice Township was the Hidden Cloud Village.

Mi Ruyan knew a little about the Hidden Cloud Village. But what she heard was that the village was full of people who were refugees. Although it was close to the Sea of Beasts, it had no special products. Moreover, because of its location, it can be easily attacked. Because of this, nobody paid attention to it, this included Mi Ruyan.

But since this mission was critical for the entire Cloudsea Territory, Mi Ruyan was careful. In the end, she decided to take the trip herself. Although the Mi Clan mainly produces rice, its people also capture cloud beasts from time to time. First, it would save them a lot of money, and second it would train the children of the clan. Because of this, the clan also had a few Cloud Piercing Ships.

The Cloud Piercing Ships of the Mi Clan weren't that big. Although it was a big clan, due to their produce being rice, the Mi Clan wasn't very rich. Therefore, the biggest Cloud Piercing Ship they had could only accommodate a hundred people.

This time, Mi Ruyan took five Cloud Piercing Ships with a 100 person capacity and then went straight towards the Hidden Cloud Village.

Zhao Hai and Mu Yu hid themselves while the entire Hidden Cloud Village returned to its original appearance. The only thing that changed was that Zhe Jun and Li Jiang were now the leaders of the village.

When Mi Ruyan's Cloud Piercing Ships entered the Hidden Cloud Village, they saw people fleeing in all directions. Some of them even flew towards the Sea of Beasts. This caused Mi Ruyan to be stunned. Then her expression changed as she ordered to chase the fleeing people.

At this time, a middle-aged person beside Mi Ruyan saw her expression and immediately knew what she was thinking. So he opened his mouth and said, "Third Miss, there's no need to chase them. It's impossible for these people to know anything. They just ran in fear upon seeing our Cloud Piercing Ships. Almost everyone in this village has offended a clan, so they escaped here. They're cowards, so they ran away after seeing our ship. After hiding for a few days, they should come back."

Hearing this middle-aged man, Mi Ruyan's expression became better. She looked around her and said, "This Hidden Cloud Village isn't small. If someone gets hold of it, they can establish a firm foundation. It might even become the second Cloudbeast Fortress. Why did nobody occupy this place?"

The middle-aged man smiled bitterly and said, "Third Miss, it's because it's a good location that nobody thought of occupying it. The Cloudbeast Fortress is already a powerful influence in the region and all the goods flow through it. Most importantly, the people of the Cloudbeast Fortress would not allow a clan to occupy this place."

Hearing the middle-aged man, Mi Ruyan couldn't help but ask, "They don't allow it to be occupied? Why?"

The middle-aged man replied, "If there's only one Cloudbeast Fortress, then the people who intend to go to the Sea of Beasts could only settle there. All of the things they need could be purchased in the fortress. Moreover, some of the beasts obtained from the Sea of Beasts would be sold in the fortress. This brought huge benefits to the fortress. In order to maintain this monopoly, no matter who wanted to settle the Hidden Cloud Village, the three big clans in the Cloudbeast Fortress wouldn't allow it."

Mi Ruyan knitted her brows and said, "If this is the case, then why don't the three clans take the Hidden Cloud Village for themselves? In this way, they could obtain more territory."

The middle-aged man smiled bitterly and said, "The three clans thought about it in the past, but the other clans in the region didn't allow them. The three clans didn't allow anyone to occupy the island, so the other clans didn't allow the three clans to occupy it as well. The two sides fought each other several times, causing great losses to both sides. In the end, they gave up on the Hidden Cloud Village. There wasn't even a transmission formation on the island. Later on, people who offended clans ran to the Hidden Cloud Village and settled in. Slowly, the village formed. This development was welcomed by the

three clans since this meant that no power was able to occupy the island. Also, the people occupying the village weren't very strong. And since they had no choice, the people in the village traded with the fortress at very unfair prices."

Mi Ruyan nodded, then she sighed and said, "They're pitiful people. They're practically imprisoned in this place, they have no freedom at all. Why didn't the clans come here to arrest people? Didn't they offend the clans? How could they just let these people off?"

The middle-aged man answered, "It's not that the clans just let them off. Although the people in the village offended these clans, the offense wasn't very serious. If the clans wanted to go to the Hidden Cloud Village, they would have to traverse the sea of clouds. Moreover, traveling to the Hidden Cloud Village carried a risk of being attacked by beasts. Several clans tried to chase people several times, but they discovered that it wasn't worth it, so they gave up in the end."

Mi Ruyan nodded, she looked around the village and said, "It seems like the people of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield didn't come to this place. But I don't know if they left any traces. Uncle Four, let's find someone to ask."

The middle-aged man that Mi Ruyan called Uncle Four was a steward of the Mi Clan. He wasn't a member of the clan but was instead a descendant of a servant. After several generations of service, his grandfather was given the surname of Mi. Ever since then, the family has been loyal subordinates of the Mi Clan and were important members of the family.

Hearing Mi Ruyan, Mi Siyi nodded and said, "Yes, Third Miss. Right, I know someone here. He's surnamed Li and named Jiang. He used to be from the liquor-making Li Clan. Afterwards, the Li Clan was exterminated by the Nie Clan. Li Jiang was the only survivor. Because of our dealings with the Li Clan, I know of Li Jiang's father. After escaping to the Hidden Cloud Village, Li Jiang got in contact with me. He often goes to Cloud Rice Township to buy some rice to sell in the village. I reckon he should be here. I'll go call him over."

Mi Ruyan nodded and said, "I know of the Winemakers of the Li Clan. They produce very good rice wine. It's a pity that they got destroyed. Our family's business was also affected at that time. I heard that the Li Clan did very good business. It's really a pity. Let's help him as much as we can. If he's here, call him over."

Mi Siyi nodded and then swept the village with his spiritual force. It didn't take long before he discovered Li Jiang. He was actually hiding inside his room, he didn't escape.

Mi Siyi immediately said, "Li Jiang, come out and see me."

Hearing this, Li Jiang stared, then he immediately ran out of his room and flew towards the Cloud Piercing Ship. Seeing Mi Siyi, he quickly bowed and said, "Li Jiang has seen Uncle Four. Uncle, how are you? Let me welcome you in."

Mi Siyi turned to Mi Ruyan. Mi Ruyan waved her hand and said, "Just stay here."

Mi Siyi nodded, then he turned his head to Li Jiang and said, "Li Jiang, this is the Third Miss. She has something to ask you. You need to answer truthfully, don't tell any lies."

Li Jiang hastily bowed and said, "I have seen the Third Miss. Third Miss, ask me anything. I will answer as best as I can."

Mi Ruyan waved her hand and said, "Someone from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield has appeared in the Cloudsea Territory. Do you know anything about this?"

Li Jiang nodded and said, "I know about it. People who went to the Cloudbeast Fortress heard about it. The Cloudbeast Fortress is currently investigating this matter."

Mi Ruyan nodded and said, "Did you see anyone from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield? Or did you find any traces? Is there anything strange in the surrounding area?"

Li Jiang shook his head and said, "I didn't see anyone from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. And since I rarely go out, I really am not aware of the surrounding area. If the Third Miss allows me, I can find someone else to come over. I can guarantee that he's more qualified to answer your question."

Mi Ruyan nodded and said, "Go bring them over. If you can give me something good, you will be rewarded."

Li Jiang nodded before he turned around and left. Before long, Li Jiang brought Zhe Jun along with him. Zhe Jun bowed towards Mi Ruyan and said, "Zhe Jun has seen the Third Miss. Third Miss, you can ask me anything."

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Mi Ruyan looked at the rat-eyed Zhe Jun and couldn't help but knit her brows. She looked at Li Jiang and said, "Li Jiang, can this person be trusted?"

Li Jiang quickly replied, "Third Miss, don't worry. Zhe Jun is the best hunter of the Hidden Cloud Village. He hunted the most beasts in the village in the last few years. Although the cloud beasts he used aren't the most powerful, I can assure that he's the most familiar with the surrounding situation."

Mi Ruyan looked at Zhe Jun and said, "Zhe Jun, what cloud beasts are you using?"

Hearing Mi Ruyan, Zhe Jun had an embarrassed expression as he replied, "Third Miss, the cloud beasts this one uses are cloud rats."

When she heard that Zhe Jun was using cloud rats, Mi Ruyan couldn't help but pause for a while. Then she looked at Zhe Jun and asked, "Why do you use cloud rats?"

Zhe Jun's expression was calm as he looked at Mi Ruyan and answered, "Because my other beasts have been exchanged for cloud rice and cloud wine."

Mi Ruyan inwardly sighed. She was aware of what was going on with the Hidden Cloud Village, but she wasn't intending to help Zhe Jun. The reason Zhe Jun was in this place was because he offended a clan. If Mi Ruyan helped him, then she might offend the people Zhe Jun offended. This would be bad for the Mi Clan.

Thinking of this, Mi Ruyan nodded and said, "Have you been out recently? What's the situation in the surrounding area?"

Zhe Jun immediately replied, "Replying to the Third Miss, I just went out not a long time ago. However, I didn't manage to get anything. There's nothing special around here, it's the same as before."

Mi Ruyan knit her brows and said, "Is there really nothing around?"

Zhe Jun gave an affirmative nod and said, "There's nothing. I wouldn't dare deceive the Third Miss."

Mi Ruyan nodded, then she waved her hand to Mi Siyi and said, "Uncle Four, give them their reward. It seems like there's really nothing here. Let's go back."

Mi Siyi complied and took out a piece of cloud crystal to give to Zhe Jun. Seeing the cloud crystal, Zhe Jun's face lit up and he carefully received it and put it away. Mi Siyi didn't mind Zhe Jun's expression, then he turned to Li Jiang and said, "Li Jiang, we're currently investigating the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. If you find something useful, tell the Mi Clan immediately. I'll guarantee that we won't treat you unfairly."

Li Jiang hurriedly replied, "Rest assured, Uncle Four. If there's anything, I will tell you immediately." Mi Siyi nodded, then he waved his hand as the ten Cloud Piercing Ships circled around the island once before leaving.

Zhe Jun and Li Jiang stood there looking at the slowly departing ships. After some time, Li Jiang said, "Do you think the people from the Cloudbeast Fortress will come here? Or the people from the other nearby islands?"

Zhe Jun shook his head and said, "I'm not really sure. I heard from the people who went to the Cloudbeast Fortress that they would also come over to check. However, there has been no movement from them. The nearby islands have been quite noisy lately. The various groups had also strengthened their communication. I think that the Mi Clan would inform the others of their findings here. I reckon they won't come here anymore. After all, this isn't a good place. But we still can't lower our guard."

Li Jiang nodded, then he sighed and said, "Speaking of which, the Mi Clan had always been good to me. If possible, I want to ask the Young Master to give the Mi Clan a chance."

Zhe Jun looked at Li Jiang's eyes before he nodded and said, "It's worth thinking about. But even if the Young Master agrees to letting the Mi Clan off, we can't say if the Mi Clan would accept the favor. The people from the Cloudsea Territory have a deep prejudice against those from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield."

Just as Zhe Jun said this, Zhao Hai's voice was heard, "I can let the Mi Clan off. But the Mi Clan needs to fight against the Hundred Treasures Realm. We can trade with the Mi Clan in the future. After all, we aren't here to slaughter people."

Zhe Jun and Li Jiang stared, then they turned their heads to see Zhao Hai and Mu Yu standing behind them. The two quickly gave Zhao Hai a salute. Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Li Jiang's thinking is correct. Since they treated you well, you need to repay this favor. After some time, if the other forces have no intention of coming to the village, Li Jiang can go to the Mi Clan and get to understand their thinking."

A trace of his emotion appeared on Li Jiang's face, he bowed to Zhao Hai and said, "Thank you very much, Young Master. You can rest assured that I will not reveal anything about you to the Mi Clan. I will not spoil Young Master's plans."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Go, let's get through this situation first." After he said that, Zhao Hai and Mu Yu returned to their residence.

After entering their house, Mu Yu smiled and said, "If Li Jiang can pull the Mi Family over, then it would be good for the Hundred Treasures Realm."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly as he shook his head and said, "It would be very difficult. The people of the Cloudsea Territory don't have any good impressions of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Winning over the Mi Clan wouldn't be easy. The Mi Clan is a big clan. If they work with us, they would be risking their stable place in the Cloudsea Territory. Considering their current state, they will not turn over to our side.

Mu Yu stared, then he knitted his brows and said, "Then why did you let Li Jiang get in contact with the Mi Clan? Won't he expose us?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Li Jiang is a cautious person, he won't expose us. Also, the Mi Clan won't help him get his revenge, but we can. Although he owed favors to the Mi Clan, Li Jiang is still on our side. He knows better than Zhe Jun about the state of the Cloudsea Territory since he used to be from a middle-sized clan. Such a person is valuable enough to be recruited by the Mi Clan. In this case, not only would Li Jiang gain information for us, he would also show others his value. This is very important."

Mu Yu smiled bitterly as he shook his head and said, "I haven't thought about that. It seems like I spent too much time in the headquarters. Hahaha. Right, do you think the other islands would also send people over here?"

Zhao Hai looked at Mu Yu and understood what he said. Mu Yu was a genius of the Hundred Treasures Realm and has been spoiled by Mu Yao since childhood. Everyone in the realm looked up to him, so it was inevitable that he was a bit arrogant. Because of this, he couldn't fully grasp the hearts of people like Li Jiang and the others. ACTually, Mu Yu was already doing well with what he could do right now.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Brother Mu doesn't need to mind it much. Li Jiang and the others are just there to make the people of the Cloudsea Territory be less vigilant. Even if our alliance attacks the Cloudsea Territory with all our strength, the best we can do is occupy a part of the territory. It's impossible to take the entire Cloudsea Territory. The Cloudsea Territory isn't a soft fruit. Moreover, the Five Great Realms are watching. Our main goal in coming to the Cloudsea Territory is to occupy a territory and win the hearts of some locals so that even if we retreat to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, we can still get some items from the territory. We can deal with the Ye Clan, but I think it would be difficult to take the Cloudbeast Fortress."

Mu Yu looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Although there are big clans in the Cloudbeast Fortress, we have a lot of experts on our side. It shouldn't be difficult to deal with the fortress."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's difficult. Brother Mu, you forgot about the location of the fortress. The Cloudbeast Fortress is close to the Sea of Beasts and is the last supply point. What is abundant in the Sea of Beasts? It's cloud beasts. I believe Brother Mu is already aware of how important cloud beasts are to the people of the Cloudsea Territory. If we capture the fortress, then that means that we would be pinching the artery of the Cloudbeast Territory's cultivators. Even if we occupy the island, the people of the territory would desperately want to take it back. If our loss is too great, do you think the other realms would still hold on?"

Mu Yu kept silent. He hadn't thought of this point before. The Cloudbeast Fortress was truly important for the Cloudsea Territory. Cloud beasts were as important to the Cloudsea Territory Cultivators as pills

were to the cultivators of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. If the source of medicinal herbs of the Hundred Treasures Realm was occupied, they would also become desperate to take it back.

Thinking of this, Mu Yu couldn't help but knit his brows and said, "If that is the case, then how do we attack the Cloudsea Territory? We already have the Hidden Cloud Village, is this good enough?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's good if we occupy more places. As long as we don't occupy sensitive islands like the Cloudbeast Fortress, I believe the people of the Cloudsea Territory wouldn't go all out against us. There's one more thing. Brother Mu, if the other realms suffered heavy losses in the Cloudsea Territory while the Hundred Treasures Realm didn't, what do you think would happen in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield?"

Mu Yu stared, then his eyes shone as he said, "Is this part of the plan?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he shook his head and said, "It's not part of the plan. But it's something I thought about. I haven't told anybody about it yet. To be honest, although I like this plan and it looks good, it's hard to set it up. The other realms aren't fools. If they find that something is wrong, they will run away. But as long as we succeed and acquire more territory, the Hundred Treasures Realm might become equals with the Five Great Realms."

Mu Yu's eyes turned brighter. Zhao Hai's words scratched an itch on Mu Yu's heart. In the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, there's no realm who didn't want to expand their power. The more territory they have, the more materials they would get that would be transformed into experts. If the Hundred Treasures Realm can become equal to the Five Great Realms, then that would be a huge glory. Mu Yu couldn't help but be excited when he thought of this.

Looking at Mu Yu's expression, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'll tell the Elders about this plan later on. Do you think the Elder's Assembly would agree?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Mu Yu calmed down, he carefully thought about it and said, "I reckon they will agree. This plan doesn't need to be too obvious. Even if we fail, the other realms wouldn't notice it." Zhao Hai smiled and nodded.

“Elder, the Ghost Spirit Realm sent someone over asking for an explanation about the cultivator they sent for the expedition. They ask us to give severe punishment to Zhao Hai.”

Tang Jie stood in the conference hall as he reported to Zong Ze and the others. Inside the hall weren't only Zong Ze and his four aides; there were also 50 other Elders, naturally Mu Yu was among them.

Tang Jie didn't follow Mu Yu and Zhao Hai to the Cloudsea Territory. Although he wanted to go, Tang Yaoen didn't allow him. This was because the headquarters was in dire need of manpower. Zhao Hai and Mu Yu present in the Cloudsea Territory was enough. Tang Jie was needed in the headquarters to handle the matter of the Ghost Spirit Realm.

The reason Zong Ze and Mu Yao made such decisions was to cultivate talents for the Hundred Treasures Realm. Zhao Hai and Mu Yu can now act independently while Tang Jie was just a bit short. This was the reason why Tang Jie was kept in the headquarters.

Hearing Tang Jie, Zong Ze asked, “Who came?”

Tang Jie replied, “It is an Immortal Expert. I'm going to provide them a residence to rest in.”

Zong Ze nodded. He waved his hand and said, “Go and settle him down first.” Tang Jie nodded, then he turned around and left. Zong Ze turned his head to everyone and said, “What do you think?”

Mu Yao smiled faintly and said, “Wanting justice is just a fake, they want to join us. The Ghost Spirit Realm knows how important Zhao Hai is to us. If they didn't, then they do know now. They want to ask for answers, but their final goal is to join us in getting a bite out of the Cloudsea Territory.”

Zong Ze nodded, “It's definitely that. However, we won't wait for them to reach that point. They want to join? They must be dreaming.”

Mu Yu replied, “We should make some preparations. It's time for the other realms to do something. We shouldn't be doing everything ourselves.”

Zong Ze nodded and said, "Only Little Hai knows the coordinates of the Cloudsea Territory's transmission formation. They have no choice but to agree to our requests. Moreover, it would be good for everyone. As long as we deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm, our share in the benefits would increase. I think they would agree with us."

Everyone in the room nodded. They already had an agreement with the other realms, so they would definitely agree. Just as Zong Ze said, it would also be good for them.

In the past, these realms maintained a balance with each other. But now, this balance had tilted to one side. Besides the Ghost Spirit Realm, the other realms allied with each other to attack the Cloudsea Territory. This put a weight on one side while the Ghost Spirit Realm was on the other. This meant that the situation was more favorable towards the side of the alliance.

The Ghost Spirit Realm seems to have discovered this. They became aware that the return of Zhao Hai's group brought some important discoveries. This was the reason why the realms allied up and excluded them. The people of the Ghost Spirit Realm were both surprised and angered. They immediately sent people to the Hundred Treasures Realm to protest. This was for them to be included in the alliance's future plan.

But it was impossible for Zong Ze and the others to just let the Ghost Spirit Realm off. If the Ghost Spirit Realm was included, then they would just be dead weight. This was something that they didn't want to see.

The Puppet Realm also understood this point. So when Zong Ze proposed dealing with the Ghost Spirit Realm, they immediately agreed. No high-grade realm in the Ten-thousand realm Battlefield didn't want to expand their territory. Since they can't go to the Cloudsea Territory in the meantime, they might as well expand their territory in the battlefield.

Nobody was worried about not being able to deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm. This was because they had the numbers advantage. If the realms work together and they weren't able to deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm, then this would mean that the Ghost Spirit Realm had become on par with the Five Great Realms.

Mu Yao looked at the sky before saying, "Send word to the other realms. Have them prepare to take action. We need to deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm as soon as possible, or else we'll be harming our plan for the Cloudsea Territory."

As Mu Yao said that, a jade sword message came flying in and dropped in front of him. Mu Yao stared for a moment before he received the jade sword message. Then he used his spiritual force to read its contents. After a moment, Mu Yao's expression became strange before he turned his head to Zong Ze.

Seeing Mu Yao's expression, Zong Ze asked, "Who sent that message? What's inside?"

Mu Yao didn't say anything as he handed the jade sword message to Zong Ze. After reading the contents, Zong Ze's expression became serious. He looked at Mu Yao and said, "Those two troublemaking brats. But if this becomes successful, we would be benefiting a lot."

Mu Yao looked at Zong Ze and said, "This could actually succeed. But this carries some risk. If we're not careful, the Hundred Treasures Realm would be in danger."

Zong Ze closed his eyes. After some time, he opened his eyes and said, "I think we can do it. First, we already have our base in the Cloudsea Territory. Once Little Hai arranges the formation, we'll be able to gain another. Moreover, the Hidden Cloud Village might be safer than the headquarters. Even if the plan fails, we still have a safe place to retreat to. Secondly, Little Hai has a spatial ability as well as his Hell King's Ship. He can take the entire headquarters along with him at any time. With these two guarantees, what do we need to worry about?"

The other Elders in the room who didn't read the jade sword message were confused by Zong Ze's words. They were just discussing the Ghost Spirit Realm, how did it evolve to talking about their escape plan? What was happening?

Zong Ze also noticed the expressions of the others. He handed the jade sword message to the person next to him before saying, "Pass it on. Remember, keep this matter a secret."

After the jade sword message was passed around, all Immortal Experts present had strange expressions on their faces. One of them opened their mouth and said, "Old Zong, is this a bit too risky? If the plan fails, then the Hundred Treasures Realm would have a hard time in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield."

Zong Ze replied, "But if we succeed, the Five Great Realms will become the Six Great Realms. I think this plan is feasible. This is an opportunity for the Hundred Treasures Realm."

Nobody spoke for some time. To be honest, they were also moved. If the Hundred Treasures Realm becomes as strong as the other Great Realms, then even if they died, their contribution would still be remembered by the realm forever.

Mu Yao opened his mouth and said, "We can implement this plan right now. When we deal with the Ghost Spirit Realm, we can use this opportunity to tell the other realms that we suffered a lot. Then when we go to the Cloudsea Territory, we'll have the other realms send more people. What do you think?"

Zong Ze nodded and said, "Let's do it now. Everyone, we'll proceed according to the original plan. Send word to the other realms that we're ready to begin."

Mu Yao and the others nodded. Then they took out jade sword messages to inform the relevant parties. An agreement had already been reached before. As long as these messages arrive, the realms would begin to take action against the Ghost Spirit Realm.

Actually, the Ghost Spirit Realm had offended a lot of people in recent years. However, the various realms had no means to truly unite, fearing that they would be attacked. This time, because of the Cloudsea Territory, the major realms finally united. Dealing with the Ghost Spirit Realm shouldn't be very hard. But this would also cause losses for the other realms. However, compared to the territory of the Ghost Spirit Realm, the other high-grade realms could still afford these damages.

After the jade sword messages were sent out, Zong Ze declared, "Have the person from the Ghost Spirit Realm come over." Some people gave an affirmation and then went to invite the expert from the Ghost Spirit Realm.

Before long, a man in a black robe walked in from the entrance. This man was very thin and had a very ghastly appearance. One could see at first glance that he wasn't a good man. His eyes varied in appearance, one was big while one was small. His skin seems to be stuck in his bones. He looked like a starved ghost.

The man glanced around the people inside the room before he stopped at Zong Ze and Mu Yao. Zong Ze and Mu Yao were sitting, but the man still looked at them all over.

Mu Yao looked at the man and said, "So it's the Hundred Ghosts Daoist. I didn't expect you to make an accusation out of nowhere. Please state your purpose here clearly."

The Hundred Ghosts Daoist coldly snorted and said, "Mu Yao you know full well what I'm talking about. Of all the people we sent to explore the sea, why is the person from the Ghost Spirit Realm the only one that didn't return? From what I remember, my disciple is also on Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship. I want an explanation."

Mu Yao smiled faintly and said, "I think fellow Daoist has misunderstood. Your disciple left by himself. As for why, I'm afraid I'll have to ask you. The Hundred Treasures Realm and the Ghost Spirit Realm didn't have any grudges, so why did you send an Immortal Expert to attack Zhao Hai? I think we're the ones who have to ask for an explanation."

When the Hundred Ghost Daoist heard Mu Yao, his expression changed, then he coldly snorted and said, "I don't know what you're talking about. The Ghost Spirit Realm doesn't have any grudges with the Hundred Treasures Realm. So why would we send someone after your people. What utter nonsense."

"Hmph!" Mu Yao coldly snorted, he looked at the Hundred Ghost Daoist and said, "Don't lie in front of us. Hundred Ghost Daoist, you know what is true and what is not. Your Ghost Spirit Realm underestimated Zhao Hai, sending only one Immortal Expert after him. Hahaha. Not only did your Immortal Expert fail, he was even killed by Zhao Hai. Don't forget, Little Hai is a Dark Mage, he can turn corpses into loyal Undead. These Undead will never lie to him. You actually dared to run here to ask for an explanation. You're a joke. Hundred Ghost Daoist, for the sake of you being a messenger, I won't kill you. Now leave!"

The Hundred Ghost Daoist didn't expect Mu Yao to be this impolite. His somewhat pale complexion paled even more. He looked at Mu Yao and coldly said, "Good, good. Hundred Treasures Realm. You will pay the price of what you said today." After he said that, he coldly snorted as he turned around and left.

Zong Ze didn't speak. As he looked at the Hundred Ghost Daoist's departure, he smiled faintly and said, "Good, the stage has been set. Everyone, prepare to show yourselves to the audience."