

Another World 1651

Chapter 1651: Cultivation Level

Zhao Hai returned to his room but didn't enter the Space. Instead, he took out the jade slip that Zhang Feng gave him and took a look. There was quite a lot of information inside the jade slip. After Zhao Hai scanned through it, he couldn't help but be surprised. He discovered that the levels of cultivation after the Immortal Stage were the same as the levels before it.

In the Great World of Cultivation, the Immortal Stage levels were divided into six. The levels were Body Strengthening, Spirit Enhancement, Gold Core, Nascent Soul, Transcending Tribulation, and then the Extreme Immortality Stage. Each one of these levels were further divided into ten. As for the Gold Core, Nascent Soul, and Transcending Tribulation Stages, they were similar to the inferior realms, with a few characters being replaced.

But after further looking into it, Zhao Hai understood that although these three levels were similar in the World of Cultivation, there was a huge difference between them. Back in the World of Cultivation, in the Gold Core Realm, there really wasn't any gold core created in the body. Zhao Hai only developed a gold core because of the special situation of his body. The other cultivators were just Gold Core in name. The same was true in the Nascent Soul Stage.

The Gold Core and Nascent Soul of the inferior realms weren't very good. Even if the cultivators felt that they had formed a gold core inside their bodies, it was nothing more than a void core, not a real gold core.

Although the gold core and the void core had 'core' in their name, the change in one character was a huge difference. The existence of a gold core allowed one to produce pill fire to attack their energies. It can even be used to nourish one's artifacts and even self-destruct to cause damage to the enemy. On the other hand, the void core merely provided the feeling that one had a gold core. And the greatest difference between the two was in regards to Faith Power.

After Zhao Hai looked through the jade slip, he began to understand more the importance of Faith Power to cultivators. The possession of Faith Power was the dividing line between cultivators. If a Severed Soul Cultivator didn't have Faith Power, then they can only progress to become ordinary Immortal Experts. Even if they took heavenly treasures, their lifespan can only be a few digits long.

If that expert had Faith Power, then once they become an Immortal Expert they would be able to nurture their Dao Avatar. As the level of Dao Avatar becomes higher and higher, they can finally pass that stage and form a golden core. Then after breaking that core they can enter the Nascent Soul Stage.

Once they form their Nascent Soul, their lifespan would become at least five eras. At this time, although the Nascent Soul can leave their bodies, it cannot go too far. If they left their body for a long time, the body would die. Then soon after, the Nascent Soul would dissipate without a body to nurture it.

After the Nascent Soul Stage was the Transcending Tribulation Stage. After the baptism of tribulation, the Nascent Soul would grow up and become more solid. Then it would be able to leave the body for a long time. At the same time, the strength of the cultivator would greatly increase. Moreover, their lifespan would be ten eras.

Ten eras was about 10 thousand years. With this lifespan, a person can be truly called an almighty being.

And then the last level was the Extreme Immortality Stage. Reaching this stage was extremely difficult. This was because a person needed to undergo the nine nine tribulation(81). But after the tribulation, the person's Nascent Soul would become extremely powerful. His life would become 100 eras. However, the Extreme Immortal Stage was still a dream for multiple cultivators.

After reading the jade slip, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. The Great World of Cultivation was truly abnormal. They can actually reach 100 eras. In other words, those beyond the Extreme Immortal Stage can reach a lifespan of hundreds of thousands of years.

Besides this information, the jade slip also had a map of the Northern Exotic Province. The map not only included the overall outline of the province, it also showed the division of power between groups in the area. Even the forbidden lands of the province have been carefully labelled.

Zhao Hai had Cai'er replicate the contents of the jade slip. Then he gave her the task of investigating the information inside, especially the map. This was because the map also had information about the common techniques, crafts, and talents of the well-known sects of the province.

Zhao Hai was sure that even in the Black Tiger Gang, there were only a few people who could get their hands on this jade slip. The contents of the jade slip was just too rich. One could see at a glance that it was a property of a high-ranked disciple. Zhang Feng handing it over to Zhao Hai showed how important he was.

Zhao Hai stored the jade slip and let out a long breath. He didn't think that it wasn't only the Hundred Treasures Realm who wanted him not because of his strength, but because of the Universal Processing

Machine. But this might mean that he would be an unhindered character in the Great Realm of Cultivation in the future.

Zhao Hai gently closed his eyes. But this time he didn't pay attention to the Space. Instead he asked Cai'er about the recent events of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

Nothing great happened in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield recently. This was because the matters of the battlefield had been settled. The Hundred Treasures Realm has completely replaced the position of the Buddhist Realm and more. This was because the Hundred Treasures Realm not only had the Buddhist Realm's territory, it also had their original territory. It can be said that the Hundred Treasures Realm have become the largest power in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Although their foundations weren't as deep, it was only a matter of time before they caught up. As long as they were given a peaceful period, nobody would dare provoke them in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

Besides the Hundred Treasures Realm, the World of Cultivation was also prospering. The Hundred Treasures Realm knew very well that what they had today was because of Zhao Hai. Since Zhao Hai was from the World of Cultivation, the Hundred Treasures Realm treated them well.

The Hundred Treasures Realm had two reasons why they did this. The first reason was to let other people see how they treat those who contributed to them. The World of Cultivation had Zhao Hai join the Hundred Treasures Realm so they were given a lot of benefits. This would make others offer their geniuses to the Hundred Treasures Realm since they already know that the Hundred Treasures Realm wouldn't treat them badly.

The second reason was because the higher-ups of the Hundred Treasures Realm understood that Zhao Hai was currently taken by the Sky Tower. The Sky Tower alone had enough strength to suppress the entire Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. This showed that the Sky Tower had a large backing. The Sky Tower was like the Hundred Treasures Realm to the World of Cultivation. And with Zhao Hai's skills, the Hundred Treasures Realm believed that Zhao Hai would rise above others. If Zhao Hai develops in the future, then the Hundred Treasures Realm would definitely benefit. It must be known that Zhao Hai was someone who regards old friendships well.

If Zhao Hai knows that the World of Cultivation has been mistreated, then the Hundred Treasures Realm would certainly suffer. Therefore, the Hundred Treasures Realm made sure to treat the World of Cultivation well.

And facts showed that the Hundred Treasures Realm was right. People like Zhao Hai were like fireflies. Wherever they are, they will always shine.

And Zhao Hai knew of these things. To be honest, he wasn't repulsed by the Hundred Treasures Realm's action. Although the Hundred Treasures Realm did it because they wanted something, it was still true that they treated the World of Cultivation well. One couldn't expect everything to be perfect and everyone wasn't a saint, especially for selfish cultivators.

As for Zhao Hai leaving the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, this made the other realms relax. But even if that was the case, nobody still wanted to provoke the Hundred Treasures Realm. Without determining whether Zhao Hai was alive or not, nobody wanted to make a move. If they really attacked the Hundred Treasures Realm and Zhao Hai returned, then they would be eating a massive loss.

Whether it was the Divergent Realm or the Sword Realm, none of them could guarantee that they could eradicate the Buddhist Realm. However, Zhao Hai was able to slaughter them. This meant that Zhao Hai had the strength to eradicate any realm in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Those who provoked the Hundred Treasures Realm at this time would become the head of the snake. Instead, realms began establishing friendly relations with the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Seeing that things were normal in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, Zhao Hai was relieved. Then he turned his attention back to the Space. Now, the Faith Power provided by the Space was richer compared to before. However, he couldn't practice right now. Because if he did, Zhang Feng would definitely find out.

This didn't mean that it was bad for Zhao Hai to be discovered by Zhang Feng. In fact, Zhang Feng would even protect him. However, Zhao Hai doesn't like to show his cards. The reason why he revealed his ability was so that Zhang Feng would take him in.

Although Zhao Hai didn't mind killing people in the Life and Death Arena, he thought that it was unnecessary. If he showed too much on the stage, then it might lead to unneeded troubles. So Zhao Hai revealed his value to Zhang Feng so that his progress would be hastened.

Chapter 1652: Winning Zhang Hao Over

Zhang Feng was currently sitting inside his office. In his hand was the formation disc that Zhao Hai just fixed. He stroked the disc gently with a smile on his face.

Zhang Feng was currently feeling ecstatic. He didn't expect the heavens to drop Zhao Hai into his lap. Zhao Hai's ability was very important for Zhang Feng. As long as he has Zhao Hai, he would be able to win more people and increase his influence. He can now be equal to those core disciples.

Zhao Hai's ability to recycle and synthesize was very powerful. There was no shortage of alchemists and refiners in the Great World of Cultivation. However, alchemists and refiners with high yield were very hard to come by.

In the Great World of Cultivation, no matter which stage they were at, they would need pills to assist them. However, the more crucial pills were very hard to refine. Moreover, the rate of their production was absurdly low. Even if you obtain the necessary materials, the end product isn't guaranteed to be made. Most importantly, the quality of these pills couldn't be easily dictated.

There was a story spread in the Great World of Cultivation that was stuck inside Zhao Feng's mind. In the Central Orthodox Province, there was once a disciple who had great cultivation talent. When he was going to break through to the Golden Core Stage, he amassed 200 sets of medicinal herbs to make a pill. Then he found an alchemy master to help make the pill.

But to everyone's surprise, the alchemy master wasted all but 2 percent of the materials. In the end, the genius cultivator went through his breakthrough without his pill and failed. Losing the bright future in front of him, the genius cultivator committed suicide.

At the same time, the alchemy master was a good friend of the genius cultivator. The death of his friend caused him to become insane. The brutal reality of the Great World of Cultivation could be seen from this story.

If Zhao Hai was present, that person might not have committed suicide. With Zhao Hai, those waste materials would be recycled and the alchemy master would be able to try to refine the pill once more. No matter how many times he failed, the waste materials would still be recycled. With 200 sets of materials to make a pill, 200 pills would eventually be made. Not to mention the genius cultivator, even trash cultivators would be able to benefit from this.

One could see from this point how Zhao Hai's existence could become crucial to cultivators. The presence of Zhao Hai meant that there would be an inexhaustible amount of materials to be made into pills and artifacts. No cultivator would be able to resist it.

In the past, because of his identity, it was impossible for Zhang Feng to win over those high-level alchemists and refiners. All of these people looked down on inner disciples and only had their eyes on core disciples. It was for this reason that Zhang Feng didn't even have a great alchemist and refiner on his side.

Now that Zhao Hai appeared in front of him, Zhang Feng's happiness could reach the heavens. After some time, Zhang Feng received the disc. Then his brows wrinkled.

Zhao Hai was very important to him. But he needed to protect Zhao Hai and hide him from others. This would be his biggest problem right now.

Besides Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng, Zhang Hao also knew about Zhao Hai's ability. If Zhang Hao wasn't taken care of, then Zhao Hai's ability would no doubt be exposed.

The best way to keep a person from revealing a secret was to bury them into the ground. Although Zhang Hao's position in the sect wasn't that great, his position was still important. If he suddenly died, the Black Tiger Gang would definitely investigate. It must be known that the people of the Darkness Hall couldn't be trifled with. They have people in every corner.

If an outer disciple in an ordinary position was killed, then it might be let go. However, outer disciples that manage Battle Slaves were different. These people frequently interacted with the outside world. If they died, then the first people the gang would suspect would be other sects.

Moreover, Zhang Hao represented Zhao Hai. If Zhang Hao suddenly disappeared, the sect would definitely look into Zhao Hai's situation.

But if Zhang Hao wasn't taken care of, things would become more troublesome. Zhang Feng didn't know whether Zhang Hao would tell other people or not.

Since killing Zhang Hao wouldn't do, then there's only one thing Zhang Feng could do. And that was to pull Zhang Hao to his side.

Zhang Hao wasn't very strong nor was he talented. Even if Zhang Feng wanted to deal with people, he still wouldn't get Zhang Hao to his side. But in order to keep him silent, he needed to take Zhang Hao in.

Zhang Feng knew that if he really wanted to win Zhang Hao over, then Zhang Hao would definitely agree. Zhang Feng was the top inner disciple of the sect while Zhang Hao was just an ordinary outer disciple. Zhang Hao would be insane if he declines Zhang Feng's invitation.

Moreover, there was Zhao Hai, this huge secret weapon. With Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng knew that Zhang Hao wouldn't be able to do anything. And Zhang Hao wouldn't dare use this opportunity to increase his status. Zhang Hao should know full well that even if he revealed this information to the core disciples, it wouldn't bring him much advantage. Zhang Feng might not be able to do anything to the core disciples, but dealing with someone like Zhang Hao wasn't a problem.

After thinking about it, and being certain of the outcome, Zhang Feng said, "Zhang Hao, come into my room."

Zhang Hao was nervous. Although Zhao Hai's ability seemed average, it wasn't worse compared to other high-level abilities. Anyone would want to groom Zhao Hai. On the other hand, Zhang Hao was someone with no talent nor background. It was impossible for him to move up.

Originally, Zhang Hao didn't think much about Zhao Hai's ability. But once he pondered it over in his room, Zhang Hao began to sweat heavily.

Zhang Feng's feud with the core disciples wasn't a secret. And Zhao Hai's importance to any cultivator was apparent. Zhang Feng will definitely want Zhao Hai under his umbrella. And Zhang Hao was the only person besides the two who knew about this secret. Zhang Hao was afraid that he would suffer a bad end.

The more he thought about it, the more afraid Zhang Hao was. Zhang Hao sleeplessly sat in his room. He was a small figure among outer disciples. He might be able to act mighty in front of Luo Ying, but he knew that he had no future. In Zhang Feng's eyes, Zhang Hao was a mere ant. If Zhang Feng wanted to

kill him, it was a matter of waving his hand. And Zhang Feng wanted a secret to be kept, it was very possible for Zhang Hao to be killed.

Thinking of this, Zhang Hao wiped a cold sweat. He knew that running right now was useless. Even if he ran, Zhang Feng could still find people to chase him down. Although Zhang Feng wasn't as strong as the core disciples of the sect, his influence was still quite substantial. Otherwise he wouldn't have been able to hold onto his current position.

At this time, Zhang Hao heard Zhang Feng's voice. As soon as he heard it, Zhang Hao felt his head buzz. He knew that he was done. It took quite a while before Zhang Hao calmed down. He took two breaths before going outside. He was too close to Zhang Feng, so even if he wanted to run, he couldn't get out of Zhang Feng's reach. It was better to just face Zhang Feng.

Upon arriving outside Zhang Feng's room, Zhang Hao said, "First Senior Brother, it's Zhang Hao."

Zhang Feng replied, "Come in." Zhang Hao pushed the door open. When he was in front of Zhang Feng, Zhang Hao gave a salute and said, "May I know why First Senior Brother called me over?"

Zhang Feng looked at Zhang Hao and smiled faintly. To be honest, he had some appreciation towards Zhang Hao. Naturally, this wasn't because of his strength nor talent. Instead, it was Zhang Hao's management ability. Zhang Feng knew how to manage people himself, so he could recognize those who were good at this kind of work. Most cultivators don't need to know how to manage people well nor do they need to flatter everyone. With enough strength, instead of flattering people, those people would flatter you themselves.

Zhang Feng has to recognize Zhang Hao's ability to manage the Battle Slaves.

Zhang Feng replied, "Zhang Hao, I called you over because of Little Hai's situation. You should know what Little Hai's ability represents. This information shouldn't be revealed. After this, you will be Zhang Feng's disciple brother as well as Little Hai's. Only you and I know about Little Hai's ability. I will give you an opportunity right now. Do one thing for me and as long as you can do it well, I will cover for you in the future. What do you think?"

Hearing Zhang Feng, Zhang Hao couldn't help but stare. Then his face lit up with happiness. He knew clearly what Zhang Feng was saying. Zhang Feng wanted to win him over while it was also a threat. Even

though he didn't understand the entire thing, it was clear that he wouldn't be killed. Not only that, he also gained a huge backing. This was very important for an outer disciple.

Zhang Hao didn't have any objections. He kowtowed to Zhang Feng and said, "I ask First Senior Brother to tell me what you want me to do. As long as it's within my abilities, I will go through fire and water to complete it."

Zhang Feng looked at Zhang Hao and couldn't help but smile. He expected Zhang Hao's response. Then he said, "Take my token and arrange Zhao Hai's promotion to the outer sect. It's best if you can arrange a place for him where nobody would pay attention. The fewer people he would come in contact with, the better. Moreover, you shouldn't bring any attention to yourself. What do you think? Can you do it?"

Zhang Hao stared, then he stood up and said, "First Senior Brother can rest assured. I will complete it."

Zhang Feng smiled and said, "Alright, go." After he said that, he took out a jade token and threw it towards Zhang Hao. After receiving the token, Zhang Hao gave a salute before leaving.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhang Hao's back and smiled as he said, "Let's see how he completes this task. It would be good if he did well."

The conversation between the two was heard by Zhao Hai. He was quite surprised by Zhang Feng's response. But Zhao Hai soon figured out why Zhang Feng did so. He couldn't help but smile as he said, "I didn't expect to become such a sweet potato. But this is also good. I can observe the world more carefully in a quiet place. I believe Zhang Feng wouldn't treat me badly." He wasn't only talking to himself, Cai'er and the others heard him as well.

Zhao Hai's current understanding of the Black Tiger Gang and the Great World of Cultivation was as thin as paper. In this case, he was restricted in his actions. It's better to stay in the Black Tiger Gang under Zhang Feng's arrangements. As an outer sect disciple, he can slowly learn about the Black Tiger Gang. It wouldn't be too late to make his moves when the time comes.

Also, Zhao Hai didn't dislike Zhang Feng's arrangement. On the contrary, Zhang Feng's plan would save him a lot of trouble. Zhao Hai wasn't afraid that Zhang Feng would force him to refine pills and artifacts. This was because Zhang Feng needed him. Zhang Feng wasn't foolish enough to kill the chicken to get the eggs.

Zhao Hai now wanted to know what kind of status Zhang Hao would assign him. In any case, Zhang Feng no longer staged fights for Zhao Hai in the life and death arena.

Zhao Hai rested in his room for the next several days. Zhang Feng also didn't summon him. He didn't want Zhao Hai to attract too much attention. But he still frequently used the double shadow mat to look into what Zhao Hai was doing. He also mobilized everything in his ability to see what Zhang Hao was up to. He was afraid that Zhang Hao would reveal the secret. If Zhang Hao did, then Zhang Feng needed to be prepared to deal with the consequences.

Zhang Hao didn't return for ten days. But through Zhang Feng's surveillance system, he received information about Zhang Hao's moves. Zhang Hao didn't betray Zhang Hao nor did he attract any attention. In fact, besides buttering up to other outer disciples in the Handyman Hall, Zhang Hao didn't do anything else. This caused Zhang Feng to be curious. He wanted to know what was inside Zhang Hao's mind.

Chapter 1653: Assignment

Zhang Hao was now in the office of an Elder assigned in the Handyman Hall. The Elder wasn't very strong at only the Gold Core Stage. Because of his age, going further with his cultivation was hopeless. Because of this, the Black Tiger Gang assigned him his current position to manage the hall's disciples. Although he wasn't too influential, nobody wanted to offend him.

Naturally, with his age, this elder also didn't want to offend anyone. If he has time, he would help the younger generation and assist his family.

The Elder was old and his hair and beard were all white. He was surnamed Hu so people call him Elder Hu. This Elder was always kind to others and smiled at everyone. Despite his kindness, his management ability was strong and he handled things systematically.

At the same time, his actions were measured. He did things he should do and didn't do things he shouldn't do. Because of this, he was quite a good figure in the Handyman Hall.

Zhang Hao stood in front of Elder Hu. Despite being in the Golden Core Stage, Elder Hu wasn't arrogant at all. He smiled at Zhang Hao and said, "Little Hao, why did you visit? Do you need anything from me?"

Didn't you follow your First Senior Brother to handle the Battle Slaves? What happened? Did you offend him and get sent back?"

Zhang Hao forced a smile and said, "Elder Hu, I hope you are well. I won't dare offend First Senior Brother. I am indeed here to ask you for something." After he said that, he showed Zhang Feng's token to Elder Hu.

Elder Hu's expression unconsciously changed when he saw the token. He discovered that the token belonged to Zhang Feng. It seems like Zhang Feng sent Zhang Hao for an errand. Elder Hu's expression turned serious as he said, "So it's the First Senior Brother's business. Then this little old man will take care of it. May I ask what his orders are?"

Although Elder Hu's beard was already white, he still called Zhang Feng his title of First Senior Brother. This was because strength defined status in the Great World of Cultivation. Elder Hu was only at the Gold Core stage while Zhang Feng was at the Nascent Soul Stage. In this case, he naturally had to address Zhang Feng with the correct title.

Zhang Hao looked at Elder Hu and said, "Elder Hu, I don't know if you have heard, but our Black Tiger Gang has been quite famous in the Fire Mountain Life and Death Arena recently."

Elder Hu nodded and said, "I heard about a new Battle Slave that's very strong. He was able to defeat his opponent easily. He brought great fame and prestige to the Black Tiger Gang."

Zhang Hao forced a smile and said, "This is the issue. Zhao Hai is very strong, it can be said that it's not impossible for him to achieve 100 victories. But because he's a newcomer, nobody favored him in his first fight. His victory caused First Senior Brother to lose a lot. Others in the gang also lost a lot. First Senior Brother doesn't want Zhao Hai to become famous. Because of this, he made an impression to promote Zhao Hai to the outer sect ahead of time. Then he would be given an idle post so that people would forget about him as soon as possible."

Hearing Zhang Hai, Elder Hu couldn't help but criticize deep inside. He was aware of Zhao Hai and he knew that it wouldn't be difficult for him to win 100 battles. Entering the sect with 100 victories would mean that Zhao Hai would be treated well. But in his first battle, Zhao Hai caused Zhang Feng and the others to lose a lot. Due to this, people naturally wanted him out of their sights. They wanted to kick Zhao Hai to the outer sect and assign him an idle position so that he would be buried and forgotten by everyone.

If Zhao Hai entered the Black Tiger Gang ahead of time, then his future would be cut off.

Elder Hu also scolded Zhang Hao inside for being insidious. However, he didn't think about it for long. Things like these were very common in the Great World of Cultivation. It wasn't a unique situation.

Although Elder Hu pitied Zhao Hai, both were strangers to each other in the end. Moreover, Zhao Hai offended Zhang Feng. So Elder Hu nodded and said, "Alright, arranging him to enter the outer sect early isn't a problem. But where does First Senior Brother Zhang plan to assign him?"

Zhang Hao smiled at Elder Hu as he said, "How about the Ignored Valley? Old Man Tou is getting old. I heard that his family wanted to take him back. So the valley needs someone right now. What do you think?"

Elder Hu quickly felt a cold sweat going down his head. At the same time, he inwardly cursed Zhang Hao for being ruthless. The Ignored Valley was an extremely remote place. It would take years before people would visit it. Most importantly, it was a place where waste ingredients from pill-making and artifact refining were thrown into.

The Black Tiger Gang has an army of alchemists and refiners. The amount of pills and artifacts they make each day was massive. Naturally, this meant that their waste materials were equally as huge. There were people whose job was dedicated to collecting the waste materials and delivering them to the valley through a transmission formation. These people would just exit the transmission formation and dump the waste before leaving. In other words, the people dumping the garbage wouldn't necessarily see the ones guarding the valley.

The name of the valley was also given afterward. The origin stemmed from the fact that people didn't care about what was in the valley. Another reason was that the alchemists and refiners didn't want to see what was in the valley. Thirdly, the people sent to guard the valley were being shunned and treated as invisible. People sent to the valley would never be promoted.

There was a saying in the Black Tiger Gang that states: Killing wasn't the worst thing you can give your enemy. The worst thing was sending them to the Ignored Valley and letting them rot their lives away."

Old Man Tou that Zhang Hao mentioned has been in the Ignored Valley for hundreds of years. Being in the Ignored Valley, it was already impossible for him to enter the Gold Core Stage. His lifespan has been exhausted. He was now going to elderly care. Elder Hu was always anxious thinking about who he would send to replace Old Man Tou. He didn't expect Zhang Hao to help him solve the problem.

Elder Hu let out a long breath and said, "Alright, then it's settled. First Senior Brother can send him over as soon as possible."

Zhang Hao bowed and said, "Thank you, Elder Hu. I'll go back and report to First Senior Brother. I heard that Elder Hu's little grandson has innate talent. I'll try to give a few good words to First Senior Brother."

When he heard Zhang Hao, Elder Hu's eyes lit up as he quickly replied, "Thank you, Junior Brother. I hope that you can relay some good words for me. I will be forever thankful."

Elder Hu was a Gold Core Cultivation while Zhang Hao was at the Foundation Establishment. And with their age difference, it was enough for Zhang Hao to call Elder Hu his Martial Uncle. And yet, Elder Hu addressed him as Junior Brother. It was clear that the effect of Zhang Hao's words was quite big.

This wasn't to say that Elder Hu was flattering Zhang Hao. He was just taking things as they were. In the Great World of Cultivation, a lot of cultivators had their clans behind them. Some of these clans existed for a long time while some were newly made.

The clan that Elder Hu belonged to was a very ancient clan. However, Elder Hu's line was just a branch of the clan that had completely separated themselves from the main family. In terms of classification, his line could be considered as a small clan.

Elder Hu's son wasn't a spectacular cultivator. He had enough talent to stay in the Black Tiger Gang and preserve the status of their clan. However, Elder Hu's grandson had cultivation talent. If he was trained well, he would reach a very high level.

Elder Hu understood this point, but his position held as much influence as a cup of water. So even if he wanted to cultivate his grandson, he wouldn't be able to support him very far.

But if Elder Hu's grandson went under the umbrella of Zhang Feng and got cultivated, Elder Hu's entire branch would prosper. This was Elder Hu's strongest wish. Therefore, he couldn't help but be excited when he heard Zhang Hao's words.

Zhang Hao looked at Elder Hu's expression and nodded as he said, "I will try my best. But Elder Hu, First Senior Brother doesn't want people to know of this matter. We need to move Zhao Hai as soon as possible. Moreover, we didn't have this conversation."

Elder Hu nodded and said, "Rest assured, I wouldn't dare neglect First Senior Brother's affairs. Moreover, I'm old, I forget a lot of things." His gaze met Zhang Hao's eyes and they both laughed.

Zhang Feng didn't know what Zhang Hao's plan was. Elder Hu was the last person that Zhang Hao met. He also visited other Elders, but as to what he said to them, Zhang Feng didn't know.

As Zhang Feng was handling his usual matters, he suddenly detected fluctuations from the transmission formation. Before long, Zhang Hao reached Zhang Feng's office. But before Zhang Hao could knock, Zhang Feng said, "Come in."

Zhang Feng looked at Zhang Hao and said, "How did it go?"

Zhang Hao replied, "It's going well. I visited several Outer Sect Elders. Moreover, I already registered for Zhao Hai. He's now an official outer disciple of the Black Tiger Gang. This one also arranged his designation with Elder Hu from the Handyman Hall."

Zhang Feng looked at Zhang Hao and asked, "What is his assignment?"

Zhang Hao laughed and said, "Ignored Valley's watchman!"

When he heard Zhang Hao, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. Then his eyes shone as he laughed as well and said, "Good, good. Ignored Valley's watchman. Zhang Hao, you made the perfect choice. Hahaha."

Zhang Hao replied, "But I also promised Elder Hu something. His grandson has good talent. I told him that I would say a few words on his behalf for First Senior Brother."

Zhang Feng waved his hand and said, "No problem. Take a rest first. I will pay attention to this matter." Zhang Hao nodded before leaving.

Chapter 1654: Taking Post

Zhao Hai blankly stared at the garbage-filled Ignored Valley in front of him. He didn't know what to say.

Back in the Hundred Treasures Realm, he was tasked to clean up garbage. He didn't expect to do the same in the Black Tiger Gang.

As he thought of this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but remember what Zhang Feng told him. After calling Zhao Hai over, Zhang Feng explained the arrangements made for him. Actually, after hearing Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao's explanation, Zhao Hai didn't think much of it since he didn't know what kind of place the Ignored Valley was.

As soon as he heard from Zhang Feng what the Ignored Valley was, Zhao Hai stared. He discovered how important his ability was for someone like Zhang Feng.

Zhang Hai also knew the reason Zhang Hao chose this position for him. This was a place where nobody would see him. Before long, people would forget that he existed. Then in this place, Zhao Hai can slowly turn the waste materials into useful ones that Zhang Feng could use to win over other people.

Naturally, Zhang Feng knew that he couldn't treat Zhao Hai unfairly. He would give Zhao Hai everything he needs. Zhang Feng would also take care of any cultivation methods that Zhao Hai required. He would also ensure that what was given to Zhao Hai was the best that the Black Tiger Gang could offer.

Zhao Hai knew that it was now useless to oppose Zhang Feng's arrangement. Although Zhang Feng has the same aura as the Kong Jian Buddhist, Zhao Hai could feel that he was much more powerful. And it seems like Zhang Feng took his token out in order to make Zhang Hao arrange this post for him. This explained how influential Zhang Feng was in the Black Tiger Gang. If Zhao Hai fell out with Zhang Feng at this time, he would definitely experience hardships.

Most importantly, if Zhao Hai did something unfavorable in this place, the repercussions would reach the Hundred Treasures Realm. Also, it would be better for Zhao Hai if nobody paid any attention to him. The waters of the Great World of Cultivation were very deep. Zhao Hai would need time to observe it. Only after that would he make any plans on how to go forward.

Also, Zhang Feng showed Zhao Hai how much he was valued. Not only did Zhang Feng build a special transmission formation in the Ignored Valley, he also gave Zhao Hai some manuals. Although these manuals wouldn't be useful for him, Zhao Hai still knew that they were high-quality as soon as he read them.

After Zhang Hao led Zhao Hai to Elder Hu, he was immediately kicked to the Ignored Valley. The old watchman already went home for retirement, so Zhao Hai saw nobody when he arrived.

Originally, Zhang Hao wanted to follow Zhao Hai to the Ignored Valley, but this caused Elder Hu to have suspicions. Therefore, Zhao Hai entered the transmission formation on his own. But at the same time, Zhao Hai left a silver needle in Zhang Hao's body.

After Zhao Hai went to the Ignored Valley, Zhang Hao went to Elder Hu. Elder Hu politely asked Zhang Hao to sit down before he said, "Junior Brother, how is my arrangement?"

Zhang Hao looked at Elder Hu and knew what the old man wanted to hear. Zhang Hao smiled faintly and said, "I'm satisfied, Elder Hu. Rest assured, this Zhang Hao will not deceive you. Tomorrow, during the outer sect selection, let your grandson come. First Senior Brother ensured that he would enter the Black Tiger Gang as an outer disciple. Moreover, he will be looked after."

Hearing Zhang Hao, Elder Hu's face couldn't help but light up with happiness. He quickly replied, "Thank you Junior Brother. Please express my gratitude to First Senior Brother as well. Brother, how do you want to deal with Zhao Hai? Do you want me to make things harder for him?"

Zhang Hao's expression changed when he heard Elder Hu. He was aware of Zhao Hai's value in Zhang Feng's eyes. If Elder Hu touched Zhao Hai, the consequences might be unimaginable.

Therefore, Zhang Hao quickly said, "No good. Absolutely not. Elder Hu, remember to not do anything to Zhao Hai. Don't even interact with him. Otherwise, things wouldn't be great for you."

Elder Hu looked confused at Zhang Hao. He didn't know why Zhang Hao reacted so strongly. Seeing Elder Hu, Zhang Hao knew that the other party was suspicious. But he needed to make the matter clear to Elder Hu, otherwise things would become troublesome.

He took a deep breath before beckoning Elder Hu closer. Elder Hu stared for a moment, but he went closer to Zhang Hao. Then Zhang Hao said, "Elder Hu, First Senior Brother already gave word that he will take care of your grandson. He might even receive him as a disciple in the future. And since we aren't strangers to each other, I'll make it clear to you. You absolutely cannot touch Zhao Hai. What I said to you before is just a pretext. In fact, First Senior Brother values Zhao Hai very strongly. He wants Zhao Hai to become an outer disciple as soon as possible so that other people wouldn't snatch him first. He placed Zhao Hai in the Ignored Valley so that he would be out of people's eyes. First Senior Brother values Zhao Hai more than you and me. If you offend Zhao Hai, then First Senior Brother will not let you off. First Senior Brother regards this matter very importantly. Don't tell anybody about this, even your closest family and friends."

Elder Hu spent his entire lifetime in the Black Tiger Gang, so he has seen all kinds of matters. Moreover, he has a clear understanding of the gang's internal structure. So he knew that Zhang Feng had a grudge with the top then Core Disciples. He also knew why Zhang Feng collected talents and sent them to places like the Ignored Valley.

Thinking of this, Elder Hu couldn't help but wipe a sweat. Fortunately, he clarified this matter. If he did something that shouldn't be done, then he wouldn't even know how he died.

Elder Hu hastily replied, "Junior Brother, rest assured, this Old Man knows what to do. I certainly wouldn't make a mess of First Senior Brother's matters. But Junior Brother, what you said about First Senior Brother accepting my little Sun as a disciple, is that true?"

Zhang Hao looked at Elder Hu and smiled as he said, "Elder Hu, let me tell you this. Your grandson's future will have a lot to do with Zhao Hai. First Senior Brother has a reason why he sent Zhao Hai to that place. As for the reason, there's no need to ask and there's no need to know. You also don't have to please Zhao Hai. As long as First Senior Brother's task is done well and as long as your grandson's talent isn't bad, then First Senior Brother will accept him as a disciple. He would even assign him a post that's better than yours. Do you understand?"

Hearing Zhang Hao, Elder Hu understood. He replied, "I understand. Junior Brother, don't worry. This Old Man will manage this matter well." Zhang Hao nodded. He gave Elder Hu a salute before leaving.

Seeing Zhang Hao leave, Elder Hu let out a long breath. Then he felt curious about Zhao Hai. He wanted to know what kind of person he is and why Zhang Feng attached great importance to him.

He had seen Zhao Hai, but he looked ordinary. So he didn't understand why Zhang Feng valued him this much.

Although he was curious, Elder Hu didn't even think of seeing Zhao Hai. He learned after spending a lifetime inside the sect that curiosity could kill a person. Whether Zhao Hai offended Zhang Feng or he was being valued, it was not his business. As long as he completes the task, that is enough.

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Zhao Hai cleaned his residence in the Ignored Valley before returning to the Space. Before entering the transmission formation, Zhao Hai left behind a silver needle in Elder Hu's place. It must be known that the Ignored Valley was very far from the Black Tiger Gang. With his surveillance centered in the Handyman Hall, he would understand the sect bit by bit.

Zhao Hai was very careful because he knew that the sect had a lot of Experts. Moreover, these experts had Faith Power. Although they don't have as much as Zhao Hai, it was enough for them to detect the silver needles.

Zhao Hai now felt the impact of Faith Power. To him, it made things more troublesome. He can monitor Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao because these people weren't wary of him. If it were other people, it wouldn't be as easy.

Zhang Feng was a Nascent Soul Immortal Expert. He's very strong and the amount of Faith Power he had was quite a lot. It was already hard for Zhao Hai to observe him. It was good that he had Zhang Feng's trust, otherwise he wouldn't be able to do it.

Zhang Hao, on the other hand, was just at the Foundation Establishment Stage. Moreover, he wasn't an Inner Disciple, which meant that he didn't have Faith Power. This made observing him much easier.

Only a few people in the Black Tiger Gang's outer sect had faith power, only the Elders had it. This made it easier for Zhao Hai to observe the outer sect.

As for the Inner Sect, it would be much more troublesome. Inner Disciples had Faith Power which allowed them to detect the silver needles.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't too worried. There were a lot of outer sect disciples in the Black Tiger Gang. Not to mention the amount of Serving Disciples. Monitoring all of them would take some time.

Chapter 1655: The Enormous Black Tiger Gang

The Yin Valley Life and Death Arena is quite famous in the Great World of Cultivation. Present in the valley were intense yin winds that would freeze even a Gold Core Cultivator's golden core. Falling into the valley would spell certain death.

As for the Battle Slaves fighting in the Yin Valley Life and Death Arena, they would be killed as long as they were blown by the wind. Also, the yin wind in the valley appeared irregularly. Sometimes it would be strong for a few days, sometimes in months, and there would also be times that there would be no wind at all.

Because of this, bets in this Life and Death Arena come with three choices: Fighter 1 wins, Fighter 2 wins, or both die under the yin wind.

The existence of the yin wind caused the battles in the Yin Valley Life and Death Arena to be worth seeing. Naturally, because of the number of people spectating, the bets were also higher. It's quite popular in the Great World of Cultivation.

Zhang Feng looked at the two cultivators currently fighting in the arena. One of the two was a Battle Slave from the Black Tiger Gang. But it was clear that this cultivator wasn't a match for its opponent. It didn't take long before they were killed.

There were no expressions on Zhang Feng's space. In fact, his mind was in another place. He was currently thinking about Zhao Hai's situation.

It has been five days since Zhao Hai arrived at the Ignored Valley. In these five days, Zhao Hai didn't do anything noteworthy. He just stayed in the valley turning waste pills into useful ones. He was also busy with his own matters.

Zhang Feng can monitor Zhao Hai because of Zhao Hai's identity token. Zhao Hai now has an outer disciple identity token. However, the token that Zhao Hai used was different compared to the other outer disciples. This token was specially made by Zhang Feng who installed a surveillance formation inside it.

It wasn't that Zhang Feng was suspicious of Zhao Hai, but Zhao Hai was just too important for his future plans. It wasn't easy for Zhang Feng to come upon someone like Zhao Hai. Therefore, his surveillance of Zhao Hai was most strict.

Zhao Hai also knew that Zhang Feng was monitoring him. However, he already found a way to break his monitoring. He had the Space manufacture another jade token and used it on his belt. This new token replaced the one Zhang Feng made and would send wrong information out.

In fact, in the past few days, Zhao Hai has been staying in the Space looking through the Black Tiger Gang's outer disciples and collecting information. He just left a group of Undead in the Ignored Valley to send the waste materials through a spatial rift.

The Black Tiger Gang was very huge. The number of Servicing Disciples was enormous. Zhao Hai was currently understanding the Black Tiger Gang's sphere of influence. The Black Tiger Gang was located in the northeast part of the Northern Exotic Province. There was a huge mountain range called the Black Tiger Mountains where the sect operates. Beyond the mountain range was another sect called the Wandering Soul Gang. But everything before the mountain range was all the Black Tiger Gang's domain.

The Black Tiger Gang's domain was divided into several parts. The sect's headquarters was located on the mountain range itself. Firstly, because it was the place with the most spiritual qi. And secondly, it acted as a blockade against the Wandering Soul Gang.

The Wandering Soul Gang was a ghost cultivator sect. Their sect was famous for their techniques which were cruel and mysterious. They were also famous in the Great World of Cultivation.

The Black Tiger Gang and the Wandering Soul Gang didn't have much relationship between them. In fact, there had been some friction in the past. However, it didn't develop into conflict. In essence, they were at peace.

Behind the Black Tiger Mountains was a continuous hilly region. This was where the Outer Sect was located. Countless Serving Disciples and Outer Disciple occupy these hills. Because the region was vast, it was impossible for the Black Tiger Gang to completely occupy it. Living in various hills were beasts while some of the hills were turned into forbidden areas. These also acted as the Black Tiger Gang's shields.

This hilly region had the sect's medicine. Additionally, it had mineral lodes that the sect needed. Most importantly, the region had plenty of wild medicinal herbs and an inexhaustible amount of beasts. These were important for cultivators. Most of the sect's commodities come from this place.

Beyond this stretch of hills was a canyon flowing with earth fire known as the Inferno Valley. In the Inferno Valley was another sect called the Flame Roar Sect.

Zhao Hai's current location wasn't far from the Inferno Valley. According to legend, the Ignored Valley was once famous for its gold essence and called the Valley of Gold. But later on, once the gold essence was mined, it was turned into a huge garbage dump.

All round the Ignored Valley were useless stones. The grass on it was malnourished. And there were no ores around. Because of this, nobody came to this place. Even beasts wouldn't bother defecating in this place.

In these past few days, Zhao Hai could see that the Black Tiger Gang could no longer be considered as just a sect. It was more like a country of cultivators. In this country, Serving Disciples were at the bottom, similar to citizens in other countries. They do all kinds of jobs while they practice. In the process of doing so, they would be rewarded which would be akin to a salary. They would use their 'salary' to further their cultivation and one day they might be promoted to an Outer Disciple.

There was a huge difference between Serving Disciples and Outer Disciples. Serving Disciples needed to work every day. Whether it be planting herbs or mining ores, they need to hand their produce over. Then the sect would redistribute these resources equally.

The resources allocated to Serving Disciples was always the minimum. The Black Tiger Gang's Serving Disciples were given the most basic robes and artifacts along with ten fasting pills, a qi refining pill, and five spiritual crystals.

The artifacts that Serving Disciples use were of uniform shape. They were all five foot long swords. These swords were the lowest class of artifacts. Although it can fly, it was very difficult to control. It could only be used for close combat.

Their clothes were also the most common type with almost to no defensive capabilities. It was basically clothing made with good materials. Even if they mined and worked for years, these clothing wouldn't tear. It was enough for these Serving Disciples to not worry about what to wear.

Fasting pills were medicine used to alleviate starvation. Eating one pill was enough for people to go on without eating for five days. Even if they do taxing tasks, the effect is the same.

As for the qi refining pills, naturally the Serving Disciples were given the worst ones.

Spiritual crystals were the basic currency of the Great World of Cultivation. These crystals contain spiritual qi so they could also be absorbed. However, most people use these crystals for transactions.

Ten spiritual crystals could buy one qi refining pills. And compared to absorbing these spiritual crystals on their own, qi refining pills held much more spiritual qi. Therefore, people would save their allowance of five spiritual crystals in order to buy a qi refining pill.

However, the biggest use of spiritual crystals was actually in establishing formations and powering artifacts. These crystals can be used as fuel in order to operate formations and use artifacts.

It might seem like the Black Tiger Gang wasn't treating its Serving Disciples properly. But in fact, the Serving Disciples of the Black Tiger Gang were being well taken care of. Not to mention the spiritual crystals, other sects would only give their Serving Disciples a qi refining pill once every two months.

The allowance of the Black Tiger Gang's Outer Sect Disciples was much better. They were given better magic robes and better artifacts. There's also a monthly supply of ten fasting pills, ten qi refining pills, and also 50 spiritual crystals.

Moreover, Outer Disciples didn't need to do tasks like Serving Disciples. Except those with specified jobs like Zhao Hai, others can live by doing missions. There were no limits on the missions they were allowed to do. For example, a hard task generally took a month to accomplish. If the disciple finishes it in ten days, then they can use the remaining 20 days to do another task.

If the task was unfinished, then punishment would be given accordingly. If the task was uncompleted because of personal reasons, then the tasks for that disciple would double next month. But if there were external reasons for the task's incomplete progress, then no penalty would be given. However, the disciple wouldn't receive the next month's allowance.

Then upon becoming an Inner Disciple, your benefits would increase a hundredfold. Inner Disciples would be given personalized clothing as well as their own artifact. And if their artifact was damaged, it would be repaired for free. They would also be given the opportunity to exchange their clothing once a month. This would allow them to wear new clothing each month.

The pills provided to Inner Disciples were also different. Generally, once one becomes an Inner Disciple, they would no longer need to eat, so they wouldn't be allocated any fasting pills. Qi refining pills were also not used by Inner Disciples. What the Inner Disciples used were yuan pills. These were high-level pills that had great efficacy. Moreover, Inner Disciples would be given marrow cleansing pills every year. Marrow cleansing pills would help one wash their body from impurities.

Also, Inner Disciples would be given 5 thousand spiritual crystals every month. And they would only be required to do 3 missions per year. As for the remaining time, they can use it to cultivate.

Core Disciples were even more extraordinary. Almost every core disciple wasn't limited to what they could use. They were essentially given the priority on every resource that the sect had.

Some of these were the information that Zhao Hai accumulated in the past few days. But the majority of them were obtained from the jade slip that Zhang Feng gave.

Zhao Hai wanted to look into the Black Tiger Mountain, but he discovered that he couldn't. The Black Tiger Mountain was filled with powerful formations. He would have to be careful or else he would be discovered.

Moreover, most Inner Disciples, Core Disciples, and Elders of the Black Tiger Gang live in the Black Tiger Mountains. It would be dangerous for Zhao Hai to monitor it, so he gave up on this plan.

The deeper he understood the Black Tiger Gang, the more dread Zhao Hai felt about the Great World of Cultivation. Most of the Serving Disciples in the sect were equivalent to the Core Formation cultivators in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. The weakest Outer Disciple was at the Transcending Tribulation Stage. If Transcending Tribulation Experts from the lower realms were placed in the Great World of Cultivation, their stage would be called the Refining Spirit Stage, the lowest level.

The Refining Spirit Stage was just a stage name in the Great World of Cultivation. This doesn't mean that the cultivator was able to cultivate a divine soul. It meant that the cultivator would be able to cultivate using Faith Power.

The Great World of Cultivation's research into Faith Power was quite deep. They discovered that once someone reaches the Refining Spirit Stage, one could officially cultivate Faith Power. However, this stage would waste a lot of Faith Power in increasing strength. Because of this, nobody in the Great World of Cultivation would allocate Faith Power to Refining Spirit Cultivators, with the exception of those who descended from powerful existences. Normally, Refining Spirit Cultivators would consume pills to increase their strength.

In the Great Realm of Cultivation, although the Refining Spirit Stage was followed by the Dao Avatar Stage, in fact there was a Foundation Building Stage in between. However, this Foundation Building Stage does not exist. In the Great World of Cultivation, the Refining Spirit Stage was divided into ten levels. Then after the ten levels would be two levels of Foundation Building.

The reason that both Sects and low-level cultivators referred to the 11th and 12th stage as the Foundation Building Stage was because passing the 11th and 12th stage was very difficult. Passing these two stages required a lot of resources. This might not be difficult for cultivators with a background. But to rogue cultivators and those of poorer origin, reaching the 11th level was very hard. Because of this, the 11th and 12th level of the Refining Spirit Stage was referred to as the Foundation Establishment Stage.

After a cultivator passes through the Foundation Establishment Stage, sects would pay them attention and allocate Faith Power to them so that they could enter the Dao Avatar Stage.

The Foundation Establishment Stage of the Great World of Cultivation was equivalent to the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield's Severed Soul Stage. However, these Foundation Establishment cultivators

were much stronger compared to Severed Soul Experts. The Black Tiger Gang had a lot of these cultivators as well as those who just entered the Dao Avatar Stage. They numbered in the thousands. One could then scale this up to the entire Great World of Cultivation. Therefore, Zhao Hai couldn't act unreasonably.

Chapter 1656: Sima Yin Long

Zhao Hai's silence in the past few days caused Zhang Feng to be confused. Zhang Feng was quite familiar with Battle Slaves brought to the Great World of Cultivation. After managing them for a long time, Zhang Feng knew that they wouldn't be comfortable with their situation. These were geniuses back in their respective realms. It was just like a genius student in elementary school going to middle school and finding out that they were just normal. This kind of change would be difficult to adapt to. Such people would find it hard to survive later on.

Once a Battle Slave acclimatizes themselves to their status, only then would they be able to walk farther. However, Zhao Hai's performance was very strange. He didn't seem like someone who couldn't adapt nor was he someone that was quick to adapt. He was neither.

He became a Battle Slave and behaved well, he even displayed his great strength. Then he was asked to stay in a desolate place, and he also behaved well. His actions showed that he was submissive, but how could a submissive person reach his level during cultivation.

As Zhang Feng thought about this, the battles on the Yin Valley Life and Death Arena were over. Just as Zhang Feng was about to leave, a large artifact stopped in front of him. This large artifact was tiger-shaped and wasn't any smaller than Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship. It moved just like a normal tiger, making the large artifact look elegant.

When Zhang Feng saw this large artifact, his expression changed. This large artifact was exclusively used by the Black Tiger Gang. It was called the Tiger Ship.

The Tiger Ship was the Black Tiger Gang's symbolic large artifact. Its fighting strength was very formidable. Each Tiger Ship needed at least 500 Serving Disciples for it to take off. It also needs at least 100 spiritual crystals to run. If it entered combat, the need for spiritual crystals would increase even more.

However, not everyone in the Black Tiger Gang can use the tiger ships. In order to use the tiger ship, one would need great status. Only powerful Elders as well as the top 10 Core Disciples can use these ships. Even Zhang Feng had no permission to use it.

Because of this, every time Zhang Feng saw a Tiger Ship, his expression could become ugly.

At this moment, a person came out of the tiger's mouth. This person was wearing white robes. One could see that this person was an Inner Disciple. Most Inner Disciples would give Zhang Feng a bow upon seeing him, but this person just cupped his fist as he said, "Senior Brother Zhang, Senior Brother Sima invites you in."

Zhang Feng looked at this person and then he coldly snorted. He knew this person. His name is Jin Zhengyin. He was originally an Outer Disciple. Later on, Zhang Feng saw his potential so he gave him a hand, letting him into the Inner Sect. Then Zhang Feng helped him gain good benefits.

But when he entered the Inner Sect, Jin Zhengyin began to turn arrogant, causing Zhang Feng to alienate him. Then Sima Yin Long, one of the top ten core disciples, extended a hand. Without hesitation, Jin Zhengyin entered Sima Yin Long's umbrella. Then he began to target Zhang Feng, causing him to be hated even more. If Jin Zhengyin didn't follow behind Sima Yin Long all the time, Zhang Feng would have already killed him a long time ago.

Zhang Feng naturally doesn't need to give face to such a person, he coldly snorted and said, "If he wants to see me, Sima Yin Long should come out instead of having his dog call me."

Jin Zhengyin's expression couldn't help but change. His ego grew even longer upon following Sima Yin Long. In the entire Black Tiger Gang, nobody dared to not give him face. Seeing Zhang Feng curse him like this, how could he just accept it?

Jin Zhengyin's expression turned cold as he looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Zhang Feng, don't humiliate yourself. You should be aware of the status of Brother Sima. Did you forget about the difference between an Inner Disciple and a Core Disciple? Do you dare ignore the sect's rules?"

Jin Zhengyin's words weren't without truth. In the Black Tiger Gang, there were very strict rules when it came to respect between Core Disciples and Inner Disciples. Inner Disciples weren't supposed to ignore any orders from Core Disciples.

Zhang Feng looked at Jin Zhengyin and then coldly snorted as he said, "You've become smarter. You actually learned to use the sect's rules to suppress people. But let me tell you, the sect's rules are useless against me."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Jin Zhengyin's eyes shone as he snorted and said, "You actually dared to say that. Hahaha. Zhang Feng, you're dead."

Zhang Feng looked at Jin Zhengyin as though he was an idiot. Then he gave out a smile and said, "Jin Zhengyin, it seems like you're too idle that you turned into an idiot. Did you forget about my position?"

Hearing Zhang Feng, Jin Zhengyin couldn't help but stare. Then his complexion paled. He looked at Zhang Feng and just coldly snorted without saying anything.

Zhang Feng was now the manager of the Battle Slaves. He held a senior management status in the Handyman Hall. People like him couldn't be directly ordered by Core Disciples.

Jin Zhengyin forgot about this point, which made him a joke. Now that he was reminded, his expression was naturally difficult to look at.

After Jin Fengyin's silence, a calm voice was heard from the tiger ship, "Zhang Feng, although you and I don't get along, we aren't in the sect. Don't make us look like jokes in front of other people. Please come in and have a talk". The voice wasn't loud and it was very smooth, giving people a sense of peace.

Zhang Feng coldly snorted, but he still moved and entered the tiger ship. The inside of the ship was enormous and was divided into many rooms. The most important room of the ship was at the center. It had a floor area of more than a thousand square meters and was very well decorated. Inside the room was a huge sofa that was filled with colored wool blankets. Sat on the sofa was a man.

This person was Sima Yin Long, the seventh of the top ten Core Disciples of the sect. It can be said that his influence in the Black Tiger Gang was very strong. There weren't a lot of people that would dare offend him. And even fewer people who he could treat as an enemy.

He was good at speaking and he was very tall. Going against him would be akin to a beggar betting against a millionaire.

But yet, Zhang Feng was Sima Yin Long's opponent. Despite being one of the top ten Core Disciples of the sect, Sima Yin Long cannot do anything to Zhang Feng. One could also see from this how powerful Zhang Feng was.

Zhang Feng looked at Sima Yin Long and said, "Sima Yin Long, why did you call me over? If you don't have anything to say, then I'm leaving."

Sima Yin Long looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Since I'm going back as well, I might as well see you off. In any case, the two of us are from the same sect. By the way, why didn't I see the Battle Slave who made a huge splash last time?"

Hearing Sima Yin Long, Zhang Feng knew that he was asking about Zhao Hai. He understood why Sima Yin Long was looking for him. Zhang Feng couldn't help but sneer inside. But he had an impatient look on his face as he said, "Sima Yin Long, what do you mean? The Battle Slaves are under my control. Do I need to report to you whenever I decide to let them battle?"

If Zhao Hai saw Zhang Feng right now, he would no doubt be startled. This was because the overbearing Zhang Feng was performing as an emotional person. Back when Zhao Hai met Zhang Feng, Zhang Feng had a deep expression, completely different to his expression now.

Sima Yin Long looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Zhang Feng, I'm being polite to you. I expect you to give me face as well. Where is Zhao Hai now?"

Zhang Feng looked at Sima Yin Long as he coldly snorted and said, "When have you been polite to me? Naturally, Zhao Hai went to a place where he belonged. He's now an Outer Disciple of our Black Tiger Gang. A person with such potential must of course be groomed. Why would I waste his time in the Life and Death Arena? This Zhang Feng deeply cares about the life of our talents."

Sima Yin Long looked at Zhang Feng with a disdainful smile on his face. In his mind, Zhang Feng was small-minded, seeking revenge over the slightest grievance. And this person was supposed to be caring towards others? Even if he was killed, Sima Yin Long still wouldn't believe it.

Sima Yin Long didn't care as he sneered, "So it's this. Good. Then I won't be keeping you long. Please." Zhang Feng sneered at Sima Yin Long before he turned around and left.

As soon as Zhang Feng got out of the tiger ship, it quickly flew away. Zhang Feng looked at the large artifact as a smile appeared on his face. Zhang Feng has been in the Black Tiger Gang for so many years. In these years, he acted impulsive, seeking revenge for the slightest grievance. Other people look at him as a small-minded person. However, these people didn't think that Zhang Feng was just putting up a front. Otherwise, how could Zhang Feng be able to survive after going against the sect's top ten Core Disciples.

The power of the top ten core disciples of the Black Tiger Gang was extremely big. Zhang Feng was well aware of this. Because of this, he didn't become a Core Disciple and instead stayed in the Inner Sect all this time. Zhang Feng also understood that the sect needed him to do that.

Any upper character in any huge influence wouldn't allow their subordinates to step over them. Naturally, the same was true for the Black Tiger Gang. The current gang leader currently had the most influence because of Zhang Feng's support. And this was also the reason why Zhang Feng survived all these years after going against the top ten disciples. Zhang Feng knew that the Gang Leader needed a person such as him to keep the balance against the top ten Core Disciples. With this insight, Zhang Feng was able to reach his current position.

In Zhang Feng's eyes, Sima Yin Long was nothing but a cultivation genius. It was the other core disciples that he needed to pay attention to.

But after Sima Yin Long goes back, he would certainly look for Zhao Hai. It seems like Zhang Feng would need to give Zhao Hai a heads up.

Chapter 1657: Zhang Feng's Arrival

Zhao Hai had no idea about what happened between Zhang Feng and Sima Yin Long. Although he was monitoring Zhang Feng, he didn't dare look too much. Meanwhile, Sima Yin Long stayed inside the tiger ship all the time. The silver needles were unable to go inside the ship since there were multiple formations inside. If the silver needle enters the tiger ship, it would definitely be found.

Because Zhao Hai didn't know about this interaction, he couldn't help but stare upon seeing the transmission formation light up and Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao appeared. He immediately walked out of the Space.

Fortunately, while he was inside the Space, his identity token was inside his residence. This would make Zhang Feng think that he was inside his room.

After coming out of the Space, Zhao Hai immediately put away the fake identity token. Although the fake token was good, it still had special energy fluctuations. If Zhang Feng sees it, he would immediately identify that it was a fake.

Zhao Hai came out of his residence and saw Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao observing the valley. The Ignored Valley was an enormous garbage dump with nothing noteworthy inside it. The things dumped in this place were useless. In fact there was nothing worth looking at this place. Zhang Hao and Zhang Feng were just curious since it was the first time they went to this place.

Zhao Hai gave Zhang Feng a salute and said, "Senior Brother Zhang, you came. Please, come in."

Zhang Feng smiled at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, it's good that you're doing well. How is your stay here? Are you used to it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm doing fine. In fact, nothing changed. Even in the lower realm, I close up most of the time."

Zhang Feng nodded when he heard this. In the Great Realm of Cultivation, cultivation addicts also exist. These people would cultivate all the time. One couldn't do anything to such people, they can only wait for them to come out. Then they would do their duties before closing up once more. Zhang Feng felt that Zhao Hai was the same person.

After the three entered Zhao Hai's residence, Zhao Hai took out two transforming clouds and asked the two to sit down. Zhang Feng was attracted to the clouds, he looked at them before turning to Zhao Hai and asking, "What are these?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "They're called transforming clouds. It's a special product of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. There's a place that we managed to occupy named the Cloudsea Territory, it's common there. These things are very convenient to use. But they're best used as cushions. They are very comfortable to sit on."

Zhang Feng nodded, but he didn't open his mouth to ask for some. Instead, he said, "Little Hai, I came here first to see how you're doing and see if you need anything. Secondly, I came to tell you something."

Zhao Hai gave a nod. Then Zhang Feng continued, "You've been staying in this place, so may not know much about the Black Tiger Gang. In the sect, the most powerful group are the top ten Core Disciples. I am the top Inner Disciple of the sect and I have a grudge against these ten Core Disciples. For so many years, those 10 would find ways to target me. If you follow me, it would be equivalent to standing on the opposite side of those 10 Core Disciples."

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect Zhang Feng to disclose this matter to him. He didn't understand where Zhang Feng was going, but he still nodded and said, "I understand."

Zhang Feng also noticed Zhao Hai's pause. He looked at Zhao Hai and thought at first that he was startled about what he just heard. But afterwards, Zhao Hai's expression turned normal. This caused Zhang Feng to be curious, so he asked, "Little Hai, aren't you afraid? You will be offending those ten Core Disciples."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "What's there to be afraid of? Senior Brother Zhang, even if you want to train me, you didn't explicitly say it. So even if those guys find me, they won't know that I had sided with you. Naturally, they won't deal with me. And so what if they're core disciples? If it weren't for you, I would have still fought in the Life and Death Arena. Maybe those core disciples would keep me as a Battle Slave so that they would continue to make money."

Zhang Feng didn't expect Zhao Hai to think about this matter so clearly. He stared for a moment, then he laughed. He calmed down after a while as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, it would be good if you think this way. I came this time mainly for this matter. The matter where you've been promoted into the Outer Sect has been found out by a core disciple. He's the seventh core disciple named Sima Yin Long. This guy couldn't do anything to me. I reckon he's there during your first battle. Therefore, he looked for you this time. I think he will come to you in the following days."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown as he said, "Look for me? That won't be easy. If I decline, won't those people deal with me?"

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "I don't think that would happen. Your situation is miserable right now, how could they deal with you. You should know that you're still an Outer Disciple. They won't treat you as important. You're just a little person in their eyes, so there's nothing to worry about."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "That's good. Right, Senior Brother Zhang, this is my output in the past few days." Then he handed a spatial bag over to Zhang Feng.

Zhang Feng was stunned for a moment before taking a look into the spatial bag. Inside the bag were a few jade bottles as well as some materials. Most of the materials were metals. He still couldn't discern what was inside the jade bottles.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "You came out with these things in just a few days?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I use my ability often back in the lower realm. But since the materials here are too advanced, I can't use my ability more than this. But Senior Brother doesn't need to worry, output will be better in the future."

Zhang Feng stared at Zhao Hai, then he nodded and said, "Alright, you don't need to work too hard. Take care of yourself." Zhao Hai nodded. Then Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai's residence. He found that the layout was very simple, he couldn't help but frown as he said, "How is your living condition? Is there anything you need?"

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "Senior Brother, you don't have to worry about me. I don't need anything right now. Right, if Senior Brother has time, please bring me more cultivation techniques or some notes regarding cultivation. I want to know more about this realm's cultivation."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Alright, rest assured. I will definitely send some to you."

Zhao Hai nodded. Zhang Feng looked around him as he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, I've inconvenienced you. When my position improves later on, I will not forget your contributions."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother, I don't have any interest in power or whatnot. As long as you give me a place to safely cultivate in, cultivation methods to research, and materials to work with, then I'm fine."

Zhang Feng patted Zhao Hai's shoulder and said, "Alright, let's not talk about this. We'll revisit it in the future. This time, I just want to inform you that Sima Yin Long is coming over. You need to prepare yourself."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Senior Brother, you can rest assured. I won't offend him too much."

Zhang Feng nodded. Then he looked at Zhang Hao and said, "Little Hai, if I have something to do later and I can't go, you should come here. See Little Hai every seven days and look into what he needs. If he needs something, immediately inform me. Understand?"

Zhang Hao nodded. Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, I won't stay here for long. I don't know when Sima Yin Long will come. Be careful and make sure to not offend them. Otherwise, they might make a move on you."

Zhao Hai nodded. Zhang Feng stood up and then took Zhang Hao out. But before they could leave, Zhao Hai said, "Senior Brother Zhang, wait a minute. Please take this." After he said that, he gave another spatial bag to Zhang Feng.

Zhang Feng looked into the spatial bag and saw a huge piece of transforming cloud. Zhao Hai smiled and said, "There's also a method to use the transforming clouds. You can take a look. Zhang Feng patted Zhao Hai's shoulder before he turned around and left.

After Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao left the Ignored Valley, Zhao Hai's brows wrinkled. He didn't expect to be involved in a power struggle this soon. This wasn't good for him.

He was aware of the struggle between Zhang Feng and the ten Core Disciples. This wasn't a secret in the Black Tiger Gang.

Although the Outer Disciples of the Black Tiger Gang feared the inner and core disciples, they still gossip about them. Most of Zhao Hai's information was taken from these gossips.

Zhang Feng and the top ten core disciples didn't fight once or twice. Although they haven't broken each others' faces and just resorted to stumbling each other and poaching people, Zhang Feng was still at a disadvantage. Fortunately, it seems like Zhang Feng had someone supporting him from above the sect. Because of this, the top ten core disciples don't dare embarrass him too much. If it weren't for this, then he would have been sent to a desolate place like the Ignored Valley.

Zhao Hai previously thought that a small person like him would not be involved in this matter. After all, he was just someone who can recycle waste materials. The core disciples shouldn't have taken notice of him.

However, Zhang Feng's arrival caused Zhao Hai to feel a sense of crisis. It seems like Sima Yin Long wouldn't just let this matter off so easily. Otherwise, Zhang Feng wouldn't have come. But even if Zhao Hai knew, what could he do? He cannot hide. It seems like he can only make matters run its course. He needs to resist whatever comes after him.

Chapter 1658: Investigating the Trail

Sima Yin Long sat inside his room with a glass of liquor in his hand. His eyes were looking at the ceiling, motionless, obviously thinking about something.

Jin Zhengyin stood beside Sima Yin Long. Although it seems like he has something to say, he didn't dare disturb Sima Yin Long. He can only calmly stand by.

After some time, Sima Yin Long turned to Jin Zhengyin and said, "What did you think Zhang Feng was planning, promoting Zhao Hai into the sect early? Did he find something special about Zhao Hai and wanted to focus on him?"

When Jin Zhengyin heard Sima Yin Long, he immediately said, "Replying to Senior Brother, I think that's possible. Zhang Feng has been training his strength to resist you. Now he even went as far as to admit Zhao Hai early into the Outer Sect, there should be a reason. If Senior Brother agrees, I can go check it out."

Sima Yin Long nodded and said, "Go. I want to know what's going on." Jin Zhengyin nodded, then he bowed and retreated.

Looking at Jin Zhengyin's back, Sima Yin Long's eyes couldn't help but flash a light of contempt. Although he personally poached Jin Zhengyin from Zhang Feng's side, he didn't look too highly upon him. This was because Jin Zhengyin has shown his ungratefulness.

In the Great World of Cultivation, people would do all kinds of things in order to achieve their goal. However, there was a bottom line. Deceiving one's master and destroying their legacy was looked down upon.

On the other hand, people rarely betray their benefactors. Otherwise, they would be despised by other people.

Jin Zhengyin's promotion to the Inner Sect was due to Zhang Feng, Sima Yin Long was well aware of this. Zhang Feng fished Jin Zhengyin out of the Outer Sect and trained him.

Zhang Feng's efforts attracted Sima Yin Long's attention. He went to contact Jin Zhengyin just to test his attitude. And much to his surprise, before Sima Yin Long could express his intentions, Jin Zhengyin was already dying to follow him. He was prepared to sell Zhang Feng clean.

This was the main reason why Sima Yin Long looked down on Jin Zhengyin. Whatever Jin Zhengyin had to the present day was provided by Zhang Feng, but he abandoned Zhang Feng at the first opportunity. Such a person couldn't be trusted. Jin Zhengyin abandoned Zhang Feng who was very kind to him. If one day Sima Yin Long didn't treat Jin Zhengyin right, who knows who Jin Zhengyin will sell him to.

However, Sima Yin Long truly had a grudge with Zhang Feng. In order to break Zhang Feng's arm, Sima Yin Long was willing to pay a thousand gold and provide Jin Zhengyin with a horse. Therefore, Sima Yin Long treated Jin Zhengyin well. But deep inside, he looked down upon this treacherous individual.

Jin Zhengyin left Sima Yin Long with a glimmer of light in his eyes. He was an ambitious person. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been taken by Zhang Feng and then later on becoming an errand boy for Sima Yin Long. Although Sima Yin Long was kind to him, all of these were empty to Jin Zhengyin. After all, Zhang Feng was also kind to him, and Jin Zhengyin still betrayed him.

For Jin Zhengyin, things like friendship, kinship, and a sense of gratitude didn't exist. He only wanted to be on the top. He wants to be like Sima Yin Long, and then maybe someone even more powerful. This was what he hoped to achieve the most.

This time, there was an opportunity. Because of Zhang Feng, Jin Zhengyin didn't dare leave the side of Sima Yin Long. Now that Zhang Feng was managing the Battle Slaves and wouldn't return to the sect for a while, Jin Zhengyin was given time to move to do errands for Sima Yin Long, increasing his value in Sima Yin Long's eyes.

As long as Sima Yin Long treats him seriously, he would have an opportunity to crawl upwards. It would be best if he would become a core disciple.

The tiger ship was still quite a distance from the Black Tiger Gang. But in some big cities in the Great World of Cultivation, there would be giant transmission formations that allowed the travel of large artifacts.

There weren't a lot of cities in the Great World of Cultivation. And almost all of the city's land was used as markets. A big city was just a huge market while a smaller city was a smaller market. Regardless of status, anyone can trade in these cities. You may be a rogue cultivator or a core disciple of a major sect. As long as you want to trade in these cities, you can. The method and location of the trade was also left to the parties involved.

For example, rogue cultivators who didn't have a lot of spiritual crystals would rent a shabby stall on a small alley. If you were a disciple of a major sect, you can send your items to an auction house and leave it to them to sell.

Some Major Cities were under the control of huge sects while the majority were under the control of an alliance of strong cultivators. Such cities would be autonomous.

Huge cities not controlled by sects were built up by rogue cultivators who formed a group. In the process of building up, they recruited soldiers and sold goods before forming a city. They would also build their legacy in these cities so that they can rule from generation to generation.

Because of this, huge cities would have a lot of powerful experts. Moreover, the managers of these cities would pose as merchants with dispositions that attracted wealth. They would be polite to

everyone and wouldn't just casually offend people. These trading cities were very important to all cultivators. Because of this, sects were able to agree to their existence.

If big sects wanted to control these cities, the first to oppose them wouldn't be the people outside, but their own disciples. This was because Outer and Inner Disciples of these sects would come to these cities in order to exchange for cultivation materials. Although these materials were also available in their sects, those sold in the cities were much cheaper. Naturally, these cultivators would know where to buy.

These huge cities have plenty of transmission formations. Although they spent a lot of money to maintain and operate these formations, these cities didn't collect any fees upon arrival. They would only charge people who leave the cities. The larger the transmission formation, the higher the charge.

For Sima Yin Long to return to the Black Tiger Gang as soon as possible, he would naturally need to use a large transmission formation.

Before long, Sima Yin Long's tiger ship passed through the transmission formation and arrived at the Black Tiger Sect. When the tiger ship appeared, the people guarding the transmission formation immediately made a salute, their expressions were of the utmost respect.

But Sima Yin Long's ship didn't stop. Instead, it flew deep into the Black Tiger Mountain. On the way, Jin Zhengyin departed from the ship and went to the Outer Sect's Handyman Hall.

The Handyman Hall doesn't only assign people to their duties. They also kept records about the locations of all Outer Disciples. If one wanted to find someone, they would go to the Handyman Hall.

Jin Zhengyin flew while paying attention to his surroundings. He was currently in the Outer Sect. Upon seeing Jin Zhengyin, these Outer Disciples would immediately give him a bow and a salute after getting out of the way.

Jin Zhengyin swept these disciples with his eyes as though he didn't care about them. But in fact, Jin Zhengyin liked this feeling of being respected.

Before long, Jin Zhengyin arrived at the Handyman Hall. Elder Hu also received word about Jin Zhengyin's arrival. When he saw Jin Zhengyin, Elder Hu immediately bowed and said, "I have seen Brother Jin. May I ask the reason why Brother Jin came to this humble one's place?"

Jin Zhengyin looked at Elder Hu and said, "Elder Hu, I'm here on behalf of Senior Brother Sima to ask about someone."

Elder Hu respectfully replied, "May I ask who Senior Brother Sima was looking for?"

Jin Zhengyin answered, "Recently, there's a disciple called Zhao Hai who entered the Outer Sect. This person was a Battle Slave and was personally promoted by Zhang Feng."

When Elder Hu heard Jin Zhengyin mention Zhang Feng's name without any honorifics, he couldn't help but despise him more. He pretended to be embarrassed as he replied, "Yes, there's indeed someone named Zhao Hai who has entered the Outer Sect. He's a Battle Slave that was personally promoted by First Senior Brother Zhang Feng."

Jin Zhengyin nodded and said, "Call him over, I want to see him."

Elder Hu's face was awkward as he said, "This, I'm afraid it would be difficult because of the place Zhao Hai was sent to."

Hearing Elder Hu, Jin Zhengyin's eyes lit up. He wanted to know what good place Zhang Feng had arranged for Zhao Hai. Moreover, it seems like he wanted to hide Zhao Hai from other people, otherwise Elder Hu wouldn't have said those words. His voice couldn't help but turn cold as he said, "What? Can I not see him? I'm not the one who's asking, this is Senior Brother Sima's order."

Sweat could be seen dripping on Elder Hu's face. Even if he had huge guts, he still wouldn't dare offend Sima Yin Long. If he really offended Sima Yin Long, not only him, but his entire lineage would be killed. After wiping off his sweat, Elder Hu looked at Jin Zhengyin and said, "Brother Jin, it's not like I don't want you to see Zhao Hai. But the place Zhao Hai was sent to is somewhat special. Nobody would go there and he also can't come out. The rules stipulated that someone needs to be in that place all the time. So I can't call him over to meet you."

Jin Zhengyin looked at Elder Hu and couldn't help but ask, "Does the sect have that kind of place? Why didn't I know of it? Tell me where he is. I can go find him."

Elder Hu looked at Jin Zhengyin, then he lowered his head as he replied, "Zhao Hai is responsible for guarding the Ignored Valley!"

"Ignored Valley? Why does that place sound familiar? Wait, Ignored Valley? Did you say Ignored Valley? That Ignored Valley?" Jin Zhengyin doubted it first, then he couldn't help but express his astonishment.

Elder Hu nodded and said, "There's only one Ignored Valley in the Black Tiger Gang. Brother should know that nobody wants to go to the valley. Moreover, due to the sect rules, unless someone comes to replace him, Zhao Hai cannot leave."

Jin Zhengyin's face couldn't help but change as he looked at Elder Hu. Then he muttered, "How could it be like this? Why did Zhao Hai go to the Ignored Valley? Didn't Zhang Feng promote him personally? But the Ignored Valley? Are you lying to me?"

Elder Hu looked at Jin Zhengyin and then forced a smile as he said, "Brother Jin, I wouldn't dare deceive you. Zhao Hai is really in the Ignored Valley. Moreover, First Senior Brother Zhang personally assigned him there. He promoted Zhao Hai but he said that Zhao Hai is boastful and he needs to be disciplined in the Ignored Valley. Brother Jin, you should know that I'm just a small person. I wouldn't dare neglect First Senior Brother Zhang's instructions."

Jin Zhengyin looked at Elder Hu's face and then revealed a strange smile as he said, "Did Zhang Feng mention that he appreciates Zhao Hai so he sent him to the Ignored Valley?"

Elder Hu nodded. The expression on Jin Zhengyin's face turned more strange. He obviously didn't believe Elder Hu's words. After some time, he said, "Where is the transmission formation to the Ignored Valley? I'll go there to take a look at Zhao Hai."

Elder Hu awkwardly replied, "This. Brother Jin, normally trash is piled on top of the Ignored Valley's transmission formation. You would suffer if you use it."

Jin Zhengyin waved his hand and said, "Go arrange it. I need to go there to take a look." Elder Hu nodded and said, "Brother Jin, come with me." After he said that, he led Jin Zhengyin outside of the hall. Before long, they reached a corner of the transmission formation square. Several baskets were piled on top of a transmission formation completely filled with trash. These were refining waste and pill waste. The pile even gave out an intermittent revolting stink.

Jin Zhengyin covered his nose. Then a white light flashed as the baskets were sent over. Jin Zhengyin knit his brows as he looked at the transmission formation. Just as he was about to walk over, Elder Hu blocked him and said, "Brother Jin, please wait a while. The trash needs to be taken care of on the other side before the transmission formation can be used."

Jin Zhengyin stared, he knitted his brows and said, "How long will I have to wait? If he didn't take those things away, then wouldn't I be able to go?"

Elder Hu smiled and said, "Brother Jin doesn't need to worry. The sect has rules saying that if the waste wasn't taken care of in two minutes, then penalties would be given. In a while, the baskets will be sent through the transmission formation. When the time comes you can use it."

Jin Zhengyin looked at the transmission formation. The strange smile on his face became deeper.

Chapter 1659: Suppression

Zhao Hai was aware of the happenings in the Handyman Hall. Everything that Elder Hu said and did was intentional. Since Jin Zhengyin was going to look for him, Zhao Hai already made the proper preparations.

Zhang Hao and the others didn't know that Zhao Hai was using Undead in order to take out the trash. Because of this, they didn't inform Zhao Hai to make preparations. Instead, they told Elder Hu to expect the arrival of Jin Zhengyin.

Since Zhang Hao informed Elder Hu, Elder Hu told Jin Zhengyin that Zhang Feng admired Zhao Hai instead of the usual reason that Zhang Feng lost money betting on him.

Jin Zhengyin didn't believe what Elder Hu said. This was because in Jin Fengyin's view, sending people to the Ignored Valley as a punishment would only work on people from the Great World of Cultivation. Zhao Hai came from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, it was already an improvement for him to be in the Great World of Cultivation, even if he was in a garbage dump.

Jin Zhengyin was too familiar with Zhang Feng. He clearly knew that if Zhang Feng appreciated Zhao Hai, then he definitely wouldn't send Zhao Hai to the Ignored Valley. Instead, he would keep him by his side and train him, just like Jin Zhengyin back then. So he didn't believe what Elder Hu said.

But what Jin Zhengyin didn't know was that Zhang Feng also knew him. Zhang Feng took Jin Zhengyin to the Inner Sect from the Outer Sect. Moreover, he gave Jin Zhengyin careful guidance. So how could Zhang Feng be unaware of Jin Zhengyin's ambition? It was just that Zhang Feng didn't expect Jin Zhengyin to be so cold as to betray him.

The reason Zhang Feng asked Elder Hu to say such a thing to Jin Zhengyin was to tell Jin Zhengyin in another way what kind of person Zhao Hai was. This way, Jin Zhengyin wouldn't be suspicious of Zhao Hai.

As for the possibility that Sima Yin Long would win Zhao Hai over, Zhang Feng believed that it was very small. Zhao Hai was a Battle Slave with the position of Outer Disciple. Although Jin Zhengyin was also from the Outer Sect, he was already strong and was able to be promoted to the Inner Sect. Sima Yin Long would certainly win him over. It was completely different compared to Zhao Hai.

Not long after Zhao Hai sent the baskets back, there was a flash of white light in the transmission formation. Then Elder Hu and Jin Zhengyin appeared. Zhao Hai hastily gave a salute to Elder Hu, "I have seen Elder Hu."

Elder Hu nodded, then he gestured towards Jin Zhengyin and said, "This is Brother Jin Zhengyin. Call him Martial Uncle."

Zhao Hai gave Jin Zhengyin a salute and said, "I have seen Martial Uncle."

Jin Zhengyin nodded and then turned his head to look at the Ignored Valley. Although there was a pile of garbage here, the valley was very deep so it wasn't evident. There's nothing good to see in this place. After taking a glance, Jin Zhengyin turned back to Zhao Hai and said, "How are you doing in this place?"

Zhao Hai wore a respectful expression as he quickly replied, "I'm doing very well. Thanks for Martial Uncle's care."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Jin Zhengyin couldn't help but frown. He could hear the unwillingness in Zhao Hai's words, which oftentimes represented ambition. If he let Zhao Hai go to Sima Yin Long's side, then it would mean that he would have one more opponent.

Jin Zhengyin wasn't a broad-hearted person, so he didn't have any favorable impression of Zhao Hai. Naturally, he also has no malice towards him. But for Zhao Hai to be selected and promoted to the Outer Sect, it showed that he has talent. Such a person, Jin Zhengyin has to be more careful about.

Jin Zhengyin has followed Sima Yin Long for some time. He knew clearly what kind of person Sima Yin Long was. If Sima Yin Long discovered that Zhao Hai was a material worth training, then he would train Zhao Hai with his full power. When the time comes, Zhao Hai would become a real threat.

Jin Zhengyin dislikes being in a position where he feels threatened. Even if this person was as harmless as an animal at this time. Jin Zhengyin unconsciously thought about himself and Zhang Feng. Zhang Feng has been kind to him in the beginning, and now, although his words towards Jin Zhengyin were cold, he still couldn't do anything against him. Moreover, Jin Zhengyin still has a possibility of becoming a Core Disciple while Zhang Feng was stuck in the Inner Sect.

This point caused Jin Zhengyin to be proud. And this was also where most of his attention was pointed to. He wouldn't allow anyone to threaten his position. So when he heard unwillingness in Zhao Hai's voice, he immediately knit his brows.

However, Jin Zhengyin's expression quickly turned to normal as he nodded to Zhao Hai and said, "Then, you take care." After he said that he turned around and walked towards the transmission formation.

Elder Hu paid attention to Zhao Hai. He found that Zhao Hai had a sarcastic smile on his face the moment Jin Zhengyin turned around and left. Elder Hu immediately understood, Zhao Hai deliberately toned his words.

Thinking about this, Elder Hu couldn't help but turn cold. He didn't think that Zhao Hai could scheme this deep. It seems like Zhao Hai already decided to follow Zhang Feng. However, Elder Hu didn't dislike Zhao Hai's method. After all, he could also be regarded as someone on Zhang Feng's side.

After Elder Hu and Jin Zhengyin returned to the Handyman Hall, they exchanged greetings before Jin Zhengyin left. As soon as Jin Zhengyin left, two Outer Disciples whispered between each other, "That was Martial Uncle Jin Zhengyin. Elder Hu, why did he come here?"

Another whispered, "You don't know? Martial Uncle Jin came here to see that hopeless guy sent to the Ignored Valley."

The previous cultivator answered, "You mean that unlucky fellow? Does Martial Uncle Jin want to save him? I heard that Martial Uncle Jin and First Senior Brother Zhang don't like each other. First Senior Brother Zhang personally ordered that person to be sent to the Ignored Valley."

Then the other person whispered, "That guy caused the First Senior Brother to lose a lot of money. Moreover, that fellow is very strong. I heard that he's strong enough to win all 10 battles and be promoted to the Outer Sect. Because of this, First Senior Brother promoted him ahead of time and then threw him to the Ignored Valley to fend for himself. You might not know, but when Martial Uncle Jin came over, Elder Hu said that the First Senior Brother admired that unlucky kid, so he threw him into the Ignored Valley to hide. As for whether Martial Uncle Jin would save him, that's none of our business."

Jin Zhengyin didn't fly too fast, so he naturally heard the conversation of the cultivators. At the same time, he heard other cultivators talking about the same time. It seems like Zhao Hai's situation wasn't a secret in the Handyman Hall.

Jin Zhengyin quickly returned to where Sima Yin Long was. In the Black Tiger Gang, The top Core Disciples would occupy the tallest mountains. In any case, the Black Tiger Gang has a lot of mountains.

And since Sima Yin Long was among the top ten Core Disciples, he naturally has his own mountain where he and his subordinates live. This was also one of the benefits the sect gave to the Core Disciples.

Besides the top ten Core Disciples, only Zhang Feng has a mountain of his own. However, his mountain was a bit far away from the top ten core disciples. But because he has been working outside for many years, he rarely returns to his mountain.

Sima Yin Long's mountain wasn't very big. Also it was built differently from those in the World of Cultivation. In the World of Cultivation, people would generally dig caves for residences. In the Black Tiger Gang, most of the residences were built above ground. Sima Yin Long's mountain had a lot of beautifully designed buildings. If you look at it as a whole, it would be like a giant dragon that wrapped itself around the mountain. The buildings were covered with golden tiles, adding an effect of scales to the dragon.

At the position of the dragon's head was a building ten stories high. There was a square in front of this building where a tiger ship was parked. The huge tiger ship was a contrast to the tall building. It looked like a lion and a tiger roaring at each other.

There were a thousand people occupying this mountain. More than a hundred of them were serving disciples responsible for cleaning and other chores in the building. The rest were mostly Outer Disciples under Sima Yin Long. The strength of these disciples were pretty good. These would be the people who would operate the tiger ship whenever Sima Yin Long went out.

However, Sima Yin Long's true power were the hundred or so Inner Disciples. These Inner Disciples were the strongest weapons that Sima Yin Long had. Naturally, their strengths were extraordinary.

Sima Yin Long lived in the tall building in the middle of the mountain while the Inner Disciples lived not far off. The Outer Disciples lived farther away. As for the serving disciples, they lived on the outer edges of the mountain.

The mountain also has its own Mountain Guarding Formation. Moreover, this formation was quite advanced. It must be known that even Core Disciples competed against themselves. Therefore, a Mountain Guarding Formation was required.

Jin Zhengyin was one of Sima Yin Long's favored men. Because of this, the serving disciples and the outer disciples immediately gave him a salute when they met him. Even other inner disciples would still give him face. Jin Zhengyin gave them all a nod before he flew towards the tall building.

After arriving at the square outside the tall building, Jin Zhengyin descended and then walked in. There were two outer disciples defending the doors to the building. They weren't here to protect the building, instead they were assigned to see who to allow passage.

Seeing Jin Zhengyin arrive, the two outer disciples immediately gave a salute. Then one of them said, "Senior Brother Jin, the Lord said that you should go to his quiet room as soon as you arrive."

Jin Zhengyin nodded before he walked into the building. The building had ten stories. Naturally, Sima Yin Long's quiet room was on the tenth floor. Since this building forbade using any techniques, Jin Zhengyin can only use the stairs to go up.

The tenth floor was divided into two rooms. The first room was the quiet room while the other was the lounge. These two rooms were very big, not any smaller than a thousand square meters. The doors of the rooms were cast in bronze and were carved with a soaring dragon. They looked very imposing.

Chapter 1660: No Need To Care

Just as Jin Zhengyin arrived at the door of the quiet room, he heard Sima Yin Long's voice, "Is it Little Jin? Come in." Jin Zhengyin complied and pushed the door open before going in. Although the door was made of bronze and looked heavy, it easily opened after a simple push. Moreover, it didn't make any noise.

Jin Zhengyin has been to Sima Yin Long's quiet room multiple times. But every time he came, he was always surprised. He couldn't help but marvel at the simplicity of the quiet room.

Sima Yin Long's quiet room was very simple. Although the room was very big, there was nothing inside. Besides the praying mat in the middle, there was nothing else.

Most importantly, the room was windowless. The only source of light inside the room was the big luminous pearl in the middle of the ceiling.

Jin Zhengyin estimated that as long as the door of the quiet room was closed, the luminous pearl would only bring out a faint light.

This was also something Jin Zhengyin admired about Sima Yin Long. He tried having the same quiet room before. However, he couldn't bear the darkness and silence. Although it would greatly benefit his spiritual force, his restlessness caused him to stop. In the end, he could only give up on the idea. This

also made him aware that Sima Yin Long's current position wasn't just due to his innate talent. Sima Yin Long also put in effort to gain his strength.

Jin Zhengyin approached Sima Yin Long and then said, "Senior Brother, I've already made my investigation. Zhao Hai did indeed enter the Outer Sect. However, he's in the trash dump Ignored Valley. Zhang Feng spread word that he appreciates Zhao Hai so he sent him to the Ignored Valley to temper his mind. But from what I can see, he just threw Zhao Hai into the Ignored Valley."

Sima Yin Long knitted his brows and said, "Zhao Hai has offended Zhang Feng?"

Jin Zhengyin nodded and said, "Yes. I heard that when Zhao Hai won, Zhang Feng lost a lot. So he threw Zhao Hai to the Ignored Valley."

Sima Yin Long knit his brows as he said, "Looking at Zhao Hai's battle, he's not weak. Even if Zhang Feng lost a lot, he can gain it back in Zhao Hai's next battles. Moreover, Zhang Feng is fond of getting talents. Why would he send Zhao Hai to the Ignored Valley?"

Jin Zhengyin bowed and said, "I think so too. Zhang Feng is well known to favor talents. If Zhao Hai was really a talent, then Zhang Feng would have already brought him to his side. Putting him in the Ignored Valley, this only explains one thing. Zhang Feng wasn't optimistic about Zhao Hai."

Sima Yin Long paused, then he nodded in agreement as he said, "Zhang Feng's eyes are the real deal. So if Zhao Hai isn't worth paying attention to, then so be it. Alright, there's no need to think about Zhao Hai anymore. You go back and rest." Jin Zhengyin's eyes flashed with glee. He bowed and said, "Yes, then I'll ask to be excused." After he said that, Jin Zhengyin slowly walked back and closed the door.

Looking at Jin Zhengyin's back, Sima Yin Long couldn't help but mutter, "Zhao Hai has no potential? In any case, he's just a kid. If he's really talented, it's not too late to get him in the future." Then he closed his eyes. The quiet room returned to its eerily quiet state.

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Seeing Jin Zhengyin leave, Elder Hu let out a long breath. A person walked in from outside. Seeing this, Elder Hu quickly said, "Brother Zhang, you came."

The person who arrived was Zhang Hao. Zhang Hao nodded and said, "I have to thank Senior Brother Hu this time. If it weren't for Senior Brother Hu, then Jin Zhengyin might have some suspicions."

Elder Hu smiled and said, "Junior Brother is too polite. All of this is for First Senior Brother Zhang. Junior Brother, will Jin Zhengyin really believe everything?"

Zhang Hao smiled faintly and said, "I really don't know. This is nothing more than First Senior Brother's orders. Right, you also went to the Ignored Valley, how is Zhao Hai doing?"

Elder Hu stared, then he replied, "He's doing fine. Probably just managing the trash. Moreover, he's doing a proper job. Jin Zhengyin would have no suspicions."

Zhang Hao nodded and said, "I'll go take a look at Zhao Hai." After he said that, he went to the transmission formation for the Ignored Valley.

Looking at Zhang Hao's vanishing figure, Elder Hu couldn't help but mutter, "I'm afraid Zhao Hai is smarter than everyone thinks. I should be on good terms with him. Perhaps he can bring benefits to my clan." Elder Hu took a deep breath before he returned to the Handyman Hall.

When Zhang Hao arrived at the Ignored Valley, he found Zhao Hai standing on the door of his residence. When he saw Zhang Hao coming, Zhao Hai immediately gave a salute and said, "Brother Zhang, why are you here?"

Zhang Hao looked at Zhao Hai's appearance and then smiled as he asked, "I was a bit worried, so I came to see. How are you doing?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm doing alright. Brother Zhang, come in and take a seat." Zhang Hao nodded and then entered Zhao Hai's cave residence. The two sat on transforming clouds before Zhang Hao looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, although the matter of this time is over, I can't guarantee that there won't be anything like it in the future. First Senior Brother Zhang is a big tree and countless eyes are directed at him. It was impossible for these people to miss your assignment here. In the whole Black Tiger Gang, this is the least conspicuous place. You need to take care."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother is too polite. There's no need to tell me these things. I understand. To be honest, this place is very good. Being here, I don't lack time to practice. This is all benefit with no fault. Right Brother Zhang, let me give this to you. These are the pills I have synthesized recently. I don't know what they are, so I'll hand them all to you." After he said that, Zhao Hai handed over a jade bottle.

Zhang Hao received the jade bottle and then popped open its stopper. Looking inside, his expression couldn't help but change as he exclaimed, "Dancing Dragon Pill?"

Zhao Hai looked confused at Zhang Hao as he said, "Brother Zhang, is this pill valuable?"

Zhang Hao looked at Zhao Hai, then he smiled bitterly as he said, "This pill is very precious. One of its ingredients is the inner dan of a level three wind spirit snake. Because of this, it's called the Dancing Dragon Pill. It's very precious especially for cultivators below Core Formation. Taking this pill will not only help you cultivate, it would also increase your speed. It is a low-level beast pill."

Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Hao and asked, "Beast pill? Are they different from ordinary pills?"

Zhang Hao nodded and said, "Beast pills are naturally different from ordinary pills. Beasts are divided into six levels corresponding to the six stages in the Great World of Cultivation. These beasts wouldn't be able to transform into a humanoid figure before level 4. It must be known that beasts all have their own talents and techniques. Some beasts have strong defenses while some have fast speed. After some time, beast pills began appearing in the Great World of Cultivation."

Zhang Hao paused for a moment before he continued, "Besides requiring beast dars, another special point of beast pills was that it kept the ability of the beast used in making it. Although it wasn't like the original, cultivators still treasure these abilities. Take the Dancing Dragon Pill for example, because the wind spirit snake was a level three beast, it can only be useful for Core Formation Cultivators. In addition to increasing your cultivation, the pill also increased its user's speed, just like the wind spirit snake's natural ability. Although the speed gained couldn't be equal to a wind spirit snake, it was already a good benefit to cultivators. Most importantly, the pill's effect can be stacked. Although the succeeding effects would be lessened, the increments were still very good."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I see. I didn't expect the Great World of Cultivation to have such a mysterious pill."

Zhang Hao nodded, then he gave the pill to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, take this pill. It's very precious."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Take it. I have such a huge mountain of treasure, are you afraid that I won't have one? You can have this."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Hao also thought that it was correct. With Zhao Hai guarding the Ignored Valley, what treasures wouldn't he have? Zhang Hao was no longer polite as he kept the jade bottle. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, Elder Hu is one of us now. If you want anything, you can look for him and have him take care of it. If it's important, go look for me directly. I will immediately go to First Senior Brother."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. Then I will have to trouble Brother Zhang."

Zhang Hao shook his head and said, "There's no trouble. I'm even feeling sorry that you have to stay in this place. But this is important for the First Senior Brother, it can only be like this."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Brother can rest assured. I'm fine in this place. Brother, I think you should go back first and report what happened here to First Senior Brother. Don't let anyone know that you came to me."

Zhang Hao nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll go back first. Remember, if you need anything important, go look for me." Zhao Hai nodded. Then Zhang Hao went out and used the transmission formation.

Looking at Zhang Hao, Zhao Hai couldn't help but faintly smile as he said, "It looks like the battles within the Black Tiger Gang are intense. This is interesting. Let's see how Zhang Feng plans to use me." After he said that, he returned to his cave residence and then returned to the Space.