

## Another World 1671

### Chapter 1671: Competition Begins

“Disciples of the Black Tiger Gang. In this annual event of the sect, I’d like to say that you are the cornerstone of the sect. Because of you, the sect is able to stand firm. Being the experts in your own realms, I hope that you can show your best in this competition. Let the competition begin!”

The Outer Sect Steward didn’t prepare a long speech, he just said a few words and then left. Then the Elders in charge of each division began calling numbers. The competition has officially begun.

Each division was assigned their own platform. Although the platform was used for the battle, the combatants could fly in mid-air. However, the platform dictated the range of the battle. Once a combatant goes out of this range, they would immediately lose the fight.

Regarding the Outer Sect Competition, Zhao Hai wasn’t really interested in it. Among these Outer Disciples, only a few of them were lucky enough to come across faith power. Moreover, the amount of faith power that they have was too little. This greatly restricted their progress. They weren’t any stronger compared to the lower realm’s Transcending Tribulation and Severed Soul Experts. The only advantage they have were better artifacts.

After looking at a few battles, Zhao Hai completely lost interest. He just sat there and studied the jade slip that Zhang Feng gave him.

There are a lot of formations in the jade slip. Just as Zhao Hai thought, the formations of the Great World of Cultivation were more advanced compared to the lower realms. The power of the formation was also greater.

Now that Zhao Hai could turn these formations into three-dimensional formations, Zhao Hai spent his time working on these formations. He’d rather do this than be bored looking at the people fighting on the platforms.

Since the Outer Disciples were divided into their own factions, many of them chose to sit together. They discussed the winners and losers of each division. Compared to these people, Zhao Hai looked like a loner. He didn’t know anyone here and nobody also knew him. In the beginning, people looked at him with curiosity. But later on, nobody paid him attention.

The battles have a time limit of an hour. If an hour has passed and the battle hasn't ended, the referee would declare who won or lost.

However, fights between Outer Disciples generally end within an hour. This was because these Outer Disciples don't trust these referees. The referees were Elders who had no real power inside the sect. If an opponent gives these referees benefits, then it would be obvious who would win. Wouldn't that be unfair to the participants?

Due to this, battles were quick. Victory or defeat was decided in a quarter of an hour. Even if the fight went a little longer, it wouldn't reach an hour. It was almost always guaranteed that the battle wouldn't exceed one hour.

This caused the competition to go by very quickly. One wouldn't need to wait long before the next batch of combatants enter the platforms. Zhao Hai was among those who were still waiting for their fights.

When the referee shouted Zhao Hai's number, Zhao Hai immediately stood up and then moved towards the platform. Upon arriving, Zhao Hai noticed his opponent. The other side seems to be about 20 years old. He was very handsome and wore white clothing. His posture was like a tall tree facing the wind.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai wore black clothing and looked ordinary. He suppressed his imposing aura so he seemed extremely ordinary to the other people. When the two stood against each other, it was like the difference between a firefly and the moon. Naturally, Zhao Hai was the firefly while his opponent was the moon.

Zhao Hai's opponent looked at him with contempt as he coldly snorted and said, "Junior Brother, you should admit defeat. I don't want to injure you. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai looked at this person in amusement. He could see that the man's strength was very good. According to the lower realm's system, he should be at the Severed Soul Stage. Moreover, he should be at the late stages. But in the Great World of Cultivation, he was at the Spirit Refining Stage heading his way towards Foundation Building. There were only a few people like him in the Outer Sect.

Zhao Hai looked at the white-clothed cultivator as he smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother, this is a competition to compare our strengths. Victory or defeat isn't important. Since this junior decided to join the competition, I would like to try comparing moves. I ask Senior Brother to make his move."

The cultivator coldly snorted and said, "Honeyed words! Overestimating yourself!" Then he waved his hand and a fan appeared in his hand. Then he waved his other hand and casted a spell. He waved his fan as a fierce wind blade wheezed towards Zhao Hai.

Although it looks like an ordinary wind blade, its speed was very fast. Moreover, it was so bright that it looked solid. Such an attack was definitely more powerful than ordinary wind blades.

Zhao Hai quickly moved and waved his hands. Then a thousand flying swords appeared around him. In an instant, the stellar transformation sword formation was established.

The sword formation that Zhao Hai used wasn't a three-dimensional formation nor did he reinforce it with faith power. He also used only a thousand swords. Nevertheless, the sword formation was still very powerful.

As soon as Zhao Hai's sword formation was established, he immediately felt a gust of wind coming towards him. He turned his head and saw several wind blades coming towards him. The wind blades were coming one after another, their speed was very fast.

But now that the sword formation has been set up, Zhao Hai no longer needs to worry. As soon as the wind blades met the sword formation, they were immediately blocked. The successive wind blades were also blocked.

However, the wind blades didn't stop coming because of this. They began to curve towards Zhao Hai. It seems like the wind blades could track their target.

Unfortunately for the wind blades, Zhao Hai's stellar transformation sword formation couldn't be trifled with. The wind blades simply couldn't break through to Zhao Hai. At this time, the white-clothed cultivator made another move. He coldly snorted as he waved his fan once more. Then he released even more wind blades towards Zhao Hai.

The artifact used by the white-clothed cultivator was called the Gale Fan. It's a powerful artifact that emits wind blades that were semi-solidified. These wind blades were both very fast and strong. It also doesn't need spiritual force in order to track their enemy. It was a famous artifact among low-level cultivators. It was because of this fan that the white-clothed cultivator was so arrogant.

Zhao Hai already measured it, each wind blade was equivalent to a casual attack of a Severed Soul Expert. Its power was very good.

However, Zhao Hai didn't care about these attacks. They wouldn't be able to affect him. If he utilized the sword formation to its fullest potential, he would have defeated the white-clothed cultivator a long time ago.

The white-clothed cultivator attacked Zhao Hai dozens of times. A hundred wind blades were hitting Zhao Hai at the same time. However, he still couldn't break through Zhao Hai's sword formation. More than 20 minutes had passed. If things went on this way, the battle would definitely reach an hour. The white-clothed cultivator naturally wouldn't want this to happen. He waved his hand and took out a gourd. His face had a pained expression as he took the gourd out. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and gave him a ruthless look. With clenched teeth, he waved the gourd and said, "Washing yellow sand, eternal sand of the beginning, metal covers the day. Go!" Then he aimed the gourd's mouth at Zhao Hai.

A massive amount of golden sand began to cover Zhao Hai. Seeing this, Zhao Hai's expression changed. Then he waved his hand and said, "Ten thousand stellar transformations, changing stars!" Then with Zhao Hai as the center, the sword formation began to light up. The golden light turned Zhao Hai into a small sun, causing people's eyes to hurt upon looking at him. The spectators couldn't help but close their eyes.

The golden light didn't last long. When the crowd's vision returned, they noticed that Zhao Hai's spiritual force was the only thing remaining. The white-clothed cultivator lost.

Although the golden light was very strong, it was still blocked by Zhao Hai's sword formation. While the white-clothed cultivator's eyesight was affected, Zhao Hai teleported and placed his sword on his opponent's neck.

When the white-clothed cultivator recovered, Zhao Hai's sword was already on his throat. His expression couldn't help but change. He didn't think that he would lose. He prepared a lot for this competition. Not only did he pay a high price to refine his Gale Fan, he also braved dangers in order to make his golden sand gourd. He thought that he would be able to smoothly enter the Inner Sect. He didn't expect that he would be eliminated by Zhao Hai in the first round. He couldn't help but feel sad.

However, the referee didn't care about the white-clothed cultivator's feeling. Even if he wanted to help him, Zhao Hai clearly won in front of many people. Because of this, the referee loudly declared, "Zhao Hai wins!"

Hearing the referee, Zhao Hai waved his hand and received his sword. Then he bowed towards the white-clothed cultivator before he returned to his previous spot and then he sat down and closed his eyes.

The white-clothed cultivator glared fiercely at Zhao Hai. If his gaze could kill people, Zhao Hai would have long since turned into ash.

Zhao Hai also noticed the glare, but he didn't mind it. He received glares like these for as long as he remembered. If the white-clothed cultivator looks for trouble, then Zhao Hai would have no problems killing him.

The number of Serving Disciples and Outer Disciples that died every year wasn't small. There would even be Inner Disciples that would go missing. Because of this, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of killing. As long as nobody saw him, he would be fine!

#### Chapter 1672: White-clothed Young Master

Zhao Hai sat in place with closed eyes, no longer concerning himself with the surroundings. On the other hand, the cultivators around him looked at him differently.

Zhao Hai was very strange to them. Only a few of them knew of his face. However, they knew who Zhao Hai was fighting against. Moreover, they were very familiar with his face.

This white-clothed young master was Ye Tiancheng! Ye Tiancheng was quite famous among the Outer Disciples. He was a well-known genius. By the age of eighteen, he already formed his Nascent Soul. Naturally, this Nascent Soul was the classification of the lower realms. Now, at 24 years old, he was at the Spirit Refining Stage and could attack the Foundation Establishment. As long as he builds his foundation, he would become an Inner Disciple. The gang has been paying attention to him for a long time. They even gave him a special slot in the Inner Sect. For such a genius, the sect wouldn't be stingy with its benefits.

However, Ye Tiancheng was very proud. Although the sect allowed him a special promotion, he wanted to be promoted using his own effort. He wanted to enter the Inner Sect in an open manner. Naturally, he didn't express this thinking to the others. He just showed it using his actions.

Because of this, Ye Tiancheng participated in the competition and prepared well. But he didn't expect to meet Zhao Hai. Because of this, he was eliminated in his first battle.

Nobody expected this to happen. Because of this, the way the surrounding cultivators looked at Zhao Hai wasn't quite right. An unknown fellow actually defeated a well-known genius. Moreover, he made it look easy.

Zhao Hai didn't care about what these people thought. He was planning to lose in the next few days in his third battle. Naturally, he would no longer fight this day. With how many Outer Disciples there were, it was impossible to finish the first round on the first day.

Originally, Zhao Hai planned to leave after the first battle. But he also knew that he couldn't just leave after his fight. Therefore, he could only stay and study the formations with Cai'er and the others.

The competition continued and the people around Zhao Hai shifted their attention back to the platform.

The day quickly ended and the next day arrived. Zhao Hai was still in his spot studying formations. Since he won his first battle, he was naturally in the second round.

As Zhao Hai was sitting down with closed eyes, he suddenly felt a hostile gaze directed at him. Zhao Hai's spiritual force found the owner of the gaze and he discovered that it was his opponent Ye Tiancheng.

When he defeated Ye Tiancheng the day before, Zhao Hai was still unaware of his name. But as he discussed with the others, Zhao Hai became aware, he also knew what Ye Tiancheng was like.

To be honest, Zhao Hai didn't expect that the first person he defeated would be a celebrity. He somewhat regretted what he did. If he knew that Ye Tiancheng would be fighting him, then he would have acted more low-key.

However, there was no cure for regret. Zhao Hai can only walk forward. As long as he met someone with similar strength as Ye Tiancheng, he would withdraw.

As for Ye Tiancheng's hostility, Zhao Hai didn't care. Ye Tiancheng wasn't someone worth paying attention to.

At this moment, Zhao Hai felt someone walking towards him. And looking at the person's path, even if he didn't come looking for him, he would still pass by Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai couldn't help but check this person out.

The man's body was huge at a full two meters tall. He had bulging muscles and skin tough as black iron. He had a full beard and looked exactly like a body cultivator.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the person since he didn't know him personally. Zhao Hai didn't move and just sat in place. He wanted to see what the man was trying to do.

The man got closer and closer before he arrived beside Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was still in place and didn't move. Then the man stopped and then sat beside Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai still didn't move, but he was curious about the man's intentions. This was because he couldn't feel any sense of hostility on the man's body.

At this time, the man opened his mouth and said, "Brother, let's get to know each other."

Zhao Hai opened his eyes and looked at the man. Then he knitted his brows. Although the man looked like a body cultivator, Zhao Hai didn't know why, but he felt that something wasn't right.

He looked at the man and discovered a happy glint in his eyes. He looked proud, as though his little scheme had worked.

These kinds of eyes wouldn't appear on strangers, only between friends. Zhao Hai had almost no friends in the Black Tiger Gang. The only person that came to mind was Han Buli.

Zhao Hai's eyes lit up when he thought of Han Buli's ability to change appearance and temperament. He smiled faintly as he whispered, "Brother Han, you're an Inner Disciple. Why are you here?"

As soon as the man heard Zhao Hai, he was startled. He looked at Zhao Hai in disbelief, then after some time he said, "How did you find out? Even the Elders couldn't see through me."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Who made you so proud. I see you feeling good about yourself. Let's stop wasting time here. Let's go to my place to have a drink."

Han Buli laughed and said, "Alright, let's go. There's nothing interesting here." After he said that, the two stood up and left. Not a lot of people noticed the two leaving. But when Ye Tiancheng saw Zhao Hai leave, he also stood up and followed them.

Zhao Hai also noticed Ye Tiancheng's movement, but he didn't care. When the two exited the mountain, they immediately flew out and went to the Handyman Hall.

Elder Hu was in the Handyman Hall. Seeing Zhao Hai come with a guest, Elder Hu couldn't help but stare. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, this is?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "This is an expert I met on Mount Xingtai. We had a good time chatting, so I brought him back to drink. Elder, you're busy, there's no need to worry about me." He didn't say that he knew Han Buli before. That would only make Elder Hu suspicious. Elder Hu was Zhang Feng's person. If Elder Hu knew about Han Buli, he would tell Zhang Feng, and it might cause unnecessary conflict.

Elder Hu didn't say anything and just nodded. Zhao Hai brought Han Buli to the transmission formation to the Ignored Valley. There were several Serving disciples in the Ignored Valley. When Zhao Hai returned, they immediately ran over and gave him a salute. Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Alright, you all go back. Come back here tomorrow." When the Serving Disciples heard this, they quickly left and used the transmission formation.

Zhao Hai looked at the transmission formation and waved his hand to release Undead. Then the Undead took the trash from the transmission formation. Then he led Han Buli to his cave residence.



Han Buli also withdrew his technique and restored his own face. Zhao Hai looked at Han Buli and couldn't help but sigh as he said, "Brother Han, I must say. Your technique is really good. If I didn't see your eyes back on Mount Xingtai, I wouldn't have figured out that it was you."

Han Buli laughed and said, "Brother, I rely on this technique to eat. If I don't do well, then I won't live. Alright, let's not talk about this, where's the food?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he took out two bottles of liquor. Then he took out some cloud vegetables. As the two ate and drank, Zhao Hai discovered Ye Tiancheng asking Elder Hu about him. Elder Hu told him that Zhao Hai offended Zhang Feng so he was sent to guard the Ignored Valley.

Hearing Elder Hu, Ye Tiancheng nodded. Nobody knew what he was thinking, but Zhao Hai didn't care. Zhao Hai couldn't count how many people like Ye Tiancheng he killed. He simply didn't care about these kinds of people.

Elder Hu reported the matter to Zhang Feng. Not long after the report, Zhang Hao came to ask Elder Hu about the situation. However, Zhang Hao didn't go to Zhao Hai since there was someone else there.

After Zhao Hai and Han Buli drank their liquor, Zhao Hai said, "Brother Han, whose identity are you using this time? I can't just tell people that you're Han Buli, right? Do you have a name?"

Han Buli smiled and said, "Of course I have a name. This current identity is called Ban Li. I'm an Outer Sect Disciple. If anyone asks, just tell them this name."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he said, "Ban Li? Which hall do you belong to? After all, there are so many people with the same name in the Outer Sect."

Han Buli looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You ask too much. Just tell them that I'm from the Prospecting Hall. As for my common name, there's no need to worry about that. There are many reasons for a person's name."

Zhao Hai laughed and no longer cared. He nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll call you Ban Li when I introduce you to others. Right, I seem to have offended someone. So now I'm being extra careful. If I hadn't recognized you, I wouldn't have been so polite."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Han Buli couldn't help but ask, "Offended someone? Who?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "You didn't hear? My opponent yesterday was Ye Tiancheng."

Chapter 1673: Let Him Check

When Han Buli heard Zhao Hai, he frowned and said, "Ye Tiancheng, I heard of this person. He's a famous genius in the gang. I didn't expect you to offend him. I heard that there are several groups in the sect that went in contact with him, preparing to groom him. You need to be careful."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, he can't do anything to me. If he sends someone to deal with me, I'm not worried. I don't go out most of the time, I only stay here. If they want to deal with me, they better send someone good. I have a space ability, if I can't fight, I'll just run away. He wants to get rid of me? He's not qualified."

Han Buli smiled. He knew about Zhao Hai's background, and there wasn't anything wrong. He also found out about Zhao Hai's actions in the lower realms. He was relieved that Zhao Hai didn't deliberately approach him to make friends.

Now that he knows about Zhao Hai's background, Han Buli can be friends with him. It was difficult to make friends in the Great World of Cultivation. And Zhao Hai was the friend that Han Buli wanted to make.

Han Buli doesn't believe that a newcomer like Zhao Hai would know about the Han Clan. In the entire Black Tiger Gang, only a few people knew of the Han Clan, not to mention Zhao Hai.

Han Buli had the clan check on Zhao Hai's identity. He was afraid that Zhao Hai was pretending in order to deal with the Han Clan. After knowing that Zhao Hai's identity was clean, Han Buli was relieved.

However, Han Buli doesn't approve of Zhao Hai's confidence against Ye Tiancheng. Ye Tiancheng might not be a threat to Zhao Hai, but the forces behind Ye Tiancheng had a lot of influence. Han Buli wouldn't just allow Zhao Hai to be attacked. So upon returning, Han Buli planned to ask his third uncle to tell those people not to touch Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was naturally unaware of Han Buli's special status. He only thought that Han Buli was an ordinary cultivator of the Darkness Hall. He didn't think Han Buli would have such a huge clan behind him.

So after Zhao Hai told Han Buli to not worry, he no longer talked about it. He continued to drink with Han Buli. Before long, the two drank five bottles of liquor. It must be known that Zhao Hai's liquor had high alcohol content. If a normal person drank five bottles, they would have drunk themselves to death. Fortunately, Zhao Hai and Han Buli were powerful cultivators. So even after drinking five bottles, they were still absolutely fine.

After drinking their fifth bottle, Han Buli noticed that it was getting late, he turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "It's time for me to leave. I'll look for you another time." Then he stood up.

Seeing that Han Buli was leaving, Zhao Hai also stood up and then said, "You're going? Alright, bring this with you." He waved his hand and then took out a jug of liquor. It was a 50 jin(26kg) jug.

Han Buli didn't hesitate as he received the liquor and said, "Thanks. Goodbye." Then he walked towards the transmission formation. After a flash of white light, he was gone.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then returned to the Space to continue researching formations. His impression of Han Buli was very good. At the very least, Han Buli didn't ask about the origin of his liquor and food.

Good friends would be honest to each other, but there also needs to be boundaries. Everyone has their own secrets. If they ask too many questions, it might put a strain on their relationship. Han Buli naturally understood this point. So he just enjoyed Zhao Hai's drinks and didn't ask any questions.

After Zhao Hai returned to the Space, Cai'er immediately looked for him, "Young Master, take a look at this." Zhao Hai looked at the monitor and couldn't help but pause. Displayed on the screen was Ye Tiancheng.

Ye Tiancheng was currently sitting in his room along with other cultivators. These cultivators were also from the Outer Sect. It can be seen that Ye Tiancheng was the leader of this group.

At this time, Ye Tiancheng's subordinate said, "Boss, we can't just let this matter go. He's a small Battle Slave and he's also sent to that place. He even offended First Senior Brother. He has lived long enough. We can't let him off." This man was thin and shriveled. His eyes were sloped upwards. Looking at him was irritating.

Another subordinate nodded and said, "Boss, we can't leave it like this. Eliminating you in the first round is unforgivable."

Looking at Ye Tiancheng's two subordinates made Zhao Hai laugh. These two idiots were persuading Ye Tiancheng by exposing his loss.

Ye Tiancheng was naturally annoyed by their words, he glared at them and said, "Roll off! I failed the first round because I underestimated the enemy. This Zhao Hai is very strong. But if he wants to offend me, he's still too small. Now is not the time to deal with Zhao Hai. If he is killed, then nobody will take care of the Ignored Valley and we would be discovered. Just wait for an opportunity to deal with him."

When Ye Tiancheng's subordinates heard this, they no longer spoke. After all, this was Ye Tiancheng's personal matter. It was up to him what to do in the end, nobody else could tell him what to do.

Ye Tiancheng looked at everyone and said, "Don't provoke Zhao Hai. I don't want to bring too much attention. If it's known that I'm looking for revenge, it wouldn't be good for me. Understood? However, you need to keep a tight watch on him. See who he gets in contact with. Right, go look into the person who Zhao Hai talked to earlier. It seems like they know each other." Those present nodded before they dispersed.

Ye Tiancheng slowly closed his eyes. Seeing Ye Tiancheng, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile as he said, "This fellow really knows to endure. This is good. Let's see the tricks he comes up with."

Cai'er looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Young Master, what about Han Buli? Should we inform him? However, he's someone from the Darkness Hall. If people found out about his identity, I'm afraid it wouldn't be good for you."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Don't worry. Han Buli's identity wouldn't be easy to find out. Not to mention his ability to change his form, the Darkness Hall wouldn't allow people looking into him. This time, Ye Tiancheng would be kicking an iron plate."

Laura nodded and said, "Not just that, Han Buli's status as someone from the Darkness Hall is also a threat to us. We can take this opportunity to see how Ye Tiancheng and his people get dealt with."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Right. We can't investigate Han Buli nor can we mention him. So how could we tell him that Ye Tiancheng would spy on him. Let Ye Tiancheng check. No matter what he comes upon, it will reveal something to us."

Cai'er nodded, "Young Master, you're quite sinister."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai stood up and said, "What did you say? You dared call me sinister, let's see how I deal with you." After he said that, he chased after Cai'er. Cai'er also ran away screaming.

At this time, Zhang Hai reported to Zhang Feng. The contents of his report included Zhao Hai and Han Buli's relationship. Naturally, he only knew that Zhao Hai made a friend and then he invited him over to the Ignored Valley. As for Han Buli's identity, he knew nothing.

Zhang Feng frowned as he listened. After some time, he said, "Little Hai, what do you think? Does Little Hai have his own plans?"

When he heard Zhang Feng, Zhang Hao stared for a moment before he shook his head and said, "I don't think so. Little Hai already knows your status. You're one of the most powerful people in the Black Tiger Gang. Moreover, you've treated him well ever since he came under your wing. He should know how to be thankful. So I think he doesn't have any plans. And even if he has other thoughts, he won't just look for Outer Disciples. From what Elder Hu told me, the person was a Body Cultivator with great strength. Zhao Hai might be looking for talents on your behalf."

Hearing Zhang Hao, Zhang Feng stared. He hasn't really thought of this point. So upon hearing Zhang Hao, "No matter what Zhao Hai's plan is, we should find out about the person who approached Little Hai. If he came with ulterior motives, report to me immediately." Zhang Hao nodded before he left.

When Zhang Hao left, Zhang Feng took out a jade sword message and then wrote his message inside before letting it go. Zhang Feng had his own information channel. He wanted to get more information about Zhao Hai's matter.

Although Zhang Feng trusted Zhang Hao and gave some matters to him to take care of, Zhang Hao was still weak. Zhang Feng's hidden forces cannot be handed over to Zhang Hao. Zhang Hao cannot command these people at all, only Zhang Feng was able to.

Zhang Feng's information channels were established with the help of his Martial Uncle, the current Gang Master. Because of this, Zhang Hao's information channel was very formidable. He wouldn't just use this for ordinary matters.

The reason Zhang Feng used his spies was because Zhao Hai was truly important for Zhang Feng's faction. No mistakes were allowed when it came to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't know about Zhang Feng's actions, but he didn't care about these things. After all, he didn't do anything wrong. Even if Zhang Feng met with Han Buli to check him out, nothing would happen.

Zhao Hai continued to be present on the following days of the competition. Zhao Hai also hasn't seen Han Buli, he didn't know where he ran off to.

The first round was still going on, but it was nearing its end. The second round was about to happen.

Before long, the first round was done and half of the participants were eliminated. The second round was no different to the first. The disciples didn't need to replace their numbers. As long as they were drawn, they would go up and compete.

Although the second round was more exciting than the first round, it was still the same to Zhao Hai. There was nothing worth looking at. He decided to lose to his opponent in this round. In any case, losing in the second round doesn't make him last.

Zhao Hai expected that the fights of the second round would be longer than the first. However, the contrary happened. The battles were even quicker.

In the beginning, Zhao Hai was confused. But after looking for a while, he understood. Because they already know about their opponents, the battle no longer involved probing for the other party's capabilities. Therefore, each combatant went full power at the first opportunity.

The competition didn't have any rules regarding casualties. However, if one side was heavy-handed, the referee would intervene. Naturally, there were some times where the referee failed to save the other party, so casualties were unavoidable.

It's very rare for any casualties to happen in the first round. But in the second round, the rate of deaths increased. The first reason for this was because the competitors on the second round were much stronger. Secondly, both sides wanted to end the battle as soon as possible because they wanted more time to observe others. Ending the fight early would also allow them to maintain their peak state.

The first day of the second round had nothing to do with Zhao Hai. He was just a spectator because his number hasn't been called. He could only sit on the side. Once the day ended, he would return to the Ignored Valley.

On the second day, Zhao Hai was still not called after five rounds. But Zhao Hai wasn't in a hurry. He just sat in place. He knew that he would be called sooner or later. So there wasn't anything to be anxious about.

On the sixth draw, Zhao Hai was finally called. When he heard his number, Zhao Hai opened his eyes and flew to the platform. Zhao Hai's opponent also appeared. When he saw his opponent, Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown. This was because his opponent was disabled. He had a stubbed right arm. His face had crossed scars. Not only was it scarred, the wound was so deep that his cheekbones could be seen. His nose was cut in the middle while his lips were divided into four. He looked mangled.

#### Chapter 1674: Task Completed

A cultivator's resilience was well-known to be formidable. Moreover, cultivators have all kinds of mysterious medicines. Although medicine couldn't revive a dead man, or regenerate a person from an arm, it can still fix a lot of serious injuries.

But the cultivator in front of Zhao Hai was missing. Even if it was difficult to regenerate a limb, the amount of damage could still be minimized.

For a cultivator's scar to be present there would only be two cases. First was that it hasn't been cured while the other reason was that it couldn't be cured. If scars couldn't be cured, then that meant that there was an energy present on the wound that prevented it from being healed. At that time, it shouldn't be a scare, but a wound. So there was only one explanation for the scars on Zhao Hai's opponent, he chose to leave it there.

Cultivators pay great attention to their appearance. This doesn't mean that cultivators judge by appearance. Cultivators just had a fondness for beauty. Even some male cultivators would take beauty pills, not to mention the females.

This person who had a broken arm and a scarred face showed that he was wholeheartedly focused on revenge. He wanted his scars to remind him of his grudge.

Such a determined person was the most difficult to deal with. Because of their grudge, they would spare nothing. Moreover, his killing intent was very heavy, showing no care about human life. Because of this, Zhao Hai frowned when he saw this person.

However, Zhao Hai soon returned to normal. He clasped his fist as he threw a punch towards his opponent. At the same time, he released his flying swords and created the stellar transformations sword formation.

Seeing Zhao Hai move, the scarred man also flew up as he took out a blade. He didn't control his blade like the other cultivators. Instead, he held onto the blade with his left hand and then pointed it towards Zhao Hai.

When Zhao Hai noticed his opponent's fighting style, he couldn't help but stare. This person was using close-combat techniques, which made it harder to deal with him.

As he revealed his blade, the scarred man immediately attacked Zhao Hai. He charged forward towards Zhao Hai's sword formation.

The man's sword was very swift and fast as it blocked the incoming attacks. Most importantly, the scarred man was a master at controlling his movements. People with disabilities found it very hard to



maintain their balance. And to warriors, balance was very important. If a warrior couldn't control their balance, their enemy might use it against them.

Cultivators regard balance the same way. Cultivation techniques addressed this issue. If their attacks weren't balanced, then they would expose themselves and give the enemy the opportunity to attack.

The scarred man was different. He was able to transfer his weight to his blade in a circular manner. This revolving action turned the imbalance of his body into an advantage. He was able to augment his attacks due to the transfer of energy.

Zhao Hai moved his hand and performed a technique to attack the scarred man. Before long, several swords flew towards the blade of the enemy. Zhao Hai also controlled flying swords to attack his enemy.

Then at this moment, the blade in the scarred man's hand changed. The blade light sheared the incoming swords. Then the blade turned into a long knife. Its sharpness increased.

Zhao Hai's expression changed. Then he stepped back as he waved his hand and said, "Stellar Transformation Sword Formation, changing stars!" Following his command, golden light centered on him, turning him into a small sun. This was the same move he used to deal with Ye Tiancheng.

It was clear that the one-armed cultivator was prepared. When Zhao Hai made his move, the knife moved immediately. The knife light shimmered like a mirror and blocked the golden light coming from Zhao Hai. He took a step back before advancing once more towards Zhao Hai.

Before long, the knife penetrated the golden light. Both the knife and golden light dissipated. People looked at the platform and saw that Zhao Hai was holding a sword in his hand and was stabbing forward. However, his sword was still thirty centimeters away from the scarred man's throat. On the other hand, the scarred man's blade was already on Zhao Hai's neck.

In this battle, the two injured each other, but Zhao Hai lost by half a move. After all, his head would be chopped off before his sword could reach the opponent. Although a cultivator's life force was formidable, a last struggle attack wouldn't cause a fatal injury to the scarred man. So in this perspective, Zhao Hai lost.

The referee also announced Zhao Hai's loss. Upon hearing that he lost, Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he received his sword and then cupped his fist towards the scarred man. Then he flew away and directly returned to the Ignored Valley. He has completed his task.

Zhang Hao was paying attention to Zhao Hai. Upon hearing the result, he relaxed. He knew that Zhao Hai hadn't changed at all. He still followed Zhang Feng.

Another person was paying attention to Zhao Hai. This person's eyes were flashing with anger. This person was no other than Han Buli.

Han Buli thought of Zhao Hai as his friend, so he cared about Zhao Hai's matters. Han Buli was there when Zhao Hai fought against Firecloud. Therefore, he knew that the sword formation that Zhao Hai used wasn't as strong as back then. The sword formation that Zhao Hai used to deal with Firecloud was a hundred times stronger.

But this time, Zhao Hai didn't fight at his full strength. This only explains one thing, Zhao Hai doesn't want to enter the Inner Sect. And there was only one reason for this, and that was Zhang Feng.

Han Buli thought about Zhao Hai offending Zhang Feng. So upon seeing the result of Zhao Hai's battle, Han Buli immediately thought about this. This was the reason for his anger.

Seeing Zhao Hai leave, Han Buli immediately moved. He followed Zhao Hai. As soon as Zhao Hai returned to the Ignored Valley, Han Buli caught up with him.

When Zhao Hai saw Han Buli, he immediately met him as he smiled and said, "Brother Han, why did you come here? Is the Darkness Hall so idle?"

Han Buli looked at Zhao Hai and saw that he wasn't sad at all. He couldn't help but stare as he asked, "Little Hai, why didn't you show your full strength? Is it because of Zhang Feng?"

Zhao Hai was aware that Han Buli knew that he was strong. Now that he heard Han Buli, he smiled and said, "It's fine. This matter has nothing to do with Zhang Feng. As you know, I was a Battle Slave and my status is still quite low in the Great World of Cultivation. Moreover, I still don't know much about the

realm. If I enter the Inner Sect this early, it wouldn't be good for me. I plan to stay here for two years to understand the intricacies of the realm."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Han Buli found that it was reasonable, he nodded and said, "So it's this. Your plan is also good. But you must be careful. Now that you offended Zhang Feng and also Ye Tiancheng, your days wouldn't be great."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I'll be careful. And you need to be careful too. Back when I offended Zhang Feng, he sent me to this place. He might not pay attention to a small guy like me, but Ye Tiancheng will. The last time you came, someone followed us. Later on, they asked around for my information. It seems like he wouldn't just let me off. Maybe he will come for you too."

Han Buli smiled faintly and said, "You're worried about me? Did you forget who I am? People from the Darkness Hall couldn't be touched that easily. There's no need to worry. Right, let's have a drink!" Zhao Hai laughed as he proceeded to drink with Han Buli.

As Zhao Hai drank with Han Buli, Zhang Feng began receiving information about Han Buli's current identity. Seeing the information, Zhang Feng's expression changed.

Zhang Feng might not have thought of anything if any other cultivator got in touch with Zhao Hai. Although Zhao Hai was under Zhang Feng's umbrella, this doesn't mean that Zhao Hai can't have friends. That would be impossible. If he restricted Zhao Hai too much, Zhao Hai might feel suffocated and run away. Then Zhang Feng would lose more than he would gain.

But Zhang Feng was very concerned about Han Buli. This was because both Zhang Hao and the spies haven't found any useful information about him.

After checking up on Han Buli, the only thing they got was that he was named Ban Li, an Outer Disciple, and a Body Cultivator. But if they look deeper, they would find out that the identity was fake. At the same time, they couldn't find anything about Han Buli's real identity. This was what worried Zhang Feng the most.

Having a mysterious person around Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng was naturally nervous. He doesn't know why Han Buli approached Zhao Hai.

As Zhang Feng was preparing to deal with Han Buli. Han Buli suddenly went to Zhao Hai. This caused Zhang Feng to be restless.

Zhang Feng took out a jade sword message and then sent it out. It must be said that Zhang Feng was very serious this time. The people he sent the message to was the Han Clan of the Darkness Hall.

The Han Clan had close ties to the Gang Leaders, and this time was no exception. And because of his relationship with the Gang Leader, Zhang Feng was aware of the Han Clan. So when he thought of dealing with Han Buli, he immediately thought of the Han Clan.

#### Chapter 1675: Preparing The Gift

Han Ren looked at the jade sword message and frowned. He didn't expect Zhang Feng to take action against Han Buli. He couldn't help but be surprised.

Han Ren was a division manager of the Darkness Hall. His other identity was Han Buli's Uncle. He was the person who talked to Han Buli when he returned to the Darkness Hall.

When Han Buli asked him to investigate Zhao Hai last time, Han Ren didn't find out that Zhao Hai had gone under Zhang Feng's umbrella. He really thought that Zhao Hai offended Zhang Feng, so he was sent to the Ignored Valley. For the people in the Black Tiger Gang, being sent to the Ignored Valley meant that they were exiled.

Han Ren knew a lot about Zhao Hai's actions in the lower realms, but he was unaware of Zhao Hai's ability to recycle waste materials. This was because Zhao Hai usually recycled materials in the Hundred Treasures Realm, not in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Even if Zhao Hai used his ability in the battlefield, it was impossible for the Sky Tower to know everything in the battlefield.

And since Han Ren was aware of Zhao Hai's background, he didn't even think that Zhao Hai would be willing to stay in the Ignored Valley. In Han Ren's investigation, he found out that Zhao Hai was ambitious. He wasn't the type of person who would accept becoming ordinary in the Great World of Cultivation after his valued status in the Hundred Treasures Realm.

In Han Ren's mind, Zhao Hai wouldn't have stayed in the Ignored Valley if he hadn't offended Zhang Feng. After all, the valley was the nightmare of all cultivators.

The Ignored Valley was called the nightmare of cultivators not just because nobody went there all year round. After all, cultivators close up on their own for long periods of time. Most cultivators were loners and didn't have any friends. It is also not because there are no training materials in the valley. Although they were exiled to the valley, the watchman would also be given resources not any less than other Outer Disciples.

The Ignored Valley was called the 'nightmare of cultivators' because it was a place that trampled on a cultivator's dignity. An Outer Disciple in charge of taking out trash was a full loss of face. And face was the one thing that cultivators cared too much about.

Because of this, it would be strange for Zhao Hai to get along with Zhang Feng given how he was treated. So Han Ren didn't think that Zhao Hai would become one of Zhang Feng's men.

But after seeing how Zhang Feng wanted to deal with Ban Li, Han Ren couldn't sit still. Naturally he knew that Ban Li was one of Han Buli's identities. He also knew that Han Buli used Ban Li's identity to get in contact with Zhao Hai two times. Han Ren just couldn't understand why Zhang Feng wanted Ban Li to be dealt with. Just because Ban Li was in contact with Zhao Hai? This doesn't seem to be the case.

After many years of collecting information, Han Ren was able to develop a certain sense of smell. This matter was definitely far from simple. Han Ren felt that he would need to chat with Zhang Feng.

Han Ren has a certain understanding of Zhang Feng. The two met each other through the Gang Leader, Zhang Feng's Martial Uncle. It could be said that the two were the Gang Leader's left and right hand men. Therefore, the relationship between the two was good. The reason why Zhang Feng could hold on against the top ten Core Disciples was due to the Han Clan's help.

Han Ren thought that if he declined Zhang Feng, then Zhang Feng would look for other people to help him. This would cause trouble. So Han Ren immediately set off to meet Zhang Feng.

Not long after Zhang Feng sent his jade sword message, the transmission formation lit up. Seeing the person on the formation, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. He knew who this person was. Naturally, it

was impossible for Han Ren to look for Zhang Feng using his real face. So when he went to Zhang Feng, he used his other identity. Therefore, Zhang Feng recognized Han Ren right away.

Zhang Feng couldn't understand why Han Ren came over. Didn't he just ask to help with Zhao Hai's matter? Why did he come?

Although Zhang Feng didn't understand what was going on. He immediately welcomed Han Ren over. They were currently the only people around since the Battle Slaves were busy cultivating. Because of this, nobody noticed Han Ren's arrival. The two immediately went to Zhang Feng's office.

After the two had sat down, Zhang Feng looked at Han Ren and said, "Brother Ren, why did you come?"

Zhang Feng held great respect towards Han Ren. This wasn't only because of Han Ren's background in the Han Family, but it was also because of Han Ren's care of Zhang Feng. Zhang Feng understood that the Han Clan had already regarded him as the successor to the Gang Leader and were willing to train him. Naturally, Zhang Feng was deeply grateful for this.

Han Ren didn't hesitate and immediately got straight to the point, "Little Feng, I came because of the letter you sent. What's going on? Why would you care about who Zhao Hai comes in contact with?"

Hearing Han Ren, Zhang Feng's heart couldn't help but jump. He looked at Han Ren and said, "Brother Ren, you're saying that we can't touch Ban Li?"

Han Ren looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Let's leave that aside for now. Let's talk about Zhao Hai first. What's going on with him? Why are you worried about his matters?"

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "Brother Ren, it's not that I'm worried, but Zhao Hai is really important to me. I've already taken him under my wing and I don't want other people to know about him. Let me be honest to you, Zhao Hai has a unique ability to recycle and restore waste materials. He can use waste materials and transform them into useful pills and artifacts. So what place is more suited to him than the Ignored Valley? As long as Zhao Hai is there, we can attract more and more people to our side. I don't know who this Ban Li is, but I can't help but be suspicious when he approaches Zhao Hai."

Han Ren's eyes shone as he replied, "So this is the case. No wonder you're anxious. Then let me be honest to you as well. There's no need to worry about Ban Li. He's our clan's little third child."

When he heard this, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. Then his eyes lit up as he asked, "Third child? You mean Thousand Faces Han Buli?" Thousand Faces was Han Buli's nickname. But this nickname was only known among a very small circle of people. People outside don't know about this.

Han Ren nodded, "Right. That kid met Zhao Hai accidentally and they hit it off. I didn't expect Zhao Hai to be under your protection. If this is the case, then there's no need to worry about it. I will handle this matter."

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "This is quite a mess. I actually asked you to deal with Han Buli, what a joke. Alright, let's have Han Buli interact with Little Hai more."

Han Ren laughed, "I don't blame you. It's a good idea to check people's backgrounds. After all, Ban Li has no status in the Black Tiger Gang. Alright, now that things are clear, I'll take my leave." Then he turned around and left.

Zhang Feng initially wanted to lead Han Ren out, but Han Ren waved his hand and told him to not bother. Looking at Han Ren's back, Zhang Feng couldn't help but smile bitterly. He didn't expect Ban Li to be Han Buli. Fortunately, he asked Han Ren first. Otherwise, his relationship with the Han Clan would be damaged and his losses would be huge.

Zhao Hai and Han Buli were unaware of this. The two continued to drink as they chatted. After drinking a couple bottles, Han Buli left.

Once Han Buli was gone, Zhao Hai prepared his gift. He told Zhang Hao that he would give Zhang Feng a gift. This gift was none other than a large artifact.

Zhang Feng has been going against the top ten core disciples. However, the top ten core disciples have their own Black Tiger Ships. These were powerful large artifacts. Meanwhile, Zhang Feng has no large artifact on his own to show his status. This wasn't proper. Therefore, Zhao Hai prepared to give Zhang Feng a large artifact to call his own.

Naturally, Zhao Hai would not give something like the Black Tiger Ship. After all, the Black Tiger Ship was one of the secrets of the sect. It involved countless hours of hard work. Even if Zhao Hai tried to make it, he wouldn't have enough materials to use. So he can only make another large artifact.

Zhao Hai wanted to give Zhang Feng a large artifact like the Giant Spirit Treasure Ship. The Giant Spirit Treasure Ship was beautiful. Moreover, it wasn't weak in combat. As long as Zhao Hai used good materials, he could make one that wouldn't pale in comparison to the large artifacts in the Great World of Cultivation. It would be suitable for Zhang Feng to use.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't planning to install a yin-yang lightning pond on Zhang Feng's large artifact. The yin-yang lightning pond was Zhao Hai's secret and couldn't be shared outside. He didn't even think about putting cannons on the ship. This was because ordinary cannons were useless for people like Zhang Feng. It was also useless against people in the Great World of Cultivation.

Although a lot of things couldn't be installed, formations could be included. Ordinary qi gathering formations could also be installed. This way, the formation can absorb the energy of the surroundings to power the ship. Naturally, during battle, spirit stones would be needed to add additional power. But Zhao Hai believes that Zhang Feng wasn't someone who lacked spirit stones.

As for the internal design of the ship, Zhao Hai wanted to do it well. He would use spatial techniques to make the inside bigger. Moreover, it would not be like the Black Tiger Ship where the space inside would be reduced. Even if the ship was large or small, the inside space would stay the same.

Naturally, this large artifact couldn't compare to the Hell King's Ship. But it would still be very good. Zhao Hai doesn't want the large artifact he made to be shoddy work.

Zhao Hai hasn't seen the Black Tiger Ship in battle. But he could see from its shape and movement that it would definitely be good in battle. Not only does it have the advantages of an artifact, it also has the mobility of a puppet.

Zhao Hai knew some puppet techniques, but he didn't delve deep into it. Now, it seems like he needs to study it for himself.

Naturally, Zhao Hai's puppet techniques were those from the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. His methods would definitely be inferior to the Great World of Cultivation. However, for setting his



foundations, these techniques were already good. Later on, Zhao Hai can study the Great World of Cultivation's puppet techniques. He believed that he would be able to refine a Black Tiger Ship sooner or later.

#### Chapter 1676: Zhang He's Treasure Ship

While the competition outside was reaching its roaring height, Zhao Hai began refining his large artifact. Naturally, this so-called refining meant that he handed the job over to the processing machine. The best material composition would be achieved by the processing machine, this made Zhao Hai's life much easier.

However, easier doesn't mean relaxed. At the very least, Zhao Hai still had to design the large artifact. Moreover, Zhao Hai wanted to base his design on Zhang He's treasure ships during the Ming Dynasty. However, it wouldn't have a mast nor cannons on the side. The formations to be used on the ship as well as the internal design would be handled by Zhao Hai.

Although the workload doesn't seem big, there were a lot of things that Zhao Hai needed to be busy with. Because of this, Zhao Hai didn't go out of the Ignored Valley frequently. This caused someone to be flustered, and that someone was Ye Tiancheng.

Ye Tiancheng's face was ruined by Zhao Hai during the competition. Naturally, he wouldn't let Zhao Hai off. Except for Ban Li, Ye Tiancheng found out that Zhao Hai didn't have any friends. He just stayed in the Ignored Valley all the time, giving Ye Tiancheng no opportunity to take revenge.

Ye Tiancheng grew up in the Black Tiger Gang. Therefore, he knew clearly that disciples with positions couldn't be killed casually. Even if Ye Tiancheng was a genius and was valued by the sect, it would still be hard for him to kill Zhao Hai. If the sect investigates, then his future as a genius would be ruined.

The Great World of Cultivation never lacked talents. Those who reach the inner sect could be considered as geniuses. Ye Tiancheng was just one of those many geniuses, so he wouldn't dare go over his limits.

But if Zhao Hai left the Black Tiger Gang, then Ye Tiancheng would be able to do anything to him. The Gang wouldn't investigate an Outer Disciple. Unfortunately, Zhao Hai didn't go out. This caused Ye Tiancheng's teeth to itch with hatred.

However, soon enough, Ye Tiancheng changed his thinking and relaxed. Who was Zhao Hai? He was merely a Battle Slave. Moreover, being sent to the Ignored Valley meant that he wouldn't be able to lift his head up for the rest of his life. Being frustrated by such a person was unreasonable. Upon thinking this, Ye Tiancheng calmed down.

With no more people wanting to disturb him, Zhao Hai's calm life continued. He continued to work on the large artifact in the Ignored Valley. His life was free and comfortable.

Actually, Ye Tiancheng was lucky that he didn't make a move on Zhao Hai. If he did, then he would certainly have died. Zhang Feng knew about Ye Tiancheng and Zhao Hai's issue, Han Ren was also aware. These two people were now paying attention to Zhao Hai. Naturally, the two also noticed Ye Tiancheng. If Ye Tiancheng really made a move on Zhao Hai, both Zhang Feng and Han Ren would deal with him.

Zhao Hai no longer has anything to do with the competition happening outside. The Black Tiger Gang's competition was different compared to other places. Those who have been eliminated would compete once more to select the bottom ten people. Meanwhile, those at the top would compete for the top ten positions. As for those in the middle, nobody would care about them. Their participation in the competition was over.

With Zhao Hai being eliminated in the second round, he naturally wouldn't need to go back and fight. Zhao Hai also doesn't feel the need to spectate the fights. Although the battles between the disciples were getting heated, Zhao Hai never appeared again.

The Outer Sect competition would finish in seven days. The top ten Outer Sect disciples would enter the Inner Sect and become Inner Disciples. And among these ten people was the one-armed cultivator that Zhao Hai lost to.

This one-armed cultivator had a nickname in the Black Tiger Gang. People called him Crazy Blade Dugu Yin. The wound on his face was inflicted by a Roaring Flame Sect cultivator. The two got into a fight but the opponent was much stronger than him. In the end, his arm was cut off and his face was injured. Only then did he escape with his life. Dugu Yin kept the scar on his face while he practiced a left-handed blade style. Finally, he was able to finish third in the competition and entered the Inner Sect.

Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't care about any of this. Who became Inner Disciples wasn't worth paying attention to. The Inner Sect's benefits of more resources as well as Faith Power wasn't attractive to Zhao Hai. It might be rich for other people, but to Zhao Hai it was nothing.

As for cultivation methods, Zhao Hai also doesn't have any problems. Zhao Hai already had Dao Avatar Techniques. He has the 18 Buddhist Avatars as well as his 12 Zodiac Avatars, there were also other obscure avatars that he managed to form. If he reveals all of these, then his combat power would increase by several folds. Because of this, Dao Avatar Techniques weren't attractive to Zhao Hai. It can be said that nothing in the Inner sect could attract Zhao Hai.

If there was something that Zhao Hai would be keen to pay attention to in the Inner sect, then it would be the Scripture Pavilion. The Black Tiger Gang's Scripture Pavilion was its own special department independently managing its own affairs. Who can look into which jade slips was clearly marked down. Inner Disciples can look into more jade slips compared to Outer Disciples.

However, the only attractive thing in the Scripture Pavilion to Zhao Hai was seeing what scriptures the Black Tiger Gang Had.

Unfortunately, the defenses of the pavilion were very good. Zhao Hai wouldn't dare use Liquid Silver to infiltrate lest he would risk being discovered.

The Black Tiger Gang's Inner Disciples can access the lowest three floors of the pavilion. The Scripture Pavilion has seven floors altogether. Only Core Disciples and Elders can go anywhere inside. This also lowered Zhao Hai's enthusiasm towards the Inner Sect.

Zhao Hai knew that it wouldn't be a problem for him to enter the Inner Sect. He can enter through the competition or not. As long as he showed his strength, entering the Inner Sect would be an ease. But it has only been a few months since he entered the Great World of Cultivation. If he entered the Inner Sect this soon, then he would be looked into. Because of this, Zhao Hai chose to stay in the Outer Sect in the meantime.

After the Outer Sect Competition was the Inner Sect Competition. The Inner Sect Competition ran the same way as the Outer Sect. However, there were less Inner Disciples. Moreover, Inner Disciples were stronger than Outer Disciples. Because of this, the quality of the battles were much better in comparison.

Anyone can watch the Inner Sect Competition. Because of this, the competition was livelier compared to the Outer Sect Competition. Not only were Inner Disciples coming, Outer Disciples also came to see the battles. The entire Mount Xingtai was packed with people.

Zhao Hai also wanted to see the quality of the Black Tiger Gang's Inner Disciples. So on the first day of the competition, he went to Mount Xingtai to spectate. But seeing the quality of the battles, Zhao Hai was disappointed. This was because the level of these people weren't much. Some haven't even congealed their Dao Avatar. Although they were stronger compared to Outer Disciples, they were far from Zhao Hai's level.

After spectating the first round of the Inner Sect Competition, Zhao Hai returned to the Ignored Valley and no longer went out. The Inner Sect Competition ran a total of ten days. However, despite it being the Inner Sect Competition, Zhang Feng didn't participate. His identity as the top Inner Disciple was a title for other people to see. His treatment was on par with the top ten Core Disciples and his strength was also equal to them. If such a person participated in the competition, it would be unfair to the other Inner Disciples.

Despite this, the top ten Inner Disciples were still worth looking into. These people had Core Formation-level strength and each one had solidified Dao Avatars. Despite this, Zhao Hai didn't go out of the valley. To him, none of these disciples were his opponent.

Because Zhang Feng didn't participate, Zhao Hai didn't know how strong he was. However, Zhao Hai was sure that Zhang Feng's strength was far above these Inner Disciples. He might not be any worse than Firecloud.

What surprised Zhao Hai was that he also didn't see Han Buli in the competition. It seems like people from the Darkness Hall have a lot of privileges. They didn't even need to participate in the competition.

Of course, it's also possible that Han Buli participated using another identity, but his performance wasn't eye-catching so Zhao Hai didn't notice him. Recently, Han Buli hasn't been visiting nor has sent any messages to Zhao Hai. Therefore, he didn't know what Han Buli was doing.

Despite this, Zhao Hai didn't take initiative in contacting Han Buli. After all, Han Buli has a special status. If Zhao Hai sent him a message, it might cause problems with his mission. Therefore, Zhao Hai always waited for Han Buli to send him a message first. People in the Darkness Hall have always been mysterious, so Zhao Hai was very careful when it came to their matters.

Now that the Outer and Inner Sect Competitions were finished, what's left was the Core Disciple Competition. However, battles between Core Disciples couldn't be seen by anyone. Because of this, Zhao Hai put all of his energy into creating the large artifact.

Zhao Hai didn't want to create the large artifact as one body. He wanted to use the method used to create Giant Spirit Treasure Ships. The parts of the ship were divided into components which would be assembled together. It wasn't as powerful as a whole large artifact, but it also wasn't vastly lacking if properly made. The most important advantage of this method was the ease of repair. Any damaged parts can be easily removed and replaced.

To ensure the strength of the artifact was preserved well, the damage needed to be replaced immediately. This was its greatest strength.

In the beginning, Zhao Hai thought about welding the parts together. But after further thinking, he knew that it wouldn't work well. Welding them together wasn't different from having one whole artifact. Once it was damaged, it would still need more work to replace the damaged parts.

Finally, after further experiments, Zhao Hai decided on the method. He would use joints between components. Zhao Hai got the inspiration for this method from furniture of the old times. Without nails to hold wood together, old furniture makers would use unique joints in order to join furniture parts. This method produced furniture that lasted for many years.

Zhao Hai wanted to use the same method on the ship. He wanted to see if the ship would become sturdier with this method. After his experiments, he proved that it was indeed feasible. Not only did it make a more sturdy ship, it was also very easy to repair after being damaged.

After figuring out the method, the production of the large artifact was quickened. But then, another problem arose, that was the arrangement of formations.

There were all kinds of formations that could be used on large artifacts. Zhao Hai wanted to use three-dimensional formations for the ship. But once the formations were arranged, he found that there would be nodes in the middle of the ship, connecting all the rest of the nodes of the formation.

If these middle nodes were destroyed, the formations would be severely affected. But if Zhao Hai arranged formations by component, the joints would thin out the energy lines. As long as the parts get

misaligned, then there would be no way to connect it again. And if there was no connection, the formation wouldn't fully operate.

In the end, Zhao Hai had to make specialized formations for the joints. And after a lot of calculations, he was finally able to solve the problem.

While Zhao Hai was solving these problems, 10 days passed. At this time, the Black Tiger Gang returned to its normal pace. People continued to live their lives and do their tasks. Everything returned to their right tracks.

Five days later, Zhao Hai was finally going to test his Zhang He's Treasure Ship. After seeing that there were no issues with it, Zhao Hai sent a message to Zhang Hao. He wanted him and Zhang Feng to visit the Ignored Valley.

Zhang Hao was aware that Zhao Hai was preparing a gift for Zhang Feng. However, Zhang Feng didn't know. After Zhang Feng received Zhao Hai's message, he was somewhat confused. He didn't know what Zhao Hai wanted him for. He immediately settled his matters and then went to the Ignored Valley along with Zhang Hao.

#### Chapter 1677: Ornate Treasure Ship

Zhang Feng attaches great importance to Zhao Hai's matters. So as soon as he heard that Zhao Hai was looking for him, he immediately finished his tasks and went to the Ignored Valley with Zhang Hao.

Zhang Hao already guessed why Zhao Hai was looking for Zhang Feng, but he didn't say it. He also wanted to give Zhang Feng a surprise. At the same time, he was a little afraid. If Zhao Hai wasn't looking for Zhang Feng for the gift, then it might be bad news.

After a flash of white light, the two appeared on the Ignored Valley's Transmission Formation. Zhao Hai was already standing outside the formation. Seeing the two arrive, he couldn't help but smile as he said, "First Senior Brother Zhang, Senior Brother, come with me."

Looking at Zhao Hai's appearance, Zhang Feng knew that there wasn't a problem, he smiled faintly and said, "When I heard that you want me to come over, I immediately rushed over. If its not important, then let's see how I deal with you."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "This isn't really important to me, but I don't know if it will be to you, Senior Brother. I called you over to give you a gift."

Zhang Feng replied, "A gift? To me? There's no need for such trouble. I don't lack anything. What gift can you give me?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm sure that you don't have what I'm going to give you. Senior Brother, for a person of your status, I think what you lack the most right now is a means of transportation."

Zhang Feng stared, then he stopped his footsteps as he turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Transportation? Hmph. I have a lot of transportation artifacts, but I don't use them. I'll just wait until I get a large artifact of my own. I don't want any other means of transportation."

Zhang Feng basically told Zhao Hai that if he didn't give him a large artifact, then there's no need to bother.

Whether it be in the Great World of Cultivation or the lower realms, large artifacts were very difficult to refine. It was precisely because of this difficulty that large artifacts were very rare. Each sect would only have a few useful large artifacts. Some were even kept secret, not shown to other people. These large artifacts were reserved for when the sect was in a life and death situation.

For such reasons, there were only a few people in the Black Tiger Gang who have their own large artifact. Besides the top ten Core Disciples, only the Elders and the Gang Leader would have their own Black Tiger Ships. In the entire Black Tiger Gang, the people who used Black Tiger Ships number only around 20.

If you weren't among the top ten Core Disciples, the Elders, or the Gang Leader, then you could only depend on your own efforts to obtain a large artifact. You'll have to get your own materials and find a refiner of large artifacts. Even if you have 100 large artifacts, nobody would mind it if you worked on it on your own.

But in the Great World of Cultivation, there were only very few people who could refine large artifacts. Naturally, refining large artifacts doesn't only involve one person, but a group of refiners.

Refining large artifacts needs a lot of specialized refiners as well as a Refining Grandmaster to take charge of the whole production. Moreover, large artifact refining was a huge project that would take a lot of time and resources. Because of this, even major sects like the Black Tiger Gang couldn't produce a lot of large artifacts

It was also for this reason that Zhang Feng had little expectations for Zhao Hai's gift. He doesn't believe that Zhao Hai could give him a large artifact.

Hearing Zhang Feng, Zhao Hai immediately knew what he was thinking. He smiled faintly and said, "First Senior Brother, I'm certain that you will like my gift." Then he waved his hand as he took out the Treasure Ship.

Right now, the treasure ship was just a meter long. It looked like a very fine model of a ship. But the more one looks at it, the more exquisite it becomes.

Zhao Hai threw the treasure ship upward and said, "Expand!" The treasure ship seemed to explode as it rapidly increased its size.

Before long, the meter-long treasure ship became a behemoth in the sky. It wasn't any smaller than the Black Tiger Ships. Although it didn't look as imposing, it exudes its own special aura.

Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao's expression turned blank when they saw the huge Treasure Ship, Zhang Feng even more so. He didn't expect Zhao Hai to actually give him a large artifact. He was extremely startled. At the same time, although he knew that Zhao Hai was going to give a gift, Zhang Hao was stunned. He didn't expect Zhao Hai's gift to be this extravagant.

After some time, Zhang Feng recovered. He turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you're giving this to me?"



Zhao Hai nodded as he smiled and said, "Back in the lower realms, I made quite a few large artifacts. At that time, our Hundred Treasures Realm had deep enmity with the Giant Spirit Realm. The Giant Spirit Realm were well known for their large artifacts. After we defeated them, we were able to acquire their refining techniques. This large artifact was made following those refining techniques. After some improvements to the technique as well as the addition of a few rare materials, I was able to make this ship."

"In the end, Senior Brother, what status do you have? You are on equal footing with the top ten core disciples. How can you go out using flying swords? Because of this, I thought of giving you this large artifact. Do you like it?"

Looking at the treasure ship, Zhang Feng's eyes shone brightly. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Of course I like it. Hahaha. Thank you, Little Hai. Alright, introduce this ship to me."

Zhao Hai nodded, then led Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao to the treasure ship. Once they landed on the ship, he turned his head and said, "Because this is a boat-shaped artifact, it only has one main method of attack. And that is ramming itself at the enemy. Back in the lower realm, these kinds of ships would have cannons attached. However, these cannons are useless in the Great World of Cultivation, so I didn't bother installing them."

"There's a spirit gathering formation that can absorb the surrounding qi to provide power to the ship. When running at normal speed, the ship wouldn't need spirit stones to move. If you want the ship to increase its speed, you can feed it some spirit stones. Moreover, the ship uses spirit stones during battle to maintain its defensive shield. Normally, it would have one layer of shields. Only after adding spirit stones would the ship generate more layers of shields."

"The ship's cabins are made with spatial refining techniques. Although the ship is only this big, it would have no problems having 40 or 50 thousand people inside. It also has a function to expand upon the addition of spirit stones. If used in its full capacity, the ship can be loaded with 100 thousand people."

"Besides spirit stones, the ship can also accept a cultivator's qi to power it. This means that you can use people to increase the ship's speed and its defenses."

"The ship is made with components attached with joints. Because of this, if a component gets damaged, it can be easily replaced. This allows the ship to restore its strength in a short time."

Zhao Hai stopped at this point. Then he said, "First Senior Brother, let's head into the cabins to take a look. See if you have any designs that you would like to be changed." Zhang Feng was shocked by the functions that Zhao Hai explained. Hearing Zhao Hai, he also nodded. Then they proceeded to enter the ship.

As Zhao Hai led the two men inside, he said, "There are rooms here that can house the guards. You can also have some Serving Disciples and Outer Disciples live in them. This section can be said to be the reception area of the ship." Then he led the two of them further inside. Each room had a praying mat inside, nothing else. Altogether, there were 20 layers each with 20 rooms each. It can house 200 individuals.

The three proceeded to the lower deck. Zhao Hai gestured at the first floor and said, "This is the first floor. There are also rooms here that can house people."

Then he referred to the staircase and said, "From there is the second floor. I designed that floor for you to use. There's a storage room, accessory room, and other auxiliary rooms on that floor. There's also rooms for people that would serve you." As he said that, Zhao Hai led Zhang Feng to the second floor.

The second floor was different from the first floor. On the first floor, there was only a long corridor with rows upon rows of rooms. But on the second floor, you can see a huge door carved with a black tiger. The door would be the first thing that one would see upon going to the second floor.

Zhao Hai shoved the huge door open and then entered along with Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao. After passing through the door, they were met with a giant room. The room was about ten thousand meters large with transforming clouds inside. There was even an activity area, a conference area, as well as doors leading to other rooms, one of which had a tiger carved in front. There were also doors that had titles of storage room and accessory room.

Zhao Hai turned his head to Zhang Feng and said, "First Senior Brother, this place is for you to discuss things with other people. In that small bar, I prepared some spirit wine as well as spirit tea. The room with a tiger carved on it is your room. The storage room can be used to store spirit stones or other things. The accessory room is filled with parts for the ship. These two rooms are connected to other doors in the ship. The next floor below is the power room where the spirit gathering arrays are located. If you want to send spirit stones to the power room, you can use the storage room. The accessories room is connected outside the ship. You can directly take the parts inside the room to outside the ship. This would make it more convenient to perform repairs."

## Chapter 1678: Each Has Its Good Points

After introducing the two rooms, Zhao Hai pushed the door with the tiger carving open and then turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, come look at the room. This is specifically for your use."

Zhang Feng nodded as he happily walked in. After he entered the room, he couldn't help but stare. This was because the room was exquisitely decorated. It was magnificent but not high-profile. As soon as people enter the room, they would immediately feel that the owner has good taste.

The room's walls were white. Its floor was made with wood but not just any other wood. The wood used was called blue wood. It has a good property of calming the nerves. Its benefit towards cultivation couldn't be described as poor.

The room was also very big. Inside was more than a hundred square meters of floor area. There were several transforming clouds serving their own purposes in the surroundings. There were also several rooms inside such as the lounge and the quiet room. Each room is designed appropriately.

The overall flow of the master section was very good. Discerning people could see at a glance that it was made very well.

After introducing the room to Zhang Feng, Zhao Hai added, "Senior Brother, there are several floors deep down. However, these rooms are ordinary ones for your subordinates. There's also rooms for them to be used in various activities. They even have an area to drink and chat. But these places you can see for yourself later. There's one more thing that you need to see."

After he said that, Zhao Hai led Zhang Feng to the living room. Hung on the living room wall was a huge landscape painting. Zhao Hai pointed to a rock on the painting and said, "You press here." Then Zhao Hai pressed the rock.

Not long after Zhao Hai's action, the landscape painting immediately changed. The whole painting turned transparent. Then before long, the painting turned into a grid. Each grid displayed multiple scenes. But without explanation, the view made Zhang Hao and Zhang Feng confused.

There were grids that showed an empty room, some showed staircases. The display on the grids varied greatly.

Zhang Feng and Zhang Hao turned to Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother, don't underestimate this painting. Do you see? Each grid represents an area in the ship. Except your room, every place in the ship can be seen here. You can also zoom into specific grids." After he said that, Zhao Hai pointed at a few grids and they immediately enlarged. One was an empty room, another was a staircase, while the last one was the storage room.

Hearing this, Zhang Feng's eyes shone. He understood what this meant. Zhao Hai was telling him that the entire ship was under his surveillance.

On the other hand, Zhang Hao's expression changed. He knew how formidable this function was. Anyone who enters the ship wouldn't escape Zhang Feng's eyes. Anyone disloyal to Zhang Feng would immediately expose themselves.

Zhao Hai added, "These grids also have sound. You can control how loud you want the sound to be or you can also remove it altogether."

Under Zhao Hai's help, Zhang Hao controlled the surveillance system. The system was very simple to use. It can not only be operated by hand and voice, it could also be controlled using spiritual force. This wouldn't be hard to do for a Nascent Soul Expert like Zhang Feng.

After watching Zhang Feng operate the surveillance system for some time, Zhao Hai said, "Senior Brother, do you want to go to other places to take a look? See if you have something you want to change. Right, I almost forgot to tell you. Besides your room and the power room, the walls of all the rooms can be dismantled. You can combine two or more rooms to create a large space."

Zhang Feng nodded. Then they proceeded to explore the entire ship. Just like Zhao Hai said, the inside of the ship was very large. It's so big that it could truly hold 100 thousand people.

After exploring the ship, Zhang Feng stood on the ship's bow as he looked at the mountains in the distance. He didn't speak for some time. His thoughts were complex. He didn't expect his long-time desire to become a reality. Moreover, the one who completed this desire was Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, I must make it clear to you. This ship is unlike other large artifacts that were made as a whole. This ship is made separately and is assembled together. Because of this, it isn't as strong as other large artifacts. However, if any part of the ship is damaged, that part can be easily replaced. As long as there are parts, even if half of the ship is destroyed, it will be fully repaired in a short period of time. As for combat, it couldn't win against the Black Tiger Ship. However, it would also be impossible for the Black Tiger Ship to destroy this ship. You can rest assured about this."

The reason why Zhao Hai told Zhang Feng this was to make it clear that he was the only one that can make this large artifact. Other people couldn't help him make it.

Zhang Feng turned his head towards Zhao Hai as he patted his shoulder and said, "Alright. Thank you, Little Hai. I like it very much."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Right, Senior Brother. The large artifact also has another characteristic. Because it uses an internal spatial technique, the ship can enlarge and shrink without it affecting its internal space. If you want it to shrink, you can just use your spiritual force to control it. The same is true if you want it to enlarge."

Zhang Feng's eyes shone brightly as he clarified, "In other words, this large artifact can use ordinary transmission formations. Is that right?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "That's right. Not only that, you can also install several transmission formations on the ship and it wouldn't have a tremendous impact on its structure. Naturally, you can't renovate the ship too much. But putting in a few transmission formations wouldn't be a problem."

Zhang Feng immediately understood what Zhao Hai meant. Like in the lower realms, the Great World of Cultivation generally wouldn't place transmission formations on their large artifacts. This was because it would affect the artifact's lifespan. However, the treasure ship doesn't have this problem. This was the most important thing.

Zhang Feng understood that having this ship was like having a mobile base. He can even move his entire base to this ship. Besides not having a spirit vein, this ship was practically the same as his personal mountain.

Just from this point, this ship surpassed all other large artifacts. The Black Tiger Ship might have superior size and strength, but it couldn't compare to the treasure ship when it comes to practicality and adaptation. It was a difference in design concept.

Zhang Feng let out a long breath as he laughed and said, "Good, good. With this large artifact, let's see how those ten guys will pressure me now. Hahaha."

Seeing Zhang Feng laugh, Zhao Hai and Zhang Hao looked at each other. They were also smiling. It was rare for Zhang Feng to show such a wide range of emotion. They could see that Zhang Feng was truly happy.

After some time, Zhang Feng calmed down. Then he waved his hand and said, "Little Hai, let's head inside the ship. I have something to tell you." After he said that, he walked down to his personal floor.

Zhao Hai and Zhang Hao followed closely behind. Before long, the three arrived at Zhang Feng's room. Zhang Feng sat on some transforming clouds as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, do you know Han Buli?"

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't think that Zhang Feng would ask about this. But he didn't plan to hide anything, so he nodded and said, "Yes, I know him."

Zhang Feng asked with curiosity, "How did you meet him?"

Zhao Hai scratched his head and answered, "Senior Brother, as you know, I have a spatial ability. In the past, I was bored of the Ignored Valley, so I left some undead here to take care of things and then went out to explore the outside. Later on, while I was on a mountain peak, Han Buli coincidentally arrived. I asked him to drink with me, and he didn't decline. We chatted and became friends later on. After that, he has been visiting the Ignored Valley using his other identity. I must say, his ability to change form is very formidable. Nobody can see any flaws from his actions. He said he's from the Darkness Hall. And because of the hall's secrecy, I didn't tell Senior Brother about it. Is there a problem?"

Zhang Feng didn't think that Zhao Hai and Han Buli's meeting would be so simple. But he didn't believe that Zhao Hai would deceive him, so he nodded and accepted the explanation. Sometimes, two people were just destined to meet.

Hearing Zhao Hai ask if there was a problem, Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "There's no problem. You can keep meeting him. I'm just curious how the two of you knew each other. You also don't need to stay in the Ignored Valley all the time. You can go out and play. Leaving undead to manage things is good enough. When I head back, I'll give you some cultivation techniques to change your appearance. This way, you can freely walk around."

Zhao Hai nodded with a smile on his face. He didn't decline even if he had no need for such techniques.

#### Chapter 1679: News Goes In All Directions

Sima Yin Long sat inside his room as he looked at a jade slip. Recorded inside the jade slip is a type of sword formation. Although Core Disciples seemed to be on the top of the world and were unreachable, they actually couldn't relax in place. All of them knew that the reason they have their current position was because of their strength. If they didn't have the strength to hold onto their position, then they would certainly lose it one day.

It can be said that Core Disciples were more nervous than ordinary disciples. The pressure they bear is very heavy, especially the top ten core disciples. If they fell from their position, those who followed them would immediately disperse. They were afraid that it would happen to them one day.

Because of this, Core Disciples like Sima Yin Long wouldn't go out without reason. They would spend most of their time on their personal mountains, cultivating.

As Sima Yin Long was studying the sword formation, a voice was suddenly heard from outside, "Senior Brother, I have something to report."

Sima Yin Long's brows couldn't help but wrinkle. Then he replied, "Come in."

Jin Zhengyin pushed the door and walked in. Then he bowed and said, "I have seen Senior Brother."

Sima Yin Long nodded and said, "Alright, there's no need to be polite. Tell me, what are you going to report?"

Jin Zhengyin nodded, then he looked at Sima Yin Long and said, "Senior Brother, I just received information. Who knows where he got it from, but Zhang Feng managed to acquire a ship-type large artifact. At present, we don't know how strong it is."

Hearing Jin Zhengyin, Sima Yin Long couldn't help but put down the jade slip. He turned his head and said, "A large artifact? A ship-type? Is it big?"

The fight between the top ten Core Disciples and Zhang Feng happened in all aspects. One of the things that the top ten Core Disciples were proud of was the fact that they have large artifacts while Zhang Feng doesn't. Zhang Feng has been trying to acquire one for many years but there were no large artifacts available to be purchased. And even if there were, Zhang Feng wouldn't be able to afford it.

Zhang Feng also thought about looking for people to refine a large artifact for him. However, nobody dared to accept the job in the Black Tiger Gang. This was because they were afraid that Zhang Feng would blame them if they didn't do well.

Because of this, Zhang Feng didn't have his own large artifact until now. This caused him to lack some strength to press Sima Yin Long and the others. But upon hearing that Zhang Feng has acquired a large artifact, Sima Yin Long's mood immediately changed.

The battle between Zhang Feng and the top ten Core Disciples wasn't just a matter of face and pressure. There were a lot of things involved in it. It was a battle for power and interest between the Gang Leader and the various clans in the sect. The top ten Core Disciples were heavily invested in this matter.

Zhang Feng now has a large artifact in his hands. Although Sima Yin Long was curious about how strong the large artifact was, what he was more concerned of was where Zhang Feng acquired it.

Not everyone can refine a large artifact. Moreover, it was impossible for a single person to create a large artifact on their own. And yet, Zhang Feng was able to get himself a large artifact. This only meant one thing, someone refined the large artifact for Zhang Feng.

Did Zhang Feng ask other sects to refine a large artifact for him? Does he have a secret refiner under his control? No matter which one of the two were true, Sima Yin Long wanted to find out the truth.



If Zhang Feng acquired the large artifact from another sect, then this meant that Zhang Feng had the support of that sect. This would be bad news for Sima Yin Long and the others.

If Zhang Feng has secret refiners under his control, then that was bad news as well. With these people under his wing, Zhang Feng would be able to amass more strength in the future.

Although the clans in the Black Tiger Gang were very influential, to the point of becoming the pillars of the sect, the Gang Leader was still the one who held the highest position. Sima Yin Long also knew that the reason why Zhang Feng was able to develop so fast was because he had the support of the Gang Leader.

However, most of the refiners of the Black Tiger Gang were under the control of the large powers in the sect. The Gang Leader also has refiners, but these people wouldn't be able to create a large artifact. If Zhang Feng truly grasped a large artifact refiner, then this meant that the shortcoming of the Gang Leader has been supplemented. For the major groups in the sect, this was not good news.

Jin Zhengyin didn't know what kinds of thoughts were running around Sima Yin Long's head. Although he had followed Sima Yin Long for some time, he didn't know Sima Yin Long's background. Because of this, he honestly answered, "It's very big, not smaller than the Black Tiger Ships. It also looks imposing."

Sima Yin Long knit his brows as he waved his hand and said, "Alright, continue gathering information about this large artifact. See where Zhang Feng got it from. Right, start with those Battle Slaves under Zhang Feng."

Jin Zhengyin looked at Sima Yin Long as he forced a smile and said, "Senior Brother, I'm afraid we're already too late. Today, Zhang Feng sent a report to the sect saying that the Battle Slaves he got were possessed by the Devil and had died. Another group of Battle Slaves were sent to him from the lower realms."

Sima Yin Long stood up as he was silent for the first time. He didn't expect Zhang Feng to be so cruel. He immediately killed the Battle Slaves. It seems like these Battle Slaves must know some secrets of the Black Tiger Gang. Otherwise, Zhang Feng wouldn't have made such a ruthless move.

Sima Yin Long replied, "Alright, you go back and continue your investigation. It's possible that this involves Zhang Feng's greatest secret. I want to find out what it is."

Jin Zhengyin nodded, then he turned around and left. Meanwhile, Sima Yin Long went to a small room. And with a flash of white light, he vanished.

The next moment, Sima Yin Long appeared inside a study. Inside the study was an old man. Feeling Sima Yin Long's arrival, the old person looked up and said, "You've come? Is it about Zhang Feng?"

Sima Yin Long carefully replied, "Yes Grandfather. Zhang Feng managed to get a large artifact. This is bad news for us. Most importantly, all of the Battle Slaves under him were killed. I think those Battle Slaves knew something. Otherwise, he wouldn't have resorted to extreme measures."

The old person looked at Sima Yin Long and said, "I know about this. There's no need to be so anxious. We currently have no clues about this. Even if we want to investigate, we don't know where to start looking. Also, our side isn't that weak that a large artifact can shake our foundation. It won't be the end of us."

Sima Yin Long lowered his head as he listened. He doesn't dare to refute the old man. The old man looked at him and said, "You head back. Don't come here if its not important. It would be a problem if people find out." Sima Yin Long nodded before he turned around and left.

Looking at Sima Yin Long's departing back, the old man sighed and said, "Too anxious." Then he frowned and said, "This matter needs to be discussed." Then the old man said, "Prepare my carriage!" The servant outside immediately complied. Before long, the old man was outside and his carriage was already prepared.

The old man's transport turned out to be a beast carriage. The people who picked him up were dragon-like beings. Their whole bodies were black and shone under the light. At first glance, they looked terrifying. However, they had turned docile. They were lying on the floor with no domineering aura coming out of them.

After the old man boarded his carriage, it immediately soared up and disappeared. The mansion that the carriage left from was very majestic. And on the mansion gate, there was a hanged sign that had the character "Si Residence" on it.

It was the Si Residence, not the Sima Residence. The old man was the head of the Si Clan, a well known family in the Black Tiger Gang. Nobody in the sect knew that Sima Yin Long was actually a member of the Si Clan. On the contrary, what everyone knew was that Sima Yin Long and the Si Family seem to have conflict with each other.

The other big clans of the Black Tiger Gang had the same reaction as the Si Clan. Everyone started to make their moves when they found out that Zhang Feng had acquired his own large artifact. All of them went to the same location, the Hu Clan.

The Hu Clan wasn't an ordinary cultivator family. In fact, the Hu Clan was a Beast Clan. They were Fox Cultivators. Moreover, the Hu Clan existed ever since the Black Tiger Gang was established. After many years, they managed to stand firm in the sect. This showed how powerful they were.

There were two ancient clans in the Black Tiger Gang. One was the Hu Clan while the other was the Han Clan. While the Han Clan was hidden from the public, the Hu Clan was a prestigious clan in the Northern Divergent Province. It can be said that the two families, one in the light and one in the dark, were the largest forces in the sect.

The Hu Clan were close to the other clans in the Black Tiger Gang. These clans follow the Hu Clan, even to the point of disregarding the Gang Leader.

On the other hand, the Han Clan was a firm supporter of the Gang Leader. Every Gang Leader was closely linked with the Han Clan. Because of this, the two clans weren't very friendly with each other. Although their conflict didn't reach to the point of fighting, it was impossible for the two to cooperate.

The movements of the various clans were naturally known by the Gang Leader. However, the Gang Leader has no time to deal with them at this moment. This was because he was currently meeting with Zhang Feng.

The current Gang Leader of the Black Tiger Gang was called Tie Zhantian. He's from a Body Cultivation Clan. He's currently at the Transcending Tribulation Stage and had great strength. He was two meters tall and had skin like bronze. He had a full beard and leopard-like eyes. At first glance, he looked like Zhang Fei. Although he looks like a middle-aged person, nobody can ascertain how old he really was.

Zhang Feng was currently inside Tie Zhantian's study. Tie Zhantian looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Little Feng, tell me. Where did you get your large artifact?"

Zhang Feng looked at Tie Zhantian as he smiled and said, "It's given to me as a gift. He said that with my status, it doesn't make sense for me to move around using a flying sword. So he gifted me a large artifact."

Tie Zhantian stared, his eyes turned wider as he said, "Don't talk nonsense. That's a large artifact. Who is so rich that he can just give one to you? You want me to beat you up?"

Zhang Feng innocently replied, "Martial Uncle, I'm not talking nonsense. It's truly given to me. It's a large artifact made by parts and once the parts have finished refining, they were assembled. Then the formations were added before it was completed. I'm not deceiving you at all."

Hearing Zhan Feng, Tie Zhantian began to believe. But he was still confused, "Where did you meet such a refining master? The other clans couldn't sit still. They're currently looking for that person. Won't he expose himself?"

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "There's no need to worry about that. As for that person's identity, I cannot tell you at this time. But I am certain that the clans would never find him. It's also impossible for him to help the other clans. Moreover, let me tell you, he's not only a refining master, he's also a pill master. Later on, we won't need to worry about artifacts and pills."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but stare. His eyes shone as he said, "Really? If that's true, then that would be great for us."

Zhang Feng smiled and said, "I'm not lying. I'm very good friends with that person. If Martial Uncle has any need for pills, just ask me and I'll go look for that pill master. However, it's possible that the Battle Slaves knew him. Therefore, I have no choice but to kill them all."

Tie Zhantian waved his hand and said, "It doesn't matter if the Battle Slaves get killed. Right, I heard that you've promoted a Battle Slave ahead of time. Will he know about this matter?"

Zhang Feng shook his head and said, "He doesn't. Rest assured, that kid is a genius. I plan to dry him out in the sun for some time. Later on, I'll make use of him."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "Alright, that's good. You must be careful in the following days. Don't come in contact with that master. Now, the other clans are staring at your back, even the Han Clan. If you contact that refining master, you might expose yourself. Therefore, you need to lay down for some time. Understood?"

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "I understand. Martial Uncle can rest assured. But Martial Uncle, wouldn't it be fine if the Han Clan knows? In fact, Han Ren might already know about the refining master's identity."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but stare. Then he knit his brows and said, "If they know, then they know. The Han Clan knows how to handle their own matters. As long as that refining master's identity is kept secret, then there's no problem. Alright, you can head back. Be careful." Zhang Feng nodded before he turned around and left.

#### Chapter 1680: Speaking The Truth

In the Han Clan, inside his study, Han Ren was currently reading the report in front of him. The report was about Zhao Hai's matters in the lower realms. It also included some of Zhao Hai's information in the World of Cultivation.

The Han Clan was the first to know about Zhang Feng obtaining a large artifact. Moreover, Han Ren wasn't stupid. Zhang Feng told him about Zhao Hai's ability to recycle materials. So upon hearing that Zhang Feng obtained a large artifact, Han Ren's thoughts began to run. Others might be unaware about the origin of Zhang Feng's large artifact, but Han Ren thought of Zhao Hai right away.

After thinking of this, Han Ren immediately ordered to fetch all information regarding Zhao Hai. Since Zhao Hai can produce a large artifact, it was worth attaching such great importance to him.

Upon reading Zhao Hai's materials, Han Ren discovered some issues. The moment the Hundred Treasures Realm rose in strength coincided with the time Zhao Hai joined them. Moreover, they were able to defeat the Giant Spirit Realm in one fell swoop. They were also able to obtain the refinement method of the Giant Spirit Treasure Ship. Han Ren was aware that the Giant Spirit Treasure Ships were

made by parts and were assembled later. This was the same construction methodology as Zhang Feng's large artifact. If Han Ren couldn't connect these two together, then he would be an idiot.

Han Ren also knew of Zhao Hai's massacre of the Buddhist Realm after Mu Yu was killed. To be honest, upon reading the report, Han Ren understood Zhao Hai less. Zhao Hai looked like an ordinary cultivator. Moreover, he rarely showed himself and his strength to the public. Because of this, his identity was covered by a very thick fog.

Han Ren closed his eyes for a while. Then he ordered, "Someone call the third child over."

The darkness around him seemed to comply and before long footsteps were heard outside the study. Then when the footsteps stopped outside Han Ren's study, Han Ren said, "There's no need to knock, come in."

Han Buli pushed the door open and then walked in. He bowed towards Han Ren and said, "Third Uncle, you were looking for me?"

Han Ren nodded and said, "I did. Buli, did you meet with Zhao Hai recently?"

Han Buli gave Han Ren a bizarre look. Han Ren was very friendly when it came to his matters, but Zhao Hai seems to be an exception. Han Ren already asked him several times about Zhao Hai. Han Buli didn't know why, but he could see that Han Ren attached great attention to Zhao Hai.

Han Buli shook his head and said, "I haven't. Because of a small matter, I haven't been visiting him. Why did you ask? Are there any issues with Little Hai?"

Han Ren stared, then he immediately replied, "Of course not, there's no problem. I'm just asking. You don't have any missions lately, so I want you to get in touch with Zhao Hai as much as possible. Do you understand?"

When Han Buli heard Han Ren, he couldn't help but stare for a moment. Then his expression changed as he said, "Third Uncle, you best tell me the truth. Why do you want me to get in touch with Little Hai? I treat him as a real friend. I don't want him to be used."

Hearing Han Buli, it was time for Han Ren to stare. Looking at Han Buli's expression, Han Ren immediately understood. Han Buli does indeed treat Zhao Hai as a true friend rather than a contact. If something bad was going to happen to Zhao Hai, then Han Buli might not comply. He would only change his mind if Zhao Hai was a threat to the Han Clan.

Han Ren looked at Han Buli as he sighed and said, "It's not what you think. Don't misunderstand. I want you to keep in contact with Zhao Hai not because we want to use him. In fact, I want you to be on good terms with him. Maybe, in the future, the Han Clan might need to ask him for help. We're depending on you for this."

Han Buli was surprised when he heard this. He couldn't help but ask, "Third Uncle, have you misspoken? Our Han Clan asking Little Hai for help? How is that possible?"

Han Ren looked at Han Buli and said, "How could it be impossible with Zhao Hai's ability? Zhang Feng just obtained a large artifact, you should know about this right?"

Han Buli nodded and said, "I do. It caused quite a huge stir. The other clans were too surprised that they immediately ran towards the Hu Clan. It was quite lively."

Han Ren looked at Han Buli as he sneered and said, "Then do you know where Zhang Feng acquired the large artifact?"

Han Buli shook his head and said, "How could I know? Third Uncle, you mean to say that Zhang Feng's large artifact has a connection with Little Hai?"

Han Ren nodded and said, "There is. Zhao Hai's ability is recycling waste materials and using them to create other things. He can decompose any material and reuse them elsewhere. Do you know the value of such an ability?"

Hearing Han Ren, Han Buli immediately understood. He knew that Han Ren wasn't joking at this time. Moreover, Han Buli grew up in the powerful Han Clan. So he understood how valuable Zhao Hai's ability was.

Seeing Han Buli nod, Han Ren nodded and said, "Shortly after entering the Great World of Cultivation, Zhang Feng came across Zhao Hai and his ability. Therefore, Zhang Feng arranged for him to be stationed in the Ignored Valley. Think about it, with Zhao Hai's ability, wouldn't him being in the Ignored Valley be akin to a fish in water? Then not long after Zhao Hai entered the Ignored Valley, Zhang Feng managed to acquire a large artifact. If I say that it doesn't have anything to do with Zhao Hai, then would you believe me? Most importantly, Zhao Hai has experience in making large artifacts in the lower realms. Now, do you understand?"

Han Buli nodded, "I understand. No wonder Little Hai didn't care about being sent to the Ignored valley. He even seemed happy about it. No wonder Zhang Feng killed all the other Battle Slaves."

Han Ren nodded, "Last time when you got in touch with Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng asked us to make a move to deal with you. I asked him personally and then came to know about Zhao Hai's matter. Otherwise, you won't be able to be this free. Zhao Hai's ability is too formidable. Fortunately, you came in contact with him before all of this. Later on, if our clan has anything to ask of Zhao Hai, it would be easier for us to speak. If it weren't for you, we might not be able to speak as easily."

Han Buli nodded, "I understand. Rest assured, I know what to do."

Han Ren nodded and then waved his hand, "Alright, you can go. Remember, don't tell anybody else about this. Besides you, me, Little Hai, and Zhang Feng, I don't want anybody to know. If other people get this information, Little Hai will be in trouble."

Han Buli nodded, "Don't worry Third Uncle. I know how important this is. I'm going. I'll go ask Little Hai for a drink." Then he turned around and left.

Seeing Han Buli departing, Han Ren couldn't help but shake his head. Then he smiled. He envied Han Buli. In the Great World of Cultivation, having a good friend was as rare as a godly weapon. Han Buli was very lucky to have a friend.

At the same time, Han Ren couldn't help but be surprised with Han Buli's luck. His cultivation might not be very strong and he ate a lot of pills to progress to the Core Formation Stage. However, the heavens gave him an ability to change his appearance, making him important to the Han Clan.



And now, the heavens gave Han Buli a good friend. Han Ren couldn't help but admire his luck. Thinking of this, Han Ren couldn't help but laugh. Being Zhao Hai's friend, Han Buli brought the Han Clan a good benefit for free. Of course, Han Ren wouldn't prevent it.

Zhao Hai didn't know that his gift would cause quite a stir in the Black Tiger Gang. His understanding of the sect was still very small. Because of this, he didn't care about what happened outside. He just continued studying his formations.

At this time, the transmission formation flashed a white light. Zhao Hai looked over and saw that it was Han Buli. He immediately went out of the Space and welcomed him, "Brother Han, how come you're free today?"

Han Buli laughed and said, "I'm just coming over for a drink. Let's go in and talk." Hearing Han Buli, Zhao Hai knew that something was going on. He didn't say anything as he nodded and then went inside with Han Buli.

Upon entering the residence and settling down, Han Buli looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, let me ask you something. Are you the one who gave Zhang Feng his large artifact?"

Zhao Hai stared as he looked at Han Buli. It must be known that only Zhang Feng, Zhang Hao, and himself knew about the large artifact's origin. Moreover, Zhang Feng killed the other Battle Slaves when he went back to stop any information from spreading. How did Han Buli find out?

But shortly after, Zhao Hai changed his thinking and understood. Han Buli should know Zhang Feng. Only Zhang Feng could tell other people about this matter. Thinking of this Zhao Hai didn't hide the truth as he smiled and said, "Right, I gifted it to him."

The reason why Zhao Hai was so sure that Han Buli learned about this matter from Zhang Feng was because he trusted his own means. The Ignored Valley was filled with silver needles. Not only can the needles monitor the region, it also blocked any spiritual force from entering. Even if Zhao Hai made a fuss, it was impossible for people outside to know. So it was impossible for Han Buli to get the information from sources other than Zhang Feng. And Zhao Hai believed that Zhang Feng wouldn't just share the information with anybody.

Since it was Zhang Feng who passed the information, this meant that Han Buli wasn't an outsider. At the very least, he was someone from Zhang Feng's faction. Because of this, Zhao Hai was confident in confirming.

Han Buli didn't expect Zhao Hai to make such a deep analysis from a few words. He couldn't help but laugh as he said, "Hahaha, you're really honest. I didn't chose my friend wrongly."