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Chapter 1731: Ancient Eternal Sand

Zhao Hai returned to the Roaring Flame Sect using Wen Tianchen's identity. He already understood Wei Tianchen's situation, including his habits as well as childhood memories. And with Wei Tianchen becoming Zhao Hai's Undead, he can remind Zhao Hai everytime something happens. Therefore, he'd have no problem acting as Wei Tiancheng.

Wei Tianchen didn't go to the Green Plains Mountain Range especially for Li Cuiyun. Meeting Li Cuiyun was just an accident. He came for a mission. The mission involved looking for an herb known as the Trembling Ice Grass.

Although the Roaring Flame Sect were experts in controlling fire, earth fire wasn't just something that ordinary cultivators could withstand. After dealing with earth fire for many years, many cultivators of the Roaring Flame Sect have been afflicted with fire poison.

Fire poison was a type of poison that would cause a person to give off heat. When left for too long, the poison would burn out the blood in the body, killing the cultivator in the process.

And since the Roaring Flame Sect has dealt with fire all these years, they have a few medicines that could treat fire poison. One of the herbs that was crucial to these medicines was the Trembling Ice Grass.

Trembling Ice Grass was a very special herb. It was born on the top of the Green Plain Mountains. Because of the cold and freezing temperature of the peak, herbs rarely grew there. Despite this, Trembling Ice Grass was able to thrive. Because of its environment, the herb had a white body and an intense amount of ice attribute energy. If ordinary people consumed the herb, they would immediately be frozen dead.

This overbearing herb was one of the most effective herbs in curing fire poison. Because of this, cultivators from the Roaring Flame Sect would have a great need for these herbs every year. And since the herb couldn't be grown in an ordinary medicine field, the Roaring Flame Sect would issue missions to forage these herbs.

On the way to the peak, Wei Tianchen was able to come across Li Cuiyun. This gave him an opportunity to make a move. Unfortunately for him, he met Zhao Hai. In the end, he was killed and his identity was stolen.

As it turns out, Zhao Hai's Space already has Trembling Ice Grass. As long as he hands the herb over, the mission would be completed. And since the reward for the herb was very high, he can stop doing missions for a while. This would allow him time to explore the Roaring Flame Sect.

But in order to avoid suspicion, Zhao Hai stayed in the mountain for some time before going down. Meanwhile, he took some beasts and sent them to the Space.

Naturally, nobody doubted Zhao Hai when he entered the Inner Sect. There were even some cultivators who came over and greeted him. Following Wei Tianchen's example, Zhao Hai returned the greeting with courtesy.

It must be said that Wei Tianchen's scheming was very shallow. He looked gentle and good-natured in front of other people but he was insidious and cunning inside. The only reason he hasn't been found out was because he had been careful with his actions.

Because of his two-faced personality, he has a very good reputation in the Inner Sect. Almost all cultivators in the Roaring Flame Sect have a favorable image of him.

However, Wei Tianchen didn't regard these people as his friends, he was only on good terms with them to maintain his image. Because of this, whenever he speaks to people, he would just get to know them without being too intimate.

Following Wei Tianchen's action, Zhao Hai also wasn't intimate to those who greeted him.

After returning to the inner sect, Zhao Hai immediately handed the mission over to the mission hall. He also received quite a substantial amount of contribution points. However, these things weren't important to Zhao Hai.

Since Wei Tianchen has a good reputation, Zhao Hai was able to stroll around the inner sect without anyone suspecting his intentions.

In the following days, Wei Tianchen walked in random directions inside the Roaring Flame Sect. Naturally, nobody thought that he was strange. He was visiting people along the way and talking to them. By this time, Zhao Hai has clarified the situation of the Inner Sect. The last thing he needed to do was to scout the situation of the headquarters as well as the core disciples of the sect.

The core disciples of the Roaring Flame Sect had the same setup as the Black Tiger Gang. The strongest core disciples of the Roaring Flame Sect could also open their own mountain base as well as recruit disciples as subordinates. In any sect, core disciples who could open their own base couldn't be underestimated.

Because of this, Zhao Hai wanted to have a good understanding about the core sect. And naturally, it wasn't easy.

Core disciples, especially those with their own base, were mostly in the Nascent Soul Stage. Although they were still weaker than Zhao Hai, their spiritual force was very formidable. If Zhao Hai caused trouble to the core sect, the other core disciples would certainly notice. Even liquid silver would be discovered.

Entering the core sect wasn't an easy matter. Moreover, each and every one of these core disciples were very careful. Moreover, their jade tokens were specially made. If they died, their token would break, informing the sect of their death. A core disciple dying was a huge matter to any sect. The sect would certainly undergo a large-scale investigation.

Although the inner and outer sect wasn't weak, they weren't the strongest in the sect. The headquarters and the core sect had the most defenses. If Zhao Hai wanted to investigate these two places, it would be very hard.

After walking around for a day, Zhao Hai couldn't come up with an idea to enter the core sect. Zhao Hai had to return to Wei Tianchen's residence and go back to the Space.

Cai'er and the others were already waiting for Zhao Hai inside the Space. When Zhao Hai appeared, Cai'er and the others immediately greeted him. Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, are you worried about how to enter the core sect?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "If I don't get a clear situation of the Roaring Flame Sect's center, I'm afraid it won't be as easy to attack it in the future."

Laura looked at Zhao Hai, then she smiled faintly and said, "Brother Hai, you seem to have forgotten about one place. If you don't understand the situation of that place, then it would be no use even if you enter the core sect."

Zhao Hai asked, "Where?"

Laura smiled and said, "You forgot about the Inferno Valley. The Roaring Flame Sect focuses on refining artifacts. The Inferno Valley is where they refine their artifacts. Do you think they wouldn't send people to guard that place? I believe the defenses there aren't worse than the headquarters. If you ignore that place, you can't attack the Roaring Flame Sect."

Zhao Hai patted his head and said, "That's true. If you didn't tell me, I would have forgotten. But since the defenses of the Inferno Valley are also good, it wouldn't be easy to get in."

Laura smiled faintly and said, "Brother Hai, did you forget, you're currently using the identity of an inner disciple. Wei Tianchen's identity token has a lot of contribution points. You can use those points to have an artifact refined. As long as you take out a good material, send it to the Inferno Valley, and then pay contribution points, an artifact will be refined for you. At that time, won't you be able to enter the Inferno Valley? Even if you can't enter, you can still put a silver needle inside the material to get inside. When the time comes, you will get information about what happens within the valley."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "That is a good method. Since I have no use for the contribution points, that would be a good use for it. Cai'er, what material do you think will do well?"

Cai'er smiled faintly and said, "The Ancient Eternal Sand would do great."

Zhao Hai stared. He almost forgot about the Ancient Eternal Sand that he got from the lower realm. He didn't think that Cai'er would bring it up once more.

Zhao Hai looked at Cai'er in confusion. Then he asked, "Cai'er, we didn't obtain the Ancient Eternal Sand from the Great World of Cultivation. Do you think it's good enough? If we do, how much do we take out?"

Cai'er replied, "Young Master, Ancient Eternal Sand isn't only good, it also dissipates spiritual force. It is also very heavy. It was a rare material for refining artifacts."

Zhao Hai nodded, Then he looked at Cai'er and said, "Then we'll do that. What artifact do you think we should refine?"

Cai'er smiled faintly and said, "It would be best to refine gloves. You can use the gloves to hold the enemy's weapon and wipe out its spiritual imprint. It would have good weight so it would be good for close-combat. Wei Tianchen has a good close-combat ability but he doesn't have a close-combat weapon he could use. So having gloves refined wouldn't attract any attention. And with the Ancient Eternal Sand, you would not need to find a way to enter the headquarters of the Roaring Flame Sect. The sect's higher-ups would come to you."

Zhao Hai thought about it and agreed. Ancient Eternal Sand might not be special inside the Space, but it was extremely useful for cultivators. It must be known that there are body cultivators in the Great World of Cultivation. Even average cultivators would have one or two close-combat techniques. After all, it would be disadvantageous if a cultivator lacked one aspect of combat. The enemy might use this weakness to destroy them. And artifacts refined using Ancient Eternal Sand would be great for close-combat.

Chapter 1732: Underground Factory

In the entrance of the Roaring Flame Sect's Inferno Valley was a refining base. The Roaring Flame Sect spent hundreds of years perfecting the base. And now it was fully functional.

The base had five entrances, four normal entrances and one special one. Only a small number of people knew about the special entrance. The four entrances were for the public.

The four public entrances of the refining base were located in one building each. These four buildings looked almost the same. They were ten-storey buildings that looked like a box from outside. It didn't look special. However, people of the Roaring Flame Sect knew that these four buildings carry

extraordinary importance to the sect. Each building had plenty of formations set up. Each formation had formidable prowess. Not only can they be used to defend, they can also be used to attack. Most importantly, these formations weren't powered by spirit stones, but earth fire from the valley.

There was an unlimited amount of earth fire in the Inferno Valley. This provided endless energy to the four buildings. Because of this, although the four buildings looked ordinary, they were actually very formidable.

Zhao Hai slowly landed in front of a stone building. He found that the building was made out of a blue-colored stone. It looked very solid.

After taking a look at the stone building, Zhao Hai slowly walked inside. As soon as he reached the entrance, he felt something blocking him. As he went on, the resistance became greater and greater. Although he could rush through, he would need quite some time to do so.

However, Zhao Hai knew that this was a formation that would keep bystanders off. For the people on the side of the Roaring Flame Sect, this stone building won't stop them. Zhao Hai took out Wei Tiancheng's identity token and immediately felt the resistance vanish.

Upon entering the first floor, Zhao Hai paused for a moment. Inside was a huge hall with plenty of people inside. There were several counters inside with cultivators on both sides.

Zhao Hai noticed that there were people from the outer and inner sect inside. These people came here for one purpose, and that was to have artifacts refined.

In the Roaring Flame Sect, as long as you have contribution points, you can come here to refine an artifact. Moreover, if you provide materials, the cost would be decreased.

Zhao Hai no longer cared about the others and then went to an empty counter. On the opposite side was a female cultivator. In places like refining halls or alchemy halls, there would be counters that were mostly worked by female cultivators. Naturally, this was all voluntary. Female cultivators could take such missions or they could take missions like male cultivators.

It has to be recognized that Wei Tianchen looked quite good. He was handsome and gentle which was attractive to the opposite sex.

As he sat in front of the counter, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Hello Junior Sister, I'm here to refine an artifact."

Seeing Zhao Hai's smiling face, the female cultivator blushed before saying, "Senior Brother, hello. May I ask what artifact you want to be refined? You can provide the material and specifications. The sect can also supply the materials if you need them."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I'll provide some of the materials and I'll set my specifications. Is that fine?"

The female cultivator nodded and said, "Of course that's okay. Senior Brother, take out your material and then write out your request. Then I will make an estimate on how much it would cost you."

Zhao Hai nodded and then took out a pile of Ancient Eternal Sand. Then he took out a jade slip and handed it over to the female cultivator as he said, "Junior Sister, this is the material as well as the specifications of my artifact. Please take a look."

The female cultivator nodded and then received Zhao Hai's jade slip. After looking through the contents, the female cultivator's expression changed. She had worked in the Inferno Valley for some time, so she was very familiar with all types of materials. This was the first time she heard of the Ancient Eternal Sand.

The female cultivator put down the jade slip as she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Senior Brother, this is the first time I encountered the material you provided. This matter is beyond my position. Senior Brother, please wait for a moment while I call the elder out." Zhao Hai gave her a nod.

The female cultivator stood up and ran towards the back room. Before long, an old person walked out. He had ruffled hair and dark skin. His clothes were also sloppily worn.

When the old man arrived at the counter, he looked at Zhao Hai first. Seeing that there was nothing wrong, he turned his attention to the pile of Ancient Eternal Sand on the table. He inspected it first before touching the sand.

The Ancient Eternal Sand that Zhao Hai took out weren't high-quality ones. They were grouped up into fingernail-sized clumps.

The old man took the sand and his face showed a surprised expression. He muttered, "Why is it so heavy?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Elder, it's a material that I haven't seen before. It can erase spiritual imprints and even scatter a cultivator's spiritual force. Moreover, it's very heavy. I want to use this material as a foundation for a glove artifact that I can use for close-combat. What do you think?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, the elder was stunned. Then he said, "You say this material can break spiritual imprints? Are you sure?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I tried it. But breaking spiritual imprints will consume the material."

The old man nodded and said, "I understand your request. I'll take this task myself. However, I need to do some tests to make sure. Go back first and wait for news. When the artifact is created, I'll send you a message." After speaking, the elder waved his hand and took away the pile of Ancient Eternal Sand. Then he turned around without saying anything to Zhao Hai.

The female cultivator gave a bitter smile as she said, "Senior Brother, please don't mind the elder. That's just how he is. Senior Brother can rest assured, the elder will take care of your request. Please leave your name. We will immediately inform you once the artifact is refined."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Thanks a lot, Junior Sister." Then he left Wei Tiancheng's name before leaving the building.

Zhao Hai originally thought that he could enter the Inferno Valley by bringing the Ancient Eternal Sand. He didn't expect that he would be turned away quickly. Naturally, he wouldn't force himself to enter the valley. It wouldn't be good if he was discovered by the Roaring Flame Sect. But he has nothing to worry about. Hidden in that pile of Ancient Eternal Sand was a silver needle. As long as that elder brings that pile of sand to the Inferno Valley, everything in the valley would be under Zhao Hai's surveillance.

Although Zhao Hai cannot enter the Inferno Valley, he had some understanding of its strength. Not to mention the defenses of the buildings, the elder that Zhao Hai met just now wasn't simple. Although the elder was only at the Nascent Soul Stage, Zhao Hai knew that he wasn't easy to deal with.

Most importantly, there were plenty of people like that elder in the Inferno Valley. It turns out that the Inferno Valley's strength was greater than what Zhao Hai estimated.

Zhao Hai returned to Wei Tiancheng's residence and then entered the Space. He immediately sat before the monitor where Laura and the others were and then he asked, "How is it?"

Laura smiled and said, "Take a look, we've received an image of the Inferno Valley." She pointed to the screen which showed a gigantic underground factory.

The factory was enormous. It was divided into rooms that were ten thousand meters in size.

Compared to the factory, such a room was small in comparison. This giant factory almost hollowed the Inferno Valley out.

There were more than 1000 rooms in the entire factory. Most of the rooms were used for refining, some were used to store materials and artifacts, while the rest were used by the cultivators for rest.

Refining rooms numbered around 400. More than 400 rooms crafting artifacts all year round. The output was astonishing.

In fact, the Black Tiger Gang also wanted to refine artifacts and craft pills in the Inferno Valley. However, the Black Tiger Gang's ability to control fire was far lower compared to the Roaring Flame Sect. Earth fire wasn't easy to control. It was one of the most overbearing flames in the Great World of Cultivation. Only the Roaring Flame Sect had the techniques to control earth fire which allowed them to control the Inferno Valley. The Black Tiger Gang could only look at the Inferno Valley and drool.

It must be recognized that the Roaring Flame Sect was truly good at controlling flames. This allowed them to build such a huge refining factory. This made the Inferno Valley an important pillar of the sect.

Zhao Hai looked into a room which caused him to be surprised. The room wasn't small at all. It had a lot of refining formations inside. In the middle was a flame that was extracted by the Roaring Flame Sect. An artifact would be made by controlling the size of the flame.

At this time, a Roaring Flame Sect refiner was making an artifact. But at this point, the form of the artifact couldn't be seen. There weren't many cultivators inside the room. Each formation has two cultivators controlling it. With 12 formations inside the room, the cultivators inside totaled 24.

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The 12 refining formations inside the room weren't used simultaneously. The flames between formations vary in size. When refiners used the refining formations, they were like an assembly line. Artifacts were transferred from one refining formation to another. Different parts of refining required different intensity of flames. The varying flames on each refining formation made it convenient for an efficient process of refining.

In addition to the pairs of refiners controlling the refining formations, there was also a main group leader present. Zhao Hai couldn't help but nod upon seeing this system. Relatively speaking, the refining process of the Roaring Flame Sect was very good. If possible, he would recommend the method to the Black Tiger Gang.

The reason Zhao Hai valued the Black Tiger Gang now wasn't only because the Black Tiger Gang was his origin point in the Great Realm of Cultivation, it was also because of Hu Shan.

In Hu Shan's eyes, the Great World of Cultivation was just a low-level realm. Meanwhile, the Great World of Cultivation also has realms they call lower-level. In Hu Shan's mind, realms like the Hundred Treasures Realm weren't enough to enter his eyesight. The Great World of Cultivation was just enough to attract his attention.

There were plenty of realms as powerful as the Great World of Cultivation. And the place where Hu Shan came from, the Immortal Realm, was a much more powerful realm.

People in the Great World of Cultivation can live very long lives. Moreover, they can fly in the air. The spiritual qi here was rich, so it should be a powerful realm. However, in the eyes of Hu Shan, it was nothing.

This wasn't to say that the people in the Immortal Realm were much stronger than the people in the Great World Cultivation. If they were, then the Black Tiger Clan wouldn't have been limited to a portion of land in the Northern Divergent Province.

In fact, the fighting skills of the people in the Immortal Realm weren't that much different. Although the Immortal Realm had a very rich spiritual density, the pressure on the realm was also very huge, and the suppression of spiritual force was very strong. If a cultivator from the Great World of Cultivation enters the Immortal Realm before entering the Spirit Forming Stage, then they would immediately explode due to the realm's pressure.

And because of the rich spiritual force in the Immortal Realm, people living there lived longer than the people living in the Great World of Cultivation. There were also restrictions in entering the Immortal Realm. It was just like how Zhao Hai ascended from the lower realms.

At the same time, people from the Immortal Realm didn't want to go to the lower realm. Although people from the Immortal Realm could remove the pressure on their bodies once they reach the lower realms, the thin spiritual qi in the lower realm has the possibility to cause their cultivation to regress until they become as strong as the people in the lower realm. Because of this, nobody from the Immortal Realm was willing to go to the Great World of Cultivation.

Additionally, it wasn't easy for people of the Immortal Realm to enter the Great World of Cultivation. It was just like how impossible it was for people of the Cultivation Realm to enter the Ark Continent.

Hu Shan's people were quite a relatively powerful group in the Immortal Realm, they were a branch of the White Tiger Gang after all. But later on, when the White Tiger Gang suffered a huge disaster, they were forced to escape to the Great Realm of Cultivation.

But after arriving in the Great World of Cultivation, it became difficult for them to return due to the decline in strength. In the end, the elders of the Black Tiger Clan came up with a method. The method was for the gang to collect faith power and use it to help their cultivation. They were hoping that their cultivation would increase using this process. And finally, they would be able to ascend to the Immortal Realm and return to their home.

But even when most of the clan had died out, they still couldn't ascend back to the Immortal Realm. Because of this, Hu Shan had to choose Zhao Hai as a successor to protect the Black Tiger Gang and

prevent their legacy from perishing. Although Hu Shan's life was almost finished, the Black Tiger Gang was still a base created by the Black Tiger Clan. He couldn't bear to see the foundation laid by their clan to be ruined.

Zhao Hai promised Hu Shan to help protect the Black Tiger Gang. Naturally, he hoped that the Black Tiger Gang would become as strong as possible. Most importantly, Zhao Hai wanted to use the Black Tiger Gang to help him cultivate faster. This way, he can ascend. He also wanted to see what the Immortal Realm looked like.

Although Hu Shan knew about some matters of the Immortal Realm, he didn't completely understand its complete state. Hu Shan was still a young boy when they left the Immortal Realm, so his understanding was very small. Therefore, the only information Zhao Hai has on the Immortal Realm was their cultivation methods, information regarding other matters was very poor.

However, cultivation methods of the Immortal Realm were enough for Zhao Hai. Although the Space was constantly upgrading and the concentration of spiritual qi inside was constantly improving, it was still impossible to use the cultivation methods of the Immortal Realm. This was because their cultivation methods require too much spiritual qi.

It was precisely because of this that Zhao Hai wanted to go to the Immortal Realm. And if he wanted to go to the Immortal Realm, it was impossible for him to do it all alone. Therefore, he needs to make the Black Tiger Gang stronger.

Seeing the situation in the Inferno Valley, Zhao Hai had a general idea about it. Altogether, there were about 30 Transcending Tribulation Experts, 200 Nascent Soul Experts, more than 1000 Core Formation Experts, more than 3000 Dao Avatar Stage Experts, and more than 20 thousand Spirit Formation Experts. It held great manpower.

Since entry to the valley was very strict, security inside wasn't as serious. Even Transcending Tribulation Experts weren't able to notice the existence of the silver needle.

There were multiple reasons why Transcending Tribulation Experts weren't able to notice the silver needle. First, they wouldn't expect that they would be watched inside the valley. Second, because of Zhao Hai's increase in strength. This allowed the silver needle to become more stealthy.

Although he was able to find out about the situation of the valley, Zhao Hai still has no idea how to deal with it. Transmission formations of the valley were directly connected to the Roaring Flame Sect. Even if these transmission formations were sealed, there were still several exits out of the valley. Therefore, it was impossible to stop people from coming in and out of the valley.

The 30 Transcending Tribulation Experts were strong enough to escape the valley when it was attacked. Moreover, each exit was placed very far away from each other. If the Black Tiger Gang wanted to block these exits, they would need five times as many people as those in the Inferno Valley. So many people couldn't just be sent to one place. The most important thing was still dealing with the headquarters.

Zhao Hai sat in the Space with a frown on his face. As he looked at the cultivators of the Roaring Flame Sect who were in the Inferno Valley, Zhao Hai continued to think how he could clean all these people up!

Laura has been beside Zhao Hai for many years, so she knew what Zhao Hai was thinking about. She looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, are you worried about these people?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The Inferno Valley is as important as the Roaring Flame Sect's headquarters. If we want to deal with the Roaring Flame Sect, we would have to deal with the Inferno Valley. Otherwise, we would leave a major pillar of the sect free. That would be dangerous."

Looking at the situation in the Inferno Valley, Laura said, "Brother Hai, why do you think the Inferno Valley is located here in the first place? It's famous for the earth fire it provides. Maybe we can find the source of the fire and then take it into the Space. Even if that doesn't work, we can find a way to cause the valley to erupt. At that time, the base on the valley would be destroyed. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai stared, he hadn't thought through this point. But he also thought that Laura's plan was feasible. Liquid Silver can become a large artifact that can enlarge and shrink, and it was not afraid of fire. He can dive to the depths of the Inferno Valley and see where the fire was coming from. Even if he can't receive the flame, he can still detonate it. This would ruin the Inferno Valley.

The more he thought about it, the more Zhao Hai wanted to use this method. So he nodded and said, "That plan is good. I can give it a try. But it isn't the right time to do it. Once we get an idea about the headquarters and the core sect, we'll begin searching for the source of the earth fire."

Laura nodded and said, "Right, you just sent the Ancient Eternal Sand over. If they send you a message and find out that they couldn't find anyone, they would definitely be suspicious. The Inferno Valley already existed for many years. Nothing would happen if we wait a day or two."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Now let's see if the Roaring Flame Sect would take the bait. If they see value in the Ancient Eternal Sand, they will definitely come to me."

Megan smiled and said, "Of course they would come to you. It's impossible for them to be unaware of how important the Ancient Eternal Sand is. If they want to become stronger, they would certainly approach you."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I hope so. However, we need to find a good excuse as to where we acquired it."

Lizzy, who has been quiet for some time, answered, "That's not a problem. Brother Hai, I think we can kill two birds with one stone. Just tell them that you snatched it from the Wandering Soul Group."

Zhao Hai stared, then his eyes lit up. This is also good. He immediately understood what Lizzy wanted to do. Doing it according to Lizzy's plan would destroy the relationship between the Wandering Soul Group and the Roaring Flame Sect. Ever since their cooperation in attacking the Black Tiger Gang, the Roaring Flame Sect and the Wandering Soul Group's relationship has improved. This was one of the worries that the Black Tiger Gang had. If the two sects cooperated to attack the Black Tiger Gang once more, the Black Tiger Gang would certainly suffer. After all, Hu Shan couldn't make another move. Nobody could save the Black Tiger Gang this time.

As long as the information was released, it would certainly affect the Roaring Flame Sect's relationship with the Wandering Soul Group. Then when the Black Tiger Gang attacks, the Wandering Soul Group might not offer their help. This would ease some pressure off of the Black Tiger Gang.

The birds that Lizzy meant were the two vultures which were the Wandering Soul Group and the Roaring Flame Sect. It would be better if these vultures would attack each other. Then the Black Tiger Gang could sit on the side and watch.

Zhao Hai replied, "That is a good method. But I still need someone from the Roaring Flame Sect to come to me. Let's just wait and see how things develop." The women nodded. Zhao Hai's gaze returned to the screen.

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The Roaring Flame Sect Elder took the Ancient Eternal Sand to the refining base. He immediately entered his personal residence. Although the Elder wasn't the strongest, others couldn't compare to his ability. His refining technique was among the top in the valley.

The levels of the refiners in the valley ranged from high to low. The refiners who could be called grandmasters could only be counted in two hands. The elder that Zhao Hai met was one of the grandmasters.

Becoming a grandmaster refiner wasn't easy. Refiners were divided into multiple categories. The Great World of Cultivation has all kinds of ores. The properties of these ores differ from each other. What kind of ore should be used in which kind of artifact also needed to be considered. All of these things were what a refiner needs to worry about.

Because of this, before a refiner starts refining, they would need to have a good understanding of the material they have in hand. They needed to know the material's properties and where it was most suitable to be used. After years of development, refiners have developed a systematic method of distinguishing a material's properties.

Since the elder was a refining grandmaster, he was also aware of this method. Moreover, he was very proficient in it. Otherwise, he wouldn't have become an elder in the Inferno Valley.

After returning to his own residence, he immediately took out the Ancient Eternal Sand and placed it in a formation.

The formation lit up with brilliant lights. The formation lit up with gold light first, and then cyan light, and then the light vanished.

In the eyes of other people, these lights might not mean anything. But in the eyes of the Roaring Flame Sect elder, these lights had a meaning. The golden light represented the attribute of the Ancient Eternal Sand. The golden light doesn't only represent the metal attribute, it also represents earth.

The earth attribute was yellow if it wasn't mixed with the metal attribute. If there was only metal attribute, then the light would be silver rather than golden. This meant that the Ancient Eternal Sand had two attributes.

The cyan light represented spiritual force. This didn't mean that the Ancient Eternal Sand had benefits towards spiritual force, it was the opposite. The cyan color was deep dark, which meant that it had a bad relationship with spiritual force.

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The dark cyan color that the Ancient Eternal Sand let out meant that it was impossible for the Ancient Eternal sand to transmit spiritual force. And it had hints that it could suppress spiritual force.

It was at this point that the Roaring Flame Sect Elder believed Zhao Hai's words. At the same time, he was excited. A metal-earth attribute material that can restrain spiritual force. This was a peak-level material for close-combat artifacts. If the Roaring Flame Sect can use this material, its overall strength would improve by a lot.

The Roaring Flame Sect Elder became restless. Although he was a refined grandmaster, he wasn't a person who didn't understand sect affairs. In fact, although he dressed sloppily and seemed informal, everyone knew that he wasn't a peaceful person. He knew how to manage his power and keep its influence. But because his talent for refining was too good, he became a grandmaster refiner. If he didn't have talent, he could still become a high-ranking cultivator just by smarts.

It was precisely because of his character that the elder had a lot of connections inside the Roaring Flame Sect. He was also quite popular among the top core disciples. Even the sect leader valued him as an elder.

The Roaring Flame Sect Elder's relationship with so many people couldn't be separated from his ability. He was a refining grandmaster, and every refining grandmaster was a good match for the core disciples.

Although he wasn't loyal to them, it would still be advantageous to them to maintain a good relationship with the elder.

Naturally, the elder knew how to repay these people. He was a smart person. He knew that it was only because of his ability that these people placed him in his current position.

Because of his position, the elder had contact with multiple ores, especially those that were precious. Whenever he discovers useful materials, he would inform these core disciples or the sect leader himself. What happens next was up to them.

For the elder, it was just saying one sentence. But for the core disciples and the sect leader, it was very important. What do cultivators rely on to become stronger? Naturally, it was their artifacts. A good artifact could save a cultivator's life. Therefore, every cultivator knew what a good material meant for an artifact. And good materials aren't easy to obtain.

The elder's casual reports could allow these core disciples to get good materials, which would increase their strength. This explains why the elder held so much weight in the minds of the core disciples and the sect leader.

Now that the elder discovered a high-quality material, he would naturally inform these people. He immediately sent messages to core disciples that were close to him. He also sent a message to the sect leader. This way, even if the sect leader knew about the Ancient Eternal Sand, he wouldn't look to him for trouble.

This wasn't the first time that the elder did such a thing, so he was experienced in who to tell and how to tell it.

After the information was passed on, he immediately began to work. He only had one job left, and that was to refine Zhao Hai's gloves.

Although the elder told the core disciples and the sect leader about Zhao Hai's Ancient Eternal Sand, he still needs to do his job well.

It wouldn't be good if he wasn't able to deliver on Zhao Hai's order. The material has already been reported to other people. If he didn't give Zhao Hai his glove and instead kept the material for himself, then nobody would come to the Inferno Valley to have their artifacts refined. The loss would be greater than the gain. When the time comes, the sect wouldn't let him off.

In fact, it wasn't only the elder who had this approach of divulging the materials that had been handed over. Although they reported the material used, they would also refine the artifact that was requested. After all, it involves the integrity of a refiner.

Refining an artifact, especially one using special materials, wasn't easy. Zhao Hai wanted gloves that were light and flexible to be used in close combat. This also meant that the gloves needed strong offensive and defensive capabilities.

Making gloves out of metal wasn't easy, especially using Ancient Eternal Sand. The material was very heavy, so offense wasn't a problem. The issue came with it becoming light and flexible. It was the complete opposite of the material's property.

An artifact that was both light and flexible would require the skill of a formidable refiner.

The shape of the glove, the supplementary materials to be added, as well as its function were all up to the refiner. After Zhao Hai handed the Ancient Eternal Sand over and paid his contribution points, all he needed to do was wait for the gloves to be refined successfully.

What the elder didn't know was that his actions were all under Zhao Hai's monitoring. Therefore, Zhao Hai also saw the elder sending multiple jade sword messages. This is what Zhao Hai wanted to see.

But since the jade sword messages were heading towards the core sect and the headquarters, Zhao Hai doesn't know who they were sent to as well as their response.

Upon receiving the elder's message, the recipients of the jade sword messages couldn't sit still.

In the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, as long as you were good at using flying swords or any other artifact, then you would be able to survive. It might even be possible for you to dominate your battles.

But the same couldn't be said in the Great World of Cultivation. If you only focus on one aspect of combat, then you wouldn't be able to survive for long. Cultivators in the Great World of Cultivation were more comprehensive. They rarely specialized and were multi-skilled.

In the Great World of Cultivation, each cultivator would have some accomplishments in body cultivation. If you didn't cultivate your body, you would be at a disadvantage against those who did.

As people often say, a barrel could hold more water than a plank of wood. The same was true for cultivators. A cultivator's combat strength depended on their strengths and weaknesses. If their weakness was too obvious, they would be at a disadvantage against people who can capitalize on it.

Besides body cultivation, cultivators also practice supporting techniques.

Because of this, cultivators were concerned about their close-combat capability. After all, if they were weak in this aspect, their enemy would think of ways to make use of it to their advantage. Therefore, materials that are beneficial to close-combat would naturally attract attention.

So when the core disciples heard about a high-grade material for close-combat artifacts, they naturally wanted to know more about it.

Zhao Hai has too many resources in the Space, so he never had any problems when it came to crafting artifacts. And with liquid silver in hand, he doesn't even need to worry about artifacts. So it was impossible for him to understand the thoughts of the other cultivators.

The core disciples and the sect leader were shaken when they read the jade sword message. They knew clearly how stronger the sect would be if they could produce artifacts made with this material on a large-scale.

Without Zhao Hai noticing, Wei Tiancheng's name was spread among the high echelons of the sect. All of them wanted to take a look at the material that Zhao Hai brought.

Zhao Hai was currently using Wei Tiancheng's identity. Naturally, there were no problems with his background. He was a member of the Roaring Flame Sect ever since he was young. As for his character,

the sect didn't care. As long as Wei Tiancheng didn't have any relationships with other sects, then that was enough.

The next day after Zhao Hai visited the Inferno Valley, Zhao Hai was still looking at the valley map. Suddenly, Cai'er said, "Young Master, someone is outside Wei Tiancheng's residence. They said they wanted to see you."

Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately nodded and said, "Alright, I'll head out immediately. Cai'er, continue to map out the Inferno Valley. Focus on finding the fifth entrance. See where it leads to."

Cai'er nodded. After that, Zhao Hai's body left the Space and returned to Wei Tiancheng's residence. Just as he arrived, he heard someone outside, "Senior Brother Wei? Are you there?"

Zhao Hai hastily walked out. He saw another inner disciple outside. He wore red robes and looked quite young. However, his strength was at the Core Formation Stage.

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and said, "I have seen Junior Brother Lin." Zhao Hai knew this person. To be specific, Wei Tiancheng knew this person. This person was one of the sect leader's disciples. He was also the youngest and most valued disciple. How could Wei Tiancheng not know of him?

Junior Brother Lin nodded and said, "Senior Brother, come with me. Master has called you over."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai stared, then he replied, "So it's the sect leader. Let's not make the sect leader wait. Brother, I'll have to ask you to lead me there."

Junior Brother Lin nodded, then he turned around and flew towards the direction of the headquarters. Zhao Hai also followed behind.

Chapter 1735: Burning Heaven Palace

This was the first time that Zhao Hai entered the Roaring Flame Sect's headquarters. The headquarters wasn't small. It was built on a mountain because of the spirit vein under it.

Besides the main building, several residences were also built into the mountain, almost hollowing it out.

The defensive capability of the mountain was formidable. There was a large mountain guarding formation that covered the entire mountain. Moreover, the energy source of the formation was the mountain's spirit vein. This meant that as long as the spirit vein hadn't dried up, the mountain guarding formation would always be activated. And each spirit vein would take millions of years before it would dry up. If he waits until the spirit vein dries up, then even Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to survive for so long.

Zhao Hai inspected the Roaring Flame Sect's headquarters with his spiritual force. Zhao Hai knew that Wei Tianchen had been here before. But even inner disciples like Wei Tianchen could only count on one hand how many times they had been to the headquarters. Moreover, each visit would need summons from the sect leader. Inner disciples couldn't just enter the headquarters whenever they wanted.

Zhao Hai followed the cultivator surnamed Lin to the main building of the headquarters. Along the way, Zhao Hai released silver needles every few steps or so. These silver needles had been shrunk to their smallest form so that even transcending tribulation experts wouldn't be able to detect them. Most importantly, because of the small size of the needles, it didn't need to be actively controlled to go around the headquarters. The mountain wind would lead the needles all around the base.

Zhao Hai believed that this method would allow the silver needles to remain undiscovered. If the needles were actively flying, then the energy they emit might cause some expert to detect them. But now that it utilized the wind to travel, it was completely hidden from detection. After all, experts wouldn't scan their surroundings with their spiritual force all the time.

Before long, Zhao Hai and disciple Lin arrived at the main building of the headquarters. The building was fiery-red. If looked at a distance, the building would look like a huge flame. The building was 9 storeys high. A horizontal tablet was hung in front of the entrance with three letters engraved on it that said, "Burning Heaven Palace".

Burning Heaven Palace was the most central building of the Roaring Flame Sect. This was also the residence of each sect leader of the Roaring Flame Sect.

Zhao Hai looked at the three huge characters, then he sneered inside as he said, "What huge words. I don't know if they can really burn the heavens." While he thought about this, Zhao Hai followed disciple Lin into the building.

Upon entering the Burning Heaven Palace, what met Zhao Hai was a large hall. On the far side of the hall was a huge character that read 'Fire'. The character was written on a stone tablet. In front of the tablet was a huge cauldron that had three incense sticks standing on top of it. The smoke coming out of it causes one's mind to turn calm.

This fragrance was very useful regarding a cultivator's cultivation. This fragrance was known as mind condensing fragrance. Mind condensing fragrance was made from more than 100 herbs and a very strict manufacturing process. If cultivators acquire this fragrance, they certainly wouldn't use it all the time. However, the Burning Heaven Palace burned three of them all the time. This shows that the sect's riches couldn't be compared to a single person's.

However, this mind condensing fragrance didn't attract Zhao Hai's attention. Although the fragrance was precious, it was nothing to Zhao Hai. If Zhao Hai wants, he can take out a large amount of mind condensing fragrance at any time. The Space has enough herbs to create the fragrance. What attracted Zhao Hai was the stone tablet inscribed with the character of 'fire'.

The stone tablet was ten meters high and eight meters wide. The character that was engraved on the tablet was almost as large as the stone tablet itself.

What was even more strange was that the tablet wasn't modified in any way. It was just a rectangular slab of stone. It even has traces of its excavation. It was as if it was a slab that had been carved out of a huge boulder. Moreover, it had been chiseled in a hurry so it looked very rough.

Zhao Hai found out about the stone tablet from Wei Tianchen. According to legend, this stone tablet has been accidentally found by the founder of the Roaring Flame Sect. It can be said that the tablet was the sect treasure of the Roaring Flame Sect.

Zhao Hai was especially attracted to the 'fire' character. The character looked ordinary at first glance, but the more he looked at it, the more he felt the profoundness of the character. Looking at the fire character, Zhao Hai felt that he could see all the fire in the world. The character itself seems to be the source of all fire.

At this moment, Zhao Hai's mind was completely absorbed by the 'fire' character. Then he felt the character turn into flame and enter his body.

Zhao Hai was absent-minded when this happened, but because the fire entered Zhao Hai's body, the Space issued a prompt, "Host has understood the origin of fire. Host's ability to control fire has improved."

It was at this time that Zhao Hai woke up. He immediately cleared his mind and followed behind disciple Lin.

Since everything happened in a blink of an eye, disciple Lin didn't see anything from Zhao Hai. He continued walking while Zhao Hai was right behind him. After the two gave three bows towards the stone tablet, they went to a door on the side.

Behind the hall was a giant room. There was nobody inside the room. Disciple Lin led Zhao Hai to a staircase on the side of the room. Before long, the two arrived at the second floor. The second floor has many rooms, each had people working inside. Naturally, this was the sect's administration room. And leading the administration was the Roaring Flame Sect's sect leader.

Disciple Lin didn't stop on the second floor. Instead, he continued on to the third floor. At the entrance of the third floor were two beasts. These two beasts were tigers that had red bodies. They were known as fire-eating tigers. These beasts eat fire for nutrition. Moreover, their fire attacks were formidable.

As soon as the two fire-eating tigers saw Disciple Lin and Zhao Hai, they immediately crouched and issued a low roar.

Disciple Lin didn't care about the two tigers as he said, "Alright, stop growling. This is the person the sect leader wants to meet. Don't scare him." The two fire-eating tigers seem to have understood Disciple Lin's words. They stopped crouching and then lied down.

Disciple Lin smiled faintly as he threw two pills towards the tigers. While the pills were in the air, the tigers leapt up and caught the pills in mid-air. They swallowed the pills with relish.

Disciple Lin smiled as he led Zhao Hai to the third floor. There was a luxurious room on the third floor. Inside were chairs that were made out of redwood. They were carved wonderfully.

Standing inside the room were four red-clothed women. These women stood on the four corners of the room. Seeing Disciple Lin, the four women bowed and said, "We have seen Senior Brother Lin."

Disciple Lin waved his hand and said, "Master wants to meet Senior Brother Wei. I'll have to ask Senior Sisters to inform Master." Disciple Lin didn't dare be disrespectful to these four women. In addition to being servants, they were also concubines of the sect leader. Disciple Lin didn't dare disrespect his master's women.

The four women didn't look arrogant. Upon hearing this, one of them replied, "Alright, we'll immediately notify master." After she said that, she went back.

Zhao Hai discovered a door on the side. The door wasn't big, but it was hidden. If you didn't pay attention, you wouldn't notice it.

Before long, the red-clothed woman returned, she looked at Disciple Lin and Zhao Hai and said, "Senior Brother Lin, the sect leader wants you to head inside."

Disciple Lin nodded as he cupped his fist. Then he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother, come with me." Zhao Hai nodded and then carefully followed behind Disciple Lin.

Upon going through the door, Zhao Hai saw a large study room inside. The room was intricately decorated. Spread on the ground was the skin of a huge beast. On the wall were all kinds of artifacts. In the innermost part of the room was a table. But instead of a chair on the other side, there was a couch.

Sitting on the couch was a man playing with two fiery stone balls in his hands. These stone balls were almost transparent. Carved on each ball was the image of a dragon and a tiger. As he turned the balls in his hand, the dragon and tiger seemed to move.

The man looked 40 years old. He had neatly combed red hair. His crimson robe was embroidered with gold thread. He appeared magnificent. He also looks a bit fat, but his complexion was rough. He slouched on the couch with his eyes half-closed. He looked half-asleep and half-awake.

The conduct of the man was unbecoming of a sect master. Instead, he looked like a powerful official from the world of mortals.

While Zhao Hai was looking at the man, Disciple Lin bowed and said, "Disciple Lin has seen master."

Zhao Hai also followed, "Disciple Wei Tianchen has seen the sect leader."

The man snorted as he waved his hand and said, "Wei Tianchen, I called you over to ask about something. Did you go to the Inferno Valley to have an artifact refined?"

Zhao Hai enthusiastically answered, "Replying to the sect leader. This disciple did indeed go to the Inferno Valley to have an artifact refined. I requested for a glove artifact."

The sect leader nodded, then he said, "You gave the elder a certain material. Where did you get it? Do you know its name?"

Zhao Hai replied, "Replying to the sect leader. This disciple doesn't know what its name is. It's the first time I have seen anything like it."

Chapter 1736: Secret Plans

"Hm?" The sect master's eyes completely opened as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You don't know? Where did you get it? Why are you confident that it can be refined into an artifact?"

Zhao Hai felt a tremendous pressure coming down on him. Although this pressure didn't do anything to him, he still lowered his head and pretended to be frightened. After all, he was currently using Wei Tianchen's identity. Wei Tianchen was only at the Core Formation Stage, so it was impossible for him to withstand the pressure coming from a Transcending Tribulation Expert.

While trembling, Zhao Hai answered, "Replying to the sect master. I stole the material from someone while I was looking for Trembling Ice Grass in the Green Plain Mountains. The person should be from the Wandering Soul Group. He attacked me first, and I killed him. I found the material in his body. I didn't know how to use the material when I found it. At that time, I thought that the cultivator's artifact is good, it's just a pity that it has a spiritual imprint. So I placed the artifact along with the material. But when I came back, I found out that the spiritual imprint had vanished. I felt that it was strange. Then I noticed that there is less material compared to before. So I guessed that the two are related. After several tests, I became certain that the material can remove spiritual imprints. Upon knowing this, I decided to make it into an artifact. All of this is true, I would never dare lie to the sect leader."

The sect leader looked at Zhao Hai and believed his words. Although the relationship between the Roaring Flame Sect and the Wandering Soul Group has improved because of the Black Tiger Gang, both sides knew that their relationship was fragile and could break any time.

It was normal for the disciples of two sects to have conflicts. But whether it was Zhao Hai who attacked first or not, the sect leader didn't care. What he cared about was the source of the Ancient Eternal Sand.

Zhao Hai's lies were flawless. It wasn't strange to meet the people of the Wandering Soul Group in the Green Plain Mountains. It was also common to put looted artifacts and materials together. And since the spiritual imprint has been removed, it was normal for Zhao Hai to notice it. Therefore, the sect leader didn't doubt Zhao Hai's words.

The sect leader nodded and said, "So that's the case. Alright, you can go." Zhao Hai nodded and then bowed before going out of the room. Once he was outside, he let out a long breath before going down and returning to his residence.

Once Zhao Hai left, the sect leader turned to Disciple Lin and said, "Little Wan, do you think Wei Tianchen is speaking the truth?"

Lin Wan replied, "He should be telling the truth. Although his morals aren't good, he wouldn't dare deceive the sect leader. Even if he borrowed some courage, he still wouldn't lie. And from what I heard about him, he's loyal and devoted to the Roaring Flame Sect."

The Roaring Flame Sect's sect leader nodded and said, "I believe him as well. It's not strange for the Wandering Soul Group to have good materials. After all, they were once a powerful sect. They should have some heavenly materials on hand. However, since this is the case, we needed to guard against the Wandering Soul Group."

Lin Wan nodded and said, "The ambition of the Wandering Soul Group is endless. They decided to attack the Black Tiger Gang ten years ago. If the Supreme Elder of the Black Tiger Gang didn't take action, they would have already been swallowed. After that, the next target would be us. Master, I don't understand. Why did you agree to ally with the Wandering Soul Group at that time?"

With a serious expression, the sect leader replied, "It's because our territory is too small. Because of this, the strength of the Roaring Flame Sect has declined. If we could swallow some of the Black Tiger Gang's territory, then our future would become brighter. At that time, the Wandering Soul Group would be the main force. Those people from the Black Tiger Gang are lunatics, they wouldn't just let the Wandering Soul Group have their way. If they fought each other to the death, then we can seize the opportunity to profit. As long as we hold some of the Black Tiger Gang's territory, we could develop to the point where we couldn't be attacked by the Wandering Soul Group. Then we would become one of the most powerful sects of the Northern Divergent Province. Unfortunately, this plan has been spoiled by the Black Tiger Gang's Supreme Elder."

Only then did Lin Wan understand the sect leader's plan. Lin Wan had unconditional trust in his master. This was because he knew that the reason why the Roaring Flame Sect was at its current state was because of the sect leader's painstaking efforts. Naturally, Lin Wan wouldn't object to his master's plans.

The sect leader of the Roaring Flame Sect sighed and said, "I didn't expect the Supreme Elder of the Black Tiger Gang to still be alive. Not only did we fail to gain any benefits, it also caused us to lose some of our strength. However, I reckon the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't be able to attack us soon. I already checked, the Black Tiger Gang lost a lot of large artifacts defending against the Wandering Soul Group. It's impossible for them to have the strength to attack us. Therefore, we need to use this time to increase our strength. Only through this could we be safe. We need to find the source of that material. Even if we can't obtain it, we cannot let the Wandering Soul Group get their hands on it. Otherwise, they would become a threat to us as well." Lin Wan nodded. Then he turned around and left.

At this time, Zhao Hai was already inside the Space listening in on the conversation between Lin Wan and the Sect Leader. Now that the silver needles have been scattered around the headquarters, Zhao Hai was able to monitor all that happened inside. It wouldn't take long before Zhao Hai would have the entire Roaring Flame Sect under his monitoring.

The silver needles had shrunk to the size of a grain of dust. In the past, he couldn't achieve this size. But ever since his strength increased, he could now do things he couldn't do before. Now, he can release silver needles that could evade the detection of Transcending Tribulation Experts.

Moreover, it was impossible for Transcending Tribulation Experts to use their spiritual force all the time. No matter how strong they were, they would be exhausted doing that. As long as the silver needles moved carefully, they would not be noticed.

After hearing the conversation between the Roaring Flame Sect's leader and Lin Wan, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh as he said, "We really can't underestimate sect leaders. Although the Roaring Flame Sect's sect leader looks easygoing, his schemes run deep. He's much more cunning compared to Tie Zhantian."

Laura smiled and didn't speak. Instead, Megan was the one who answered, "Big Brother, from what we heard, it seems like the Roaring Flame Sect is stronger than we thought. Are you still confident of our success if we attack them?"

Zhao Hai replied, "We can still succeed. However, we first need to deal with the Inferno Valley. Moreover, we need to kill as many refiners as possible. Only by doing so can the Black Tiger Gang deal with the Roaring Flame Sect with ease."

The females nodded. Then Cai'er said, "Young Master, should we begin exploring the origin of the earth fire?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "We should"

Cai'er nodded, "Then I'll prepare. Once the artifact is made, we'll begin. This way, people wouldn't suspect you." Zhao Hai nodded. Cai'er disappeared to prepare for the operation.

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Zhao Hai and the others carefully recorded the map of the Roaring Flame Sect. These maps would be stored on jade slips to be delivered to the Black Tiger Gang.

Although the Space's map was accurate, it was impossible for Zhao Hai to send a perfect map to the Black Tiger gang. This was because a perfect map couldn't be made by just infiltrating the enemy base. Moreover, the map of the Space was akin to a satellite view. Zhao Hai needed to simplify the map before handing it over.

While Zhao Hai was making the map, Cai'er suddenly appeared. Then she said, "Young Master, there's someone outside the residence."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he moved and returned to Wei Tianchen's cave residence. Just as he appeared, a voice was heard, "Brother Wei, are you in? It's Xu Jin."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause. He also knew who Xu Jin was. He was one of the top ten core disciples of the Roaring Flame Sect. His ranking was at the bottom, at tenth place. It could be said that he was the weakest among the top ten.

However, although he was the weakest, he was still one of the top ten Core Disciples. To personally come over, it seems like he was moved by the Ancient Eternal Sand.

Zhao Hai hastily went out to meet him. Outside Wei Tianchen's residence was a cultivator. The cultivator looked to be over 30 years old. Zhao Hai quickly said, "Senior Brother, please come in."

Xu Jin smiled faintly and said, "Junior Brother Wei, I came over without any notice. I hope you don't get offended."

Zhao Hai immediately replied, "Senior Brother is too polite. Senior Brother, please come in. It's my honor to have you come over." Xu Jin no longer hesitated as he walked inside.

Zhao Hai took a look outside and found that Xu Jin came alone. He didn't even bring a large artifact with him. It seems like this visit was made in secret.

Zhao Hai followed Xu Jin inside the residence. After settling Xu Jin down, Zhao Hai asked, "Senior Brother, for what reason did you come over to visit?"

Xu Jin looked at Zhao Hai, then he smiled faintly and said, "I used to have contact with Junior Brother before, but I had been negligent, please forgive me for this. Actually, I came here for one reason. I want to ask you for some help. I don't know if Junior Brother would accept."

Zhao Hai stared and pretended to be surprised, "Thank you for the recognition Senior Brother. Please tell me your request. I'll make sure to help you as much as I can."

Xu Jin laughed and said, "Alright, now I'm more confident in Junior Brother. I heard that you recently came upon a good material. Do you still have more in hand? I'm preparing to refine an artifact and plan to use your material. Junior Brother can rest assured, I wouldn't treat you unfairly. Here are some things I have prepared, see if Junior Brother has something you want."

Zhao Hai stared when he heard Xu Jin's proposal. He didn't expect Xu Jin to have such an idea, but it was understandable. Xu Jin was at the tenth place among the top ten core disciples. It would be difficult for him to get the material himself. It was better to go to Zhao Hai directly. If Zhao Hai has it, then that's good news. If Zhao Hai doesn't, then he wouldn't suffer a loss. He could also pull in an Inner Disciple into his faction, it was also expanding his power.

Zhao Hai's thoughts revolved quickly and wanted to understand Xu Jin's plans. He immediately replied, "Senior Brother is too polite. I still have some material in my hand. Senior Brother can use it. There's no need to exchange for anything." Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out a spatial bag. Then he handed the bag over to Xu Jin and said, "Senior Brother, take a look. I hope it's enough for you to use."

Xu Jin took Zhao Hai's spatial bag and was stunned when he scanned it with his spiritual force. This was because Zhao Hai gave him too much Ancient Eternal Sand. Such a huge amount was enough to refine hundreds of artifacts. Xu Jin didn't expect Zhao Hai to have this much Ancient Eternal Sand. He held the spatial bag in his hand as he looked excitedly at Zhao Hai and said, "Enough, this is enough. Thank you Junior Brother. Junior Brother, come with me to my base. I have something to give you."

After he said that, he stood up. Zhao Hai didn't decline and followed him out. Actually, Zhao Hai has a goal in giving that many Ancient Eternal Sand to Xu Jin. The main reason was that hidden on that huge pile of sand were silver needles. Giving the needles to Xu Jin would allow more silver needles to enter the Inferno Valley.

If Zhao Hai wanted to use the earth fire to deal with the Inferno Valley, then he would first need to make sure that nobody could escape from the valley. It wasn't easy to seal the exits of the valley. Zhao Hai only thought about one thing, and that was to use liquid silver. With liquid silver sealing the exits of the valley, the cultivators inside wouldn't be able to run even if they wanted to.

After Xu Jin obtained the Ancient Eternal Sand, he would definitely send the sand to the Inferno Valley. Because he has the weakest strength among the top ten core disciples, he would need artifacts to arm

his subordinates. If the Ancient Eternal Sand was sent to the Inferno Valley, then that would mean that liquid silver would be there as well. When Zhao Hai begins to make a move, he would be able to use liquid silver to seal the exits.

Chapter 1737: Leaving

The reason Zhao Hai decided to use this method to send liquid silver to the refining base was because he was deeply wary of the transcending tribulation experts.

Zhao Hai saw the battle between transcending tribulation experts. Although he was confident in his strength, he knew clearly that he couldn't fight against them. Without entering the Space, it would be impossible for him to save his life if he faced them.

Because he dreaded the transcending tribulation experts, Zhao Hai decided that he needed to make advance preparations to deal with the Inferno Valley. He couldn't risk the Space being discovered by other people.

Using this method, Zhao Hai could send liquid silver into the Inferno Valley. This way, the transcending tribulation experts wouldn't detect it.

Zhao Hai followed Xu Jin to his mountain base. Xu Jin's mountain base wasn't small, it was as big as Phoenix Cry Peak. However, Zhao Hai could see that Xu Jin's people were a bit worse. There weren't a lot of people who could be considered as strong.

After Xu Jin led Zhao Hai into the mountain base, they immediately went inside a residence. Then Xu Jin turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Wei, this will be your residence from now on. If you need anything, don't hesitate to tell me."

Zhao Hai looked at the cave residence and could honestly say that it was bigger than Wei Tianchen's original cave. This was good. It could be said that Xu Jin was truly grateful towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Thank you, Senior Brother. This is a good place. Right, Senior Brother, I have reached a bottleneck in my cultivation. So after going to the Inferno Valley to get my artifact, I will be heading out to gain experience. I hope that's alright with you?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Xu Jin couldn't help but ask, "You're leaving so quickly? Alright, wait here for a bit. I'll go get something." Zhao Hai nodded. Xu Jin turned around and left.

Zhao Hai looked at Xu Jin's back and couldn't help but sigh. To be honest, Xu Jin wasn't a hateful person. In order to get his hands on the Ancient Eternal Sand, he went to Zhao Hai personally and even brought Zhao Hai to his mountain base. If it was the real Wei Tianchen, he would definitely agree to Xu Jin's request. After all, entering a mountain base means that he has a backer. This would be beneficial for his future cultivation.

Unfortunately, Xu Jin was an enemy and he should be treated as an enemy. Even if Zhao Hai appreciated his conduct, he still wouldn't hesitate to deal with him when the time comes.

As Zhao Hai thought of this, Xu Jin returned. He was holding a spatial ring in his hand. Then he gave the ring to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Wei, take this. See if it's enough. If it's not, just tell me. By the way, there's also a set of armor inside. It had been refined a few years ago and has been unused. If you don't dislike it, then you can use it."

Zhao Hai received the spatial ring and then scanned it with his spiritual force. Inside were 30 portions of faith power. There were also plenty of pills inside. Most importantly, there was a set of protective armor.

For inner disciples, 30 portions of faith power was a lot. Even core disciples would see it as generous. In the past, Zhang Feng gave Zhao Hai 100 portions of faith power. However, that was because Zhang Feng knew how important Zhao Hai was. This shows how generous Xu Jin was towards Wei Tianchen.

Moreover, the pills that Xu Jin gave were all high-quality. These pills would be useful for Core Formation experts.

What's even more outstanding was the set of armor. It had a simple appearance. There was no headpiece, only the chest piece, wrist guards, elbow guards, knee guards, and boots. The armor was made of scales. It looks like it wasn't defensive, but Zhao Hai could see that these scales were from a defensively powerful beast. Naturally, he doesn't need to wear it all the time. When he was in danger or was going to a battle, he could take it out and use it.

Xu Jin's gift was very precious, especially towards a core formation expert. When Zhao Hai received the gift, he made a grateful appearance as he looked at Xu Jin and said, "Thank you so much, Senior Brother. But this gift is too precious. I wouldn't dare accept it."

Xu Jin waved his hand and said, "Take it, this is payment for your material. Alright, take a good rest. If you need anything, don't hesitate to tell me." Zhao Hai hastily delivered Xu Jin to the exit. Then he went back inside.

To be honest, Zhao Hai's perception of Xu Jin has improved a lot. Xu Jin was polite and he was even generous. If Zhao Hai was Wei Tianchen, he would definitely be loyal to such a person.

Unfortunately, Zhao Hai wasn't Wei Tianchen. As he sat inside the residence, Zhao Hai threw the spatial ring to the Space for Laura and the others to take care of. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai didn't return and sat cross-legged to cultivate.

Zhao Hai didn't return to the Space because he was afraid that he would be discovered by Xu Jin. Although Xu Jin seemed like an honest person, he was still a cultivator who had ambitions. If he was completely honest, then he wouldn't have become one of the top ten core disciples of the Roaring Flame Sect. Xu Jin should have his own methods. If Xu Jin discovers that Zhao Hai has disappeared from his residence, then it would be troublesome.

While Zhao Hai behaved in his residence and cultivated, the Roaring Flame Sect was shaken. The reason for this was Xu Jin.

Just like what Zhao Hai thought, after obtaining the Ancient Eternal Sand, Xu Jin immediately went to the Inferno Valley. He used the large amount of Ancient Eternal Sand he obtained to have artifacts crafted.

Xu Jin's actions naturally attracted the attention of the other core disciples. In any sect, there was bound to be competition between fellow disciples. And this time, it seems like Xu Jin has grasped the upper hand.

Later when they discovered that Xu Jin approached Zhao Hai personally and even brought him to his own mountain base, the core disciples couldn't help but call Xu Jin a sly fox. They also sighed at Xu Jin's vision.

Zhao Hai's entry into Xu Jin's mountain base immediately spread throughout the entire Roaring Flame Sect. As for the sect leader, he didn't have any reactions. To be honest, even though Zhao Hai took out a lot of Ancient Eternal Sand, the sect leader was unfazed by it. The Roaring Flame Sect has accumulated riches for many years. Although the Ancient Eternal Sand was a rare refining material, the sect can still find other materials that could match it. As for Zhao Hai entering Xu Jin's faction, the sect leader similarly didn't care. It was normal for a core disciple who had a mountain base to recruit people, it was not a big deal.

Although Zhao Hai was inside his cave residence all this time, he knew all about what happened in the Roaring Flame Sect. He also didn't care about what happened. In fact, his current identity was still a nobody. If it weren't for the Ancient Eternal sand, Xu Jin and the others wouldn't have given him a glance.

Now what's left for Zhao Hai was to wait for his artifact to be finished. Then he could leave the Roaring Flame Sect. There's nothing left in the sect that could attract him.

It must be mentioned that the Roaring Flame Sect's refining techniques were indeed formidable. Not too long after Zhao Hai entered Xu Jin's faction, he received notification from the Inferno Valley to go over and claim his artifact.

Zhao Hai immediately went. Although he was now Xu Jin's subordinate, he was still relatively free. He didn't need to ask Xu Jin for permission whenever he leaves.

Before long, Zhao Hai arrived at the Inferno Valley. Entering the stone building, Zhao Hai was once more inside the large hall. The female cultivator behind the counter remained the same.

Seeing Zhao Hai, the female cultivator immediately stood up and gave a greeting, "I have seen Senior Brother."

Zhao Hai returned the greeting and said, "Junior Sister is too polite. I'm here to claim my artifact."

The female cultivator smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother, I have it here." Then she took out a wooden box with a pair of gloves inside.

Zhao Hai inspected the glove. The gloves were made pretty well. It had a shade of yellow on the surface and looked metallic. It wasn't eye-catching and appeared quite low-key.

Zhao Hai took the gloves and felt its texture. The glove was very light. Moreover, although it was made of metal, it didn't have a rigid feeling. Instead, it was unexpectedly soft.

Seeing Zhao Hai inspecting the glove, the female cultivator couldn't help but interject, "Senior Brother, you should go outside and test it out. See if you like how it feels."

Zhao Hai nodded and expressed his thanks to the female cultivator. Then he went out of the stone building and found a space where he could test the gloves out.

Zhao Hai didn't test the gloves too close to the stone building. He went a distance away before putting his spiritual energy into the glove. When his spiritual qi entered the glove, it emitted a faint layer of light. Because it was a close-combat weapon, Zhao Hai patted a boulder next to him. The boulder was more than five meters high. When Zhao Hai's hand touched the boulder, it shattered immediately.

This caused Zhao Hai to stare. He didn't expect the gloves to be this powerful. He couldn't help but be more curious about the Roaring Flame Sect's refining technique.

Zhao Hai took off the gloves and sent it to the Space for Cai'er to analyze. Then he returned to Xu Jin's mountain base. It was time for him to leave.

Chapter 1738: – Entering Inferno Valley

Zhao Hai stood beside the Inferno Valley with a calm expression on his face. He was currently located on the Black Tiger Gang's side of the valley. Although the Black Tiger Gang built several bases near the valley for defensive purposes, it was generally for holding the area. The Black Tiger Gang doesn't utilize the Inferno Valley as much as the Roaring Flame Sect.

The Black Tiger Gang's refining techniques weren't up to par. Moreover, they had inferior fire control compared to the Roaring Flame Sect. Because of this, they don't have the means to control the earth

fire. It must be known that not everyone can use earth fire. Even the Roaring Flame Sect's refiners would be afflicted by fire poison, not to mention other people.

Looking at the Inferno Valley, Zhao Hai couldn't help but let out a long breath. This was indeed the Inferno Valley. It was a huge hole in the ground that was like a cauldron, a burning hot cauldron.

Zhao Hai waved his hand, then Laura and the others appeared beside him. Although the Inferno Valley looks like a huge cauldron, the sight was magnificent. Naturally, Laura and the others wanted to look at it with their own eyes. It was indeed much better compared to what they see on Space's screen.

After Laura and the others appeared, they looked at the Inferno Valley with glittering eyes. The scenery of the valley was indeed very good.

Seeing the excitement on their faces, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile as well. He liked them being like this. He was now looking for an opportunity for them to appear in front of everyone so that they wouldn't be stuck inside the Space.

After some time, Laura and the others calmed down. Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, let's go explore what's inside."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, then let's go." He waved his hand as the Hell King's Ship appeared beside him. The ship was only a meter long at this moment. Zhao Hai and the others disappeared into the ship. Naturally, the ship stayed in its current size. But one could see little versions of Zhao Hai and the others standing on the top deck of the ship.

Once they got on the Hell King's Ship, Zhao Hai waved his hand. The ship quickly flew towards the Inferno Valley. From afar, it looks like a toy boat has been thrown into the fiery valley.

The ship was able to swiftly enter the Inferno Valley. There was a layer of shield outside the Hell King's Ship. This shield blocked the ship from the surrounding earth fire.

In fact, the ship didn't just block the earth fire. If someone looks closely, they would find that the Hell King's Ship was also absorbing the earth fire. Then it converted the earth fire into its own power.

Before long, the Hell King's Ship arrived beside a large magma river. Without hesitation, Zhao Hai commanded the Hell King's Ship to fly into the magma river.

Upon plunging into the magma river, Zhao Hai and the others immediately felt that their surroundings had been covered by a thick fiery liquid. It was in a shade that they had never seen before.

However, Zhao Hai didn't care about this. In front of him was a projection of the situation around the ship. Naturally, there was nothing else shown except for more magma.

Looking at the situation around them, Laura turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, do you think there's any spirit stones in this place?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I don't know. However, we didn't come here for spirit stones. We have a lot of those inside the Space. If there are some here, I'm not too interested in picking them."

This wasn't Zhao Hai being arrogant, he was telling the truth. The Space has all kinds of mineral lodes that produce materials on a constant basis. Among these resources, the Space has spirit stones the most. The spirit stones of the Space have reached an astonishing amount. If Zhao Hai took them all out, then he would immediately become the richest person in the Great World of Cultivation.

Hearing Zhao Hai, Laura couldn't help but smile faintly as she said, "Who said we should mine those spirit stones. I'm only asking if there are any in this place"

Zhao Hai nodded, "There might be...." But as he said this, his expression suddenly changed. Then the Hell King's Ship suddenly went downwards.

As soon as the Hell King's Ship dived downwards, a very fast stream of magma flew over it. Laura couldn't help but be stunned, "I didn't expect undercurrents to be in the magma."

Cai'er shook her head and said, "This isn't undercurrent, it's an attack. Something controls the magma, and is hidden inside it. I haven't found it yet."

Hearing Cai'er, Laura and the others stared. Laura immediately turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Brother Hai, what do we do now?"

Zhao Hai replied, "We'll be careful. If that thing attacks us once more, it would leave traces. I'll go take a look at what that thing is. To actually survive inside this magma, it should be quite powerful."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Laura and the others stared, then their eyes shone. Since Zhao Hai said so, they also wanted to take a look. If it's a lifeform, then they would definitely want to send it to the Space.

Zhao Hai and the others didn't have to wait for too long. After a while, another stream of magma hit the Hell King's Ship. But this time, Zhao Hai was more vigilant, so it was impossible for the enemy to catch him off-guard. However, Zhao Hai was still disappointed because he couldn't pinpoint where the enemy was.

Originally, Zhao Hai thought that once the enemy attacked, he would immediately detect it. However, he soon found that he was wrong. The magma stream disappeared as quickly as it appeared. There were no traces left behind.

Zhao Hai's expression was somewhat ugly. He was confident in his own spiritual force, and he was more confident in the Space. It was impossible for the Space to not detect anything. But now, he discovered that the Space wasn't able to detect the enemy.

Cai'er's expression was also not attractive. She was directly connected to the Space, yet she was unable to find the enemy. This caused her to feel disappointed.

Zhao Hai looked around one more time before he turned to Cai'er and said, "Cai'er, you control the Hell King's Ship while I go and take a look." Cai'er nodded. She didn't say anything, she was confident in Zhao Hai's strength.

Zhao Hai's ability to control fire has improved by a lot, mainly because of the Roaring Flame Sect's stone tablet.

Zhao Hai moved and disappeared from the Hell King's Ship. Meanwhile, Cai'er paid attention to the surroundings while Zhao Hai appeared among the magma.

Zhao Hai's body was special, plus he had excellent control over fire. So upon appearing, he immediately disappeared into the magma.

After Zhao Hai disappeared, he immediately paid attention to the surroundings. The Hell King's ship encountered several attacks after that, but the enemy has yet to be found.

Zhao Hai frowned. This was the first time he encountered something like this. And to be honest, he didn't feel so good. Being attacked without the ability to retaliate was something that Zhao Hai hasn't experienced ever since he transmigrated.

Zhao Hai scanned through the techniques that he had learned to see which can be used at this time. Then his eyes lit up.

The Infinity Technique was a supporting technique that allows Zhao Hai to communicate with inanimate objects. The air, the rocks, the water, he can communicate with them all. The Infinity Technique was made by Buddhists who believe that there are mysteries all around them.

Not only can the Infinity Technique communicate with inanimate objects, it also made the user favorable in the sense of the targets. Zhao Hai used the Infinity Technique in the past. But at that time, he used it to hide his traces. Because of this, he didn't think of it immediately.

Now, Zhao Hai felt that the Infinity Technique would be useful for him. He can communicate with the magma to find out about the attacker.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai immediately made hand seals to use the Infinity Technique. Then his spiritual force spread around him.

Zhao Hai slowly felt a sense of intimacy from all around him and knew that he had succeeded. In fact, with Zhao Hai's current strength, he can use the Infinity Technique without the hand seals. However, it became a habit that he has yet to get rid of. Moreover, he found that the technique would be stronger if he used hand seals.

The sense of intimacy around him became stronger and stronger. Zhao Hai knew that this was the feeling that the magma sent towards him. He then sent out messages to ask the magma and see if there's any information he can get.

Zhao Hai felt that he was standing amidst a sea of spirits. The spirits ignored him at first before they got closer to him. Although they can't speak, they were able to express their feelings. It was their own method of communication.

But disappointingly, the magma didn't offer any good information. Zhao Hai also knew how limited this type of communication was. Thinking of this, Zhao Hai moved and released a dao avatar. This was the dao avatar that was associated with the Infinity Technique.

When the dao avatar appeared, Zhao Hai felt his Infinity Technique becoming more powerful. His communication with the magma also improved. Zhao Hai asked the magma once more.

Chapter 1739: – Firegod City

Before long, Zhao Hai received his answer. However, the answer he obtained caused him to stare. It wasn't a lifeform that was using the magma to attack him. These magma attacks were instinctual, it was as though it was preventing Zhao Hai from proceeding.

When he received this information, Zhao Hai was confused. But now that the magma around him was on his side, it would no longer attack him. Zhao Hai quickly received the Hell King's Ship.

After receiving the Hell King's Ship, there were no longer any attacks. Then Zhao Hai slowly proceeded to venture into the magma river. As he dived down, he continued to communicate with the surrounding magma using his Infinity Technique. He wanted to know what was at the bottom of the magma.

As he was heading down, Zhao Hai performed an experiment. He had an Undead in the Space place a spiritual imprint on a random piece of metal. Then Zhao Hai threw the metal with the spiritual imprint into the magma. Before long, the metal was attacked by the magma. As he went further down, the magma attacks became stronger. The metal was also becoming easier and easier to shred.

This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised. At his current depth, the magma attacks had reached the level of Nascent Soul Experts.

Most importantly, the magma attacks didn't show any signs of weakening. The magma attacked relentlessly, this made it terrifying.

As Zhao Hai got deeper and deeper into the magma, his dao avatar continued to communicate with the surrounding magma. Zhao Hai found that as he got deeper, it became easier to communicate with the magma. This wasn't because his mastery of the Infinity Technique has improved, but because the magma has become more intelligent.

Since Buddhism believed that all things have spirits, this allowed Zhao Hai to communicate with all things. However, spirits were divided into low and high spirits. Humans were high-level spirits, so they were able to communicate with each other. Animals were low-level spirits, which made it more difficult to communicate with them. Plants were even lower-level, which was even more difficult to talk to.

Stones and other inanimate objects were at the lowest-level of spirits. They were the most difficult to communicate with.

Magma was on the same level as stones. They almost had no spirit. If it weren't for the infinity technique, then Zhao Hai wouldn't have been able to communicate with them.

Zhao Hai had already gotten used to communicating with the magma. Zhao Hai was aware of how hard it was to establish a connection to the magma. But as he went further down, communication became easier. It was as if the magma's spirit has become more high-level.

Did the magma become intelligent? It might only be Zhao Hai who could think of that. But this was what Zhao Hai truly felt.

Although the magma no longer attacked Zhao Hai and treated him as one of their own, it still didn't tell Zhao Hai why it attacked. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't know any better since he dived down.

Zhao Hai didn't know how far he had gone down the magma. From his estimation, he should have already gone down more than 100 thousand meters. The depth surprised Zhao Hai.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt an incomparably huge pressure coming from below him. Zhao Hai stared and immediately stopped. This pressure wasn't sent by a living being, it was a natural pressure.

The pressure was very powerful, even more powerful than what Hu Shan used. But at the same time, the pressure was very rigid, unlike what living beings let out.

The nature of the pressure was completely static. It was a pressure that seemed to belong to a perished strong expert from a long time ago. It was a type of pressure that was similar to a pressure that a painting or a sculpture would give. A pressure that was left behind.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brows. He didn't have a way to communicate with this pressure. Therefore, he wanted to try to see how strong the pressure was.

Before long, the pressure hit Zhao Hai's body. Then Zhao Hai was stunned. Apart from feeling the pressure, there was nothing else.

After a while, the pressure slowly faded away. Zhao Hai stood there without doing anything as he stared blankly in front of him. Although the pressure was useless to him, it was to the surrounding magma. Zhao Hai could feel that the magma was afraid of the pressure. They exuded the feeling of surrender.

Zhao Hai now began to understand the reason why the magma attacked him earlier. It must be due to this pressure. However, what was it? Where did it come from? Why did it subdue the magma? Zhao Hai became more curious.

After the pressure vanished, Zhao Hai proceeded to dive downwards. He also discovered that the magma has returned to normal. When the pressure appeared, all the magma around him stiffened. Then when the pressure disappeared, the magma recovered to normal.

This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised. It must be known that although pressure sounds scary, it was another type of aura. A person in a high position for a long time would evolve a natural imposing aura. He wouldn't need to say who he was, but his words and actions would reveal his status. This was pressure.

This pressure can be said to be an upgrade of aura. Sometimes, aura would come out of instinct, but pressure was an active offensive action. In other words, pressure is an aura that oppresses others.

For normal people, pressure would just scare them and wouldn't cause harm. But cultivators were different. Zhao Hai can use his pressure to injure people. If a Spirit Forming Stage expert met Zhao Hai, he can use his pressure to hurt them. Naturally, the injury would be very light.

And Zhao Hai also saw the best use of pressure by a cultivator, and that was Hu Shan. Hu Shan coldly snorted and made the Wandering Soul Group lose a lot of people. This was pressure caused by sound waves. Normal sound attacks wouldn't be able to kill multiple people at once. But if it was used in conjunction with pressure, its effects would be more drastic. Hu Shan combined pressure and sound attacks to kill those people at once.

Zhao Hai felt that the pressure in the magma river was much stronger compared to Hu Shan. As for why this pressure didn't work on Zhao Hai, it was simple. Pressure also depended on the target. This pressure only worked on magma and not on other things.

With this discovery, Zhao Hai became even more curious. Now he wanted to know where this pressure came from.

After diving down another kilometer, Zhao Hai felt the magma becoming even more intelligent. At the same time, the magma's viscosity had decreased, it was now flowing as easily as water. Zhao Hai also felt the temperature increase. Zhao Hai felt that he was about to arrive at his destination.

As Zhao Hai was diving down, he suddenly felt that the area in front of him had gone empty. All the magma disappeared and it was replaced by a world of fire.

That's correct, it was a world of fire. Everything was burning. And the burning flames seem to have become a huge dome that separated the magma outside. Zhao Hai was now breaking through to this place. In this world, Zhao Hai felt that the surrounding was filled with a dense amount of fire energy. There were no other elements in this place, only fire.

Zhao Hai looked around and saw a huge architectural complex. From what he can see, it was a huge city. It was a city that had both residential and larger buildings for those who were upper class. On the periphery were tall city walls. The entire city was very huge.

The city was built higher than it was wide. It was a square city that looked like a chess board. Zhao Hai's position was right outside one of the gates of the city.

The entire city had four city gates. Each city gate had three main gates and six auxiliary gates. The main gates were larger than auxiliary gates.

The city walls were very tall. From what Zhao Hai could see, the city wall was a kilometer high. As for the city proper, it was 900 meters at its lowest peak. Moreover, each building inside the city was in proportion to the walls. The city seems to be the residence of giants.

The entire city was made with red-colored stones. These stones were sending out intense amounts of heat. Zhao Hai could see that each slab of stone was emitting fire.

Zhao Hai stared at this huge burning city. He didn't think that he would meet a city like this underneath the Inferno Valley. What kind of people could survive in this city?

Before long, Zhao Hai's attention was attracted to something. In front of him was a huge tablet. This tablet was only a bit shorter than the city wall. There were three characters written on the tablet that read 'Firegod City'. Each character was 200 meters high and they emitted extraordinary pressure.

Seeing these three characters, Zhao Hai could see an ancient god in front of him. It stood among the heavens and the earth. With a wave of its hand, the sky was covered in flames. All those who stood in front of it were reduced to ashes. Only such a person could be called a Firegod. Only such a person could lord over such a city.

The three boundlessly aggressive characters represented the city lord's status. The status of Firegod City, the residence of a Firegod!

Zhao Hai's mind was shaken by these three characters. This caused him to unconsciously fly lower before his feet touched the ground. He looked up at the huge tablet as though he was a follower visiting for a pilgrimage.

After a while, Zhao Hai let out a long breath as he recovered. At the same time, he was certain that this city housed an almighty existence. Otherwise, it wouldn't have emitted such a formidable pressure.

Zhao Hai gave three bows towards the stone tablet to express his respect to the almighty being. Then he slowly walked past the tablet. When he looked behind the tablet, Zhao Hai was stunned once more.

The first thing that caught Zhao Hai's attention was the wall of words in front of him. Each word was about ten meters high. Naturally, this was nothing, the tablet was huge after all. What surprised Zhao Hai was that the words on the tablet were lacking!

But the way it was lacking was strange. The first character of the wall of words has been dug out. It left behind a rectangular hole. The first line of the article should have been three characters, but now there are only two characters left. The two characters spelled '.. god's gift'.

There was no need for Zhao Hai to guess that the complete line was 'Firegod's gift'. This was because the opening line wrote, "The Firegod stood between heaven and the earth. He's the ancestor of our civilization. He provided food and helped us defend the city. His blessings cover heaven and the earth, letting us enjoy a millennium of blessings!"

If Zhao Hai didn't know that this was an article about the Firegod, then Zhao Hai would be an idiot. This article praised the Firegod. And if Zhao Hai wasn't mistaken, the first character of the article that had been dug out should be the tablet that was at the Roaring Flame Sect's headquarters. The tablet with the character of 'Fire'.

A simple character caused Zhao Hai's control over fire to increase, naturally its source wouldn't be that simple. And this city underneath the Inferno Valley was far from simple. It was no surprise that the tablet came from here.

In order to prove his idea, Zhao Hai flew up and arrived on top of the stone tablet and inspected the dug out portion. Only then was he absolutely sure that the Roaring Flame Sect's tablet came from this city.

Zhao Hai knitted his brows. Then he waved his hand and took out a sword. Then he swung the sword at the tablet with all of his power.

Clang! Zhao Hai's sword bounced back without leaving a mark on the tablet. As he looked at the tablet, Zhao Hai's confusion increased once more.

Chapter 1740: Vermillion Bird Stamp

Zhao Hai was stunned because of the hardness of the tablet. Besides the feeling of hardness, Zhao Hai also felt that the tablet had an innate protection. It was as if it was protected by the laws, the dao of fire to be exact.

The power of the dao was very mysterious. To be honest, what Zhao Hai and the other cultivators practiced was separated from the laws. It was an imitation of it. This caused their cultivation methods to be worse compared to the laws.

However, when Zhao Hai studied the dao, he became exposed to its strength. This was especially true when he acquired Hu Shan's inheritance. Zhao Hai was able to get a certain understanding regarding the laws.

Because of this, Zhao Hai was able to detect the dao of fire when he attacked the stone tablet. Zhao Hai was certain that the almighty Firegod had the support of the dao of fire when he established the Firegod City. And the dao of fire also blessed the stone tablet.

This protection was the reason why the stone tablet remained unblemished after Zhao Hai's attack. This also confused Zhao Hai. This meant that the tablet was strong enough to resist the attacks of a Transcending Tribulation Expert or even someone beyond. In this case, it would be very difficult to dig out the 'fire' character from the tablet.

Nevertheless, the founder of the Roaring Flame Sect was able to obtain the fire character tablet. According to the sect's records, the founder of the Roaring Flame Sect had yet to reach the Transcending Tribulation Stage when he acquired the stone tablet. This was because it was only after acquiring the tablet that the founder comprehended the dao of fire. In this case, he wouldn't have the ability to dig out the character from the huge tablet in Firegod City.

In other words, it wasn't the founder of the Roaring Flame Sect who dug out the fire character tablet. It's possible that he acquired it right after.

However, who would discard such a tablet? The fire character tablet has traces of the dao of fire. Also, its origin tablet was a huge monument outside Firegod City. Whether it be the giant tablet or the Firegod City, both were good sources of inheritance. The dao of fire inside and around the city was very rich. Even with Zhao Hai's present strength, he was still unable to comprehend the entire message stored on the giant tablet. He felt like an illiterate peasant who was given a heavenly book.

Since he couldn't understand the dao of fire on the tablet, Zhao Hai didn't benefit as much compared to his meeting with the fire character tablet.

Zhao Hai couldn't fathom what kind of person was able to dig out the fire character tablet. Such an action was a slap to the face of the Firegod who built the city.

Zhao Hai stored liquid silver away before giving the tablet one last glance. Then he flew towards the city. He wanted to see if there's anything inside Firegod City. If he can obtain some clues, then he might have some idea about the person who dug out the fire character tablet.

Right now, Zhao Hai formed an idea. After the Roaring Flame Sect was destroyed, he would bring the fire character tablet back to Firegod City and then place it back on the giant tablet. This way, the tablet would be complete once more.

Before long, Zhao Hai entered Firegod City. The city was huge. It was a city built upon generations of descendants, causing its scale to explode to its current state.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but exclaim at such a huge city. But after walking for a while, Zhao Hai didn't find anything. The city was empty. The buildings had tables, chairs, and all kinds of furniture. However, these things were made out of stone. All of these were blazingly hot. If Zhao Hai didn't have a special body and couldn't control fire, then his body would have vaporized upon entering the city. The fire element inside the city was just too strong, to the point of being unbearable.

Zhao Hai entered the low-class residences first. As he discovered nothing, he moved on to the larger buildings.

When Zhao Hai reached the center of the city, what was in front of him was a huge palace. From what he could see, the palace should be at least 10 thousand meters tall.

The entire palace was fiery red. Moreover, the fire element surrounding it was denser compared to the other parts of the city. It can be said that it was the core of Firegod City.

Zhao Hai slowly flew towards the palace. His instinct technique didn't warn him of any danger. This was the reason why Zhao Hai dared to go forward.

The huge palace was in line with the architecture of ancient china. Inside the palace, Zhao Hai saw a rock garden composed of fire element stones. There was even a red hot river.

The river wasn't a lava river. Instead, it was a condensed form of fire element qi.

Zhao Hai continued to explore the palace. There was no shortage of decorations inside. The only lacking aspect of it were the inhabitants.

Before long, Zhao Hai reached the largest part of the palace. From the inscription, it was named the Fire Temple. It was the biggest hall inside the palace.

Since his spiritual force was completely useless in this palace, Zhao Hai experienced the palace with his eyes. Because of this, Zhao Hai was extra vigilant although he hadn't felt any danger.

When Zhao Hai entered the Fire Temple, he couldn't help but be mesmerized. Everything inside was a treasure, much like a king's hall. In the center was an elevated platform with a huge throne. Carved on the throne were nine five-clawed dragons. Then above the throne was a plaque with four huge characters that read "Fire Burning Heaven and Earth", which was extremely domineering.

In front of the throne was another platform with a box on top of it. When Zhao Hai looked at the box, he stared. The box was huge, but from its appearance, it looked like a seal box.

A seal box was the container of an imperial stamp. In ancient times, those who held the imperial stamp would wield great power. Seeing the seal box, Zhao Hai's heart couldn't help but be moved.

If the seal box indeed contained a stamp, then the owner of the stamp must be an extraordinary being. This was because the center of the city's pressure came from the seal box itself.

Zhao Hai moved and landed on the platform. The seal box was taller than him. Looking at the seal box, it looked like it was made out of stone. However, Zhao Hai doesn't know what kind of stone it was. But Zhao Hai wasn't in the mood to study the box. He walked to the seal box and saw a small gap on the top. This caused Zhao Hai's heart to jump. He was afraid that the box was empty. But now it seems like this wasn't the case.

Zhao Hai extended his arms and held the gap before pushing it open. With a loud bang, the seal box opened upward. Zhao Hai also moved up along with the force. Before long, the seal box was opened by him.

Zhao Hai looked inside the seal box and saw a stone stamp inside. The stone stamp looked special. However, instead of a dragon, inscribed on the stamp was a vermilion bird.

The Vermillion Bird was the sacred beast of fire, so it was right that it was carved on the stamp. Zhao Hai grabbed the stone stamp and lifted it up. However, it wouldn't budge.

Zhao Hai stared. He was confident in his strength, so he didn't expect the stone stamp to remain unmoved. He tried it once more with all of his strength, but it was useless.

Zhao Hai no longer moved the stone stamp. Instead he stood there and inspected it. Below the stamp was the ink basin. On the four sides of the ink basin were images of five-clawed dragons. Meanwhile, the stamp had the image of a lifelike vermilion bird that was about to fly. It looked very beautiful.

Besides these details, there was nothing else. Zhao Hai knitted his brows. Then he used the infinity technique to see if he could communicate with the stamp. He wanted to find out why the stamp wouldn't move.

Upon using the infinity technique, Zhao Hai was stunned. After sending his signal to the stamp, nothing returned. It was as though the stamp didn't want to talk to him.

However, this caused Zhao Hai to be excited. Ever since he learned the infinity technique, this was the first time he experienced something like this. Therefore, Zhao Hai immediately released his dao avatar and reached out to the stamp once more.

A minute passed, there was nothing. Ten minutes, still nothing. An hour, no effect. A day, still silent.

Zhao Hai had no intention of giving up. The more he interacted with the stamp, the more excited he became. He wanted to find out what's special about the stamp.

Zhao Hai sat on the platform and kept sending messages to the stamp. A day passed, two days, three days...

Zhao Hai became so focused on this task that he forgot about anything else. He wholeheartedly tried to communicate with the stamp. The reason Zhao Hai kept going on was because he was beginning to get a small response from the stamp.

Although the response wasn't substantial, Zhao Hai was still happy. This meant that his efforts weren't in vain. This meant that as long as he went on, the stamp would reply to his messages.