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Chapter 1781: Heavy Sand Great Formation

As soon as Zhang Feng finished talking, there was a flash before Zhao Hai appeared in front of him. Compared to when he left, Zhao Hai now has two jade boxes in his hands. Both contain pieces of sky reaching vine roots.

Zhang Feng chuckled and said, "I just mentioned that you wouldn't be captured. Those guys from the Withered Vine Sect must be thinking that they blocked you. What do we do now?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Let's retreat first." Then he waved his hand as the fleet slowly retreated. In a blink of an eye they disappeared from the valley's skies.

Seeing Zhao Hai and the others retreating, the people of the Withered Vine Sect were somewhat confused. They don't understand why they would do this. They haven't even made a full effort to attack and yet the enemy has already retreated.

The Withered Vine Sect thought that Zhao Hai and the others must be plotting something, so they didn't dare pursue. They just asked their disciples to guard the entrance and must not let anyone from the Black Tiger Gang through.

At this time, Zhao Hai and the others had already retreated to a safe place. The transcending tribulation experts gathered on the Hell King's Ship. They wanted to see what Zhao Hai plans to do.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and then he smiled and said, "Everyone. There's no need to worry. Let's rest for some time first. I want to research the sky reaching vine. When I get results, then we'll immediately act."

These people didn't have any objections. Although Tie Zhantian assigned this task to Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng, Zhao Hai already gained the approval of everyone present. So at this point, the command was solely handled by Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai took the jade boxes to his cabin. At this time, Tie Ying approached Zhang Feng and asked, "Little Feng, what's Little Hai doing? Why is he being mysterious?"

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "He wants to see if he can do something about the sky reaching vines."

Tie Ying's eyes shone as he said, "If we can find a solution against the sky reaching vines, then we can destroy the Withering Vine Sect. In the future, the Withering Vine Sect would be ours for the taking."

Tie Yi shook his head and said, "It's not that easy. The sky reaching vine has existed in the Great World of Cultivation for a long time. And yet, people still haven't found any ways to deal with them. Trying to find a way to destroy the sky reaching vines is hard."

Tie Ying smiled and said, "That's other people. I trust Little Hai. That kid can turn the impossible into possible."

Hearing Tie Ying, everyone's eyes lit up. They agreed with Tie Ying's point of view. Zhao Hai had always done the impossible. Take the underground base for example. Who would have imagined that such a formidable base could be built in a short time. It would be impossible for other people to do it, but Zhao Hai did. Zhao Hai has done a lot of things like this. So it wasn't surprising if Zhao Hai could create another miracle this time.

In fact, Zhao Hai already obtained a sky reaching vine before this. Moreover, the Space already prepared the herbicide for the vine. It can be used at any time.

Zhao Hai entered his cabin in order to hide from people's eyes and ears. He had nothing left to do. While staying in the Space, he researched the situation of the other three sects. Only after that did Zhao Hai leave the Space.

From going to his cabin up to going out, five hours have passed. Zhang Feng and the others were currently waiting for news in the Hell King's Ship. As soon as Zhao Hai went out, everyone's eyes were immediately on him.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, it's time to take action." After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hands and took out several huge jars. These jars had liquid inside that had the same consistency as water.

Zhao Hai gestured towards the jars and said, "Everyone, take these potions. Use water-element techniques to disperse this potion during battle. This potion is very potent, so there's no need to use all of them in one spot. Once its sprinkled throughout the Withered Vine Valley, none of those sky reaching vines would be able to survive."

Zhang Feng looked at the water-like potion and then frowned as he asked, "Little Hai, are you confident in this potion?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Don't worry, I'm sure that it'll work. Everyone, take a jug each." Everyone hesitated for a moment. But because of their trust towards Zhao Hai, they soon took a jug for themselves.

Seeing that everyone had taken their jars of herbicide, Zhao Hai said, "In a while, I will take everyone to the Withered Vine Valley. When I give the signal, use water-attribute techniques to sprinkle the potion onto the sky reaching vines. It doesn't matter if it was an offensive or defensive technique. The most important thing is that every inch of the valley gets covered with the potion. Do you understand?"

Everyone nodded. Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Alright. Everyone, go return to your large artifacts and prepare to head back to the Withered Vine Valley. Remember, don't touch and drink what's in the jar. It contains deadly poison that's also effective on people."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the hearts of the cultivators couldn't help but turn cold. They wanted to study the potion that Zhao Hai gave them. But upon hearing Zhao Hai, they completely lost interest. They knew that Zhao Hai wouldn't joke about these matters. Therefore, they all nodded before going back to their large artifacts.

Zhao Hai commanded the entire fleet to return to the Withered Vine Sect's headquarters. Seeing the approach of the fleet, the people of the Withered Vine Sect immediately controlled the sky reaching vines. Zhao Hai took out his jade card and said, "Everyone, don't attack with the potion as soon as we engage. Use other techniques first. Then begin using water techniques that they can block. This would allow us to spread the potion without them suspecting anything. Remember to use long-ranged attacks. We need to coat the entire valley with the potion. Begin!"

With Zhao Hai's order, the transcending tribulation experts began to use all kinds of techniques to attack the Withered Vine Valley. In an instant, the entire valley was filled with all kinds of spells.

The Black Tiger Gang's offensive confused the people of the Withered Vine Sect. Transcending tribulation experts rarely used spells because of their limited power. Spells on the transcending tribulation stage were no use at all against people of the same level.

But now, Zhao Hai and the others were going all out using spells. Although spells weren't strong, they were still used by transcending tribulation experts. Transcending tribulation experts couldn't be underestimated. Therefore, the sky reaching vines still needed to defend against the spells.

The spells varied greatly across all attributes. Water-attribute spells were also mixed in. The Withered Vine Sect cultivators didn't care about these spells as they were completely crushing them.

And as the herbicide began being dispersed, it began to rain down on the Withered Vine Valley. However, the rain didn't attract the attention of the Withered Vine Sect. This was a normal phenomenon when water-attribute spells were used, so they didn't care.

Although the herbicide has some effects on people, Zhao Hai already considered this. Therefore, the effect of the poison would act slower on people.

The attack lasted for several hours. For transcending tribulation experts, spells required a very small amount of energy. They could continue attacking for days without being tired. In fact, their consumption of spiritual qi when using spells were offsetted by their natural absorption of energy.

After attacking for about four hours, Zhao Hai could see that the entire valley had been soaked in the rain. The herbicide would take effect soon. Therefore, the fleet slowly retreated.

When they arrived at a safe place, Zhang Feng and the others gathered on the Hell King's Ship once more. They all looked at Zhao Hai eagerly. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry. Within five days, the Withered Vine Valley will be worthy of its name. Let's go and scare the rest. After we deal with the last two sects, we'll return and check the results."

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You're that confident?" Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he nodded. Then he waved his hand as the fleet flew towards the Heavy Sand Sect's direction.

The Heavy Sand Sect was famous for the sand cave located in their territory. The sand cave produces a type of toxic yellow sand. The toxicity of the sand was very powerful, which made its offensive capabilities quite formidable. Almost all of the disciples of the Heavy Sand Sect use the yellow sand to create their artifacts.

The Heavy Sand Sect belonged to the same type of sect as the Black Tiger Gang in the Northern Divergent Province. Although it had quite a number of experts, it still belonged to the medium-grade classification. It was not as strong as bigger sects, it was roughly on the same level as the Black Tiger Gang.

However, this was compared to the past Black Tiger Gang. The Heavy Sand Sect could no longer compare to the current Black Tiger Gang. Because of this, the Heavy Sand Sect agreed to take action. They were envious of the Black Tiger Gang's progress.

At this point, the Heavy Sand Group had also obtained information about the Wandering Soul Group's extermination. Therefore, they were prepared.

What surprised Zhao Hai was the fact that the Heavy Sand Sect didn't bunker down in their headquarters. They actually took the initiative to rush out of their headquarters to block the path of the Black Tiger Gang fleet.

Zhao Hai was currently looking at the Heavy Sand Sect's people with interest. The Heavy Sand Sect sent out 40 large artifacts. Their large artifacts didn't look any special. They resembled ships. However, they look more like the treasure ship than the Hell King's Ship.

Zhang Feng stood on Zhao Hai's side. He was also looking at the formation in front of him and said, "This is a special formation of the Heavy Sand Sect. I hear that its very powerful. Once anyone enters the formation, they would feel like they were trapped in quicksand. They could only resist as they got grinded down."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "It seems like they could also use their large artifacts to set up the formation. There are forty large artifacts present, which should be enough to use for the formation. Most importantly, the cultivators of the Heavy Sand Sect seem to be working hand-in-hand with the large artifacts. It created a huge formation that could deal with us."

Zhang Feng looked at the Heavy Sand Sect's army. Then he nodded and said, "That seems to be the case. What do we do now?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Since they arranged the formation for us, then we must receive the challenge. We'll break their formation." After he said that, Zhao Hai took out a jade card and said, "Everyone, don't leave the large artifacts on your own. Prepare yourselves to send spiritual qi to the large artifacts when I notify you."

After Zhao Hai said that, someone from the Heavy Sand Sect's side came forward. He stopped around a hundred meters in front of the fleet. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Right Guardian of the Heavy Sand Sect, Liu Kun, has seen Mister Zhao Hai. We already know of mister's purpose in coming here. If you can break our formation, then our Heavy Sand Sect would naturally withdraw from the Black Tiger gang. If you can't, then I would have to ask Mister to stay and sit down for a cup of tea."

Zhao Hai looked at Liu Kun, then he smiled faintly and said, "Very arrogant. You actually want to keep me here. But that depends if you have the skill. I'll give you an hour to set up your formation. Then I will attack."

As soon as Liu Kun heard Zhao Hai, his nose couldn't help but twitch. He was arrogant, but he didn't expect Zhao Hai to be more arrogant than him. Liu Kun coldly snorted and said, "Let's see if your strength is as fierce as your mouth."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "You'll know later on." He waved his hand as the fleet slowly lined up. Then a stellar transformation great formation was made using 82 large artifacts.

Zhao Hai didn't use a three-dimensional formation this time. Although three-dimensional formations are very strong, it wasn't the time for them to be revealed.

Three-dimensional formations were one of Zhao Hai's aces. Naturally, he wouldn't reveal it casually. Additionally, there was no need to use three-dimensional formations against the Heavy Sand Great Formation. Compared to the stellar transformations great formation, the heavy sand formation was still very lacking.

By this point, Zhao Hai already gave the command of the fleet to Megan and Lizzy. Compared to Zhao Hai, the two were geniuses in command. Moreover, this was also an opportunity for them to practice against the Great World of Cultivation.

Megan and Lizzy didn't decline and assumed command of the fleet. As the stellar transformation great formation was getting set up, Liu Kun also returned to the Heavy Sand Sect's fleet. At this time, the Heavy Sand Great Formation began to rotate and suck up all of the earth-attribute qi in the surroundings. Before long, the formation was covered in a yellow radiance.

Chapter 1782 – Formation Battle

The Heavy Sand Great Formation became more and more yellow as it continued to absorb earth-attribute spiritual qi. It became so bright that the formation itself was becoming harder to see.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but rub his chin as he said, "Wonderful. So the formation would be full in half an hour? Attacking the enemy at its peak, interesting."

Zhang Feng stood on Zhao Hai's side. Upon hearing Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but look at the Heavy Sand Great Formation as he said, "Little Hai, are you really confident? The heavy sand great formation is very famous for its strength."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Rest assured, I will break their formation today. I want to see if they would withdraw once I destroy the formation. If they don't, then we will exterminate them as revenge for attacking our sect."

Zhang Feng no longer said anything. If Zhao Hai said this in the past, then Zhang Feng might think that he was being arrogant. But now, he doesn't think so. Zhao Hai has already shown how strong he was.

Half an hour flew past and Zhao Hai's formation had already been set up. Under Megan and Lizzy's command, the fleet began to slowly revolve.

In the eyes of the spectators, the Black Tiger Gang's fleet slowly disappeared and was replaced by a sea of stars. Among the stars were planets and meteorites. Each body had its own orbit. It looked like a giant star map.

The star map slowly pressed towards the heavy sand great formation. The heavy sand great formation wasn't only used for defense. It also has offensive capabilities. Under Liu Kun's command, the formation also pressed towards Zhao Hai's formation.

Looking at a distance, the two sides looked like a clash between a starry sky and a huge desert. The two sides slowly decreased their distance. The scene looked majestic. However, those who understood knew that this scene was filled with an ocean's amount of killing intent.

Before long, the sea of stars and the desert clashed. Unlike the loud clash between large artifacts, the collision between the two formations was silent. There was a hiss on their collision area, but there were no loud explosions.

As the two formations continued to intersect, the sizzles turned into crackles. Then it turned into popping sounds akin to gunshots.

As the formations got closer, explosions began to appear before becoming loud rumbling sounds.

This was a formation battle. Formations were basically a system of conduits that ran energy throughout its structure. A formation battle was essentially a contest of energy between two formations.

This was different to clashes between artifacts. Artifacts were solid and whole while the energy within a formation was scattered. It was akin to an army of individual soldiers being directed by their commander.

Because of this, formation battles started out very slow as each part of the formations were their own battles. Then it slowly condensed into a battle between the formations themselves.

The energy of the stellar transformation great formation was slowly suppressing the energy of the heavy sand great formation. More and more of the desert got swallowed by the starry sky.

After two hours, the desert had lost a third of its original size. At this time, a loud explosion was heard as the desert suddenly vanished.

The large artifacts and the cultivators of the Heavy Sand Sect appeared in the air. But this time, the look of the Heavy Sand Sect wasn't good. Of their original 40 large artifacts, they now had about 20. As for their cultivators, they were now a third of their original numbers.

At this time, Zhao Hai also stopped his stellar transformations great formation. As he stood on the Hell King's Ship, he looked at the people of the Heavy Sand Sect as he coldly snorted and said, "Liu Kun, I hope that you honor our agreement. If you don't, then don't blame me for being polite. I will make sure that the people you sent to the Black Tiger Gang will never be able to return!" Then he waved his hand as the fleet left the area.

Liu Kun's face was pale as he looked at the Black Tiger Gang's fleet. He didn't really think that this would be the result. The Heavy Sand Sect was proud of their heavy sand great formation. He didn't expect it to be broken.

However, Liu Kun also knew that they couldn't pursue the fleet. This time, the Black Tiger Gang sent a powerful offensive group. Their message was very obvious. They want the four sects to retreat. Even if they don't want to, as long as they couldn't deal with the fleet, then they would have no choice.

Liu Kun knew that Zhao Hai didn't retreat because he was afraid of the Heavy Sand Sect. Zhao Hai didn't want to form a deep enmity with the sect at this time. This also gave the Heavy Sand Sect some face. If the sect continues to attack the Black Tiger Gang, then Zhao Hai would certainly come back and retaliate.

When he thought of this, Liu Kun couldn't help but let out a long breath. He looked at Zhao Hai and the others with a complex expression. The Heavy Sand Sect had always been equal to the Black Tiger Gang when it comes to strength. But Liu Kun knew that the Heavy Sand Sect could no longer contend against the Black Tiger Gang. He sighed and issued the order for retreat.

Zhao Hai and the others slowly flew towards the Great Strength Sect. Zhang Feng turned back to Liu Kun before looking at Zhao Hai, "Little Hai, do you think they will retreat?"

Zhao Hai sneered, "It would be good for them if they retreat. If they don't, then they can't blame me for being impolite."

Zhang Feng took a deep breath and said, "Later when we have the opportunity, we'll make them aware how fierce we can be."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I believe that day wouldn't be far. First Senior Brother, send word to the Gang Leader. Ask him how the sect is doing." Zhang Feng nodded and then took out a jade sword message. After putting his message in, he released it. Then he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, we're heading towards the Great Strength Sect. They're a sect that favors demon cultivators. They're aggressive and forceful. Moreover, they're very strong. Most importantly, those fellows are very stubborn. It wouldn't be easy to make them retreat."

Zhao Hai thought for a moment and said, "They should have received news about our arrival. We'll return to the Black Tiger Gang's territory and stop outside their border. Then you and I will go to them and act polite first. If they still refuse, only then will we use force."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng's eyes shone. Then he nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll accompany you for a walk. We'll break through the dragon pond and tiger's den of the Great Strength Sect!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "First Senior Brother, you're overestimating them. Hmph, let's see how they accept our demands. If they can talk and negotiate, then that would be good. But if they don't, unlucky for them."

Zhao Hai turned his head to Zhao Hai and saw that Zhao Hai had become domineering. Actually, Zhao Hai had always been domineering, he just hid it well because his strength was lacking. If he didn't hide his arrogance, then he would have been killed a long time ago.

But now, Zhao Hai has the strength to trade blows with immortal experts. And as long as he uses Firegod City, the immortal experts would suffer. Therefore, he now has the qualifications to be arrogant.

There was also another point that affected Zhao Hai's temperament, and that was the combination of his good and evil sides. Good begets gentleness while bad begets arrogance. Zhao Hai had always been gentle. But with his evil side mixed in, he was unconsciously a bit more domineering.

Zhao Hai didn't discover his change in character, and it was very difficult to detect. But even if he found out, it wouldn't have any effect. He had always been low-key before, it was also time for him to be high-profile.

Under Zhao Hai's command, the fleet changed direction and returned to the territory of the Black Tiger Gang. Not long after they returned, they changed directions once more and went towards the Great Strength Sect's domain.

After a day of flight, the fleet arrived at the border between the Black Tiger Gang and the Great Strength Sect. There was a border monument on both sides, one belonging to the Black Tiger Gang while the other belonged to the Great Strength Sect.

Zhao Hai stopped the fleet and then gathered all of the transcending tribulation experts to the Hell King's Ship. Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, we're going to face the Great Strength Sect this time. I think everyone is aware of what type of people they are. If we go in aggressively, then they will fight us to the end, which would be unfavorable for us. This time, Senior Brother Zhang and I will be using my ship to go to the Great Strength Sect. Without my order, you cannot step over their border. I will have a good talk with them. If the conversation turns sour, then you will come and join up with me and First Senior Brother. Don't worry about driving the ships, I'll leave it to the Undead. Remember, don't cross the border unless I send a word. Senior Brother Tie Ying, I'll leave this place to you. Once we go over, you will be in charge here."

Chapter 1783 – Great Strength Palace

Hearing Zhao Hai, Tie Ying couldn't help but stare. Then his expression changed as he quickly replied, "That can't happen. It's too dangerous for the two of you. Make me go instead."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "We will win them over with our reputation. Us going there is a show of sincerity. Moreover, the Great Strength Sect wouldn't be able to hold us. We can leave whenever we want. Senior Brother Tie, we need you to remain here."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Tie Ying nodded in the end. Zhao Hai already made his strength known. Most importantly, Zhao Hai was a spatial ability user. Even if the Great Strength Sect wanted to capture him, he could still escape.

Zhao Hai looked at the others and said, "Our Black Tiger Gang is currently in a crisis. So I hope everyone listens to my orders. If someone disobeys, then I won't let you off."

When the transcending tribulation experts heard Zhao Hai, their hearts immediately turned cold. They knew clearly that Zhao Hai wasn't joking. They also experienced Zhao Hai's methods. Although Zhao Hai has always been attacking the enemy, they believed that Zhao Hai would certainly make a move on them if he was given a reason to.

Zhao Hai cupped his fist to Tie Ying and the others and said, "Everyone, take care." Tie Ying and the others also cupped their fists towards Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng before leaving the Hell King's Ship. After that, the Hell King's Ship began moving into the Great Strength Sect's territory.

Zhang Feng stood on the bow of the Hell King's Ship and looked at the distant scenery. Then he said, "The Great Strength Sect had always been arrogant in the Northern Divergent Province. I'm afraid our negotiations won't go as smoothly as you think."

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "It's not that I'm afraid of fighting them, I just don't want to get into more fights than necessary. In about a year, the Heavenly Demons will invade the Great Realm of Cultivation. We need time to prepare in order to better deal with the invasion. If it wasn't for this, why would I need to be polite towards the Great Strength Sect?"

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Even if you don't think much about the Great Strength Sect, we still need to be careful and prepare."

Zhao Hai nodded, "We're not afraid of them. We can choose not to fight, but if we fight them, then we need to give them a hard time. They need to know that there are people that they cannot afford to mess with."

Zhang Feng gave a nod and no longer said anything. At this time, the Hell King's Ship was well into the Great Strength Sect's territory. However, they still haven't seen people from the Great Strength Sect.

Zhao Hai's expression didn't look great. This was because he sent silver needles to the Great Strength Sect while he was fighting the Heavy Sand Sect. However, he has no way of entering their headquarters. The sect already activated their guardian formation. Moreover, the experts of the sect were posing as if they were ready to fight desperately. This was something that Zhao Hai didn't want to see.

The Wandering Soul Group has been extinguished because they had enmity with the Black Tiger Gang. If Zhao Hai cripples the Great Strength Sect, then the Myriad Demons Sect would no longer sit still.

Although it was the Great Strength Sect that attacked the Black Tiger Gang first, super sects couldn't be reasoned with. The shadow of the Myriad Demons Sect could clearly be seen behind the attack of the five sects. The Black Tiger Gang has an excuse to eliminate the Wandering Soul Group. But if he eliminated the Great Strength Sect as well, then that would give the Myriad Demons Sect a reason to attack. Therefore, Zhao Hai needs to be careful in his actions.

The actions of the Great Strength Sect made Zhao Hai feel a bad premonition. It would be a hassle if the Great Strength Sect truly wanted to fight them to the end.

As he flew to the center of the Great Strength Sect's domain, Zhao Hai was thinking about how to deal with this situation. It wouldn't be worth it if he pushed the Great Strength Sect too far. But he should at least let them experience pain.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai's eyes lit up. He finally thought of a way to deal with the Great Strength Sect. He could make them feel pain while not giving the Myriad Demons Sect an excuse to deal with the Black Tiger Gang. It was an active defense.

Defensive stances were usually passive positions. But there was also something called an active defense that uses provocation. This was the method Zhao Hai thought of to deal with the Great Strength Sect. He would first deal with the group sent by the Great Strength Sect to attack the Black Tiger Gang. This would make the Great Strength Sect feel pain. If the Great Strength Sect didn't learn their lesson, then they would certainly send another group to attack. As long as they keep sending troops, Zhao Hai would deal with them all. Zhao Hai wanted to see how many people the Great Strength Sect could afford to send.

More importantly, the Myriad Demons Sect wouldn't be able to find any excuse to meddle. This was because this was a defensive action of the Black Tiger Gang. They were just dealing with the invaders in their territory. If the Myriad Demon Sects insert themselves, then they would be in the wrong. When the time comes, the entire Northern Divergent Province would put pressure on the Myriad Demons Sect.

The Myriad Demons Sect was the king of the Northern Divergent Province for a long time. However, they had been unable to completely control the sects under them. This meant that these smaller sects had always been wary of the Myriad Demons Sect. If the Myriad Demons Sect meddles in the Black Tiger Gang's affairs, the other sects would definitely have a reaction. When the time comes, the Myriad Demons Sect would be isolated in the province.

For this reason, the Myriad Demons Sect couldn't just invade the Black Tiger Gang without reason. They were afraid that they would be isolated. If that happens, then they would be greatly affected. They have no enmity with the Black Tiger Gang, and yet they would offend the entire Northern Divergent Provinces. It was not a cost-effective move.

Zhao Hai destroyed the Wandering Soul Group and then attacked the Iron Blade Sect, Withered Vine Sect, and the Heavy Sand Sect in order to demonstrate the Black Tiger Gang's strength. This was also within the tolerable range of the Myriad Demon Sect.

But if Zhao Hai eliminated the Great Strength Sect, then the Myriad Demons Sect would definitely act. Therefore, Zhao Hai had to think about a roundabout way to take action.

Upon finally deciding what to do, Zhao Hai immediately controlled the Hell King's Ship to fly at full power. Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Little Hai, what happened? You look happy."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I am. If the Great Strength Sect decided to not give us face, I have a way to deal with them."

Zhang Feng asked, "Deal with them? We cannot just command Brother Tie Ying and the others to attack the Great Strength Sect. What's your plan?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "This time, we're going to change our approach. We're no longer attacking the Great Strength Sect. We'll turn around and capture all of the cultivators sent by the Great Strength Sect to attack the Black Tiger Gang. We can't let them return to their sect. As for the other sects, let's give them a lesson but we shouldn't be too ruthless."

As the two spoke, a jade sword message flew in and stopped in front of Zhang Feng. Upon receiving the jade sword message and reading its contents, Zhang Feng revealed a happy expression as he said, "Little Hai, the Iron Blade Sect and the Heavy Sand Sect have retreated. The only armies that remained are those from the Withered Vine Sect and the Great Strength Sect."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Soon, they will think that it's too late to retreat. After a day or two, the Withered Vine Sect's army would have to retreat. If they don't retreat, then I'm afraid they will declare a full-on war against us."

Zhang Feng was surprised, he asked, "What do you mean? Does it have something to do with the sky reaching vines?"

Zhao Hai gave a smile as he said, "Right, the sky reaching vines. I heard that once the vines die, their remains could be used by the Withered Vine Sect to create a special pill. The income of the Withered Vine Sect would increase because all of their sky reaching vines would die."

Zhang Feng shook his head and said, "Even if they all die, they can still transplant some from the Myriad Demons Sect. The sky reaching vine is the lifeblood of the Withered Vine Sect. They will not give up on it."

Zhao Hai sneered and said, "You underestimate my potion. When I made it, I made sure that its effects would last three years. Even if they transplant more vines into the valley, they would not be able to survive."

Zhang Feng's eyes shone, "Three years? Then that's enough time. I'm afraid three years later, the Withered Vine Sect would have no time to plant the vines. Without the protection of the sky reaching vines, the Withered Vine Sect would not be able to stop the Heavenly Demons."

Zhao Hai nodded. At this time, a mountain appeared in front of them. What surprised Zhao Hai was that the mountain seemed to be given life by someone. The two sides of the mountain were carved into two muscular arms. Then where the head was supposed to be was a gigantic palace.

This was the biggest stone palace that Zhao Hai had seen. The palace was several hundred meters high. But Zhao Hai was certain that the mountain wasn't completely solid. In other words, the mountain had a huge space inside.

There were 18 pillars in front of the palace. From afar, the palace looked like a head that was wearing a headpiece with a visor.

Zhang Feng looked at the stone palace and said, "The Great Strength Palace. According to legend, it was started by the first generation sect master of the Great Strength Sect. It's a symbolic building for the sect. At the same time, through building the palace, low-level cultivators of the sect could exercise."

Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng. Seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "The Great Strength Sect is a purely body cultivation sect. Their standards on their disciple's body are very high. Constructing the Great Strength Palace required carrying heavy stones. Mining the mountain also required great strength. The first sect master of the Great Strength Sect plans to use it to increase the bodily strength of the sect's disciples."

Zhao Hai nodded. To be honest, the method of the Great Strength Sect was very good. They could train their disciples while also leaving behind a symbolic building for the sect. The palace could increase the disciples' attachment to the sect.

Chapter 1784 – Entering The Great Strength Sect

At this time, a large artifact flew out of the Great Strength Palace to welcome Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship.

Zhao Hai immediately stopped the Hell King's Ship. Since he was planning to act with courtesy first, he would have to be polite to the other side.

Before long, the large artifact stopped in front of Zhao Hai. The large artifact was quite special. It had four wheels and a conical body that was suspended by chains. It looked like an ancient siege equipment, the battering ram.

Zhang Feng looked at the large artifact and said, "This is the large artifact of the Great Strength Sect, the Great Strength Battering Ram. It looks unwieldy but its very strong. Moreover, the conical part could separate and become a projectile."

Zhao Hai nodded. At this time, the door of the great strength battering ram opened as four people walked out.

Seeing the figures of these people, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This was because they looked very strong. Each of them were three meters tall and were very muscular. They looked like avatars of strength.

They were bald and their body shone with bronze-like radiance. they didn't wear normal cultivator robes but instead a vest. They also wore sturdy leather boots.

The four people from the Great Strength Sect flew towards the Hell King's Ship. Then they looked at Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng before saying, "Who are you? What's your purpose in coming to our Great Strength Sect?"

Zhang Feng knew that these people were feigning ignorance. They knew very well why Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng were here. Zhang Feng couldn't help but look at Zhao Hai. He discovered that Zhao Hai's temperament has changed once more. He returned to his mild-mannered state.

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and said, "I am Zhao Hai from the Black Tiger Gang. This is my Senior Brother Zhang Feng. We're here to seek an audience with the Great Strength Sect's sect master on behalf of the Black Tiger Gang. I hope you can accommodate our request."

The four people from the Great Strength Sect didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so polite. They couldn't help but stare for a moment. Then they looked at each other before one of them said, "You two, please wait a moment. We're going to ask for instructions from the sect master."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Naturally."

The four people cupped their fists towards Zhao Hai before leaving. Once the four returned to the great strength battering ram, Zhang Feng turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, did you see their strength?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course. Haha. They're at the core formation stage. This sect is interesting."

Zhang Feng sneered and said, "It's clear that they know who we are. But they only sent four core formation cultivators to meet us. They aren't giving us face."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's fine. Let's see how they proceed from here on. However, problems might arise since we've been out for so long. Now, the Heavy Sand Sect and the Iron Blade Sect have retreated, leaving the Withered Vine Sect and the Great Strength Sect. It's impossible for the two to do anything to the Black Tiger Gang, so we don't have to worry. We're now waiting for the response of the Withered Vine Sect. Let's see if they retreat or wage war against us. If they don't retreat, then we'll clean them up. If they retreat, then the Great Strength Sect would be left."

Zhang Feng thought about what Zhao Hai said and nodded. The Iron Blade Sect and the Heavy Sand Sect have retreated. With two sects left, the Black Tiger Gang no longer needs to worry about defending. Moreover, in a few days, the sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect would die. Only then would they know the response of the Withered Vine Sect.

Before long, the four cultivators of the Great Strength Sect flew out of the great strength battering ram. Then they cupped their fists to Zhao Hai, saying, "The Gang Master has invited Mister Zhao Hai and Mister Zhang Feng. Please come with us. However, you cannot bring your large artifact."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright". Then he waved his hand and received the Hell King's Ship. The four cultivators didn't expect Zhao Hai to comply. They stared for a moment but didn't say anything. Since the other party willingly received their large artifact, there was no longer any need to block them.

The four cultivators turned around and invited Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng to follow them. Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng also moved and entered the great strength battering ram.

The inside of the great strength battering ram was made entirely out of metal. Moreover, the space wasn't small.

The four cultivators of the great strength sect didn't intend to lead Zhao Hai around the ship. They directly led the two to the guest room and asked them to sit down.

After Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng sat down, the four cultivators stood in the room to accompany them. Actually, they weren't accompanying them but monitoring them instead. But Zhao Hai didn't care, he turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, you said that the Iron Blade Sect and the Heavy Sand Sect had retreated?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng immediately knew where he was heading towards. So he smiled faintly and said, "Naturally, they retreated as quickly as they attacked. They're currently heading towards their sects. Of the five sects that attacked, only two remain."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "The five armies are no more than tools of other people. If they can use this method to deal with us today, they could surely use it to deal with other people. Our Black Tiger Gang destroyed the Roaring Flame Sect because of a prior grudge. Now that the Roaring Flame Sect has

been destroyed, the territory they left behind caused the Black Tiger Gang to become stronger. Some people can't agree to this. They don't want their position in the Northern Divergent Province to be touched. If we lost, those who swallow our territory would certainly increase in strength. Then it would be their turn to be unfortunate."

The people from the Great Strength Sect knew very well what Zhao Hai was talking about. At first, they were disdainful towards what Zhao Hai said. But at the end, they couldn't help but listen, this was because Zhao Hai was right.

This time, the actions of the five sects had the traces of the Myriad Demons Sect behind it. This was almost an open secret in the Northern Divergent Province. Does the Black Tiger Gang have any enmity with the Myriad Demons Sect? No. The Black Tiger Gang doesn't have the guts to offend the Myriad Demons Sect. The Myriad Demons Sect targeted the Black Tiger Gang simply because they gained the territory of the Roaring Flame Sect.

To be honest, no sect disliked expansion. Moreover, the Black Tiger Gang was able to expand with their own strength. There was nothing wrong with what the Black Tiger Gang did. However, the Myriad Demons Sect didn't want to see the strength of the Black Tiger Gang increasing. Therefore, they resorted to this method of having five sects attack the Black Tiger Gang.

But if the five sects succeed in eliminating the Black Tiger Gang, then they would be able to divide their conquered territory. Soon after, their strengths would certainly increase. Additionally, the five sects have already become four since the Black Tiger Gang already wiped out the Wandering Soul Group. If the Black Tiger Gang was gone, then the four sects would be able to gain a lot of resources and territory. After all, the territory they would gain includes the territory of the Black Tiger Gang, the Roaring Flame Sect, and also the Wandering Soul Group.

Dividing this territory would mean that the four sects would gain a huge land. This would cause their development to increase and their strength would follow after.

However, would the Myriad Demons Sect just allow these four sects to enjoy the banquet? It was already certain that the four sects would be suppressed by the Myriad Demons Sect. And when the time comes, they might suffer the same fate as the Black Tiger Gang.

Although the Great Strength Sect wasn't a top-grade sect, that doesn't mean that they are stupid. In fact, there were no stupid cultivators. Moreover, cultivators would only need a brain to understand Zhao Hai's words and understand that he was correct.

Zhao Hai looked at the four cultivators and knew that they would relay his words to the sect master. He intentionally said those words out loud so that they could hear it. Then he added, "The Iron Blade Sect and the Heavy Sand Group have been repelled. Their strength has also suffered losses. However, their losses are far less compared to the Withered Vine Sect. After a couple of days, I believe the Withered Vine Sect would feel the pain."

Zhang Feng laughed and said, "You've dug the roots of the Withered Vine Sect. Those sky reaching vines are the sect's most valuable treasures. Once all those vines die off, the Withered Vine Sect wouldn't forgive you."

Zhao Hai coldly snorted and said, "Won't forgive me? So what if they won't forgive me? In the Great World of Cultivation, strength is everything. With the sky reaching vines dead, the Withered Vine Sect would have no defenses. Don't forget, all sects have enemies. As long as the death of the sky reaching vines are made known, we don't even need to make a move. Someone would certainly take action. Let's see how the Withered Vine Sect plans to move against me. They would be too busy defending themselves."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the cultivators of the Great Strength Sect couldn't help but stare. They looked at Zhao Hai in disbelief. The Withered Vine Sect is famous in the Northern Divergent Province because of their sky reaching vines. Now, Zhao Hai was talking about killing the sky reaching vines. No wonder they were in disbelief.

They were aware how many people tried to kill the sky reaching vines. It must be known that although the vines were picky about their environment, their vitality wasn't low. The vines weren't afraid of water and fire. It wasn't easy to kill.

One of the Great Strength Sect's cultivators couldn't help but ask, "Mister, are you saying the truth? Did you really manage to kill the sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Wait two days and information will come. I can guarantee that the Withered Vine Valley wouldn't have any living sky reaching vines."

The cultivators of the Great Strength Sect looked at each other and saw the astonishment in their eyes. If what Zhao Hai said was right, then they would have to recalculate their estimation of Zhao Hai's strength.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the cultivators of the Great Strength Sect. He looked at Zhang Feng and said, "If the Withered Vine Sect discover that we're responsible for the death of the sky reaching vines, its possible that they would go all out against us. However, we already sent a reminder to the gang. I believe the Withered Vine Sect wouldn't be able to do anything. They're fangless tigers, we don't have to be afraid of them."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "The Withered Vine Sect isn't anything special in the beginning. They are no more than dogs of the Myriad Demons Sect. They had been at ease all this time. It was just about time for them to learn a lesson."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and no longer spoke. He knew that these words were empty and didn't have meaning. But these words were just enough for the Great Strength Sect to think about their own situation.

Before long, the great strength battering ram entered the great strength palace. Upon landing inside the palace, the four cultivators from the great strength sect invited Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng down. Then one of them said, "Misters, please follow me. The sect master is currently busy, so you'll have to wait for a while."

Zhao Hai smiled as he nodded and said, "Alright. The sect master is so busy but he still complied to meet us. I am grateful. Please express my thanks." After that, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng followed behind the great strength sect cultivator. They were heading towards a cave residence on the side of the mountain.

After they arrived at the cave residence, one of the cultivators would remain. Then one of them said, "They will be waiting outside. If misters have anything you need, just call them."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We've troubled you." The cultivator cupped his fist before giving the person outside a glance. Looking at the person's departing back, Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Now we'll see what path the Great Strength Sect chooses."

Zhang Feng replied, "Let's hope that they're not blind." Amidst his smile, Zhao Hai's eyes flashed a cold light. Naturally, he thought the same as Zhang Feng, but he had more in his mind. He definitely won't forgive the sects who attacked the Black Tiger Gang. But this wasn't the time for him to collect debts.

As Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng rested, the three cultivators of the Great Strength Sect entered deeper into the Great Strength Palace.

The place where Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng were was no more than the backroom of the Great Strength Palace. They wouldn't know what happens inside the palace because the walls were covered with a layer of material that isolates spiritual force. Even an immortal expert couldn't scan through it.

If Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng could see inside the palace, they would no doubt be shocked. The inside of the palace was a huge space. In the middle of the palace was a huge statue. The statue had a golden head. There were hammers in each of the statue's hands and it had an enraged expression.

In front of the statue was a person who was 2.5 meters tall. However, unlike the rest of the Great Strength Sect disciples, the man was very thin to the point where his skin had stuck to his bones. He looked ghastly.

Chapter 1785 – After the Crisis

Three cultivators were standing respectfully behind the thin figure. Without turning towards the three, the thin man said, "Tell me your interaction with Zhao Hai. There must be no words left out."

The great strength sect cultivators immediately told their entire interaction with Zhao Hai. Every word that Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng spoke were retold.

The thin figure calmly listened. After the three cultivators were done reporting, he replied, "Did Zhao Hai really say that? He's confident that the sky reaching vines would die in a few days?"

The core formation cultivator who asked Zhao Hai before nodded and said, "Yes, sect master. He said that two days later, the sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect would die out."

The thin man hesitated for a moment before saying, "Zhao Hai wouldn't say nonsense during these times. Immediately send an order to our army to temporarily stop the attacks on the Black Tiger Gang. Wait until information about the sky reaching vines arrives. If the sky reaching vines dies, we will withdraw. If the sky reaching vines survived, then we will attack the Black Tiger Gang once more. Also, monitor Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng. Make sure that they don't leave in the next two days. Whether or not the sky reaching vines dies in two days, I will go and see them." The cultivators in the hall immediately

transmitted the orders. The thin man waved his hand, ordering the three disciples who received Zhao Hai to go back.

The thin man was the sect master of the Great Strength Sect, Xiang Bo. His thin figure was due to his cultivation.

One shouldn't think that the cultivators of the Great Strength Sect would become as buff as a bull the higher their cultivation becomes. In fact, once the cultivation of a disciple of the Great Strength Sect reaches its peak, they would begin to turn skinny to the point where they would be skin and bones. However, their strength would be much stronger. This was because their strength would be condensed into their bones and muscles.

In the next two days, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng continued to stay inside the cave residence. Although they were being monitored by the people outside, the two didn't care.

Zhao Hai understood the Great Strength Sect's concerns. They were currently waiting for news. Zhao Hai wasn't worried at all. Zhao Hai even prepared for the fleet's transport through the Space. This way, they would be able to act at any time.

Two days passed in a blink of an eye. Then information that would shake the entire Great World of Cultivation began to spread. The sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect has completely died out. None survived.

Nobody believed the news the first time they heard it. For so many years, people had been looking for ways to deal with the sky reaching vines. However, none of them succeeded. But now, someone finally did. No wonder it shocked so many people.

Follow-up information soon spread saying that the death of the sky reaching vines was caused by the Black Tiger Gang. Because the Withered Vine Sect attacked the Black Tiger Gang, the sect sent Zhao Hai, the number one talent of their younger generation. Then using a supreme treasure, he was able to kill the sky reaching vines.

There's no mistake, the people of the Great World of Cultivation now believed that Zhao Hai was the top expert of the Black Tiger Gang's younger generation. These words naturally wanted to put a wedge into

Zhao Hai's relationships. However, these people didn't expect that the young ones of the Black Tiger Gang wholeheartedly agreed to it.

The Black Tiger Gang had a lot of talented young masters. Among them were Zhang Feng, Tie Ying, Tie Yi, and even core disciples like Situ Yinlong. Each one of them held great strength and have reached the transcending tribulation stage. However, these young masters knew that they were still far from fighting immortal experts.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai could fight two immortal experts on his own. Moreover, he was able to kill both of them. These young masters knew that they couldn't compare to that kind of strength.

Although Zhao Hai used a powerful artifact given to him by the Supreme Elder during the fight, one shouldn't forget that Zhao Hai fought Elder Zhu to a standstill before that. This showed Zhang Feng and the others how strong Zhao Hai really was.

Moreover, not anyone can use such powerful artifacts. In order to wield a powerful artifact, one needs to have enough strength to use it. Therefore, Zhang Feng and the others weren't jealous of Zhao Hai.

Upon confirming the news that the sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect has died, several sects immediately got ready to cause trouble to the Withered Vine Sect. Just like Zhao Hai said, the Withered Vine Sect has cultivated a lot of enemies throughout its existence. In the past, these people had no way of causing substantial damage to the Withered Vine Sect. But now that the sky reaching vines have died, the Withered Vine Sect no longer has the powerful defense that they were very proud of. The people who had a grudge against the Withered Vine Sect naturally wouldn't let this opportunity go.

The Withered Vine Sect was also aware of its predicament. After discovering the death of their sky reaching vines, they didn't dare to fight the Black Tiger Gang. They immediately withdrew their troops and focused on defending their territory.

The Great Strength Sect also received the news. Of the five sects, the Wandering Soul Group has been extinguished while the Heavy Sand Sect, Iron Blade Sect, and the Withered Vine Sect have retreated. This marked the end of the alliance. If the Great Strength Sect still attacked the Black Tiger Gang, then they would no doubt suffer miserably. Therefore, they also withdrew their army.

At the same time, Xiang Bo immediately met with Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng. Their meeting had a happy atmosphere. Xiang Bo didn't talk about the army he dispatched to attack the Black Tiger Gang while Zhao Hai also didn't say anything about the attack. Both sides talked amiably.

Soon after the meeting, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng left the Great Strength Sect. By this point, the crisis of the Black Tiger Gang has been lifted. The Black Tiger Gang didn't suffer major losses in the battle against the five sects. On the contrary, it could be said that they benefited a lot by gaining the territory of the Wandering Soul Group.

Now, the sects around the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't dare stretch their claws towards the sect's territory. This was because they were now aware that the strength of the Black Tiger Gang was beyond their means.

After obtaining the territory of the Roaring Flame Sect and the Wandering Soul Group, the Black Tiger Gang's domain could be considered among the top ten in the Northern Divergent Province. Naturally, they were still quite behind compared to the top ten sects of the province. But in terms of territory, the sect could indeed be placed in the top ten.

Nobody from the Northern Divergent Province expected this. Even the people of the Great World of Cultivation didn't think that instead of being crippled by the Myriad Demon Sect's suppression, the Black Tiger Gang actually became more powerful.

Naturally, with the end of the war, the name of a person spread throughout the entire realm. And this person was Zhao Hai.

With himself and a fleet of large artifacts, he was able to destroy a sect that has existed for tens of thousands of years and had once dominated the Great World of Cultivation. He even fought single-handedly against two immortal experts and killed them. He also killed the sky reaching vines of the Withered Vine Sect while causing havoc to the four sects. If such a person didn't become famous, then who would?

Because of this event, Zhao Hai's name was spread to the entire realm. He was also beginning to be considered as one of the top young experts of the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Young cultivators with glorious battle accomplishments would be part of this list. Although Zhao Hai was in the list, his ranking was outside the top ten. All of the top ten were core disciples of long-established sects. Naturally, people would think that Zhao Hai was inferior compared to the disciples of these super sects. Although Zhao Hai defeated two immortal-stage experts, people attributed it to his powerful artifact. It has nothing to do with Zhao Hai's cultivation.

Nevertheless, Zhao Hai having such a position was good for the Black Tiger Gang. This elevated the position of the sect in the hearts of other cultivators.

Of course, Zhao Hai doesn't care about these things. After returning to the Black Tiger Gang, he helped the sect handle tasks that had been left behind by the attack. Now, the status of the Zhao Hai in the Black Tiger Gang has become completely different. He was now seen as a true core disciple. Naturally, his influence on the sect has increased.

The Black Tiger Gang was currently dealing with the newly acquired territory of the Wandering Soul Group. The monument that Zhao Hai erected back then was very effective. No sect dared to take a bite of the territory. After all, the Black Tiger Gang just repelled the attack of five sects. This showed their formidable strength.

Currently, the Black Tiger Gang was having a problem they had never met before. They don't have enough people to manage their territory.

That's right. The Black Tiger Gang suffered some losses in the war, especially to their low-level cultivators. The sect lost a lot of low-level cultivators. Because of this, they cannot digest the territory of the Wandering Soul Group in a short time.

Obtaining a new territory was naturally a happy event. However, the lack of personnel to manage the land caused the Black Tiger Gang to be in an awkward position.

Other sects would have headaches because their territory was too small that it hindered their development. They have people but not enough land. Meanwhile, the Black Tiger Gang was having the opposite problem. They now have a large territory but they don't have enough people. In the past, the Black Tiger Gang hated the fact that their territory was small. But now that their territory has expanded, they suddenly felt their forces becoming thin. This caused the high-level figures of the sect to suffer a headache.

Moreover, Tie Zhantian and the others were aware that a year later, the Heavenly Demons would invade. If the Black Tiger Gang's attention was diverted by constructing infrastructure during that time, then the sect would no doubt suffer heavy losses. If they lacked people who could fight, then it would be impossible for the sect to defend against the Heavenly Demons.

Chapter 1786 – Opening The Gate

In Tie Zhantian's study room were all of the high-level and influential members of the Black Tiger Gang. These people were here for one thing, and that was the security of the Wandering Soul Group's domain.

The Black Tiger Gang was certain that they didn't have the ability to take control over the Wandering Soul Group's territory. What should they do? Leave it behind? That would be a pity.

Tie Zhantian had a bitter smile on his face as he turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, this is your fault. What should we do?"

The people present laughed. They knew that Tie Zhantian was cracking a joke, so they didn't take it too seriously. They just look towards Zhao Hai with a smile. They wanted to know the thoughts of the Black Tiger Gang's miracle kid.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Gang Leader, I think we shouldn't give up on the Wandering Soul Group's territory. We can build a base there. When the Heavenly Demons invade, we'll have two horns to use against them. We would be more secure."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "That would be a good idea if we didn't lack people. If we take people away from the headquarters and the Inferno Valley, we would be stretched extremely thin. Which would be even more dangerous."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Gang Leader, you forgot. Our Black Tiger Gang can open our gates to the outside."

Opening a gate wasn't only possible for top core disciples, sects could do it as well. When a sect opens its gates, they would be targeting the nearby cities to invite rogue cultivators to join the sect. Then the sect would slowly cultivate them and make them into disciples of the sect. Rogue cultivators appreciate sects that opened their gates to them.

Rogue cultivators longed to join a sect. This was because the majority of the realm's resources were controlled by the sects. It was only up to chance for a cultivator to get powerful cultivation methods or useful materials. A lot of rogue cultivators remain as low-level cultivators their entire lives. And some of them would die searching for fortuitous encounters.

And in the Great World of Cultivation, there was a commodity that attracted rogue cultivators the most. And this commodity was faith power.

Faith power was gained through praying disciples. It was impossible for rogue cultivators to obtain enough faith power. Although praying disciples were sold in the Great World of Cultivation, the price they were sold at would make any rogue cultivators poor.

Without enough faith power, it was very difficult for a rogue cultivator to become a powerful expert. A lot of rogue cultivators wouldn't acquire faith power in their entire lives. Because they couldn't obtain faith power, rogue cultivators couldn't condense dao avatars. And because they don't have dao avatars, they would lose immediately if they fought against a sect disciple.

Sects provide their inner disciples with a constant source of faith power. Rogue cultivators have always been envious of this. So whichever sect opened their gates, rogue cultivators would immediately flood in.

Naturally, sects rarely opened their gates. If there were any openings, then it would be from small sects looking to supplement their strength with new blood. Although small sects were known to have a hard time providing resources to their disciples, rogue cultivators would still flood in whenever one opened its gates.

Sects like the Black Tiger Gang have no need to open their gates in order to get disciples. Almost all of the disciples of the sect came from their internal population. There simply was no need for the sect to recruit from outside. Because of this, the fact that they could open their gates evaded Tie Zhantian's mind.

Hearing Zhao Hai, Tie Zhantian and the others couldn't help but stare. Then Tie Zhantian patted his head as he laughed and said, "Open the gates, of course we can open our gates. I forgot about that. Hahaha. Little Hai, good idea!"

What the Black Tiger Gang didn't lack at this time was resources. They had already gotten rid of useless materials and exchanged them for useful things. They also gained the Roaring Flame Sect and the Wandering Soul Group's resources that were accumulated over several years. The Black Tiger Gang was rich in resources, what they lacked were people to use it.

As for faith power, the Black Tiger Gang has no lack of it. The supplies of the Roaring Flame Sect and the Wandering Soul Group were also acquired. Moreover, there were still the praying disciples of the two sects. Therefore, the sect had a lot of cultivation resources.

It can be said that the Black Tiger Gang has all the reasons to open their gates. As long as they open their gates, their strength would immediately skyrocket.

Everyone who heard Zhao Hai's proposal immediately knew that it was the right action. Seeing everyone's expressions, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Gang Leader, we have all the conditions to open our gates. We can recruit disciples and train them over the year. This way, when the Heavenly Demons invade, we would have enough manpower to resist."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "Right. Once we take in new disciples, our strength would increase. Alright, release information that the Black Tiger Gang is planning to open its gates. Ten days later, we would select disciples to enter the Sect. We're going to accept 50 thousand disciples."

Those present nodded. Fifty thousand disciples wasn't a small number. Even powerful sects wouldn't have the resources to accept 50 thousand disciples at the same time. This time, the Black Tiger Gang would shake the Great World of Cultivation once more.

And as expected, the announcement caused a stir in the Great World of Cultivation. In an instant, more than 50 thousand rogue cultivators began to go to major cities to enter the recruitment. Everyone knew that the expansion of the Black Tiger Gang was inevitable.

In the Great World of Cultivation, there was an unwritten rule where a gate opening could not be prevented by other sects. Even the nine super sects would abide by this rule. This way, small sects would be able to survive.

The Myriad Demons Sect wouldn't be able to stop the Black Tiger Gang's recruitment. If the Myriad Demons Sect decides to make a move, smaller sects would become wary. When the time comes, everyone would side with the Black Tiger Gang.

Tie Zhantian looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you should participate in the recruitment. You and Little Feng would go to Bright Yang City. Right, I'll have to ask you to create another base in the Wandering Soul Group's territory. Otherwise, once we get the disciples, they would have no place to live."

Zhao Hai complied and said, "Alright. However, I have seen the Wandering Soul Group's territory. We cannot build a large base there. It's unlike the Inferno Valley where there's a source of energy. There's a large amount of yin energy in the Exhausted Sun Valley. If we use the yin qi, we would only be able to build a base enough for 100 thousand people. Anything bigger than that would compromise the defenses of the base."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "A base for 100 thousand people is enough. Have you selected the location of the base?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I was thinking about the Exhausted Sun Valley itself. It's not suitable for normal cultivators to cultivate there because of the thick yin energy. However, once the base is built and the formations are set up, the yin energy wouldn't be as heavy. Ordinary cultivators would be able to stay there."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "Alright. Then I'll hand this to you. However, don't forget that you need to go to Bright Yang City and recruit people along with Little Feng. It's fine if you don't get a lot of people, 500 is enough. It would be good if you get some with good potential." Zhao Hai nodded. After that, Tie Zhantian discussed more details about the gate opening. Once the discussions were over, everyone retreated. Only Hu Liangchen and Tie Zhantian remained.

Seeing that everyone had left, Tie Zhantian looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "Old Hu, what do you think about Little Hai?"

Hu Liangchen looked at Tie Zhantian and then smiled faintly as he said, "Gang Leader, are you considering Zhao Hai as your successor? Isn't it too early?"

Tie Zhantian didn't hide his thoughts from Hu Liangchen. He sighed and said, "I can't help but think about it. Little Hai said that the Supreme Elder is in seclusion and couldn't come out. Hearing that, I knew that the Supreme Elder isn't doing very well. I'm afraid that the time would come where the sect doesn't have a supreme expert. I'm thinking about letting go of my position so that I could focus on tackling the immortal stage."

Hu Liangchen knew that Tie Zhantian had the strength and talent to reach the immortal stage. But since Tie Zhantian has been busy managing the sect's matters, he wasn't able to focus on his cultivation. With the incoming invasion of the Heavenly Demons, it would be good if Tie Zhantian manages to reach the Immortal Stage.

Thinking of this Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "You should tackle the immortal stage. However, having Little Hai take over control over the Black Tiger wouldn't be easy. Little Hai is strong, but it seems like he doesn't have the patience to handle management tasks. Additionally, with how strong Little Hai is, he might be able to attack the immortal stage soon. If you hand the sect over to him, then it might delay his cultivation."

Tie Zhantian gave a serious nod as he said, "I haven't thought about that. Now that I think of it, if Little Hai can cultivate in peace, then he might reach the peak of the transcending tribulation stage. If he does, his strength would be a great benefit to the Black Tiger Gang. But who should I hand the Black Tiger Gang to?"

Hu Liangchen knit his brows and said, "Why don't you hand it over to Little Feng? Although his strength is also good, he wouldn't attack the immortal stage for some time. Moreover, Little Feng's management abilities are very good. His reputation in the sect is quite good as well. I reckon it wouldn't be a problem for him to manage the Black Tiger Gang."

Chapter 1787 – Mountains of Corpses and Seas of Blood

After listening to Hu Liangchen, Tie Zhantian sighed as he smiled bitterly and said, "I'm not afraid that he's unqualified. I'm afraid of people comparing him to Little Hai. Little Feng is formidable, but compared to Little Hai, his accomplishments are evidently dimmer. But we can only ask Little Feng to come over and take charge of the gang's matters. We cannot delay Little Hai's cultivation. As long as Little Hai's cultivation increases, the Black Tiger Gang's foundation would be more stable."

Hu Liangchen smiled bitterly as well. Before Zhao Hai rose to the spotlight, the younger generation of the Black Tiger Gang looked very good. But after Zhao Hai came, these younger generations looked

lacking in comparison. Not to mention Tie Zhantian, even the person titled the wise man of the Black Tiger Gang thought the same.

Zhao Hai didn't know what the two were talking about. After leaving Tie Zhantian's study, he said goodbye to Zhang Feng before entering the Space. Then he had Cai'er command the bugs to construct a base for 100 thousand people in the Wandering Soul Group's territory.

Zhao Hai discovered that although the Exhausted Sun Valley was inferior to the original place of the Wandering Soul Group, it was still a very good location. The valley had a deep pool of yin energy. Moreover, this deep pool was different from other energy pools.

Yin pools were a collection of condensed yin qi. The pool would be surrounded by a rich amount of yin qi, enough to be poisonous towards ordinary cultivators. However, for those who practice the ghost dao, this yin pool was an absolute treasure.

Yin qi was often called evil qi. Evil qi held formidable properties. If it was used against ordinary cultivators, not only could it corrode spiritual qi, it would also corrode the target's soul. With how concentrated the yin qi in the Exhausted Sun Valley was, ordinary cultivators wouldn't be able to survive there for a long time. If they stayed, it wouldn't be long before they would turn to ghosts, or even a zombie.

People who practice the ghost dao would have methods to utilize yin qi to elevate their cultivation. At the same time yin qi would allow their attacks to be more powerful.

Zhao Hai was curious about these yin pools. He wanted to know if there was anything special about it and why it had such a rich amount of yin qi. Therefore, Zhao Hai had Cai'er take charge in building the base while he used the Hell King's Ship to enter the yin pool.

The yin pool wasn't big. It only has about a hundred meters in diameter. The water was very murky, it was impossible to see what was inside. And because of the thick yin qi that the pool was emitting, it was impossible to scan it using spiritual force. If Zhao Hai wanted to know what's inside the pool, then he could only go himself.

When the Hell King's Ship entered the yin pool, Zhao Hai immediately felt the temperature of the ship dropping. Zhao Hai knew that this was the result of the invasion of yin qi. However, Zhao Hai wasn't

worried. He made the Hell King's Ship's shields stronger which caused the temperature inside to return to normal.

However, Zhao Hai still can't see the surroundings. At most, he could see 100 meters ahead of him, which was very rare for Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai also knew that it was impossible for him to use silver needles. Silver needles use spiritual force to scan the surroundings. If spiritual force was isolated, then the silver needles were practically useless.

And this was what Zhao Hai was puzzled about. How far the silver needles could see had a lot to do with his strength. It must be known that Zhao Hai's strength was not far from the immortal stage. But even in this case, he was still unable to clearly see inside the yin pool.

Zhao Hai had the Hell King's Ship dive further down the pool. He really wanted to see the bottom of the pool. Originally, Zhao Hai thought that the Wandering Soul Group would know something about the pool. So when he saw the strangeness of the pool, he immediately asked the people of the Wandering Soul Group. However, they also didn't know what's going on. They sent people down the pool in the past, but those people either didn't go far or didn't come back. The yin qi in the pool was just too dense. Even the ghost dao practitioners of the Wandering Soul Group couldn't withstand it.

Because of this, Zhao Hai became even more curious about the yin pool. And now that he has the opportunity, Zhao Hai used the Hell King's Ship to head down.

When Zhao Hai reached a deep enough level of the pool, he took some samples for the Space to analyze. Before long, the Space issued a prompt, "Water polluted with yin qi detected. The amount of yin qi present is very high. It will be beneficial for the Undead. Recreating water inside the Hell Space."

Zhao Hai nodded. The prompt was within his expectations. Then he continued diving towards the bottom of the pool. The Space had all kinds of water inside it already, so he didn't mind if there was one more.

Zhao Hai didn't believe that the Wandering Soul Group wouldn't enter the pool after spending thousands of years in this place and also having an immortal expert. But upon knowing that the Wandering Soul Group also didn't know what's at the bottom, Zhao Hai knew that the pool was

dangerous. There should be something at the bottom. Therefore, Zhao Hai was more careful as he delved down.

Although Zhao Hai was prepared, he didn't think that the pool would be so deep. It has been an hour since Zhao Hai began diving down. Despite the depth he went through, Zhao Hai still couldn't see the bottom. This surprised him.

Zhao Hai knew clearly that although he was carefully diving down, his speed of descent wasn't slow. He was going down at the same speed he normally flew. Despite this, Zhao Hai had yet to get to the bottom.

As Zhao Hai got deeper, the water in the pool became darker. And by this point, the water turned pure black. Zhao Hai frowned. He doesn't know what kind of scenario could produce such a rich and dense yin qi.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt a wave of yin qi in front of him, which was more intense than what he detected before. Zhao Hai was stunned for a moment before he lit up with joy. At the same time, he commanded the Hell King's Ship to slow down.

Before long, Zhao Hai felt a sudden emptiness in front of him. Zhao Hai's eyes lit up. Then he found that the water around him had disappeared. It was as if he had come upon a subspace.

This caused Zhao Hai to knit his brows. He couldn't help but recall the moment he discovered Firegod City underneath Inferno Valley. He didn't think that he would come upon another subspace.

Zhao Hai took a broad view of his surrounding before his scalp tingled with numbness. This was because he saw a large number of corpses inside!

The corpses came in all kinds of grotesque forms. There were corpses covered in armor as though they were once soldiers. Some were dressed with commoner clothes and looked like farmers. There were some who were dressed in silk like rich and noble figures.

All of these corpses were piled up. Moreover, each one of them were in a grotesque state. It was as if they were all thrown from a great height.

The entire place was full of yin winds. The yin qi was extremely dense. Zhao Hai couldn't tell how large the subspace was. However, he was certain that the subspace was huge. The scene in front of him was already as large as Firegod City's subspace. And there were several piles of corpses further in the distance.

Zhao Hai had a lot of Undead. Moreover, he treated the Undead as their own race. He doesn't regard them as mere animated corpses. Because of this, he wasn't disturbed by seeing them inside the Space.

However, the corpses in front of Zhao Hai caused his scalp to tingle. The scene was a literal mountain of corpses and sea of blood. In addition to the pile of corpses, there was also a huge pool of blood below. The blood was so viscous that Zhao Hai couldn't tell how deep it was.

With how many corpses there were, it was natural that there would be yin qi. In fact, the yin qi was so thick that it condensed into clouds that floated on top of the subspace.

Another thing that struck Zhao Hai as strange was the lack of Undead in this subspace. It must be known that a place with rich yin qi would certainly produce Undead. As long as a corpse still had a fragment of their soul, once they entered this subspace, then they would no doubt become Undead.

However, there were no Undead beings in this place. This both worried and puzzled Zhao Hai. He saw that there was nothing wrong with the corpses, so the lack of Undead caused him to be confused.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt something falling down. He looked up and saw a corpse falling from above. Zhao Hai stared and then waved his hand. The corpse floated to his side. Zhao Hai looked at the corpse and saw that it was a man. He could see at a glance that this man held a high-position. This was because he was wearing robes with sovereign colors. There were also beasts embroidered on the robes. By the style of the robes and the embroidery, it was clear that the corpse didn't come from the Great World of Cultivation.

The corpse was still fresh because the bloodstains were still warm. But what surprised Zhao Hai was that he couldn't feel even a trace of soul inside the body. It was as if this person was born without a soul!

Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brows. He could feel that the soul of this corpse had been absorbed!

Absorbing souls was the practice of ghost cultivators. However, most ghost cultivators won't use this method for cultivation. This was because this method was harmful. Every soul had its own unique imprint. If a soul was absorbed, the cultivator would need to spend a lot of time to refine and remove the imprint of the soul. Because of this, the time spent cultivating would be longer, which made this practice rare even among ghost cultivators.

Zhao Hai frowned, then he threw the corpse aside before raising his head to look at the place where it fell from. Then he slowly flew upwards.

When he arrived at the place where the corpse appeared, the Hell King's Ship just passed through without obstruction. Zhao Hai was relieved. He really wanted to know where the corpse came from.

But not long after that, Zhao Hai suddenly felt that he had bumped into something. Then he turned his head and looked at the bow of the Hell King's Ship. The tip of the Hell King's Ship did indeed disappear in front of him. However, when it reached the body of the ship, it suddenly stopped.

Zhao Hai paused for a moment before pulling the Hell King's Ship back. Like a sword being unsheathed, the Hell King's Ship's tip began to come out. Zhao Hai moved the Hell King's Ship forward again, and then it stopped once more.

Zhao Hai stared at the invisible wall in front of him. He couldn't help but wonder. Why couldn't the Hell King's Ship pass through while the corpse could fall?

Zhao Hai looked around trying to find an answer. But after looking for a long time, he still couldn't figure out what was going on. He waved his hand and took out a flying sword. Then he sent the sword towards the wall. The sword wasn't obstructed. At the same time, Zhao Hai looked at the image captured by the flying sword. Shown on the screen was a long tunnel. The tunnel's length was hard to measure. The end of the tunnel could only be seen as a needle tip-sized light.

Zhao Hai knew that the corpse was thrown down from above. This meant that the tunnel could only fit one corpse. With how small the exit was, it was clear that the tunnel was very long.

However, Zhao Hai didn't let the flying sword fly out. This was because he still hadn't figured out what was on the other side.

Most importantly, Zhao Hai discovered something else. The tunnel that the flying sword was in had no spiritual qi inside.

Chapter 1788 – Continent of the Hidden Mist

Spiritual qi fills the heavens and the earth. Everything has spiritual qi. Spiritual qi wouldn't vanish nor reduce. This was because there was spiritual qi everywhere.

But now, Zhao Hai discovered a place that doesn't have spiritual qi. It wasn't a poor quality spiritual qi, it was a complete lack of spiritual qi. After the flying sword entered the tunnel, its yin-yang lightning pond immediately shut down because there's no spiritual qi. In the end, the flying sword could only be supplied by the Space.

Zhao Hai frowned. He didn't think that there would be a place where there was no spiritual qi. It was too bizarre.

Zhao Hai could see that there was still soil and stones in the tunnel. Normally, such a place would have a rich spiritual qi with the earth attribute. But there was nothing, which puzzled Zhao Hai.

Another thing that confused Zhao Hai was that both the Hell King's Ship and the flying sword can go through, while he himself couldn't.

Although Zhao Hai could easily enter the tunnel if he used the Space, he didn't do so. He stood there thinking quietly, trying to figure out what was going on.

After thinking about it for some time, Zhao Hai suddenly had a flash of intuition. He thought about the biggest difference between him and the Hell King's Ship and flying sword, and that was the soul.

Zhao Hai has a soul while the Hell King's Ship and the flying sword didn't. At the same time, the corpse that just fell had no soul left. This meant that the invisible wall in front of him was blocking anything that had a soul.

With this thought in mind, Zhao Hai summoned an Undead. When the Undead walked towards the wall, it was similarly blocked. The Undead also carry a soul in the form of a soul fire. Therefore, it's understandable that it also couldn't go through.

Zhao Hai cycled through soulless things and sure enough they could go through the invisible wall.

This made Zhao Hai even more curious. He entered the Space and commanded the flying sword to go towards the exit.

The flying sword flew for half an hour before reaching the end of the tunnel. The mouth of the tunnel was actually very huge. Its diameter was about 1 kilometer.

An opening one kilometer wide was reduced to a pin-sized light below, this showed how long the tunnel was. Zhao Hai didn't immediately make liquid silver fly out of the opening. Instead, he reduced the flying sword's size to a needle before flying out.

Zhao Hai was stunned at the scenery outside the tunnel. The tunnel was at the base of a mountain. In front of the exit was a huge building. The building looked like a temple, and enormous temple.

Zhao Hai controlled the silver needle to fly towards the building. After a while, Zhao Hai saw the enormity of the temple. It was indeed very large. The entire building was about 10 thousand mu or more(~7 sq km).

Not only was the building enormous, it was also built beautifully. Zhao Hai was somewhat stunned by its magnificence. Describing that it had a golden radiance wouldn't be an overstatement.

Zhao Hai's body appeared outside the large temple. Upon coming out, Zhao Hai immediately felt pressure. This wasn't pressure from the heavens and the earth. Instead, it was pressure stemming from the lack of spiritual qi. If Zhao Hai wanted to move around, then he would need to use the spiritual qi of the Space.

Zhao Hai looked all around him and saw the beautiful scenery. The mountain he came out of was also very luxurious. From its appearance, it should be rich in spiritual qi, but there was none. Which made it very strange.

Zhao Hai was now more curious. He wanted to know what was going on with this place.

But soon enough, Zhao Hai stopped thinking about the problem. This was because he could feel the aura of a cultivator inside the temple. Moreover, there was spiritual qi. This caused Zhao Hai to be more curious. How did they cultivate if there was no spiritual qi in the surroundings?

As the temple got closer and closer, Zhao Hai's expression became more and more puzzled. He was now certain that the person inside the temple was a cultivator. And from their aura, they possessed extremely thick yin qi. The yin qi also had the smell of blood. And with the corpses he saw earlier on, Zhao Hai immediately understood where this cultivator got their spiritual qi. This person murdered and absorbed the spiritual qi of other people. The corpses in the space earlier were proof of their practice.

However, Zhao Hai also felt that the cultivator inside the temple wasn't very strong. According to the Great World of Cultivation's classification, they were merely at the spirit forming stage. Compared to Zhao Hai, this person was nothing.

Most importantly, Zhao Hai could feel that these people didn't have any faith power in their bodies. They were like rogue cultivators. It was still unsure if they had dao avatars or not.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately think of killing these people. He wanted to understand this place more. Therefore, Zhao Hai returned to the Space while also releasing a large number of silver needles to fly around the world.

Contrary to what Zhao Hai expected, the world wasn't as big as he imagined. It was one huge ocean with a piece of land. The area of the land was huge, much bigger than China. It was as large as the Asian Continent. It also had a large population that was too difficult to count.

Surprisingly, such a huge continent only had one country. This country was called Yunlai Country. The temple that Zhao Hai saw in the beginning was the Yunlai Country's Protector Temple.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wasn't stupid enough to assume the country's situation, so he killed two wicked people from the temple and then turned them into undead. Only then did he understand what was going on.

Originally, this place was called the Hidden Fog Continent. This place wasn't a planet but a continent instead. The end of the realm was blocked by white fog that had the same property as the invisible wall. Nobody was able to go in or out of the fog.

The Hidden Fog Continent originally had several nations. But several hundred years ago, when the Yunlai Country suddenly gained a Protector Mage, everything changed.

Yunlai Country's Protector Mage was extremely powerful. It was said that he has the ability to move mountains. Under his help, Yunlai Country was able to unify the entire continent and become its sole ruler. And under the Yunlai Country's special decree, the Protector Mage was allowed to construct the Protector Temple.

Naturally, this wasn't a tale of people living a good life after the Yunlai Country unified the entire continent. On the contrary, Yunlai Country caused everyone's days to become a living hell. The country used ruthless methods to rule the continent.

Of course, people tried to rebel. However, their resistance was useless. This was because none of the continent's people could defeat the country's Protector Mage. All those who rebelled were uprooted. This caused the people of the continent to be unable to lift their heads.

As soon as Zhao Hai heard this, he understood what was going on. Although he didn't know why a cultivator appeared in this place, he was certain that this cultivator practiced the ghost dao. Upon finding that there wasn't any spiritual qi in this place, he resorted to absorbing the souls of other people to cultivate. Being able to reach the spirit forming stage just by absorbing souls meant that he had taken a colossal amount of lives.

And since there was no spiritual qi in the continent, the people were unable to become stronger. This meant that they would never be the opponent of the ghost cultivator. Because of this, Yunlai Country was able to quickly unify the continent.

Zhao Hai was currently looking at the map of the continent. He stared at it for a long time without saying anything. As Laura stood beside Zhao Hai, she turned her head and asked, "Brother Hai, what are you thinking about?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I want to take control of this place. I'll turn it into a religious continent that could provide us with faith power."

These days, Zhao Hai discovered that although the continent wasn't big, it was quite populous. Moreover, people in the continent could also produce faith power. This gave Zhao Hai the idea to turn this place into a source of faith power.

Laura thought about it for a moment and said, "Brother Hai, you mean to clean up the evil cultivator, overthrow the Yunlai Country, and then create a religious country on the continent?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Correct. It would be better if we had control over the continent. And since you cannot use the faith power of the Space, we can have this place provide you with faith power."

After fighting multiple battles as well as his recent position, Zhao Hai had long known about the method to collect faith power and store it into portions just like other people in the Great World of Cultivation.

Zhao Hai's current problem regarding the Space's faith power was the fact that it always sticks to him. Every faith power made by the Space's inhabitants would only go to Zhao Hai. Therefore, even if Zhao Hai had methods to collect faith power, he still wouldn't be able to use them. This meant that Laura and the others didn't have a constant source of faith power.

Because of this, Zhao Hai wanted to find a place that could produce faith power. In Zhao Hai's mind, the Hidden Fog Continent was the most appropriate.

The Hidden Fog Continent had a lot of people. Moreover, it currently doesn't have any religious institutions. As long as Zhao Hai helped the continent deal with the Yunlai Country and destroy the Protector Mage, then he would be able to proselytize the people of the continent. Then he could use the methods he acquired to collect faith power. This would be the faith power supply of Laura and the others.

Chapter 1789 – Attacking the Hidden Fog Continent

Naturally, there's another reason why Zhao Hai settled on the Hidden Fog Continent. And this was the fact that there was no spiritual qi in the continent. With no spiritual qi, the people of the continent wouldn't be able to cultivate. Therefore, even if there were rebels, they wouldn't be able to do anything.

The lack of spiritual qi meant that Zhao Hai no longer needed to worry about security. Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to get the continent for himself.

As soon as she heard Zhao Hai, Laura immediately understood. Naturally, she wouldn't disagree. Before long, the women began to prepare to deal with the Yunlai Country.

Dealing with Yunlai Country was very simple. The Undead are enough to conquer the country. Although the continent has no spiritual qi, causing the Undead to be unable to use powerful techniques, one shouldn't forget that the Undead still had cannons and the rifles. These weapons didn't need spiritual qi to express their might.

The lack of spiritual qi was even more of a disadvantage to the people of the Hidden Fog Continent. With no spiritual qi, their combat level was very low. Zhao Hai only needed to send an army of 10 thousand Undead and he could deal with the entire continent.

As for what happens after he deals with the Yunlai Country, that was simpler. Zhao Hai can give them a good life, but they would need to provide him with faith power.

Zhao Hai didn't think that there was something wrong with what he was going to do. If he wasn't here, the people of the continent would continue to be ruled by the Yunlai Country and live like dogs and pigs. Under Zhao Hai's control, they would be happier. The only thing they would have to give back was faith. And he wouldn't even go as far as make them into praying disciples.

After formulating the battle plan, Zhao Hai left the operation to Laura and the others. To be honest, the fighting strength of the Hidden Fog Continent was nothing to Zhao Hai.

As for the Protector Mage, Zhao Hai didn't even worry about him. He immediately killed the ghost cultivator of the Yunlai Country. And once the Protector Mage was dead, the Undead began their attack on the Yunlai Country.

And just as expected, the Yunlai Country wasn't a match against the Undead. The Undead army was one-sidedly slaughtering the troops of the country.

While attacking the Yunlai Country, Zhao Hai also conducted propaganda throughout the continent. Naturally, it was religious propaganda. He was treating himself as a deity and the Undead were the troops he sent to save the continent from evil.

Zhao Hai had seen too much religious propaganda in his life. Although he was still learning and experimenting, he didn't expect that the effects were very good. The people of the continent had been oppressed for so long. They had been treated as pigs for slaughter. Such people need faith. If they didn't have faith, then they wouldn't have any hope to latch on to.

Zhao Hai's propaganda just came in time. And with the Undead's overwhelming strength, the desperate people of the Hidden Fog Continent immediately regarded Zhao Hai as a deity that would save them. They quickly became followers of Zhao Hai.

By the time that happened, Zhao Hai was no longer in the mood to care about the Hidden Fog Continent. He also didn't clean up the mountains of corpses. The space below the yin pool was already the best tomb the corpses could have. Nobody would disturb them, so Zhao Hai didn't touch the place.

The most important thing Zhao Hai needed to do right now was to build the base. At the same time, he needs to prepare for the sect's gate opening. Eight days had already passed since Zhao Hai arrived at the Wandering Soul Group's territory. The construction of the base was almost done.

Zhao Hai already gathered information about Bright Yang City. The city was quite famous in the Northern Divergent Province. It was a major city controlled by rogue cultivators. The alliance that controlled the city was called the Heavenly Yang Union. It was said that the alliance had a lot of experts. It was even rumored that an immortal-stage elder was commanding the alliance. Because of this, Bright Yang City became one of the distribution centers of the Northern Divergent Province.

However, Bright Yang City wasn't far from the Myriad Demons Sect. Additionally, the relationship between the two was quite good. It seems like Tie Zhantian sent Zhao Hai to the city in consideration for the newly recruited disciples' safety.

As Zhao Hai was looking into the city's information, he received a jade sword message from Zhang Feng. It said that he was going to arrive at the base soon. Moreover, he had some disciples of the Black Tiger Gang with him. These would be the cultivators who would be stationed in the new base.

Zhao Hai didn't stop them. The base was mostly finished. A base for 100 thousand people might seem big, but with the bug race taking action, building it was very easy. After all, digging was much easier than building above ground.

Only the miscellaneous tasks were left to be finished in the base. The defensive formation was complete and was powered by the Exhausted Sun Valley, specifically the yin pool.

Although Zhao Hai knew what was inside the yin pool, he didn't give up on using it. If the yin energy was left unused, the yin qi wouldn't be released and the corpses in that place would keep their appearance. Through using the yin qi, the energy in the pool would be reduced. When the time comes, the corpses would decompose and return to the soil.

After receiving Zhang Feng's message, Zhao Hai made some simple preparations. Not long after, the transmission formation of the base flashed before Zhang Feng appeared along with a group of cultivators from the Black Tiger Gang.

Although the base wasn't completely finished, its basic functions were complete. There wasn't a trace of yin qi in the base. The inhabitants would only feel that the spiritual energy inside was quite rich.

After walking out of the transmission formation, Zhang Feng immediately saw Zhao Hai standing in front of him. He laughed and then patted Zhao Hai's shoulder before saying, "Good. You work fast as usual. You've made a very decent base in only a few days."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's just enough for people to live in. If we want to build a proper base, it would take some time. Senior Brother, let's have some drinks. Everyone, please follow the Undead first. Rest assured, I will also deliver some spirit wine to you."

The others naturally wouldn't say anything, they smiled at Zhao Hai as they expressed their gratitude. These people knew clearly what status Zhao Hai now had in the Black Tiger Gang. After several events, Zhao Hai's position in the sect shot up like a rocket. By this point, he held the same influence as Zhang Feng. Those present here wouldn't dare offend him.

Zhao Hai took Zhang Feng to his temporary residence and then took out a jar of spirit wine. He gave Zhang Feng a glass and he also had a glass for himself. After the two took a sip of their wine, Zhao Hai said, "In two days, we'll go to Bright Yang city. It would be better if we're careful."

Zhang Feng stared, he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Careful? Do you think the Myriad Demons Sect would do something to our recruitment? That would offend all of the small sects. They shouldn't be that stupid."

Zhao Hai replied, "They naturally wouldn't dare do anything in the open, but in the dark? We're not sure. We need to pay attention to the people we recruit. I'm afraid the Myriad Demons Sect would try to do something. Moreover, they have a very good relationship with Bright Yang City. We have to be on guard."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "What you said is reasonable. The Myriad Demons Sect ate several losses from us. With their style, they certainly wouldn't let us off."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Right. But whatever they do doesn't matter. I just want to see what moves they're going to show us. I'll finish everything here in the next two days. Then we'll hand the base over to Senior Brother Tie Ying before we head towards Bright Yang City."

Zhang Feng nodded, then he said, "Also, the situation in the Inferno Valley was very good. Everyone's spirits are very high. All of them are preparing with all their strength."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "That's better. We don't have much time left. The Heavenly Demons aren't the same as cultivators. Those guys are disciplined and don't know fear. We need all the preparation we need."

Zhang Feng nodded. Then he sighed and said, "The invasion of the Heavenly Demons will be a catastrophe for the Great World of Cultivation. After this, the power of the realm would be reshuffled. But this is also good, the nine super sects have been ruling the realm for too long. It was time for them to be dethroned."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "No matter what happens, the nine super sects would be at the frontlines against the Heavenly Demons. But we can't idle. We need to take this opportunity to develop ourselves and make sure that the Myriad Demons Sect wouldn't be able to do anything to us."

Zhang Feng nodded. To be honest, Zhang Feng's hatred towards the Myriad Demons Sect was more serious compared to Zhao Hai. Although Zhao Hai belonged to the Black Tiger Gang, Zhang Feng grew up

in it. Therefore, Zhang Feng's feelings towards the sect were much deeper. The suppression of the Myriad Demons Sect caused the Black Tiger Gang to suffer. It was natural for Zhang Feng to hate the Myriad Demons Sect for this.

Zhao Hai chatted with Zhang Feng for a while before he brought Zhang Feng to his room. Then he entered the Space to look at the situation in the Hidden Fog Continent.

Everything was now normal on the continent. The Yunlai Country's strength couldn't compare to Zhao Hai's Undead. Additionally, with their Protector Mage being killed by Zhao Hai, the country soon lost the will to resist. Majority of the Yunlai Country's soldiers immediately surrendered. This saved Laura and the others a lot of time.

Meanwhile, the lives of the people of the continent immediately improved. The big taxes they needed to pay before were now gone. As long as they pay a small amount of money, they would be fine. There were no longer any officials that would oppress them. The stewards of the new church were now taking charge of the cities. And with the successful religious conversion, the population became easy to control.

Chapter 1790 – Entering Bright Yang City

Although the army of Undead has yet to completely control the entire Hidden Fog Continent, Zhao Hai wasn't worried at all. Moreover, Yunlai Country was never a threat to begin with.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai was happy because the conquered territories were beginning to provide him with faith power. Moreover, it was a rich amount.

Zhao Hai placed the Hidden Fog Continent's matters on the side as he shifted his attention to Bright Yang City. Two days ago, Zhao Hai had silver needles infiltrate the city to know the basic situation.

The reason Zhao Hai was able to enter quite easily was due to Tie Zhantian. Two days ago, Tie Zhantian sent out an advance party to prepare for the recruitment. This way, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng would be able to begin as soon as they arrive.

Hearing that they could enter the Black Tiger Gang, the rogue cultivators were ecstatic. One couldn't blame them. For rogue cultivators, entering the Black Tiger Gang was essentially reaching the heavens

with a single jump. This was an excellent opportunity to all rogue cultivators. They wouldn't let this opportunity go.

Similarly, the gate opening was also important for the Black Tiger Gang. The disciples that they would recruit this time weren't small. Moreover, they wanted to recruit people with potential. Once these people joined the Black Tiger Gang, they would be given resources to grow as soon as possible. This would be good for the overall strength of the gang.

Zhao Hai's silver needles already spread themselves out in Bright Yang City. Now, except particularly guarded places, the entire city was mapped by the Space. However, because the city was an important hub, there were countless amounts of cultivators coming and going into the city. This made it very hard to see anything wrong. But Zhao Hai wasn't worried. He believed that with his present strength, even if the Myriad Demons Sect makes a move, they wouldn't be able to do anything to him. Moreover, one shouldn't forget that there's a transmission formation in Bright Yang City. There was no need for Zhao Hai to worry that someone would intercept them along the way.

Over the two days, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng facilitated the transfer of people to the base. They helped the cultivators to get familiar with it.

Although a base for 100 thousand people wasn't big, it wasn't small either. The Black Tiger Gang's cultivators would occupy it in the future. So it was needed for them to understand the base as much as possible.

Two days later, when Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng were about to leave for Bright Yang City, Tie Zhantian finally sent someone to take control of the base. However, the person he sent was a surprise. Tie Zhantian actually sent Hu Liangchen.

Hu Liangchen's position in the Black Tiger Gang was very high. After all, the Hu Clan was the biggest and most powerful clan in the sect. If it weren't for the sudden crisis of the Black Tiger Gang, Tie Zhantian and Hu Liangchen would still be fighting each other.

Although Hu Liangchen and Tie Zhantian have been working together very well since they reconciled, Hu Liangchen has been keeping a lower profile. He also helped Tie Zhantian with all he had, this caused Zhao Hai to admire him. Tie Zhantian was now becoming more and more reliant towards Hu Liangchen. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't expect Tie Zhantian to send Hu Liangchen to the base.

Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng hastily stepped forward and cupped their fists before saying, "Martial Uncle Hu, why did you come? This place hasn't been finished yet. Moreover, the conditions here aren't very good. There's no need for you to be here."

Hu Liangchen smiled faintly and said, "I was asked by the Gang Leader to come. This is also an important base for the Black Tiger Gang. Naturally, I have to come over and take a look. I want to see if you've been slacking around. Fortunately, you weren't."

Zhao Hai chuckled and said, "I wouldn't dare. Martial Uncle Hu, please come inside. Let's not stand here and talk." Hu Liangchen nodded before going with Zhao Hai to the cave residence.

After the three people sat down, Zhao Hai looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "Martial Uncle Hu, we've already briefed everyone about the base. They should be able to make the base function. And with you here, none of those fellows would dare do anything out of line."

Hu Liangchen nodded. Then he said, "Actually, I'm mainly here to tell you about the situation in Bright Yang City. The Gang Leader sent a few people ahead of time to check the city. They said that the city's attitude towards the Black Tiger Gang is neither hot nor cold, which isn't good."

Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng frowned. Looking at the two, Hu Liangchen continued, "As you might have already known, Bright Yang City is very close to the Myriad Demons Sect. This is the reason why they're treating us this way. The Myriad Demons Sect has all the reasons to disrupt our gate opening. So when you arrive at Bright Yang City, you need to be careful. Something unexpected might happen."

Zhao Hai nodded. He now has some understanding of the Myriad Demons Sect's power. The Myriad Demon Sect was worthy of being the top sect of the Northern Divergent Province. Not to mention the sect itself, the Myriad Demons Sect also has a lot of sects working under it. These forces were intertwined with each other, making it very difficult to go against the Myriad Demons Sect.

Zhao Hai also gained a faint idea of Bright Yang City's matters. Every year, there would be rogue cultivators in the city that would enter the Myriad Demons Sect and become disciples. From this, it can be seen that the relationship of the city and the Myriad Demons Sect was very good.

And now that the Black Tiger Gang wants to recruit disciples in the city, it would be impossible for the Myriad Demons Sect to ignore it. But Zhao Hai still doesn't know how the Myriad Demons Sect and Bright Yang City plan to deal with them.

Seeing Zhao Hai frown, Hu Liangchen added, "Little Hai, you have to be careful. However, there's no need to worry too much. If they decide to make a move, there's no need to be polite to them. We aren't afraid of waging war against the Myriad Demons Sect."

Zhao Hai nodded. Now that the Black Tiger Gang has completely moved into the Inferno Valley base, even if the Myriad Demons Sect attacks with all their strength, the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't be afraid. But to be honest, Zhao Hai doesn't want to fight the Myriad Demons Sect right now. The Heavenly Demons were coming, and infighting at this time would only make it easier for the Heavenly Demons. This wasn't something Zhao Hai wanted to see.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng knew what he was thinking about. Zhang Feng replied, "Little Hai, in the Great World of Cultivation, strength isn't the only important thing, we need courage as well. If the Myriad Demons Sect moves against us, then we shouldn't be polite. After all, the eyes of the Northern Divergent Province are now aimed in our direction."

Zhao Hai nodded. He looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "Martial Uncle Hu, did the Gang Leader say anything about the Withered Vine Sect?"

Because Zhao Hai killed all of their sky reaching vines, the Withered Vine Sect were currently doing their best to defend. They even asked the Myriad Demons Sect to help. The Myriad Demons Sect sent some experts to help with the defense along with some sky reaching vine seedlings. But upon planting, the seedlings immediately died. This made the Withered Vine Sect gnash their teeth in hatred towards Zhao Hai.

Compared to the Iron Blade Sect, Heavy Sand Sect, and the Great Strength Sect, the Withered Vine Sect suffered the most losses. Zhao Hai was really afraid that Tie Zhantian would attack the Withered Vine Sect. This wasn't the time to make a move.

Hearing Zhao Hai, Hu Liangchen couldn't help but shake his head as he sighed and said, "What else could he say? This isn't the time to attack the Withered Vine Sect. If we attack now, the Iron Blade Sect, Great Strength Sect, and the Heavy Sand Sect would help the Withered Vine Sect. Moreover, the Myriad Demons Sect wouldn't just allow the Withered Vine Sect to be destroyed. In the end, we could only endure."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I was really afraid that the sect would attack the Withered Vine Sect. If that happens, the Northern Divergent Province might go into chaos. Martial Uncle Hu, don't worry about Bright Yang City, I'll deal with it. At the worst, we'll get into a fight against the Myriad Demons Sect. I can take care of that."

Hu Liangchen shook his head and said, "There won't be a battle. And the Myriad Demons Sect wouldn't wage war with us at this time. The Northern Divergent Province is currently paying attention to us. If the Myriad Demons Sect dared to make a move, then they would need to have a good excuse. Otherwise, all of the small and medium-grade sects of the realm would support the Black Tiger Gang. The Myriad Demons Sect had been too domineering in the Northern Divergent Province."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "If the small and medium-grade sects want to ally with us, then they can. However, we need to hold the position of alliance leader. Perhaps we'll find a good use of the position once the invasion of the Heavenly Demons arrives."

Hu Liangchen nodded, "That's exactly what the Gang Leader thinks. In fact, negotiations have begun for some time now. With our current momentum, it shouldn't be hard for us to hold the position of alliance leader."

Zhao Hai nodded and asked other questions regarding the sect. After that, he and Zhang Feng left Hu Liangchen to take a rest. Then the two returned to their own residences.

The next morning, Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng walked out of their residences. And with Hu Liangchen seeing them off, they used the transmission formation to return to the Black Tiger Gang. Then they used a transmission formation once more to enter Bright Yang City."

Bright Yang City was solidly built with thick walls. The entire fortified city occupied a very large area. On its 50-meter tall walls were patrols going back and forth. The weakest of these patrols were at the spirit refining stage.

These patrols weren't only there to defend the city. These patrols were also in-charge of maintaining the security of the city. Although most of the shops were owned by major sects, the majority of the cultivators in the city were rogue cultivators. These rogue cultivators might not dare fight the major sects, but they would no doubt fight other rogue cultivators. Therefore, the patrols were needed to quell these fights. Otherwise, the city would be chaotic.

The patrol troops of Bright Yang City don't necessarily have high levels of cultivation. However, these cultivators were members of the Heavenly Yang Alliance. In Bright Yang City, nobody dared to offend the people of the alliance. Naturally, the Heavenly Yang Alliance also wouldn't wantonly offend other people. Rogue Cultivator alliances knew when to advance and retreat. They wouldn't cause anything that might threaten their existence.

Because Bright Yang City was very big, it had dozens of transmission formation plazas. Besides the ordinary transmission formation plazas, the city also had more than 20 transmission formations specifically for large artifacts. Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng appeared in the transmission formation for large artifacts while riding the Hell King's Ship.

Zhao Hai used the Hell King's Ship to appear in the city in order to show other people that they have a large artifact. They weren't people that could be messed with.

Upon coming out of the transmission formation, Zhao Hai immediately saw Bright Yang City not far from him. He waved his hand and controlled the Hell King's ship to fly forward. Any cultivator can fly above the city, but violence is not permitted. Therefore, there wasn't any problem with Zhao Hai using his large artifact to enter the city.

At this moment, flown on the Hell King's Ship's flagpole was the Black Tiger Gang's flag. This was to show Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng's status. The people that Tie Zhantian sent early had already booked a square for the sect to recruit people. However, the Heavenly Yang Alliance didn't allow the Black Tiger Gang to use the square for free. In other words, the Black Tiger Gang was renting the land they were going to use.

In Bright Yang City, there were several squares like these. All of them were provided for sects to use. These squares were very big, there was even a spot for large artifacts to park.

The team that Tie Zhantian sent in advance comprised 5 transcending tribulation experts, 10 nascent soul experts, and 50 core formation experts. Their purpose for entering Bright Yang City was to prepare for the gate opening and to get information about the city. After all, Bright Yang City wasn't far from the Myriad Demons Sect.

The square that the Black Tiger Gang rented also had a flagpole that flew the Black Tiger Gang's flag. The Hell King's Ship flew over but didn't land. Like a dark cloud, it casted a huge shadow on the square.

Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng looked at the area below, dumbfounded. This was because the square was packed with people.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile bitterly as he said, "It seems like we won't have any problems looking for people to recruit."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng also bitterly smiled. He didn't know what to say.