

## Another World 1891

### Chapter 1891: Nice Seeing You Again

In the main hall of the Soft Water Sect were more than ten people. These people were masters of the sects in the Running Water Alliance. Sat on the seat of honor was the sect master of the Soft Water Sect.

The sect master of the Soft Water Sect looked at the others and said, "The condition that we put out was somewhat excessive. But I think this will allow us to talk with the Freedom Alliance. As long as we negotiate, we can lower our demands, but we would still receive a lot of benefits. Speaking of which, the return of the nine super sects helped us a lot. However, the nine super sects wouldn't be able to achieve anything. Zhao Hai is just too strong. It's impossible for them to regain control over the four northern provinces."

The sect masters of the other sects nodded their heads. The reason they made an excessive request was to negotiate with the Black Tiger Gang. However, they were wrong this time. Zhao Hai wasn't planning to play with them. Zhao Hai wasn't going to negotiate with them.

At this time, footsteps could be heard outside the hall. Then a cultivator ran in from outside with a startled face. He reported, "Sect Master, it's not good. The Freedom Alliance is attacking!"

The sect master of the Soft Water Sect stared, then his complexion changed. He stood up and said, "They really attacked?"

The cultivator nodded and said, "They have surrounded the sect and began attacking our guardian formation."

The sect master paled. Then he suppressed his fear as he said, "Zhao Hai, you're really ruthless. You didn't even give us a chance. Everyone, evacuate immediately!"

The Soft Water Sect also made advance preparations. With how chaotic the Northern Orthodox Province has been recently, nobody knows what would happen next. Small sects like the Soft Water Sect don't know if they would survive or not. Therefore, they took their important manuals and resources along with the core members of their sect and got them ready to evacuate at any time. In the future, these people would find an opportunity to rebuild the sect and continue passing its legacy.

This situation wasn't rare in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Small sects were always prepared for the worst outcomes. They have no other choice. This was the fate of the weak.

Following the order of the sect masters, core disciples of the Soft Water Sect immediately left with the resources and manuals of the sect. All of them went to different places. Some went to sects that they were secretly allied with while some went to deserted mountains to hide temporarily.

Just as the core disciples of the Soft Water Sect evacuated, the people in the sect heard a loud explosion before a war cry was heard. Their mountain guarding formation has been destroyed.

The people of the Soft Water Sect were also aware that they couldn't salvage the situation. Therefore, all of them rushed towards the enemies with all of their might.

However, the first army has been suppressed for a long time. Now that they have the opportunity to move, they naturally wouldn't hold back. Each and every one of them were ruthless in their actions. The Soft Water Sect was just a small sect, their cultivators were simply unable to block any attacks made by the army. It didn't take long before the sect was destroyed.

The sect masters of the Running Water Alliance have already been sent off. They also took some of the Soft Water Sect's core disciples. With the destruction of the Soft Water Sect, Zhao Hai's methods began to spread throughout the Great Realm of Cultivation.

And Zhao Hai didn't stop. After destroying the Soft Water Sect, Zhao Hai commanded the army to charge forward. Surprisingly, the sects along their path have evacuated ahead of time. They didn't even get in contact with him.

Zhao Hai knew that this was because the nine super sects had arrived in the Northern Orthodox Province. So now these small sects have packed up and went to seek refuge with the nine super sects.

Zhao Hai was surprised by this situation. He knew that these small sects couldn't be allowed to run away. Otherwise, once the Freedom Alliance conquers the Northern Orthodox Province, nobody would be left.

Because of this, Zhao Hai ordered the army to move slowly. Every sect they came upon that didn't surrender were cleaned up. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai himself sped up and went straight towards the army of the nine super sects.

Zhao Hai knew that the reason the nine super sects returned wasn't to recapture the four northern provinces. In fact, as long as Zhao Hai was alive, the nine super sects would never be able to occupy the northern provinces. Their purpose in coming here was to hold him back while Jian Wuya and the others attack the headquarters of the Black Tiger Gang. If Jian Wuya and the others succeed, then maybe they can re-establish their presence in the north and claim the three provinces. As for the Northern Divergent Province, they would never think of taking it back. With the province being Zhao Hai's home nest, they wouldn't have the ability to take it.

Zhao Hai wasn't worried about the Black Tiger Gang at all. Without even mentioning the defenses of the base, Zhao Hai also left behind 500 immortal-level Undead. If those Undead made a move, Jian Wuya and the others wouldn't be able to do anything.

Therefore, Zhao Hai would use this opportunity to go to the army of the nine super sects and drive them out. This way, the small sects of the north would completely give up.

As for the Freedom Alliance Army, Zhao Hai wasn't worried about them. The army has 7 million troops, all of them elites of the Freedom Alliance. They would do fine even against the armies of the Western Demon Province and the Eastern Orthodox Province. Although the two provinces have quite a lot of troops, they weren't as effective in combat as the Freedom Alliance army.

Zhao Hai also made some arrangements. He announced that Laura and the others were on the Hell King's ship. Zhao Hai told Li Kuangge that Laura and the others would take command whenever a battle starts.

The people of the Freedom Alliance were already convinced of their skills. And with Laura and the others being Zhao Hai's women, they would naturally follow their word.

Of course, Laura and the others weren't on the Hell King's Ship but instead inside the Space. Zhao Hai only made them reveal their presence on the ship before returning. They would pass their orders through the communication device. Nobody would know that they weren't there.

After taking care of these things, Zhao Hai hurried towards the army of the nine super sects. At this time, the nine super sect army was still stationed in the Jade Belt River. However, there were already plenty of sects from the northern provinces that got in touch with them. In the hearts of these sects, the nine super sects still held more prestige than Zhao Hai and the Freedom Alliance.

Jiao Hualong looked at Meng Wudi and said, "Old Meng, we'll advance a bit tomorrow. I think Zhao Hai should be aware of our arrival. With that fellow's personality, he should be heading towards us."

Meng Wudi replied, "That fellow would certainly come. This time we need to hold him back while Old Jian and the others attack the Black Tiger Gang. Let's see what he will look like when that time comes."

Jiao Hualong looked at Meng Wudi and sighed. He knows why Meng Wudi hated Zhao Hai. Elder Po who Zhao Hai killed was Meng Wudi's Martial Uncle. The relationship between the two was very good. Now that Zhao Hai killed Elder Po, it was natural for Meng Wudi to hate him.

Speaking of which, Jiao Hualong didn't hate Zhao Hai as much as Meng Wudi did. This was because Jiao Hualong was a demon cultivator who lived a life of cruelty. Demon Cultivators lived in a dog eat dog world. If you were strong, you would get everything. If you were weak, you would get nothing.

Zhao Hai was a stronger cultivator, so it was natural for him to claim the northern provinces. This was normal in Jiao Hualong's eyes. If he wasn't tied to the other eight super sects, Jiao Hualong wouldn't have joined this plan. In Jiao Hualong's opinion, schemes wouldn't work for people as strong as Zhao Hai.

At this time, there was a sudden uproar. Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi immediately stood up. Just as they were to go out, they heard a voice from outside, "Reporting to the sect masters. Zhao Hai is here."

Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi stared. Meng Wudi's expression changed as he said, "Send the order, prepare to meet the enemy!" After he said that, Meng Wudi turned his head and said, "Old Jiao, it's Zhao Hai. Let's go."

Jiao Hualong nodded and left the residence with Meng Wudi. When they came out, they immediately knew why the troops were certain that Zhao Hai had arrived. This was because there was a sea of Undead in front of them. Although this wasn't the first time they saw this, Meng Wudi and Jiao Hualong still couldn't help but feel their scalp tingle.

Their large artifacts were already prepared. The two got on their large artifacts and then flew out of the camp. The nine super sect army also flew up, arranging themselves into a large army formation. The army of the super sects was less than last time. Before, there were around 100 million troops but now there are 60 million.

Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi moved forward until they arrived a kilometer away from the Undead army. They focused their eyes on the Undead Army before seeing Zhao Hai standing on top of a huge Undead beast. The Undead Zhao Hai was riding on was Alien.

Seeing the two sect masters, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I didn't expect to see you two again. Why did you return to the Northern Orthodox Province? You want to take it back?"

Meng Wudi coldly snorted and said, "Enough talking Zhao Hai. The Northern Orthodox Province isn't yours. I can come here whenever I want."

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Zhao Hai looked at Meng Wudi and laughed, "Hahaha. You're wrong. The Northern Orthodox Province is already my territory. This isn't a place where you can come and go whenever you want."

Meng Wudi sneered, "You talk big. You actually dare to treat the Northern Orthodox Province as your territory."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I wonder who was scared and ran away because of my words. Also, there seems to be people who sent an assassin to poison and kill me. Unfortunately, that assassin is now part of my Undead Army. Would you like to meet him?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Meng Wudi's pupil shrank. His voice turned ruthless as he said, "Zhao Hai, I will tear you to shreds one of these days."

Zhao Hai just smiled, "You're wasting your breath. It's time to fight!" After he said that, Zhao Hai waved his hand. Then his Undead army began to press forward and attack the army of the nine super sects.

Fortunately, Jiao Hualong was prepared. As soon as Zhao Hai began his attack, the army was able to stop them. However, they were smart this time. The army didn't attack but instead defended with all their strength. The attacks of the Undead weren't strong either since they mainly used cannons and rifles.

As the two sides fought, Jian Wuya received a jade sword message from Jiao Hualong. Knowing that Zhao Hai was already fighting, he also began to make his move.

Several spatial ability users started to open a rift using the coordinates of the Black Tiger Gang. Before long, a huge rift appeared in front of Jian Wuya and the others. Then the group began flying in.

Jian Wuya didn't bring a lot of troops to attack the Black Tiger Gang. However, the troops he brought were elites. There were 200 immortal experts as well as 2000 transcending tribulation experts. It was a small team with formidable strength.

When Jian Wuya and the others came out of the spatial rift, they found that they had arrived inside a huge cave. There were also some cultivators who were stunned at their arrival.

Seeing the robes worn by the cultivators, Jian Wuya couldn't help but laugh as he said, "Black Tiger Gang, let's see how you deal with us this time. Kill!" The elites roared and began killing cultivators who wore black robes.

Then at this moment, a loud alarm sounded out inside the cave. The expression of the Black Tiger Gang cultivators changed before they quickly ran away. At the same time, Jian Wuya and the others noticed red lines appearing on the walls of the cave. Then these red lines turned into formations, causing the surroundings to turn burning hot. At the same time, an immense pressure bore down on the intruders.

Jian Wuya stared, he looked around him and knew that this was the defenses of the Black Tiger Gang. He quickly ordered, "Destroy the walls, quickly!"

Hearing Jian Wuya, the cultivators immediately showed their dao avatars and began attacking the walls of the cave. However, when their attacks hit the wall, bursts of red light appeared and blocked the attack. After several rounds of attack, the walls were still undamaged.

At this moment, the sound of wind was heard. Jian Wuya turned his head and saw a large number of Black Tiger Gang cultivators heading towards them. Then the cultivators began to spread out and sent attacks towards Jian Wuya and the others.

Jian Wuya's team quickly turned around and battled with the Black Tiger Gang. Then suddenly, several fire serpents began appearing out of the walls and attacked the cultivators of the nine super sects. As soon as the fire serpent appeared, the people of the nine super sects were immediately pressured. After a while, someone was caught by the fire serpents and was burned into ash.

Jian Wuya was stunned when he saw this. He didn't think the formations on the wall were this strong. Was the Black Tiger Gang unafraid of being burnt?

Before long, Jian Wuya discovered that the people of the Black Tiger Gang weren't afraid of these fire serpents. They seem to have identifiers on them that made them invisible to the serpents.

The strength of the fire element formation was also becoming stronger and stronger. At this point, even the immortal experts would dare let the fire serpents touch them. Seeing this, Jian Wuya couldn't help but get startled. He didn't think that the defenses of the Black Tiger Gang would be this strong.

Jian Wuya couldn't help but complain secretly once more. He knew that they had been defeated again. It's impossible for the Black Tiger Gang to have no immortal experts. And yet, without the immortal experts making a move, Jian Wuya and the others were already having a hard time. If the immortal experts of the Black Tiger Gang entered the battle, Jian Wuya and the others would be in even more trouble.

Thinking of this, Jian Wuya immediately said, "Open the rift. We're retreating." With his order, the spatial ability users immediately opened a spatial rift. Then Jian Wuya led his army to retreat.

When Jian Wuya returned, he discovered that their original 2000 transcending tribulation experts were now down to 1500. Moreover, ten immortal experts had perished.

Such loss was heavy, and Jian Wuya was naturally annoyed. Abbott Numu looked at Jian Wuya and said, "The spatial ability users have suffered some backlash in opening the spatial rift. They would need some time before they can use their abilities."

Jian Wuya smiled bitterly and said, "I didn't think that the defenses of the Black Tiger Gang would be so strong. It seems like we're lost again. Send a message to Old Jiao and Old Meng. Tell them to retreat. We've already lost too many people."

Abbott Numu sighed. Then he took out a jade sword message and sent it to Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi. Although Abbott Numu was an irritable person, meeting the capabilities of the Black Tiger Gang caused him to shut up.

The movements of Jian Wuya and the others were being monitored by Zhao Hai. Seeing Jian Wuya suffer only a few losses before they retreated, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel pity. Jian Wuya and the others should have stayed more in the Black Tiger Gang to make them feel even more pain.

But since Jian Wuya's group has retreated, Zhao Hai has no thought of chasing them down. As for Jiao Hualong and his army, he didn't plan to kill a lot of them. He might as well use the time to settle the four northern provinces as soon as possible.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai waved his hand, stopping his Undead from attacking. As he stood on Alien, Zhao Hai went to the front of his Undead army and then said, "Jiao Hualong, Meng Wudi, come out and meet me."

Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi didn't retreat too far. So upon hearing Zhao Hai, they immediately flew over. They looked at Zhao Hai in confusion, they didn't know why Zhao Hai stopped attacking.

Zhao Hai looked at the two and said, "Listen, I know why the both of you are here. You want to buy time for Jian Wuya and the others to attack the Black Tiger Gang's base. To be honest, I've known about your plan for a long time. And now Jian Wuya and the others have been beaten back by the Black Tiger Gang. It's time for you to retreat. I don't want to kill too many people. Don't force me."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi stared. Then their complexion couldn't help but change. They didn't know how Zhao Hai knew about this.

However, Meng Wudi quickly recovered. He coldly snorted and said, "Don't scare us, Zhao Hai. Did Zhang Feng inform you? You don't have to act like you know everything."

Zhao Hai sneered and said, "There's no need to test me. Jian Wuya just attacked the Black Tiger Gang. They didn't even cause the immortal experts of the Black Tiger Gang to make a move. You can ask Jian Wuya about it once you go back. Let me tell you the truth, although I am here, I left immortal-level Undead in the Black Tiger Gang. If you still don't believe me, I sent immortal-level Undead to hunt down the spatial ability users that you have. Now go back. Otherwise, you can't blame me for being impolite."

Hearing this, Meng Wudi and Jiao Hualong's complexion paled. Their reaction was half because of shock and half because of fear. They believed that Zhao Hai wouldn't deceive them about these matters.

Although Meng Wudi and Jiao Hualong wanted to continue fighting Zhao Hai, they also knew that the nine super sects would be finished if they did. The nine super sects still had experts, but most of them had been used this time. If their losses were too heavy, the nine super sects would no longer be able to support their position.

Meng Wudi and Jiao Hualong looked at each other. Then through clenched teeth, they ordered, "Withdraw!"

The large artifacts of the nine super sect army began to retreat. The army followed soon after. After crossing the jade belt river, the army quickly flew back.

Looking at the nine super sect army far away, Zhao Hai has no intentions to pursue. However, he looked at the Northern Orthodox Province and said, "I've already given you a lot of opportunities. If you still don't understand, then you can't blame me." After he said that, he waved his hand, commanding his Undead to charge into the Northern Orthodox Province.

When his Undead army began to move, Zhao Hai sent a message to Li Kuangge telling him to attack from the north to the south while the Undead army would attack from the south to the north. They would settle the Northern Orthodox Province and then move on to the two provinces.

The battle between Zhao Hai and the nine super sect army didn't take a long time. Both sides only fought for a couple of hours. But in these few hours, Li Kuangge and the others were able to reach another sect headquarters. Li Kuangge followed Zhao Hai's previous action and sent an ultimatum towards the sect. If they didn't surrender, then they would be attacked.

Surprisingly, that sect surrendered. They complied with joining the Freedom Alliance and became a branch hall in the Northern Orthodox Province.

Although Li Kuangge was surprised by how easily the sect was subdued, he complied with the request of the small sect. They were admitted to the Freedom Alliance and spared. Then the army continued on. It was at this moment that Li Kuangge received Zhao Hai's jade sword message, telling him to pick up speed.

It was also at this time that the Northern Orthodox Province received news that Zhao Hai repelled the army of the nine super sects. As soon as the news spread, the armies of the Western Demon Province and the Eastern Orthodox Province dispersed immediately. Some of the smaller sects even began to get in touch with the Freedom Alliance.

However, the situation of the Northern Orthodox Province wasn't quite the same. Everyone here has already formed small alliances. These people tried to put conditions in front of Zhao Hai, but they didn't expect that Zhao Hai would not only decline, he also destroyed anyone who tried to negotiate with him.

The entire Northern Orthodox Province experienced carnage. The sects of the province finally knew what it meant to be fierce. Those lucky sects that have yet to meet the Freedom Alliance didn't dare try to put out conditions. All of them took the initiative to get in touch with Zhao Hai.

After destroying more than ten sects, nobody dared to negotiate with Zhao Hai. As long as they didn't put forth any conditions, they would be accepted by the Freedom Alliance. However, they were forced by Zhao Hai to agree to being in the lowest class of the alliance.

Although these sects were discontented by Zhao Hai's methods, they didn't dare say anything. Otherwise, they risk getting exterminated by the Freedom Alliance. Now, the cultivators of the Northern Orthodox Province were terrified of Zhao Hai. In their opinion, Zhao Hai was a ruthless killer who wouldn't hesitate to exterminate people's families.

The Freedom Alliance's sect classification has also spread to those who have yet to join the alliance. Hearing that only those who surrendered to Zhao Hai were placed at the lowest classification, the sects who have yet to surrender could no longer sit still. They immediately requested to join the Freedom Alliance. But although the Freedom Alliance agreed to them joining, they weren't told what class they were in. This caused these sects to feel uneasy.

Because of Zhao Hai's methods, the Northern Orthodox Province quickly became peaceful. The sects of the province could no longer be controlled by the Northern Saint Academy. They didn't expect that Zhao Hai would be so ruthless in his methods. Given the opportunity, he would kill people and exterminate families. Everyone would be terrified of such methods.

At the same time, the southern provinces were very calm. The nine super sect alliance have disbanded. They wouldn't provoke Zhao Hai in the meantime. They have no other choice since Zhao Hai has killed their spatial ability users. Additionally, the report that Jiao Hualong and Meng Wudi brought back caused Jian Wuya and the rest to behave. They still don't know how Zhao Hai managed to find out about their plan. It was because of this that they were afraid of making a move. Before they could find out how Zhao Hai was able to know, they wouldn't attack the Freedom Alliance.

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Zhao Hai looked in the distance as he stood on the Hell King's Ship's bow. The Freedom Alliance Army was no longer in the Northern Orthodox Province but had instead moved to the Western Demon Province. The Northern Orthodox Province has already been pacified as well as the Eastern Orthodox Province. The two provinces have been officially taken over. The sects that joined earlier into the war received great benefits. Some of these sects have their bases moved from the Northern Orthodox Province to the Eastern Orthodox Province. Since the territory that they would obtain after relocating was bigger, these sects would naturally move.

Using the land exchange system, the Freedom Alliance began to reshuffle the territories in the Northern and Eastern Orthodox Provinces. The Black Tiger Gang also participated in the exchanges to increase their territory once more. And once Zhao Hai takes control over the Western Demon Province, the Black Tiger Gang's territory would be as large as the original Myriad Demons Sect. This was a huge area.

Zhao Hai was also aware of the changes to the Black Tiger Gang. The Black Tiger Gang wants control over all four northern provinces. Although there were plenty of vacant lands in the provinces, Zhao Hai wasn't planning to have the Black Tiger Gang occupy them. They can open branch halls in these places, but the sect cannot occupy a large domain. They would mainly operate in the Northern Divergent Province.

In the eyes of some sects, the Northern Divergent Province was a place of barren mountains and untamed rivers. However, Zhao Hai wants the Black Tiger Gang to continue developing in the province.

The resources of the Northern Divergent Province might not be richer than the other provinces, but there were still enough to go around. And the more remote the province, the more likely that nobody

would want to covet it. As long as the Black Tiger Gang continues to grow well in the Northern Divergent Province, the Freedom Alliance would continue to survive. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't let Zhang Feng and the others expand to the other provinces. The sect doesn't need to.

Meanwhile, the nine super sects have been silent recently. This was within Zhao Hai's expectations. The nine super sects have suffered successive losses in his hands. If they didn't stop, then they would truly be stupid.

Most importantly, the review of the Soaring Dragon Realm was about to happen. Even if the nine super sects want to do something, they would have to wait until the inspection ends. Unfortunately for them, this period of time would allow Zhao Hai to digest the four northern provinces.

Besides the initial resistance in the Northern Orthodox Province, the cleanup of the four northern provinces went quite smoothly. The Eastern Orthodox Province and the Western Demon Province didn't resist as much. The sects from these provinces knew that it would be impossible for them to stop the Freedom Alliance. If they resisted, they would just be courting death.

By this point, no sect dared to set conditions with the Freedom Alliance. They have learned their lesson from the sects that Zhao Hai wiped out. Zhao Hai's ruthless methods have shocked everyone. In addition to the sects in the Northern Orthodox Province, Western Demon Province and the Eastern Orthodox Province, the people from the original Freedom Alliance were also shocked. These people also learned to behave themselves. The schemes that they have come up had been thrown into the trash.

Most of the sects in the Western Demon Province have already contacted Zhang Feng in advance. They were now members of the Freedom Alliance. This caused Zhao Hai to use less force when he arrived.

However, Zhao Hai still has to show his strength to the people of the Western Demon Province. This would remove any crooked thoughts inside their minds.

Although Zhao Hai was looking at the scenery of the Western Demon Province, his mind was in another place. He was currently thinking about the Soaring Dragon Realm's inspection.

Li Kuangge stood beside Zhao Hai and kept silent. However, once in a while, he would turn to Zhao Hai with a look of worship in his face.

At this moment, Zhao Hai suddenly said, “Kuangge, how long until we reach the Jade Belt River?”

Li Kuangge made some calculations and said, “It should take an hour or so. Brother Hai, the four northern provinces now belong to the Freedom Alliance. What are you worried about?”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly, then he shook his head and said, “I’m just thinking about the inspection of the Soaring Dragon Realm. I still don’t know what it would be like.”

Li Kuangge nodded, “I heard from the eldest that the inspection is very simple. People from the Soaring Dragon Realm would sweep the realm with their spiritual force. Then they would decide whether a realm is qualified or not.”

Zhao Hai stared, then he knitted his brows and said, “Sweep with their spiritual force? The Great Realm of Cultivation is so big. Can they see everything with just their spiritual force?”

Li Kuangge shook his head and said, “I don’t know. I heard that the people in charge of the Soaring Dragon Realm are very powerful. Maybe they have special methods.”

Zhao Hai nodded, then he said, “That might be the case. Right, Kuangge, is there a sect in front of us?”

Li Kuangge thought for a moment and then nodded, “There is. The sect is called the Hundred Ghosts Sect. I heard that the sect doesn’t have a good relationship with the Wonderful Sound Pavilion. They say that the sect was quite prosperous in the past, with strength no less than the nine super sects. Later on, it was suppressed by the Wonderful Sound Pavilion and was turned into a weak sect that could only guard its own headquarters.”

Zhao Hai nodded, “This Hundred Ghosts Sect, did they join the Freedom Alliance?”

Li Kuangge nodded and said, “They have. Moreover, they’re one of the first sects in the Western Demon Province to join. Their sect headquarters should be on the Hundred Ghost Mountain. I heard that it’s rich in yin qi, which made it suitable for the sect’s cultivation method.”

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "We should support sects like these. Once we're done, I'll inform the alliance leader. When we dealt with the Wandering Soul Group, we were able to get our hands on their methods. If the Hundred Ghosts Sect needs it, we might give them some."

Li Kuangge stared, then he looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and asked, "Brother, why should we support them? These ghost cultivators are vile. They don't appear to be good."

Zhao Hai looked at Li Kuangge and said, "Kuangge, you shouldn't think like this. There are countless dao in this universe. Each cultivator has their own path. The ghost dao is just one of these paths. Just because they follow a very different path than us, we cannot look down on them. And since they are now part of the Freedom Alliance, we should give them benefits."

Hearing this, Li Kuangge couldn't help but get embarrassed. He lowered his head and said, "Yes, Brother. Thank you for reminding me."

Zhao Hai patted Li Kuangge's shoulder and said, "It's fine. I just told you these words to appear good on the outside. My real purpose isn't to embarrass you. Your status in the Giant Axe Sect isn't low. You will encounter all kinds of things in the future. You shouldn't be deceived by what you see on the outside."

Li Kuangge stared. Then he asked, "Brother, what do you mean? The words you said are for the outside? Then what's your real purpose?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Did you notice something from the location of the Hundred Ghosts Sect?"

Li Kuangge thought about it and said, "The Hundred Ghost Mountain is very close to the Jade Belt River. Because of the strange rocks of the mountain, there would be howling sounds heard all the time. There are also several yin qi rich caverns in the mountain. There's nothing special about them."

Zhao Hai replied, "I didn't mean the mountain itself. Think about the location of the mountain itself."

Li Kuangge asked, "It's close to the Jade Belt River. Is that it?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Correct. It's very close to the Jade Belt River. Moreover, as you said, the Hundred Ghosts Sect has a grudge with the Wonderful Sound Pavilion. And this grudge should have extended to the nine super sects. The Hundred Ghosts Sect is located right next to the Jade Belt River, and right on the other side is the territory of the nine super sects. If an army crosses the river, the Hundred Ghosts Sect would certainly find out. As long as we support the sect, the Hundred Ghost Sect would be loyal to the Freedom Alliance. We can make the sect into our outpost in the Jade Belt River. Therefore, winning the sect over to our side would be good for the future of the alliance."

Hearing this, Li Kuangge finally understood. He nodded and said, "I understand."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Let's go to the Hundred Ghosts Sect and then take a rest." Li Kuangge nodded.

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In a cavern of the Hundred Ghosts Sect sat an old man. This old man looked over a hundred years old. His hair and beard were all white and there were spots on his face. He was very thin and he wore black cultivator robes. The old man's robes were embroidered with silver ghost patterns. This old man was the sect master of the Hundred Ghosts Sect, Zhong Wuhun.

A few cultivators stood opposite Zhong Wuhun. These cultivators looked relatively younger and they were at the transcending tribulation stage. They were looking at Zhong Wuhun with respect. These talents held high status in the sect, but all of them respected Zhong Wuhun.

In fact, in the Hundred Ghosts Sect, there were very few people who didn't respect Zhong Wuhun. This was because Zhong Wuhun had done so much for the sect. When Zhong Wuhun was still young, he was a famed genius of the Hundred Ghosts Sect. He was able to reach the transcending tribulation stage at a very young age. He was considered to be a genius among geniuses. The sect was grooming him to become an immortal expert as soon as possible.

But not soon after his breakthrough, the Hundred Ghosts Sect was suppressed by the Wonderful Sound Pavilion. The sect master of the Hundred Ghost Sect has been plotted against and was killed by the pavilion. This caused the Hundred Ghosts Sect to become a headless dragon. It wouldn't take long before it would be eliminated by the Wonderful Sound Pavilion.

During that period, the position of sect master fell into Zhong Wuhun's hands. After he got the position, Zhong Wuhun gave up any ideas of fighting back against the pavilion. He paid every price he could to save the sect from extinction and he succeeded. Through multiple painful sacrifices, the Hundred Ghosts Sect was able to keep its position among the sects in the Western Demon Province.

But because of this, Zhong Wuhun's cultivation has stagnated. When he was done saving the sect from ruin, his best period of cultivation already passed. It has become impossible for him to become an immortal expert. For this reason, although Zhong Wuhun was still at the transcending tribulation stage, nobody in the Hundred Ghosts Sect dared to look down on him. Even the sect's immortal elder was respectful towards him.

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Zhong Wuhun looked at the people in front of him and said, "Is Mister Zhao Hai heading over to our Hundred Ghosts Sect?"

One of the cultivators replied, "Replying to the sect master, Mister Zhao Hai is reported to be heading towards our sect. He will reach the Hundred Ghosts Mountain in about an hour. We still don't know his purpose for coming."

Zhong Wuhun smiled faintly and said, "That's good. Prepare to welcome Mister Zhao Hai." Although the cultivators didn't know what Zhong Wuhun was thinking, they all nodded and then left.

Seeing everyone leave, Zhong Wuhun muttered, "Zhao Hai, don't disappoint this old man. A person like you shouldn't be ignorant to the uses of the Hundred Ghosts Sect."

An hour passed in a blink of an eye and Zhao Hai's army could already be seen from the Hundred Ghosts Mountain. But before the army arrived at the mountain, Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Everyone, stop and pitch camp below the mountain. Kuangge, come with me."

After he said that, he commanded the Hell King's Ship to fly towards the Hundred Ghosts Mountain. Li Kuangge took out a jade sword message and then explained their visit to reassure the people of the Hundred Ghosts Sect. Li Kuangge knew that Zhao Hai was attaching great importance to the sect. Therefore, he has to explain their visit to avoid offending them.

Before the two could reach the Hundred Ghosts Mountain, they could see a group flying out of the mountain. When they arrived, these people divided into two groups and then gave Zhao Hai their greeting.

An old man led a group of younger cultivators towards the Hell King's Ship. Zhao Hai also reduced the ship's speed. Before long, both sides met each other. The old man cupped his fist towards the Hell King's Ship and said, "I have seen Mister Zhao Hai. This one is the sect master of the Hundred Ghosts Sect, Zhong Wuhun."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and cupped his fist and said, "I have seen Sect Master Zhong. The Sect Master is too polite. Please let the others return." Naturally, Zhao Hai was referring to everyone who came out to greet him.

Zhong Wuhun smiled faintly and said, "This old man didn't organize them, they came voluntarily. These kids admire you very much. Hahaha."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm embarrassed. Haha. Sect master, please enter the ship." Zhong Wuhun complied and then flew towards the ship. At the same time, he introduced the people he brought with him. These were the core disciples of the Hundred Ghosts Sect.

Zhao Hai smiled and greeted everyone. At the same time, these people were excited upon meeting Zhao Hai. Just like Zhong Wuhun said, Zhao Hai was very popular among them. He was their idol.

The group entered the Hundred Ghosts Sect through the passage made by the disciples of the Hundred Ghosts Sect. Then they disembarked from the ship and entered the main hall of the sect.

Seats were already prepared inside the hall. Naturally, Zhao Hai sat on the seat of honor while Zhong Wuhun sat beside him. After the two sat down, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "Sect Master Zhong, I really disturbed you by coming here."

Zhong Wuhun quickly replied, "We don't dare. The sect is honored by Mister Zhao Hai's presence in the Black Tiger Gang."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly. He could see that Zhong Wuhun was a smart person. Therefore, he didn't go around in circles and said, "Sect Master Zhong, let me be straight to you. The location of the Hundred Ghosts Sect is very crucial. You can monitor the nine super sects on the opposite side of the river. So I'm planning to tell the alliance to support the Hundred Ghosts Sect. I wonder what Sect Master Zhong thinks about this?"

Zhong Wuhun didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so direct. He couldn't help but stare for a moment. Then he stood up and then bowed towards Zhao Hai, "Mister, thank you very much."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and asked Zhong Wuhun to take a seat, then he said, "Back when we destroyed the Wandering Soul Group, we were able to acquire some of their cultivation methods. At this moment, there are disciples of the Black Tiger Gang that practice them. The Hundred Ghosts Sect also practices the ghost dao. Is Sect Master Zhong interested in these methods? If you are, I can ask the sect to bring those cultivation methods over."

Zhong Wuhun was very excited. The Hundred Ghosts Sect was also a ghost cultivator sect. But what was the Wandering Soul Group? Their cultivation methods allowed them to dominate the Great Realm of Cultivation in the past. Their inheritance was leagues better than the Hundred Ghosts Sect. Although the Wandering Soul Group was eliminated, their cultivation methods were still in high demand. If they get their hands on it, the Hundred Ghosts Sect would benefit a lot. This would greatly influence the future of the sect.

Zhong Wuhun couldn't help but stand up in excitement. He bowed towards Zhao Hai once more as he said, "Mister, the Hundred Ghosts Sect will never forget this kindness. This Zhong Wuhun can't give anything right now, but let me offer this bow first. In the future, if Mister requires it, the Hundred Ghosts Sect would dispatch our troops without question."

Hearing Zhong Wuhun, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile, "Sect Master Zhong, as I said, the Freedom Alliance will never mistreat anyone who is useful towards its cause. Although the alliance doesn't require tribute, the position of the Hundred Ghosts Sect is just too important. Moreover, I heard that you have a grudge against the Wonderful Sound Pavilion. I hope that the Hundred Ghost Sect can act as the alliance's first line of defense. Naturally, we don't expect you to stop the nine super sects on your own. There's no need for you to sacrifice yourself. So we must build a transmission formation to the Black Tiger Gang as soon as possible. Once the nine super sects attack, you can retreat to the Black Tiger Gang's base."

Zhong Wuhun nodded, "I'll follow Mister's arrangement."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'll have the sect send ghost face ships to you. I will also teach you how to make them. This should be enough for you to maintain security over the Jade Belt River."

Zhong Wuhun assured him, "Mister doesn't need to worry. You can leave the defense of Jade Belt River to us. If there's anything wrong, we will immediately get in touch with you."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly. Then he waved his hand and said, "Alright, don't stress yourself too much about it also. The army will rest here for a day before we go to the Jade Belt River."

Although Zhong Wuhun doesn't know why Zhao Hai was going to the Jade Belt River, he didn't ask. He stood up and said, "Mister, a cave residence has been prepared for you. Will you take a rest?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, "I'll rest on my ship. There's no need for the cave residence. If the Sect Master is interested, you can come with me to the ship."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Zhong Wuhun felt that there were other meanings to his words. So he immediately replied, "That would be great." Zhao Hai smiled and then walked out first. When he exited the hall, he flew towards the Hell King's Ship with Li Kuangge and Zhong Wuhun following behind him.

When they arrived at the Hell King's Ship, Zhao Hai led the two into a cabin. Then Zhao Hai looked at Zhong Wuhun and said, "I heard about sect master Zhong's sacrifice for the Hundred Ghosts Sect. I have been moved by it. I have a potion. When you return, sect master Zhong can drink it and retreat for seven days. You should be able to reach the immortal stage by then."

After he said that, Zhao Hai took out a jade bottle and then handed it over to Zhong Wuhun. Zhong Wuhun's face was red as he looked at the jade bottle. He desired the immortal stage for a very long time. He didn't regret sacrificing his cultivation for the sect, but if he was given the opportunity, he would definitely grab it.

Zhong Wuhun was shaking as he received the bottle. Then he stood and bowed before saying, "Mister, I can't repay the kindness that you gave me. Please accept my bow."

Zhao Hai waved his hand, "Sect master doesn't need to be too polite. If Sect Master Zhong wants to, you can go back now. I believe you will reach the immortal stage in seven days."

Zhong Wuhun knew what Zhao Hai meant. Zhao Hai already finished explaining the matter and allowed him to leave. Zhong Wuhun was a person who knew his place, so he immediately said, "Mister, I'll ask to be excused." Zhao Hai nodded. Then Zhong Wuhun respectfully left the cabin.

Zhao Hai looked at Li Kuangge and said, "What? You're envious?"

Hearing this, Li Kuangge gave an embarrassed smile as he said, "A little. Haha. Brother, it's the immortal stage. Who doesn't want to reach it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Forget it. Zhong Wuhun is very old. Although he missed the time to reach the immortal stage, his accumulation is very deep. The potion I gave him is just the push he needs. You haven't accumulated enough yet. You are still young. If you use the potion to become an immortal expert, your potential would be greatly affected. It's better for you to break through naturally."

Li Kuangge nodded and said, "Yes, Brother. I understand."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at the sky outside and said, "We'll go to the Drinking Elephant Mountain by the Jade Belt River tomorrow. The army will be stationed there for some time."

Li Kuangge raised his brows and asked, "Brother, why do we need to be on Drinking Elephant Mountain?"

Li Kuangge knew about Drinking Elephant Mountain. It's a mountain located beside the Jade Belt River. There's a hollow area underneath the mountain, which made it look like an elephant sticking its trunk to drink from the river. It was one of the unique scenes along the Jade Belt River.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We have to make the other side behave a little. We'll retreat once the four northern provinces are stabilized. Until then, we need to stay in Drinking Elephant Mountain to defend."

Li Kuangge nodded, "We now have the four provinces under control. I heard that the sect classification is being carried out. Once the classification is done, the north should be stable."

Zhao Hai agreed, "After that happens, there's one more thing I need to do. It's something I promised everyone."

#### Chapter 1895 – Setting Up a Battle Monument

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Li Kuangge immediately understood. He couldn't help but get excited as he said, "Brother, will you really do it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I made a promise to everyone, so I have to do it. Let's take a day off. We will head towards Drinking Elephant Mountain tomorrow." Li Kuangge nodded, then he turned around and left. Seeing Li Kuangge's expression, Zhao Hai didn't say anything and just smiled. Then he went back to the Space.

The next day, Zhao Hai appeared on the Hell King's Ship once more. Li Kuangge and the sect representatives were already waiting for him. Seeing Zhao Hai come out, they immediately surrounded Zhao Hai. One of the representatives said, "Commander, will you really set up a monument in Drinking Elephant Mountain?"

Right, Zhao Hai was intending to complete his promise to erect a monument. Zhao Hai promised the troops that as long as the four northern provinces are taken care of, he would erect a monument by the Jade Belt River to remember those who fought for the Freedom Alliance. Therefore, as soon as Zhao Hai said that he had something left to do, Li Kuangge immediately knew what it was.

Zhao Hai looked at the sect representatives and then smiled faintly as he said, "Yes. I made a promise to you all. Hahaha. Let's go." Everyone cheered and then flew out of the Hell King's Ship to tell everyone about the news. Before long, the Freedom Alliance Army was in a jubilant mood.

Just as they were about to leave, a couple of people flew down from the Hundred Ghosts Mountain. Zhong Wuhun was in the front. Upon arriving in front of Zhao Hai, Zhong Wuhun cupped his fist and said, "Mister, why don't you rest for a few more days? There's no need to be in a hurry."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's no need. There won't be any battles anytime soon, so there's no need for us to rest. We're heading towards Drinking Elephant Mountain. We're going to stay there for some time."

Zhong Wuhun nodded, "I see. Then I won't disturb Mister. If Mister has anything you need, just tell us."

Zhao Hai waved his hand, "There's no need to be polite. You can begin your seclusion. The earlier you close up, the sooner you'll benefit." Seeing Zhong Wuhun here, Zhao Hai knew that the old man had yet to go into seclusion.

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhong Wuhun no longer said anything. He bowed towards Zhao Hai and said, "Then I'll thank Mister in advance." After he said that, he led his group and returned to the Hundred Ghosts Sect. At the same time, Zhao Hai's Hell King's Ship flew towards Drinking Elephant Mountain.

Before long, Zhao Hai saw the shadow of a huge elephant in the distance. Its trunk was dipped into the Jade Belt River as though it was drinking. Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh as he said, "Truly mysterious. The resemblance is uncanny."

Li Kuangge nodded and said, "It really resembles an elephant."

After a while, the two brought the Freedom Alliance army to the Drinking Elephant Mountain. The mountain wasn't small. Besides the part where it looked like an elephant, the rest of it was no different from other mountains.

Zhao Hai looked around and then said, "Let's set up camp here." Li Kuangge complied and passed the order. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai flew to the head of the elephant and gazed at the wide Jade Belt River. His consciousness also entered the Space.

After entering the Space, Zhao Hai immediately had Laura and the others use the processing machine to create a blueprint for the monument. The size of the monument would be huge since it would contain the names of the Freedom Alliance's army.

Before long, a blueprint was brought over. After looking at it, Zhao Hai was satisfied with the plan. The monument would be built on top of Drinking Elephant Mountain. Moreover, the design was very good.

Zhao Hai's consciousness returned to his body. At this time, Li Kuangge arrived beside Zhao Hai. The army was already setting up their tents. They had done this multiple times already, so there was no need for supervision.

Zhao Hai opened his eyes and then turned to Li Kuangge before saying, "Kuangge, I'll leave this place to you. I'll be heading out for a while."

Li Kuangge nodded and said, "Do you want some help?"

Zhao Hai shook his head. Then he left and flew towards the Western Demon Province. Zhao Hai was going to pick up some slabs for the monument. He found a deposit of very hard stone on a mountain in the Western Demon Province. The hardness of the stone was comparable to steel. It was the best material for making a monument.

It didn't take long before Zhao Hai reached the mountain with the stone deposit. This mountain only had this type of stone. And since the stone could only be used to build houses, it wasn't very valued in the Western Demon Province.

After looking at the surroundings, Zhao Hai flew to a stone structure on the mountain summit. The structure was around 100 meters in diameter and protruded above the ground for about 50 meters. It looked like a giant column.

Zhao Hai used his spiritual force to see that the column was no less than a kilometer high. The deeper it went, the thicker it became.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai pinched his finger and then muttered, "Earth, rise!" The technique that Zhao Hai used was a spell that he augmented with his earth-element ability.

After Zhao Hai's command, an earthen yellow light departed from his hand and fell on the stone column. The stone column began to shake. And like growing bamboo, the stone column began to emerge from the mountain until a tall stone column appeared.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and waved his hand, sending the stone column to the Space. Then he flew back to Drinking Elephant Mountain.

Cave residences have been constructed in the mountain by the Freedom Alliance Army. Zhao Hai didn't disturb them. The army would be staying in this place for quite some time. It would be better if cave residences were made.

Although Drinking Elephant Mountain doesn't have any spirit veins, its spiritual density wasn't weak. Constructing an army camp in this place serves two purposes. First was to guard against the nine super sects on the opposite side of the river, and second was to preserve the cultivation of the troops.

Li Kuangge was waiting for Zhao Hai to return. Seeing Zhao Hai flying over, he immediately came forward.

He looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Brother, did something happen?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Everything's fine." Then he waved his hand, releasing earthen yellow light onto the elephant's head. The ground on the elephant's head began to sink. It must be known that the head was made entirely out of very hard stone. However, it was slowly being melted by the yellow light.

Before long, a hole about 100 meters wide appeared. The hole was rectangular and was cut very neatly. It looks like it has been chiseled by an artisan.

After digging the huge hole, Zhao Hai waved his hand once again, taking the stone column out. However, he didn't immediately place the column down, it continued flying in the air.

Then Zhao Hai flew next to the floating column and then took out a huge blade. With the blade in his hand, Zhao Hai began to shape the column.

Wen, wen, wen, wen, wen. The sound of stone being cut away was being heard. Zhao Hai looks like he was practicing his bladework. The stone pillar was being chopped by the knife bit by bit. But overall, there was no change to the pillar. It's like Zhao Hai wasn't doing anything to it at all.

However, Li Kuangge, who was standing beside him, knew what was going on. The stone pillar was being divided by Zhao Hai. The reason the pillar wasn't changing was because Zhao Hai was using a special technique.

Zhao Hai's actions weren't hidden from the people of the army. The troops had a very good relationship with Zhao Hai. As long as they weren't in the middle of battle, they could act as casual as they wanted. Therefore, when they saw that something was happening, they immediately went over.

Cultivators who were close to Li Kuangge even whispered to him, "Kuangge, what is the commander doing? Is he making the monument?"

Li Kuangge nodded, "Yes. Otherwise, the commander wouldn't have anything to do with the stone pillar. The commander promised to make us a monument, so he's making it right now." The cultivators nodded. Then they looked at the stone pillar with shining eyes. Their names would be carved onto that monument to be looked at by future generations. They couldn't hide the excitement on their faces.

After some time, Zhao Hai stopped. Then he waved his hand. The stone column began shedding pieces, revealing its real form, a huge monument.

The bottom 100 meters of the monument was a rectangular slab of stone. There was also another rectangular slab near the top, looking like a handle. Looking from afar, the monument looked like a sword stabbed on a slab of stone.

Zhao Hai pressed his hand down. Then the bottom of the monument fell into the huge hole that he prepared.

The monument fit the hole seamlessly. The sword monument looked as if it was meant to be there.

The monument's imposing manner was astonishing. There were patterns along the sword, making it look artistic.

Zhao Hai approached the monument. Then the huge blade in his hand turned into a long and thin rapier. Zhao Hai grasped the rapier and then began slashing the monument.

Li Kuangge and the others were now flying in the air, looking at Zhao Hai's actions. They saw the characters that Zhao Hai engraved, "Li Feng, Zhang Long, Ma Yu.....". Li Kuangge and the others couldn't help but stare. These were the names of their allies that died in battle. Zhao Hai seems to remember their names.

As the list became longer and longer, the expression on everyone's faces became more dignified. This was because they began seeing the names of their friends. These were friends that died fighting the Heavenly Demons and the nine super sects. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to know them all.

The air seems to turn heavy as everyone becomes quiet. Only the sound of Zhao Hai's rapier was heard. Everyone was looking at Zhao Hai's actions.

A day passed, two days, three days. It took Zhao Hai three days before he finished carving the names of those who died. Then Zhao Hai began engraving the names of the others. As more names were engraved, cultivators began seeing their names on the monument.

For the next ten days, Zhao Hai carved names on the monument. All in all, it took Zhao Hai 13 days of nonstop work in order to finish the monument.

After carving the last name, Zhao Hai let out a long breath. Then he turned his head to see Li Kuangge and the others behind him. All of them had solemn faces. Zhao Hai couldn't help but ask, "What happened? Why do you all look like that?"

Li Kuangge and the others simultaneously bowed towards Zhao Hai and shouted, "Army Commander, thank you. Your kindness will forever be in our minds."

Zhao Hai was stunned for a moment. Then he waved his hand and said, "Alright, I'm not finished yet." After he said that, Zhao Hai went to the back of the sword monument and then began to carve more characters. "Battle Monument of the Freedom Alliance. It all began when the skies opened up and the Heavenly Demons attacked. Alliances began forming to resist the invaders. And in the Northern Divergent Province, the Freedom Alliance was founded. The Freedom Alliance's first army began fighting the Heavenly Demons at....."

A long article describing the history of the Freedom Alliance's army was written. Every battle they underwent was documented. It reminded everyone why the battle monument was established.

It took three days for Zhao Hai to complete the article. There were hundreds of thousands of characters that needed to be carved. It's natural that it took more than a day.

Zhao Hai let out a long breath when he was done writing the article. Then suddenly, he felt his spiritual force rise a few times. It was as if a huge mental burden had been lifted off. Zhao Hai was stunned for a moment. Then he looked at the monument and understood that it was the reason.

The promise he made to the troops acted like shackles attached to his spirit. If it was a normal person, it might not have affected them. However, it had a huge effect on cultivators. This was the reason why cultivators rarely made promises.

Zhao Hai promised millions of people to create a monument. If Zhao Hai didn't fulfill his promise, then this burden would never be taken off his spirit. Even if Zhao Hai increased his spiritual force, this shackle would continue to exist.

But now that Zhao Hai completed his promise, the shackles were taken off. Thinking about this, Zhao Hai sighed. He also discovered that because of his high degree of concentration, his spiritual qi was much purer compared to before.

#### Chapter 1896 – Monument Accident

Zhao Hai also felt his own spiritual force becoming purer. Then all of a sudden, Zhao Hai felt a chaotic fluctuation of spiritual force. The fluctuation wasn't very powerful and was quite disorderly. It seems like it was released by a group of people.

As Zhao Hai was puzzled, he felt the spiritual force fluctuation rushing towards the battle monument, like lost children that finally found their home.

Zhao Hai frowned. He didn't understand what was going on. He didn't know why these spiritual forces were attracted to the monument. They were extremely disorderly. Although the accumulated spiritual force was stronger than his own, their chaotic nature made them unthreatening. It wouldn't be able to do any damage to the monument. The monument was made with stone, it didn't have any spirit.

Although a spiritual force attack was quite formidable against cultivators, it only worked because their target has souls. Spiritual force attacks were pretty useless against inanimate objects. So why did the monument attract this chaotic mass of spiritual force?

It was also at this moment that Li Kuangge and the others noticed the mass of spiritual force. The sheer amount of spiritual force flooding towards the stone monument caused them to be anxious. A lot of cultivators immediately became alert.

At this time, the spiritual forces touched the stone monument. Then upon contact, the spiritual forces were being absorbed.

Zhao Hai also noticed that as soon as these spiritual forces fell on the stone monument, the monument began to light up with a golden hue. This situation continued for a long time until all of the spiritual forces were absorbed by the monument.

Once the spiritual forces were absorbed by the monument, the monument emitted a thick golden light. The golden light only flashes for a moment before vanishing completely.

Zhao Hai and the others looked at the monument and saw that it had undergone a huge change. All of the names of the dead people were now golden. The article that Zhao Hai wrote on the back had also turned gold. The golden fonts seemed to shimmer, looking alive.

With the changes brought by the golden light, Zhao Hai and the others could feel the surrounding spiritual qi gathering towards the stone monument. It was as if the stone monument had become a cultivator.

Zhao Hai looked at the golden names and suddenly understood. The change on the monument wasn't caused by him, but by the cultivators who died.

Those who perished fighting against the Heavenly Demons and the nine super sects held an obsession in their hearts. This obsession was the protection of their sects and the Freedom Alliance.

Because of this obsession, their spirits didn't immediately disappear when they died in battle. Instead, it accumulated into a chaotic consciousness that continued to exist. It might vanish, but it would take a long time.

Zhao Hai created a monument for everyone in the army, which included those who died in battle. Zhao Hai also wrote down the history of the Freedom Alliance army. With how attentive Zhao Hai was in carving, the accumulated consciousness was attracted. In the end, when Zhao Hai was finished, the consciousness of those who died regarded the monument as their final goal. Therefore, the remnant souls funneled towards it.

When Zhao Hai engraved each name on the monument, he would unconsciously think of the person and their deeds. This allowed a connection to the remnant consciousness that the dead cultivator left behind. In turn, this attracted the remnant spiritual force to their respective names.

Because of their obsession, even if these consciousness were only remnant spirits, they would still want power to protect their sects. So using the monument as a medium, they began to slowly absorb spiritual qi to strengthen themselves.

Although he didn't know if he was right or wrong, Zhao Hai surmised that this was the case. Otherwise, these changes wouldn't have occurred to the monument. There was no other explanation.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai immediately asked Laura and the others to create the highest grade incense the Space could produce.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out three huge incense sticks. He went in front of the monument and then took out a stone cauldron filled with sand.

Zhao Hai lit the incense sticks with a snap of his fingers. Holding the three incense sticks in his hand, Zhao Hai turned his head to Li Kuangge and the others and said, "Everyone, line up!"

Li Kuangge and the others were stunned for a moment, but they didn't dare delay. They immediately went into a formation as soon as they could. Zhao Hai stood with his back facing everyone. Then with the incense in his hand, he said, "Brothers, you have protected us and your sects. You have sacrificed for the survival of the Freedom Alliance. We, your fellow brothers, will remember your names forever. I hope that your spirits will continue guarding the Freedom Alliance. Zhao Hai asks you."

After saying that, Zhao Hai made three bows towards the monument and then inserted the incense sticks into the stone cauldron. After the incense were inserted, the monument shone with golden light. Then a figure of light began to appear. The face of this figure flickered, showing the faces of those who died in battle.

Then the figure bowed towards Zhao Hai before entering the stone monument. Although there weren't changes on the surface of the monument, all who were looking at the monument were shocked. They could feel a heavy aura coming out of the monument. It was as if it became a huge pillar that could support heaven and the earth.

Seeing the changes to the monument, Li Kuangge and the others finally understood what was going on. Their faces turned solemn as they also offered three bows towards the monument.

After paying his respects, Zhao Hai turned his head to the army and said, "I will set a tradition. The stone monument will be cleaned every seventh day. And as long as the Freedom Alliance exists, the incense sticks will never be extinguished. This task will be handled by the Freedom Alliance army."

Li Kuangge and the others nodded. Then Zhao Hai continued, "Alright, all of you can go back. We'll stay here for ten days. If nothing happens during that time, the other side should have stopped their plans of attacking. After that, we'll leave a small group of people to guard the monument while the rest shall return to their respective sects. Also, a storehouse needs to be built nearby to store all of the incense." After he said that, Zhao Hai pointed towards a point in Drinking Elephant Mountain which wasn't far from the monument.

Li Kuangge nodded, "Alright, Brother. I'll take care of it."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Go back and rest." Li Kuangge proceeded to command everyone to return. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai looked at the monument once more and then sighed before leaving.

Li Kuangge moved quickly. Not long after, he organized people to build a stone building on the place that Zhao Hai pointed towards. The building was quite large, but it was empty inside.

After the building was constructed, Zhao Hai put large amounts of incense inside. This incense was specially made. No matter how strong the winds or how long it rained, they would never be

extinguished. Each incense would last for exactly seven days. The incense inside the building should last for a very long time.

The incense was created by the Space using the highest-end resources. There won't be problems with storing it. After dealing with these matters, Zhao Hai returned to the Space.

After carving for ten days straight, Zhao Hai's spirit has become highly fatigued. Even in his current strength, he couldn't help but feel tired. After returning to the Space, he relaxed in the hot springs first before sitting underneath the Hundred Spirits Tree and drinking some tea.

As he was relaxing, Zhao Hai also recalled the changes that happened to him. After completing the promise he made with everyone, the shackles on his soul have disappeared and his spiritual force has become purer than before. Most importantly, Zhao Hai could feel that there's something different in his soul, but he couldn't pinpoint what it was.

Zhao Hai's spiritual force has always existed in a crystal form. As he progressed, the silver crystal kept getting bigger and bigger. After this incident, there was a hint of gold on the crystal. Meanwhile, the crystal actually shrank. This doesn't mean that the faces on the crystal have become smaller, the size of the crystal had just reduced. At the same time, Zhao Hai felt that his spiritual crystal had become more solid.

Zhao Hai hasn't met this situation before, so he didn't know what it meant. He didn't even know what the golden part of the crystal could do.

Although Zhao Hai had a lot of Undead in the Space, most of them were below the immortal stage. Meanwhile, his immortal-level Undead didn't know what the golden spiritual force represented.

Even if Zhao Hai doesn't know the use of the golden spiritual force, he could feel that it wouldn't bring him any harm. He tried to move it somewhere and it followed just like any other spiritual force.

After resting for several days inside the Space, Zhao Hai walked out and inspected the Drinking Elephant Mountain. A permanent encampment has been built in the mountain. It wasn't a huge camp, but it could allow 100 thousand troops to be stationed all year round. This was also Zhao Hai's request. It wouldn't be suitable for the entire army to guard the monument all the time.

Chapter 1897: The Army Disbands

The troops of the Freedom Alliance Army are from different sects after all. Moreover, these people didn't have low status. Some of them were even core disciples of their sects. Naturally, it was impossible for them to always stay in the Freedom Alliance Army. Therefore, only a small number of troops were required to stay in Drinking Elephant Mountain.

Now that the monument has been built and the northern provinces have stabilized, it was time to disband the Freedom Alliance Army. If Zhao Hai keeps being in control of the army, the members of the alliance might not feel at ease.

Thinking that the army was about to be disbanded, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel melancholic. The army fought with him for quite some time. He was a bit reluctant to disband it.

Zhao Hai stood on the Hell King's Ship, watching the people of the army bustling about. He couldn't help but sigh. He was about to order everyone to gather around and announce the disbandment of the army when he suddenly felt the golden wisp of spiritual force inside him jump.

Zhao Hai stared. He didn't know what was going on. He thought that the golden spiritual force was just like the normal spiritual force. After using it in the past few days, he couldn't see what was different about it. But this time, it seems to have gone out of control.

While Zhao Hai was puzzled, he felt the beating of his spiritual force getting more and more intense. He wanted to keep it under control and found that it wasn't really rampaging. But as soon as his consciousness got in contact with this spiritual force, he immediately noticed that something was different.

Before Zhao Hai used his spiritual force, he felt that there's nothing different around him. But this time, upon touching the golden spiritual force, he felt another powerful spiritual force sweeping through him. This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised.

Zhao Hai let go of his control over the golden spiritual force and no longer felt anything special from the surroundings. Naturally, when he controlled the golden spiritual force once more, he felt the powerful spiritual force. But this time, the powerful spiritual force was some distance away from him.

Zhao Hai could feel that the powerful spiritual force was doing a scan, sweeping everyone it passed through.

Suddenly, Zhao Hai thought of something and his eyes began to shine. He felt the powerful spiritual force once again and saw that it was already very far from him. And before long, Zhao Hai could no longer sense it.

But this also affirmed Zhao Hai's thoughts. He believed that he ranked among the best in the Great Realm of Cultivation when it comes to spiritual force. Even immortal experts didn't have a purer spiritual force than him. His spiritual force was not only due to his cultivation method, it was also reinforced by some of his special abilities.

And now, there was a spiritual force that was so formidable that it was able to scan such a huge area.

Nobody in the Great Realm of Cultivation had a spiritual force as formidable as this. There was only one place where this kind of spiritual force would exist, and this was the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The Soaring Dragon Realm performs inspections every ten thousand years. It must be the controllers of the Soaring Dragon Realm that swept the Great Realm of Cultivation with their spiritual force. In this way, they would know the overall strength of the realm.

Moreover, such a strong spiritual force couldn't be discovered by the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation. Only Zhao Hai's golden spiritual force was able to detect it. Because of this, people of the Great Realm of Cultivation never knew when the inspection came.

Zhao Hai was now quite worried. The Great Realm of Cultivation's strength was greatly damaged. If the Great Realm of Cultivation fails the inspection, then that would be a huge loss.

Although Zhao Hai was worried, he also knew that he couldn't do anything about this matter. The decision simply wasn't in his hands. The qualification to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm was completely under the hands of the realm's controllers. Most importantly, it was impossible to win this manner through sentiment and hard work. The only criteria for the inspection was the realm's strength.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai sighed once more. Then he ordered, "Everyone, line up!"

Hearing Zhao Hai's order, the people of the army immediately got into formation. After scanning the troops, Zhao Hai said, "Brothers, it has been some time since the army has been established. These days, a lot of things have happened in the Great Realm of Cultivation. And now, the Freedom Alliance occupies four provinces. We can now see ourselves as equal to the nine super sects. By this point, the nine super sects wouldn't dare to attack the north without proper reason. Our purpose has been fulfilled. I think it's time for the army to disband.'

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the army immediately went into a buzz. Some of them did want to go back to their sects, but they were unwilling to disband the army. They liked fighting with Zhao Hai.

At this time, Li Kuangge cupped his fist towards Zhao Hai and said, "Commander, I oppose disbanding the army. The four northern provinces might have been pacified and the nine super sects have been driven off, but the enmity is still there. Maybe, at some point, the nine super sects would attack us once more. Because of this, we cannot disband the army."

The others followed, "Right, Army Commander, we cannot disband the army."

Zhao Hai waved his hand, stopping the rest from answering. He looked at everyone and said, "When I said that the army will be disbanded, I don't mean that the alliance would no longer have an army. The army currently has 7 million people. Meanwhile, we only need a few people to be stationed in Drinking Elephant Mountain. Most of you can go back to your sects. But this doesn't mean that you will no longer have anything to do with the army. Everyone needs to take a month every year to go back to Drinking Elephant Mountain for training. At the same time, the 100 thousand people in Drinking Elephant Mountain need to be rotated every two months. Do you understand now?"

Upon hearing this, everyone understood what Zhao Hai meant. They weren't opposed to this. The army would still be there and Zhao Hai would still be the commander. They would have a chance to fight with Zhao Hai in the future. That was enough for them.

Therefore, the people of the army replied, "Understood, Army Commander."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at everyone and then waved his hand. Jade slips began to fly towards the sect representatives. Then he said, "The jade slips in your hands marks when you will come into rotation. At the same time, it indicates when you need to train in the camp. When the time comes, the

representatives will take charge in bringing everyone back. If there's anyone missing, I will need an answer from you."

The sect representatives immediately nodded. Although Zhao Hai's words were somewhat impolite, these representatives were actually happy. The jade slips represented that they were still part of the army.

After the representatives received the jade slip, Zhao Hai said, "Return to your sects and cultivate. I want you all to remember, even if your sects have any enmity, you are all members of the Freedom Alliance Army. You are all brothers. If one is in trouble, everyone has to help. If your sects go into war, stay your hand and remember that you have brothers on the other side. If your sect blames you for this, tell them to come to me."

When the troops of the army heard this, they all loudly replied. They fully understood what Zhao Hai meant. Even if the troops returned to their respective sects, the Freedom Alliance Army still had its influence. Later on, if people want to deal with someone from the army, they would need to think through it properly. After all, Zhao Hai was still present. In the Great Realm of Cultivation, there wasn't anyone willing to offend him, this includes the nine super sects.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone's eyes and said, "Brothers, before you return to your sects, I want to let you know that it has been an honor knowing all of you. If you need my help, don't hesitate to go to the Black Tiger Gang and ask for me. I definitely wouldn't refuse. Alright, all of you can leave. The first group to be stationed in the mountain will stay."

Everyone was moved by Zhao Hai's words. Although Zhao Hai told everyone that they could leave, nobody left. At this time, on behalf of everyone, Li Kuangge cupped his fist and said, "Commander, on behalf of everyone, I want to tell you that the Freedom Alliance would be nothing without you. It is our honor to be your brothers and to fight beside you. We will always be your soldiers. As long as the Commander gives an order, we will go through fire and water to accomplish it."

The others followed up, "We will go through fire and water. We will never refuse!"

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and couldn't help but feel warm inside. He even had the urge to tear up. Fortunately, he was strong enough to endure his emotions. He laughed and said, "Alright. This Zhao Hai will never forget all of you. I want to drink with you all, but I don't have enough spirit wine with me. But I once got wine from the Hundred Flowers Valley. I'll pour all of the wine into the Jade Belt River and each of us will take a sip of the river's water. Let me offer all of you a cup!"

## Chapter 1898: Soaring Dragon Summons

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the people of the first army couldn't help but stare. Then they all laughed. Li Kuangge replied with a smile, "Alright, we'll listen to the army commander. We have seven million people here. I'm afraid one sip per person would dry up the Jade Belt River." Everyone laughed with him.

Zhao Hai also laughed. Then he moved and appeared above the Jade Belt River. He took out a jar of liquor and poured it into the river. After pouring a hundred jars, he stopped.

Naturally, it's impossible for all these jars to come from the Hundred Flowers Valley. A lot of them were created by the Space. If he really considered it, Zhao Hai could provide enough spirit wine for 7 million people. However, he cannot do that. Spirit wine was a valuable good. There's no way to explain if he took out a large quantity of it.

After pouring wine into the river, Zhao Hai took out one more wine jar and then flew towards the monument. He took out three cups and then filled them to the brim with wine. Then he looked at the monument and said, "Brothers, drink wine with us."

Li Kuangge followed beside Zhao Hai. Seeing Zhao Hai's actions, he couldn't help but be moved. In the Great World of Cultivation, people rarely paid respects to the dead. Only the clans would worship the dead, but it only involved their patriarchs and important elders. As for the ordinary people, nobody remembered them.

Zhao Hai paying tribute to those who died in the war moved Li Kuangge. Even if they died, they would still be remembered. He was happy for those who perished.

After paying respects to the monument, Zhao Hai and the others went to the Jade Belt River. After looking at the crowd, Zhao Hai said, "Brothers, before we part, let's drink together. Let's celebrate our brotherhood."

Everyone replied, "For our brotherhood!" Then everyone took out a jade cup and then cooped up some river water to drink. After putting their cups away, they cupped their fists before leaving. It was said that on that day, beasts on the Jade Belt River rushed out of the water like drunken madmen. This shocked the people of the nine super sects who were on the opposite side.

The people of the army knew that Zhao Hai wasn't a fussy person, so they left after drinking a cup of river water. It has been some time since they returned to their sects, they also wanted to see their fellow disciples. Only a hundred thousand people were left on Drinking Elephant Mountain to guard it. Li Kuangge was among the hundred thousand people who would be the first batch to guard the monument.

There was also no need for Zhao Hai to remain. He's the commander of the Freedom Alliance Army, so there's no need for him to guard. In any case, if anything happens to the army, he would be the first one to be informed.

After exchanging a few words with Li Kuangge, Zhao Hai returned to the Black Tiger Gang. The Black Tiger Gang's territory was now quite large. Now that Zhao Hai has pacified the entire north, the Black Tiger Gang's territory spanned until the Myriad Demons Realm's territory.

It must be known that the Black Tiger Gang and the Myriad Demons Sect were quite far from each other. A domain spanning such distance was certainly huge. The Black Tiger Gang's territory also included a huge section of the Green Plains Mountains. The Green Plains Mountains was the largest mountain range of the Northern Divergent Province. However, it was a place with a lot of dangerous and powerful beasts. Although it also contained a lot of plants and minerals, nobody was really able to conquer the mountain range. Even the Myriad Demons Sect only conquered a part of it. The small section they conquered was used as the sect's main hall.

The Black Tiger Gang now owns a large part of this mountain range as its territory. Naturally, the Black Tiger Gang used a lot of methods to exchange for its current territory. After all, the Black Tiger Gang and the Myriad Demons Realm were truly quite far from each other. If the sects in between didn't exchange their territory, the Black Tiger Gang would have no way to connect to their lands with the Myriad Demons Sect.

The place Zhao Hai returned to was still the Inferno Valley Base. With the four northern provinces conquered, the Black Tiger Gang officially became the leader of the Freedom Alliance.

After Zhao Hai appeared on the Black Tiger Gang, the person in charge of the transmission formation immediately ran over and cupped his fist before saying, "I have seen Martial Uncle Zhao. Martial Uncle, you're finally back."

Zhao Hai stared, he looked at the person and said “What’s wrong? Did something happen to the gang?”

The disciple stared, then he immediately realized that Zhao Hai misunderstood his greeting. He quickly shook his head and said, “There’s nothing wrong. The gang is very normal. But the gang leader has been busy lately because of the sect classification.”

Zhao Hai nodded, he looked at the disciple and then said, “Are you Zhang Lei from the Handyman Hall? Did you slack in your cultivation? Last time I saw you, you’re at the Foundation Establishment. Why did your cultivation remain stagnant?”

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Lei forced a smile and said, “Martial Uncle, I didn’t neglect my cultivation. But whenever I cultivate, for some reason my cultivation doesn’t increase. My spiritual qi increases very slowly.”

Zhao Hai nodded, then he said, “How long have you been watching the transmission formation?”

Zhang Lei replied, “Nearly three months. The mission I accepted is watching the transmission formation for three months. I’m almost done.”

Zhao Hai nodded, “After you’re done with this task, take a mission outside the sect. It’s best to go to the outskirts of the Green Plains Mountains. This will be very good for your progress. Cultivation isn’t staying inside every day. Because you haven’t tempered your spirit, your cultivation has become slow.”

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Lei couldn’t help but stare. Then he immediately bowed to Zhao Hai and said, “Thank you, Martial Uncle. We understand.”

Zhao Hai nodded, then he took out a potion and a jade token and then handed it over to Zhang Lei before saying, “This potion can help you recover your injuries in a short time. At the same time, it will restore your spiritual qi. The jade token will help you block one attack from a Nascent Soul Expert. Cultivate well and pay attention to safety.” After that, Zhao Hai patted Zhang Lei on the shoulder before leaving.

Zhao Hai did this a lot of times before. There were plenty of disciples who were aided by him. Because of this, the disciples of the Black Tiger Gang liked Zhao Hai a lot.

Zhang Lei stood in place with a look of excitement. It must be known that the mission for guarding the transmission formation has been snatched by him with the specific intention of meeting Zhao Hai and getting his guidance. Zhao Hai was famous for his generosity. Zhang Lei just didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so generous as to give him two things.

It was only when Zhao Hai's figure disappeared that Zhang Lei recovered. He quickly bowed in Zhao Hai's direction.

Before long, Zhao Hai arrived in Zhang Feng's study. Although the Black Tiger Gang obtained a large territory, including the headquarters of the Myriad Demons Sect, Zhang Feng's office remained the same. The Inferno Valley Base has become the root of the Black Tiger Gang. Although the base was underground and wasn't eye-catching, its combat strength was much more powerful compared to the headquarters of the Myriad Demons Sect.

There were also people taking charge of the Myriad Demons Sect's headquarters. The person leading them was Hu Liangchen. Fortunately, the Black Tiger Gang absorbed a lot of rogue cultivators before the Heavenly Demon invasion arrived. This allowed the sect to not worry about manpower. And with the addition of the Hundred Flowers Valley disciples, the Black Tiger Gang has enough people to manage its affairs.

After arriving inside Zhang Feng's room, Zhao Hai discovered that there were two inner disciples guarding the door.

When the guards saw Zhao Hai, they stared for a moment before their expressions lit up. Then they cupped their fists and said, "We have seen Martial Uncle Zhao Hai."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Is the Gang Leader in?"

One of the inner disciples replied, "The Gang Leader is almost always inside his room. He has a lot of matters to deal with." Just as he said this, Zhang Feng's voice was heard, "Little Hai is back? Let him in, quick." Zhao Hai nodded and then pushed the door open and entered.

Zhang Feng was currently holding a jade slip when Zhao Hai came in. Upon seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng waved his hand and said, "Come and sit. How is Drinking Elephant Mountain?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "It's done, don't worry. How about you? I heard that you have a lot of things to deal with."

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "Some sects aren't satisfied with their classifications, they want their class to be higher. It's a huge headache. I also received a jade sword message from Jian Wuya. He wants to make peace with us. He said that the Soaring Dragon Realm will soon come to evaluate. We need to make preparations."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Those nine super sects. If they aren't deceived by the Soaring Dragon Realm, then they're deceiving us. The evaluation of the Soaring Dragon Realm has already begun. I'm afraid it's even finished."

Zhang Feng stared. He put down the jade slip and said, "How did you know? I heard that nobody knows when they start and when they end."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I came to know by accident. Did the nine super sects say anything else? How do they want to make peace?"

Zhang Feng shook his head and said, "They didn't say much. But I can see that they're worried about the evaluation. Jian Wuya wants to enter a non-aggression pact with us. At the same time, they want to open transmission formations to both sides for trade. After all, there are resources unique to the north. There's also resources we need from the south. Neither of us can progress on our own."

Zhao Hai nodded, "We can agree to this. After all, we need to communicate with each other. As long as I'm here, they wouldn't dare mess around. And we'll also keep developing. There will come a time that the Freedom Alliance wouldn't be weaker than them even without me."

Zhang Feng nodded, "I wonder what the evaluation of the Soaring Dragon Realm will be. If we lose our qualifications to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, there would be a lot of trouble."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "This is something we cannot be certain about. We can only accept whatever result there is. The Heavenly Demons are truly stupid. The Great Realm of Cultivation and the Heavenly Demon Realm aren't the only ones that could enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. There are still other realms that could enter. Even if they win against us, their strength has also been greatly damaged."

They would no doubt lose their chance to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. I really don't know what they were thinking."

Zhang Feng sighed and said, "The attack of the Heavenly Demons isn't only to help them qualify for the Soaring Dragon Realm. It's also because of their hatred towards us. I heard that the reason the Heavenly Demon Realm got kicked out of the Soaring Dragon Realm was the invasion of the Great Realm of Cultivation. After that, the Great Realm of Cultivation replaced them in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Therefore, the Heavenly Demons used the invasion to retaliate against us. Fortunately, we have you. Otherwise, the qualifications of the Great Realm of Cultivation would be in danger."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "The nine super sects should know more about the Soaring Dragon Realm than we do. Senior Brother, should we use this opportunity to get information from them?"

Zhang Feng thought for a while and said, "The nine super sects are still wary of us. I think we should wait for a while. You have been out for so long, you should take a rest. I heard that you made a monument in Drinking Elephant Mountain. This will make us closer with the other sects."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "How is the Hundred Ghosts Sect? Did you go with what I suggested? I think we should support other weaker sects to balance out those who are already strong. Moreover, we could get the support of these sects, making our position in the alliance more solid."

Zhang Feng nodded, "We've already sent the resources to the Hundred Ghosts Sect. I heard that their sect master, Zhong Wuhun, has reached the immortal stage. However, he kept his position as sect master. Moreover, he wants to become eternal allies with the Black Tiger Gang."

Zhao Hai replied, "That's good. Our help didn't go in vain."

As Zhao Hai said that, a jade sword message appeared in front of Zhang Feng. Upon receiving the jade sword message, Zhang Feng scanned it with his spiritual force. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "It seems like the nine super sects don't know that the evaluation is done. They want us to send a representative because the Soaring Dragon Realm wants to meet the nine super sects and the Freedom Alliance."

Zhao Hai raised his brow and said, "The Soaring Dragon Realm knows about the Freedom Alliance? It seems like they're more formidable than I thought. Who do you think we should send?"

## Chapter 1899: Trial

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Naturally, we cannot lack in who to send. You obviously need to go. However, I can't accompany you. There's just too many matters that I need to deal with. I already discussed it with everyone in the alliance. You will go. The alliance will support all of your decisions."

Zhao Hai stared. He knew what this statement meant. This wasn't as simple as telling him that he would represent the Freedom Alliance. This meant that he didn't need to discuss the decisions that he had to make with the alliance.

In other words, no matter what Zhao Hai decides to do, the Freedom Alliance will be behind him. They were giving him the power to make decisions on behalf of the alliance.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. When do I have to go?"

Zhang Feng replied, "Three days later. In the main hall of the Heaven Sect."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Alright, then I'll go and take a rest. Three days later, I will head to the Heaven Sect." After he said that, Zhao Hai stood up, cupped his fist towards Zhang Feng, and then left.

Seeing Zhao Hai leaving, Zhang Feng couldn't help but smile. He held the jade slip once more and read its contents. He was confident in Zhao Hai. With him going to the Heaven Sect, there would definitely be no issues.

Moreover, the decision to give Zhao Hai the power to make a decision on behalf of the alliance wasn't suggested by Zhang Feng. Moreover, it wasn't the idea of one or two people. This was something that was proposed by the sect masters of the Freedom Alliance on their own initiative.

Zhao Hai didn't mind any of these. Three days was a short time. He plans to rest in this period of time. At the same time, he was curious about meeting the people from the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Three days passed in a blink of an eye. Zhao Hai was now on the Black Tiger Gang's transmission formation, heading towards the Heaven Sect. The Freedom Alliance has already replied to the proposal

of the nine super sects. For a short period, both sides wouldn't make a move against each other. Moreover, they began to trade with each other. Trading cities that were once closed were beginning to open.

Because of the agreement, Zhao Hai was able to use the transmission formation to head directly towards the Heaven Sect. This time, he was alone.

With a flash of white light, Zhao Hai appeared on the Heaven Sect's transmission formation. Seeing Zhao Hai, the disciple guarding the transmission formation stared before their complexion changed. But they immediately recovered and then stepped forward and gave a bow before saying, "I have seen Mister Zhao Hai. Mister, the sect master is already waiting for you."

Zhao Hai nodded and then he walked towards the main hall of the Heaven Sect. As soon as he left the transmission formation, a disciple of the Heaven Sect met him along the way and led him towards the hall.

Jian Wuya and the other sect masters were already inside the hall. When they saw Zhao Hai coming in, their expressions turned complicated. However, they quickly hid their reactions. Then Jian Wuya cupped his fist towards Zhao Hai and said, "I have seen Mister Zhao Hai. Mister, please have a seat."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he cupped his fist as well, "I have seen the sect masters." Then he took the last seat.

Seeing Zhao Hai's actions, Jian Wuya couldn't help but stare. But he quickly recovered. Then he said, "Three days ago, we received a message from the Soaring Dragon Realm's envoy. They told us that they would be announcing the results of the Great Realm of Cultivation's evaluation. But from what I can see, we're still qualified for the Soaring Dragon Realm. Because if we weren't, they wouldn't have sent someone."

Abbott Numu nodded and said, "I thought the same. However, it's a bit strange. I remember reading records of the sect about the Soaring Dragon Realm. Last time, the Soaring Dragon Realm immediately informed us that we qualified. A jade slip was sent to all sects in the realm introducing the Soaring Dragon Realm as well as the method to go there. There's no envoy. So why would they send someone this time? Did something go wrong?"

Hearing Abbott Numu, Jian Wuya and the others frowned. Then Gui Lingzi said, "I seem to recall the same thing. I read that the jade slip that the Soaring Dragon Realm sends needs to be recorded immediately because it would self-destruct. I haven't heard of the Soaring Dragon Realm sending an envoy."

The group frowned. They don't understand why the Soaring Dragon Realm did it this time. Naturally, there was a bit of worry in their hearts.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone, then he smiled faintly and said, "Why think so much about it. It means we still have a chance. If we lost our qualification, then they wouldn't have spared us a glance."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Jian Wuya and the others stared. Then they nodded their heads. If they were no longer allowed to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, they wouldn't have received word.

Jian Wuya looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, I know that we had some differences in the past. But the qualifications to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm is very important to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Therefore, I hope that you can work with us this time."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Of course. I'm also someone from the Great Realm of Cultivation. I would definitely help guarantee our entry into the Soaring Dragon Realm. If it wasn't for this, do you think I would be calmly sitting here?"

If someone else said this, Jian Wuya and the others would have been enraged. But since it was Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but calm themselves down. This was a testament to Zhao Hai's strength.

At this time, a powerful aura suddenly came from outside. This aura was the most powerful one Zhao Hai has ever felt. It was much stronger than immortal experts. In front of this aura, he felt like a kitten facing a tiger.

Jian Wuya took a deep breath and said, "Let's go meet the guest." Then he stood up and walked out with Zhao Hai and the others following behind him. This time, they didn't dare be neglectful.

Before long, the group arrived at the Heaven Sect's transmission formation plaza. At this time, a person was standing on a transmission formation. Upon seeing this person, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This was because he didn't expect the person's appearance to be like this.

The man was wearing warrior clothing and had a huge blade on his back. He had short hair and a red headband on his forehead. He wore leather boots on his feet. He looked like a valiant warrior.

The person looked about 30 years old. His skin was dark and his eyes were sharp. Looking at him was like looking at a mountain. One couldn't help but lower their heads in his presence.

Jian Wuya and the others were similarly shocked. They didn't think that the envoy from the Soaring Dragon Realm would look like this.

But fortunately for them, they were people who had seen a lot of things. So they immediately recovered from their shock. Jian Wuya cupped his fist and said, "Is mister the envoy from the Soaring Dragon Realm? This one is the Heaven Sect's sect master Jian Wuya."

When the others introduced themselves, the man just nodded. But when he saw Zhao Hai, the man had a playful look in his eyes.

After everyone introduced himself, the man said, "I'm called Lin Ling. I came here to inform you about your qualifications for the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Hearing Lin Ling, Jian Wuya and the others turned serious. They were originally planning to invite Lin Ling to the main hall before discussing. They didn't expect Lin Ling to get to the point immediately.

Lin Ling looked at everyone and said, "The Great Realm of Cultivation has lost a large part of its strength. You're originally qualified to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, but because of your loss of strength, you're on the verge of being disqualified. You need to undergo another assessment before you can enter the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Hearing Lin Ling, the hearts of Jian Wuya and the others sank. Then Jian Wuya asked, "May I ask what the assessment is?"

Lin Ling replied, "You're given two days to get someone under the immortal stage to participate on behalf of your realm. They will be sent to a trial in a special realm along with 1000 other participants. They won't only need to fight powerful beasts, they would also have to fight against other teams. There's no time limit to the trial. The last ten realm representatives to survive will be qualified to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. The others will lose their qualifications. I will return in two days." After he said that, the transmission formation flashed a white light and Lin Ling was no longer there.

Jian Wuya and the others couldn't help but stare at the transmission formation. Then they all turned their heads towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "Let's head back and talk."

Jian Wuya and the others also forced a smile. They were speechless. After everyone returned to the hall. Jian Wuya coughed lightly and then said, "This time, we can only trust Mister Zhao Hai to represent us."

Zhao Hai just nodded and said, "This relates to the entire realm. I'll definitely go. But I hope that you can coexist peacefully with the Freedom Alliance while I'm away. Is that fine?"

Jian Wuya nodded and said, "Mister can rest assured. This is the most important period for the Great Realm of Cultivation. For the sake of the Soaring Dragon Realm, everything else can be placed to the side."

Zhao Hai gave a nod, "That's good. I didn't expect there to be an assessment this time. A thousand realms. Hehe. It seems like the Soaring Dragon Realm has a lot of realms under them."

Jian Wuya looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, do you need to prepare anything? If you need anything, let us know. This is for the realm, so we will give you all of our support."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "I'll see you in two days." After he said that, he disappeared from the hall.

Chapter 1900: Forestsea Realm

Two days quickly passed by and Zhao Hai was once more inside the main hall of the Heaven Sect along with Jian Wuya and the others.

Although they don't want to acknowledge it, they have no choice but to recognize Zhao Hai as the strongest cultivator under the immortal stage. Even most immortal experts don't have the means to deal with him. Moreover, Zhao Hai has immortal-level Undead.

Because of this, Jian Wuya and the others didn't even think about it and decided to send Zhao Hai for the assessment of the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, the group relaxed. They were afraid that Zhao Hai wouldn't come. If Zhao Hai didn't go, then only their people would be sent to the trial. Although these people were disciples of their sects, they weren't confident that they would win without Zhao Hai.

Upon arriving at the main hall, Zhao Hai greeted Jian Wuya and the others. Jian Wuya looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, the Great Realm of Cultivation will have to depend on you for the trial."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Sect Master Jian can rest assured, I'll take care of it."

Jian Wuya nodded, then he said, "I've been thinking about this matter for two days. It is very likely that the Heavenly Demon Realm would also be among the people to participate in the trial. The Heavenly Demons aren't any weaker than us. If Mister sees them in the trial, I hope that you won't hold back in teaching them a lesson."

Zhao Hai nodded, but he didn't say anything. At this time, Lin Ling's powerful aura appeared once more. Zhao Hai and the others hastily walked out and headed towards the transmission formation plaza. Before long, they saw Lin Ling standing on the transmission formation.

The group cupped their fists and said, "We have seen Mister Lin Ling."

Lin Ling waved his hand and said, "Where's your representative? Have them come."

Zhao Hai took a step forward and then cupped his fist, "Mister Lin, this one will be participating in the trial."

Lin Ling looked at Zhao Hai and nodded, "Alright, let's go." Zhao Hai followed and stood beside Lin Ling in the transmission formation.

Lin Ling nodded towards Jian Wuya and the others before activating the transmission formation. After a flash of white light, Zhao Hai and Lin Ling vanished. From his arrival to departure, Lin Ling said very few words.

Looking at the empty transmission formation, Jian Wuya let out a long breath and said, "I hope it goes well."

Although Abbott Numu and the others have a grudge against Zhao Hai, they also hoped that Zhao Hai would succeed. This matter is very important for the Great Realm of Cultivation.

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Once he recovered from the flash of light, Zhao Hai could finally see where he ended up. He was inside a boundless forest. He could see birds flying as well as vague mountain shadows in the distance.

Lin Ling looked at Zhao Hai and said, "This is the location of the trial. It's called Forestsea Realm. It's about half as big as the Great Realm of Cultivation. Naturally, the realm isn't all forest. The trial has officially started. The others have already entered this realm. When there's only ten people left, we will come over and inform you that the trial is over. Of course, that is if you survive until the end." After he said that, Lin Ling disappeared.

Zhao Hai was stunned when he saw Lin Ling disappear. He could feel that Lin Ling used a transmission formation to leave, but there was no transmission formation present.

When he arrived at Forestsea Realm, he felt that something wasn't right. Instead of appearing in a transmission formation, he appeared in mid-air. Transmission formations needed foundation to be built on, which was mostly on the ground. Under normal circumstances, Zhao Hai should appear on the floor of the forest with a transmission formation under his feet.

However, this wasn't the case this time. He actually appeared in the air above the forest without a hint of a transmission formation around him. Then when Lin Ling disappeared, Zhao Hai could feel the space

fluctuate. Zhao Hai was sure that Lin Ling doesn't have a spatial ability because the fluctuation was the same one that transmission formations usually made.

Zhao Hai has the Space, so he could pretend to have a spatial ability using it. However, this doesn't mean that Zhao Hai doesn't have spatial abilities. In fact, in addition to his other abilities, he also absorbed spatial abilities from other people. He just rarely used them because the Space was more convenient to use.

There are a lot of inconveniences when using spatial abilities. Moreover, it requires a lot of spiritual force to use. Zhao Hai would rather not use them if he has the Space. Naturally, the Space itself has no offensive abilities. But among the myriad of spatial abilities, there's a spatial tearing ability that could cut almost anything. This ability cuts the space itself, so no matter how hard the target is, it would be cut into two.

Because Zhao Hai has experience with spatial abilities, he knew clearly what kinds of fluctuations these abilities made. He could differentiate whether the spatial fluctuation was caused by an ability or a transmission formation. Therefore, Zhao Hai was certain that Lin Ling used a transmission formation to leave.

Additionally, when Lin Ling left, there was no flash of white light. Lin Ling just disappeared in a blink of an eye.

Zhao Hai was stunned by this. It was an invisible transmission formation. It was as if it didn't exist at all. He wondered what kind of technique it was. Zhao Hai couldn't help but be more curious about the Soaring Dragon Realm.

At this time, the sound of humming could be heard. Zhao Hai turned his head to see that there was a dark cloud coming over from a distance. Seeing the dark cloud, Zhao Hai's expression changed. Then he immediately vanished.

Zhao Hai left because he knew what the dark cloud was. It was a swarm of beasts that looked like bees. However, these beasts were much more terrifying compared to bees. Their stingers could not only break through most shields, they could also release toxins. These bees were called Poison Dragon Bees.

Zhao Hai's Space also has Poison Dragon Bees. Therefore, he knew that he couldn't recklessly provoke a swarm of them. However, Zhao Hai was also quite curious. This realm might have beasts that he didn't know about. As for the plants, they look the same as those present in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Zhao Hai would need to spare some time to see if there were any differences. At this time, he doesn't want to fight with those Poison Dragon Bees, so he chose to leave immediately.

Zhao Hai couldn't enter the Space while being inside the Forestsea Realm. He was afraid that his actions would be detected by the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm. He knew that the people in charge of the Soaring Dragon Realm were powerful, and he was still unaware of their methods.

Take Lin Ling's disappearance for example. He has a method to teleport without a transmission formation. There's also the spiritual force that could scan an entire realm without being discovered. These were all methods that Zhao Hai didn't know. Until he has a grasp on these methods, Zhao Hai wouldn't enter the Space.

Zhao Hai flew for quite a distance to evade the Poison Dragon Bees. Then he went to the forest below. He heard Lin Ling say that the other participants were already in the realm. But the realm was half as large as the Great Realm of Cultivation. Zhao Hai doesn't know where the other participants were dropped off. Because of this, Zhao Hai planned to refrain from flying in the air unless necessary.

Although flying was faster, it would also expose you to the sun. This would make you more visible to both beasts and other participants. If the other party mounts a sneak attack, then the situation might become dangerous.

Zhao Hai never underestimated his enemies. Lin Ling mentioned that the forest contained a lot of powerful beasts. How powerful would these beasts be? Zhao Hai didn't know, so he didn't dare to be careless.

After restraining his aura, Zhao Hai carefully meandered through the forest. At the same time, he used silver needles to scan the area around him.

The realm was very big. Finding one of a thousand people in such a huge area was like looking for a needle in an ocean. Therefore, Zhao Hai wasn't actively looking for other people. Since there was no time limit, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious. The more anxious he was, the more mistakes he would make.

Although Zhao Hai was confident in his strength, he wouldn't dare be careless. Just in the Great Realm of Cultivation, he already saw a lot of people with special abilities. The trial involves 1000 realms of the same caliber as the Great Realm of Cultivation. The people they sent over wouldn't be weak.