Another World 1901

Chapter 1901: First Battle in the Forestsea Realm

As Zhao Hai was carefully moving forward, Laura and the others were collecting information about the surroundings while inside the Space. Lin Ling wasn't wrong, there were truly a lot of powerful beasts inside the realm. There were even beasts in the immortal level. If Zhao Hai didn't have silver needles, he would have already encountered them.

Surprisingly, Zhao Hai has yet to run into another person. It has been some time since he began moving around the forest, but he has yet to meet anyone. This caused him to be confused.

There were 1000 participants in the trial. Although it wasn't a lot, it wasn't little either. Moreover, these cultivators wouldn't be standing still. They would certainly move around as well.

Although these 1000 participants haven't reached the immortal stage, they were no doubt the top experts of their realms. They shouldn't be passive. But despite walking around the forest for several hours, Zhao Hai has yet to meet another participant.

However, this didn't stop Zhao Hai from moving forward. He didn't provoke any beasts either, this included the low-level beats. Although the realm shared some similarities with the Great Realm of Cultivation, there were still differences. Zhao Hai also collected plants along the way, and they seem to have different properties compared to those in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Because of the uncertainties, Zhao Hai didn't cause any disturbances. He didn't want any complications to happen before he was fully prepared. In any case, hunting beasts wasn't his goal. His goal was to be among the final ten people in the trial.

As Zhao Hai was thinking, Cai'er's voice was heard, "Young Master, there's another cultivator around a thousand li (500km) away. They look quite strong."

Zhao Hai stared, then he nodded and said, "Show me their image."

Cai'er complied and then a small projection appeared in front of Zhao Hai. Displayed on the projection was a person moving in the forest. From their movements, the person seems to be rich in experience. They also chose to move inside the forest and didn't fly in the air.

The person wasn't very tall. They had black hair and their skin was a bit yellow. They wore ordinary cultivator clothing and didn't look special at all. However, Zhao Hai could notice that the person was bringing two artifacts. One of which was a set of gloves.

Zhao Hai didn't know what the gloves were made of. It looks like it was made of black cotton and revealed the fingertips. Regardless, Zhao Hai was certain that this pair of gloves was a high-level artifact.

The other artifact was a pair of boots. They seemed to be made of leather and didn't look eye-catching. However, Zhao Hai could see that whenever the boots touched the ground, it would produce wind that erased all traces. It was certainly a high-level artifact.

Zhao Hai could also see that although the person wasn't tall and their body didn't look strong, there was a sheen on their skin. Zhao Hai was certain that they practice a powerful body cultivation method.

Zhao Hai hesitated for a moment before heading towards the person. The trial involved killing other people. If you encounter someone, you need to kill them.

As Zhao Hai approached the person, he was also monitoring their actions. This person seems to have not encountered a battle before. There were no traces of battle on his body. It was clear that they had been very careful.

Zhao Hai could also feel a strong killing aura on this person. He was clear that this person wasn't a good person in their realm. However, this has no relationship with Zhao Hai. All he wanted right now was to turn this person into an Undead.

As the two approached each other, the other party didn't notice Zhao Hai until they were ten kilometers from each other. When he noticed Zhao Hai, the person's expression couldn't help but turn nervous. However, they didn't stop and continued heading towards Zhao Hai. At the same time, a murderous look flashed in their eyes.

Seeing the enemy's reaction, Zhao Hai smiled. It seems like the Forestsea Realm was about to become a bloody battlefield. Everyone present has a reason to survive.

Zhao Hai didn't change his direction and continued going forward. Both sides were already aware of each other but neither changed directions. It was clear that they wanted each other dead.

Before long the two were less than two li away from each other. Zhao Hai didn't say anything and just flew in the air, revealing himself.

The body cultivator didn't expect Zhao Hai to do that. But he immediately understood what Zhao Hai wanted to do. Even though the forest was relatively quiet, making a huge noise would only attract beasts.

But if they were in mid-air, they would make less of a disturbance even if they make a noise. Their fight wouldn't destroy a lot of trees and the sound would be easily dissipated.

Thinking of this, the person also flew up. The two looked at each other. Zhao Hai didn't say anything. But he released his dao avatar and then sent a fist towards the enemy.

The other party also didn't waste any breath. He released his dao avatar as well and threw a fist towards Zhao Hai.

The two exchanged a few moves to test the opponent's strength. Speaking of strength, Zhao Hai was much stronger than the other party. His ability was also very good. He could destroy the enemy in a very short time.

Zhao Hai also discovered that although the other party was at a disadvantage, he was still very calm. It was clear that he has yet to go all out. He still has cards left to play. This caused Zhao Hai to be somewhat curious. He wanted to know what other methods the enemy had.

The two exchanged for about a hundred moves. The other party was certainly falling behind to the point of being reduced to defending. The person's face became more and more serious. After the hundredth move, he suddenly shouted. Then a sword flew out of his mouth and aimed straight towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately understood that this sword was a life source artifact. This person usually fought using his fists, but when he was about to lose, he would suddenly release his sword to attack the enemy. This would catch the enemy off-guard.

Moreover, this person loudly shouted before using his life source weapon. This wasn't the first time he shouted throughout the exchange. In fact, he has been shouting from the start of the battle. Therefore, shouting right now wouldn't seem special. And with how he was in close combat with Zhao Hai, the surprise attack would definitely have a good effect.

Unfortunately, this person was facing Zhao Hai. As soon as the sword reached Zhao Hai, a small shield suddenly appeared. A sound was heard as the sword was blocked.

The person didn't expect his surprise attack to be blocked. As he was stunned, a sword appeared at his back and stabbed into his body. Then the sword twisted, crushing the heart.

The person vomited blood as he looked at Zhao Hai in shock. Zhao Hai just smiled at him. Then he waved his hand and retrieved his sword. The man's eyes slowly lost their light before they fell down. Then they were covered by a black gas before disappearing. Zhao Hai also disappeared.

Not long after Zhao Hai vanished, beasts began to concentrate on the scene of the battle. After investigating the location for some time, the beasts left to scour the surroundings.

The movements of the beasts were also seen by Zhao Hai. Even if the body cultivator didn't use his life source weapon, Zhao Hai would still kill him. He didn't want to get the attention of the beasts. These beasts were at the immortal-stage, they were all very powerful.

This doesn't mean that Zhao Hai was afraid of the beasts. However, one of his goals was to inspect the realm. He doesn't have the time to get in trouble with the beasts. Moreover, he doesn't want to make too many moves under the gaze of the Soaring Dragon Realm's people.

Lin Ling said before that when there are only 10 people left, the trial would be over. This meant that the participants were under surveillance while being inside the Forestsea Realm.

Zhao Hai has a lot of secrets that he wanted to keep hidden. He was certain that even the people in charge of the Soaring Dragon Realm would be greedy if they found out about the Space. This was because the Space was just too heaven-defying.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai still has the Vermillion Bird Seal as a cover. However, if he used the Space's abilities frequently, there might be a chance that it would be discovered by Lin Ling and the others. Therefore, Zhao Hai decided to swiftly finish his battle with the body cultivator.

As for turning the body cultivator into Undead, Zhao Hai wasn't worried about it. This was because Zhao Hai was already known to use Undead in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

After Zhao Hai killed his enemy, he immediately returned to hide in the forest. At the same time, he hid his aura and stayed still. He also used his wood-element ability to integrate into a huge tree. Even immortal experts wouldn't be able to find him.

It took a while before the immortal level beasts retreated. These beasts didn't fight among themselves. They didn't speak but they seemed to use spiritual force to communicate. Zhao Hai didn't know what they talked about, but it seems like these beasts were territorial. Unless necessary, they wouldn't go into fights.

It was only after the beasts left that Zhao Hai moved. He carefully left his hiding place and then went further into the forest. By seeing the actions of the immortal-level beasts, Zhao Hai knew that he had overestimated their intelligence.

Liquid silver continued to scan the surrounding area. Unfortunately, besides the body cultivator, Zhao Hai didn't meet another participant.

The skies slowly turned dark. No matter which realm, beasts would still keep their nature. Beasts generally became more active at night, the same was true for the beasts in the Forestsea Realm. When night came, Zhao Hai immediately felt the forest around him wake up. Beasts began to come out to hunt. This also made it more difficult for Zhao Hai and the others to move at night.

Seeing the situation around him, Zhao Hai decided to take a rest. In any case, he wasn't in a hurry. He glanced around and appeared in front of a tree. Then a faint green light appeared on his body as he slowly entered the tree.

After Zhao Hai integrated into the tree, he felt that he himself had become a tree. He could feel the roots of the tree absorbing the spiritual qi of the ground. He could also sense the leaves releasing spiritual qi into the air.

The tree absorbs spiritual qi but also releases spiritual qi into the air. It seems to be channeling the qi of the surroundings and circulates it, not absorbing any of it. However, Zhao Hai could feel that the tree contained a lot of spiritual qi that circulates in a strange pattern. Perhaps this was the tree's method of cultivation.

Sensing the flow of spiritual qi throughout the tree, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh at the mysteries of creation. The cultivation method of the tree was different compared to cultivators. Cultivators use ores to create weapons and harvest plants to make pills. It was an act of always taking. It could be considered as going against heaven's will.

On the other hand, the tree not only takes, it gives as well. It absorbs spiritual qi but releases some of it back. This achieves a balance of spiritual qi between absorption and release. It was compliant to the rules of the world. It was a complete opposite of the selfish way that cultivators cultivate.

After sensing the cultivation method of the tree, Zhao Hai was somewhat confused. He seemed to recall treants (tree demons) existing in the Great Realm of Cultivation. According to what Zhao Hai knew, with the amount of spiritual qi inside the tree, it should have become sentient a long time ago. And yet, it remained as a tree.

Chapter 1902: Earth-element Ability

This was the first time that Zhao Hai used his wood-element ability to comprehend the cultivation method of a tree. It felt very strange. Just as Zhao Hai wanted to comprehend more, he heard Cai'er's voice, "Young Master, you've been in the tree for three days. Do you want to seclude? If so, you can to go the Space."

Zhao Hai stared for a moment. When he recovered, he asked, "Three days? How could it be three days? It's only been an hour since I entered the tree."

Cai'er replied, "It's been three days. When you entered the tree, it seemed like your thinking process slowed down. I thought something happened to you. But there were no changes to the Space. I only called you when your thinking returned to normal."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but be stunned. He didn't expect this to happen. As he was confused, he asked, "You said my thinking has slowed down. What happened? I feel completely normal."

At this time, Laura answered, "Brother Hai, did you do anything that could slow down your thoughts?" Laura's tone was somewhat anxious. This was because they didn't know why Zhao Hai's thoughts suddenly turned sluggish. It wouldn't be good if they couldn't see what it was.

As Zhao Hai thought about it, he said, "I didn't do anything special. I only used my wood-element ability to enter the tree. Then I began to sense how the tree cultivators. Other than that, I did nothing."

Laura frowned. Then she left the villa and went to the Universal Scanner and ordered, "Analyze Brother Hai's situation. See if there are any problems."

The Universal Scanner lit up several times before a prompt was heard, "Host has no issues. The reason for the Host's thinking becoming slow is his integration to the tree. There's no need to worry."

Hearing the scanner, Laura was relieved. Then she told Zhao Hai, "Brother Hai, it seems to be caused by you integrating into the senses of the tree. This warped your perception and made your thinking slow. This explains why you thought that it was normal when it wasn't."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he moved and came out of the tree. It was now daytime. Zhao Hai also understood the difference between tree demons and ordinary trees. It should be their thinking speed.

Tree demons were like people, so their thinking speed was naturally the same. However, trees weren't. They think very slowly to the point of being unbearable. Zhao Hai thought that he was only inside the tree for an hour when in reality he had stayed inside for three days.

Why tree demons were able to think as quickly as people, Zhao Hai doesn't know. He has no intentions of knowing either. He didn't come to the Forestsea Realm to study this topic.

After Zhao Hai left the huge tree, he immediately called Cai'er, "Cai'er, what's the current situation?"

Cai'er smiled and said, "Young Master can rest assured. We've already discovered several hundred participants. We also have a grasp of their locations. As for the rest, it's highly probable that they were already killed."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Continue monitoring their location. I have already rested for three days. It's time to find these people."

Cai'er complied as a projection appeared in front of Zhao Hai. The projection was a map of the Forestsea Realm. There were red dots on certain areas of the map. Naturally, these red dots were the participants of the trial.

Zhao Hai wasn't afraid that the projection would be seen by the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm. This was because the projection was a spirit projection, only Zhao Hai could see it.

Having a projection was different from using the Space. When Zhao Hai uses the Space, it would produce an unusual fluctuation. If he used it too many times, the secret of the Space might be discovered by curious individuals. Meanwhile, a projection uses spiritual force. Other people couldn't see it. People would only think that Zhao Hai was using a spiritual force technique. They wouldn't pay special attention to it.

Zhao Hai looked at the projection and found the cultivator nearest to him. With a flash, he moved quickly towards his target. Zhao Hai now understood why there were still a lot of cultivators present even though three days had passed. Everyone was just too far away from each other. It was difficult to meet in a short period of time.

However, this wasn't difficult for Zhao Hai. He knew where everyone was. He could hunt them down whenever he liked.

As he caught up with his target, Zhao Hai called Cai'er, "Cai'er, how is the Freedom Alliance doing? Did the nine super sects do something?"

Cai'er shook her head and said, "Nothing happened. The Freedom Alliance is still doing well. The nine super sects didn't make any unnecessary actions. Before any information about you comes back, they won't make any moves."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "That's good. It seems like the nine super sects are fulfilling their promise." As he said that, Zhao Hai changed his route. He kept meandering through his path to avoid the beasts. Meeting beasts would slow him down.

After two hours, Zhao Hai finally met the target. The opposite party also detected Zhao Hai. Neither chose to leave. This was because both knew that the only way they would leave this realm was to kill other people. And only then can their realms enter the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Zhao Hai didn't use all of his strength in the battle. It took him nearly half an hour before finishing his opponent. After killing his target, Zhao Hai immediately left to look for the next.

In one day, Zhao Hai was able to hunt down ten cultivators. When it became dark, Zhao Hai hid inside a tree once more. But this time, he didn't dare mix his thoughts with the tree. It wouldn't be good if he was out for three days once more.

Although the forest had a lot of beasts, these beasts wouldn't topple down trees for no reason. Therefore, it was safest to stay inside trees when night came.

The next morning, Zhao Hai came out of the tree and looked at the map. He discovered that more than ten cultivators died the night before. It was clear that they had been hunted down by the realm's beasts.

Zhao Hai didn't care about their loss as he moved towards his target. For the next seven days, this has been Zhao Hai's routine. He would hunt people down during the day and then he would hide inside a tree when night comes. He had no plans of entering the Space. This was because his golden spiritual force would act up once in a while, informing Zhao Hai that the realm was being consistently swept by a strong spiritual force.

Seven days pass by and the cultivators inside the Forestsea Realm have reduced to less than a hundred. However, those who were left couldn't be underestimated. All of them were roughly equal to Zhao Hai in cultivation. They were at the peak of the Transcending Tribulation Stage. There were even some who held the strength equivalent to an Immortal Stage expert. There were also people who held powerful artifacts as well as unique skills. To be able to survive inside the Forestsea Realm for ten days meant that they didn't rely on their luck.

On the eleventh day that Zhao Hai arrived in the Forestsea Realm, Zhao Hai pursued another target. However, this target was different. Others would roam the forest constantly to look for enemies. Meanwhile, this person continued to stay in place. This person was currently on a mountain. Moreover, it was one of the few treeless mountains in the Forestsea Realm.

The entire mountain was full of rocks. There might be weeds growing on it, but there were no trees at all. This person stayed on this mountain for ten straight days.

Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't underestimate his enemy's strength just because they didn't leave the mountain. This person not only killed four cultivators who arrived at the mountain, he also wounded five immortal-level beasts. In his hand was a greatsword with powerful strength. Although he has yet to arrive at the immortal stage, Zhao Hai felt that with his greatsword, the person has the same fighting strength as an immortal stage expert.

The person with the greatsword was Zhao Hai's target this time. Before long, Zhao Hai arrived at the rocky mountain. He used his spiritual force to scan the mountain but was unable to detect anyone. This caused Zhao Hai to be shocked.

The Space's map clearly showed that the cultivator was still on the mountain. However, Zhao Hai's spiritual force failed to sense the other party.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately rush up the mountain to understand what was going on. He stood quietly outside and continued to sweep it with his spiritual force. However, despite numerous attempts, he didn't find anything. This caused Zhao Hai's frown to be deeper. The longer this went on, the more Zhao Hai understood how those cultivators and immortal beasts were defeated by the person on the mountain. He couldn't be found at all. He would have the initiative to attack. With this kind of stealth and strength, it wouldn't be impossible to kill or injure an immortal expert.

But why can't he be found? This caused Zhao Hai to be confused. Then Zhao Hai's eyes lit up when he realized something. The only explanation why the other party couldn't be detected was because they have a divergent ability.

No mistake, it was a special ability. Like Zhao Hai's ability to disappear into a tree to escape the beasts, this cultivator should have an earth-element ability that allows him to disappear in the mountain. And with the properties of the mountain, it was the most suitable location for him to hide in. This explains why he stayed in the mountain for the last ten days. This was the best battlefield for him.

However, without using the Space, how could he find the earth-element ability user? Zhao Hai couldn't help but frown.

Chapter 1903: Breakthrough In Battle

Zhao Hai frowned as he looked at the mountain. He was an ability user, so he understood that abilities had nothing to do with the owner's cultivation. It was built onto the user's body. The ability would only become stronger the more the user utilizes it.

It was precisely because they were born with the ability that ability users were very hard to deal with. Although Zhao Hai could find that person using the Space, he wanted to find other ways to solve the problem.

After thinking for some time, Zhao Hai still couldn't find other methods to deal with that cultivator. He couldn't help but sight. It seems like it wouldn't be easy to find that person without using the Space. As he thought of that, Zhao Hai headed towards the mountain.

As he walked up the mountain, Zhao Hai used his golden spiritual force to see if the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm were paying attention to him.

It has to be recognized that the golden spiritual force was very powerful. Zhao Hai already used the golden spiritual force multiple times. However, it didn't decrease at all. It maintained itself and even seemed to become more solid than before.

When the golden spiritual force appeared inside him, it was in the form of a golden mist. But now, the golden spiritual force had traces of becoming a golden thread. This was out of Zhao Hai's expectations.

Once in a while, Zhao Hai would use the golden spiritual force to see if the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm were monitoring him. This has become Zhao Hai's habit. Therefore, while he was walking up the mountain, he used the golden spiritual force to see if he was being monitored.

But to Zhao Hai's surprise, as he used the golden spiritual force, he immediately felt a very obscure trace of spiritual force on the mountain. Zhao Hai was stunned for a moment before he understood. This faint spiritual force should belong to the greatsword-wielding cultivator.

This discovery caused Zhao Hai to be happy. He didn't expect his golden spiritual force to be so formidable. He spent half a day thinking how to deal with the enemy's ability only to come up with nothing. Seeing the golden spiritual force working was truly a surprise.

However, Zhao Hai didn't show his surprise on his face. He continued to move up the mountain. In the eyes of other people, Zhao Hai would seem cautious as he trekked up the mountain. It seems like he was afraid of being attacked.

As Zhao Hai walked forward, he was also paying attention to the location of the target. He was now getting closer and closer to the cultivator. The distance between the two was now less than two li (1 km).

Zhao Hai continued to pretend that he hadn't discovered the other party. It didn't take long for Zhao Hai to close the distance of two li. Now, Zhao Hai and the target were less than a hundred meters apart. But Zhao Hai knew that this wasn't the best distance to attack. Although nobody survived going up the mountain, the cultivator should be aware that those who survived for more than 10 days weren't easy to deal with. A distance of 100 meters wasn't a lot for cultivators, but it was enough for them to react to any situation. Therefore, the hidden cultivator didn't make a move.

Zhao Hai continued to move forward. 90 meters, 80 meters, 70 meters..... When Zhao Hai was about 30 meters away, the person finally made a move. Zhao Hai felt the earth element around him move before his body became very heavy.

Shortly after that, Zhao Hai saw a person holding a greatsword slashing towards him. This person was wearing yellow clothing and was quite big. He was about two meters tall and had the build of a gladiator. In his hands was a greatsword about 2 meters long. It was purple and was made of an unknown material.

Seeing the person appear, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh as he said, "I have been waiting for you." After he said that, Zhao Hai lit up with yellow light. Then a yellow glaive appeared in his hand. The glaive was quite huge. It was more than 4 meters long. Zhao Hai hoisted the glaive up and then slashed down towards the other party. It was as if the change of gravity didn't affect him at all.

As soon as the person heard Zhao Hai, he knew that the situation wasn't going as well as he hoped. Seeing Zhao Hai's glaive, he immediately shouted as he redirected his slash to block the glaive.

Dang! After a large bang, the greatsword got in contact with Zhao Hai's glaive. However, the cultivator was thrown back by Zhao Hai. At the same time, Zhao Hai was very surprised. It must be known that Zhao Hai wasn't physically weak. He even gained a giant's strength from subduing Heavenly Demons. Even if Zhao Hai doesn't use any techniques, his own strength was something that ordinary transcending tribulation experts couldn't block.

However, the target actually blocked his attack. Although the enemy was still knocked back, Zhao Hai knew that the enemy wasn't injured at all.

Despite his surprise, Zhao Hai didn't stop. He continued to wield his glaive as he released his killing intent. Zhao Hai also felt a powerful spiritual force locking onto him. This meant that the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm were looking at the battle.

The target flew back using his earth-element ability. Then huge rocks shot up from the ground and shot towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai laughed. He waved his glaive and released a blade qi. All of the rocks were smashed by the blade qi. Then Zhao Hai charged towards the enemy once more.

At this time, after dispersing Zhao Hai's attack, the cultivator also charged towards Zhao Hai.

It has to be recognized that Zhao Hai's enemy was very strong. This strength wasn't from his techniques, nor was it due to the greatsword. Instead, it was because of the unity between his divergent ability and attacks.

This person doesn't have a dao avatar, but his attacks were much stronger than cultivators with dao avatars. This was because the person's earth-element ability as well as techniques were perfectly united. The ability could even change the gravity around the cultivator as well as produce a shield. The

ability's nature also caused the cultivator's movements to be very strange. If the opponent wasn't Zhao Hai, then the enemy's tempo would have already been disrupted.

Zhao Hai wasn't anxious to kill his enemy. To be honest, Zhao Hai didn't use his special abilities much in the past. He was just too strong that there wasn't any need to change his methods. Even the techniques that he created for himself only contained very few aspects of his special abilities.

But now, Zhao Hai was able to see a person having an ingenious way to use their special ability. Because of this, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious to finish the battle. He wanted to study the enemy's methods to gain experience.

On the other hand, Zhao Hai's opponent became more frightened the more he fought Zhao Hai. He didn't expect to meet someone like Zhao Hai.

However, the cultivator didn't give up. He knew that giving up means that he would be killed. Therefore, he didn't stop and attacked with all of his strength. He wanted to defeat Zhao Hai as soon as possible.

Zhao Hai also noticed that his enemy's attacks had become more and more powerful. Although the moves were fiercer, they didn't become chaotic. Zhao Hai couldn't help but commend his enemy's prowess in battle.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt the aura of his enemy undergoing an unexpected change. The aura continued to rise as the attacks increased in strength. After attacking ten times, the attack has reached another level of strength. Zhao Hai's opponent couldn't help but fall back and laugh. As he held his greatsword, he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I didn't think that I would break through. Hahaha. I have to thank you. If it weren't for our battle, I wouldn't have been able to advance. Because of you, I have reached the immortal stage. You will be the first person I kill after entering the immortal stage. You should feel honored."

Zhao Hai propped his glaive up as he looked at his opponent. Then he smiled faintly and said, "Good. I didn't expect our fight to cause you to break through. But even if you have reached the immortal stage, it would still be impossible for you to kill me. Especially now that you have just advanced. You still need to stabilize your strength. It should be you who should be careful. I don't want you to die just after breaking through."

The person coldly snorted and said, "Arrogant. You will pay for your ignorance!" Then he waved his greatsword and slashed towards Zhao Hai.

This time, Zhao Hai received his large glaive and replaced it with a blade that he was familiar with. At the same time, he used the Seven Demon Killing Blades along with his Cosmos Technique.

The other party soon discovered that he couldn't do anything to Zhao Hai. Although his strength has undergone a transformation, Zhao Hai showed that he wasn't weak. He found that it was impossible for him to kill Zhao Hai.

The two fought for an hour without any signs of ending. At this time, both combatants felt powerful spiritual forces targeted towards them. Both knew that their battle had alarmed the beasts of the surrounding area. These immortal-level beasts were going to come over to see what's happening.

Thinking of this, the expression of the two couldn't help but change. They didn't want to meet any of these beasts. Fighting these beasts wouldn't bring any benefits.

Zhao Hai looked at his enemy before jumping back. After receiving his blade, he said, "This one is called Zhao Hai from the Great Realm of Cultivation. What's your name? We'll resume this battle once we reach the Soaring Dragon Realm."

As soon as the cultivator heard Zhao Hai, he couldn't help but laugh. Then he replied, "Alright, as long as we both survive and go to the Soaring Dragon Realm, we'll continue this battle. This one is Tu Qian from the Dragon Soul Realm!"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Good." Then after he said that, his body disappeared. At the same time, Tu Qian's body sank into the rocky mountain.

Chapter 1904: Leaving Opponents

Three days after Zhao Hai and Tu Qian fought, Zhao Hai was flying in the air. He dared to do so because he knew that the trial had ended. A cultivator had just been besieged to death by several immortalstage beasts. Now there are only ten cultivators left. Along with Zhao Hai and Tu Qian, there was someone that Zhao Hai had a connection with. Although he didn't know who it was, he was familiar with this person's realm. It was someone from the Heavenly Demon Realm. Zhao Hai didn't hunt this person down like what Jian Wuya said. In fact, he cared about leaving this Heavenly Demon behind.

The reason the Heavenly Demon Realm attacked the Great Realm of Cultivation was because they wanted to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. Zhao Hai left this Heavenly Demon behind so that they could enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. This would reduce the Heavenly Demon Realm's inclinations to invade the Great Realm of Cultivation. Most importantly, this would also provide enemies to the immortal experts of the Great Realm of Cultivation in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Only in having a rival would one progress.

Sure enough, as Zhao Hai flew, he heard a voice, "Everyone, pay attention. The trial is over. Everyone, pay attention. The trial is over."

Following this announcement, the remaining cultivators also flew out from the forest or the mountains. As soon as they flew up, a person appeared beside them. Naturally, these people were from the Soaring Dragon Realm. Lin Ling was the person who appeared beside Zhao Hai.

When Lin Ling appeared beside Zhao Hai, he looked at Zhao Hai and nodded, "Let's go." Then the two vanished after a flash of white light. The next moment, Zhao Hai and Lin Ling appeared in the Heaven Sect's transmission formation plaza.

When the two people arrived, Jian Wuya and the others immediately rushed towards them. When they saw Zhao Hai standing beside Lin Ling, there was a huge smile on their faces.

Jian Wuya cupped their fist and said, "We have seen Mister Lin Ling."

Lin Ling nodded and said, "The Great Realm of Cultivation is qualified to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. With a wave of his hand, Lin Ling took out ten jade slips and handed them over to Zhao Hai and the others. Then Lin Ling gave Zhao Hai another look before he vanished from sight.

Zhao Hai felt that Lin Ling's gaze held some approval towards him. However, he hid it from the others.

After Lin Ling left, Jian Wuya immediately looked at Zhao Hai and laughed, "We'll have to thank Mister Zhao Hai this time. Mister, please." Zhao Hai nodded and then followed the others to the main hall of the Heaven Sect.

When the group had settled down in the hall of the Heaven Sect, Jian Wuya looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, did you meet the representative of the Heavenly Demon Realm?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "No. The location of the trial has a very large area. It isn't any smaller than the Northern Provinces. Even if there are a thousand people thrown in, it's not very easy to find other people. Meeting beasts is more likely than meeting other cultivators. I reckon most of the deaths are caused by the realm's beasts. I don't even know the other survivors."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Jian Wuya and the others nodded. They could imagine how Zhao Hai spent the past few days. To be honest, if they replaced Zhao Hai, they couldn't guarantee that they would come back alive.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't tell them the truth. Even if they were being polite, he could feel that they have a hint of hostility towards him. Also, after his return from the Forestsea Realm, their brief alliance is done. It was normal for the nine super sect leaders to have such a reaction.

At this time, Abbott Numu looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, how many cultivators did you meet? How strong are they?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I met ten cultivators. They're quite strong. But all of them died under my hand."

Abbott Numu nodded. He has no suspicions regarding Zhao Hai's strength. He believes that Zhao Hai could contend even against immortal experts.

Zhao Hai looked at the nine sect masters. Then he stood up and said, "Now that the trial is done. It's time for me to leave. Thanks for honoring our agreement to not attack the Freedom Alliance." After he said that, he cupped his fist to everyone and then disappeared.

When Zhao Hai disappeared, the sect masters seemed to have lost interest in talking. After a while, Jian Wuya sighed and said, "Although Zhao Hai went to the trial, it seems like he has left some things behind

in the Freedom Alliance. All of you should head back. As long as Zhao Hai exists, the nine super sects will never be free from facing the Freedom Alliance."

Hearing Jian Wuya, the other sect masters couldn't help but sigh. They knew that Jian Wuya was right. As long as Zhao Hai is present, they wouldn't have a way to deal with the Freedom Alliance.

Zhao Hai didn't care what these sect masters were talking about. He was now back in the Black Tiger Gang. The sect was currently peaceful. Although everyone was aware that Zhao Hai was participating in a trial on behalf of the Great Realm of Cultivation, nobody was worried. Naturally, this wasn't because Zhao Hai was unpopular, it was because they had absolute confidence in him. They knew that Zhao Hai would be fine. They believed that he would pass the trial and then safely return.

When Zhao Hai returned to the Black Tiger Gang, he was met by cheers. Although they weren't worried about Zhao Hai, they knew that his return meant that the Great Realm of Cultivation had kept its qualifications to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. This was good news for the realm.

In the past, because of the nine super sects, a lot of sect masters didn't know about the existence of the Soaring Dragon Realm. But after the invasion of the Heavenly Demons, everyone became aware of the realm's existence.

Since everyone knows about the Soaring Dragon Realm, they were naturally happy to see that the Great Realm of Cultivation could enter it.

Zhao Hai greeted everyone before going to see Zhang Feng in his study. Zhang Feng was still busy. Although the Freedom Alliance was on the right track, there were still a lot of things he needed to deal with.

When Zhao Hai pushed the door of Zhang Feng's study, Zhang Feng was standing up and about to leave. Seeing Zhang Feng, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He asked, "Senior Brother, are you heading out?"

Zhang Feng laughed and said, "Oh, I was about to go out and meet you. I didn't expect you to come over this soon. Come, come. Take a seat. Tell me about the trial."

Zhao Hai smiled and took a seat. Then he told Zhang Feng about the trial. He also mentioned that he didn't kill the representative of the Heavenly Demon Realm.

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng couldn't help but knit his brows as he said, "You didn't kill the representative of the Heavenly Demon Realm? So the Heavenly Demon Realm is also entering the Soaring Dragon Realm? This means that we'll have an enemy there. How could this be good?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's not. But if we don't let the Heavenly Demons enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, I'm afraid they will invade the Great Realm of Cultivation once more. On the other hand, if they enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, they won't be as united as they are now. They will definitely fight among themselves. This would reduce any chances of them invading us. And any battles they carry against us will happen in the Soaring Dragon Realm. And with the nature of the Soaring Dragon Realm, the Heavenly Demons wouldn't be able to attack us with all their strength. Even if we go to the Soaring Dragon Realm, nothing will happen to us. This would solve our problem with the Heavenly Demons."

Hearing Zhao Hai's thoughts, Zhang Feng felt that it was reasonable. Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng and added, "Moreover, there's a benefit to having the Heavenly Demons enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. The Heavenly Demons will provide our people in the Soaring Dragon Realm with pressure. Only in this way can we progress and get a chance to attract the attention of the higher realms. This is also the reason why I left the nine super sects alone. We need pressure to be motivated to move forward. The disciples of the Black Tiger Gang have to strive to improve, not become arrogant idiots like the disciples of the nine super sects."

Zhang Feng walked back and forth as he analyzed Zhao Hai's words. To be honest, he was only thinking of improving the position of the Black Tiger Gang. He wanted to gain more benefits for the sect. He hasn't thought of leaving an opponent for the Black Tiger Gang.

What Zhao Hai said was correct. In the past, the disciples of the nine super sects have become arrogant, causing them to be weaker than the previous generations. Their strength stagnated due to the lack of enemies. The other sects wouldn't dare provoke the disciples of the nine super sects.

Naturally, Zhang Feng hopes that the Black Tiger Gang will continue becoming stronger. He doesn't want the Black Tiger Gang's disciples to become arrogant like the disciples of the nine super sects. Therefore, Zhang Feng approves leaving an enemy for the Freedom Alliance and the Black Tiger Gang to sharpen their weapons with.

But at the same time, Zhang Feng was a bit worried. He was worried that the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't be able to get stronger fast enough and be overwhelmed by the nine super sects. When the time comes, the Black Tiger Gang would be in danger. Thinking of this, Zhang Feng turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, what you said is very reasonable. However, what would happen if the disciples of the Black Tiger couldn't withstand the nine super sects?"

Zhao Hai replied, "If such a day comes, then that means the Black Tiger Gang has no need to exist. If the Black Tiger Gang wants to be at the top of the Great Realm of Cultivation, it needs to pass some tests. Only in this way can it keep its position."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng immediately understood what he meant. He couldn't help but nod. To be honest, he was also worried about the Black Tiger Gang's situation. The Black Tiger Gang's current position was all because of Zhao Hai. But after Zhao Hai reaches the immortal stage, he would certainly enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. And the people in charge of the Soaring Dragon Realm weren't blind. They would certainly see how special Zhao Hai is. If Zhao Hai goes to the higher realms, it would be impossible for him to return. And once the Black Tiger Gang loses Zhao Hai's protection, that would be the time their strength would be tested.

At the same time, the more dangerous the situation, the more benefits there would be. If the Black Tiger Gang can withstand the attack of the nine super sects, their position in the Great Realm of Cultivation would be solidified. When that time comes, the Black Tiger Gang could call itself the biggest power in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

The Freedom Alliance was now under the control of the Black Tiger Gang. All of this was because of Zhao Hai. If the Black Tiger Gang cannot rely on its own strength, then it would give the other sects the idea that Zhao Hai was its sole source of power. Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to leave enemies for the sect. Also, one's status depends on the types of enemies they were against. And the nine super sects are the best opponents for the Black Tiger Gang.

Zhang Feng stopped walking and looked at Zhao Hai. Then he said, "You're right. The Black Tiger Gang requires strong opponents. I agree with your idea. What do you plan to do next?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I have no plans as of now. I plan to take a rest and then seclude myself, slowly fading out of everyone's sight. Only when I'm gone will the disciples of the sect train hard."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "That is also good. Tell me if you reach the immortal stage. If you want to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm and go to the higher realms, there's no need to hesitate. We have already delayed you enough."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's no need for First Senior Brother to worry. The trial has helped me a lot. I have to seclude myself for some time to study new cultivation methods. It will take me sometime before I reach the immortal stage."

Zhang Feng nodded, then he said, "Alright. Remember, whatever decision you make, the Black Tiger Gang will be right behind you." Zhao Hai nodded, then he cupped his first to Zhang Feng before leaving.

Chapter 1905: Peaceful Development

Zhao Hai was currently sitting in the Space with a calm expression on his face. He already announced his seclusion. When he entered his residence, he immediately entered the Space. Zhao Hai secluded himself to make the Black Tiger Gang get used to his disappearance. At the same time, he was planning to study how to use his divergent abilities in battle.

His battle with Tu Qian gave Zhao Hai a lot of hints. Tu Qian has developed the usage of his ability to the extreme. This showed Zhao Hai how much help his special abilities could provide during battle.

Zhao Hai also discovered another use of divergent abilities. Abilities can allow its user to integrate into objects, letting them feel the nature of the object. When Zhao Hai integrated into the tree, he was able to feel what the tree was like. Abilities could also allow Zhao Hai to blend himself to the land or the rocks to understand their nature.

The universe was full of mystical properties. The Infinity Technique allowed Zhao Hai to communicate with inanimate objects using his spiritual force. However, it didn't make Zhao Hai feel what that object was like. Divergent abilities could do that.

One shouldn't think that this was a useless ability. In fact, this was an ability that a lot of people wanted. Because if a transcending tribulation expert wants to reach the immortal stage, then they would need to grasp a certain path. A path was extremely important to reaching the immortal stage. A path is the understanding of a certain nature. Examples of these paths are the path of mountains, path of the sea, path of the wind, and many others. Grasping a certain path would make one's actions mirror the nature of that path.

It can be said that the biggest difference between immortal experts and transcending tribulation experts was the mastery of a path. Tu Qian realized this when he fought against Zhao Hai, which allowed him to break through to the immortal stage. Zhao Hai could also use this discovery to discover multiple paths. This will be important for Zhao Hai in breaking through to the immortal stage.

In addition to learning different paths, as well as using divergent abilities in battle, Zhao Hai also has one more thing he needed to do. And that was to study the use of his golden spiritual force, as well as find out where it came from.

But before doing all of these, Zhao Hai plans to take a rest. A break was very important for all cultivators. If they stress themselves out, their spirit would eventually collapse. Alternating tension and relaxation was an important aspect of cultivation.

Laura and the others were similarly relaxed. They accompanied Zhao Hai and enjoyed a leisurely lifestyle. Although Zhao Hai seems like he wasn't doing anything, he didn't go too far in his relaxation. From time to time, he would monitor the nine super sects. He would also pay attention to any news regarding the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Before leaving the Forestsea Realm, Zhao Hai made sure to leave silver dust on the 9 remaining participants, this included Tu Qian. He wanted to know what realm they were from.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't dare put any silver dust on Lin Ling. This was because it is still unclear to Zhao Hai how strong Lin Ling really is. But with Lin Ling's origins, he would definitely notice if a foreign dust clings to his body. And Zhao Hai was certain that Lin Ling was in a realm that was higher than the immortal stage.

Zhao Hai was able to know this realm because of Hu Shan. Although Hu Shan lived in the Great Realm of Cultivation for the majority of his life, his clan was still from a higher realm. Dust cannot fall from nothing. It was said that this higher realm has people much stronger than immortal experts.

Another reason why Zhao Hai didn't attach silver dust to Lin Ling was the powerful spiritual force from before. He was afraid that his actions would be discovered. If it causes any misunderstandings, the trouble that comes would be something Zhao Hai couldn't afford to face.

Zhao Hai doesn't know how strong Lin Ling really is. However, he could see from his aura that most immortal experts wouldn't be able to contend against him. If Zhao Hai gets discovered, then Zhao Hai would be subjected to the destiny of hiding inside the Space without coming out.

Although he didn't put any silver dust on Lin Ling, Zhao Hai was already satisfied with monitoring the other 9 participants. He already mapped the Heavenly Demon Realm, so he only has eight realms to look at. Zhao Hai also wants to see if these 8 realms have something that the Space needs.

Before long, Zhao Hai became aware of the situation of the 8 other realms. All of them were quite different from each other. Tu Qian's realm was quite huge. However, it was hard to monitor the realm. This was because Tu Qian's realm wasn't filled with land nor water, it was all sand.

Tu Qian's realm had sand everywhere with little to no water and fertile land. The realm didn't have a lot of people. However, its inhabitants were very strong. Most importantly, in this realm, 9 out of ten abilities would be an earth-element ability while the rest would have a wind or fire element. Those who have water-element abilities were very rare.

It was a strange and ruthless place. However, it was rich in resources. There were all kinds of metals as well as herbs that could only be found in the desert. With its harsh environment, the herbs that grew in the realm were more potent than the ones found in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Besides Dragon Soul Realm where Tu Qian was from, the realms of the other participants also contained various resources. Cai'er was currently busy integrating these resources to the Space.

There was also the Forestsea Realm. Although Zhao Hai spent ten days or so inside the realm, he wasn't able to travel to a lot of places due to the trial. He has never been outside the forests of the realm.

But because of the Space, Zhao Hai was aware that there were valuable resources in the Forestsea Realm. However, Zhao Hai didn't dare collect any resources.

With the Forestsea Realm being the stage of the trial, the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm would definitely be very familiar with it. If Zhao Hai uses the Space to get materials from the Forestsea Realm, then there's a good chance that it would be discovered by the Soaring Dragon Realm.

As for the realms of the other participants, such a problem didn't exist. After all, these realms have the same status as the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Because of all the things he needed to do, Zhao Hai announced his seclusion. In any case, the Great Realm of Cultivation would be in a peaceful period in the near future.

And Zhao Hai's prediction wasn't wrong. The Great Realm of Cultivation truly entered a peaceful period. During the invasion of the Heavenly Demon Realm, the Great Realm of Cultivation's losses were quite heavy. Mines and medicinal fields have been destroyed. Manpower has been greatly reduced. This would reduce the overall productivity of the realm.

The Heavenly Demons and the internal conflict between the Freedom Alliance and the nine super sects caused a lot of losses to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Both the Freedom Alliance and the nine super sects needed time to recover. And now that the realm has obtained qualifications, the sects began to train immortal experts to be sent to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

For these reasons, the Great Realm of Cultivation became quiet. Conflicts might occur, but all of them were at a small scale. Moreover, the Freedom Alliance and the nine super sects began to trade with each other.

Zhao Hai's announcement to seclude himself didn't cause any waves in the realm. Experts like Zhao Hai would only be well-known during wars. But once peacetime comes, their names would begin to be forgotten.

In fact, upon hearing that Zhao Hai was going to seclude himself, the nine super sects were happy. They were very clear about Zhao Hai's strength. If Zhao Hai really wanted to deal with them, then he could just command his Undead to cross the Jade Belt River. When that happens, the fires of war would be reignited.

In the eyes of the nine super sects, there was no longer anything holding Zhao Hai back from attacking. The reason Zhao Hai didn't attack them before was due to the Soaring Dragon Realm. And now that the qualifications have been determined, even if the Great Realm of Cultivation was overturned, the experts of the realm could still enter the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The nine super sects were anxious when Zhao Hai returned from the Forestsea Realm. The entire south was on high-alert. They were paying attention to any news that involved Zhao Hai. So upon hearing that Zhao Hai plans to seclude himself, they were relieved.

The Great Realm of Cultivation returned to normal. The Freedom Alliance was also developing quickly. Zhang Feng has even constructed a transmission formation heading towards the Soaring Dragon Realm. At the same time, the alliance began choosing which immortal experts to send. This time, they didn't choose a lot of immortal experts, only ten. And among these ten was Tie Zhantian.

Chapter 1906: Summoning Token

The major forces of the Great Realm of Cultivation obtain jade slips from Lin Ling. These jade slips contained precautions for the Soaring Dragon Realm as well as the method to create transmission formations for the realm.

Because the Great Realm of Cultivation was already qualified before this, it could be said that there was no need for these jade slips. However, this time the Great Realm of Cultivation's state was different compared to before. These precautions as well as the method to create transmission formations needed to be distributed.

Actually, Jian Wuya and the others knew that the jade slips were specifically made for the Freedom Alliance. This was because they were already aware of the contents of the jade slips. It was only the Freedom Alliance that needed to know these matters. At the same time, they understood Lin Ling's meaning by distributing the jade slips.

The jade slips were a warning for the nine super sects. They practically said that the Soaring Dragon Realm was aware of the matters that they did before.

However, the nine super sects weren't afraid of Lin Ling's warning. This was because they knew that even if Lin Ling was aware of their previous actions, the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm wouldn't do anything. It was made clear that the people in charge of the Soaring Dragon wouldn't interfere with the matters of the lower realms.

But at the same time, the nine super sects have another difficult problem. Although the nine super sects could also send people to the Soaring Dragon Realm, they have nobody to send. This was because they sent too many people in the past. And when the Heavenly Demons attacked, they had to bring these people back. But those who voluntarily left the Soaring Dragon Realm could no longer return. They still have immortal experts that they could send, but the number of these people was below what they're comfortable with.

On the other hand, the Freedom Alliance has a lot of immortal experts qualified to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. But due to being first-timers to the Soaring Dragon Realm, the Freedom Alliance had to select ten people to act as the vanguard and enter the realm first. The person leading this team would be Tie Zhantian.

It must be mentioned that Tie Zhantian wasn't the strongest of the group. After all, Tie Zhantian was the most recent person who entered the immortal stage among everyone. However, behind Tie Zhantian was the Black Tiger Gang. At this point, nobody would dare ignore the face of the Black Tiger Gang. Tie Zhantian was the previous Gang Leader of the sect. Having him as the leader would be a good idea judging by his background. Therefore, it was decided that he would be the team leader.

Besides Tie Zhantian, the other immortal experts weren't very young. However, each one of them was very strong. These people never expected to attract the attention of the higher realms. Their main purpose was to be the vanguard for those who would be following behind. They would be the people who would establish a foothold for the Freedom Alliance in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Zhao Hai was aware of this. So he specially came out of the Space to see Tie Zhantian. Since he was going to the Soaring Dragon Realm, Tie Zhantian had a lot of things he needed to take care of. However, upon hearing that Zhao Hai was looking for him, he immediately invited him in.

When Zhao Hai entered his residence, Tie Zhantian immediately said, "Little Hai, why did you go out of your seclusion? Did something happen?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I heard that Martial Uncle is going to the Soaring Dragon Realm. So I came out to see you. Martial Uncle, this is something I prepared for you. Keep it on you all the time." After he said that, Zhao Hai handed a silver token to Tie Zhantian. The token took the shape of a small shield with a carving of a skull in front.

Tie Zhantian stared at the small shield. He looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "What's this? A defensive talisman? I have things like these."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "This isn't a defensive talisman. It's a summoning token. This token allows you to summon 10 immortal-level Undead to help you during battles. The Soaring Dragon Realm is a dangerous place. This will make you safer."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Tie Zhantian's eyes couldn't help but light up. He took the summoning token and inspected it for some time. Then he received the token and said, "Alright. I'll listen to you. I'll bring this token with me." Tie Zhantian was naturally aware of the dangers in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Having this token meant that he would have ten immortal experts under his command. Only a fool would reject it.

Seeing Tie Zhantian accepting his gift, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Martial Uncle, I'll be heading back. Also, the summoning token has a communication function. But I don't know if it would work once you're in the Soaring Dragon Realm. If it can be used, you will have a line of communication with First Senior Brother. I also gave a similar token to him."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Tie Zhantian stared for a moment before his eyes lit up. He immediately understood what Zhao Hai meant. If this communication function could be used, then the Black Tiger Gang would get first-hand news from the Soaring Dragon Realm. This would be important for the future of the sect.

Tie Zhantian couldn't help but treat the token with more importance. He nodded and said, "Alright, you go back and continue your seclusion. You already did enough. Later on, I'll leave the sect to you and Little Feng."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he cupped his fist towards Tie Zhantian before turning around and leaving. Looking at Zhao Hai's back, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but sigh as he muttered, "Little Feng, your vision is terrifyingly good."

The reason Tie Zhantian said this was because Zhao Hai's entry into the Black Tiger Gang as well as his discipleship were all because of Zhang Feng. And ever since Zhao Hai appeared in the sect, the Black Tiger Gang experienced a huge turnaround. The Black Tiger Gang's position was all because of Zhao Hai. And this was due to Zhang Feng accepting Zhao Hai into his umbrella.

Zhao Hai wasn't aware of Tie Zhantian's thoughts. His goal in seeing Tie Zhantian was to give the summoning token to him. Tie Zhantian's safety was only one of Zhao Hai's goals. The second goal was to have Tie Zhantian carry the summoning token to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The summoning token's name and form was just a formality for Tie Zhantian. In reality, the summoning token was just a part of liquid silver that Zhao Hai remolded to become a token. As long as Tie Zhantian brings the token to the Soaring Dragon Realm, Zhao Hai would essentially have a way to connect to the realm. He would be aware of the situation around Tie Zhantian all the time. This was Zhao Hai's goal.

Moreover, with the command token in his hand, Tie Zhantian's safety was practically guaranteed. Using the command token, Zhao Hai would be able to send immortal-level Undead to rescue Tie Zhantian.

After giving the command token, Zhao Hai went to see Zhang Feng and gave him a similar command token. He also told Zhang Feng about the token's ability to summon 10 immortal-level Undead as well as being able to communicate with Tie Zhantian.

Zhao Hai always wanted to give Zhang Feng a means to defend himself. Being the Gang Leader of the Black Tiger Gang, Zhang Feng doesn't have to leave the base. In fact, he doesn't have a lot of chances to leave. And with the Freedom Alliance needing to be managed, Zhang Feng still has a lot of things he needs to deal with. Once the Freedom Alliance was settled down, only then would Zhang Feng be able to leave.

However, one shouldn't think that Zhang Feng's status wasn't dangerous. If the nine super sects think that the time is ripe, their first target would be Zhao Hai. But right next to Zhao Hai was Zhang Feng. Therefore, Zhao Hai thought about giving Zhang Feng something that could protect him.

But before this, Zhao Hai didn't know what he should give Zhang Feng. Tie Zhantian's assignment to the Soaring Dragon Realm gave Zhao Hai the idea of creating the summoning tokens. And while he was at it, he made two, one for Tie Zhantian and the other for Zhang Feng.

Zhang Feng understood the importance of the summoning token. He naturally wouldn't decline it. After exchanging a few words, Zhao Hai returned to his residence and then entered the Space.

After entering the Space, Zhao Hai looked at the screen. Shown on the screen was Tie Zhantian. Although Tie Zhantian already placed the summoning token inside his spatial bag, the Space could still monitor him. In fact, Zhao Hai's liquid silver can go in and out of spatial equipment. Tie Zhantian was currently preparing for the Soaring Dragon Realm. He needs to bring enough artifacts and pills for the trip. It might take some time before the second batch enters the Soaring Dragon Realm, so Tie Zhantian needs to have adequate supplies.

Three days later, Tie Zhantian was finally finished preparing. The other immortal experts have already arrived in the Black Tiger Gang. Tie Zhantian and the rest of his team stepped on the Soaring Dragon Realm's transmission formation. After cupping their fist to everyone, they activated the formation.

The various sect masters of the Freedom Alliance came to the Black Tiger Gang to send Tie Zhantian and the others off. The sect masters knew what Tie Zhantian and the others symbolize. They were the representatives of the Freedom Alliance in the Soaring Dragon Realm. This was the alliance's first time entering the Soaring Dragon Realm, it was a significant feat.

Seeing Tie Zhantian and the others disappear from the transmission formation, Zhang Feng turned to the cultivator in charge and said, "This transmission formation needs to be watched over all the time. It cannot be left with nobody standing watch. Without my order, nobody is allowed to get close to it. Understood?"

The Black Tiger Gang disciple quickly nodded. After this, Zhang Feng looked at the sect masters and said, "Everyone, let's discuss in the meeting hall." The sect masters nodded. Before long, the group entered the Black Tiger Gang's meeting hall.

After everyone sat down, Zhang Feng said, "Everyone, the ten people we sent to the Soaring Dragon Realm will be building a base for us. This is a very dangerous task, so we didn't send a lot of people. However, everyone can rest assured. In the future, no matter who, as long as they reached the immortal stage, they would be able to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Chapter 1907: Gentleman Sword

The reason Zhang Feng held this meeting was because it took a lot of effort to decide on the ten people that would be sent. After its expansion, the Freedom Alliance now has hundreds of immortal experts that were qualified to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. It wasn't an easy task to select ten people from these hundreds without offending anyone.

Fortunately, the Freedom Alliance was now one cohesive group. In the end, Zhang Feng directly used his power as the alliance leader to decide that only the immortal experts of the first-class sects would be sent to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

This removed a lot of people from the pool. Then Zhang Feng decided to exclude the younger immortal experts. These people would have an opportunity to enter later on. After choosing the older immortal experts as well as Tie Zhantian, the ten people were finally chosen.

However, no matter how smart the process was, it would still offend some sects. Therefore, Zhang Feng called the meeting to explain to everyone and avoid any potential trouble in the future.

As soon as they listened to Zhang Feng, the sect masters relaxed. They also knew that their current state was special. Zhao Hai was now in seclusion. Therefore, the alliance couldn't send too many people to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Immortal experts need to stay and protect the alliance. They don't want to make the same mistake as the nine super sects, which was sending all of their immortal experts to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Not being selected this time was normal.

Seeing everyone's reaction, Zhang Feng also relaxed. The Black Tiger Gang's current strength wasn't enough to coerce everyone in the alliance. The only reason the other sects behaved was Zhao Hai's authority. But at this moment, Zhang Feng wanted to reduce the Black Tiger Gang's reliance on Zhao Hai. He couldn't keep using a hard fist to solve problems of the sect. This was also the agreement he reached with Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai also wanted to reduce the sect's reliance on him. Only then could the Black Tiger Gang be able to stand at the peak. After all, it was impossible for him to protect the Black Tiger Gang forever.

Zhang Feng also discussed matters other than the Soaring Dragon Realm with the sect masters before everyone left. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai was observing the situation in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The place Tie Zhantian and the others appeared in was a camp. It wasn't a big camp. It could accommodate at most about a thousand people. The camp was in a mountain valley with the transmission formations at the bottom. On the cliff sides were cave residences. However, these cave residences looked very empty.

As Tie Zhantian and the others were inspecting their surroundings, a person flew over to them. When they saw this person, Tie Zhantian and the others couldn't help but stare. This was because they knew who this person was.

This person was wearing navy blue cultivator robes. He didn't look old and was even quite handsome. Although he had a serious expression on his face, he didn't show any arrogance. Instead, his temperament was very peaceful.

At the back of this person was a sword. The sword didn't look any special. It had a black scabbard and seemed like an average sword.

Seeing this person, one would immediately think of a few words, a gentleman like jade, a sheathed sword.

Tie Zhantian and the others actually knew who this person was. This person was nicknamed the Gentleman Sword and his given name was Ouyang Yu. This person was born in the Heaven Sect and was quickly known as a rare genius. Before he was 30, he had already reached the nascent soul stage. And before he reached 100, he entered the immortal stage.

Naturally, his speed of cultivation wasn't the only thing that made him famous. His cultivation wasn't even as famous as his character. He is a well-known gentleman in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Although he was born in the powerful Heaven Sect, he didn't look down on anyone. When he goes out to get experience, besides those who were wicked, he would never kill nor hurt other cultivators. He would even help the disciples of other sects. It can be said that he was a true gentleman.

In the beginning, people thought that Ouyang Yu was acting. But after various investigations, it was discovered that he was truly a gentleman. The sword technique that he practiced was called the gentleman's sword. If he was acting, it would be impossible for him to use this cultivation method.

For this reason, Ouyang Yu was very famous in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Even people who didn't like the nine super sects respected Ouyang Yu. And this respect came from the heart.

However, because of his gentlemanly nature, Ouyang Yu was incompatible with the overbearing attitudes of the nine super sects. He couldn't get used to the way the nine super sects handled its matters. And in turn, the nine super sects didn't favor him. It has already been 50 years since he last appeared in public.

Although it has been 50 years, Tie Zhantian still recognized Ouyang Yu. It must be said that if there was anyone he would remember the most from the nine super sects, then that person would be Ouyang Yu.

The other immortal experts also know who Ouyang Yu was. Although Ouyang Yu entered the immortal stage at roughly the same period as them, he wasn't weak at all. After Ouyang Yu disappeared, the nine super sects reported that he went into seclusion. But now, they realized that Ouyang Yu didn't close up. Instead, he was sent to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Ouyang Yu looked at the group and lightly frowned. Then when he saw Tie Zhantian, he couldn't help but pause for a moment before he smiled faintly and said, "Brother Zhantian, you finally reached the immortal stage. And you entered the Soaring Dragon Realm."

When Tie Zhantian heard this, he couldn't help but get excited. Actually, the two of them personally knew each other. Tie Zhantian wasn't the gang leader when he knew Ouyang Yu. Although the two have different personalities, they became very close friends. It was only after the nine super sects said that Ouyang Yu was in seclusion did the two lose contact with each other. Then shortly after that, Tie Zhantian took over the position of gang leader. Then he became very busy with managing the sect. Neither of the two expected to meet the other at this time.

Tie Zhantian excitedly replied, "Brother Ouyang, it's really you. I didn't expect to see you here. I thought you were in seclusion. But when the Heavenly Demons invaded, I knew that you weren't. With your personality, it's impossible for you to hide during the war. It's then that I suspected that you're in the Soaring Dragon Realm. However, upon not seeing you among the experts that returned, I thought that you suffered an unfortunate end."

Ouyang Yu smiled bitterly and said, "I also want to go back, but I can no longer return. I have joined the Jade Sword Sect here and became an outer disciple. I only appeared here because I took a mission from the sect. Because of the Heavenly Demon Realm's invasion, the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation went back. I came to help manage this camp. After all, the rules state that those who leave cannot return."

Hearing Ouyang Yu, Tie Zhantian was happy. He replied, "So Brother Ouyang already joined an upper realm sect. This is a good thing. Let's have a drink. I happen to bring a lot of spirit wine."

When Ouyang Yu heard this, he couldn't help but laugh as he said, "I also have some spirit wine with me. Right, did the Great Realm of Cultivation manage to defend against the Heavenly Demons? Also, how are the nine super sects doing? From what I can see, you aren't from the nine super sects."

Tie Zhantian immediately replied. "Just like you said, we aren't from the nine super sects. I'm afraid the nine super sects wouldn't be able to send experts to the Soaring Dragon Realm in a short time. Brother Ouyang, is this the camp of our Great Realm of Cultivation? Can we live here?"

Ouyang Yu nodded and said, "This is the camp of the Great Realm of Cultivation. As long as there's an empty cave, you can occupy it."

Hearing this, Tie Zhantian turned to the others and said, "Everyone, go choose your caves first. After I ask Brother Ouyang about the situation in the Soaring Dragon realm, we'll discuss what we should do next. Right, if there's nothing, try to keep yourself from going out" The other immortal experts nodded. Then they turned around and picked a residence.

Looking at the immortal experts, Ouyang Yu couldn't help but stare. He looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "Brother Zhantian, these are old immortal experts of the realm. Why would they listen to you?"

Tie Zhantian had a wide grin on his face as he replied, "I have a lot to talk with you about. I'm currently the team leader. Let's go and have some drinks." Ouyang Yu didn't say anything as he followed Tie Zhantian to pick a cave residences and the two entered.

When the two sat inside the cave residences, Ouyang Yu took out a few jade bottles. Seeing the bottles, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but ask, "Brother Ouyang, just by looking at it, the higher realms seem to have treated you well. Did they give you the spirit wine as well?"

Ouyang Yu chuckled and said, "The people from the higher realms are different from those in the Great Realm of Cultivation. In the Great Realm of Cultivation, spirit wine is a precious resource. However, in the higher realms, everyone consumes spiritual food. Naturally, they also have a lot of spirit wine. To them, spirit wine isn't precious."

Tie Zhantian stared, then he said, "Brother Ouyang, people from the higher realms need to eat food?"

Ouyang Yu smiled and said, "Since you're here, we should call that place the True Spirit Realm. The spiritual qi there is very rich, much richer than the spiritual qi in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Because of this, beasts and plants contain very strong amounts of spiritual qi. They could be eaten directly and they don't have a lot of impurities. It also provides benefits towards cultivation. It's not unusual for people in that realm to eat food and drink wine."

Hearing this, Tie Zhantian let out a sigh. Then he said, "So it's like that. That's great. Now I really want to taste the spirit wine from the True Spirit Realm."

Ouyang Yu smiled faintly as he took out two jade cups. Then he took a jade bottle and poured a cup for himself as well as Tie Zhantian.

Tie Zhantian received the ox eye-sized jade cup and then smiled bitterly as he said, "I must say, Brother Ouyang, after so many years, your temperament never changed. Look at this cup, it's too small. I won't be satisfied by this amount of wine."

Ouyang Yu was aware of Tie Zhantian's character, so he didn't take it seriously. He just smiled and said, "Alright, just try the wine." After he said that, he raised his cup towards Tie Zhantian and then took a sip.

Tie Zhantian wasn't as refined as Ouyang Yu. He directly took his cup and then poured its contents into his mouth. After some time, he shook his head and said, "Brother Ouyang, I really envy you. However, when it comes to spirit wine, yours isn't good enough." Then he took out a jar of wine. This was wine given to him by Zhao Hai.

Tie Zhantian took out two large cups and then poured wine onto them. After handing a cup to Ouyang Yu, Tie Zhantian said, "Brother Ouyang, have a taste of my wine."

Ouyang Yu stared. But he didn't say anything. He just smiled and then tipped the jade cup towards his mouth. After drinking the wine, Ouyang Yu's eyes couldn't help but shine. He nodded and said, "This is really nice wine. I didn't expect Brother Zhantian to have such good wine. Where did you get it from?"

Tie Zhantian smiled and said, "It's fermented by a junior from the Black Tiger Gang. When you go back, I'll give you a jar. One jar is enough for someone like you to drink for some time."

Ouyang Yu didn't decline and just nodded. Then he looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "Brother, from what I could see, something huge happened to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Otherwise, you wouldn't be able to become a team leader of immortal experts. Tell me, what happened?"

Tie Zhantian smiled and said, "A lot has happened in the Great Realm of Cultivation. The nine super sects suffered a huge loss...." Then Tie Zhantian told Ouyang Yu about the Great Realm of Cultivation's recent events. He told him stories from the invasion of the Heavenly Demons to the Soaring Dragon Realm's trial, then to their entry to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The two drank for several hours as they talked about the Great Realm of Cultivation. Without the two knowing, the jug of wine has been emptied.

After Tie Zhantian finished talking, Ouyang Yu nodded and said, "I didn't expect so many things to happen in the realm. Moreover, all of these seem to be connected to Zhao Hai. When there's an opportunity, I'd like to meet him."

Tie Zhantian smiled and said, "You will. He would definitely break through to the immortal stage and enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. When the time comes, I'll introduce him to you."

At this moment, inside the Space, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and muttered, "Oh there will be an opportunity."

Chapter 1908: In the Soaring Dragon Realm

Zhao Hai has been listening into Tie Zhantian and Ouyang Yu's conversation. Although he doesn't know Ouyang Yu, Zhao Hai was curious about him after seeing his genuine interaction with Tie Zhantian.

Looking at Ouyang Yu's temperament, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be interested in him. Ouyang Yu's appearance made it easy for him to gain a good impression from other people, and this includes Zhao Hai.

Although the two already finished the jar of wine, they weren't finished talking. Tie Zhantian talked more about the matters of the Great Realm of Cultivation while Ouyang Yu talked about the True Spirit Realm. Zhao Hai also listened to Ouyang Yu's stories. After all, he would be going to the True Spirit Realm in the future.

Unfortunately, Ouyang Yu only talked about surface-level matters of the True Spirit Realm. He didn't talk about other things. The True Spirit Realm was different from the Great Realm of Cultivation. The realm pressure in the True Spirit Realm was very high. Most immortal experts wouldn't be able to fly the moment they step foot into the realm. Time also passes ten times as fast compared to the Great Realm

of Cultivation. With the spiritual qi density of the True Spirit Real, cultivators can choose to not eat and still have enough qi to cultivate. However, since food could give a boost to cultivators, people in the True Spirit Realm would eat.

Since cultivators weren't able to fly due to the strong realm pressure, they would use beasts if they wanted to quicken their travel. To be honest, the True Spirit Realm looks quite primitive compared to the Great Realm of Cultivation.

High-level cultivators have very long lives. In the Great Realm of Cultivation, a cultivator's life is at most ten thousand years. Even for races with long lifespans, they would only live up to 15 thousand years. But in the True Spirit Realm, a cultivator could reach 20 thousand years old. Long-lived races could even reach 25 or even 30 years old. This was what attracted the cultivators the most.

Cultivation was a continuous process of going against the heavens to live a long life. Therefore, no cultivator could resist the temptation to live for thousands of years longer. This was the reason why people from lower realms wanted to go to higher realms.

Naturally, this was basic information. Ouyang Yu didn't say anything about the more important information. Tie Zhantian didn't ask either. Zhao Hai understood that there were things that Ouyang Yu could say and there were things that he needed to keep secret. Tie Zhantian obviously knew this, hence the reason why he didn't ask.

Looking at the two people on the monitor, Zhao Hai knew that he already heard all the important information that Ouyang Yu could give. So he turned the screen off and then prepared to seclude himself.

This time, Zhao Hai would close up to consolidate his divergent abilities and have it reach perfect unity with his body. This would enhance his fighting strength.

Zhao Hai has a lot of divergent abilities in his hands. He didn't pay much attention to them in the past. He would only use his Metal, Fire, Wind, and Earth-element abilities from time to time. As for the others, he doesn't even know how many he had.
This time, Zhao Hai didn't blindly start cultivating when he began. Especially in the very beginning. It was very hard for Zhao Hai to know where to start. This was because he didn't know what divergent ability to use. He didn't know how to consolidate them all.

In fact, Zhao Hai wasn't going to cultivate this time, instead he was training. He would be using his various abilities. At the same time, he had the space list out all of the abilities he knew. Then he used the scanner to combine these abilities with the techniques he knew. He wanted to know the most suitable method of fighting using the two.

It must be said, Zhao Hai really has a lot of divergent abilities. There were plenty of redundant abilities. Without Cai'er's help, he couldn't possibly remember all of them.

What Zhao Hai wanted to do right now was to familiarize himself more with his different divergent abilities. There were some techniques that he used one or two times before such as spiritual techniques, variation techniques of metal and fire elements, water element techniques, and wood element techniques.

But there were also some unpopular techniques. For example, there's a technique that can make the user's body emit a very strong light. Zhao Hai never used this technique. He could use light magic, so this ability seems redundant.

However, if this ability was used well, it could present a good opportunity at the right time. The only reason this technique wasn't used in the past was because Zhao Hai was too strong. He has no need to use tricks to win against his enemies.

Under Cai'ers guidance, Zhao Hai used all kinds of divergent abilities. Naturally, he would use his abilities inside the villa. If something goes wrong, he might destroy it. Therefore, they found a place where he could experiment all he wanted.

Only after doing experiments could Zhao Hai get a grasp on the different abilities that he has. All of these abilities were taken from the people of the Divergent Realm by the Space.

There were even techniques that Zhao Hai didn't know that he had. When using them, Zhao Hai has to explore how to use them and then how to control them so that he could use them better.

For a month, Zhao Hai familiarized himself with all kinds of divergent abilities. There were also some supporting abilities that he needed to learn. It was a month of hard work.

And in this month, Zhao Hai didn't forget to collect information from the Soaring Dragon Realm. For more than a month, Tie Zhantian and the others started their activities. The Soaring Dragon Realm was very large. It wasn't any smaller than the Great Realm of Cultivation. The camp Tie Zhantian and the others appeared in was in a remote part of the realm. Its spiritual density was the closest to the Great Realm of Cultivation. There was also nothing good around the camp. It was practically a barren land.

From this point alone, one could see the Great Realm of Cultivation's position in the Soaring Dragon Realm. The Great Realm of Cultivation wasn't good. Its power was comparable to a small sect in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Moreover, Tie Zhantian and the others began to understand the dangers of the Soaring Dragon Realm. The first time they went out of the camp, they were met with several beasts. These beasts looked like rabbits which were eating grass. Tie Zhantian and the others haven't eaten food for a long time, so they have no hunting abilities. Naturally, they also wouldn't provoke the rabbits. But when they flew over the rabbits, they were suddenly attacked, which caught them off-guard.

What surprised Tie Zhantian and the others even more was the fact that the rabbits were formidable. All of them had the strength of the transcending tribulation expert.

As they fought back, more and more rabbits came from all directions. Looking at the amount of rabbits, Tie Zhantian and the others immediately escaped. They were afraid that they would be killed by these rabbits. If they were killed by rabbits, their souls wouldn't be able to withstand the humiliation.

However, this encounter also gave Tie Zhantian and the others a wake-up call. They were reminded that the Soaring Dragon Realm was a dangerous place. Every single beast present wasn't simple. They couldn't lower their guard or else they would perish. If Tie Zhantian and the others delayed for a while, they would be surrounded by the rabbits. A rabbit might not seem scary, but thousands of them would be terrifying. Even their immortal stage cultivation wouldn't be able to save them from the rabbit attack.

It might seem absurd to think that immortal experts would be besieged to death by rabbits. But this was a possible outcome for Tie Zhantian's group. After this, they became even more careful with their actions.

Fortunately, the camp of the Great Realm of Cultivation was as barren as it gets. Nobody would come over, not even beasts. This allowed the Great Realm of Cultivation to keep their land.

Ouyang Yu would also come from time to time to get a look and remind Tie Zhantian and the others about the things to look out for in the Soaring Dragon Realm. The camp of the Great Realm of Cultivation was located on a very remote location. If they want to develop, or attract the attention of the higher realms, then they would need to visit the cities built by the cultivators of the True Spirit Realm. Only in those cities could one make a name for themselves.

Naturally, the True Spirit Realm had a lot of sects. Ouyang Yu's Jade Sword Sect was a medium-grade sect of the True Spirit Realm. Sects like the Jade Sword Sect don't have any cities in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Instead, they established branch halls in the cities to recruit people and supplement the experts of the sect.

Only the true powerful sects could build cities in the Soaring Dragon Realm. These sects were equivalent to the nine super sects in the Great Realm of Cultivation. But in the True Spirit Realm, there were more than nine powerful sects. There are a total of 81 big cities in the Soaring Dragon Realm, around 400 medium-sized cities, and more than 2000 small cities. These small cities could either be established by a high-grade sect or a collection of sects.

There are a lot of cultivators in the Soaring Dragon Realm. But there were even more beasts. And once in a while, a beast tide would happen. The realm pressure in the Soaring Dragon Realm was also greater compared to the Great Realm of Cultivation. For Tie Zhantian and the others, the most they could fly was 100 meters. There were beasts that could fly higher than them. Because of this, the cities in the Soaring Dragon Realm didn't just look good, they were also built to block the beast tides that would happen.

Chapter 1909: Rapid Development

When he heard this news, Zhao Hai was speechless for some time. He couldn't help but think that the world was devolving the more he progressed. The Soaring Dragon Realm has worse living conditions compared to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Cultivators in the Soaring Dragon Realm were reduced to becoming a weak and vulnerable group.

Although Ouyang Yu was present, his help towards Tie Zhantian and the others was limited. He already joined the Jade Sword Sect, so he was restricted by the rules of the sect. It was emphasized by the Jade Sword Sect that its disciples weren't allowed to help those who entered the Soaring Dragon Realm from the lower realms.

If Ouyang Yu helped Tie Zhantian, then it wouldn't be only him who would be punished. Tie Zhantian and his group would also be expelled from the Soaring Dragon Realm. Therefore, even if Ouyang Yu wanted to help them, Tie Zhantian and the others wouldn't dare receive it.

Tie Zhantian's team has yet to enter the central regions of the Soaring Dragon Realm. But as they proceed, the more troubled they become. This was because the beasts they came across were becoming stronger and stronger.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but shake his head. He now understood why the Soaring Dragon Realm only accepted immortal experts. This was because anyone below the immortal stage wouldn't be able to survive. The beasts in the realm were just too strong.

But this also strengthened Zhao Hai's intentions to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. He already reached a near invincible level in the Great Realm of Cultivation. It was time for him to enter a more advanced realm.

Zhao Hai ascended because he wanted to see what a higher realm looked like. But now, Zhao Hai doesn't have the same thought. He wanted to ascend because he wants to go to the highest level. He wanted to know how strong this highest realm was.

Zhao Hai was like the people on Earth. When they look up at the starry sky, they would think about the vastness of the universe. If the universe has an end, what would it be like? If the end of the universe exists, then what was on the other side? Zhao Hai also wanted to see the peak of the universe where he was sent to.

By this point, Zhao Hai has become proficient with his divergent abilities. But he has yet to combine his abilities with his techniques. Once this was achieved, his combat strength would increase by several folds.

The Universal Processing Machine has also been very busy lately. Using Zhao Hai's battle with Tu Qian as a starting point, it was unifying Zhao Hai's divergent abilities and techniques to create forms of combat that suited Zhao Hai.

While Zhao Hai was in seclusion, the Great Realm of Cultivation entered a period of calm. The nine super sects were thoroughly behaved. Moreover, with their biggest piece of worry removed, the nine super sects were focused on accumulating immortal experts to be sent to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Although most of the immortal experts of the nine super sects have lost their qualifications to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm, they still have some experts that they could send.

The only issue for the nine super sects was that the experts they could send were too small. There were less than ten people available. Naturally, the nine super sects were more aware of the dangers in the Soaring Dragon Realm than the Freedom Alliance. Therefore, they weren't in a hurry to send their experts over.

However, the nine super sects were aware that the Freedom Alliance had already sent out their experts. They couldn't help but be anxious. They used all of their resources to get people to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm.

It's clear that the Freedom Alliance was deliberately stimulating the nine super sects. However, the super sects were bound to suffer. Because they were too greedy before, they were having troubles this time.

Meanwhile, the Freedom Alliance was doing quite well. Tie Zhantian was able to establish contact with Zhang Feng using the summoning token. Naturally, only the Black Tiger Gang knows this. The other sects would get their news from jade sword messages. This allowed the people in the Great Realm of Cultivation to know about the situation in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

The Freedom Alliance was doing very well. But the development speed of the other sects couldn't compare to the Black Tiger Gang. After all, the Black Tiger Gang prepared itself before the Heavenly Demons attacked. In addition to the benefits they obtained as well as getting the original territory of the Hundred Flowers Valley, the development of the Black Tiger Gang was extremely fast. Cultivators from all over the sect were breaking through one after another.

Territory, strength, resources, manpower, the Black Tiger Gang has all of these. As long as it was given enough time, it would certainly become the strongest sect in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

The Great Realm of Cultivation has entered a period of recovery and progress. While all of this was happening, Drinking Elephant Mountain by the Jade Belt River still had the 100 thousand troops that were guarding the war monument. They were keeping the incense lit as well as keeping the place clean.

Days went on and a year has passed. This year, Zhao Hai almost didn't come out of the Space. He has been practicing with his divergent abilities along with his combat techniques inside the Space. This wasn't an easy task. Fortunately, Zhao Hai has Julie as a sparring partner. This allowed him to digest his new fighting technique. However, although a year has passed, Zhao Hai has yet to fully grasp this new way of fighting.

Zhao Hai went out of the Space several times in this year, but he didn't get in contact with the people of the Black Tiger Gang nor with the other sects. Whenever he gets tired, he would take Laura and the others out to relax at some remote scenic place in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

This time, Zhao Hai went out of the Space once more. However, he wasn't going out to play. He came out because the training period of the alliance army was about to begin. This was the first time since the dissolution of the army. Therefore, Zhao Hai has to attend.

When Zhao Hai appeared on Drinking Elephant Mountain, there were already a lot of people present. These people were all from the alliance army. They knew that it was time for the army to train, so they came early. Naturally, among those who arrived was Li Kuangge.

Li Kuangge was the top core disciple of the Giant Axe Sect. After the invasion of the Heavenly Demons as well as the war against the nine super sects, his character has become sturdier. He also matured a lot. This resulted in an increase of his status in the Giant Axe Sect. He was currently slowly taking over businesses of the sect.

Although Li Kuangge was very busy, he still arrived at Drinking Elephant Mountain early. He knew clearly that the earlier he arrived, the earlier he could see Zhao Hai. And he guessed right. Zhao Hai also arrived at the camp early.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Li Kuangge immediately gave his greetings, "Brother Hai, it has been a year since I saw you. I heard that you've secluded yourself. I thought that you won't appear."

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "How could I not come? This is the first training of the alliance army. I have no choice but to come. How many people have arrived?" Zhao Hai looked around and saw more people arriving. Almost half of the army was here.

Li Kuangge replied, "More than three million people are here. Everyone was excited to come. In fact, a few people have already begun exchanging cultivation experiences. Although the training hasn't begun, everyone is in high spirits."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, that's good. The training isn't only to gather everyone and train. The most important thing is to let everyone communicate with each other and share their experiences. This way, everyone's cultivation would benefit. This is the main purpose of having everyone here."

Li Kuangge replied, "Right. Everyone understood this point. Therefore, they began talking to each other. Moreover, in this year's time, everyone has made huge leaps in their cultivation. Some of them acquired unique knowledge that they're willing to share. They haven't forgotten your instructions."

Zhao Hai gave an approving nod. However, he felt a bit uneasy inside. He didn't tell Li Kuangge that after polishing his fighting technique, he found that his cultivation progress has increased by a lot. Zhao Hai believes that he would be able to reach the immortal stage before long. When that time comes, he would have to leave the alliance army. He was already quite attached to the army, so he was reluctant to leave.

However, this was his destiny. This was also his luck, like some rogue cultivators whose cultivation increased after entering a sect. At that time, they would meet the same situation as Zhao Hai. In their case, they would see their relatives die of old age one by one.

Even without the Space, Zhao Hai would still encounter such situations in his life. And since he has the Space, Zhao Hai would have to get used to saying goodbye to his friends again and again.

However, this feeling quickly disappeared from Zhao Hai's heart and was turned into nourishment by his Heavenly Demon cultivation method. In fact, this feeling was a type of heart's demon. If Zhao Hai hasn't studied the cultivation method of the Heavenly Demons, then this feeling would automatically form a heart's demon. Although it wouldn't be a strong one, it would still affect Zhao Hai's cultivation. Fortunately, Zhao Hai was able to study the cultivation method of the Heavenly Demons. This way, he was able to erase this feeling and turn it into nourishment, clearing his head in the process.

Afterwards, Zhao Hai asked Li Kuangge about his cultivation this year. Li Kuangge's progress was very good. Although the Giant Axe Sect was treating him well and even having him handle some of the sect's business, the sect didn't think of having Li Kuangge take over the sect. After all, the sect master of the Giant Axe Sect was still at the peak of his life. They could still live for thousands of years.

Moreover, because Li Kuangge was very close to Zhao Hai, his strength has increased rapidly. Having him handle too many matters might delay his breakthrough to the immortal stage. Therefore, the Giant Axe Sect wouldn't burden Li Kuangge with too many matters. This allowed him to cultivate properly and achieve great progress.

Three days later, everyone from the alliance army returned to Drinking Elephant Mountain. Then the training officially started.

Chapter 1910: Abyss of Suffering

Zhao Hai initially thought that some people wouldn't be able to participate in the training. He didn't expect everyone to come. This made him happy.

The training didn't take a long time. Zhao Hai originally wanted the training to be over two months for the first one. But now he found that this wasn't feasible. Two months was just too long and it would have diminishing effects on the army. It would also delay their own cultivation. Therefore, Zhao Hai changed the training period to be one month. One month wasn't a long time for a cultivator, but it was enough for one to communicate with the others. It would make everyone feel that coming over wasn't a waste after sharing notes with the others.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't let these people train by themselves. He also conducted lectures and sparred with them. He shared his cultivation experience, greatly benefiting the people of the first army.

The month of training quickly flew past and the troops of the army dispersed once again. Zhao Hai also returned to the Black Tiger Gang to resume his practice.

After six months, Zhao Hai was finally able to combine his divergent abilities and combat techniques, creating a fighting style that belonged solely to him. It was also from this that Zhao Hai discovered the

difference between spells and divergent abilities. There would be spells that would lose their use when the user's level becomes high. Just like the spells that Zhao Hai learned in the past. When his level was still low, the spells were very powerful. But now that he has become stronger, the spells have become useless.

Meanwhile, divergent abilities were inborn qualities of the user. As the user becomes stronger, so will the divergent ability. In other words, no matter what stage, divergent abilities won't become obsolete. This was good for Zhao Hai. This meant that even if he learns a more formidable cultivation method in the future, his offensive methods would still be viable. Moreover, it would be stronger compared to others.

Zhao Hai used a year and a half to learn all kinds of fighting techniques using his divergent abilities. Looking at the level of the fighting strength, Zhao Hai was somewhat surprised.

Next, Zhao Hai was going to carry out a more important training. It was to use his divergent abilities to feel the nature of the world.

This wasn't an easy matter for Zhao Hai. Take his melding with the tree for example, Zhao Hai's thinking has become very slow. He thought that he was only using the tree's thinking for a few hours, but a few days had already passed outside.

Apart from communicating with trees, Zhao Hai has yet to communicate with other objects with his technique. He doesn't know if he could succeed, but he wants to try if he can.

In this process, Cai'er has nothing she could do to help. All of this should be undertaken by Zhao Hai on his own. But before he uses his abilities to communicate with the world, Zhao Hai plans to take a rest. He has been practicing constantly and he was feeling mentally exhausted. Therefore, he wants to take a rest.

Zhao Hai first took a bath in the hot spring before wearing comfortable clothing and sleeping inside the villa. Meanwhile, Laura and the others took charge in looking at the situation in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Over this year and a half, the Freedom Alliance have sent 50 immortal experts to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Meanwhile, the nine super sects were only able to send 20 experts.

Although the immortal experts from both sides fought against each other during the war, there wasn't any conflict between them when they came to the Soaring Dragon Realm. On the contrary, they got along really well. This was because everyone knew that, in the Soaring Dragon Realm, nobody cared if they were from the nine super sects or the Freedom Alliance. They have only one identity here, cultivators of the Great Realm of Cultivation. All of them were identified as such and not by their faction.

People who reached the immortal stage weren't fools. Even if they share a grudge in the Great Realm of Cultivation, they need to put aside this hatred once they arrive in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

With the cooperation between the two factions, they were able to find a small city close to their camp. Then they started to move their operations there.

Zhao Hai now understood why the Great Realm of Cultivation didn't have a base of operations in the small city in the past. This was because living inside the city required money. Moreover, the denominations they used were high-grade spirit stones. To stay for a day inside the small city, 100 high grade spirit stones were needed. And that was for each person.

Although it could be said that cultivators who can go to the Soaring Dragon Realm were people of status and weren't poor, such a payment was still hard to accept for them. So in the end, the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation could only set up camp outside the city. In fact, this was the case for most people coming from the lower realms. The people from the True Spirit Realm don't really expect to make money from collecting rent. Instead, they want to push the people from the lower realms into a state of competition. This would further stimulate their potential.

Zhao Hai doesn't know about this. And even if Tie Zhantian and the others did, there was nothing they could do about it.

Most of the people living in these small cities would receive tasks from sects in the True Spirit Realm. Tie Zhantian and the others could also take these tasks. After completing them, they would be rewarded. The rewards for these tasks were very impressive, at least in Tie Zhantian's view.

Besides the rewards, those who complete tasks would also receive an impression point. Impression points were based on whether one completes the task or not. Both success and failure of a task would give impression points. If a person's impression points become high, a sect might approach them and send an invitation.

However, these tasks weren't easy. With how powerful the beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm were, the tasks were quite hard. Sometimes, a task would require ores, some would require herbs. The issuer of the task wouldn't provide you with more information. They would just provide general information and leave the rest to the cultivator. Unless one was familiar with the area, the task would be quite hard to complete.

There's another thing that made the tasks more difficult. Tasks weren't exclusive. This means that other people could complete the task. If someone completes the task before you, then they would be the ones getting the impression points. This made it more difficult for Tie Zhantian and the others to get impression points.

Because of this, Tie Zhantian and the others only completed a few tasks over the past year. Although they received rewards, they didn't get a lot of impression points. This was because they were too slow to complete the tasks. When Tie Zhantian and the others were going to hand in the task, someone had already claimed it before them. Although they would still receive rewards, the impression points have already been claimed.

If there was one word to describe the living conditions in the Soaring Dragon Realm, then it would be 'cruel'. This was the word that Tie Zhantian and the others would describe their experience in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

It was a brutal living environment with ferocious competition. Tie Zhantian and the others felt their days stretch out due to their suffering. Now they understood why experts who went to the Soaring Dragon Realm would become stronger once they returned. One would need intense drive to become stronger in order to survive in such an environment.

In the past year, Tie Zhantian and the others felt their strength constantly increasing. However, they still didn't lower their guard when they explored outside. This showed how formidable the beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm really were.

Tie Zhantian heard that there used to be a team of 100 experts who broke into the territory of a powerful beast when they were doing a task. Of the 100 people, only ten of them came back. And those who came back had turned insane and left the Soaring Dragon Realm soon after. This was a true story. And it was this precautionary tale that made Tie Zhantian and the others careful of everything they did.

A team of 100 immortal experts were nearly wiped out by a powerful beast. This showed how powerful the beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm could become. If Tie Zhantian and the others weren't careful, they might be throwing their lives away without them knowing.

Zhao Hai looked into the situation of the Soaring Dragon Realm. Tie Zhantian and the others were still in the small city called Balin City. Although they couldn't stay in the city for a long time, they could stay there during the day. But when night comes, there would be an inspection of the city, expelling those who didn't have a lodging pass. It was also because of this that few cultivators stayed in the city for a long time. The night was the most active period for the beasts. If the cultivators stayed until night time and got expelled, they would be in grave danger.

Zhao Hai also paid attention to the state of Tie Zhantian's group. Originally, the Great Realm of Cultivation had 80 people. But after more than a year of fighting, only 73 of them remained. Tie Zhantian also suffered a few injuries. Fortunately, he was able to communicate with Zhang Feng, allowing the Freedom Alliance to send him some medicine.

Laura looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "What's wrong?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I'm thinking about the Soaring Dragon Realm. Let's wait until I reach the immortal stage. Even if I don't go there, we could still get some resources."

Zhao Hai said so because he was depressed about a certain matter. Although Tie Zhantian brought the summoning token to the Soaring Dragon Realm, Zhao Hai couldn't use liquid silver and the silver dust. In other words, Zhao Hai could only see Tie Zhantian's surroundings. He couldn't use liquid silver to explore the realm.

Another thing that Zhao Hai wasn't happy about was the fact that he couldn't use the summoning token to take plants and ores from the Soaring Dragon Realm. The realm laws of the Soaring Dragon Realm seems to have a property to repel foreign spiritual forces.

Zhao Hai and the others also understood why Hu Shan said that unless one was at the immortal stage, they wouldn't be able to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. Although Zhao Hai used some tricks to understand the state of the Soaring Dragon Realm, he still couldn't enter with his current level. The realm laws of the Soaring Dragon Realm didn't even allow his spiritual force to act. Therefore, Zhao Hai couldn't use any of his usual methods to map the Soaring Dragon Realm in advance.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai was able to send his immortal-level Undead to Tie Zhantian through the summoning token. This would ensure Tie Zhantian's safety.

In fact, Tie Zhantian already used the summoning token a few times. If he didn't summon the immortallevel Undead, he would have perished long ago. Zhao Hai also experimented and confirmed that he could only send immortal-level Undead to the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Because of this, Zhao Hai has to wait until he reaches the immortal stage before he could continue with his plans regarding the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Laura smiled and said, "It's already good that we can see inside the Soaring Dragon Realm. I think it wouldn't take long before Martial Uncle Tie and the others leave Balin City. Balin City is just too small. Even if there are sects present that they could join, they're not the best choice."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "It's good to leave Balin City. However, Soaring Dragon Realm is just too cruel. Using the transmission formation to go back to the camp costs a high-grade spirit stone."

Laura and the others smiled. Speaking of which, this cost may be painful for other people, but this isn't a problem for Zhao Hai. The Space has a lot of spirit stone mines. Moreover, the worst quality of spirit stones produced were high-grade spirit stones. If Zhao Hai entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, even if he did nothing, he would be able to live inside the cities every day. He has more than enough spirit stones to live in luxury inside those cities."

Seeing that nothing special was going on, Zhao Hai looked at Laura and the others and said, "I've been practicing hard recently. I need a rest. Do you have somewhere you want to go to? We can go play around for several days."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Laura's eyes shone, then she said, "Brother Hai, now that you said it, I remembered something. This is something important to us. We can take advantage of this opportunity and deal with this matter."

Zhao Hai raised his brow and asked, "What is it? You seem so serious."

Laura smiled, her eyes flashed a cunning light as she said, "Business, we're going to do business!"