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Chapter 1931: Good Base

Zhang Feng and the others believed what Zhao Hai said. All of them were aware that Zhao Hai ascended from the lower realms. They were also aware of science and technology civilizations. Although they were able to know the capabilities of the snake robot, they didn't take it seriously upon hearing that it doesn't have any combat strength. To the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation, strength was everything.

Before long, the sound of metallic friction was heard before the snake robot came out of the hole. Green light came out of the snake's eyes that formed a projection. Then Zhao Hai and the others looked at the image on the projection.

Upon seeing what's inside the cave, everyone could no longer calm down. As it turns out, this hidden cave was bigger than the one they were in. It wouldn't be a problem for tens of thousands of people to move in. Most importantly, there were a lot of jade stalactite milk inside.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but laugh, then he said, "Well, it seems like we've completed our task. Yuan Ba, I have to thank you this time. Each one of us will take a cup's worth of jade stalactite milk to hand over to the Mist Pill Sect. As for the rest, we'll sell it for spirit stones."

Yuan Ba was also happy with this outcome. In the Soaring Dragon Realm, as long as it was done in a group, everything will belong to the group. The only exception was when the material was needed to complete a task. Some could exchange their share with pills or as spirit stones.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and used his divergent ability to expand the entrance to the cave. Before long, the entrance to the cave was big enough for five people to pass through side by side.

Inside the giant cave were numerous stalagmites and stalactites that looked like the canines of a beast. On the floor were small pools that were filled with blue liquid.

As he looked at the jade stalactite milk, Zhao Hai said, "There really are a lot. Everyone, take your share and put the rest away. Yuan Ba, let's sell half of the stalactites and store the other half. They will have a use in the future."

Looking at the jade stalactite milk, Yuan Ba said, "Mister, we can just keep them all. Later on, we'll give it to our newcomers so that they can complete the tasks with ease."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "No, then the purpose of the tasks would disappear. If the Mist Pill Sect finds out about it, then it wouldn't be good. After these jade stalactite milks are taken away, they would certainly experience some changes. The Mist Pill Sect is an ancient pill refining sect, they should have a way to know when a certain material has been harvested. If they find out that we have been cheating on the tasks, they might be offended."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Yuan Ba stared for a moment before he nodded and said, "Yes, sir, I understand." Zhao Hai nodded, then he waved his hand. Everyone took out a cup and collected jade stalactite milk with it. The cups they were using were issued by the Mist Pill Sect. Each cup wasn't large, it was enough to hold a couple of drops or so. One could see from this point how rare jade stalactite milk was.

Once everyone took their share of jade stalactite milk, Yuan Ba took out two jade bottles and collected the remaining milk. After all the jade stalactite milk were collected, Zhao Hai looked around with his eyes shining as he said, "Everyone take a look around and see if there are any passages to the outside."

Everyone paused for a moment when they heard Zhao Hai. Then Zhang Feng and the others immediately understood what Zhao Hai meant. They quickly went around the cave to examine it. After a while, Li Kuangge's voice was heard, "Brother Hai, come and look at this. There seems to be an underground river here."

Zhao Hai turned his head and immediately flew over. And sure enough, there was a concealed underground river. There was a hole about a meter wide. Then five meters down the hole, one could see flowing water, which made the hole look like a well.

Zhao Hai stretched his hand towards the entrance of the cave and felt that there was a breeze. This means that the cave was ventilated.

Knowing this, Zhao Hai's expression lit up. Then he said, "Everyone, come over here. I have something to say."

Looking at everyone, Zhao Hai said, "What do you think about turning this place into our base? If we seal the hole outside, it would be a fully enclosed space. We can rest here during the night and use a transmission formation to go back to the city during the day."

Hearing this, Yuan Ba thought about it before his eyes lit up. He replied, "Mister's proposal is very good. Moreover, after further observation, I could see that the jade stalactites here are still able to produce milk. We won't collect them, but they should be useful for us. And with such a fully enclosed base, our safety is more guaranteed. It's also not far from Wulong City. No matter which way you look at it, it's a very convenient location."

Zhao Hai nodded, "You guys stay here first while I explore the underground river below. If the river can be used as an exit, we'll move our base here." Everyone nodded. They were aware of Zhao Hai's strength. They weren't worried about him suffering an accident.

Zhao Hai's figure soon disappeared as he followed the flow of the underground river. The river was actually quite wide. Zhao Hai could feel that the river was over a hundred meters wide and a couple dozen meters deep.

Zhao Hai went upstream first. Because of his water-element abilities, Zhao Hai moved quickly in the water. Even so, it took him nearly an hour before he found the source of the river. The source of the river was a lake. Surprisingly, he didn't encounter any beasts along the way.

Seeing that the situation was abnormal, Zhao Hai immediately used liquid silver to inspect the lake. He was afraid that powerful beasts were hidden in the lake. If there were powerful beasts, then it wouldn't be safe to use the river as a passage.

The lake wasn't big, and Zhao Hai wasn't able to see any beasts. This caused Zhao Hai to be more confused. He immediately absorbed some lake water. After absorbing the lake water, Zhao Hai immediately understood why the lake doesn't have any beasts. The lake had no spiritual qi. There was even a hint of poison in it.

It must be known that ordinary lakes have abundant spiritual qi. And the more spiritual qi a lake has, the more abundant it would be in terms of life. There would be more plants in it as well as more powerful beasts. And since there was no spiritual qi in this lake and was even a bit poisonous, it was natural that it wouldn't have any life in it.

Zhao Hai flew out of the lake and looked at the surroundings. The lake was halfway up a mountainside. After looking at the mountain, Zhao Hai finally understood why the lake turned out like this.

This mountain was very famous in the Soaring Dragon Realm. It was named Yielding Dragon Mountain. According to legend, when the True Spirit Realm discovered the Soaring Dragon Realm, they wanted it to come under their control. However, there was a powerful dragon in the Soaring Dragon Realm. An almighty being from the True Spirit Realm fought with that dragon in Yielding Dragon Mountain. It was said that the battle caused the skies to turn red and the earth to turn black. In the end, the True Spirit Realm powerhouse wasn't able to do anything to the dragon. However, the demonic dragon was also heavily injured by the battle. Both sides then reached an agreement, allowing the demonic dragon entry into the True Spirit Realm. And if any beasts reach a certain level of strength, they would also be allowed to enter the True Spirit Realm. This allowed the True Spirit Realm to turn the Soaring Dragon Realm into a trial field for the lower realms. At the same time, the beasts of the realm were able to use these cultivators as a catalyst to increase their strength.

For this reason, Yielding Dragon Mountain was very famous in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Currently, the mountain is a kilometer high. But according to legend, the mountain used to be ten kilometers tall. Because of the battle, the mountain's spirit root was destroyed, turning the mountain into a spiritual void. So even if it was famous, nobody came here.

This was good news for Zhao Hai. This meant that nobody would come to this place, not even beasts. Zhao Hai and the others would be able to use the lake as a safe passageway in case they needed it.

After inspecting the surroundings, Zhao Hai returned to the underground river and went downstream. This time, it took him three hours before he discovered the exit of the river. Zhao Hai was stunned when he saw where he ended up. The exit of the underground river was actually the Soaring Dragon Sea.

The Soaring Dragon Sea was the largest sea in the Soaring Dragon Realm. In the past, a powerhouse of the True Spirit Realm swept it with their spiritual force for a month but they couldn't find its end. According to legend, nobody can cross the Soaring Dragon Sea. Zhao Hai didn't expect the underground river to exit to the Soaring Dragon Sea.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't worried. Because of the water quality of the underground river, no beasts should come through it. It was very safe.

Zhao Hai looked around and was satisfied. It was a place not worth paying attention to. It seems like the huge cave was the best base they could have.

Zhao Hai returned to the underground river and swam against the stream. And after two hours, he finally returned to the cave. Don't think that the distance he traveled was short, the river was actually very long. Yielding Dragon Mountain was thousands of kilometers away from the hill where Zhao Hai and the others were. Meanwhile, the Soaring Dragon Sea was 20 thousand kilometers away. Zhao Hai was just too fast.

Zhao Hai re-entered through the small hole in the cave. Yuan Ba and the others were anxiously waiting for him. As soon as they saw Zhao Hai return, they immediately went to him.

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Zhao Hai looked at the others and said, "This will be our base in the future. But if we want to go in and out of this cave, we'll have to use transmission formations. The underground river can be used as an emergency exit. Alright, let's set up a transmission formation. After we head out, we'll immediately seal the entrance to the cave."

Although everyone didn't quite understand what Zhao Hai was saying, they didn't ask further. Several people set up a transmission formation inside the cave. The transmission formation they set up was a large one that allows hundreds of people to move at the same time. This way, those from the Great Realm of Cultivation in the Soaring Dragon Realm can transfer everyone in just two uses.

After setting up the transmission formation, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Let's go. We'll equip each other with portable transmission formations in the future so that your safety will be more guaranteed. And it would be more convenient to enter the camp."

Yuan Ba and the others nodded. Then Zhao Hai led the group out of the cave. Once they got outside, Zhao Hai used his earth element ability to close the narrow passage of the cave. After it was sealed, he put the boulder back to its original position and wiped out all of the traces in the surroundings. Only then was he assured.

It must be mentioned that the passage wasn't narrow. It was almost impossible to discover the cave using spiritual force. Don't forget that this is the Soaring Dragon Realm. The spiritual force of a cultivator wouldn't be as effective as the lower realms. This made it more unlikely to find the cave inside. Even beasts of the Soaring Dragon Realm wouldn't find it, ensuring the safety of the cave. After completing these procedures, Zhao Hai and the others flew back to Wulong City. The reason Zhao Hai had to choose a safe camp was because that was the best he could do right now. They still don't have the resources to live inside the city and the Soaring Dragon Realm was very dangerous at night. They don't only need to guard against beasts, they also have to be wary of other people. The other realms would sometimes target other people and destroy their camps. Therefore, when choosing their bases, every realm would need to consider safety and secrecy.

If a lower realm was attacked during the night, they would have no choice but to defend with everything they have. This was because transmission formations in cities were deactivated during the night. In other words, cultivators would need to successfully defend their base or wait until daytime before relocating to a city where it was safe. Fighting was prohibited in cities and cities could also defend against beast attacks.

There was only one condition where cities activate their transmission formations at night, and that was during beast tides. If a beast tide happens, everyone can seek shelter inside a city. The True Spirit Realm has developed a method to predict beast tides. So before a beast tide happens, people from all realms would be notified.

And if you enter a city during a beast tide, then you would need to obey the city's rules and help resist against the beasts. If you don't seek shelter, then even if you die outside, nobody would care.

Chapter 1932: Bandits On The Road

Zhao Hai and the others were currently flying. Everyone was in a happy mood. People were happily talking with each other. This was because their travel to the cave has been very productive. Not only was the cave secure, it was also very beautiful. They were happy thinking that it would be their future base.

Although he was also happy, Zhao Hai was still wary of the surroundings. The others have lowered their guards a bit because of their happiness.

All of a sudden, Zhao Hai's complexion changed. He waved his hand to stop everyone. When Yuan Ba and the others saw Zhao Hai's hand signal, they immediately stopped talking and halted. They began to prepare for a battle.

Looking at a part of the forest, Zhao Hai said, "Friends, you've been waiting there for a long time. Why don't you come out and talk?"

Yuan Ba and the others' expressions changed. This was because they didn't sense another person. They expected to encounter a beast in this place, they didn't think that it would be another person.

With Zhao Hai's words, more than 20 people came out of the forest. These people were wearing green robes. More importantly, all of them had green hair.

Seeing these people, Yuan Ba's complexion changed, he whispered, "It's the Tree Demon Race. No wonder we weren't able to detect them."

Upon hearing Yuan Ba, everyone became even more careful. They have heard about the Tree Demon Race. The realm they came from was called the Tree Demon Realm. As soon as you hear the name, one would know that the Tree Demon Race was the absolute ruler of that realm. The Tree Demon Realm was completely covered with trees. It was in those forests that the Tree Demons cultivate.

However, these Tree Demons weren't known for their love of trees. The reason they were famous in the Soaring Dragon Realm was because they were effective bandits.

The Soaring Dragon Realm was abundant with forests. And the Tree Demons were the strongest amongst the trees. Because their main bodies were trees, they can effectively hide inside a forest. As long as a cultivator passed them, they wouldn't be polite. They would block the way and take everything they have by force.

When the Tree Demons are in the forest, their combat strength would be enhanced. And beasts would find it hard to locate them. Because of this, Tree Demons hardly participated in the defense against a beast tide. This allowed them to safely develop. By this point, the Tree Demon Race has become a huge power in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Nobody in the Soaring Dragon Realm liked meeting the Tree Demons. Running into them means that you have bad luck. It was because of this that various cultivators would send information about Tree Demons back to their sects. They were being listed as dangerous entities.

Looking at the Tree Demons, Zhao Hai said, "Friends, why are you blocking our way?"

The Tree Demons looked very arrogant. The one at the front looked like he was in his thirties and had a beautiful green mustache. As the Tree Demon touched his mustache, he smiled and said, "Are you a child? Our Tree Demon Race stopped you. What do you think will happen next?"

Zhao Hai looked at the Tree Demon and said, "I still have to persuade you. It's better for you to not provoke people you can't afford to offend. Otherwise, not just you, the entire Tree Demon Race would have an unfortunate time."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the Tree Demons couldn't help but stare, then they laughed. The lead Tree Demon smiled as he pointed at Zhao Hai and said, "Hahaha. After so many years, I finally met someone more arrogant than me. Hahaha. Interesting. Kid, since you made me laugh, I decided that after I kill you, I will personally absorb your body."

The most abhorrent thing about the Tree Demons was that after they killed a cultivator, they would absorb the cultivator's flesh and blood and turn it into nourishment.

Zhao Hai looked at the Tree Demon and then smiled as he said, "There are a lot of people who want to kill me, but none of them succeeded so far. Let's see if you're the lucky one." Then with a wave of his hand, hundreds of immortal-level Undead appeared behind him. At the same time, the trees in the forest ruffled with the wind. Then the green lines that originally connected to the Tree Demons were transferred to Zhao Hai's hand.

Zhao Hai has seen the Tree Demons rob others before. He knew the reasons why the Tree Demons were stronger when inside a forest. The Tree Demons can extract the spiritual qi of the surrounding trees to increase their strength. They could even turn the trees into puppets that could participate in the battle. This was an innate talent of the Tree Demons.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't allow the Tree Demons to do this. His wood-element ability wasn't inferior to the innate skill of the Tree Demons, it might even be stronger. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't give the Tree Demons a chance to use the trees. He used his own ability to connect with the surrounding trees, making it impossible for the Tree Demons to use them.

After the Tree Demons discovered what Zhao Hai did, their complexion immediately changed. They knew what this meant. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so formidable.

While they were in a daze, Zhao Hai's Undead charged towards the Tree Demons. The Tree Demons resisted with all their might. They tried to use the trees around them, but because of what Zhao Hai did, they couldn't borrow their strength.

Being unable to use their innate ability caused the Tree Demons to panic. The forest was their advantage, it was their home ground. In it, they would have a complete advantage against their enemy.

But now, their home ground has been taken away from them. The trees were repelling them.

Moreover, the Tree Demons were being besieged by a hundred Undead. There were only 20 of them, it didn't take long before casualties appeared.

Zhao Hai naturally wouldn't be polite. After killing the Tree Demons, he immediately took them to the Space and turned them into Undead. But when the Tree Demons died, they turned back into huge trees.

These huge trees became Tree Demons because they gained souls. Now that they became Undead, they returned to their original body. The leaves of their Undead form have fallen off. Their whole bodies also turned bluish-black. There were also green wisps appearing in their bodies from time to time.

Even if the Tree Demons have lost their humanoid form, it didn't matter to Zhao Hai. In any case, they were already Undead. It was fine as long as their combat strength remained the same.

It took Zhao Hai less than an hour to clean up the 20 Tree Demons. Zhao Hai tried to see if he could communicate with the Tree Demons, but he found that it was impossible. The Tree Demons have gained sentience, they were like people. They have their own thoughts. Wood-element abilities were useless to them.

Zhao Hai wasn't disappointed. If he can't communicate, then he can't communicate. He already communicated with the Hundred Spirits Tree. Compared to the Hundred Spirits Tree, the Tree Demons were nothing.

After dealing with the Tree Demons, Zhao Hai and the others left. They made such a huge move. It's possible that they would attract the surrounding beasts. When the time comes, they will be surrounded once more. Therefore, they immediately left the area.

Zhao Hai and the others returned to Wulong City and went directly to the Mist Pill Sect. It was still noon, but Zhao Hai and the others were going to hand in the task. It must be known that the length of task completion has some effect on the awarded impression points.

When Zhao Hai and the others walked into the Mist Pill Sect branch, the female cultivator who gave them the task couldn't help but be stunned. She knew how difficult it was to find jade stalactite milk. A lot of people took this task but couldn't complete it. But now, Zhao Hai and the others came back not long after they accepted the task. Did they complete it? Impossible!

As the female cultivator was thinking about this, Zhao Hai and the others went to the counter for the task handover. Then they took out their jade cards as well as a cup of jade stalactite milk to give to the Mist Pill Sect cultivator.

The cultivator in-charge of accepting the tasks was an old cultivator. He was also aware that Zhao Hai and the others had accepted the task this morning. He didn't expect them to return not long after. After receiving Zhao Hai's cup, the old cultivator put it under his nose before nodding. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Very good. It's very fresh jade stalactite milk. Young man, good job. It took you just half a day to complete the task." After he said that, he also received the jade stalactite milk of the others. Then he gave each cultivator 12 impression points and the word 'excellent' on the task completion record.

The evaluation on the task completion record was very important. If you complete the task very well, you would be given an 'excellent' on your record. The evaluation was divided into excellent, good, medium, and poor.

A good task evaluation record was proof that a cultivator was outstanding. It would also be easier for a cultivator to attract the attention of great sects. When the time comes, one would be able to join a better sect. To Zhao Hai and the others who want to enter the True Spirit Realm, this was very important. Joining a big sect was much better than joining a small sect.

Chapter 1933: Moving Bases

Just as Zhao Hai was handing his task over, Yuan Ba went to the Mist Pill Sect's trading counter to sell the jade stalactite milk. This was a very common thing in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Each task has a certain requirement that needs to be met. If you meet the requirements, then you've finished the task. As for the excess, you can sell it or keep it.

Because of this, transactions like Yuan Ba's were common. This didn't cause the Mist Pill Sect to be offended. Conversely, the Mist Pill Sect was happy to obtain more jade stalactite milk.

Yuan Ba sold the bottle of jade stalactite milk for about 10 thousand spirit stones. Moreover, all of them were high-grade spirit stones.

It might seem like Zhao Hai and the others were at a loss. The cups that they handed in could almost equal the bottle that Yuan Ba sold. But don't forget that they were also rewarded with pills. Each one of them received five medicinal pills. If all of them were valued together, the pills would certainly fetch more than 10 thousand spirit stones.

After selling the jade stalactite milk, Zhao Hai and the others left the Mist Pill Sect's branch hall. While walking on the streets of Wulong City, Zhao Hai turned to Yuan Ba and said, "Yuan Ba, how much do those portable transmission formations cost?"

Yuan Ba could understand Zhao Hai's thoughts. Hearing the question, he smiled bitterly and said, "Mister, let's not think about that right now. Although we gained 10 thousand spirit stones, it's not enough to buy portable transmission formation. One portable transmission formation costs 100 thousand spirit stones. The large-scale portable transmission formation that we use costs 1 million spirit stones. We can't even afford to sell it. In order to afford the large-scale transmission formation, we started saving from the time of Team Leader Tie Zhantian. And we were only able to buy it a few years ago."

Zhao Hai thought for a while and said, "You guys wait here. I have something to get from the base, I'll be back in a while." After saying that, Zhao Hai disappeared.

Looking at the place Zhao Hai vanished from, Yuan Ba couldn't help but be envious, "Mister is really lucky. He doesn't need portable transmission formations. He can go wherever he wants."

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, since Little Hai promised a portable transmission formation to us, he will definitely complete it. He isn't someone who reneges on his promise."

Yuan Ba nodded. At this moment, Zhao Hai returned. As soon as he appeared, Zhao Hai took out a few jade slips and handed them over to everyone while saying, "You go buy the things listed on these jade slips. The sooner you buy them, the better. By the way, if the spirit stones aren't enough, sell the remaining bottle of jade stalactite milk."

Yuan Ba and the others couldn't help but be confused. As he read the jade slips, Yuan Ba stared. This was because there weren't a lot of things inside the jade slips, only ten items. There were metals, jade, and other materials. They weren't difficult to find.

Yuan Ba looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, why are we buying these things?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't ask too much. Go buy them quickly. After we purchase the items, we'll go back to the camp. Then we'll immediately relocate."

Hearing Zhao Hai, everyone began to feel energized. Then Yuan Ba took Zhao Hai and the others to the trading market of Wulong City.

This trading market was a piece of land allocated by the True Spirit Realm for the lower realms. People of the lower realms could erect stalls in this area to sell items. Sects from the True Spirit Realm also opened stores to sell artifacts, pills, and other materials.

All kinds of products were being traded in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Ores, medicinal plants, and various other items could be traded. There were also True Spirit Realm shops that sell medicinal materials. The True Spirit Realm also encourages services such as refining artifacts or making pills. Making pills and artifacts was crucial to cultivation. If you can refine artifacts and make pills, the True Spirit Realm wouldn't be jealous for stealing their business, they would even award you with impression points.

The trading market of Wulong City was located at the west district square. The square was quite large, enough for a thousand stalls to be set up. And lined up on the edges of the square were shops that belonged to the sects of the True Spirit Realm. People from the lower realms could only open stalls and not shops.

Most lower realm cultivators set up stalls to sell medicinal herbs or metal ores. They also sell services. Their goal for setting up stalls was to gain more spirit stones.

Naturally, the things here aren't comprehensive. Generally, people would only sell a few things. Some people would even sell just one thing. You can buy items with spirit stones or try to trade with the seller. There were also people who set up stalls to exchange items; they didn't want spirit stones.

If you want to buy items, it would be better to do it in the shops owned by the True Spirit Realm sects. Although the items in their shops were more expensive, the quality was guaranteed. One could also find whatever they want.

Zhao Hai and the others first went around the stalls. They managed to buy several things that they needed. But they weren't able to get everything they wanted. Therefore, they went to the shops. All in all, their expenses reached just below 20 thousand spirit stones. Yuan Ba also had to sell the remaining bottle of jade stalactite milk.

After buying everything, Zhao Hai and the others went to the transmission formation plaza and returned to their base. Li Mu and the others were also ready. Everything was packed. Even the defensive formation has been taken down ready to be reinstalled in the new base.

Seeing Zhao Hai and the others return, Li Mu immediately went forward to meet them. Then he cupped his fist to Zhao Hai and said, "Army Commander, you're back. I also told the other teams to buy more of the materials that you asked for. They will be back soon. The tasks have been completed without any problems."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, fantastic. Yuan Ba, you should build the transmission formation towards the base first. Then send a group of people to clean the base. Make sure that you don't spoil the environment inside."

Yuan Ba nodded. Then he made the preparations. Before long, the transmission formation was built. Then Yuan Ba led a group of people to head towards the base. Meanwhile, Zhao Hai and Li Mu waited for the others to return. Not long after Yuan Ba left, everyone who went out to do tasks returned. Besides the rewards gained by the newcomers, everything else they gained doing the tasks were sold and exchanged for the materials that Zhao Hai wanted.

With everyone back, Zhao Hai ordered them to go to the transmission formation. Batch by batch, people were sent to the new base. When the final group was transported, the transmission formation square of the valley base exploded. Moreover, the valley collapsed, completely vanishing from sight.

Such a huge sound would certainly lure beasts in. Sure enough, two hours after Zhao Hai and the others left, beasts from all directions went to the valley and examined the area. The beasts thought that people fought in the valley and ended up ruining it. With this information, the beasts turned around and left.

Zhao Hai and the others were currently inside the new base. Upon arriving at the base, the cultivators were shocked. They didn't expect their new base to be so beautiful. It looked like an underground palace. But this palace was naturally formed.

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To be honest, it would be cruel to destroy the cave's image. Yuan Ba and the others shared the same thoughts. Therefore, when they made the entrance, they made sure to make it as small as possible. This minimized the destruction they caused to the cave.

Seeing the progress of Yuan Ba's group, Zhao Hai nodded. Then he turned to everyone and said, "Everyone, go and build your residences. We'll also build a transmission formation to the outside world. Li Mu, begin to build the defensive formation. It would be useful if ever our camp gets discovered. Also, don't disturb me for a while. Just to what I told you."

Everyone complied and began to move. Zhao Hai also took all of the materials that he had everyone buy. Then he found himself a spot in the cave and built his cave residence.

Li Mu and the others didn't know what Zhao Hai was planning to do. However, they didn't say anything. Those who were unconvinced by Zhao Hai in the beginning already changed their minds after today's tasks. This was especially true for the veterans. They were a bit dissatisfied with the tasks that Zhao Hai gave them. But as they were doing the task, they realized that it was actually easy to do. They completed the task in less than a day. Moreover, the rewards were quite generous. This was something they didn't experience before.

The tasks for the newcomers were even better. They all completed their tasks within the day and received an 'excellent' evaluation. They also got full impression points, which made the newcomers feel very good.

Although they were newcomers to the Soaring Dragon Realm, they didn't come with no knowledge. Various sects of the Great Realm of Cultivation have introductions to the Soaring Dragon Realm. All of them knew how important impression points were. They were also aware of how important task completion evaluations were. Being able to obtain perfect points was absolutely a good matter for them.

Everyone became busy and the camp began to slowly take shape. As everyone was doing their tasks, they suddenly felt the cave turn dim. They looked around in confusion. They found that the shining stalactites weren't as bright as before. Li Mu looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Gang Leader, what do you think is happening? Why did the stalactites dim?"

Zhao Hai frowned as he looked at the surroundings. Then after some time, his eyes suddenly lit up, "Li Mu, take a portable transmission formation and take a look if it's already dark outside."

Chapter 1934: Ginseng-picking Task

When he heard Zhang Feng, Li Mu paused for a moment before his eyes turned bright. Then he nodded and then vanished from the cave.

The reason Li Mu's eyes lit up was because he knew how important it was for them if the dimming of the stalactites indicated that it was dark outside.

In the Great Realm of Cultivation, nobody cared whether it was daytime or nighttime. However, in the Soaring Dragon Realm, nighttime meant danger. The night was the world of the beasts.

It would be inconvenient if they didn't know when night and day happened since their base was located underground. It must be known that cities blocked their transmission formations during the night. If the Great Realm of Cultivation doesn't know the time, then they wouldn't know when the city's transmission formations opened.

Although there were items that could tell the time, the items weren't very convenient to use. This was because these items were made for the Great Realm of Cultivation. The length of the day in the Soaring Dragon Realm was different. If they used their time telling items, then they would have to make calculations before they could get the proper time.

When Li Mu arrived outside, he discovered that the skies had turned dark. Seeing this, Li Mu no longer delayed and immediately used the portable transmission formation to return to the base. He worried that the white light that produced by his teleportation would attract beasts. He might be in danger if he didn't leave immediately.

Sure enough, three minutes after Li Mu disappeared, several beasts rushed to his location. After seeing that their target was gone, the beasts began to disperse.

Li Mu excitedly reported to Zhang Feng when he returned to the base, "Gang Leader, it's dark outside. The dimming of the stalactites are synchronized with the arrival of night."

The others were also happy upon hearing the good news. Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "We still need to see if the stalactites could also tell if it's daytime. Tomorrow, you'll have to go out once the stalactites light up. If what we're thinking is correct, then we won't have to worry about telling the time. Alright, everyone, take a rest. Also, there's no need to activate the defensive formation. It's useless to activate it here. And the fluctuation might attract the attention of beasts."

Everyone nodded. They knew that what Zhang Feng said was correct. Being in a cave, there was no need to activate their defensive formation. Everyone returned to their residences to rest. Nobody disturbed Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was currently inside the Space, looking at the situation outside. Seeing that Zhang Feng and the others have taken their rest, he turned his head to Laura and said, "What do you think about the cave? Do you want to take a look?"

Hearing Zhao Hai, Laura smiled faintly and said, "Of course. But there's no need for us to go out there. Follow me." After she said that, she stood up and walked towards the basement of the villa. Zhao Hai was also curious as he followed Laura and the others underground. When Zhao Hai first discovered the cave, Laura and the others were very envious that they made a similar cave inside the Space. With the current level of the Space, creating a cave was just a matter of thought. Zhao Hai just didn't know where Laura and the others placed it.

Seeing Laura and the others walking to the basement, Zhao Hai couldn't help but wonder. Below the villa was the hot spring. Did they turn the basement into an artificial cave?

Before long, the group arrived at the basement. When Laura opened the door, Zhao Hai was able to confirm his guess. The basement of the villa has turned into a giant cave. The size of the cave wasn't any smaller than the Great Realm of Cultivation's base. Glistening rocks could be seen everywhere. Moreover, in the middle of the cave was a steaming pool of water.

Zhao Hai laughed, "This is actually very good. I didn't expect that you would make the hot springs more attractive."

In fact, Zhao Hai liked to soak in the hot springs along with Laura and the others. Making the hot springs more beautiful would benefit his enjoyment while using the hot spring.

A night of silence passed. The next morning, Zhao Hai walked out of his residence. He already knew that the stalactites of the base were synchronized with the time outside. When it was dark outside, the light of the base would dim. When daytime comes, the base would also light up.

When Zhao Hai came out, Zhang Feng and the others also came out. Li Mu already went outside to take a look and saw that it was dawn. Everyone were now looking at the stalactites with excitement.

Seeing Zhao Hai come out, Zhang Feng immediately went to him and said, "Little Hai, we just found out that the stalactites in the cave are synchronized with the time outside. It would dim during the night and become bright during the day."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I know. I just went outside to see. Alright, everyone, please gather around. I have something to share with you."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, everyone immediately grouped up. Zhao Hai waved his hand and a huge pile of discs appeared in front of him. There were complex symbols carved on the discs.

When Zhang Feng and the others saw the discs, their eyes turned bright. They saw Li Mu use these discs to teleport before.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, take one of these disks. This is made using the materials we bought yesterday. By the way, Yuan Ba, I'll give you a mission. Here are 500 discs, sell them in the city."

After saying that, Zhao Hai threw a spatial bag to Yuan Ba. With great joy, Yuan Ba caught the bag and opened it. Inside, there were 500 portable transmission formations.

Zhao Hai looked at Yuan Ba and said, "You decide the price, but it shouldn't be less than 50 thousand spirit stones. There are 50 large-scale transmission formations and the rest are small-scale. We need to sell them off as soon as possible." Yuan Ba nodded.

Everyone took a portable transmission formation for themselves and inspected it. Zhao Hai took out another spatial bag and threw it to Li Mu as he said, "Li Mu, these are a thousand portable transmission formations. Give them to newcomers to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Remember, if someone joins a sect or returns to the Great Realm of Cultivation, make sure to retrieve them. Don't let other people take these portable transmission formations."

Everyone responded. They understood what Zhao Hai said. The portable transmission formation was very important for the camp. In the future, there will be more people coming from the Great Realm of Cultivation. If people who leave the Great Realm of Cultivation team take the portable transmission formations with them, then they would run out of portable transmission formations before long. After all, portable transmission formations weren't cheap to buy.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "I believe all of you have completed the tasks I gave yesterday. However there are more tasks in the jade slips that I gave you. So you can do them now. Yuan Ba, your main mission is to sell those portable transmission formations. Alright, let's get moving. Remember to return when it's dark." Everyone kept their portable transmission formations and then left. Zhang Feng, Li Kuangge, and the rest of Zhao Hai's team also grouped up. Yuan Ba wouldn't be following them today. Yuan Ba knew that he wasn't needed by Zhao Hai and the others. Moreover, Yuan Ba has his own mission, so he couldn't go with Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai's group returned to Wulong City. After Zhang Feng looked around, he turned his head to Zhao Hai and asked, "Little Hai, what task do we take today?"

Zhao Hai replied, "We'll continue looking for medicinal materials. Yesterday, we looked for jade stalactite milk, today we're going to look for wild ginseng."

Zhang Feng didn't have any feelings about it. He just nodded and said, "Are we still going to the Mist Pill Sect?" Zhang Feng asked this because he knew that the best tasks for medicinal materials were released by the Mist Pill Sect.

Zhao Hai gave a wide smile as he said, "Right, we're also going to the Mist Pill Sect. However, you have to make preparations. The place we'll be going to will have a lot of Tree Demons."

No wonder Zhao Hai was smiling. As it turns out, he wanted to look for trouble with the Tree Demons. Picking ginseng was just a matter of convenience.

The reason Zhang Feng and the others weren't nervous was because they knew that Zhao Hai wouldn't look for battles without preparations. Hearing that they were going to a place with a lot of Tree Demons, they immediately knew Zhao Hai's thoughts. Zhao Hai was a vengeful person. The Tree Demons dared to block their path to rob them. If Zhao Hai didn't deal with them, Zhao Hai wouldn't be Zhao Hai.

Before long, the group arrived at the Mist Pill Sect's branch. The female cultivators in charge of issuing tasks were still the same. When the female cultivators saw Zhao Hai and the others, their eyes couldn't help but light up. To be honest, jobs in the Soaring Dragon Realm were very boring. What Zhao Hai did yesterday aroused everyone's interest. So when the female cultivators saw Zhao Hai's group, they were immediately curious. They wanted to see what task Zhao Hai plans to do.

Zhao Hai went to the same female cultivator from yesterday. Seeing Zhao Hai, the female cultivator smiled and said, "Congratulations for yesterday. I didn't expect Mister to complete the task so quickly. What task does Mister want to take today?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Many thanks, Miss. We're here to get the task of collecting ginseng."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the female cultivator couldn't help but frown. As her expression sank, she said, "Mister, although digging for ginseng is good for newcomers, it's actually very dangerous. Not only are beasts common in the area where ginseng grow, Tree Demons were also spotted in the region. I reckon you have heard about the Tree Demons?"

Zhao Hai didn't expect the female cultivator to warn them. He felt grateful. He cupped his fist and said, "Thank you for the reminder. We're aware of what you said. But we're here to take on this task." After he said that, Zhao Hai took out his jade card and handed it to the female cultivator.

Seeing Zhao Hai's expression, the female cultivator knew that she couldn't convince Zhao Hai otherwise. She nodded and received Zhao Hai's jade card and then recorded the task. After that, she also took the jade cards of Zhang Feng and the others to process.

Zhao Hai expressed his gratitude towards the female cultivator before turning around and leaving the Mist Pill Sect branch. When they reached outside, Zhang Feng smiled and said, "It seems like that female cultivator is very interested in you, Little Hai. She actually reminded us about the Tree Demons. I reckon she isn't that accommodating to other people."

When they heard Zhang Feng, the others also gave Zhao Hai strange looks. They could also see that the female cultivator's treatment towards Zhao Hai was much better than the day before.

Seeing how everyone was looking at him, Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's impossible for her to like me. Don't forget, we just entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. I don't have any interest in her either. Laura and the others are already enough for me."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng couldn't help but sigh as he said, "Sister Laura and the others are really unfortunate. They wouldn't be able to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm unless they enter the immortal stage. Now, they're separated from you."

Zhao Hai just smiled. It's impossible for him to tell Zhang Feng that he could see Laura and the others anytime he wants. He just shook his head and said, "Alright, let's not talk about this. We still need to go to Shangshan City and then walk for three hours from there."

Everyone nodded and then went to the transmission formation to go to Shangshan City. Although they have a portable transmission formation, don't forget that one needs to head to a place to remember its coordinates. Zhao Hai and the others haven't been to Shangshan City before. Therefore, they need to use the normal transmission formation to go there."

After paying for the transmission formation, Zhao Hai and the others disappeared from Wulong City in a flash of white light. The next moment, the group appeared at Shangshan City. Zhao Hai and the others couldn't help but stare as they looked around the city. They didn't expect the city to be very lively. Its atmosphere was much better compared to Wulong City.

However, Zhao Hai and the others quickly recovered and left the transmission formation. Shangshan City wasn't an ordinary place. It was a city established by one of the top sects of the True Spirit Realm. The city was ten times larger than Wulong City. The cultivators who went to Shangshan City were also more numerous. It can be said that it was one of the centers of the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Chapter 1935 – Provoking Intentionally

Shangshan city's size was what made it one of the centers of the Soaring Dragon Realm. There were 81 big cities like Shangshan City. Big cities were established by top sects of the True Spirit Realm. The sect that established Shangshan City was called the True Dao Sect.

Each big city has a branch of a top sect. And each top sect sent a manager to take care of their matters in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Naturally, this doesn't mean that only the True Dao Sect has a branch in the entire city. There were also branches of medium and small sects. However, if these sects want to stay in Shangshan City, they would need to follow the rule set by the city manager. They need to protect the city's security as well as resist the attacks of beasts.

Actually, small and medium-grade sects in Shangshan City could be very far away from the True Dao Sect in the True Spirit Realm. But for various reasons, after coming to the Soaring Dragon Realm, these sects settled in Shangshan City.

Zhao Hai's group walked the streets of Shangshan City and looked at the cultivators around them. Some of the cultivators were entering the city while the others were leaving. But whether they were leaving or entering the city, everyone has a common characteristic. All of them were in a hurry. They were walking as though they were anxious.

Looking at these cultivators, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. Shangshan City's environment reminded him of the metropolis cities on Earth. People in these cities walk as if they were in a hurry. They don't have the time to pay attention to the surroundings.

Compared to the people in a hurry, Zhao Hai and the others were more relaxed. Being their first time in Shangshan city, Zhang Feng and the others took their time sight-seeing.

The people in Shangshan City also looked at Zhao Hai and the others curiously. Seeing Zhao Hai and the others, the people of Shangshan City knew that it was their first time coming to the city. They looked like bumpkins entering a huge town.

Zhao Hai didn't care what the others thought. He slowly walked on the streets. It was possible to fly in Shangshan City. One could see cultivators flying into the city from outside.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious. As the group headed towards the gates of the city, they looked at the shops on both sides of the street. What surprised Zhao Hai was the appearance of restaurants.

Restaurants, hotels, and other such shops couldn't be seen in the Great Realm of Cultivation. After all, the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation don't eat. They might occasionally drink wine, but that was only for people with status. Smaller sects couldn't get their hands on spirit wine, let alone open a hotel.

Zhang Feng and the others were also surprised by the restaurants. Seeing their expressions, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, it's time to go. Let's complete our task first. If there's an opportunity, let's try to eat at one of those places."

When Zhang Feng and the others heard what Zhao Hai said, they couldn't help but laugh. Zhang Feng said, "We're not ignorant. We know about these places from the jade slips about the Soaring Dragon Realm. However, food in the restaurants aren't cheap. You can buy a lot of pills for the price of one meal. To be honest, with that kind of money, we'd rather buy cultivation materials."

Zhao Hai bitterly smiled. He knew that he couldn't convince Zhang Feng and the others to change their minds. Zhao Hai knew why the True Spirit Realm established restaurants and hotels in the Soaring Dragon Realm. He heard Ouyang Yu say this before. In the True Spirit Realm, everyone eats food. The restaurants and hotels in the Soaring Dragon Realm were to make the cultivators get used to eating. Unfortunately, not a lot of people understood this. Most people have the same thoughts as Zhang Feng.

One couldn't blame Zhang Feng and the others as well. When they entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, their ultimate goal was to get recruited to a sect. And all of the money they gained doing tasks would be spent on this goal. This explains why they were unwilling to spend their spirit stones on things like restaurants and hotels.

In fact, after a long time of observation, Zhao Hai discovered that the tasks issued by the cities weren't random. The tasks that Zhao Hai and the others were currently taking were for newcomers. Therefore, the tasks weren't particularly difficult. Even Zhao Hai's current task of collecting ginseng has little danger. It was only when they met Tree Demons would the task become harder.

If you cannot complete ten novice tasks, then it would be impossible for you to take on higher-level tasks. The people of the True Spirit Realm were using the Soaring Dragon Realm to introduce new blood to their sects. Rather than treating the Soaring Dragon Realm like a colosseum, they were treating the cultivators undergoing the tasks with some care.

Naturally, any trial contained risk. Even if one could enter the True Spirit Realm, they would still be faced with numerous battles. It's impossible for them to live a peaceful life.

Regardless, the True Spirit Realm used all sorts of methods to minimize the dangers to the people in the Soaring Dragon Realm. This was also the reason why Zhao Hai wanted to enter the True Spirit Realm.

As the group was walking forward, a burst of laughter was suddenly heard from a nearby restaurant. Then a woman's voice came, "Senior Brother, look at those cultivators. They look like bumpkins who have never been to a city before. What happened to the Soaring Dragon Realm? How can such people come in?"

As soon as they heard the voice, Zhao Hai and the others turned their heads towards the restaurant. Sitting on the outside patio of the restaurant was a man and a woman. They were currently looking at Zhao Hai's group. Zhao Hai looked at the clothes of the two and then smiled. He turned his head to Zhang Feng and the others and said, "Let's go."

Just as Zhang Feng and the others were about to turn around, the man's voice was heard, "Junior Sister, you were right. Not only are they bumpkins, they're also cowards. They don't deserve to be called cultivators. Moreover, they shouldn't be in the Soaring Dragon Realm. It seems like the Soaring Dragon Realm has run out of talents."

Zhang Feng and the others were enraged. Just as they were about to talk, they heard Zhao Hai's voice, "Don't cause any trouble, let's leave." Then he walked away. Zhao Hai also noticed the change in the expression of the man and woman. They seem to be disappointed that their instigation has failed.

Before long, Zhao Hai and the others reached outside of the city. As they were flying, Zhang Feng turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, why did you let me scold those two? In any case, the city won't do anything about it. They won't dare to fight us either."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Haven't you noticed? They're intentionally provoking us. Moreover, they're people from the True Dao Sect."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. He quickly replied, "True Dao Sect? The sect that established Shangshan City? Are they really disciples of that sect? But if they are, why would they provoke us?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I'm certain that they're from the True Dao Sect. Disciples of the True Dao Sect have the character of 'dao' embroidered in gold on their sleeves. I'm sure of it. After all, disciples of the True Dao Sect aren't commonly seen."

Zhang Feng and the others' complexions changed. To them, the True Dao Sect was a true colossus. Fortunately, they didn't scold the man and the woman. Otherwise, they wouldn't have any good fruit to eat. They might not be able to step foot in Shangshan City anymore. And if the disciples of the True Dao Sect fought them, it would be a slaughter. Even if they survived, they would still be kicked out of the Soaring Dragon Realm for offending the True Dao Sect. The Soaring Dragon Realm might have a lot of rules, but these rules only apply to the people of the lower realms. For the people of the True Dao Sect, these rules were useless.

Li Kuangge frowned, then he said, "Brother Hai, why would those two disciples provoke us for no reason? We didn't offend them. Could it be that someone from the Great Realm of Cultivation offended them in the past? But it's the True Spirit Realm. Nobody would dare offend them. Should we ask Li Mu about this?"

Zhao Hai thought about it before he nodded and said, "We should. First Senior Brother, please ask Li Mu."

Zhang Feng complied and then took out a communication plate and called Li Mu. Zhao Hai has to admit that the cultivation civilization of the True Spirit Realm was more advanced than the Great Realm of Cultivation. These communication plates were equivalent to jade sword messages in the Great Realm of Cultivation. These communication plates acted like mobile phones.

Before long, Zhang Feng finished inquiring Li Mu about the True Dao Sect. Zhao Hai and the others also heard the conversation. Li Mu was sure that they hadn't offended the True Dao Sect. The Great Realm of Cultivation rarely went to Shangshan City, so how could they offend the True Dao Sect?

However, such an answer caused Zhao Hai and the others to suffer a headache. They haven't offended the True Dao Sect, but two of their disciples were provoking them. This would be a huge problem if it wasn't resolved.

The group's mood immediately sank. The True Dao Sect was an existence that they couldn't offend. If they really offended the True Dao Sect, the consequences to the Great Realm of Cultivation would be dreadful. Fortunately, Zhao Hai was attentive and stopped Zhang Feng and the others from scolding the two disciples.

Chapter 1936 – Divine Spiritual Force

Everyone was silent due to the heavy mood. They felt that their situation wasn't going very well. If the True Dao Sect deals with them, the Great Realm of Cultivation would be finished.

Looking at Zhang Feng and the others, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Alright, there's no need to look so down. There are too many possibilities. If the True Dao Sect really wants to deal with us, why would

they send two disciples to provoke us? They would have eliminated us directly and nobody would have said anything. The True Dao Sect could also expel the Great Realm of Cultivation with just a few words. It might be that those two disciples were just laughing at us, nothing else."

Zhang Feng and the others also thought about what happened. The True Dao Sect was a true powerhouse in the True Spirit Realm. They could deal with the Great Realm of Cultivation with just one sentence. It doesn't need their disciples to provoke anyone.

The Soaring Dragon Realm wasn't the Great Realm of Cultivation. Even the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't dare say that they could deal with the small sect with just one sentence. That would make all the small sects turn against the Black Tiger Gang. In turn, this would be disadvantageous to the gang's future.

On the other hand, the True Dao Sect could claim that they could deal with the Great Realm of Cultivation with just a few words. Moreover, nobody would dare tell them off. This was because every cultivator present in the Soaring Dragon Realm wants to enter the True Spirit Realm. And if they want to enter the True Spirit Realm, then they couldn't offend the True Dao Sect.

While Zhao Hai and the others were flying away from Shangshan City, the two disciples of the True Dao Sect returned to the sect's branch office. As soon as they entered the branch, the two immediately went to a meeting room. Inside the room was a person. This person was wearing warrior clothing and had a blade on his back. He looked very sturdy.

If Zhao Hai saw this person, he would immediately recognize him. This person was Lin Ling who took Zhao Hai to the Soaring Dragon trial. He was still dressed the same way as when he met Zhao Hai. His unsheathed blade still made people afraid.

The two disciples went to see Lin Ling. When they entered the room, the male disciple said, "Brother Lin, you were wrong this time. After we provoked Zhao Hai, he just turned around and left. Such a person doesn't seem to be fit for your sect's cultivation methods."

The female cultivator nodded, "Brother Lin, you're respected in the Tyrant Blade Sect. The people you have brought into the sect all turned out to be geniuses. Your reputation in finding talents is very good. I don't think you should risk it this time."

When Lin Ling heard the two, he couldn't help but frown. Then he said, "Zhao Hai just accepted your provocation without a single reply? That's not right. It's not his personality. Brother Feng, Sister Xiu'er, did you show any flaws?"

The two people Lin Ling was talking to were inner disciples of the True Dao Sect. The man was named Feng Lingyun while the woman was named Luo Xiu'er. The two of them grew up in the same place and later joined the True Dao Sect together. However, the two of them weren't lovers, just good friends. Later, when the two were out on a trial, they were plotted against. After being rescued by Lin Ling, the three became good friends. The Tyrant Blade Sect that Lin Ling belonged to was also one of the 81 top sects of the True Spirit Realm. It was similarly powerful and had a good relationship with the True Dao Sect, which allowed the three to have a close relationship.

Zhao Hai has been in Lin Ling's eyes for a long time. He also knew that Zhao Hai had entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. After getting word that Zhao Hai had come to the Shangshan City, he immediately asked Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er to provoke Zhao Hai. He wanted to see what kind of reaction he would have.

Lin Ling knew Zhao Hai's whereabouts because of the Mist Pill Sect. The Mist Pill Sect wasn't only good at alchemy. Their intelligence network was also very famous in the True Spirit Realm. The Mist Pill Sect has shops in almost all corners of the True Spirit Realm. Therefore, in addition to pills, the Mist Pill Sect also sold information. However, the information they sell weren't very important. They never leaked any secret information about sects.

Lin Ling also has friends in the Mist Pill Sect. A friend of Lin Ling passed him Zhao Hai's location.

The Tyrant Blade Sect that Lin Ling belonged to has a very high requirement for a cultivator's temperament. A blade is a tyrant of a hundred soldiers. No matter what kind of blade, it would always have a domineering aura. But being a tyrant wasn't just about being domineering. One needed the courage to fight no matter who the enemy was. It was the courage to fight to the death. Therefore, whenever the Tyrant Blade Sect accepted disciples, they didn't care about aptitude. What they wanted from the cultivator was their temperament.

If Zhao Hai was indifferent to the provocations of the two without discovering their identity, then this meant that he weren't suitable for the Tyrant Blade Sect.

Hearing Lin Ling's words, Feng Lingyun was in a bit of a daze, then he frowned and said, "We aren't that careless. Look at us, we're wearing ordinary robes. We had these robes made a while ago. You should know that the True Dao Sect don't have any clothes like these. He shouldn't have found out about us."

Lin Ling looked at the robes of the two and then nodded. Then all of a sudden, his eyes stopped on their sleeves. This caused the two to be puzzled.

Lin Ling pointed to the sleeves and said, "You two, why did you embroider the word 'Dao' in your sleeves? Isn't that telling other people that you're from the True Dao Sect? Moreover, you're in Shangshan City. If Zhao Hai replied to your provocations, then he would be a complete idiot."

Upon hearing Lin Ling, Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er couldn't help but stare. Then they looked at their sleeves and the expressions on their faces froze. They didn't expect their disguise to have a huge flaw.

Feng Lingyun shook his head, then he smiled bitterly and said, "It seems like the kid you had your eyes on is very good, Brother Lin. He just gave us a glance and immediately knew our status."

Liu Xiu'er looked at Lin Ling and asked, "Brother Lin, tell me, when did this Zhao Hai get your attention?"

Lin Ling smiled faintly and said, "This Zhao Hai isn't simple. When I investigated his background, I found that this fellow isn't from the Great Realm of Cultivation. He ascended from the lower realms. Moreover, he ascended more than once. This meant that he's from the lowest realms. I also have suspicions that he has divine spiritual force!"

"Diving spiritual force? Brother Lin, are you sure? Is it really divine spiritual force?" Hearing Lin Ling mentioning divine spiritual force, Luo Xiu'er and Feng Lingyun couldn't help but be surprised.

Lin Ling shook his head and said, "I'm fairly certain that it's divine spiritual force. In the Great Realm of Cultivation, only divine spiritual force could detect the spirit inspection formation. I'm not even confident in detecting it."

Feng Lingyun's complexion changed, "You're saying that Zhao Hai not only has divine spiritual force, but he could also detect the spirit inspection formation? How is that possible?"

Lin Ling couldn't explain it, but he elaborated, "It's true. This round, it was the Tyrant Blade Sect's turn to evaluate the lower realms. I was one of the participants. Otherwise, I wouldn't have discovered that Zhao Hai could detect the spirit inspection formation."

The spirit inspection formation was a very famous formation of the True Spirit Realm. It was famous because it could combine the spiritual force of many people, amplify it, and then release it towards the target. The spirit inspection formation was used to scan entire realms.

Additionally, the fluctuations of the spirit inspection formation was completely different compared to ordinary spiritual force. Ordinary people have no way to detect this transformed spiritual force. Even the True Spirit Realm has to rely on certain methods to detect it. Sects in the True Spirit Realm have a type of radar formation that would detect whether a spirit inspection formation was active.

If a low-level person wanted to detect a spirit inspection formation, then there was only one way, and that was divine spiritual force. However, divine spiritual force was extremely rare. There are a lot of conditions to form this spiritual force.

The first condition was a very pure spiritual force. The second condition was to have a rich amount of faith power. The third condition was fulfilling the wish of the deceased, letting their soul fragments to rest. This would induce a harmony between faith power and spiritual force. And once the two combined, they would be strengthened and then become divine spiritual force.

These conditions were very harsh, especially the third one. Fulfilling the wishes of one or two deceased wasn't enough to induce a harmony of spiritual force and faith power. This was because the soul fragments left behind by a person were very small. A massive amount of soul fragments were needed to fulfill the condition.

But who has the ability to find a large number of dead people and help fulfill their wishes? Most people wouldn't be able to do it. Because of this, divine spiritual force was very rare.

Nevertheless, the wonders of divine spiritual force were infinite. Although it was another form of spiritual force, it was on a completely new level. It can easily break open any spiritual defense as well as scan the enemy without them knowing. One could even scan things that would otherwise be missed by normal spiritual force.

Most importantly, divine spiritual force has the ability to slowly assimilate spiritual force, turning them into divine spiritual force. Naturally, this process was extremely slow. If there was only a small amount of spiritual force, one wouldn't be able to notice the change.

Due to the numerous mysteries of divine spiritual force, cultivators wanted to obtain it. But up until the present, only a few managed to succeed. Therefore, upon hearing Lin Ling mention that Zhao Hai has divine spiritual force, Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er were surprised.

Chapter 1937 – Meeting Tree Demons

Feng Lingyun smiled bitterly and said, "I didn't expect Brother Lin to find someone with divine spiritual force. No wonder you wanted to take him in. If those fellows in the sect knew, they would certainly place more importance to him. They might even try snatching him from you."

Lin Ling smiled and said, "Brother, you can't tell anyone. If you do, then I will turn my back on you."

Feng Lingyun waved his hand and said, "Brother Lin can rest assured. I still have a sense of decency. As long as Zhao Hai is in the territory of the True Dao Sect, I promise to look after him and prevent any sect from recruiting him."

Lin Ling nodded, "Alright, then this Brother will thank you. Once this fellow gains experience, I'll lead him to the Tyrant Blade Sect. Brother Feng, Sister Luo, I still have something to do. I'll invite you two over for drinks later."

Feng Lingyun smiled and said, "Alright. Then I'll expect a drink from you next time."

Lin Ling cupped his fist towards the two before leaving. Looking at Lin Ling's back, Feng Lingyun turned to Luo Xiu'er and forced a smile as he said, "I didn't expect Brother Lin to find such a person. He's even an ascendant. That kid has demonic talent."

Luo Xiu'er smiled and said, "Forget it. You'll only be envious if you think too much about it. Just help Brother Lin look after Zhao Hai. Otherwise, Brother Lin will deal with you the next time we meet."

Zhao Hai was completely unaware of this conversation. Although the Space has mapped Shangshan City, Zhao Hai wouldn't dare try mapping the branch office of the True Dao Sect. These places should be

extremely sensitive towards surveillance. If he tried to monitor the sect branch, then he would trigger an alarm formation.

Zhao Hai doesn't know what kind of alarm formation it was, but it should be very sensitive. If he tried to release liquid silver, it wouldn't be able to escape this formation. Because of this, Zhao Hai has no eyes inside the branch offices of the sects in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Only Wulong City's branch office was mapped. This was because Zhao Hai himself had entered inside.

Zhao Hai and the others arrived at the ginseng region. The reason it was named ginseng region was because this was the place where the original people of the Soaring Dragon Realm used to raise ginseng. They planted ginseng in this region in the past, but left it behind. Now, ginseng grows naturally in the region, making it a site for ginseng digging. It also became a location for newcomers to go.

But don't think that the region for raising ginseng wasn't big. In fact, it was a vast region where ginseng grew. There's a breed of bird called the ginseng bird. It was said that once you hear the song of a ginseng bird, then someone would find a ginseng. This bird especially likes to eat ginseng fruits. The bird's excrement aided in spreading ginseng seeds to the surroundings.

As the ginseng bird flew all around the region, the area in which the ginseng grew expanded. By this point, nobody knows how big the ginseng region was. People only knew that a lot of ginseng could be found in this area.

Zhao Hai looked at the forest in front of him. Then he turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, let's go on our own for a while. However, don't go too far away. Let's make sure that we can fly over in a short time. This is not a safe place."

Zhang Feng and the others nodded, then they all scattered in the forest. Zhao Hai also flew towards the forest. Actually, Zhao Hai knew where the ginseng were. This was because Tie Zhantian and his team took the same task before. But during their time, they clashed against the Tree Demons. In that battle, Tie Zhantian's team lost 5 people. Zhao Hai also took these people to the Space.

However, the area that Tie Zhantian and the others explored wasn't very big. Although Zhao Hai knew that there was ginseng, the level of ginseng he found weren't very high. Zhao Hai wouldn't even grace these ginseng with his gaze. What he wanted were top-grade ginseng.

The Soaring Dragon Realm was very rich in spiritual qi. This made the ginseng found here to be universally better than in the Great Realm of Cultivation. A 20-year old ginseng in the Soaring Dragon Realm was as effective as a 100-year old ginseng in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Although the ginseng he found was considered good in the Great Realm of Cultivation, Zhao Hai wasn't satisfied. He wanted to find ginseng that was top-quality. Perhaps Zhang Feng and the others would be ecstatic if they found a 100-year old ginseng, but Zhao Hai wouldn't. He knows that there are older ginseng present.

As the group moved forward, they kept in touch using their communication tokens. It must be mentioned that it was quite strange that there were almost no beasts in the ginseng region. Beasts might be seen here and there, but they weren't common.

After flying for about an hour, Zhao Hai suddenly stopped. Then he knit his brows and took out his communication token before saying, "Everyone, be careful. There's danger in front. Begin gathering around me." As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others immediately gathered. Fortunately, everyone was quite close to each other. It didn't take long for them to group up.

Zhang Feng looked at the front. Naturally, he couldn't see anything. They were flying inside a forest. There were no paths they could follow. Their sight was also blocked by the trees. Additionally, their spiritual force was suppressed in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Because of this, they couldn't scan too far.

But even if Zhang Feng didn't discover anything, they knew that Zhao Hai did. Zhang Feng was confident with Zhao Hai, so he turned his head to Zhao Hai and asked, "Little Hai, what did you see?"

"There's a beast in front. It's a very powerful beast. We need to be careful."

Hearing this, Zhang Feng and the others became more serious. They knew how strong Zhao Hai was. If Zhao Hai said that it was a formidable beast, then this beast certainly wouldn't be weak.

Zhao Hai led the group slowly forward. Then at this moment, there was a loud roar from the front!

"Ao!" The roar sounded like a wolf's howl. However, this howl was louder and more penetrating than an ordinary wolf's. Most importantly, the howl carried an overwhelming pressure that slammed towards Zhao Hai and the others.

Zhao Hai's expression changed, then he turned his head to Zhang Feng and said, "This beast is stronger than I thought. Let's head east. We'll pick a few ginseng and then let's immediately head back."

Zhang Feng and the others nodded. They could also feel the pressure. The pressure was terrifying. Although they have reached the immortal stage, their pressure was a child's toy compared to the one they felt from the howl. Therefore, none of them dared to stop.

The group retreated about ten kilometers back before making a detour eastwards. They were all careful along the way. The pressure of the beast caused them to be vigilant.

Zhao Hai knew very well what kind of beast they just encountered. The beast they met was indeed a wolf-type beast. The wolf was covered in silver fur. There was also a half meter long sharp horn on its head. The wolf was three meters long and one meter high. The wolf was lying under a huge tree. But beside the wolf was a ginseng plant. From what it looked like, the ginseng was a thousand years old. It seems like the wolf was waiting for the ginseng to be mature. Then it would eat it to improve its cultivation.

And because of this, when Zhao Hai and the others were approaching, the silver wolf immediately howled to warn them. Zhao Hai could see that the wolf wasn't only at the immortal stage. Zhao Hai still doesn't know how the levels above the immortal stage were divided. But Zhao Hai was sure that he had no chance of winning against the silver wolf with his current strength. Therefore, he made the decision to retreat.

Even though Zhao Hai and the others were now out of danger, Zhao Hai was still very careful. At the same time, he had liquid silver expand the detection range. Now, he was aware that there were true monsters in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

After going eastwards for an hour, Zhao Hai suddenly stopped. This caused Zhang Feng and the others to stop as well. All of them were paying attention to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We've lucked out. Someone helped us pick all the ginseng. Let's go get it."

When they heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others were stunned. All of them looked at Zhao Hai in confusion. Zhao Hai smiled at them and elaborated, "There's a group of 10 Tree Demons half an hour away from us. We also have 10 people. We're going to be bandits this time, snatching their things."

Zhang Feng and the others' expressions lit up. Although they met Tree Demons the day before, all of the Tree Demons were dealt with by Zhao Hai's Undead. From Zhao Hai's words, it seems like he wants them to fight the Tree Demons. And instead of being afraid, they were excited.

Zhang Feng and the others haven't had a lot of chances to fight as immortal experts. If they don't have any experience, then they wouldn't be able to progress. Moreover, they entered the Soaring Dragon Realm to enter the True Spirit Realm. They knew that even if they succeeded, they would still have to fight. It would be better to gain experience in the Soaring Dragon Realm first.

With such thoughts, everyone was looking forward to the fight. Seeing their appearance, Zhao Hai didn't say anything. He just smiled faintly and waved his hand, leading Zhang Feng and the others forward.

Within half an hour, they felt the presence of the Tree Demons. All of them immediately charged. The Tree Demons also welcomed their attack.

Although the Tree Demons felt the approach of Zhao Hai's group, they found that those approaching them only had ten people. They were also a team of ten. It was ten against ten. It seems like both sides were even. But Zhao Hai knew that the Tree Demons had an advantage inside the forest.

This time, Zhao Hai wasn't going to seal the ability of the Tree Demons. He wanted Zhang Feng and the others to experience the full strength of the Tree Demons.

Zhao Hai knew that he couldn't protect Zhang Feng and the others forever. It's better to let them experience the things they would eventually experience. Otherwise, Zhang Feng and the others would become flowers grown in the greenhouse. And these types of people wouldn't survive for long in a chaotic environment.

Both sides quickly closed in on each other. Ten kilometers, five kilometers, one kilometer. Now, the two groups could see each other. The Tree Demons were still dressed in green robes and had green hair. Their green hair has become the symbol of the Tree Demons.

When the Tree Demons saw Zhao Hai, they wanted to stop and say a few words of nonsense. But Zhao Hai and the others had no intentions to talk. They even increased the speed of their charge. For a long time, the Tree Demons have always robbed others. Seeing Zhao Hai's group intending to rob them, the Tree Demons felt that they had lost face. They no longer intend to exchange a few words. Both sides immediately took out their weapons.

When the battle began, Zhao Hai understood why so many people dislike meeting Tree Demons in the forest. The combat methods of the Tree Demons were very strange. A huge tree appeared from the bodies of the Tree Demons. This was their dao avatar. The tree fell to the ground and its roots connected to the surrounding trees. Then the spiritual qi absorbed would be sent to the Tree Demon, increasing their strength.

Zhao Hai hasn't seen this form of combat before. The last time he met Tree Demons, he directly shut off this ability. He didn't give them any opportunity to use their dao avatars. Now, upon seeing what's in front of him, Zhao Hai knew how terrifying the Tree Demons could be. However, this terror was relative. To Zhang Feng and the others, the Tree Demons might be threatening. On the other hand, Zhao Hai wasn't terrified by them.

There was a divergent ability that Zhao Hai hadn't used for a long time. At that time, he hadn't comprehended magic and the path of a cultivator. Naturally, his offensive strength was worse than it is now. At this time, Zhao Hai didn't use any of his abilities nor did he release his dao avatar. He just used a divergent ability to fight against the Tree Demon in front of him.

Zhao Hai knew that the weakness of the Tree Demons was his metal-element divergent ability. Metal overcomes wood. Therefore, his metal-element divergent technique could restrain beings of the wood-element. Fighting Tree Demons, Zhao Hai only has to use this divergent ability, nothing else.

The Tree Demon that fought against Zhao Hai discovered a problem as soon as they clashed. He defended properly and didn't give Zhao Hai a chance to wound him. However, Zhao Hai was relentless. His attacks got more and more violent. The Tree Demon could only desperately defend. He has no strength to fight back.

Zhao Hai increased his intensity once more. This was because he discovered that Zhang Feng and the others weren't having a good time. He wanted to end his own fight quickly to support them.

Chapter 1938: Mist Pill Tavern

"Ao!" With an unwilling roar, the last Tree Demon fell down and was turned into Undead by Zhao Hai. An immortal expert also let out a sigh as he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Thanks a lot Team Leader."

Zhao Hai waved his hand, then he looked around him and said, "Let's use our portable transmission formation to return to Wulong City. We don't need to return to Shangshan City."

Everyone nodded, then they flew for some distance and activated their portable transmission formation. The reason they had to fly a certain distance before using their transmission formation was because the chaotic spiritual energy of the battlefield would affect the transmission formation.

After a flash of white light, Zhao Hai and the others disappeared from the forest. Just as Zhao Hai predicted, the Tree Demons have top grade ginseng in their bodies.

When Zhao Hai's group appeared in Wulong City, they attracted envious gazes from the cultivators around them. Portable transmission formations were rare even in Shangshan City, not to mention in Wulong City.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the envious gazes directed towards him. He looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Let's submit our task to the Mist Pill Sect." Zhang Feng and the others nodded and walked towards the Mist Pill Sect branch.

The old cultivator was still the one in charge of receiving the tasks. Upon receiving the ginseng that Zhao Hai and the others submitted, he gave them an 'excellent' evaluation as well as full rewards.

The old cultivator didn't give Zhao Hai and the others extra impression points because the task was just digging up ginseng. It was an easier task compared to looking for jade stalactite milk. Nevertheless, Zhao Hai and the others were satisfied with the rewards.

Just as Zhao Hai and the others exited the Mist Pill Sect, Zhao Hai's communication device sent out a spiritual fluctuation. This means that someone was calling him. After taking his communication device out, Zhao Hai saw that it was Yuan Ba. On the other side, Yuan Ba had an excited expression as he asked, "Team Leader, where are you now?"
Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We're in front of the Mist Pill Sect's branch. We just handed our tasks in. What happened?"

Yuan Ba immediately said, "Team Leader, wait there. I'll head over immediately." Then he ended the call.

After receiving the communication device, Zhao Hai looked at the surroundings and said, "Yuan Ba is coming. There's a small tavern, let's wait for him there. We can have some drinks today."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others smiled. They knew that if Yuan Ba sold all of those portable transmission formations, let alone a couple of drinks, they could even drink every day without a problem.

The group arrived outside the tavern. On a wooden board outside, the characters for "Mist Pill Tavern" were inscribed. This caused the group to stare. They didn't expect this tavern to belong to the Mist Pill Sect.

The group walked in curiously. As soon as they entered, they found that the tavern was quite small. It only had about a dozen tables and each table wasn't big. Dividing each table was shrubbery that looked luxurious. Most importantly, the shrub exuded a fragrance that made people feel refreshed.

A cultivator in a short coat walked up to Zhao Hai and the others. The man's clothing was quite peculiar. Besides his coat, he wore pants and neat shoes. He also wore a hat. He looked very clean.

The man bowed towards Zhao Hai's group and said, "Welcome to our small shop. It looks like it's your first time. Please take a seat here." Zhao Hai looked at the cultivator and could see that he was also an immortal expert. Such a person could be a powerhouse in the Great Realm of Cultivation. But in this place, he could only be a shopkeeper. If the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation finds out about this, their eyeballs would certainly fall to the ground.

However, Zhao Hai was also aware that only immortal experts could enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. Therefore, he wasn't too startled. He gave the man a nod and followed him. On the other hand, Zhang Feng and the others were shocked at the waiter. They weren't as mentally firm as Zhao Hai, so they couldn't believe that an immortal expert would act like a servant. The waiter was already used to the gaze that Zhang Feng and the others were giving him, so he didn't care. He gestured towards the table to invite them to sit down. Then he said, "What would you like to drink?"

Zhao Hai looked around him and said, "Do you have a menu?"

The waiter stared for a moment, he looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and asked, "Mister, what is a menu?"

Zhao Hai was also stunned at the waiter's response. However, he understood that the True Spirit Realm has no such thing as a menu. So he quickly changed his question, "What do you serve in this shop?"

The waiter immediately knew what Zhao Hai meant, so he quickly replied, "The ten brocade stir fry in our shop is the most famous. If you want fresh, we have wonderful water koi. As for liquor, our azure iron bamboo wine is the purest. If the guest wants a stronger liquor, we have heroic blood wine. Although it's quite strong, it could help with blood circulation. It's good for recovering injuries."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, I want six plates of your side dishes as well as two jars of azure iron bamboo wine." The waiter nodded and then left.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you ordered so many things. Isn't it too much?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "First Senior Brother, don't worry. Do you know why there are so many food establishments in the Soaring Dragon Realm? I reckon the same is true in the True Spirit Realm. Also, Martial Uncle said that once we arrive at the True Spirit Realm, we would have to eat. It's not accidental that there are taverns and restaurants here. They want us to get used to eating as soon as possible. This way, we won't be afraid of spending money on food once we go to the True Spirit Realm. And to be honest, it's too easy for me to make money."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others nodded. Just like Zhao Hai said, it wasn't an issue for him to raise money. Not to mention other things, the portable transmission formations alone could bring endless wealth to Zhao Hai. All of them knew how much the materials for the transmission formations cost. Altogether they spent 20 thousand spirit stones. And after everyone obtained their own portable transmission formations, there were 1000 remaining. Five hundred were taken out to sell. How much money could 500 portable transmission formations sell for? It was a huge profit.

Zhang Feng and the others also understood what Zhao Hai wanted to say. Zhao Hai basically said that everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm has some meaning. Take the tavern for example, it's possible that it was made to allow cultivators to adapt to eating as soon as possible. If that was the case, then this means that they would have to go to taverns and restaurants more in the future.

While they were thinking about this, Zhao Hai's voice was suddenly heard, "We're at Mist Pill Tavern." His voice wasn't loud, but Zhang Feng and the others knew that he was talking to Yuan Ba.

Before long, Yuan Ba entered the tavern. His face looked excited as he quickly walked over.

After Yuan Ba sat down, the waiter began serving the food and wine. Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Thanks." The waiter also nodded and then left.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and arranged an isolation formation. Then he looked at Yuan Ba and said, "How is it?"

Yuan Ba laughed and replied, "Team Leader, you won't expect this. All 500 portable transmission formations were sold. Altogether, we made 3.5 million spirit stones. I already exchanged them for jade essence. So we now have 35 thousand jade essence. Team Leader, I have never seen so much money in all the years I stayed in the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Good. When we go back, let's buy some spirit wine to share with everyone."

Yuan Ba and the others nodded. They couldn't hide the excitement on their faces. They now have 35 thousand jade essence. This was jade essence, the currency circulated around the True Spirit Realm. One jade essence was equivalent to 1000 spirit stones. In the past, they didn't have a thousand spirit stones, let alone jade essence.

Zhang Feng was also excited. Although they had been in the Soaring Dragon Realm for two days, they already understood the importance of money. Seeing how much money Zhao Hai made, it would be impossible for them to not be excited.

Zhao Hai raised his wine cup and said, "Alright, everyone. Let's toast to today's bountiful harvest!"

Everyone also raised their cups and then drank the wine in one go. Now, all of them were convinced of Zhao Hai. In just two days, Zhao Hai transformed the state of the Great Realm of Cultivation's people in the Soaring Dragon Realm. If someone wasn't convinced by Zhao Hai, then that would be because they were envious.

After placing his cup down, Zhao Hai turned his head to Yuan Ba and said, "How did you sell it all in one day? Is Wulong City's purchasing power that strong?"

Yuan Ba shook his head and said, "It's not. I set up a booth at the market in the beginning, but only a few people bought from me. In the end, I took all of the portable transmission formations to the Serene Formation Sect."

After saying this, Yuan Ba was somewhat anxious as he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Team Leader, is this okay? The Serene Formation Sect does fair business. Moreover, I heard that they're the most famous formation sect in the True Spirit Realm."

Zhang Feng and the others were also looking at Zhao Hai. They were afraid that Zhao Hai would be unsatisfied with this outcome.

Chapter 1939: Stop Comparing To Him

Zhao Hai looked at everyone's expression and smiled, "Don't worry. Although I haven't been to the True Spirit Realm and don't understand its people, I know that the True Spirit Realm wants to find talents in the Soaring Dragon Realm. They would sell raw materials at a very cheap price but sell finished products for a premium."

Zhang Feng and the others didn't understand much of what Zhao Hai said. However, Yuan Ba nodded and said, "The Team Leader is right. In the Soaring Dragon Realm, raw materials are quite cheap compared to finished products."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Actually, I suspect that they're doing this intentionally. It might seem like they're squeezing the people from the lower realms by selling finished products for a high price, but this also meant that cultivators from the lower realms would be forced to look for alternatives. The cheap price of raw materials would force people to create their own artifacts and pills. With this process, those with

talent in refining artifacts and crafting pills would surface. I think pill-makers and artifact refiners are still valued in the True Spirit Realm judging by how much the Serene Formation Sect paid for the portable transmission formations."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others were stunned. Zhao Hai just mentioned the purpose of bars and restaurants, now he explained the purpose of the Soaring Dragon Realm's prices.

Yuan Ba frowned and said, "It seems like we need to take note of these things when coming to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Otherwise, we won't be noticed by the large sects."

Zhang Feng and the others nodded. At this moment, Zhao Hai said, "Alright, let's think about that later. We're here to drink and eat some food." After he said that, Zhao Hai took the chopsticks and ate some of the dishes on the table. It must be said that the food in the tavern was quite good. However, compared to the food in the Space, it was still far behind.

This was the first time Zhang Feng and the others ate in their entire lives. In the past, they drank spirit wine and ate some medicinal plants, but they haven't eaten cooked food before.

The group clumsily held the chopsticks as they took some of the food. It took them a while before they managed to pick something up. But as they ate more and more, their speed of eating increased.

Zhao Hai smiled and didn't say anything. Actually, the food in Mist Pill Tavern was very good. Of the six dishes, two were meat and four were vegetarian. All of them were cooked masterfully. The meat dishes were made with fish and a kind of beast meat. The vegetarian dishes were made with common vegetables.

These dishes were very common to Zhao Hai, so he just tasted them and then stopped. Instead, he asked Zhang Feng and the others to eat more. He just drank his wine as he looked at them happily eating the food.

Before long, the dishes were eaten clean by Zhang Feng and the others. They put down their chopsticks with an expression of yearning on their faces. When they looked at each other, they couldn't help but laugh.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I didn't expect these things to taste so good. Little Hai, let's come here more often to eat."

Zhang Feng became more and more fond of the tavern. You can eat good food here and also learn about the customs of the True Spirit Realm.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "We'll return here later. Right, it's time for us to return. We still have to buy liquor for everyone." After he said that, Zhao Hai turned around and said, "Waiter! We're paying!"

The waiter immediately ran over, then he gave Zhao Hai a bow before saying, "Mister, how is the food? Did you like it? It's 100 spirit stones for everything. Thank you for your patronage."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "How much is a jin of this wine?"

The waiter quickly answered, "It's one spirit stone per jin. This wine is the best we have in this shop. It's higher priced than the wine outside, but it's definitely worth it."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he turned to Yuan Ba and said, "Yuan Ba, give him a jade essence. After paying for our meal, we'll use the remaining money to buy wine."

Yuan Ba nodded, then he gave the waiter a jade essence and said, "Just like what the Team Leader said. This is for our meal, and the rest is for wine." The waiter nodded, then he took the jade essence and went back.

Zhao Hai paid attention to the jade essence that Yuan Ba took out. It was a square green jade with ten centimeters on each side. If this was placed in the Great Realm of Cultivation, then it would be considered as top-tier cultivation material. But in the True Spirit Realm, it was only used as currency. One could see from this how different the two realms were.

Before long, the waiter came back. In his hand was a spatial bag. He handed the spatial bag to Yuan Ba and said, "Everyone, this is 1 thousand jin of wine. Our shop owner wants to thank you for your patronage, so an additional 100 jin was given. I hope you'll come here more often in the future. Also, please take out your jade cards. Because this is your first time in the tavern, you will be awarded with 10 impression points."

A pie fell from the sky! For Zhao Hai's group this was an unexpected blessing. They never thought that such a good thing would happen. They were given ten impression points for doing nothing. It was incredible. Now, Zhang Feng and the others were completely convinced with what Zhao Hai said."

After getting their impression points as well as 1000 jin of spirit wine, Zhao Hai and the others left the Mist Pill Tavern. Once they were outside, Zhang Feng couldn't help but laugh in glee as he said, "I didn't expect to get such a good thing. Hahaha. This was fantastic!"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Yuan Ba, when you sold the portable transmission formations, did you get any benefits? Were you awarded with impression points?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Yuan Ba couldn't help but pat his head as he said, "Now that you mention it, they said that we can sell them a specific type of artifact. If they reach the standards of the True Spirit Realm, then they will also give impression points. Each person can be given 10 impression points. But only a maximum of 100 people can be given."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Good. Making artifacts isn't a problem. Buy two copies of the artifacts that we need to make and bring them to me. Don't buy the materials yet. I'll analyze them when we return. Then we'll go buy the materials tomorrow."

Yuan Ba nodded, then he turned around and left. Before long, he returned and said, "I bought a set of positioning discs and inner armor. The positioning disc is a set of equipment that could be used by a thousand people. It's divided into a master disc and secondary disc. There is only one master disc which will be left in the base. The thousand secondary discs will be carried on people's bodies, so that no matter where they go, the master disc will always locate them. Naturally, this is the smallest type of positioning disk, we can't afford the bigger ones. As for the inner armor, it's very good. It costs 100 jade essence. Even if you're attacked by an immortal expert without any defenses, the inner armor can block the attack."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright. These are things we need. Let's head back to the base. I want to research these things. Then we'll buy the materials needed to make them."

Zhao Hai wasn't worried at all that he couldn't make these two things. Even Zhang Feng and the others weren't worried. Zhang Feng knew about Zhao Hai's special ability. Meanwhile, the others were

confident in Zhao Hai upon seeing his performance in the last two days. His actions and results have completely conquered their hearts.

The group immediately used their portable transmission formations to return to their base. Currently, there were only 200 people left behind in the base. They weren't there to defend the base. Instead, they were reinforcements in case a team needed support. The person in charge of staying behind was still Li Mu.

Seeing Zhao Hai's team return, Li Mu immediately greeted them. Then he asked, "Army Commander, you're back. Did your task go smoothly?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Very smooth. You ask Yuan Ba about the specifics. Yuan Ba, give me the bag." Yuan Ba complied and handed a spatial bag to Zhao Hai. Then Zhao Hai immediately teleported to his residence.

Seeing Zhao Hai disappear quickly, Li Mu was confused. He turned to Yuan Ba and asked, "What's with the Army Commander? Did something happen?"

Yuan Ba laughed as he explained what's going on. As he listened to Yuan Ba, Li Mu became increasingly shocked. Thirty-five thousand jade essence, that was a huge amount. He never thought that they would hold such a large amount of money. And this was achieved by Zhao Hai in just two days.

Of course, they don't have as much jade essence anymore. Although they bought the smallest type of positioning disc, it costs 10 thousand jade essence. Then 100 jade essences were used to buy the inner armor. They only have more than 20 thousand jade essences left. Nevertheless, Li Mu was still overjoyed.

As soon as they heard that there would be drinking later on, Li Mu and the others cheered. Before Li Mu could inform those who were doing their tasks, Zhang Feng quickly said, "Li Mu, let's not be too loud. Little Hai is still researching the positioning disc and the inner armor. Let's not disturb him. Don't be anxious to inform everyone as well. They're still doing their tasks. We can't distract them. Let's just get things ready here."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Li Mu couldn't help but be embarrassed, "I'm sorry, Gang Leader. I'm just too happy. Our Great Realm of Cultivation has never been so rich. The Army Commander just achieved all of this in two days. Compared to him, I'm still too far."

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "It's no use comparing yourself to Little Hai. Not to mention you, nobody in the Great Realm of Cultivation could compare to him." What Zhang Feng said might sound overboard, but nobody opposed it. Everyone knew that what he said was right.

Chapter 1940: Urgent Notice

Actually, it's not that those in the Soaring Dragon Realm didn't understand, even common people in the Great Realm of Cultivation were aware. There was no point in comparing Zhao Hai to any genius, it would just ruin their future.

Nobody could achieve what Zhao Hai did. If a genius wanted to take Zhao Hai as a rival, then they would slowly be demoralized and degenerate into mediocrity. This wasn't something that sects wanted to see.

By this point, the entire Great Realm of Cultivation knew how demonic Zhao Hai's talent was. Nobody could compare to him in a million years. Therefore, everyone made sure to not compare themselves to Zhao Hai. In fact, Zhao Hai's entry into the Soaring Dragon Realm caused a lot of geniuses to be happy to the point of being unable to sleep.

Zhao Hai was currently inside the Space, looking at the screen. There was a small conflict happening. It was the Perfection Shops in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

When Zhao Hai was still in the Great Realm of Cultivation, the Perfection Shops were in absolute security. Nobody dared to have any ideas towards it. Even the nine super sects would give the Perfection Shop face. But two days after Zhao Hai entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, some people in the Great Realm of Cultivation could no longer hold their greed and started to make noise in the Perfection Shops.

Zhao Hai knew that these people were trying to test the bottom line of the Perfection Shop. For this, Zhao Hai naturally wouldn't show any mercy. He had Laura and the others command the Undead to teach those people a lesson.

It didn't take long before the fight ended. All troublesome cultivators were killed by the Perfection Shop. Then immortal experts from various sects came forward to find fault with the shop, judging them for using lethal force against the troublemakers. However, the Perfection Shop wasn't polite and used immortal-level Undead to fight against the immortal experts. At the same time, the shop showed their hundreds of immortal-level Undead to make everyone understand that they couldn't do whatever they want even if Zhao Hai went to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Even if Zhao Hai was gone, the Perfection Shop still had enough strength to deal with everyone.

Although the fight wasn't finished, Zhao Hai believed that nobody would dare move against the Perfection Shop after this.

Seeing the immortal-level Undead defeating the enemy, Zhao Hai couldn't help but shake his head as he sighed and said, "Those fellows are really impatient. They can't even wait for more than two days. Really disappointing."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Laura and the others couldn't help but smile. They knew that Zhao Hai was just teasing the enemies. No matter what kind of noise those fellows made, they wouldn't have any chances.

At this time, Cai'er opened her mouth and said, "Young Master, the positioning disc and the armor has been reconstructed. We can make them. Here is the list of materials" Then she handed a jade slip to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai read the contents of the jade slip and then nodded, "Alright, I'll have everyone buy the materials tomorrow. Hahaha. I didn't expect that you can also get impression points in this way."

At this time, Cai'er frowned and said, "Young Master, the Soaring Dragon Realm's atmosphere isn't quite right recently. The beasts seem to be more active. Something is about to happen."

Zhao Hai knitted his brows and said, "You mean, a beast tide is about to come?"

Cai'er nodded and said, "It's very possible. Let's see if there will be an alarm in the Soaring Dragon Realm in the next few days. No matter what, the beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm have been more active recently." Laura looked at Zhao Hai and said," Brother Hai, if a beast tide appears, what will you do? Will you join the battle or stay in the base? The base's situation is very good. It's impossible for the beasts to discover it. Even if a beast tide happens, it will be fine."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "That's not good. We can't hide in the base. We will need to join the battle in the cities. Although we cannot obtain impression points, it will be a good opportunity for the sects to observe the cultivators of the lower realm. This is more important than impression points. So when the alert for a beast tide arrives, we will help in the fight."

Laura nodded, "I thought the same thing. Everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm is a trial for cultivators. If you don't participate in defending against the beast tide, it would be disadvantageous. But where to participate is also a problem. Brother Hai, you can't participate if it's in Wulong City."

Zhao Hai agreed, "Wulong City is too small. Not to mention safety, there's no powerful sect in it. If we fight, it should be in Shangshan City."

Laura smiled faintly and said, "So you've already thought about it. That's good. Brother Hai, almost everyone has returned. You should go out and show yourself."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he went out of the Space and walked out of his residence. When he went out, he found that everyone had returned. The cultivators were now excitedly talking with each other. When Zhao Hai came out, everyone gave him an enthusiastic greeting.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then waved his hand, causing everyone to stop talking. Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "We've had a bountiful harvest today. Our Great Realm of Cultivation now has money to spend. And with money, you must learn how to spend it. Today, I asked Yuan Ba to buy everyone wine to drink. Yuan Ba will also give everyone money. Every one of you will receive a jade essence. This money is for buying food and wine, not for buying equipment. The money for buying equipment will be given separately in the future. Understood?"

Zhao Hai's words caused everyone to be stunned, then they all cheered. Zhao Hai wasn't polite and ordered Yuan Ba to give everyone some liquor to drink to their heart's content. Now, everyone was convinced with Zhao Hai being the team leader. Nobody dared to look down on his abilities anymore. His position in the base has been fully cemented.

Besides his money making ability, another reason everyone was quickly convinced by Zhao Hai was because of his prestige in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Nobody from the Great Realm of Cultivation doesn't know Zhao Hai. Their sects repeatedly told them how powerful Zhao Hai was. They might not be fully convinced before, but after seeing Zhao Hai's prowess, they completely believed what they heard.

The next morning, besides distributing tasks, Zhao Hai also gave Yuan Ba a list of materials to buy. And all of these things must be bought as soon as possible.

Yuan Ba naturally wouldn't delay. He immediately went to Shangshan City to buy. Compared to Wulong City, Shangshan City has more materials that could be bought.

Zhao Hai wasn't opposed to Yuan Ba going to Shangshan City. He also wanted to see if Yuan Ba was going to be targeted by the True Dao Sect. If Yuan Ba suffers any misfortunes in Shangshan City, then this means that the True Dao Sect has evil intentions towards the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Zhao Hai also told Yuan Ba about this matter. Yuan Ba also didn't flinch. He knew how crucial this was for the entire Great Realm of Cultivation.

Meanwhile, Zhao Hai's group still has to do some tasks. By this time, people were beginning to rotate. Besides the newcomers who would do tasks, the others began to take turns guarding the camp.

The positioning disc was also put to use. Everyone brought a secondary disk with them. This would give them a further guarantee to their safety.

The task that Zhao Hai and the others would do this day was in the mines. It was a task issued by the Flame Mountain Sect. They were going to look for a fire-resistant ore. This ore cannot be used to refine artifacts. However, it was useful for making stoves or forging platforms.

The source of this ore was also very unusual as it was on an active volcano. This volcano would erupt once in a while. Therefore, the task carried a certain danger.

Naturally, the most dangerous part of the task wasn't the volcano itself. Living inside the volcano were fire-element beasts known as the fire scorpion. This beast not only had immortal-level strength, their attacks also carry fire poison. Even immortal experts wouldn't be able to easily expel this poison.

Fire scorpions loved living inside active volcanoes. Although they don't appear in huge groups, a fire scorpion can be a threat to a team of ten. This was because in addition to being a fire-element beast, the fire scorpion also carried a bit of the earth-element. They would hide in the earth to attack its enemies. In active volcanoes, it was quite hard to detect fire scorpions.

The active volcano that Zhao Hai and the others were going to was far away from Shangshan City. They had to take a transmission formation to Hengdao City(Horizontal Blade City). Then from Hengdao City, they would fly towards the active volcano.

Zhao Hai and the others arrived at Wulong City very early. They didn't immediately go to Shangshan City. They stayed for some time to wait for information from Yuan Ba. They wanted to know how Yuan Ba would be treated in Shangshan City. If Yuan Ba was alright, then they would go to Shangshan City. But if Yuan Ba notices something wrong, then they would have to give up on the task because this means that the True Dao Sect has ideas on them. They would have to find a place to hide as soon as possible.

After waiting in Wulong City, Yuan Ba sent a message to Zhao Hai, telling him that nothing happened in Shangshan City. Yuan Ba also finished buying the materials. Zhao Hai felt relieved. Then he led Zhang Feng and the others to the transmission formation to head towards Shangshan City. Then using Shangshan City's transmission formation, they went to Hengdao City.

Just as Zhao Hai and the others appeared in Hengdao City, a grating alarm sounded out. This caused Zhao Hai and the others to stare. Then they saw cultivators of the city heading towards the city walls.

Zhao Hai remembered Cai'er words last night and frowned. His expression changed as he said, "It's not good. The beast tide has begun." Then he led the others towards the city wall.

When they reached the city walls, they found that a lot of cultivators were already gathered there. Everyone was looking outside. Zhao Hai also flew up but found nothing.

While Zhao Hai was focusing, he felt a burst of red light flashing on his jade card. Zhao Hai picked up the jade card and read the urgent notice, "Due to the recent abnormal movements of the beasts, it is suspected that a beast tide is coming. Everyone is not allowed to leave the city to do tasks. Everyone needs to stay inside the city to get ready to fight against the beast tide. If you leave the city, you will have to deal with the consequences."

Looking at the notice, Zhao Hai relaxed. Then he looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Let's go to the transmission formation plaza and return to Shangshan City. Have everyone stay in Shangshan City. When the beast tide arrives, we will help defend."

Zhang Feng and the others naturally wouldn't decline. Although they brought portable transmission formations, it has limitations. If the place they were going to was blocked by a defensive shield, the portable transmission formation wouldn't activate. And since the beast tide was coming, the defensive shields of the cities were activated. They could only use conventional transmission formations to travel.

The reason for this weakness of portable transmission formations was the level wasn't good. More importantly, energy patterns on portable transmission formations were different. This caused portable transmission formations to have this disadvantage.

While Zhao Hai and the others were using the transmission formation to return to Shangshan City, they didn't notice that someone was paying attention to them. And this person was Lin Ling.

Lin Ling was optimistic about Zhao Hai. This was the reason he asked Feng Lingyun to test him. This time, Zhao Hai's task took him to Hengdao City so that they could go to the active volcano. Actually, Hengdao City was established by Lin Ling's Tyrant Blade Sect. As soon as Zhao Hai arrived, Lin Ling immediately knew. Therefore, he has been paying attention to Zhao Hai's movements in the city. He also heard what Zhao Hai said. Hearing that Zhao Hai and the others were returning to Shangshan City, Lin Ling nodded. He didn't stop Zhao Hai. After all, he was aware that Zhao Hai was now the Team Leader of the Great Realm of Cultivation. He has to think about the well-being of his people.

After returning to Shangshan City, Zhao Hai immediately sent a message to Li Mu, making everyone go to Shangshan City. The situation of Shangshan City was the same as Hengdao City. Cultivators were also flying towards the city walls. They couldn't see the beasts yet, but they wanted to be the first ones to see the beasts when they attacked.

Zhao Hai wasn't as curious as the others. Not long after he sent the message, Li Mu and the others arrived at Shangshan City. As soon as they received the urgent notice, Li Mu and the others entered Wulong City. Originally, they planned to fight the beast tide in Wulong City. But because of Zhao Hai's orders, they changed their location to Shangshan City.

Seeing everyone arrive, Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "Since a beast tide is coming, we cannot do any tasks in the next few days. Although we're familiar with Wulong City, it's too small. Therefore, I had everyone come to Shangshan City. We will help with the battle here."