

## Another World 1941

### Chapter 1941: Claimed

Hearing Zhao Hai, Li Mu couldn't help but be anxious, "What happened? Is the beast tide very huge? Wulong City can't block it?" Hearing Zhao Hai say that Wulong City was too small, Li Mu thought that Wulong City wouldn't be able to withstand the attacks of the beast tide.

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's not that. Wulong City should still be able to stop the attacks of the beast tide. By saying that Wulong City is too small, I meant that there aren't enough sects in Wulong City. Shangshan City has more sects in comparison."

Speaking up to here, he looked at everyone and then gestured towards a nearby tavern and said, "Let's go and drink while we wait." Then he walked towards the tavern. By this point, nobody cared about the money they would spend for the drinks.

After everyone settled in and ordered wine, Zhao Hai said, "Helping cities fight against beasts doesn't give impression points, so people always thought that it doesn't matter where they fought the beast tide. However, I think there's a huge difference between fighting in Wulong City and Shangshan City. Wulong City is a medium-grade city filled with medium-grade sects. Meanwhile, Shangshan is built by the powerful True Dao Sect. There are also other big sects present in Shangshan City. Although these sects couldn't compare to the True Dao Sect, they're still better compared to the sects in Wulong City."

When he reached this point, Zhao Hai drank a cup of liquor before he continued, "Don't think that impression points are everything. Do you think that these top sects would only look at impression points to recruit people? Impossible. What they want to see is what the cultivator is like. And the beast tide is the best time to see how a cultivator performs. If we stay in Shangshan City, we can let those sects see our performance. As long as we do well, we won't need to worry about joining a good sect in the future."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, everyone stared. Then they looked at each other in disappointment. To be honest, they didn't think the same way as Zhao Hai before this. Whenever a beast tide arrives, they would always stay in Wulong City to fight against the beasts. They never thought that they would be observed during those times.

But failing to think about it doesn't mean that they don't understand. Zhao Hai's words enlightened them.

Li Mu's face lit up as he said, "The Army Commander is right. If we stay here, we would have a lot of opportunities. From now on, we'll stay here."

Looking at Li Mu and the others, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Actually, the people of the True Spirit Realm can also think of the same things as I can. The reason you can smoothly enter Shangshan City is because we are here. During beast tides, transfers between cities are controlled. It's easy to go from a big city to a small city, but it's harder to go to a big city from a smaller city. There are certain conditions. First, you need someone from your realm to be in that city when the notice appears. If we aren't in Shangshan City, you can't come over from Wulong City. You will be blocked in the transmission formation."

Li Mu and the others had an enlightened expression on their faces. Yuan Ba couldn't help but ask, "Team Leader, how did you know this?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Martial Uncle told me. They wanted to go to a bigger city in the past during a beast tide, but they were blocked. Only then did I understand what was going on. If Yuan Ba wasn't in Shangshan City and we weren't in Hengdao City, I'm afraid we would still be fighting the beast tide in Wulong City."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, everyone relaxed. The Martial Uncle that Zhao Hai mentioned was naturally Tie Zhantian, the previous Team Leader of the Great Realm of Cultivation who has now joined the Copper Body Sect.

Tie Zhantian was also a legendary character in the hearts of the Great Realm of Cultivation's experts. He brought a couple dozen people to the Soaring Dragon Realm. Although they fumbled in the beginning, they were able to establish a firm footing in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Moreover, he was able to make the Great Realm of Cultivation more powerful. For such a character, no matter which sect they came from, people gave him great respect. Therefore, upon hearing that Zhao Hai got the information from Tie Zhantian, nobody suspected him.

Naturally, this information wasn't told to Zhao Hai by Tie Zhantian. It came from the surveillance that Zhao Hai did on every city. But this was a matter that sects in the True Spirit Realm wouldn't speak of irresponsibly.

Seeing everyone's look of understanding, Zhao Hai could only bitterly smile. This was something that they couldn't find out. Then Zhao Hai continued, "It's good that we know about these matters, but we can only keep this to ourselves. Don't tell anyone else. Understood?"

Everyone nodded. They were also aware of the importance of this matter. It won't bring them any advantage if they spread it around. In any case, they have no allies in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they have nobody else to tell it to.

As Zhao Hai and the others were talking, two people went inside the tavern. Upon seeing these two people, Zhao Hai's complexion couldn't help but change. These two people were the True Dao Sect disciples that provoked them.

The tavern Zhao Hai and the others were in wasn't very big. The people inside were also people with status. The other cultivators of the Great Realm of Cultivation went elsewhere to drink. Each one of them were given a jade essence, they could drink all they wanted.

Because of this, there weren't a lot of people in the tavern. Therefore, Zhao Hai was able to notice the arrival of Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er. Of course, Zhao Hai doesn't know the names of these two people.

Zhao Hai's expression suddenly changed as they were talking, this caused the others to stare. Then they followed Zhao Hai's gaze. Zhang Feng's expression changed as well. The others were confused.

Yuan Ba couldn't help but ask, "Team Leader, what's the problem? Do you know those two?"

Zhao Hai nodded, but he didn't say anything. Then Zhang Feng told Yuan Ba about Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er with a low voice. Hearing who these two were, Yuan Ba's expression also changed.

They were aware of what happened in Shangshan City last time, but they didn't know what the two looked like. Now that the two suddenly appeared, their expressions became ugly.

While Zhao Hai's group was tense, Feng Lingyun led Luo Xiu'er towards them. Seeing this, Zhao Hai immediately stood up, the others stood up as well. The other people in the tavern couldn't help but be interested when they saw the reaction of Zhao Hai's group.

Seeing Zhao Hai's tense appearance, Feng Lingyun couldn't help but smile. He continued to walk towards Zhao Hai's table without saying anything. When the two were near, Zhao Hai gave them a salute, "Great Realm of Cultivation's Zhao Hai has seen the seniors from the True Dao Sect."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Feng Lingyun couldn't help but stare, then he smiled and said, "So you really recognized us. No wonder you left after we provoked you. Hahaha. You don't have to worry, we're not targeting the Great Realm of Cultivation. Someone asked me to provoke you at that time. You're called Zhao Hai, right? Why aren't you at the walls like the others?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "Replying to senior, the beast tide will not come immediately. There's little point to going to the city wall in advance. Although we aren't as strong as senior, we can still reach the walls quickly if something happens. Therefore, before anything happens, we might as well share some drinks here."

When he heard Zhao Hai, Feng Lingyun couldn't help but laugh. Then he said, "Well said. What's the use of going to the walls at this time? It's good to prepare for a major event in a calm manner. Zhao Hai, let me make things clear. Someone is already paying attention to you. Of course, this person is not from our True Dao Sect. But I can tell you that the sect they belong to isn't any weaker than the True Dao Sect. If there are other sects that approach you, you better push them away."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. Then an excited expression appeared on his face as he replied, "Thank you, senior. This Zhao Hai will remember."

Feng Lingyun nodded, then he glanced at the others before saying, "Alright, I'm done saying what I have to say. I won't disturb your drinking anymore." After he said that, he led Luo Xiu'er to leave the tavern.

Zhao Hai and the others hastily bowed to see them off. When the two left the tavern, Zhang Feng and the others immediately blew up with excitement. Feng Lingyun's words shocked them. It wasn't long since Zhao Hai arrived in the Soaring Dragon Realm, only four or five days. But in such a short period of time, some people were already paying attention to him. Moreover, it was a sect that wasn't weaker than the True Dao Sect.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai with an excited expression as he said, "Little Hai, this is fantastic! From what I know, ever since we've been granted entry into the Soaring Dragon Realm, the Great Realm of Cultivation hasn't had someone who entered a top sect. If you get recruited, you will be the first."

Hearing Zhang Feng, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile, "It's not certain yet. I don't even know what that top sect wants. Let's not think too much about it."

Li Mu laughed and said, "Don't worry, these kinds of things can't be wrong. Things like these happen in the Soaring Dragon Realm. When a top sect settles on someone, they will make a claim on that person. As long as that person acts well and reaches their standards, they will take that person directly. Besides those who died unexpectedly, I never heard of someone who didn't join a sect after being claimed. Army Commander, there's no need for you to worry about it."

The others also congratulated Zhao Hai. Their goal in entering the Soaring Dragon Realm was to join a sect of the True Spirit Realm, marking another step in the cultivation journey. And now, Zhao Hai was halfway through this step. Everyone couldn't help but be happy for him.

#### Chapter 1942: Scouting

The beast tide has yet to arrive, but Shangshan City was already on an alert state. People on the city walls were guarded. As for those who weren't, they were arranged living spaces to take a proper rest.

Zhao Hai and the others were also given a place to settle in, allowing them to relax. The area they were located in had many houses and was close to the city wall. This made it convenient for them to go to the wall and offer support at any time.

In such a city, it was impossible for Zhao Hai and the others to have their own rooms. Instead, the room Zhao Hai was given was very big, enough to house 10 people. Besides Zhao Hai, there was Zhang Feng, Li Kuangge, Yuan Ba, Li Mu, and five other people with status.

The group continued to share drinks inside the room. Although they already drank a lot in the tavern, the happiness they experienced warranted them to drink more.

After drinking his wine, Zhao Hai put down his cup and then looked at everyone as he said, "Everyone, we need to do well this time. Although the disciple from the True Dao Sect said that I was noticed, if you did well, someone would definitely notice you as well. Then we brothers will meet in the True Spirit Realm."

Zhang Feng smiled and said, "There's no need for you to worry. It's fine even if we don't get noticed. The True Spirit Realm isn't easy to enter. But after you reach the True Spirit Realm, we're expecting you to lend us a hand."

Yuan Ba agreed, "Team Leader, we heard that people who joined the top sects bring huge benefits to their sects. Although nobody from the Great Realm of Cultivation has entered a top sect before, there are some who have joined medium-grade sects. Despite this, the Great Realm of Cultivation managed to get a lot of benefits. It was said that the Sky Tower of the Great Realm of Cultivation was given to us by the True Spirit Realm."

Zhao Hai nodded, he was aware of this. If he has an opportunity later on, he would definitely help the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Yuan Ba looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Team Leader, if you really join a sect in the True Spirit Realm, don't be in a hurry to help us. You have to improve your status first. Then you'll be able to help the Great Realm of Cultivation more."

When Zhao Hai heard Yuan Ba, he couldn't help but get stunned. Then he smiled faintly and said, "Alright, don't worry. I know what to do. Let's stop talking about this, I haven't joined the True Spirit Realm yet. We'll talk again after I join them."

Although Zhao Hai looked calm, he was actually happy. His goal was to join a sect as powerful as the True Dao Sect. Now this problem was largely solved.

When Zhao Hai joined the Black Tiger Gang, he wasn't having a good time. There was an unceasing internal strife while a powerful enemy was looming outside. If Zhao Hai didn't work hard, the Black Tiger Gang might not have existed today.

To be honest, Zhao Hai dislikes these situations. If it was possible, he just wanted to be able to walk around the Great Realm of Cultivation and cultivate, even if his progress became slower. Zhao Hai has gone through many fights. He doesn't want to fight even more.

If he can join a top sect, he will undergo a lot less battles. As for the internal battles of the sect, Zhao Hai doesn't care about it. What were battles inside the sect? It was a battle for resources. To be honest, Zhao Hai wasn't against such battles. It would provide him with needed battle experience.

To be honest, Zhao Hai was looking forward to his life in the True Spirit Realm. He wanted to see what life there is like. This was because life there was closer to normal human life. People in the True Spirit Realm eat and drink, something that Zhao Hai could only enjoy in the Space.

The next morning, Zhao Hai and the others went out of their dwelling after waking up. They went to the walls and were still unable to spot any beasts. If there weren't any warnings, Zhang Feng and the others might not know that a beast tide was coming.

However, Zhao Hai knew that the forecast of the True Spirit Realm couldn't be wrong. The beast tide was coming. This was because the Space's surveillance could also see that the activity of the beasts have become more and more frequent.

Seeing that there were no beasts, Zhao Hai and the others prepared to head back to their place. Then at this time, Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er arrived. Zhao Hai's group immediately gave them a salute.

Feng Lingyun waved his hand and said, "I'm sorry, I forgot to introduce ourselves yesterday. My name is Feng Lingyun, an inner disciple of the True Dao Sect. This is my junior sister, Luo Xiu'er. Zhao Hai, I have something to tell you. We need to send ten people outside to check on the situation of the beasts. You're one of the ten people, you need to prepare."

Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately nodded and said, "Yes, Senior can rest assured."

Feng Lingyun nodded, then he led Liu Xiu'er to leave. Once the two were gone, Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, what's happening? If a top sect liked you, why would they send you to do a dangerous task?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's nothing wrong about it. Don't think that top sects are easy to enter. They don't accept useless people. This is a test. Don't worry about me. I'll be fine. Just take care of yourselves."

Yuan Ba was somewhat worried, "Team Leader, are they specifically aiming at you?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "You all look at me too highly. I might be someone from the Great Realm of Cultivation, but I'm nothing in the Soaring Dragon Realm, not to mention in the True Spirit Realm. Even if I join a top sect, I would still start from the Outer Sect. Do you think they would bother with me? If they want to deal with me, it's just a matter of saying a few words."

Yuan Ba and the others thought about it. Nobody dared to offend Zhao Hai in the Great Realm of Cultivation, but this was the Soaring Dragon Realm. And the people who talked to them were from the True Spirit Realm. In the True Spirit Realm, the immortal stage was just the starting point. There's no point for people to scheme against Zhao Hai.

As they were talking, Feng Lingyun walked over along with several cultivators. One of these cultivators actually had green hair. It was a Tree Demon. Besides the Tree Demon, Zhao Hai also saw two cultivators with a beast's aura. It seems like these two were beast cultivators.

When Feng Lingyun arrived in front of Zhao Hai, he said, "These are the people who will go with you to scout outside. Your task is very simple. You have to find out how many beasts there are within 10 thousand kilometers outside the city. You need to be careful. Don't separate. If you separate, it would be easier to get into trouble. You may not be able to return. You can go."

Everyone nodded. Then the group moved and flew outside the city. Seeing Zhao Hai and the others disappearing, Feng Lingyun turned to Zhang Feng and said, "You can go back. Looking at the current situation, the beast tide will not come today."

Zhang Feng gave Feng Lingyun a salute, then he said, "Thank you senior. But we'll wait for Little Hai here."

Feng Lingyun curiously looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Are you sure he'll survive? You must be aware that every time we send people to scout the beast territory, people don't return. Sometimes, entire teams get annihilated."

Zhang Feng said, "I don't know about the others, but Little Hai will definitely return. We're confident in him."

Feng Lingyun looked at Zhang Feng and the others and found that they were indeed confident. They weren't encouraging themselves, which made Feng Lingyun more curious about Zhao Hai.



Feng Lingyun knew it hasn't been that long since Zhao Hai came to the Soaring Dragon Realm. But he knew that Zhao Hai was aware of how powerful the beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm were. Even in such a situation, Zhang Feng and the others were still confident in Zhao Hai. This was something Feng Lingyun didn't expect.

When Zhao Hai's group of ten left Shangshan City, they continued to fly forward. They weren't flying very high, but none of them spoke a word. After all, they didn't know each other.

When they flew about a thousand kilometers out, they began to feel beasts around them. At this time, the green-haired Tree Demon opened their mouth and said, "Everyone, this task is very dangerous. We need to cooperate to survive. What do you all think?"

Zhao Hai didn't oppose and nodded. The others nodded as well. Seeing everyone agree, the Tree Demon couldn't help but have a smug look on his face as he said, "If we cooperate, then we will need a leader. If everyone doesn't mind, I will take this position. Do you all agree?"

Zhao Hai and the others looked at each other in dismay. They didn't expect the Tree Demon to have such ideas. Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel it was funny. He gently shook his head and no longer cared about the Tree Demon. Without saying anything to anybody, he continued flying forwards.

Seeing Zhao Hai's performance, the Tree Demon's expression changed. This meant that Zhao Hai was rejecting him. The others looked at each other, but they didn't follow Zhao Hai. One of the cultivators said, "We're just cooperating. We don't need a leader. If you want to cooperate, then you can't be the leader."

The others nodded. The Tree Demon's complexion became ugly. However, he didn't leave like Zhao Hai. But he still opened his mouth and said, "Alright, I won't be the leader. But that person just left. Since he left, he's kicked out."

The others looked at each other and nodded. Naturally, they didn't care about Zhao Hai's well-being. They don't know him, it doesn't matter if he survived or not.

Zhao Hai also heard this. Although he left, these people were still flying behind him. And how could they hide anything from Zhao Hai who has the Space.

## Chapter 1943: Escaping Successfully

Zhao Hai heard what the others said but there was no dissatisfaction on his face. Actually, he wanted to cooperate with the group. But as soon as he saw the Tree Demon's expression, he knew that cooperation was impossible.

After listening into the meaning of their conversation, Zhao Hai understood that this cooperation was nothing but mutual use. If they encounter danger, none of them will help each other. They would just run and leave the slowest person behind. It was better being alone than going with such a group.

However, Zhao Hai didn't dare underestimate the beasts of the Soaring Dragon Realm. He has been monitoring the realm for a long time. Therefore, he knew that the beasts of the realm weren't only powerful, they were also as smart as humans. If he wanted to deal with these beasts, then he would have to be careful.

Zhao Hai was now using his wood-element ability to traverse the forest. He didn't fly in the sky. This way, it would be impossible for beasts to detect him.

Zhao Hai was now more than 2000 kilometers away from Shangshan City. The beasts he encountered continued to increase. Moreover, the level of the beasts were becoming higher. Now Zhao Hai understood that the true overlords of the Soaring Dragon Realm were these beasts.

Although the cultivators of the True Spirit Realm constructed cities in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they could only defend these cities as well as its surroundings. The rest of the realm still belonged to the beasts.

Zhao Hai might be carefully traversing the forest, but his speed wasn't slow. Moreover, he came to discover large armies of beasts, ready to attack Shangshan City.

An hour after leaving Shangshan City, Zhao Hai was now 8 thousand kilometers away. As he flew forward, he suddenly heard a conversation. Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause for a moment. Then he used his wood-element technique to get closer.

Before long, Zhao Hai was able to listen in. A vigorous voice was talking, “Old Tiger, do you think the small ones can crush Shangshan City? If they do, then we would have face to show in front of our ancestors.”

Another low-sounding voice was heard, “Old Elephant, I don’t think so. You think Shangshan City is built with sticks? It existed for so many years. In any case, we also came to the Soaring Dragon Realm to train the small ones in combat.”

Hearing the two, Zhao Hai understood that the two were beast cultivators. They were the ones directing the beasts to attack Shangshan City.

As Zhao Hai got closer, he suddenly heard one of the beasts exclaim, “Who’s there!” And without giving Zhao Hai any time to react, a palm grasps towards the tree that Zhao Hai was hiding in.

When Zhao Hai saw this, he knew that there was no point hiding in the tree. The other party was very careful. Whether somebody was hiding in it or not, the tree would be uprooted, so he immediately left the tree.

As soon as Zhao Hai moved, he was immediately discovered by the two. They quickly flew towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai hasn’t revealed himself yet, but he knows that his position has been locked on by the two beast cultivators. It was pointless to hide.

Thinking of this, Zhao Hai flew up above the forest. He was standing a hundred meters away from the two beasts cultivators.

The two people opposite Zhao Hai had distinct characteristics. One was extremely tall, about 3 meters high. He had gray skin and bulging muscles. More importantly, he had very large ears. His nose was also long.

The other was about two meters tall and had yellow and black skin. And marked on top of his head was the character for ‘King’(Wang).

With how they looked, Zhao Hai could see that they were elephant and tiger beastmen.

The two were also sizing Zhao Hai up. The elephant beastman laughed and said, "I didn't think you would get so close to us. It seems like you're a divergent ability user. Hahaha. If we can kill a divergent ability user, our ancestors will be proud of us."

Zhao Hai looked at the two and then smiled faintly as he said, "A lot of people want to kill me, and yet I'm still here. I wonder if you two could succeed."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the tiger beastman glared at him. Then Zhao Hai suddenly felt a wave of pressure coming over his body. However, he didn't move and just stood straight.

Seeing that Zhao Hai wasn't affected by his pressure, the tiger beastman nodded and said, "You have a bit of skill. No wonder you're boasting. Haha. Not bad."

Zhao Hai just smiled and didn't reply. He locked firmly on his two opponents. As soon as they made a move, he would immediately act.

Although Zhao Hai didn't know the levels of these two beastmen, he knew that they weren't at the immortal stage. They should be at a stage higher up.

As the beastmen were observing Zhao Hai, they couldn't help but be surprised. Their strength has already surpassed the immortal stage. In their minds, immortal experts wouldn't dare to breathe in front of them. As long as they wanted to, immortal experts would be subdued by their pressure. But this time, they found out that they were wrong.

Although Zhao Hai was still at the immortal stage, he was stronger than most in his level. Zhao Hai didn't buckle down even though he was under the suppression of the two beastmen. This caused the expression of the two to change.

Looking at the reaction of the other party, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Seniors, you've experienced battles like these multiple times. This one is just a scout sent by the city. I'm not worthy of your attention. If you spare your actions, then I will be grateful to you."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the two beastmen stared. As they were stunned, Zhao Hai quickly dove down into the forest. Not long after that, he became completely undetectable.

Seeing what just happened, the complexion of the two beastmen couldn't help but change. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to use this move. They were completely caught off guard. The two were greatly annoyed, then they immediately scanned the forest with their spiritual force.

However, they weren't able to detect anything. The forest below them turned into a whole layer of energy, completely covering the area. Their spiritual force couldn't penetrate at all.

The two beastmen roared and charged towards the forest. The other beasts could also feel the anger of their elders and charged inside the forest as well. In a blink of an eye, a patch of the forest was razed to the ground. And yet, they still weren't able to find Zhao Hai.

When Zhao Hai dove down, he immediately used his wood-element technique to form a shield that would block the spiritual force of the two beastmen. And while the two were trying to break it, he dove down a hundred meters underground and left.

Because the beastmen were too focused on the forest, they failed to look below the ground. This gave Zhao Hai an opportunity to escape. When the beasts leveled the section of the forest, Zhao Hai was already a thousand kilometers away.

Zhao Hai's speed underground wasn't very fast, but he still scouted around Shangshan City. And in his scouting, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be surprised. There were too many beasts around the city.

The place Zhao Hai was currently in was practically right next to Shangshan City. And yet, Zhao Hai found at least a million beasts. It must be known that all of these beasts were at least in the immortal stage. When he thought about it, Zhao Hai couldn't help but feel dread.

After more than 20 hours of scouting, Zhao Hai was able to get a clear idea of the situation around Shangshan City. Altogether, there were about 3 million beasts gathered. The north side of the city had the most beasts. The other three directions were a bit weaker.

After verifying his observations, Zhao Hai no longer stayed and immediately returned to the city. As for the others, Zhao Hai didn't even think about them.

Although Zhao Hai was out for quite some time, Zhang Feng and the others remained in the walls. Feng Lingyun also wanted to see if Zhao Hai would safely return, so he remained as well.

Once Zhao Hai discovered Feng Lingyun as well as Zhang Feng and the others, he immediately flew towards them. Then he cupped his fist and said, "Zhao Hai has seen Senior Feng Lingyun."

Feng Lingyun sized Zhao Hai up and saw that he had no traces of battle. He couldn't help but frown as he asked, "Zhao Hai, how is the situation outside? Did you find out how many beasts there are? Where are the others?" Naturally, he suspects that Zhao Hai just hid and didn't scout.

Zhao Hai was aware of Feng Lingyun's suspicion, but he didn't care as he replied, "Not long after we left, the Tree Demon suggested that he become team leader, so I left. As for what happened to them, I don't know. There are about 3 million beasts surrounding the city. The strongest gathering is in the north. Moreover, there are two powerful beast cultivators in the north. One is an elephant beastman while the other is a tiger beastman. I was discovered by them while I was scouting. I used their overconfidence to escape."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Feng Lingyun's expression turned serious. Then he asked, "Describe the two beast cultivators."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The elephant beastman was very tall and big. He has gray skin, big ears, and a long nose. He also has a small hole on his left ear. The tiger beastman is two meters tall. He has the character of 'King' on his head. Besides that, he didn't have any distinct characteristics. However, that tiger beastman used a technique on me. He just stared and I felt a huge pressure on me."

By this point, Feng Lingyun completely believed Zhao Hai's words. This was because he recognized the two beastmen that Zhao Hai described. He even fought against them before. Feng Lingyun nodded and said, "So it's those two. Good. Zhao Hai, you did well. You can go back and rest." Zhao Hai nodded, then he led Zhang Feng and the others back to their resting area.

Looking at Zhao Hai's back, Feng Lingyun couldn't help but sigh, "It seems like that fellow is stronger than we imagined. Big Brother Lin has hit a jackpot." As he said that, he walked over to where Luo Xiu'er was and said, "Xiu'er, I'm afraid we're in trouble."

Hearing this, Luo Xiu'er asked, "What happened? I just saw Zhao Hai return, what did he tell you? Where are the others?"

Feng Lingyun shook his head and said, "The others aren't important. What's important is the information that Zhao Hai brought. This time, there are 3 million beasts surrounding the city. They're led by Xiang Que and Hu Wang. I didn't expect the beast ancestor to send them to the Soaring Dragon Realm. It seems like the beast ancestor is trying to stir up some trouble again."

Luo Xiu'er couldn't help but stare, then she knitted her brows and said, "Why are they here? Did Zhao Hai see them? Are you sure it's them?"

Feng Lingyun nodded and said, "I'm sure of it. I asked Zhao Hai what they looked like and it's accurate. He even described Hu Wang's mark. To be honest, I don't know how Zhao Hai managed to return after meeting the two. Those guys are notoriously ruthless."

Luo Xiu'er nodded, "When it comes to those fellows, we need to be careful. They aren't easy to deal with. Even with the two of us, it would be very hard to win. Lingyun, do you think we should ask for support?"

Luo Xiu'er's decision was justified. The Soaring Dragon Realm was a trial area for the True Spirit Realm. Not only those from the lower realms, True Spirit Realm sects also test their disciples here. Luo Xiu'er and Feng Lingyun were tasked to stay in the Soaring Dragon Realm for 50 years. They were also the two strongest cultivators in Shangshan City. And even the two of them would have a hard time dealing with the elephant and tiger beastman. If something happened to them, then Shangshan City would be in trouble.

Feng Lingyun looked at the forest outside the city and then shook his head as he said, "There's no need. The defenses of Shangshan City are very good. Even if Xiang Que and Hu Wang led the beasts, as long as we don't go out to face them, Shangshan City will not be in danger."

Chapter 1944: Strength of a Fist

When Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng returned to their dwelling, Li Mu immediately asked, "Army Commander, how many enemies are there?"

Zhao Hai replied, "There's no less than 3 million. All of them are immortal-level beasts. This time we need to be careful. Make sure that we group up at all times. Let's try our best to not disperse."

Everyone nodded. Then the group sat down. Zhao Hai looked at everyone, then with a serious expression he said, "When I went out, I met two beast cultivators, one from the elephant clan and the other from the tiger clan. They should be the leaders of the beasts. Those two are very powerful. I couldn't even grasp their strength. If you meet them, run as far away as possible."

When they heard Zhao Hai, everyone's hearts turned cold. They knew how strong Zhao Hai was. If he couldn't grasp how strong the two beastmen were, then that meant that they were far too strong for ordinary cultivators.

Zhao Hai looked at Yuan Ba and said, "Yuan Ba, how many did you buy yesterday? Give them all to me. I reckon the beasts will attack the city within two days, so I need to make preparations."

Yuan Ba nodded, then he handed a spatial bag to Zhao Hai and said, "I've bought the same things as last time. Shangshan City has more materials than Wulong City. They're very cheap too, so I bought a lot."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Good. Just stay in this room. If someone comes, say that I went out and you don't know where I went." After he said that, Zhao Hai disappeared.

Nobody was surprised when Zhao Hai vanished. Everyone knew that Zhao Hai was a spatial ability user.

Nothing happened for the rest of the day. However, none of the other nine who went out with Zhao Hai returned. From this situation, everyone knew that they wouldn't return.

The beasts didn't attack that night nor did they do anything. However, it was good that they didn't, this gives Zhao Hai more time to create armor inside the Space.



The next morning, Zhao Hai appeared once again in their dwelling. Seeing Zhao Hai return, Zhang Feng and the others greeted him. Zhao Hai took out a spatial bag and handed it to Yuan Ba and said, "Distribute this to everyone, one piece per person. Do it as soon as possible. I have a bad feeling. The beasts are probably close."

This wasn't Zhao Hai's mere feeling. The Space has seen that the beasts were gearing for attack. Therefore, he came out. Everyone believed in Zhao Hai's words, so when they heard him they became anxious.

The armors were quickly given out to everyone. Just as everyone put on their armor, a blaring alarm sounded out throughout Shangshan City. Zhao Hai and the others immediately knew that the beasts had come. They quickly left their dwellings and went to the city wall.

When Zhao Hai arrived at the wall, he could immediately feel the powerful pressure in front of him. This pressure was like a wave crashing on the city wall. Naturally, the defensive formation of the walls has been activated.

Zhao Hai looked out and began to see a sea of flying beasts coming over. The trees of the forest were also shaking, showing how many beasts were running through it.

The Soaring Dragon Realm has different terrains like the Great Realm of Cultivation. The place where Shangshan City was located was in a forest.

Despite being in a forest, trees have been cleared ten kilometers around the city. Even if trees grew, they would be cut down by the cultivators of the city. This would remove any chances of beasts sneaking up into the city.

Before long, huge quantities of beasts ran out from the forest. Then they all stopped when they were 5 kilometers away.

This wasn't the beasts being polite, they just couldn't proceed. In fact, five kilometers around the city was a region filled with traps. If the beasts tried to enter this region, they would be skinned in no time. These beasts were smart, they were also aware of Shangshan City's characteristics. Therefore, they stopped before hitting the traps.

When Zhao Hai saw this, his heart sank. From this response, this meant that this wasn't the first time that the beasts attacked the city. They were veterans. Such beasts were difficult to deal with. Thinking of this, Zhao Hai turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, remind everyone to be careful. The beasts outside the city are veterans. We shouldn't underestimate them."

Zhang Feng nodded and then passed the word around. Then people began to gather around Zhao Hai. In Shangshan City, Zhao Hai was the only person they trusted.

Zhao Hai was quite worried. Although the Space has plenty of Undead, he doesn't have a lot that reached the immortal stage. Moreover, he could only use immortal-level Undead in the Soaring Dragon Realm. This dropped his combat strength significantly.

An hour after the beasts stopped outside the city, two small dots could be seen flying from a distance. The two dots also stopped outside the city's traps. Zhao Hai looked at the two and recognized them to be the two beastmen he met the day before.

When Xiang Que and Hu Wang stopped, Hu Wang shouted, "Representative of Shangshan City, come out!"

Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er also flew up, but they didn't leave the city. Without cupping his fist, Feng Lingyun said, "So it is Mister Hu Wang."

Seeing Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er, Hu Wang couldn't help but laugh, "You're in charge of Shangshan City? Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er. Subordinates of the defeated general are actually defending Shangshan City. Good. It seems like the fall of Shangshan City is certain."

Hearing Hu Wang's rude words, Feng Lingyun naturally wouldn't be polite. He coldly snorted and said, "Hu Wang, you're still arrogant. Try attacking, let's see if you have enough strength to take down Shangshan City." After speaking, he flew back to the walls of the city with Luo Xiu'er, making it clear that he has no intentions to continue the conversation.

Seeing Feng Lingyun leave, Hu Wang coldly snorted. Then he swept the city with his vision. He stopped at a certain location and his eyes turned vicious.

Xiang Que also followed Hu Wang's gaze. What he saw also caused him to emit a killing aura.

Naturally, the two beastmen were staring at Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was also looking at them without a care. He just smiled faintly as he cupped his fist towards the two as a greeting. This nonchalant attitude caused the two beastmen to be enraged. Hu Wang immediately roared, "Puny kid. Suffer and die!" Then he punched towards Zhao Hai, sending a fist qi that carried the energy of an entire mountain. Everywhere the fist qi passed through, traps and formations were destroyed.

Zhao Hai looked at the approaching fist qi and his expression turned serious. He waved his hand and took out a long blade. Then Zhao Hai took a step forward and chopped his blade, causing a huge blade qi to come out.

Boom! A loud explosion was heard as the blade qi and fist qi connected. Then the two disappeared. Seeing this, Hu Wang couldn't help but stare. Then he laughed and said, "Good kid. You have real skill. But if these are the only tricks that you have, then you will die."

"Hu Wang, are you joking? You think the shield of Shangshan City is made of paper? You really think that I, Feng Lingyun, will allow you to succeed?" After he said that, Feng Lingyun sent a sword qi towards Hu Wang.

At this time, Xiang Que, who hadn't spoken, looked at Feng Lingyun and said, "Just depending on you, I'm not sure. Haha." Xiang Que also stopped Feng Lingyun's sword qi with his own fist qi.

And this time as well, the sword qi and fist qi canceled themselves out. Then Luo Xiu'er opened her mouth and said, "Hu Wang, Xiang Que, there's no need to waste energy talking. You want to capture Shangshan City, come. This auntie is waiting for you."

The attacks sent by both sides were merely sparks. The other cultivators didn't react. This wasn't the first time the two fought. Among those who attacked, the most eye-catching one was Zhao Hai.

Although the surrounding cultivators haven't fought against Xiang Que and Hu Wang, they could see from their imposing aura that they weren't in the immortal stage. However, both characters couldn't deal with Zhao Hai. They even looked like they had a grudge against Zhao Hai. This caused those present to be confused.

Zhao Hai didn't care about what the others were thinking about him. Although his blade slash looked very casual, it actually took all of his energy. His attack was the unified attack of the Seven Killing Blades along with his blade intent. With seven blades sent all at once, all of the spiritual qi inside Zhao Hai's body was immediately drained out. Even if he could continuously absorb spiritual qi during battle, it won't be enough to keep sending attacks if ever Hu Wang decided to continuously attack.

Fortunately, Feng Lingyun made a move, giving Zhao Hai time to breath. Now, Zhao Hai has recovered his spiritual qi. But he also understood how terrifying Hu Wang was. Hu Wang's fist qi could actually drain all of Zhao Hai's energy. If he fought against Hu Wang, Zhao Hai was certain that he could only survive if he hid inside the Space.

Although Zhao Hai was able to recover his spiritual qi in just a few breaths. He still knew that he wouldn't be able to fight Hu Wang one to one even if he used all of his divergent abilities.

#### Chapter 1945: Beasts Attack The City

Hu Wang and Xiang Que didn't care about any of Zhao Hai's thoughts. Hu Wang's attack towards Zhao Hai was no more than a provocation towards Feng Lingyun. He wanted to anger Feng Lingyun and draw him out of the city. Once Feng Lingyun was out, Hu Wang was confident that he could beat him. If he succeeds, the morale of Shangshan City would plummet and capturing it would no longer be impossible.

Hu Wang has no plans to injure Zhao Hai. After all, Zhao Hai was standing on the city wall, behind the protective shield. At most, his fist would hit the shield of the city. He just wanted to frighten Zhao Hai and at the same time gauge the strength of the defensive shield.

However, Hu Wang didn't expect Zhao Hai's blade qi to stop his attack. This caused him to be surprised.

Hu Wang knew very well that Shangshan City wouldn't just send anyone to scout. Scouting was the most dangerous task in a beast tide. And every time, scouting would be left to cultivators who were being observed by top sects. This would be that cultivator's hardest trial. If a cultivator can return to Shangshan City, then that means they have an 80 percent chance of joining a top sect.

It was because of this that Hu Wang was annoyed when Zhao Hai escaped. Those who were recruited to top sects were talents among talents. If he was able to kill these talents, he would have less headaches to deal with in the future. Unfortunately for Hu Wang, Zhao Hai was able to survive.

Another thing that annoyed Hu Wang was the fact that Feng Lingyun didn't take the bait. And by listening to Luo Xiu'er's words, it seems like they were planning to tenaciously defend. This caused Hu Wang to have a headache.

This wasn't Hu Wang's first time attacking Shangshan City. The last time he attacked was 20 years ago. At that time, it wasn't Feng Lingyun who defended the city. Back then, Hu Wang was very confident in himself, but he lost in the end. He also became aware of the formidable defenses of the city. Because of this, he wanted to defeat Feng Lingyun first before the battle started.

Hu Wang also knew about Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er's relationship. If Feng Lingyun gets defeated outside the city, then there was a good chance that Luo Xiu'er would head out to help him. This way, both of them would be taken out from the battle. This was the optimum result that Hu Wang wanted, it was a pity that he didn't succeed.

The Soaring Dragon Realm was no more than a trial field for the disciples of the sects and descendants of the beasts. In this place, both sides could fight with each other with no consideration of their faction's face. Because of this, Hu Wang was not worried if he killed Feng Lingyun or Luo Xiu'er. But once they returned to the True Dao Sect, he would no longer have this opportunity.

Although Xiang Que was a huge figure, he wasn't a big dumb idiot. He was aware of Hu Wang's plans. Seeing that Feng Lingyun didn't take the bait and was intending to defend inside the city, Xiang Que also felt his head ache. So he whispered towards Hu Wang, "Old Tiger, what do we do now? That fellow didn't take the bait."

Hu Wang replied, "What else can we do? We can only attack. They don't want to head out, but this also means that they cannot move around. Have the children go and play."

Beast tides and city defense were arranged specifically by the True Spirit Realm to exercise the talents of both sides. Because of this, the defensive shields of the cities were made special. The shield would block attacks coming from people like Hu Shan and Xiang Que who were above the immortal stage. But when immortal stage beings were to attack, the shield wouldn't stop it. Moreover, if they have no identity tokens or the like, experts above the immortal stage wouldn't be able to enter the city. Unless the beasts invade the city and destroy the defensive formation, Hu Wang and Xiang Que wouldn't be able to enter.

With no other way, Hu Wang waved his hand and commanded all of the beasts to attack Shangshan City. Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er also commanded everyone to defend.

Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er were also aware of the rules. The beasts that would attack the city would definitely attack the walls. However, they couldn't make a move. This was part of the agreement reached by both sides.

But before the beasts could attack the city wall, the cultivators on the wall could counter-attack. Feng Lingyun has no plans to make the beasts reach the city wall easily. Therefore, he commanded the cultivators to stop the beasts from approaching.

Although cultivators have no idea of the underlying matters, they attacked the approaching beasts. All at once, qi attacks flew from the walls.

This wasn't the first time Zhao Hai observed beasts attacking a city. He knew that these beasts could easily climb the wall and the shields of the city had no effect on them. Because of this knowledge, Zhao Hai had everyone focus on stopping the enemies.

Zhao Hai wasn't idle when he commanded the cultivators of the Great Realm of Cultivation. He was also sending blade qi towards the beasts.

Actually, Zhao Hai has plenty of attacking methods that he didn't use. But he kept using his blade qi because he knew that people were currently observing him. If he was too eye-catching, it might be detrimental to him.

Zhao Hai's guess was correct. Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er were paying attention to him. The two were aware of Hu Wang's strength. Hu Wang was far beyond the immortal stage. A casual attack from him would be lethal to immortal experts. Immortal experts who blocked it would be heavily injured or killed by the shock.

However, not only did Zhao Hai block the attack, he wasn't even visibly injured. With such strength and talent, it would be impossible for the two to not pay attention to him.

Now Feng Lingyun regretted his promise to Lin Ling. If he didn't promise Lin Ling, he would have reported Zhao Hai to the True Dao Sect. Recruiting a talent like Zhao Hai would be a huge contribution to the sect. Unfortunately, Lin Ling made the first step.

The battle continued on but the long-distance attacks were beginning to slow down and were replaced by close combat. The beasts were now very close to Shangshan City. Although the walls of the city were very high, a hundred meter high wall wasn't an issue to immortal-level beasts. It didn't take long before beasts managed to climb the wall.

The brutal melee finally came. It wasn't only the ground beasts that attacked, there were also aerial beasts that were attacking from above.

Shangshan City soon became a huge battlefield. Cultivators were also beginning to fall. However, Zhao Hai's team remained complete as they resisted the beasts.

Zhao Hai observed the surroundings as he was fighting. Before, he didn't sense anything when he observed the battle. But now, he saw that aside from commanding the cultivators, Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er didn't make any attacks. It seems like they were reserving their energy to confront the two beastmen.

However, Zhao Hai felt that something wasn't right. The two beastmen didn't attack. The two sides were clearly against each other but neither of them did anything.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but have some suspicions. But even if his thoughts were real, he didn't have any means to change them. After all, matters in the Soaring Dragon Realm were decided by the True Spirit Realm.

The wall where Zhao Hai and the others were located was beginning to flood with beasts. These beasts weren't weak, so Zhao Hai didn't have any energy to think about anything else. He commanded his team with all of his strength to oppose the enemy.

The people in Zhao Hai's team have no doubts regarding Zhao Hai's ability to command. Zhao Hai was a famous commander in the Great Realm of Cultivation. His commanding ability was more famous than his own strength. Although they didn't undergo any army training, everyone was a veteran of battles. They have no issues following Zhao Hai's instructions.

And Zhao Hai didn't disappoint them. The siege was very bloody and brutal. However, the Great Realm of Cultivation has yet to lose a single person. There might be injuries, but they weren't heavy. This

record caused people to feel jealous. Naturally, this also resulted in beasts attacking Zhao Hai's group more fiercely.

Unfortunately for the beasts, Zhao Hai army formation was too powerful. He didn't give the beasts any opportunities to take advantage of. It became impossible for the beasts to eliminate Zhao Hai's group.

The situation with Zhao Hai's group also attracted the attention of Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er. The same was true for Hu Wang and Xiang Que. They were somewhat surprised by Zhao Hai's performance.

The four True Spirit Realm disciples knew that the people of the lower realms rarely developed commanding skills. This was because the lower realms focused more on the individual rather than the group.

The Soaring Dragon Realm not only trained the combat strength of the lower realm cultivators, it also exercised the commanding ability of the True Spirit Realm disciples sent down. Take this siege for example, Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er couldn't act personally. This forced them to use their ability to command the cultivators. This was a skill that they could use when they return to the True Spirit Realm.

The True Spirit Realm was different to the Great Realm of Cultivation. Conflicts between sects in the Great Realm of Cultivation didn't involve masses of people, so commanding ability wasn't important. On the other hand, large-scale battles were more common in the True Spirit Realm, which required its talents to be good at command as well.

Feng Lingyun and the others didn't expect a lower realm cultivator to be so formidable in commanding his people. It was no wonder they were surprised.

The more he observed Zhao Hai, the more regret Feng Lingyun felt. He regretted that he gave Zhao Hai to Lin Ling. On the other hand, the killing intent in Hu Wang's eyes became stronger and stronger. His resolve to kill Zhao Hai continued to increase.

#### Chapter 1946: Surrounded By Danger

As the battle continued, the casualties on both sides increased. The 3 million beasts have lost more than hundreds of thousands in the last four hours. As for the defenders of the city, its losses surpassed 150 thousand. It could be said that both sides suffered a lot.



But in this chaos, the most remarkable group was Zhao Hai's team. From the beginning, they haven't lost more than ten people. This caused them to be the center of attention.

It must be known that Zhao Hai's location was now the most violent region in the battle. Even with such violent attacks from the beasts, Zhao Hai and the others were still able to minimize their losses. It was nothing short of a miracle.

Cultivators could no longer be seen in areas around Zhao Hai's group. This was because the other cultivators had already been wiped out by the beasts. And when the surviving cultivators noticed that the beasts were specifically aiming for Zhao Hai's group, they immediately left the area. This caused Zhao Hai's team to be the only target of the beasts. Unfortunately, the beasts were unable to devour Zhao Hai and the others.

Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er were naturally able to notice this. They organized reinforcements multiple times to help Zhao Hai's group deal with the beasts. But in the end, these reinforcements were beaten back by the beasts.

Zhao Hai could also see the situation they were in. These beasts attacked them not because of instinct, but it was because Hu Wang and Xiang Que were ordering them to wipe out Zhao Hai. The two beastmen were fully intent on dealing with him.

Because of this, Zhao Hai decided to hold off on releasing his Undead. He needs to have an ace he could use when there's no other choice left.

The attack of the beasts seems to be unending. Moreover, each and every one of them were extremely violent. This created pressure not only towards Zhao Hai's group, but also to the entire Shangshan City.

Feng Lingyun wasn't a fool. Seeing Hu Wang and Xiang Que's actions, he understood that they wanted to kill Zhao Hai. This made Feng Lingyun more eager to guarantee Zhao Hai's safety.

Feng Lingyun agreed to Lin Ling recruiting Zhao Hai for the Tyrant Blade Sect. This meant that Zhao Hai was now someone from Lin Ling's side. Even if the True Dao Sect has no relationship to Zhao Hai, Lin Ling and Feng Lingyun were very close friends. Feng Lingyun couldn't allow something to happen to Zhao Hai. And with the good relationship between the Tyrant Blade Sect and the True Dao Sect, it would

be good for the True Dao Sect if the Tyrant Blade Sect were to gain a talented disciple. Therefore, no matter what, Zhao Hai couldn't fall in Shangshan City.

Thinking of this, Feng Lingyun took out his communication token and adjusted the formation inside. This communication token was similar to a mobile phone. But instead of numbers, there was a formation inside that one could set to communicate with a certain person. It was much more complicated compared to dialing numbers.

Looking at Feng Lingyun's action, Luo Xiu'er asked, "Who are you calling?"

Feng Lingyun's communication token hasn't connected yet, so he answered, "I'm calling Brother Lin. Zhao Hai is in danger and we can't make a move. With Brother Lin, we can head out and fight Hu Wang and Xiang Que. This would cause the beasts to retreat."

Luo Xiu'er nodded and no longer said anything. At this time, the communication token connected. Lin Ling's projection was seen. He had a confused expression as he asked, "Lingyun, what's wrong? Why did you call me at this time? Are you finished over there?"

Hearing Lin Ling, Feng Lingyun immediately shook his head and said, "We're not finished yet. Brother Lin, if possible, we need you to bring over some help. Our situation isn't doing well. Hu Wang and Xiang Que are commanding the beast tide. Before the battle, I sent Zhao Hai out to scout and he managed to offend the two of them. Now, they're targeting Zhao Hai, sending beasts to attack him continuously. I'm afraid he won't be able to hold on."

Upon hearing this, Lin Ling's complexion changed. Then he nodded and said, "Alright, once we're done here, I'll immediately bring people over. Before that, nothing can happen to Zhao Hai. Even if you make a move, do it. I'll bear the consequences." After he finished speaking, Lin Ling turned off the communicator.

Feng Lingyun couldn't help but stare at his communication token. After some time, he turned to Luo Xiu'er and said, "Xiu'er, did you hear that? Did he say that I would make a move? He's that desperate to defend Zhao Hai?"

Luo Xiu'er nodded, "From what it looks like, yes. However, Zhao Hai should be fine for some time. So it's better that we don't take action. Otherwise, we would have a hard time explaining to the sect. I reckon Brother Lin will arrive soon."

Feng Lingyun nodded and said, "Alright, you pay attention here. I'll make these fellows work harder. Really, why do these people get weaker and weaker? They've been pressured by the beasts, aren't they ashamed?"

After he said that, Feng Lingyun pushed the cultivators to fight against the beasts. Meanwhile, Luo Xiu'er directed her people towards where Zhao Hai was. Although she didn't make a move, her actions were very obvious.

Seeing this, Hu Wang's expression changed. Xiang Que's face was also quite ugly. He said, "It seems like they're preparing to protect Zhao Hai. Will they make a move once Zhao Hai is in danger?"

Hu Wang replied, "Even if they have no intentions before, they might do it now. Zhao Hai's ability is just too strong. If it were me, I would protect him even if I violate the rules. Didn't you see? Feng Lingyun called someone. He should have asked for help."

Xiang Que snorted, but he couldn't do anything. This was because he didn't have any means to enter Shangshan City. Even if he made a move against Zhao Hai, he had no way of breaking Shangshan City's shield.

Hu Wang looked at Zhao Hai's defense and frowned. He was thinking of ways of dealing with him.

Recalling the scene where his fist qi was blocked by Zhao Hai's blade qi, Hu Wang's eyes lit up. He thought of a way to deal with Zhao Hai. However, this method could only be used once. If he was unsuccessful, he would no longer be able to use it again.

Hu Wang called a beast over. This beast's body was strange. It looked like a snake but it had a row of bones on its head. It has a long and thin tail and two plump eyes. It looked sluggish.

Hu Wang called the beast over to his side, gave it a few orders and waved his hand. The beast nodded and then slowly retreated into the forest, disappearing after a while.

Xiang Que was at the side listening to Hu Wang's orders. He gave Hu Wang a look of confusion but he didn't say anything. The time they spent together wasn't short, so Xiang Que was aware of Hu Wang's abilities.

Time passed and it has been 20 minutes since Hu Wang gave his order. Then all of a sudden, Hu Wang shouted, "Shameless kid, die!" Then he sent a fist qi towards Zhao Hai.

This fist was sent with full power. A huge golden tiger appeared behind the fist qi as it flew towards the wall where Zhao Hai was. The fist qi didn't only contain Hu Wang's aura, it also carried the ferociousness of a tiger. As it traveled, it emitted a terrifying roar that could shake one's soul.

Luo Xiu'er didn't care about this attack. She just had disdain on her face. Luo Xiu'er knew that it was impossible for Hu Wang's fist qi to reach Zhao Hai. Shangshan City's defensive shield wasn't only for decoration. Not to mention Hu Wang, even those more powerful than him couldn't break the city's shield. There was no need for Luo Xiu'er to worry about Zhao Hai.

But before long, Luo Xiu'er's complexion changed. This was because she discovered that the formation of Zhao Hai's team had changed. It seems like they were planning to defend against Hu Wang's attack. All of them sent attacks towards the approaching fist qi. Meanwhile, the beasts used this opportunity to attack the openings that appeared in the formation.

Luo Xiu'er quickly understood the goal of Hu Wang's attack. Hu Wang wasn't intending to destroy the shield of Shangshan City, he wanted to distract Zhao Hai's group so that their formation would break. Once the beasts enter their formation, Zhao Hai and the others would be in danger.

Just as Luo Xiu'er was about to help Zhao Hai, she suddenly saw Zhao Hai move as if avoiding something. Then he slashed his blade to his left side. Then a bloody red streak was seen not far from where Zhao Hai attacked. A beast soon appeared, roaring in pain.

As soon as she saw this beast, Luo Xiu'er's expression changed. She remembered that this was the beast that was called over by Hu Wang. This beast could actually turn invisible. Hu Wang sent an attack to distract the cultivators and allow the beasts to destroy their formation. These were just tricks. The real attack was this invisible beast. While Zhao Hai and the others were distracted by the fist qi and the beasts, the invisible beast would attack and kill Zhao Hai.

And evidently, Hu Wang's plan failed. Although the formation of Zhao Hai and the others were chaotic, Zhao Hai was still able to discover the invisible beast and gave it a severe wound.

However, this didn't relieve the pressure on Zhao Hai's group. It didn't change the fact that their formation has been broken. Now, it wasn't only Zhao Hai who was in danger, but everyone from the Great Realm of Cultivation as well.

Seeing that it was the right time, Zhao Hai waved his hand and released a thousand immortal-stage Undead. The immortal-level Undead immediately attacked the surrounding beasts. The beasts were caught off-guard by the sudden reinforcements. Before long, the formation of the Great Realm of Cultivation stabilized. But in this short disturbance, Zhao Hai's team lost 20 people.

It was also at this point that the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation discovered that Hu Wang's fist couldn't penetrate through Shangshan City's shield. Upon knowing this information, coupled with their loss of comrades, they couldn't help but burn in anger. They focused this rage towards the beasts, driving them off the formation and soon after, the walls.

Such a development came as a surprise to everyone. Luo Xiu'er, Hu Wang, Xiang Que, the beasts, and the cultivators couldn't help but stare at Zhao Hai's group. Then their gazes shifted towards Zhao Hai's summoned Undead.

At this moment, a white light flashed in Shangshan City followed by a powerful aura rising up into the sky. Everyone could feel the air turn thick, then they had a faint feeling of a blade on top of their heads. It was as if they were going to be chopped at any time.

Hu Wang and Xiang Que could also feel this strong aura. The moment he detected this, Hu Wang's complexion changed as he said, "It's actually that Lin Ling from the Tyrant Blade Sect. He's also here? Old Elephant, we're in trouble. If we don't leave now, we won't have a choice later on."

Xiang Que also felt the powerful aura, so he nodded and said, "Alright, if it's really that Lin Ling, then we'll better leave immediately. That guy alone is hard to deal with, then there's Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er."

Hu Wang nodded, then he took out a huge horn and blew on it.

WOOO! The bellow of the horn spread to every corner of the battlefield. As soon as the beasts heard the horn, they immediately gave up on the fight and left without stopping. Hu Wang and Xiang Que also disappeared in a flash. But before they left, they gave Zhao Hai a deep look, imprinting his appearance deep into their hearts.

When the beasts retreated, Shangshan City erupted in cheers. The cultivators were naturally happy that they were able to repel the attack of the beast tide.

At this moment, Lin Ling found Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er. Luo Xiu'er no longer went to Zhao Hai seeing that he was no longer in danger. When Lin Ling arrived, he cupped his fist and said, "Lingyun, Xiu'er, thanks for your troubles. This Brother will remember this favor."

Feng Lingyun smiled bitterly and said, "Brother Lin, you're just embarrassing me. I didn't have a chance to help this time. Zhao Hai is alright. He's strong enough to keep himself and his people safe. His survival has nothing to do with us."

Chapter 1947: Dilemma

Hearing this, Lin Ling couldn't help but stare. Then he turned towards Zhao Hai as he said, "What happened? Tell me."

Feng Lingyun looked around and said, "Later. Let me handle the damage control first." Lin Ling nodded. Then they directed people to clean up the battlefield.

At this moment, Zhao Hai was receiving his Undead. Zhang Feng's expression wasn't very good. When the invisible beast was revealed, Zhang Feng immediately knew Hu Wang's plan and how they were fooled. Zhao Hai almost fell to a sneak attack.

Looking at everyone's expressions, Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Alright, don't take it too seriously. It's nothing. This means we have to be more careful in the future. Yuan Ba, take care of the bodies of our fallen comrades. After cremation, we'll send them back to their sects." Yuan Ba complied and then took some people to take care of the bodies of those who died.

Zhao Hai also used this opportunity to receive some of the beast corpses outside the city. He didn't take too many bodies, of the 100 thousand fallen beasts, he only received 5000. Moreover, he made sure to get corpses from a wide area to prevent people from finding out.

There were a lot of cultivators in Shangshan City. And with everyone being at least immortal experts, it didn't take a long time to clean the battlefield. Not long after the battlefield was cleaned up, Zhao Hai and the others returned to their dwelling in Shangshan City. They must stay in the city for a few more days. After all, they were still unsure whether the beast tide had passed or not.

After Feng Lingyun was done cleaning the battlefield, the three went to the branch hall of the True Dao Sect. Once they settled down, Lin Ling looked at Feng Lingyun and said, "What happened? Didn't you say that Zhao Hai is in danger? How come nothing happened when I arrived?"

Feng Lingyun smiled bitterly and said, "We've underestimated Zhao Hai. It seems like he's much stronger than he shows outside." Then he proceeded to mention the time Zhao Hai and Hu Wang clashed. Then to Hu Wang's failed scheme against Zhao Hai. And in the end, he mentioned Zhao Hai's Undead sweeping through the beasts on the wall.

After listening to this, Lin Ling gave Feng Lingyun a look of disbelief, "Lingyun, are you telling the truth? Is Zhao Hai really that strong?"

Luo Xiu'er confirmed, "Lingyun is telling the truth. Zhao Hai might not be a match against us, but I'm certain that he's invincible in the immortal stage. I didn't expect that he would hide such a huge card from us. This kid could really hold back."

Lin Ling let out a long breath, then he laughed and said, "Good kid. I didn't expect him to be very strong. I really underestimated him."

Feng Lingyun looked at Lin Ling with envy as he said, "Brother Ling, remove that smile on your face. I'm really feeling regret right now. Why didn't I find him first? I even agreed to watch him for you."

Lin Ling continued to laugh, "Brother, what can I say? I was a step ahead. Right, I promised you a drink last time. Let's go and share a cup."

Feng Lingyun nodded and said, "Alright, let's go. Thinking that Zhao Hai would go to you makes me depressed. I'll make sure to empty your pockets today."

Lin Ling didn't care and just laughed. Luo Xiu'er looked at Lin Ling and smiled faintly. To be honest, she has the same feelings as Feng Lingyun. Knowing that a genius like Zhao Hai was operating in her city but she could only watch really left a bad taste in her mouth.

Zhao Hai was unaware of all of these. He was currently sitting with Zhang Feng and the others, discussing the day's matters. Zhang Feng sighed and said, "In the past, I thought that beast tides were spontaneous events. I didn't expect that the beasts were also controlled by someone. It seems like Little Hai is right. Beast tides are also trials where we would be observed by the sects."

The others nodded and approved Zhang Feng's points. Zhao Hai forced a smile and said, "It also has its disadvantages. Didn't you see? Those two beast commanders want to kill me. I think I need to be more careful in the future. If they find a chance, they definitely won't let me off."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng and the others stared, then their expressions changed. This was because they understood that Zhao Hai was correct. Before leaving, Hu Wang and Xiang Que looked at Zhao Hai with gazes full of killing intent. If they were given an opportunity, they would immediately deal with Zhao Hai.

Li Mu couldn't help but ask, "Then Army Commander, what would you do? Or would you keep staying in Shangshan City? It's definitely not a good thing to keep worrying about these beasts."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I can't do that. If I hid inside Shangshan City without going out, I'm afraid I would never be able to enter the True Spirit Realm. Cultivators should never be afraid of dangers. Otherwise, we would stagnate."

Zhang Feng frowned and said, "But it's too dangerous. You have seen how strong those two beasts cultivators are. They're much stronger than us. If you meet them outside the city, I'm afraid they will never allow you to escape once again."

Everyone nodded. Although they know that Zhao Hai was a spatial ability user, they have experienced Hu Wang's strength. To be honest, it was strength that they weren't confident in facing. In their minds, if he met them, Zhao Hai wouldn't have any opportunity to use his ability to run away.



With a serious expression, Zhao Hai replied, "I'm also aware of the danger. But I couldn't hide inside the city. Not only would the True Spirit Realm look down on me, I would also lose my momentum. This would heavily affect my future cultivation."

Zhang Feng and the others didn't say anything more. They understood Zhao Hai's thoughts. But to be honest, they didn't want Zhao Hai to go out. This was because it was too dangerous.

If something happened to Zhao Hai, it wasn't only him and the Black Tiger Gang that would be affected. The entire Great Realm of Cultivation would also feel the effects. Zhao Hai was the first person from the Great Realm of Cultivation that has attracted the attention of a top sect in the True Spirit Realm. If he manages to join a top sect, the entire Great Realm of Cultivation would greatly benefit. Therefore, Zhao Hai must not suffer an accident.

But if Zhao Hai stayed inside Shangshan City, then he might not be able to enter a sect in his entire life. In this case, they were in a dilemma.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "Alright, don't think about it too much. Let's stay in the city for a few days. Then we'll finish the task that Yuan Ba brought before. After that, we'll think of what to do next."

Zhang Feng and the others nodded. This was the only thing they could do right now. Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "After the alarm is lifted in two days, we'll send the ashes of those who died back to the Great Realm of Cultivation."

Everyone nodded with a heavy heart. In the battle, the Great Realm of Cultivation lost 40 people. Although this number looked small compared to the overall casualties, it was a significant number for the Great Realm of Cultivation. After all, those who died were immortal experts.

This battle showed Zhang Feng and the others the difference between the True Spirit Realm and the Great Realm of Cultivation. Back in the Great Realm of Cultivation, immortal experts were at the top. But in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they were as common as the clouds. They held the lowest status. There's no need to mention their status in the True Spirit Realm.

Moreover, Hu Wang's attacks showed everyone the strength of those above the immortal stage. Zhang Feng and the others were also certain that people like Hu Wang and Feng Lingyun weren't the top powerhouses of the True Spirit Realm. Even so, such people weren't their opponents. Those at the top of the True Spirit Realm were certainly monsters.

However, this didn't make them lose their motivation. Conversely, it made them excited. What was the reason cultivators cultivate? It was to live forever. Even if you become an immortal-stage expert, your lifespan would only be about ten thousand years. But in the Great Realm of Cultivation, this wasn't the same case. This gave them hope and motivation to move forward.

Cultivators want to live forever, but they weren't afraid of death. From the moment they started to cultivate, Cultivators have been fighting nonstop. If there was fighting, then naturally there would be death. And after getting multiple close contact with death, they no longer felt that death was something to be afraid of. This was especially true for immortal experts like Zhang Feng and the others. They have seen too many deaths that they had become numb to it.

But this time, immortal experts have died. And so many died at once. Although more immortal experts perished during the battle against the Heavenly Demons, they were at the top of the pyramid at that time. Even if immortal experts fell, the other side certainly suffered more.

Now, the enemy they were facing were different. All combatants were at the same level and some even exceeded their strengths. Most importantly, they discovered that they fell from the top of the pyramid to become mere stones at the base of a much larger pyramid. This caused them to feel conflicted in their hearts.

Seeing everyone's expressions, Zhao Hai said, "Alright, don't think too much. Being able to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm is already a blessing. We were offered an opportunity towards a wider path and we took it. If we couldn't handle the trials, then we would end up dying like the others sooner or later."

Everyone nodded. They knew that Zhao Hai was correct but this didn't settle their hearts. Zhao Hai added, "No matter what, we won the battle. Yuan Ba, go out and buy some liquor. Today we'll remember those who died with a cup of wine."

Yuan Ba nodded and then left.

Chapter 1948: Handing The Task Over

Zhao Hai asked Yuan Ba to buy wine for the sake of Zhang Feng and the others. Zhang Feng and the other newcomers were now in a critical period for their mentality. In the past, when they were in the Great Realm of Cultivation, they were surrounded by admiration and praise. But in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they became commoners. If they don't adjust their hearts soon, they will find it hard to progress in the future.

In this crucial time, they needed to vent out their feelings and relax. Therefore, Zhao Hai had Yuan Ba to buy liquor to make everyone relax. With this, they would be able to adjust their thoughts as soon as possible.

Three days quickly passed. Although beasts never attacked in these three days, Shangshan City didn't lift its alert state. Because of this, Zhao Hai and the others could only stay inside.

However, this was also good. Zhao Hai used these three days to settle the minds of Zhang Feng and the others. Zhao Hai didn't preach to them, but he accompanied them to eat and drink to relax their minds.

After three days of adjustments, Zhang Feng and the others were able to improve their moods. And now that Shangshan City has opened up once more, Zhao Hai and the others could resume doing their tasks.

But before doing that, Zhao Hai and the others returned to their base. Because their base was located in a very secret area, the beasts weren't able to discover it. So after Zhao Hai and the others returned, they were able to relax.

After returning to the base, Zhao Hai immediately sent the ashes of their deceased comrades as well as the report of the battle back to the Great Realm of Cultivation.

Once these matters were dealt with, Zhao Hai didn't immediately send everyone to do tasks. Instead, he made them rest. Before the beast tide, Yuan Ba said that he could craft items to increase his impression points. Zhao Hai didn't stress himself over this. In any case, all of those items have been made. There was also no deadline to the task, so it was fine if they rested for a few more days.

Although they had already spent several peaceful days in Shangshan City, Zhao Hai knew that the others hadn't fully relaxed themselves. After all, the alert of the city hasn't been lifted. Beasts could attack them at any time. In this case, nobody was able to rest properly.

After staying inside the base for two days, everyone was finally able to recover their spirit. Then Zhao Hai led everyone to Wulong City. This time, they came to hand in the task. The task was the one Yuan Ba received before where artifacts could be exchanged for impression points.

There were around a hundred people who followed Zhao Hai. Of the hundred people, 70 of them were from the Freedom Alliance. Of which 30 were from the Black Tiger Gang. As for the remaining 40, they were from the alliance army.

Nobody had any objections to Zhao Hai's method. This was because Zhao Hai was the only person who could complete this task. He was the only person that could decide who to give the impression points to.

Yuan Ba got the task from the Serene Formation Sect branch in Wulong City. Since it was Yuan Ba who accepted the task, he also came to hand it in.

A group of 100 people appeared outside Serene Formation Sect's branch in Wulong City. The Serene Formation Sect's branch looked more imposing than the Mist Pill Sect. There was a tall stone building with five floors. Each floor was very wide. It could easily fit 100 people. And since the beast tide just ended, most of the cultivators returned to their bases to take a rest. People who did tasks were very rare. This made the Serene Formation Sect's branch look deserted.

With so many people appearing all at once, the staff inside the Serene Formation Sect branch became anxious. But after Yuan Ba informed them that they were handing a task in, they were relieved. At the same time, the staff were curious. They want to know what task it was. It has been two days since the alert was lifted in the city. Nobody would go out at this time .

Yuan Ba brought Zhao Hai and the others to hand the task in. The old man on the counter stood up, looked at Yuan Ba and the others and said, "You're here to hand a task in? What task did you receive?"

Yuan Ba cupped his fist towards the old man and said, "Senior, good day. I had a transaction with your sect before, I sold a lot of portable transmission formations. The sect told me that as long as the person who made the portable transmission formations can make specific types of artifacts, then we would be rewarded with ten impression points. And 100 people could be given. Is this task still up?"

The old man couldn't help but stare when he heard this. Then his eyes shone as he said, "So it's this task? You're here to hand it in? Who refined the artifacts? Come, let me take a look."

Yuan Ba didn't delay and immediately took out five sets of positioning discs as well as ten armors. Then he looked at the old man and said, "Senior, these are the artifacts that are refined by our team leader. This is our team leader." As he said that, Yuan Ba gestured towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai cupped his fist towards the old man and said, "I have seen Senior."

The old man looked at Zhao Hai in surprise, then he nodded and said, "Alright, young man, you're very good. Let me see your jade card."

Zhao Hai took out his jade card and gave it to the old man. The old man added ten impression points to Zhao Hai's card and it also included a note that this was a special task with the word 'refining'. The task evaluation was also excellent. Then the old man added ten impression points to the others, but he marked it as a gift from others.

Although Yuan Ba and the others were happy about the ten impression points, they understood that they might not be of use upon seeing the note that the points were a gift. But in any case, this didn't bring any loss to them.

After Yuan Ba and the others received their jade cards, they thanked the old man and said goodbye.

The old man looked at Zhao Hai, then to Yuan Ba again and asked, "Little Friend, if you don't mind, can you tell me how you intend to deal with these positioning discs and inner armor?"

Yuan Ba replied, "The team leader already instructed us that the discs and armor will be traded to the Serene Formation Sect. However, we have to do it on the trading counter."

Hearing this, the old man couldn't help but nod. He was now at ease with this task. And at the same time, he had a new understanding of Zhao Hai's strength. From the old man's point of view, selling the positioning discs was understandable. After all, a group only needed one. There was no use having more.

However, the armor was different. The inner armor could be used by Yuan Ba and the others. There were two explanations as to why they would sell the inner armor. The first was that they have no need for these armors because they have a better one. The other was because all of them were already wearing inner armor. The ones they handed in were surplus. With these guesses in mind, the old man nodded and said, "Then I won't bother you anymore."

Zhao Hai and the others cupped their fists and then went to the trading counter. Their surplus stock of positioning discs and inner armor were sold. Altogether, they earned 40 thousand jade essences.

The people of the Great Realm of Cultivation could see that as long as they follow Zhao Hai, they wouldn't worry about money. It's only been a few days since he came to the Soaring Dragon Realm, and yet they already have more than 60 thousand jade essences in hand. And this was including the time they fought during the beast tide. This amount of money meant that they could already be considered as a rich group in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Zhao Hai promised them that they could live in the city. And now, this was realized.

But even if they could live inside the city with their money, the people of the Great Realm of Cultivation have no plans to move. Their base was so good and well hidden. There was no reason for them to move to the city. They have to spend money to have a base in the city, so they might as well stay in their comfortable base.

After the transaction was finished, Zhao Hai and the others went out of the Serene Formation Sect's branch. Yuan Ba handed a spatial bag towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai was confused, and when he searched inside, he discovered that there were 60 thousand jade essences inside. He couldn't help but look at Yuan Ba and said, "Yuan Ba, why did you give me the jade essences?"

Yuan Ba smiled bitterly and said, "Team Leader, you hold on to the jade essence. Having so much money in my body is making me nervous." Hearing this, everyone couldn't help but laugh. Zhao Hai shook his head and then received the spatial bag before saying, "Alright, I'll take it. In the future, if you need money, just tell me. Everyone will also have a piece of jade essence to spend every year."

Everyone cheered. Although one jade essence doesn't seem a lot, that was a thousand spirit stones. In the past, not to mention a thousand spirit stones, it would be hard for them to obtain ten. And it must be known that this jade essence wouldn't be spent on equipment, it was only meant for eating and drinking.

The actions of Zhao Hai's group naturally attracted the attention of those in Wulong City. Currently, there are a lot of cultivators from the lower realms that were resting inside the city. After the beast tide, everyone was tired. They needed a good rest.

Most bases of those from the lower realms weren't as good as the Great Realm of Cultivation's base. They can't rest properly in their bases. Therefore, they would go to Wulong City during the day to relax. At the very least, they would be safe against beasts during daytime.

It can be said that the people in Wulong City have yet to recover from the effects of the beast tide. The atmosphere of the city was quite depressing. In this case, the cheering of those from the Great Realm of Cultivation was piercing their ears.

#### Chapter 1949: Meeting An Acquaintance

As soon as he discovered that they became the center of attention, Zhao Hai immediately looked at the group and said, "Alright, let's stop making a fuss. Now each group can do their own things. Yuan Ba, you're coming with me."

Hearing this, everyone immediately dispersed. Zhao Hai led Yuan Ba and the rest of his team to the Mist Pill Tavern. After ordering several dishes and a few pots of liquor, Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "From now on, we're going our separate ways. I will act alone while you follow Yuan Ba."

When Zhang Feng heard Zhao Hai, his expression changed. He quickly declined, "Little Hai, you can't act on your own. It's too dangerous."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "Senior Brother, it's not that I don't want to move with everyone. Now that I'm in the crosshairs of the beasts, it has become dangerous around me. I can escape using my spatial ability, but how about you? You don't have any ways to escape. And if they use you to threaten me, then I would also be in trouble. Therefore, we need to separate."

Being the former gang leader, Zhang Feng also knew about the dangers involved. So when he heard Zhao Hai say this, Zhang Feng became silent. He knew that they weren't as strong as Zhao Hai. If they followed Zhao Hai, then they would only drag him down.

If they continued to go with Zhao Hai, then the beasts could capture them to bait Zhao Hai out. After all, they were part of the same team. If they don't follow Zhao Hai, even if the beast cultivators knew that

they were from the Great Realm of Cultivation, there was little chance that they would get captured. Because they entered the Soaring Dragon Realm, it was impossible for beast cultivators to capture people just to deal with one person. This was against the rules of the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Li Kuangge looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I believe in Brother Hai's strength. We will not follow you. Please be careful."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "The next task is to go to the volcano and find ore. We will act separately. You go first and I'll follow soon after."

Everyone nodded and then stood up. Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Take care of yourself." After that, he led everyone and left the tavern. Only Zhao Hai was left alone to eat and drink.

After drinking several pots of liquor, Zhao Hai left the tavern. It has been four hours since Zhang Feng and the others left. Upon leaving the tavern, Zhao Hai flashed with white light and appeared in Hengdao City.

Once he arrived, Zhao Hai looked around. Hengdao City was as large as Shangshan City. However, the architecture between the two cities were different. Shangshan City was mostly made with cyan colored stones and the buildings looked delicate. Hengdao City, on the other hand, appeared rough and sturdy.

Zhao Hai slowly wandered the streets of Hengdao City. He found that there were more people in the city compared to the last time he came. Although Zhao Hai didn't stay for a long time before, he was still able to see that there weren't a lot of people. But now, the people inside Hengdao City are as numerous as the metropolitan cities on Earth.

Zhao Hai knew that this would only be temporary. When people resume taking tasks, the state of the city would return to normal. The reason there were a lot of people inside the city was because of the recent beast tide.

Shortly after Zhao Hai arrived in Hengdao City, a cultivator arrived at the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall. Upon arrival, he immediately reported, "Reporting, this subordinate has an urgent report to Senior Brother Lin Ling."



Lin Ling's voice was quickly heard, "Come in." The cultivator pushed the door and walked in. Upon entering, the cultivator saw Lin Ling and another cultivator inside. The cultivator that was with Lin Ling looked completely opposite to him. This person looked young and was wearing a scholar's robes. In his hand was a jade slip as though he was reading.

The cultivator cupped his fist and said, "I have seen Senior Brother Lin Ling and Senior Brother Xiang Ying."

Lin Ling waved his hand and said, "Alright, what's your report?"

The cultivator immediately replied, "Replying to Senior Brother. You've ordered me before to pay attention to Zhao Hai. He's currently in Hengdao City."

Hearing this, Lin Ling stared, then his face lit up as he said, "Zhao Hai is here? Is he with other people?"

The cultivator replied, "He's currently alone strolling in the city. It doesn't seem like he's here for a task. I'm unaware of what he's currently doing."

Lin Ling stared, then he knitted his brows and said, "He's alone? This kid is too courageous. He offended Hu Wang and Xiang Que, but he still has the guts to wander around. Does he hate living too long?"

At this time, the cultivator opposite Lin Ling opened his mouth and said, "Senior Brother Lin, why are you paying too much attention to this Zhao Hai?"

Lin Ling looked at the cultivator who gave the report and said, "Watch over him and see what he's doing. But do not get in contact. Don't harass him either. Just leave him alone." The cultivator nodded and then left.

After that, Lin Ling looked at the scholarly cultivator and said, "Xiang Ying, you don't know how talented this kid is. I've been paying attention to him for a long time. He caught my attention when he was still back in the Great Realm of Cultivation. He was the realm's representative for the assessment trial. Not only is this kid strong, he also has divine spiritual force. He's able to discover that we've been scanning his realm."

Hearing this, Xiang Ying's expression couldn't help but change. He looked at Lin Ling and said, "Senior Brother Lin, have you confirmed that he has divine spiritual force?"

Lin Ling shook his head and said, "I'm unable to confirm it right now. It's just suspicion. However, it's certain that this kid has skills. In the last beast tide, knowing that I'm observing Zhao Hai, Feng Lingyun sent him to scout. I didn't expect him to meet Hu Wang and Xiang Que when he was outside. Not only was he able to escape, he also blocked an attack from Hu Wang during the siege of Shangshan City. Although Hu Wang wasn't fighting with his full power, it's enough to show that Zhao Hai isn't weak."

As he said this, Lin Ling chuckled and said, "I didn't expect this kid to have so many hidden cards. During the siege, Hu Wang used all kinds of methods to deal with him. He even used an invisible beast to mount a sneak attack. But in the end, the kid managed to detect it. He even released a large number of Undead to help with the battle."

Xiang Ying became more interested, he raised his eyebrows and said, "It seems like this Zhao Hai is really a genius. It would be really good if we bring him to the Tyrant Blade Sect. But as you said, he's now targeted by Hu Wang and Xiang Que. Those two guys are extremely vengeful. It's never a good thing to be on their sights. He's fine inside the city, but after he leaves, he would be in danger."

Xiang Ying wasn't speaking nonsense. He had dealt with Hu Wang and Xiang Que in the past. These people were vicious and merciless. They would resort to all means to get ahead. They're also a scheming bunch. Catching their attention will be very troublesome.

Lin Ling nodded and said, "I thought the same way. But we shouldn't act on this matter. This is also a trial for him. If he can survive under the schemes of Hu Wang and Xiang Que, then we will bring him into the Tyrant blade Sect. Otherwise, even if we take him, he would still be unable to escape Hu Wang and Xiang Que's plans. Those guys don't care where you came from."

Xiang Ying nodded, then he knitted his brows and said, "Hu Wang and Xiang Que have been causing trouble everywhere lately. I think we should find some time to put pressure on them."

Lin Ling agreed, "I will report this matter to the sect. But you should know that the sect's relationship with the beast ancestor isn't very good. The beast ancestor is famous for covering up the shortcomings of his children. He doesn't make them accountable for their faults. This would be very hard to accomplish."

Xiang Ying thought about it and said, "Senior Brother Lin, should we get in contact with Zhao Hai? We'll warn him about the dangers and tell him to be more careful?"

Lin Ling smiled bitterly and said, "There's no need to warn that kid. He already knows the situation he's in. From what Feng Lingyun said, that kid has a team of more than ten people. But this time he appeared alone. It seems like he separated from the others and intends to go on his own. This means he already knows that the two beasts are coming for him. That kid is also shrewd, there's no need for us to remind him."

Xiang Ying stared, then he forced a smile and said, "It seems like I'm still underestimating him. But this is also good. I'm now interested in him. Senior Brother Lin, you need to be careful. When necessary, take action to protect him. He's still very weak compared to Hu Wang and Xiang Que."

Lin Ling nodded, "With his present strength, as long as Hu Wang and Xiang Que want to deal with him, he wouldn't be able to escape. We have to pay close attention."

Zhao Hai wasn't aware of the conversation that happened between Lin Ling and Xiang Ying. At this moment, he was inside a tavern along with someone else. This person wasn't from the Great Realm of Cultivation but from the Dragon Soul Realm. It was Tu Qian who broke through to the immortal stage while battling Zhao Hai in the Forestsea Realm.

Although the two were enemies during that time, they held respect for each other. After returning to the Dragon Soul Realm to stabilize his cultivation, Tu Qian did some tasks for his sect and only entered the Soaring Dragon Realm ten years ago.

Tu Qian was formidable in the lower realms. But when he arrived in the Soaring Dragon Realm, his eyes were opened. Everyone here were immortal stage cultivators. He was nobody special and he wasn't favored by any sects.

Zhao Hai didn't expect to meet Tu Qian. The two fought in the past because of circumstance. But now that they were in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they have no reason to fight. Therefore, Zhao Hai invited Tu Qian to a tavern to drink. Tu Qian wasn't doing very well. His situation was the same when the Great Realm of Cultivation was just starting out. He didn't even have money to eat and drink. With Zhao Hai treating him, there's no reason for Tu Qian to decline. Moreover, he wanted to be friends with Zhao Hai.

After the two were settled down, Zhao Hai ordered two pots of liquor and four side dishes. Once the waiter left, he looked at Tu Qian and said, "I didn't expect to see an acquaintance after entering the Soaring Dragon Realm. This is very rare."

Tu Qian smiled and said, "The Soaring Dragon Realm is very big. I also didn't expect to meet Brother Zhao here. It's a surprise."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he asked, "How long has Brother Tu been in the Soaring Dragon Realm? Did you come across any fortune?"

Tu Qian shook his head, then he smiled bitterly and said, "I'm afraid Brother Zhao will laugh at me. It's been ten years since I came to the Soaring Dragon Realm. My experience here could only be considered passable. I have no way to go big. The Soaring Dragon Realm is just too dangerous. My strength is only average here. Does Brother Zhao come to this tavern often? How long has it been since you entered the Soaring Dragon Realm?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I just entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. My cultivation method is special. It's very hard for me to break through. Ever since I returned from the assessment, I've been in seclusion. I just broke through to the immortal stage recently. I've been able to enjoy taverns from time to time. But this is because of my predecessors."

It's impossible for Zhao Hai to tell everything to Tu Qian. If he said that he gained several thousand jade essences in just a few days, he would be too eye-catching. This wasn't in line with Zhao Hai's character.

Tu Qian didn't suspect Zhao Hai, he just smiled and said, "You're already strong while in the transcending tribulation stage. Now that you have broken through, I'm sure you're much stronger. I'm afraid it won't take long before you get recruited by a sect in the True Spirit Realm. Let me congratulate you in advance."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Then I'll hold on to Brother Tu's congratulations. Here's hoping that we both join a True Spirit Realm sect in the future." Just as he said this, the waiter brought over the food and wine. Zhao Hai took a pot and poured two glasses of wine. Then he lifted his cup towards Tu Qian and said, "Meeting here can be considered fate. If Brother Tu has anything you need in the future, don't hesitate to call me. In the Soaring Dragon Realm, we'll reach far if we work together."

Tu Qian also raised his cup and said, "Being fellows from the lower realms, we should help each other. If you need anything, don't hesitate to tell me." Then the two drank the wine in one go.

#### Chapter 1950: Comprehensive Strengthening

Zhao Hai continued to stroll around Hengdao City. To be honest, he wasn't in the best mood right now. It was a pleasure to meet Tu Qian in the Soaring Dragon Realm. However, Zhao Hai found that Tu Qian had changed. He was no longer the Tu Qian that he imagined him to be.

In Zhao Hai's mind, Tu Qian was arrogant and very direct. People might hate such a personality, but Zhao Hai actually liked this characteristic.

But upon seeing Tu Qian again, Zhao Hai discovered that he became more mellow. It was as if his edges were smoothed out by the Soaring Dragon Realm. It was at this point that Zhao Hai knew that Tu Qian was finished. It's possible that he would no longer progress from this point.

The progress of a cultivator has always been led by the heart. If your heart changed due to the environment, then your path would come to an end. This was the case with Tu Qian.

The place changes the person. This was a phrase that Zhao Hai heard on Earth. But he didn't expect that this would also happen to cultivators. Cultivators were always cultivating their heart, this was especially true for immortal cultivators. Generally, those who reached the immortal stage have acquired hearts of stone. It was almost impossible for a cultivator's heart to change due to the environment.

However, Tu Qian was still changed by the Soaring Dragon Realm. This moved Zhao Hai. After all, Tu Qian had a strong character. It was a pity that it was destroyed.

But Zhao Hai also knew that Tu Qian still had a chance as long as he found his true heart. It can be said that this change was a type of heart's demon. As long as he could eliminate this heart's demon, then Tu Qian would still have a chance to reach a higher level. However, Zhao Hai was aware how hard it would be to eliminate a heart's demon once it has taken root. Now, Zhao Hai could only silently wish for Tu Qian to succeed. This matter could only be solved by him.

As Zhao Hai was walking around Hengdao City, noon came. It was time for him to depart. Zhao Hai calmed his mood and left the city.

Zhao Hai didn't know it, but Lin Ling immediately received information about his departure from Hengdao City. Soon after, Lin Ling also flew out. He couldn't allow something to happen to Zhao Hai, so he would protect him in secret.

Unaware that someone was following him, Zhao Hai proceeded towards the volcano. Along the way, he noticed that there were fewer beasts than before. Usually, when he went out to do tasks, he would always encounter beasts. However, he usually avoided them so there were no conflicts. After all, the regions outside the cities were territories of the beasts. If Zhao Hai made a wrong move, he would be besieged by them.

And now, Zhao Hai was even less likely to provoke the beasts. He offended Hu Wang and Xiang Que. From the looks he received from the two, Zhao Hai knew that they were going to deal with him. Moreover, the two could order the beasts to look out for Zhao Hai. Once Zhao Hai was spotted, Hu Wang and Xiang Que would immediately be informed. Things would be troublesome if Zhao Hai was being pursued by the two.

Zhao Hai knew the strength of Hu Wang and Xiang Que. He was unable to match Hu Wang's attacks, not to mention the two working together. Therefore, Zhao Hai made sure that he didn't meet any beasts along the way.

Zhao Hai didn't fly for a long time when he departed the city. As soon as he left, he immediately went underground. He also used his wood-element ability to traverse through trees, making it impossible for people to find him.

While Zhao Hai was working hard hiding from the beasts, Lin Ling was suffering. Lin Ling followed Zhao Hai out of the city. But he didn't expect Zhao Hai to go underground and disappear. This caught Lin Ling off-guard. He traveled around the city for some time but was still unable to find any traces of him. In the end, Lin Ling could only give up and fly towards the forest. He believed that Zhao Hai would certainly enter the forest. And with the rich wood-element energy in the forest, Zhao Hai would cause fluctuations if he continued to move. He could find Zhao Hai then.

However, Lin Ling found that he was wrong. He couldn't feel any fluctuations. It seems like Zhao Hai has completely vanished.

After going around the forest for some time and failing to find Zhao Hai, Lin Ling had no choice but to return back to Hengdao City. He could only hope that Zhao Hai doesn't suffer any accidents.

Zhao Hai was completely unaware of any of these. There were a lot of people going in and out of Hengdao City, it was impossible for him to pay attention to all of them. He would only pay attention to those that were right behind him.

Zhao Hai rapidly moved forward. He hasn't seen Zhang Feng and the others. However, he believed that nothing should have happened to them. Before entering the Soaring Dragon Realm, they have been made aware of the realm's dangers. In addition, Yuan Ba was with them.

Although the volcano carried certain risks, the danger wasn't too big. After all, this was a task for newcomers. As long as Zhang Feng and the others were careful, they should be fine.

The reason Zhao Hai didn't set off until it was noon was because he believed that Zhang Feng and the others would have already finished the task by then. Zhao Hai already planned to take on different tasks than Zhang Feng and the others in the future. This way, they would train themselves properly and at the same time keep them away from danger.

The Soaring Dragon Realm was dangerous, but it wasn't as dangerous compared to being attacked by Hu Wang and Xiang Que. If Zhang Feng and the others followed Zhao Hai and they got surrounded by Hu Wang and Xiang Que, then they would have a huge problem.

Zhao Hai continued to be undetectable as he moved forward. The beasts in the forest were far worse compared to Hu Wang and Xiang Que. These beasts were just at the immortal stage. How could they compare against Zhao Hai?

In fact, if it wasn't for the fact that Zhao Hai was too close and was surprised upon hearing a conversation, it would be impossible for Hu Wang to discover him.

After two hours, Zhao Hai was finally able to see an active volcano. From time to time, the volcano would spew out white smoke. There were no plants growing on the volcano, it was completely barren.

The closer to the volcano, the smaller the fauna became. By the end, Zhao Hai went underground. Upon going below the surface, Zhao Hai released the Hell King's Ship. The ship shrank rapidly before turning into a small ship less than half a meter long. Then it flew forward.

If it was in the past, Zhao Hai wouldn't have taken out the Hell King's Ship. Before the ship combined with Zhao Hai, the ship would use its cannons to tunnel through the land. This might go unnoticed in the lower realms, but things were different in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Everyone here was at the immortal stage. The spiritual force of immortal experts is quite strong, it would be easy for them to discover the tunneling of the Hell King's Ship.

But now that Zhao Hai has been unified with liquid silver, Zhao Hai could use his earth-element ability through the Hell King's Ship.

Actually, there was no need for Zhao Hai to release the Hell King's Ship. He doesn't feel any discomfort while moving through the soil. On the contrary, when he used his earth-element ability, he could feel that he was at home when he went underground. However, Zhao Hai couldn't shrink his body, so he used the Hell King's Ship to become smaller.

Zhao Hai soon discovered that he made the right decision. Not only was he smaller, he could also do a lot of things with the Hell King's Ship. This allowed him to use his ability more comfortably.

As he moved forward, Zhao Hai could feel the land around him get hotter and hotter. He knew that he had entered the vicinity of the volcano. Zhao Hai raised his spiritual force to pay attention to the surroundings.

The land continued to increase in temperature. Naturally, this temperature doesn't bother Zhao Hai. However, Zhao Hai frowned because he noticed a problem. It was a problem he hadn't noticed before. It was that the environment of the Soaring Dragon Realm was much stronger than in the lower realms.

The strengthening doesn't only mean that the beasts were stronger. This included other things such as rocks and other inanimate objects. The heat of the land caused Zhao Hai to notice this. The land was too hot, but Zhao Hai has yet to enter the volcano. If the standards of the Great Realm of Cultivation were followed, the land surrounding Zhao Hai would only be ten degrees hotter than normal.



However, the land around Zhao Hai right now was 70-80 degrees higher than normal. And this was only in the vicinity of the volcano. If he entered, how hot would it be?

When he discovered this, Zhao Hai recalled everything he came in contact with. He found that everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm has been strengthened. The trees were stronger, the stones were harder, the aura of the earth was richer, the fires were also hotter. Everything was a stage higher than normal.

Zhao Hai hadn't noticed this before. This was because Zhao Hai was able to acclimate quickly to the spiritual qi of the Soaring Dragon Realm. Therefore, he didn't notice any changes from the trees. But this time, he could clearly feel the difference in the heat of the soil, allowing him to realize the strangeness of the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Zhao Hai originally thought that the Soaring Dragon Realm just had stronger spiritual qi, but this doesn't seem to be the case. Everything in the realm was strengthened. This was the reason Zhao Hai couldn't release Undead below the immortal stage. This was a place where the laws even required inanimate objects to be a stage higher than their counterparts in the lower realms.