

## **Another World 1951**

### Chapter 1951: Skillfully Dealing With A Fire Scorpion

Laws were something that one couldn't see and touch, but it could be felt. Just like the time when Zhao Hai became stronger in the Ark Continent or the Divine Realm. He knew he could no longer stay because the laws were repelling him. Zhao Hai couldn't see the laws nor touch them, but he could feel it repelling him.

Before Zhao Hai became an immortal expert, liquid silver was repelled by the Soaring Dragon Realm. This was due to the realm's laws. Any realm has its own laws. And if your strength was outside the limits of those laws, then the realm would repel you.

But Zhao Hai didn't expect the laws to strengthen everything inside a realm. This meant that the laws were more powerful in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

After thinking through these things, Zhao Hai's expression became sullen. If everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm was strengthened, then what about the True Spirit Realm? The True Spirit Realm was a higher realm compared to the Soaring Dragon Realm. It can be said that the reason the people of the True Spirit Realm sent those from the lower realms to the Soaring Dragon Realm first was to make them adapt to the environment of the True Spirit Realm in advance.

In other words, the environment of the True Spirit Realm was similar to the Soaring Dragon Realm, but much stronger. Zhao Hai was sure that if average immortal experts don't pay attention, they would be harmed if they were hit by the lava of the volcano. It seems like the tasks had hidden motives. Everyone needs to be more careful.

At this time, Zhao Hai felt a vague spiritual fluctuation. He couldn't help but stare, then he immediately understood that he met a fire scorpion.

Zhao Hai reduced the speed of the Hell King's Ship and slowly moved towards the spiritual fluctuation. Zhao Hai doesn't dare to be careless. The beasts in the Soaring Dragon Realm aren't easy to deal with.

Before long, Zhao Hai detected the location of the fire scorpion. The fire scorpion was hidden under a rock on the volcano. The rock was quite large and there was a hollow area beneath it, this is the hiding spot of the fire scorpion.

Zhao Hai could clearly see the fire scorpion. He originally thought that fire scorpions were red. But now, it seems like this wasn't the case. It might be due to the frequent eruptions of the volcano, but its surroundings were covered in ash, making it look black. Therefore, the fire scorpions were also black, only the top of their tails were red.

Not counting their tails, fire scorpions were three meters long and a meter tall. It also had huge claws. Although it was lying in place without moving, Zhao Hai didn't doubt its combat strength.

Zhao Hai didn't do anything to the fire scorpion. He carefully circled around without attracting its attention. At the same time, he was scanning for other fire scorpions around him. Fortunately, there were none. The ore that Zhao Hai was looking for was right above the fire scorpion. As long as the fire scorpion was dealt with, he could cut out a piece of the rock and then his task would be completed.

The task of finding ores wasn't difficult. As long as a meter square of ore was found, the task would be completed. Although the ore couldn't be found anywhere else, it was abundant around the volcano. Besides the danger imposed by the fire scorpions, the task was actually very easy.

Knowing that no other fire scorpions would be coming over soon, Zhao Hai felt relieved. Then he controlled the Hell King's Ship to go towards the fire scorpions. When he was a kilometer away from the fire scorpion, Zhao Hai stopped and waved his hand. The Hell King's Ship emerged from the ground and was immediately put away by Zhao Hai.

This time, Zhao Hai didn't hide himself. He pretended to be unaware and flew forward. At the same time, he made his spiritual fluctuations more noticeable. This way, the fire scorpion wouldn't have any suspicions as to how he appeared.

Zhao Hai knows that the beasts of the Soaring Dragon Realm were intelligent. If you wanted to deceive them, then you would have to act flawlessly.

The fire scorpion didn't suspect Zhao Hai even a bit. It observed Zhao Hai as he got closer. Then when Zhao Hai arrived by the rock, the fire scorpion could no longer wait, it emerged from its pit and attacked Zhao Hai.

However, just after the fire scorpion went out of its pit, it was immediately covered by a metal net. Once it was ignited, the net shrank, trapping the fire scorpion inside. The fire scorpion tried to struggle but it couldn't break free. It was soon dragged away and disappeared in a blink of an eye. Naturally, the fire scorpion was dragged to the Space, enriching the living beings inside it once more.

Zhao Hai quickly took some ores and sent them to the Space. Once he was done, he immediately used his portable transmission formation and vanished.

This was also the reason why portable transmission formations were very valuable in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Without portable transmission formations, one would need to retrace their path back to the city. But with the portable transmission formations, one could immediately return after completing the task. This effectively halved the potential dangers one could experience.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately return to Wulong City. Instead, he went to Hengdao City first. It must be known that the range of portable transmission formations were limited. Naturally, the stronger you are, the farther you could travel. With Zhao Hai's present strength, it's impossible for him to return directly to Wulong City. He could only go to Hengdao City first and then back to Wulong City.

Zhao Hai could use the Space to return to Wulong City, but he didn't do that. He knew that he was being observed. If he used the Space, then he might attract suspicion. No matter how formidable a divergent ability was, it shouldn't be more powerful than a realm's laws. People from the True Spirit Realm were formidable. If they discovered the Space, then Zhao Hai would be finished. Therefore, Zhao Hai would rather be cautious than risk being discovered.

After a flash of white light, Zhao Hai's figure appeared in Hengdao City. Just like before, Lin Ling got word about Zhao Hai's return. Hearing that Zhao Hai was safe, Lin Ling relaxed. When Zhao Hai left using the transmission formation, Lin Ling wasn't worried. Since Zhao Hai was able to safely return, then this means that he would be safe wherever he goes.

When Zhao Hai returned to Wulong City, he immediately went to Flame Mountain Sect's branch hall. Once he arrived at the branch hall, he couldn't help but stare. This was because Zhang Feng and the others were waiting for him there. Seeing him come, Zhang Feng and the others were relieved.

Upon knowing that Zhang Feng and the others were waiting for him for two hours, Zhao Hai was a bit moved. However, he didn't show it, he looked at Zhang Feng and the others and said, "Everyone, go to the tavern first. Wait for me there. I'll go after I hand the task over." Everyone nodded and then went to a tavern next to the Flaming Mountain Sect.

After entering the branch, Zhao Hai went to the counter and said, "Good day, I'm here to hand over the task."

The person on the counter nodded and said, "Take your jade card out." Zhao Hai took out his jade card and handed it over. The person nodded and said, "Take out the task requirement." Zhao Hai did as he said.

The person nodded, "Good. Perfect score." Then he gave Zhao Hai the full amount of impression points. He also gave Zhao Hai an 'excellent' rating.

Newcomer tasks usually had very high evaluations. As long as it was completed well, the evaluation wouldn't be low. This was also an encouragement to newcomers. But after doing ten tasks, this preferential treatment would no longer be available. The requirements for tasks would become stricter. If Zhao Hai already did ten newcomer tasks, then his evaluation wouldn't have been excellent.

After dealing with his task, Zhao Hai went out of the Flame Mountain Sect's branch and then entered the tavern nearby. Zhang Feng and the others were already waiting for him. After he entered, Zhang Feng immediately called him over. Once Zhao Hai was settled, Zhang Feng asked, "Little Hai, how did your task go? Are you fine?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It went well. Don't worry, I'm fine. How about you? Did you meet fire scorpions?"

When Zhang Feng first saw Zhao Hai, he knew that nothing happened to him, so he smiled and said, "It went well. A fire scorpion attacked us, but we dealt with it. We were also able to sell the remains of the fire scorpion to the Flame Mountain Sect."

Zhao Hai nodded, "That's good. Right, from tomorrow on, we'll be taking different tasks. I won't take the same tasks as you. You don't have to worry about me, I'll take care of myself." Zhang Feng knew that this decision was coming. He can only sigh as he said, "Alright, but remember that your life is most important. As long as you join a top sect, our Great Realm of Cultivation will prosper."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, a lot of people want to kill me, but I'm still here. None of them succeeded." Zhang Feng nodded and no longer said anything.

The group continued to drink wine. Looking at the time, Zhao Hai said, "It's time to return to the base." Everyone stood up and then paid their bill before leaving.

After returning to the base and greeting everyone, Zhao Hai returned to the Space. When he entered the villa, Zhao Hai sat on the sofa with his eyes glued to the screen.

Laura looked at Zhao Hai in confusion and said, "Brother Hai, what's wrong?"

Zhao Hai looked at Laura and said, "It's fine. I just thought of something. Cai'er, I have something for you to do. From now on, begin collecting all types of things in the Soaring Dragon Realm, from plants, to animals, and even rocks. Everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm, the Space needs to have it as well."

Chapter 1952: Moon Bathed Lake

Cai'er looked at Zhao Hai with a confused look as she asked, "Young Master, why should we take these things? Does the Soaring Dragon Realm have anything special with it?"

Zhao Hai replied, "It's not that special. I just discovered something while I was doing my task. Everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm has been strengthened. Even its flames are much hotter compared to those in the Great Realm of Cultivation. So I want you to take samples of everything in the Soaring Dragon Realm to study and see if we could also strengthen everything in the Space."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Cai'er nodded and said, "Alright, I'll get to it. Right, Young Master, when you take tasks in the future, you can just use liquid silver to complete it. This way, you won't be in danger."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "How could that be? I need to adapt to life in the Soaring Dragon Realm as soon as possible. The Soaring Dragon Realm is a weakened version of the True Spirit Realm. As long as I can adapt here, it would be able to quickly get used to the things in the True Spirit Realm. So I need to personally do the tasks."

Cai'er nodded and said, "Alright, but you must be careful. These days, I've been mapping the Soaring Dragon Realm. This includes the cities as well as the regions around it. Once we completely map out the entire realm, you won't need to worry about anything."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at the screen and said, "Did something special happen today?"

Cai'er thought for a while and said, "There is something. And it is related to you, Young Master. After you left Hengdao City, someone followed you. And when you went underground, he seemed to be looking for you. In the end, he didn't find anything and could only return to the city."

Zhao Hai stared, his complexion changed as he asked, "Who is it? Do I know them?"

Cai'er smiled and said, "You should know him, but you won't expect it." Then she waved his hand as Lin Ling's figure appeared on the screen.

Seeing Lin Ling, Zhao Hai raised his brow and said, "Lin Ling? Why would he follow me?"

Cai'er replied, "Not only did he follow you, I also found that he's quite close to Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er. If my guess is correct, the person who wanted to recruit you to their sect should be him."

Zhao Hai didn't say anything. He thought about the time he met Lin Ling in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Lin Ling looked at him with an appreciating gaze. It wouldn't be unnatural for Lin Ling to pay attention to him.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "It's possible that it's Lin Ling. It hasn't been long since I entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. No other person should know who I am, especially those from top sects. If it's Lin Ling, then everything would make sense. After all, he was the only person from the True Spirit Realm that I came in contact with back in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Maybe he has been paying attention to me since then, but we're still not sure."

Cai'er nodded, then she said, "But if this is really the case, then it seems like you'll be joining the Tyrant Blade Sect in the future."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "If Lin Ling is really observing me, then I would have no choice but to join the Tyrant Blade Sect. The other sects wouldn't offend the Tyrant Blade Sect over me. So it doesn't matter if other sects recruit me, I would have to join the Tyrant Blade Sect in the future."

Laura nodded, "Right. Although the Soaring Dragon Realm might seem dangerous, it is just a trial field for cultivators. The possibility of sects arguing here is close to zero."

Zhao Hai agreed, "The people from the True Spirit Realm aren't fools. People in the Soaring Dragon Realm are nothing more than fresh blood to the sects. In the end, we would all start as outer disciples. Two sects fighting each other over an outer disciple would never happen."

Laura nodded and said, "Brother Hai, what would you do now? Do you want to know more about the Tyrant Blade Sect?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly and said, "I'm afraid I won't be able to do that right now. Even if I wanted to, I don't have the means. Forget it, let's just act like normal. Don't let Lin Ling know that we've detected him."

Laura and the others nodded. Zhao Hai doesn't want to alarm Lin Ling. The True Spirit Realm is full of powerful experts. Zhao Hai was afraid that they would find out about the Space. The less trouble, the better.

Zhao Hai rested inside the Space for the night. The next day, he distributed tasks to everyone, then he went directly to Shangshan City. But he didn't stop there, he used the transmission formation and arrived at Hengdao City.

Zhao Hai wanted to do tasks in Hengdao City because it was Lin Ling's area. Doing tasks here would reduce his danger to a certain degree. Additionally, Hengdao City is quite a distance away from Shangshan City. Hu Wang and Xiang Que wouldn't expect Zhao Hai to be in Hengdao City doing tasks.

Zhao Hai was aware that the reason Hu Wang and Xiang Que retreated during the beast tide was because Lin Ling arrived in Shangshan City. It seems like the two beastmen dreaded Lin Ling, so they have no choice but to retreat.

And Zhao Hai guessed correctly. Hu Wang and Xiang Que didn't want to fight Lin Ling. This was because Lin Ling was known to be a fighting madman. His nickname was Relentless Blade. This nickname didn't come from thin air. This represented his character. Lin Ling would fight relentlessly even against people stronger than him. Moreover, his moves were unforgiving. Each slash he made were very aggressive.

Fighting against him would often result in death or severe injury. It was precisely because of this that he gained his nickname.

Although Feng Lingyun and Luo Xiu'er were also quite strong, they lacked the fighting spirit that Lin Ling possessed. Their killing aura was insufficient. Hu Wang and Feng Lingyun might be equal in strength, but Hu Wang held the upper hand when it came to fighting vigor. If Feng Lingyun and Hu Wang fought, there was a good chance that Hu Wang would win.

Although Hu Wang was aggressive, he wasn't as violent as Lin Ling. Therefore, Hu Wang avoided Lin Ling whenever he could. Fighting against Lin Ling was never a good idea.

Knowing how Hu Wang dreaded Lin Ling, Zhao Hai finally decided to hover around Hengdao City. Moreover, the tasks he plans to take would all be related to the city. This way his chances of meeting Hu Wang and Xiang Que would be minimized.

After walking around Hengdao City, Zhao Hai finally decided on the task he would take. He would be picking medicinal herbs. This task wasn't difficult. It was just that the place he would be going to was quite a distance from the city.

As soon as Zhao Hai appeared in Hengdao City, Lin Ling heard it. And when he found out that Zhao Hai took a task in the city, he couldn't help but stare. Then he looked at Xiang Ying and asked, "Little Ying, do you think the kid noticed that we paid attention to him? So he went to Hengdao City on purpose to take on tasks?"

Xiang Yin nodded and said, "It's possible. However, there is another possibility. He wanted to be as far away from Hu Wang and Xiang Que as possible. Don't forget, when you appeared in Shangshan City, Hu Wang and Xiang Que immediately retreated. Now that Zhao Hai offended those two, it's natural for him to minimize his dangers and do tasks around Hengdao City. Just like you said before, this kid is smart."

Hearing Xiang Ying, Lin Ling laughed and said, "Of course he's smart. It seems like I wasn't wrong about him. Good. This is better. Do you think we should put a positioning disc on him?"

Xiang Ying looked at Lin Ling and shook his head, "Forget it. Senior Brother, positioning discs are good, but Zhao Hai is a talented immortal cultivator. It's impossible to hide the positioning disc from him. Just take this as his trial."



Lin Ling forced a smile and said, "I really hope nothing happens to him. This kid is very talented. It would be a shame if his path gets abruptly cut off."

Zhao Hai was unaware of Lin Ling's thoughts. He had already left Hengdao City and was heading towards his task. The medicinal plant he needed was called the nine core lotus seed. It had an excellent effect of detoxification. It was produced at a lake southeast of Hengdao City. The water of the lake was frigid all year round. It was known as the Moon Bathed Lake. Legend has it that the lake was normal in the beginning. Then the moon decided to take a bath in it, turning it extraordinarily cold.

Naturally, nobody believed that the moon really took a bath in the lake. People just thought that the lake was rich in yin qi, making it extremely cold.

Plenty of cultivators wanted to find treasures in the lake but ended up finding nothing. Some cultivators even perished in their hunt.

Then, several thousands of years ago, lotus flowers suddenly appeared on the lake. These lotus flowers were high-quality yin lotuses. Their flowers, roots, and seeds were excellent medicinal materials. However, their flowers rarely bloom, making it difficult to obtain. Their roots were also heavily buried in the cold lake. With cultivators unable to withstand the coldness of the lake, they were also unable to get the roots. In the end, it was decided that only the seeds could be harvested.

The lotus seeds were quite special. There were nine lotus seeds in each seed pod, thus they're called nine core lotus seeds.

Zhao Hai's task was to go to Moon Bathed Lake and pick nine core lotus seeds. Only a few people took this task. First because it was too far from Hengdao City, and second because Moon Bathed Lake was very dangerous.

Since the lake was very far, there were plenty of opportunities to meet beasts along the way, increasing the danger of the trip. Moreover, Moon Bathed Lake houses a beast called the Cold Loach. This beast was stronger than average immortal experts. Meeting a cold loach meant death to most cultivators.

Besides the cold loach, picking the nine core lotus seeds also carried danger. The lotus existed for several thousands of years. Because of this, there were lotuses that had turned into plant beasts. They

looked similar to ordinary lotuses, making it very hard to detect them. The attack of the lotus beasts were very fast, making cultivators unable to block it.

There was also the danger imposed by the lake itself. Naturally, the lake couldn't turn into a beast, so it wouldn't attack people. However, strong winds occasionally pass through the lake. The wind wasn't dangerous on its own, but the waves it made in the lake made it perilous to cultivators.

Nobody knew why, but the temperature in Moon Bathed Lake continued to decrease. If a cultivator touched the lake's water without any defenses, they would immediately be frozen into a block of ice. And even if the cultivator has defenses, it wouldn't be very effective. The shield itself would be frozen, making the cultivator suffer the same fate. Being drenched in the lake's water was the quickest way to die in the lake.

Because of these reasons, fewer and fewer people came to pick nine core lotus seeds. And because of the lack of supply, the reward of the task was very high. Not only does it provide 50 impression points, it also awards five high-grade artifacts and ten high-grade pills. What type of pills and artifacts could be freely chosen by the cultivator who completes the task. But even then, there were still very few people who took on the task. After all, even if the rewards were good, it was nothing if you lost your life in the process.

In fact, picking nine core lotus seeds could no longer be considered as a newcomer task. The difficulty of the task exceeded the capabilities of newcomers. Even veterans of the Soaring Dragon Realm wouldn't dare take it. When Lin Ling found out that Zhao Hai took this task, he couldn't help but be furious and scold Zhao Hai for being overconfident. He immediately set off for Moon Bathed Lake. He didn't want Zhao Hai to die there.

Lin Ling knew how incomparably risky this task was. However, to Zhao Hai, this task was perfect. This was because he had Bubble. He wasn't afraid of the lake's water. He believed that the lake's water couldn't harm him. As for the beasts, they weren't an issue. Zhao Hai was also confident that he could deal with the lotus plants.

The reason Zhao Hai took this task was because he believed there was a reason why the lake was very cold all year round. If there was a treasure in the lake, then Zhao Hai wanted to see what it was. If he could, then he would like to take it for himself.

Chapter 1953: Giant Loach

Zhao Hai kept moving through the forest. Moon Bathed Lake was quite far from Hengdao City. Even if Zhao Hai was going straight towards the lake, it would still take him some time.

Zhao Hai met a lot of beasts along the way. However, these beasts weren't too strong. It seemed like the beast tide had a certain impact on the beasts.

During the beast tide, the more powerful beasts appeared. And some of those who fought against cultivators were killed while some survived.

Beasts were as strong and as smart as cultivators. After the battle, the beasts would have gained a few insights. Because of this, beasts would generally go into seclusion after a beast tide to digest the experience they acquired.

Because of this, Zhao Hai didn't meet a lot of strong beasts along the way. The beasts that Zhao Hai met were average, it was impossible for them to detect him.

The closer Zhao Hai got to the Moon Bathed Lake, the stronger the beasts he encountered. Moreover, more and more water-element beasts appeared. These beasts seem to be attracted to the lake's environment. And as he got closer, Zhao Hai became more careful. He could feel a very dangerous aura coming from the lake.

After moving forward for some time, Zhao Hai stopped. Although he has yet to arrive at the lake, he could feel the intense sense of danger. He has no choice but to halt.

Just now, Zhao Hai felt a dangerous aura right next to him. However, there were no beasts around him at all. This caused Zhao Hai to be confused.

Zhao Hai hid inside a big tree as he called Cai'er, "Cai'er, see if anything was just beside me. Why do I have a danger around feeling around me?"

Zhao Hai's spiritual force didn't detect any beasts in the vicinity. And since Cai'er has another method of detection, Zhao Hai asked her.

Cai'er immediately complied. A screen appeared in front of Zhao Hai. And just like Zhao Hai said, there was nothing around him. However, Cai'er continued to zoom out. Because of the Soaring Dragon Realm's laws, the Space could only get a real-time image 500 meters around Zhao Hai. But this was enough. After penetrating 300 meters underground, they finally found the abnormality.

There was an underground waterway! It was a very long waterway. Moreover, the waterway doesn't seem to be formed naturally. It looks like it has been dug out. The waterway was perfectly round, about 100 meters in diameter. It was full of water, like a water pipe that was operating at full capacity.

Zhao Hai was puzzled about the waterway's existence. Then suddenly, something flashed on the waterway. Cai'er quickly focused on the image to see what it was.

Before long, Zhao Hai saw what was flashing, it was a loach that was ten meters thick and 30 meters long. The loach was very quick. It appeared and disappeared in the water in an instant. If Zhao Hai didn't have the Space, he wouldn't have been able to see it.

At the same time, Zhao Hai could feel that the dangerous aura he felt came from the huge loach.

Zhao Hai felt relieved. He was afraid that he wouldn't be able to find the source of the danger that he felt. As long as he had an explanation, everything could be dealt with. Then Zhao Hai said, "Cai'er, how far is Moon Bathed Lake from here?"

Cai'er replied, "Approximately five kilometers away."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but ask, "Five kilometers? These loaches were able to dig waterways this far out of the lake? It seems like we really can't underestimate these beasts."

Cai'er shook her head and said, "Young master, if I'm not mistaken, this waterway shouldn't only be this long. We should measure its full length. This way, we can make the right preparations." Zhao Hai agreed with a nod.

Cai'er began to check and soon Zhao Hai realized that the waterway wasn't only long, it also didn't run in a straight line. The waterway was circular and had an inlet and outlet, like a moat hidden underground.

These huge loaches would swim along this waterway. Zhao Hai was certain that the loaches would have a way to know what was happening above ground. And this was the reason Zhao Hai was able to feel danger.

But whether the loach found him or not, Zhao Hai didn't know. After calming himself down, Zhao Hai continued to move towards the Moon Bathed Lake. He knew that he would meet that loach upon reaching the lake, so he wouldn't need to worry about it right now.

Five kilometers was nothing to Zhao Hai. However, these five kilometers were filled with danger. Zhao Hai found that the trees close to the lake have changed their attributes. Originally, trees would have a pure wood attribute. Only special trees would have other attributes in them, like ironwood trees and the others.

But the closer Zhao Hai got to the lake, the more impure the trees became. In the end, Zhao Hai found trees that had half water and half wood attributes. This was especially rare. An ironwood tree would still have 99 percent wood attribute, its metal attribute would only be 1 percent.

The attributes of water and wood were mixed. This was more common in ores, Zhao Hai has never seen this happen to trees.

Because of this, even if Zhao Hai can enter the tree, the chance that he would be discovered has increased. Zhao Hai stopped traveling through the trees. He just went out in the open and flew straight towards the lake.

Five kilometers was quickly traversed by Zhao Hai. And with the Moon Bathed Lake becoming a forbidden area, beasts rarely approached it. This saved Zhao Hai a lot of trouble.

Finally, Zhao Hai felt the area in front of him clear out and a mirror-like lake appeared. The lake was so clear, without any trace of waves. Green lotuses grew and blossomed across the lake. The lake was beautiful, enough for people to be breathless. It was as if time stopped. It was like the world had paused.

All of a sudden, a shadow swept across the lake, breaking the tranquil state of the mirror. Then a series of ripples followed after. The world moved once more.

Zhao Hai recovered from his daze. As he looked at the lake surface, he couldn't help but sigh as he said, "Beautiful, this place is too beautiful."

Just as Zhao Hai said that, he heard Cai'er, "Young Master, pay attention. I felt the fluctuations of a formation just now."

Zhao Hai stared, then his eyes narrowed. He looked at the cold lotuses on the lake. After a while, his eyes lit up as he said, "Cai'er, the lotus flowers, the river water, and the trees on the shore seem to have formed a natural formation. It's not as strong as the one formed by the dao lotus, but it could plunge people into a hallucination."

Cai'er agreed, "We also noticed that. It's indeed a formation. After analysis, it is very similar to the Moon Reflection Formation. It's really strange. And I'm pretty sure that it's formed naturally because there are some places that should not be in the formation. Because of these places, the power of the formation is greatly reduced."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Since it's a natural formation, it's better to leave it alone. Now I want to take a look at the properties of the nine core lotus seed. If it's good, we can cultivate some inside the Space."

As he said that, Zhao Hai touched the lake's water. With Zhao Hai integrating with Bubble, he could also absorb all kinds of water to increase his affinity with the water element. The Moon Bathed River is famous in the Soaring Dragon Realm; it was impossible for Zhao Hai to not absorb some of it.

The moment Zhao Hai touched the lake, he could immediately feel a piercing cold. Zhao Hai could feel his entire body freezing. His blood seemed to have stopped flowing and then his thoughts began to turn sluggish. This was definitely the coldest water he came in contact with.

Fortunately, Zhao Hai spirit platform was kept intact. He knew what state he was in. His body might have frozen and his blood flow stopped, but his strong heart continued to beat. And every beat it made was stronger than the last.

If other people were to see Zhao Hai's state, they would immediately think that he has been frozen to death. However, Zhao Hai knew that his body was just adapting to the cold. Once it finishes its adjustments, he would no longer have any issues.

Sure enough, as Zhao Hai's heart continued to beat, his blood began to flow once more. His thoughts picked up speed and in no time he was back to normal. Not only did Zhao Hai return to his past state, he felt refreshed. It was as if he drank a cold glass of water.

At the same time, Zhao Hai felt a connection to the lake. It was a strange feeling that made him think that he was part of it. The lake seems to be summoning him, inviting him to enter and take a swim.

Zhao Hai didn't stop this impulse. He moved and slid into the lake. As soon as he entered the lake, Zhao Hai felt that he became a drop of water, returning to its original vessel. He followed the natural flow of the lake and was able to move freely inside it. The cold lotuses had no influence on him.

After some time, Zhao Hai felt danger coming towards him. Zhao Hai stared, then he recovered his state of mind and turned his head to see a giant loach opening its big mouth. It was trying to eat him.

#### Chapter 1954: Bubble's Help

Zhao Hai was discovered by the huge loach. Although Zhao Hai was now integrated with the lake water, this was in terms of feeling and movement. His body didn't turn into water. If a beast only hunted through their senses, then it would be impossible to find Zhao Hai.

However, the cold loaches weren't such beasts. They have eyes and can see things. And Zhao Hai was a person. Although he was very agile in moving through the lotuses, he couldn't escape the eyes of the cold loach. Upon seeing food, it's natural for the loach to attack Zhao Hai.

The cold loach's intelligence wasn't low. It was precisely because of this intellect that the loach decided to attack Zhao Hai. To the cold loach, Zhao Hai was a dangerous being. If he were kept alive, he would be too dangerous for the loaches in the lake.

Zhao Hai looked at the huge mouth of the loach and then waved his hand. The water around him seemed to follow his orders and made ropes out of water. Then the ropes connected with each other forming a huge net. The net was then thrown towards the loach.

The cold loach saw Zhao Hai's attack and shot out a water arrow. At the same time, it controlled the water around him.

Zhao Hai knew that the cold loach was also good at controlling water. Now, the loach took control of the net and then broke it.

However, Zhao Hai didn't admit defeat. His other divergent abilities would be suppressed in the lake. So he only used his water-element ability to attack the loach.

Zhao Hai waved both of his hands and sent a water arrow to the cold loach. The cold loach waved its tail, turning the surrounding water into a weapon and attacked Zhao Hai.

One person and one loach attacked each other for some time. However, neither could do anything to the other. But at this moment, several loaches sensed the battle and swam over.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai knew that he could no longer be entangled in this battle so he retreated to a clump of lotuses. The cold loach naturally wouldn't let him off, so it pursued Zhao Hai.

Although Zhao Hai was a peak existence among immortal experts and could be considered invincible, the strength of several cold loaches couldn't be underestimated. These loaches were also top existences among immortal experts. It would be hard for Zhao Hai to deal with them in a short time.

Also, even if Zhao Hai controlled all of the water, he wouldn't be able to handle so many loaches. And because he could only control water in this environment, Zhao Hai wasn't using all of his strength. His overall combat power has been affected.

This didn't mean that Zhao Hai was severely weakened. His attacks were still very lethal. Zhao Hai also tried to control the lotus. After all, the cold lotus also carries the wood attribute. If he can control the lotuses to attack, then his strength would increase.

But just as he was about to take control of the lotuses, Zhao Hai discovered that the lotus was actively rejecting him. Zhao Hai found out that there was a variation on these lotuses. Although they looked like ordinary lotuses, the wood attribute in their body was only 10 percent, 90 percent of its attribute was water. These water lotuses could no longer be considered plants, but a type of water with the wood element.



While Zhao Hai was in the process of controlling the lotuses, the lotuses were enraged. Then they began attacking Zhao Hai alongside the loaches.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai immediately understood. Although these lotuses have yet to turn into lotus beasts, they only need time to form a consciousness.

With the lotuses joining the fight, it became harder for Zhao Hai to move around. The lotus lived in the lake, so it was very comfortable with everything in it. This meant that the lotuses could control the water better than the cold loach. The lotuses formed whips from the lake water and attacked Zhao Hai with it. At the same time, they made the surrounding lake water into a labyrinth, intending to trap Zhao Hai inside.

Zhao Hai knew that the cold lotuses grew up with the cold loaches. For the lotuses, the cold loaches were their companions. Although Zhao Hai could integrate with the water, he was still regarded as an outsider by the lotuses.

With him being attacked by both loaches and lotuses, Zhao Hai had to take liquid silver out. He used his water element abilities to block the water attacks of the lotuses while he used liquid silver to deal with the lotuses and the loaches.

The loaches could also see how strong liquid silver was. These loaches knew how hard the lotuses were. For Zhao Hai to be able to cut them meant that even the defenses of the lotuses couldn't block his attacks.

Zhao Hai has no other place to go now. He was blocked in all directions. But Zhao Hai's attacks using liquid silver was just a distraction. As he was fighting, Bubble appeared beside him, helping Zhao Hai to deal with the water attacks. This way, Zhao Hai could use all of his strength in attacking.

Although Zhao Hai's swordsmanship was limited in the lake, things were different with Bubble around. Bubble could control water better than Zhao Hai. As the battle continued, Zhao Hai discovered that the lake was slowly being controlled by Bubble. It was as if Bubble was turning the lake into its own body.

This development made Zhao Hai happy. He continued to wave his blade around, cutting lotuses one after another. He was also beginning to deal with the loaches.

Noticing the change in the battle, the loaches knew that they couldn't do anything to him. There was no victory against Zhao Hai and Bubble. Because of this realization, the cold loaches began to run away.

One has to recognize how fast the loaches were in water. In just one swing of their tail, they vanished into the distance. Zhao Hai couldn't catch up to them.

Zhao Hai also has no intentions of chasing the loaches down. He was here for the nine core lotus seeds, not the cold loaches.

Originally, Zhao Hai wanted to take cold loaches for the Space. But during the battle, Cai'er was able to take care of it. She took some loaches from the waterways and sent them to the Space. This made Zhao Hai lose interest in the loaches.

The lotuses were severely damaged by the battle. After searching among the destroyed lotuses, Zhao Hai was able to find a few lotus flowers and lotus pods. The task was now completed.

Although he was done with his task, Zhao Hai has no intentions of leaving Moon Bathed Lake. He plans to search it to see the reason why the lake turned into this.

Zhao Hai has Bubble accompany him as they search the lake. The lake was quite large. It took about ten minutes before they reached the center. There were no lotus growing in the center of the lake. There weren't even cold loaches spotted. This was because it was too cold.

Moon Bathed Lake's center was too cold that cold mist had begun to form on its surface. Zhao Hai knew that if he threw a metal piece into the water, then it would immediately turn into a brittle material that would break into fragments. Immortal experts would be frozen into ice immediately with just one drop of this water.

Zhao Hai began to wonder why the water has yet to freeze in such frigid temperatures. However, Zhao Hai has been to so many realms and has seen too many strange places that he was no longer surprised. Then he began to dive into the lake to see the bottom.

In addition to being large, the lake was also very deep. Zhao Hai also noticed that the suppression of his spiritual force was increasing the deeper he went. On the surface, the Space could scan 500 meters around him, but in the lake, the scan was reduced to only 200 meters.

Although Zhao Hai could still see, his visibility has been reduced to less than 100 meters. However, Zhao Hai didn't stop. He continued to search for the bottom of the lake.

Zhao Hai dove for half an hour but he has yet to see any ground ahead. He could feel that there were no other elements around him other than the water element. It became a world completely made of water.

This was a rare situation and Zhao Hai was happy. Such unique circumstances were bound to produce extraordinary treasures.

An hour turned into two hours, but Zhao Hai was still unable to find the bottom of the lake. Although Zhao Hai wasn't as fast as the loaches, his speed in water was still very quick. He didn't expect to still be diving down two hours into his search.

At this moment, Zhao Hai felt his communicator fluctuate. Zhao Hai immediately had Bubble form an empty space around him. Then he answered the call.

After answering, Zhao Hai saw Zhang Feng's anxious expression on his communicator. Seeing Zhao Hai alive, Zhang Feng looked relieved, then he asked, "Little Hai, where are you now? Why haven't you returned?"

Zhao Hai asked, "Why? What time is it?"

Zhang Feng stared at Zhao Hai and said, "It's already dark. Where are you? Why didn't you know that the sun has gone down?"

Zhao Hai looked around him and could only see water with no traces of light. Naturally, he didn't notice what time it was. He smiled bitterly and said, "I've worried Senior Brother. I really don't know the time. The place I'm in is very safe. It's the location of my current task."

Chapter 1955: City of Crystal

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare, then he asked, "Which task did you take?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It's a task to pick nine core lotus seeds from Moon Bathed Lake. I want to see if there are treasures in the lake. Don't worry about me. I'm in the lake right now, no beasts can get closer."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Alright, then make sure that you hide properly in Moon Bathed Lake." Zhao Hai nodded and then dropped the call.

Zhao Hai believed that Zhang Feng didn't know about Moon Bathed Lake. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been so calm. In fact, Zhao Hai guessed correctly, not only Zhang Feng, even Yuan Ba and the others didn't know where Moon Bathed Lake was. They have always been around Wulong City. Medium-sized cities wouldn't have tasks about Moon Bathed Lake. Those in charge of Wulong City knew that the cultivators that lingered inside its city wouldn't be strong enough to take on the dangers of the lake. So in order to reduce unnecessary casualties, the task wasn't given in the city.

Yuan Ba and the others were so calm because they hadn't seen the task before. They thought that Zhao Hai was doing an ordinary task. If they knew about Moon Bathed Lake, they would definitely be terrified.

Zhao Hai no longer cared about their reaction and continued to dive down. After another hour of diving, he was still unable to see the bottom. However, he could see that the water element around him was becoming more and more pure.

At this moment, Bubble exclaimed. Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately contacted Bubble with his spiritual force. Bubble was very loud, "Young Master, there's something. The water element here has slipped out of my control. There might be special beasts here."

Just as Bubble said that, Zhao Hai felt a very sharp aura going straight towards his chest. Zhao Hai quickly moved and dashed towards the side.

Just as Zhao Hai dodged, a sharp sensation passed where he was originally at. The sharp sensation then disappeared as quickly as it came.

Although Zhao Hai didn't see what it was, he could feel that the attack carried the water element, a very pure water element. Once the attack missed, it seems like the sharp water was released from control and melded back with the surroundings.

Zhao Hai stared and then searched his surroundings with his spiritual force. Unfortunately, his spiritual force could only search 100 meters around him. Meanwhile, his eyesight could only see 50 meters ahead. For cultivators, this range was equivalent to being deaf and blind.

At this moment, Zhao Hai felt more sharp auras coming from behind him. He quickly dodged all of them. Then without any delay, more sharp auras came towards him. Without any time to dodge, several sharp attacks hit Zhao Hai in the chest.

Zhao Hai felt pain in his chest, forcing him to retreat. Although he wasn't injured, he was still able to feel pain. Considering Zhao Hai's strength, this meant that the attack was very powerful.

Zhao Hai stopped and looked at his chest. The inner armor that he wore has been shattered, revealing his chest that had turned into crystal.

After being attacked several times, Zhao Hai was sure that he was attacked by water arrows. However, the water arrows were stronger than the ones shot by the cold loaches, many times stronger. Compared to the water arrows just now, the water arrows shot by the cold loaches looked like arrows shot by a 3 year old. The two were leagues apart.

Zhao Hai was certain that if he didn't have a crystal body, then he would have been shot dead. If someone were to hear that an immortal expert was shot to death by water arrows, then they would never have believed it.

However, this was truly the case. Moreover, Zhao Hai felt the water around him had become alive. It revolved around Zhao Hai as though it was becoming a meat grinder. If it were ordinary cultivators, they would have been crushed long ago. Right now, Zhao Hai's entire body has turned into crystal, this includes his clothes.

Zhao Hai felt the surrounding water strangling him, but his heart was completely calm. Such attacks couldn't hurt him. But Zhao Hai knew that if he couldn't find a way to deal with it, then he would be trapped forever.

At this moment, Bubble said, “Young Master, calm your mind and feel the water element around you. Try to integrate it with yourself. Perhaps this is the way.”

Zhao Hai stared, then he nodded. He closed his eyes and felt the water around him. He tried to integrate himself with it.

Just as Zhao Hai stretched his spiritual force, he immediately felt a wild aura. Then his spiritual force was strangled and completely crushed.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brow. Then he calmed down and felt the wild aura. He discovered that the wild aura carried an instinct, the instinct of water.

Zhao Hai was certain that turbulent waves had appeared above Moon Bathed Lake right now. This was because the water was angry. Normally, water was a caring being that would benefit everyone. But once it got angry, it could drown an entire city. It would become more terrifying than fire.

Right now, Zhao Hai could feel the violent anger of the water around him. His spiritual force has no way to communicate with this water. Neither did he dare to communicate with it again. The water has completely lost its reason. If he continued to communicate with it, then he might be turned into a lunatic.

Zhao Hai frowned. He was stuck. Then at this moment, his golden spiritual force entered his mind. He didn't know if it was an illusion, but he felt that his golden spiritual force was thicker than before.

At the same time, Zhao Hai was reminded of the mysteries of the golden spiritual force. In the end, he gritted his teeth and decided to communicate with the surrounding water using the golden spiritual force.

This golden spiritual force was a very valuable asset to Zhao Hai. He didn't know how he obtained it nor was he aware of its true capabilities. But if he doesn't use it now, he will continue to be trapped.

Controlling his golden spiritual force slowly, Zhao Hai scanned the water around him once more. Although the golden spiritual force looked fragile, it wasn't affected by the raging currents when it went

out of Zhao Hai's body. It continued to explore and soon it was able to get in touch with the water element.

Zhao Hai quietly controlled his spiritual force without breaking it. The golden spiritual force allowed him to feel the raging water element. Then he slowly integrated with it.

For who knows how long, Zhao Hai was finally able to integrate himself with the water around him. Now, his aura was no different to the water.

Then at this time, a miracle happened. After Zhao Hai integrated himself with the waters around him, the raging lake calmed down. It was as if the anger it expressed earlier was just a dream.

Zhao Hai didn't get distracted by this. He slowly moved forward along with the water. He could feel that there was something ahead that was summoning him.

Zhao Hai knew that he wasn't the one being summoned, but the water elements around him. But this was fine. Zhao Hai wanted to know what kind of thing was summoning the water element.

After floating for some time, Zhao Hai suddenly felt that he had arrived at a place. It was as if he returned to his mother's arms. Zhao Hai felt great, and knew that he had reached his destination.

Zhao Hai slowly searched his surroundings with his spiritual force. What he found caused him to stare. He felt that there was a subspace in front of him. And this subspace was closely linked to the main space of the Soaring Dragon Realm. Both relied on each other. And this subspace was friendly towards the water element.

Zhao Hai's expression turned serious. He moved and entered into the subspace. When he arrived, he slowly opened his eyes.

Upon opening his eyes, Zhao Hai was dumbfounded. In front of him was a city, a giant city made out of white crystal. In the front gate were three characters that read 'Crystal City'.

A city made entirely of crystals. It was an amazing sight. Zhao Hai blankly stared at the city for some time, unable to say anything.

Although a city made of crystal was very shocking, this wasn't what made Zhao Hai speechless. What made him stunned was the scale and style of the city. He was too familiar with this style. This was because he has a similar city in his hands, Firegod City!

No mistake, the style of Crystal City was the same as Firegod City. But instead of being made with the fire element, Crystal City was composed of the water element.

After staring at Crystal City, Zhao Hai suddenly thought of something. Then he flew towards the city. Sure enough, there was a huge palace inside. And this palace has three huge characters that read 'Crystal City Palace'.

However, Zhao Hai didn't pay any attention to the characters. He flew directly into the biggest hall in the palace and saw a throne room. Inside the room was a desk with a crystal box on top.

Seeing the size of the crystal box, Zhao Hai's heart jumped crazily. Seeing the crystal box, he immediately thought of the time he saw the vermilion bird stamp.

Zhao Hai went to the desk and looked at the box. His heart was beating loudly. He gripped the edges of the box and calmed himself down. When he opened it, he let out a long breath.

Inside the crystal box was a stamp with the engraving of a black tortoise on the side.

Zhao Hai calmed himself down. Then he reached out to the black tortoise stamp with his spiritual force.

Upon entering the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai felt that he arrived in a strange space. The space was vast and there was a huge beast lying down on the ground, no, it should be two beasts; a tortoise and a snake. The snake wrapped around the tortoise's body, like Xuanwu from the legends.



When the Xuanwu saw Zhao Hai, it didn't rush out to attack like Zhao Hai imagined. Instead, the snake and the tortoise opened their mouths simultaneously. Despite having two mouths talking, there was only one voice, and this voice was very thick and clear.

"Young man, we've been waiting for you for a long time!"

Hearing the black tortoise, Zhao Hai couldn't help but ask, "Do you know me?"

"Haha. We don't know you. We're just waiting for someone to come here. Over the years, you are the first person we've seen. So you are the one we're waiting for."

Zhao Hai had a look of confusion on his face, "Why are you waiting for me?"

"Young man, there's no need to be anxious. This is my last wisp of consciousness. If you didn't show up, I would have disappeared. Then this black tortoise seal and crystal palace could no longer be controlled. Even if you get the black tortoise seal, it would just be useless junk."

Zhao Hai was still puzzled by the black tortoise. He asked, "So you were waiting to pass me the black tortoise seal? Don't you need to look at my character? Or is there anything you need me to do?"

"Haha. Young man, when is character important in cultivation? For cultivators, the dao is most important, character is merely a deception. As for what you need to do, don't worry. As long as you take the black tortoise stamp and inherit the will of the Water God, then you will know what you need to do in the future. How about it? Are you willing to accept the black tortoise seal and follow the will of the Water God?"

Zhao Hai looked at the black tortoise and couldn't feel any hostility from it. Zhao Hai was relieved. However, he still decided to tell the black tortoise one thing. If it was fine with it, then he wouldn't mind taking the black tortoise seal and becoming the inheritor of the Water God.

Chapter 1956: Gods Of The Four Directions

Zhao Hai looked at the black tortoise and said, "Senior, I have no issues taking on the inheritance of the Water God. But I have something to tell you. Before coming here, I already obtained the vermilion bird

stamp. At that time, the vermillion bird was injured and has been subdued by me. This allowed me to acquire the Fire God's inheritance. If you accept this, then I have no other words to say."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the black tortoise stared. Then its complexion changed as it asked, "You obtained the inheritance of the Fire God? The Vermillion Bird Stamp? Firegod City?"

The Black Tortoise said a lot of things in a row. Zhao Hai knew that it was excited, so he nodded and said, "Yes. When I was in the lower realm, I acquired Firegod City. At that time, only a remnant spirit was left in the vermillion bird stamp. Because of this, I'm only able to use Firegod City in its simplest way. If you still want me to inherit the Water God's will, then I wouldn't decline."

"Hahaha. It's Heaven's Will! Young man, are you thinking that the Water God and Fire God's inheritance are not compatible? In fact, you're wrong. Young man, before I tell you everything, can you show me the vermillion bird stamp?"

Zhao Hai nodded, he waved his hand and took out the vermillion bird stamp. Looking at the vermillion bird stamp, the Black Tortoise nodded and said, "It really is the vermillion bird stamp. But there is something wrong with your method. Alright, young man, take it away. It won't be able to handle this place for too long." Zhao Hai nodded and put the vermillion bird stamp away. He could also feel that the vermillion bird stamp was very uncomfortable the moment he took it out.

When Zhao Hai received the vermillion bird stamp, the black tortoise nodded and said, "Young man, you don't have to be afraid. The vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp belong to the Fire God and the Water God respectively. Being gods of the four directions, they're good friends. So there's no need for you to worry. "

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked at the black tortoise and said, "Senior, if what you said is true, then the Gods of the Four Directions should be powerful beings. So why would the vermillion bird stamp fall into the lower realms? When I found Firegod City, it was destroyed. Who has the ability to damage the vermillion bird stamp?"

The black tortoise sighed and said, "Young man, I really want to tell you, but I have no memory of these things. My spirit isn't complete and I have lost most of my memories. Right now, the only thing I know is how to operate the black tortoise stamp and the Crystal City, nothing else. But I have a feeling that as long as you inherit the will of all four gods, then you will know what happened."

“Young man, I have to ask you for one thing, if you find the other two stamps, please put them together with the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp. Then you should also get the Emperor Qilin stamp. Once all is gathered, you will benefit a lot. As for how huge the benefit is, I don’t know. Nobody has combined all five stamps together. As for how to use the stamps, there’s no need to worry. As long as you obtain the method to control the black tortoise stamp, you should also comprehend how to control the vermillion bird stamp. Now, young man, open your mind. Let me pass onto you the method to control the black tortoise stamp.”

Zhao Hai nodded and opened his mind. The reason he was so bold was because he couldn’t feel any hostility from the black tortoise. Zhao Hai believed in his instinct. He believed that the black tortoise wouldn’t harm him.

Sure enough, just as Zhao Hai opened his mind, the black tortoise moved and rushed towards him. As it was rushing forward, the black tortoise shrank in size. By the time it was in front of Zhao Hai, it was already palm-sized. Then the black tortoise slowly sank into Zhao Hai’s head.

Zhao Hai felt a cool energy infiltrating his mind. Not only did the energy make him feel comfortable, it also improved his spiritual force. There was also a lot of information that entered his mind. Fortunately, Zhao Hai was used to sudden transfers of information. As he received the information, he also began sorting them out.

After a period of time, Zhao Hai was finally able to receive all of the information. He wasn’t in a hurry to comprehend all of it. Although it contained methods to control Crystal City, it wasn’t an urgent matter. Zhao Hai would slowly digest the information once he goes back.

With an intention, Zhao Hai withdrew his thoughts from the black tortoise stamp. At the same time, he reappeared in the main hall of the city. Looking at the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai let out a long breath. Then he picked up the stamp. Zhao Hai also absorbed Crystal City into the stamp. He was now ready to return.

Zhao Hai looked at the lake and smiled faintly. He believed that the lake would return to normal before long. After all, the special situation of the lake was caused by Crystal City. Now that he took it away, Moon Bathed Lake should return to normal.

The situation with Moon Bathed Lake was different from Inferno Valley. Inferno Valley was able to form a heart of earth fire. So even if he took Firegod City away, Inferno Valley was still able to produce intense heat. There were no heart of water in the Moon Bathed Lake.

Seeing that there was nothing else around, Zhao Hai used his portable transmission formation and returned to Hengdao City. After arriving at the city, Zhao Hai felt his communication token fluctuate. After taking the call, Zhao Hai saw that it was Zhang Feng.

Zhang Feng's expression was anxious as he asked, "Little Hai, where are you? Are you fine?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "First Senior Brother, I'm fine. I'm currently in Hengdao City. I just returned."

As soon as he heard this, Zhang Feng felt relieved. He was only a bit worried when he talked to Zhao Hai the night before. But when he went to Shangshan City, he had someone inquire about the task of collecting nine core lotus seeds. Upon hearing the details of the task, Zhang Feng paled. He was afraid that something would happen to Zhao Hai. Upon confirming that Zhao Hai was fine and had just returned, he breathed a sigh of relief.

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "How did the task go?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It's complete. Moreover, I was able to get a rich harvest. I'll have to go into seclusion after returning."

Hearing that Zhao Hai wanted to close up, Zhang Feng was happy, "Alright. Then come back as soon as possible. There's no need for you to worry about other things."

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "I'm going to seclude here in Hengdao City. It's safer for me here. You can also come here, the environment here is very good."

Zhang Feng didn't oppose this, he nodded and said, "Alright. You close up in Hengdao City." Zhao Hai nodded and then ended the call. Then he went to hand over his task. In addition to 50 impression points and an excellent rating, Zhao Hai was also able to get several bottles of pills and some artifacts. After that, he went to find a place to seclude in.

All residences in Hengdao City belonged to the Tyrant Blade Sect. If you want to rent a house, then you would need to go to the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall. Naturally, this didn't exclude Zhao Hai.

The Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall was the biggest building in Hengdao City. The entire building was ten stories tall with each floor being ten meters high. This made the entire building 100 meters tall.

What made the branch look special was its shape. The building looked like a sword aimed at the sky. It was too eye-catching.

Naturally, this building was only a part of the entire branch of the Tyrant Blade Sect. This building was used to handle tasks as well as a place for people to rest. People with status don't stay in this building. Instead, they stay inside a courtyard behind the branch.

As he stood in front of the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch, Zhao Hai could see the imposing building sticking out. He couldn't help but smile. As its name suggests, the sect was indeed domineering.

Zhao Hai entered the building and went over to a counter. Like other branches, there were three counters that handled different matters. However, these counters were much bigger compared to the others.

Moreover, there were more people coming in and out of the building. Tasks were accepted and handed in, and items were traded. The place looked bustling.

Zhao Hai didn't get in line but instead walked straight towards the counter. This attracted angry gazes from those who were in the queue. If it wasn't for the fact that they were in the Tyrant Blade Set's branch hall, someone would have shouted at Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai didn't care about these people. He smiled at the person opposite the counter and said, "Good day. I want to look for a place to rent in Hengdao City. Where do I go?"

Zhao Hai's words caused the floor to turn silent. Everyone who came to hand in their tasks stared at Zhao Hai. Even those from the Tyrant Blade Sect looked towards Zhao Hai. All of them looked at him as though they didn't understand what he said.

## Chapter 1957: Yin Yang Elders

Zhao Hai didn't mind the gazes directed at him. He knew how rare it was for someone to rent a place to stay in Hengdao City. So it wasn't surprising that people were interested.

After some time, the female cultivator on the counter recovered. She looked at Zhao Hai and replied, "Mister is looking for a residence? Please go to the second floor. The second floor is dedicated to renting houses in the city."

Zhao Hai nodded and expressed his gratitude. Then he went towards a nearby staircase. When he disappeared, the first floor was full of activity. The cultivators were shocked to see Zhao Hai looking for a residence in the city. They knew very well what it meant to have a residence in the city. Not only would it ensure safety, this also means that the person who rented the residence was rich.

Very few people from the lower realms rent places in the city. To them, this was nothing more than burning money. A day was a hundred spirit stones. This meant that ten days would cost a jade essence. Jade essence was very valuable for those in the lower realms. Only a few people would dare spend this much money on a residence.

Because of this, everyone was startled when they heard that Zhao Hai was going to rent a residence. This meant that he didn't mind spending a lot of money.

When Zhao Hai arrived at the second floor, he immediately noticed the lack of people. There was a counter with two old cultivators sitting down. Both of them looked bored to the point of being sleepy.

Hearing footsteps, the two cultivators opened their eyes. When he saw the two cultivators staring at him, Zhao Hai paused for a moment before walking towards them.

Although the two cultivators were old and looked senile, Zhao Hai could see killing intent on their eyes. Zhao Hai was sure that these two were stronger than Lin Ling. It seems like the Tyrant Blade Sect still attached great importance towards the Soaring Dragon Realm. Otherwise they wouldn't have sent these two people here.

When Zhao Hai paused and then resumed talking, the two old cultivators stared.

As he arrived at the counter, Zhao Hai immediately greeted them, "Seniors, my name is Zhao Hai, I want to rent a place in Hengdao City. Is that possible?"

One of the two cultivators nodded, "Of course. What kind of residence does little senior brother want to rent?"

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "Seniors, I'm not worthy of being called little senior brother. Just call me Zhao Hai. I was able to get insights while I was doing a task, so I want to find a place to seclude myself. I wonder if seniors have places you can recommend?"

When the old cultivators heard Zhao Hai, they laughed. Then one of them said, "Then let us congratulate you in advance. There are a few residences that are in quiet neighborhoods. However, these residences are separated into grades. The lowest is a small room located in a region of the city with the weakest spiritual force. The rent is quite cheap, one jade essence per month. There's a better one worth 2 jade essences per month. If you want more, there's a room that's rich in spiritual force and is well decorated. It's three jade essences per month. Naturally, we have a high-quality residence. Not only is it rich in spiritual energy and luxuriously decorated, nobody would also come and disturb you. If you want to rent it, this old man can give it to you for 6 jade essences per month. You also need to deposit one month of rent. So which residence do you want?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I want a high-quality residence. I'll rent it for a month first." Then he waved his hand and took out six jade essences.

The old man received the jade essences and then looked at Zhao Hai, "I didn't expect you to be a rich man." While talking, he put away the jade essences and took out a jade token. After giving it to Zhao Hai, the old cultivator said, "Go downstairs with this jade token. Someone will then lead you to your residence. That residence will be yours for one month. We don't care how many people you let in. But if you want to use that residence for business, you have to come to us to report." Zhao Hai nodded, then he took the jade token and then left.

When Zhao Hai went downstairs, one of the old cultivators said, "Senior Brother, this kid is quite good. Is that Zhao Hai that Lin Ling mentioned? He's a perceptive one. Lin Ling's eyes for talent are really good."

The other cultivator smiled and said, "That kid became wary when he saw us. We didn't even move. We completely hid our killing aura but he was still able to feel it. That's not easy to do."

The first cultivator nodded, "Although this kid doesn't seem to have any killing aura, the fact that he's very sensitive to it means that a lot of people have died in his hands. That kid Lin Ling said that Zhao Hai was an army commander back in the lower realms. It would be good for us if he joins the Tyrant Blade Sect."

The other cultivator agreed, "From time to time, absolute talents would appear in the Soaring Dragon Realm. People here are tempered by battles and are sometimes stronger than those trained by our sect. Those little guys back in the True Spirit Realm aren't murderous enough. They only play with their blades with no intention of killing. What a joke. We need to talk to the sect master about this."

The other cultivator nodded. Then the two no longer spoke. They closed their eyes and returned to their drowsy state.

When Zhao Hai left the second floor, he couldn't help but let out a long breath. Although he knew that the two old cultivators wouldn't treat him unjustly, Zhao Hai's heart was still pounding hard. The pressure he felt from the two was enormous.

A cultivator was already waiting for Zhao Hai when he descended from the second floor. It was a young cultivator less than 20 years of age. One could still see a trace of naivete on his face. However, this cultivator wasn't weak and has achieved the immortal stage.

When Zhao Hai came down, the young cultivator hastily stepped forward and bowed, "Mister, you have rented a residence. Please show me your jade token."

Zhao Hai nodded and then gave the jade token to the young man. After looking at the jade token, the young cultivator nodded and said, "Mister, please come with me." Then he led Zhao Hai to the side of the hall.

Those on the first floor were looking at Zhao Hai once more. Most of those on the first floor only heard of people renting residences in the city, but they had never seen a person doing it. Naturally, they were curious about the residence. Some of them followed Zhao Hai out of the hall to see what kind of residence Zhao Hai rented.



At this time, on the back part of the Tyrant Blade Sect's Branch Hall, Lin Ling and Xiang Ying were sitting. In front of them was a cultivator. Lin Ling looked at the cultivator and said, "You said Zhao Hai rented a residence? And it's the highest quality residence?"

The cultivator nodded and said, "Yes. Zhao Hai rented the best residence. The Yin Yang Elders dealt with the transaction."

Lin Ling nodded, "Did the Yin Yang Elders say something about him?"

The cultivator shook his head, "The elders didn't say anything. However, they commented on Senior Brother Lin. They said that you have good eyes."

Hearing this, Lin Ling was happy. He looked at Xiang Ying and said, "Brother, what do you think? I wasn't wrong. Haha."

Xiang Ying smiled and said, "Senior Brother Lin, your eye for talent is very famous in the Tyrant Blade Sect. Zhao Hai being praised by the Yin Yang Elders further proves this. Do you think we should recruit Zhao Hai ahead of time?"

Lin Ling thought about it before saying, "We should wait. He just came to the Soaring Dragon Realm. He's not yet completely suited to life here. Allowing him to enter the True Spirit Realm at this point wouldn't be any good. He needs to adapt more."

Xiang Ying nodded, "Alright, but we need to hold on to him tightly."

Lin Ling smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, he can't go anywhere else. After the praise given by the Yin Yang Elders, we have to pay more attention to him. We might even need to find Hu Wang and Xiang Que to make sure that they don't cause any trouble. Little Hai is more of a genius than I expected. We have to be careful."

Xiang Yin agreed, "We should. Senior Brother, let's use this opportunity to head out. We need to resolve this matter before Zhao Hai goes out of seclusion. This way, it would be less dangerous for him. What do you think?"

Lin Ling nodded and said, "Alright. But we need to greet the two elders first. Although they came here to temper their minds, it would be impossible to ignore them when it comes to this matter." Xiang Ying nodded, then the two stood up and left.

Under the guidance of the Tyrant Blade Sect cultivator, Zhao Hai arrived at a residence right beside the sect branch. It was a single residence with its own entrance and courtyard. Moreover, being near to the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall, it was an extension of the sect's forbidden area. This meant that no violence was allowed in the vicinity. And most people weren't allowed to walk the streets outside it.

The young cultivator took Zhao Hai inside the residence. The courtyard wasn't big but it wasn't small either. It was a thousand square meters. After the courtyard was a row of three buildings.

The young cultivator stopped and then looked at Zhao Hai, "Mister, this is your residence. Please hang your jade token on the front gate. This jade token is a defensive artifact and also has an alarm formation. This will prevent others from disturbing you. If you head out, you can take the token and hang it once you return. If your one month is finished, there's no need for you to go out. The jade token will record your credits. You can pay your balance once you're done with your seclusion."

Zhao Hai gave his thanks to the young cultivator. Then he hung the jade token on the front gate before entering.

#### Chapter 1958: Origin of the Black Tortoise

When Zhao Hai entered the small courtyard, he looked around and saw nothing inside it. But being clean was better for Zhao Hai, so he didn't care. The decorations inside the rooms were really good. There were tables, chairs, beds, and cabinets. Moreover, the meditation room was well made.

Zhao Hai also looked at the other buildings and felt satisfied. Then he took his communicator out and called Zhang Feng. Before long, Zhang Feng's face was seen. Seeing Zhang Feng's face, Zhao Hai knew that he was currently on a task. Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Senior Brother, are you doing a task?"

Zhang Feng nodded, "I'm currently doing a task. Where are you? Did you find a place?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I found a good residence. It's residence number 34 in Hengdao City. You can come over if you need anything. I'll be in seclusion here."

Zhang Feng nodded, "It's fine. There's nothing wrong with the base. Just seclude in peace."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Be careful when you do your task. Those two beastmen might cause problems for you."

Zhang Feng nodded, "Don't worry, we'll be careful." Zhao Hai ended the call and then went to the meditation room.

Zhao Hai chose to close up in Hengdao City rather than the Great Realm of Cultivation's base because the spiritual qi in the base wasn't enough. He was also afraid that he would alarm Hu Wang and Xiang Que.

The reason Zhao Hai was closing up was because he wanted to understand the black tortoise stamp and the vermilion bird stamp. Zhao Hai always felt that he wasn't able to make full use of the vermilion bird stamp. Obtaining the black tortoise stamp made Zhao Hai aware that he never found the correct method to control the vermilion bird stamp. Being given an opportunity, Zhao Hai would naturally want to capitalize on it.

Moreover, Zhao Hai could feel that the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp weren't ordinary. If he used them well, they would bring huge benefits to him. With this in mind, Zhao Hai decided that he should seclude himself in the meantime.

Also, if Zhao Hai was successful in comprehending both stamps, the effects on the surroundings definitely wouldn't be small. If a huge noise was made in the base, then it might be discovered by the beasts. Therefore, instead of secluding in the base, Zhao Hai decided to do it in Hengdao City.

As he sat cross-legged inside the meditation room, Zhao Hai took out the black tortoise stamp and placed it on his lap. He closed his eyes and recalled the information that was passed onto him by the black tortoise. He moved his spiritual force according to the method he received. Then he began refining the black tortoise stamp.

This wasn't an easy task. Treasures like the black tortoise stamp contain countless formations. If you don't understand them, you won't be able to make full use of them. If Zhao Hai wants complete control over the black tortoise stamp, then he needs to understand these formations. Then he could use these formations in several methods to fit the black tortoise stamp in multiple roles.

While Zhao Hai was comprehending the black tortoise stamp, the Space was also hard at work. The formations inside the stamp have been collected and were being analyzed. Once these formations were analyzed, Zhao Hai would gain a substantial enhancement in his understanding of the stamp. This would also bring about unexpected changes in the Space.

Zhao Hai comprehended the black tortoise seal for seven days. After seven days, Zhao Hai was finally able to refine the black tortoise stamp. With this, Zhao Hai now has a full understanding on how to use the black tortoise stamp.

However, Zhao Hai still felt that something wasn't right. As for what it is, he cannot say. When he held the black tortoise seal, he didn't have the feeling that it was an extension of his arms. Although the stamp could follow Zhao Hai's instructions, it seems like it lacked consciousness.

Naturally, this consciousness didn't mean a spirit. But it referred to how holding the tool just doesn't feel right. You can use it, but it feels uncomfortable in the hand. It was awkward to use.

Zhao Hai wouldn't use such weapons. It must be known that comfort in handling artifacts has a huge effect on the life and death of a cultivator. Although Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of danger, he would rather not use an artifact he wasn't comfortable in using.

Therefore, although Zhao Hai could use the black tortoise stamp, he still wanted to know why it feels awkward when he uses it.

Zhao Hai has completely refined the artifact, but it felt clunky. Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brows. This was the first time he experienced this feeling.

Zhao Hai opened his eyes and looked at the black tortoise stamp. The surface of the stamp seems to be carved from blue jade. It was beautiful. But Zhao Hai was certain that this jade wasn't like other jade he had seen before.

Then a thought came to him. What if he tries to communicate with the jade? When he thought of this, Zhao Hai was stunned. Then he thought about what would happen if he used his divergent abilities to communicate with the black tortoise stamp?

When he comprehended and refined the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai used spiritual force, not his consciousness. Both were different from each other. Zhao Hai used his spiritual force to connect with the black tortoise stamp because it was a habit he developed for many years. But upon getting the idea, Zhao Hai thought about using his consciousness to communicate with the stamp and see what effect it would have.

This thought became a seed that quickly germinated inside Zhao Hai's brain. So he quickly acted on it. He closed his eyes and used his earth element ability to communicate with the black tortoise stamp.

Before long, Zhao Hai discovered that it wasn't working. As soon as his earth element ability got in contact with the black tortoise stamp, a repulsive force appeared on the stamp. If Zhao Hai hadn't refined the stamp, then it might have already attacked him.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He didn't understand what was going on. He opened his eyes and looked at the black tortoise stamp. Then he smacked himself in the head upon realizing that he was an idiot. The black tortoise stamp belonged to the Water God, and yet he used his earth element ability to communicate with it. No wonder it resulted in the stamp rejecting him.

This can't be blamed on Zhao Hai. In the past, he always used his earth element ability whenever he communicated with jade. The black tortoise stamp seems to be made of jade, so Zhao Hai instinctively used his earth element ability to communicate with it.

However, the black tortoise stamp was filled with the purest water element. There was no place for the earth element technique to cling on to a material of pure water.

After thinking it through, Zhao Hai used his water element ability to communicate with the black tortoise stamp. Unlike last time, the connection was very smooth. The black tortoise stamp didn't repel him. But now, the thinking speed of the black tortoise stamp wasn't the same as Zhao Hai. However, since he has encountered this situation before, Zhao Hai wasn't anxious and immediately adjusted his thinking speed to match the black tortoise stamp.

Zhao Hai didn't slow his thinking speed down. This was because he believed that a high-level artifact like the black tortoise stamp would have a fast thinking speed. Therefore, Zhao Hai increased his thinking speed. And before long, he reached the thinking speed of liquid silver.

When Zhao Hai's thinking speed was a hundred times the speed of liquid silver, he was finally able to sense something. Even so, his thinking speed was still very slow in comparison. It was like a tractor trying to catch up to a supercar.

Although Zhao Hai hasn't caught up with the thinking speed of his target, he wasn't worried. He continued to gradually increase his speed.

Zhao Hai didn't immediately match the thinking speed of the black tortoise stamp because he wanted to slowly feel the emotions coming from it. Only by knowing the right emotions could Zhao Hai better communicate with the black tortoise stamp. This was in line with what he learned over the years.

After so many years of communicating with various things, Zhao Hai knew how important emotion was to communication. If he couldn't align his emotion to the black tortoise stamp's emotions, then he would never be able to fully integrate with its thoughts.

As he felt the emotions of the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai was soon able to get in line with it. This wasn't because of Zhao Hai's keen sense, but it was because the black tortoise stamp's emotions were very simple. It was an emotion of peace and tranquility. There were no other emotions.

Although Zhao Hai was surprised, he soon adjusted his own emotions and communicated with the black tortoise stamp. He then began to feel like he had become a black tortoise. He also began to uncover its origins.

Zhao Hai felt that he was an ordinary being like Bubble. He lived a carefree life in his own subspace. In that subspace, the surroundings were filled with extremely pure water elements. He was living his best life.

Then one day, an incomparably powerful strength intruded his subspace, causing everything inside to vanish. The subspace also became smaller and smaller before totally disappearing. Then the space turned into a stamp. The stamp was held by a man in blue whose face Zhao Hai couldn't see.

This was the origin of the black tortoise stamp. That man in blue was the Water God. As the Water God was refining the black tortoise stamp, he looked for all kinds of water in the world and added it to the stamp. After many years, the stamp was completed. Then the Water God amassed a large amount of water and compressed it to make Crystal City. And since the black tortoise stamp was made out of compressed subspace, the Water God combined it with Crystal City to make them a pair.

After that were scattered memories about the black tortoise stamp being in a battle. Then the black tortoise stamp lost its memories. The next moment, the black tortoise stamp was already in the Soaring Dragon Realm. The Water God was never found again. Even the spiritual imprint that the Water God left in the stamp has vanished.

After absorbing the memories of the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai began to feel a rich amount of water qi around him. The water he felt was purer than when he communicated with Bubble.

Zhao Hai immersed himself in this feeling. He felt all kinds of water with different properties. Their attributes were different, their movements were different, and their purpose were different. However, there was one common thing about them, all of them were water. It doesn't matter if it was liquid or frozen, saltwater or freshwater, cloud or fog, medicinal or toxic, all of them were water. The essence of water inside them wouldn't change. This time, Zhao Hai finally realized the essence of water, its origin.

After some time, Zhao Hai woke up and withdrew his consciousness from the black tortoise stamp. Zhao Hai could also feel that there was now a sense of closeness between him and the black tortoise stamp. Although Zhao Hai didn't use it, he could feel that the stamp had become part of his body. Before this, he only knew methods to control the black tortoise stamp. But now, using it has become second nature. He can use any function of the black tortoise stamp any time he wants.

Zhao Hai gently stroked the back of the black tortoise stamp. He knew that he had completely refined it. It can be said that his refining of the stamp wasn't any less than the refining done by the Water God. The Water God created the black tortoise stamp, so his compatibility with it was very high. At the same time, Zhao Hai communicated with the black tortoise stamp and integrated it, making it akin to a part of his body.

Even if you use a knife well, it was still a knife in the end. You would be more comfortable with your finger than with a knife. This was the difference between Zhao Hai and the Water God. Zhao Hai treated the black tortoise stamp as a part of his body while the Water God only treated it as a tool made for himself.

## Chapter 1959: Getting Attention

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that when he and the black tortoise stamp communicated, the two old cultivators in the Tyrant Blade Sect Branch were stunned. They immediately stood up and went to the window. They were gazing in the direction of Zhao Hai's residence.

One of the two cultivators said, "Junior Brother, did you feel that? Very pure water essence. What treasure did that kid obtain? How could it have water essence that is so pure?"

The other replied, "Senior Brother, the kid's previous task is in Moon Bathed Lake. There were rumors that the Moon Bathed Lake has a treasure, maybe the kid acquired it."

The two old cultivators that rented the residence to Zhao Hai were famed elders of the Tyrant Blade Sect. In the sect, they were called the Yin Yang Elders. But outside, they were known by others as the Demonic Yin Yang Swords.

Just by hearing this name, one would immediately know that the two were experts in joint attacks. These two were also extremely murderous. They were very famous in the True Spirit Realm for their killings, which gained them the name of Demonic Yin Yang Swords.

The two were destined friends who joined the Tyrant Blade Sect at the same time and worshiped the same master. One of them had a gentle nature while the other was fierce, completely opposite characters. Despite this, they became very good friends. Seeing this peculiar situation, their master decided to teach them joint techniques. With this technique, the two were able to cause quakes around the True Spirit Realm for ten thousand years. This was also the time they gained their illustrious title.

But because the two carried extremely heavy killing intent, their cultivation began to be affected. In recent years, they hide themselves in order to temper their minds. In the end, the Tyrant Blade Sect sent them to the Soaring Dragon Realm to rest.

When the two arrived in the Soaring Dragon Realm, they became staff members of the branch hall in charge of renting residences out. In any case, only a few people would rent residences every year. This made the two have a very relaxed life.



The two never expected to meet someone like Zhao Hai. When they first met Zhao Hai a few days ago, they immediately knew that he was special. Because of this, they paid attention to him. They even had someone tell Lin Ling about what they thought, which was an affirmation of Zhao Hai's qualities.

The two have lived in the True Spirit Realm their entire lives. So they knew of the state of the realm. Any sect, even the Tyrant Blade Sect, needs killing stars. Otherwise, it wouldn't be able to terrify others. These killing stars needed to be unforgiving and would seek revenge for a slightest grievance. With such people present, nobody would dare offend the sect.

In the past, the Yin Yang Elders were the killing stars of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Seeing that Zhao Hai was sensitive to killing intent, the two elders knew that Zhao Hai must have killed a lot of people. They wanted to recruit Zhao Hai into the Tyrant Blade Sect to become a killing star of the sect.

Since Zhao Hai went into seclusion, the two elders made sure to pay attention to him. So when Zhao Hai's residence began emitting pure water essence, the two elders became surprised.

The Yang elder nodded and said, "It's possible. This kid was able to ascend several times from the lower realms. In addition to his strength, he also has more experience and dared to take risks. This time, he took the task of getting nine core lotus seeds. I think this isn't his main purpose. His real target is Moon Bathed Lake. The task was just a convenience. The courage of the kid is really big."

The Yin elder smiled and said, "The amount of courage isn't important, as long as the cultivator isn't a coward. Right, Lin Ling and Xiang Ying went out two days ago. They should be coming back soon right?"

The Yang elder coldly snorted and said, "If someone dares to aim their claws at people the Tyrant Blade Sect has settled on, then I won't hesitate to chop them off. The Tyrant Blade has some promising talents. Lin Ling is quite good, but he needs more experience. We should train him well."

The Yin elder smiled faintly and said, "We'll train them when we have the opportunity. We have enough time, there's no need to be anxious."

The Yang elder coldly snorted and no longer said anything. However, they still called someone over to pay attention to Zhao Hai's courtyard. At the same time, they forbade other people from approaching it.

Zhao Hai didn't know that he had attracted the attention of the Yin Yang Elders. He already received the black tortoise stamp. Now that he has gained full understanding of the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai shifted his attention to the vermilion bird stamp. Ever since he obtained it, Zhao Hai was unable to make full use of the stamp. This was Zhao Hai's biggest worry about it, and he has been looking for solutions since.

Zhao Hai took the vermilion bird stamp out. The vermilion bird stamp has already been refined before. But because he has no methods to use it, he couldn't use the full power and ability of the stamp.

But now, Zhao Hai knew that the only thing he was missing was communicating with the vermilion bird stamp. Zhao Hai now understood that if he wanted to gain full mastery of an artifact, then he would need to use his divergent ability to communicate with it.

When Zhao Hai communicated with the black tortoise stamp, he discovered that as soon as he connected with it, the method of using it would be ingrained into his mind. It was as if it had been there from the beginning. With this experience, Zhao Hai plans to use the same method with the vermilion bird stamp.

When Zhao Hai obtained the vermilion bird stamp, it was seriously damaged. Therefore, he didn't obtain the proper method to use it. Now that he has the method, he naturally has to act on it.

Zhao Hai looked at the vermilion bird stamp and let out a long breath. The Heavenly Demons living in Firegod City have already been evacuated. Zhao Hai doesn't know whether something would change when he communicates with vermilion bird stamp. So to avoid any accident to the Heavenly Demons, Zhao Hai moved them away.

The Heavenly Demons of Firegod City have already formed their own tribe. The newborn Heavenly Demons were different from the original ones. The new generation of Heavenly Demons have bodies that are mostly composed of the fire element. Although their cultivation methods were still the same as the other Heavenly Demons, their combat strength was better than the old generation. This pleased Zhao Hai. Naturally, he couldn't bear to let them suffer any accident.

Firegod City was now empty besides the trees and plants that were cultivated. Zhao Hai didn't bother migrating them. Although they were good materials, Zhao Hai doesn't regard them as important.

After inspecting Firegod City once more and confirming that everyone was evacuated, Zhao Hai closed his eyes and adjusted his thoughts before beginning to communicate with the vermillion bird stamp.

Although the vermillion bird stamp was severely damaged in the past, it has been recuperating inside the Space all this time. It has almost recovered to its original state. Artifacts on the level of the vermillion bird stamp could recover by themselves. Because of this, Zhao Hai found communicating with the vermillion bird stamp as hard as communicating with the black tortoise stamp.

To Zhao Hai's surprise, when he communicated with the vermillion bird stamp, he didn't feel a wild emotion. Instead, what he felt with the vermillion bird stamp was the feeling of warmth.

The experience of the vermillion bird stamp was similar to the black tortoise stamp. It was also a beast living inside a subspace rich in the fire element. Then the subspace was compressed by the Fire God, eventually forming it into the vermillion bird stamp. Needless to say, when Zhao Hai was finished, he was able to understand the origin of fire. And his control over the vermillion bird stamp has increased.

Meanwhile, Zhao Hai's communication with the vermillion bird stamp attracted the attention of the two elders once more. The two elders looked towards Zhao Hai's residence with puzzled looks on their faces. The Yang elder said, "Senior Brother, I could feel pure fire essence from that kid's courtyard. Something's not right."

The Yin elder knitted his brows and said, "He practiced the water element last time, so why would it suddenly become the fire element? Moon Bathed Lake is completely made up of the water element. There is no fire element in its surroundings. Looking at the purity of this fire essence, it shouldn't be any less than the water essence earlier. What's going on?"

At this time, a few figures could be seen flying towards Zhao Hai's courtyard. Looking at the figures, the Yang elder said, "That kid Lin Ling was also alarmed. It seems like his trip has gone well. After Zhao Hai is done with his seclusion, we can have Lin Ling get in touch with him. We can also ask Zhao Hai what happened."

The Yin elder nodded, then he smiled faintly and said, "That kid's luck is too good. If the pure water essence before came from a treasure, then the pure fire essence this time should also come from another treasure. This kid isn't secluding for his cultivation, he wants to refine these treasures. Even if these treasures are placed in the True Spirit Realm, they would still be rare. Who knew that a kid who has yet to enter the True Spirit realm would have two of them. Hahaha. What luck!"

The Yang elder also chuckled and said, "Fortunately, we're here to isolate the surroundings. Otherwise, this kid will face countless trouble once he arrives in the True Spirit Realm. Even Lin Ling's warning wouldn't be able to stop the beasts outside."

The Yin elder smiled and said, "Alright, let's just leave the young ones be. Everything will be fine as long as that kid enters the Tyrant Blade Sect." Then he returned to his seat and resumed his drowsy state.

At this moment, Lin Ling arrived outside Zhao Hai's courtyard. He looked at the residence with a stern look on his face. On his side was Xiang Ying who had the same expression.

Behind the two were people of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Lin Ling looked at the person beside Zhao Hai's residence and asked, "Did something happen to this courtyard before this?"

The person from the Tyrant Blade Sect replied, "I felt a very pure essence of water, no less than the fire essence this time. The two elders already ordered that nobody could approach this courtyard. So we've been monitoring the surroundings so that nobody could pass through here."

Hearing this, Lin Ling relaxed. Then he looked at Xiang Ying and said, "So the two elders already know. It seems like it's a false alarm. But what in the world is that kid doing. How could he make such a huge disturbance?"

Xiang Ying shook his head and said, "At this point, nobody knows. Let's head back first. Let's ask the elders what we should do." Lin Ling nodded and then the two flew towards the branch hall building.

## Chapter 1960: Unofficial Disciple

Zhao Hai slowly exhaled and opened his eyes. He looked at the vermillion bird stamp in his hand. He already communicated with it and found the proper way of using it. Only after communicating with the stamp did Zhao Hai know how wrong his usage of it was in the past. He even used the vermillion bird stamp like a brick to smash people. It was a complete waste of the artifact.

The vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp weren't like bricks that one would use to bash their enemies with. Instead, they were artifacts that held absolute control over fire and water.

Inside the vermillion bird stamp was a world filled with pure fire while the black tortoise stamp had a world of pure water essence. The attacks of the fire and water were much more powerful compared to using Firegod City and Crystal City to smash the enemy.

From what Zhao Hai could see, the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamps were similar to guns that fired water and fire instead of bullets. In the past, Zhao Hai used this gun as a club, it was utterly embarrassing.

Naturally, Zhao Hai knew that the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp were much more powerful compared to guns. These two artifacts were capable of attacking the enemy with the pure essence of fire and water. Average enemies would not be able to block it.

Zhao Hai received the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp. However, he didn't immediately leave. Instead, he had Cai'er research the new information that he received. He wanted to find the optimum uses of them during battles.

Cai'er complied and immediately became busy. The reason Zhao Hai didn't leave was because he knew that he had only secluded for 20 days. He still had 10 days left before he had to leave. So he wasn't in a hurry.

Unknown to Zhao Hai, at this time, Lin Ling and Xiang Ying arrived at the second floor of the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall. They were standing in front of the Yin Yang Elders. Lin Ling cupped his fist and said, "Martial Uncles, I believe you already know about Zhao Hai's situation. This junior wants to ask for your advice as to what to do next."

The Yin elder smiled faintly and said, "This time, Zhao Hai secluded because he was able to get a fortuitous encounter. Once he goes out, get in contact with him. Although we cannot recruit him to the sect right now, we can give him some privileges ahead of time. We must make him understand that the Tyrant Blade Sect wants to recruit him."

Hearing the Yin Elder, Lin Ling stared. Then his expression lit up as he said, "Yes, Martial Uncle. This junior understands."

The Yang Elder added, "Give Zhao Hai the token of an unofficial disciple. At the same time, tell those who wanted to reach their claws that Zhao Hai is an unofficial disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect. If they dared to extend their claws carelessly, then they can't blame this old man for being ruthless."

Hearing the Yang Elder, Lin Ling and Xiang Ying's expressions turned serious. They could feel the coldness behind those words. The two immediately nodded. They didn't expect the two old men to take Zhao Hai so seriously. This basically guaranteed Zhao Hai's safety.

Looking at the two, the Yin Elder waved his hand and said, "Alright, you can go. Let Zhao Hai gain experience for some time. But find a way to ensure his safety." The two responded and then left.

Upon going out of the branch hall, Lin Ling turned to Xiang Ying and forced a smile as he said, "I didn't expect the two elders to take Zhao Hai this seriously. Junior Brother, it seems like we underestimated Zhao Hai."

Xiang Ying nodded and said, "The most important thing for us right now is to get in contact with Zhao Hai. I think this will be up to you, Senior Brother. You're the only one who knows him. And I think the kid already has some hints. Otherwise, he wouldn't have chosen to stay in Hengdao City."

Lin Ling nodded, "With this kid's craftiness, he must have some suspicions. But that's alright. Let's give him an unofficial disciple token first so that he can show it to other people. After he gains more experience, we will recruit him to the sect."

Xiang Ying replied, "From what I can see, the two elders have already settled on Zhao Hai. Senior Brother, do you think the elders will take him in as a disciple?"

Hearing this, Lin Ling stared. Then his expression turned serious before he gave a nod and said, "I think this is possible. The two elders haven't taken in a disciple after so many years. With how much killing aura they emit in the past, they were afraid that they might kill their disciple by mistake. But now, after resting for many years, the elders should be ready to take in a disciple. If the two elders take Zhao Hai as a disciple, then this would be a good thing."

Both of them knew the strength of the Yin Yang Elders. Although the Yin Yang Elders haven't made a move for many years, their prestige in the True Spirit Realm never waned. If they received Zhao Hai as a disciple, the Tyrant Blade Sect would potentially have another powerhouse in the future.

The two chatted for some time before Lin Ling sent someone to observe Zhao Hai's residence. As soon as Zhao Hai comes out, he will be notified.

Zhao Hai continued to seclude himself in his residence. Although he couldn't enter the Space, his spiritual force has been in contact with it all this time. At the same time, he was deducing fighting methods using the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp.

For five days, Cai'er was busy calculating the moves that could be made with the two stamps. Actually, she spent most of the time communicating with Zhao Hai about the possible moves he could make. Before long, the methods were slowly being formed.

Five days later, the fighting methods were completed. Then Zhao Hai began to meditate on it. The fighting methods were divided into several forms. The simplest type was Zhao Hai using either the vermillion bird stamp or the black tortoise stamp to fight the enemy.

The second form was coordinating with the two stamps during battle. However, Zhao Hai would only use a blade while fighting with the two stamps.

The third form was Zhao Hai using liquid silver to release the stellar transformation sword formation to trap the enemy and then using the stamps to kill them. With the formation and the stamps working together, the enemy would have no way to fight back.

The fourth form was Zhao Hai using his divergent abilities to fight the enemy with his full power. If Zhao Hai used this form, then this meant that he had run into a very powerful enemy. One that he might risk his life fighting.

Zhao Hai prepared all of these methods in preparation to enter the True Spirit Realm. Once he ascends, he would face enemies much more powerful than himself. It was impossible for him to reveal all of his strength all the time. Therefore, he made a few divisions to hide his capabilities.

Actually, Zhao Hai also needs to be careful in the Soaring Dragon Realm. If he was careless here, then he would suffer greatly.

Five days quickly went past. Because Zhao Hai participated in making his four fighting methods, it didn't take him a long time to get familiarized with them.

Moreover, the days in the Soaring Dragon Realm were much longer than in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Therefore, five days was a long time for Zhao Hai. The only thing left for him to do was to temper his methods in actual combat.

Zhao Hai opened his eyes when the time was up. He stood up and began walking outwards. Of the residence that he rented, Zhao Hai has only used the meditation room. The other parts of the residence were practically left untouched.

After exiting the courtyard, Zhao Hai took off the jade token by the door. As he was about to go to the branch hall of the Tyrant Blade Sect, the cultivator who brought him to the residence approached him and said, "Mister, Senior Brother Lin Ling is inviting you to the branch hall. I wonder if Mister will agree?"

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't know what Lin Ling needed him for, but he still nodded and said, "Of course I agree. Please guide me there."

The young cultivator nodded and then led Zhao Hai to the branch hall. The two didn't go to the large building but instead to a courtyard nearby. Standing outside the door, the young cultivator announced, "Senior Brother Lin Ling, I have brought Zhao Hai."

Lin Ling's voice was heard from inside, "Let him in." The young cultivator gestured towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai cupped his fist towards the cultivator and then walked in.

Upon entering the courtyard, Zhao Hai immediately saw Lin Ling and Xiang Ying. Naturally, he has no idea who Xiang Ying was. But he cupped his fist and said, "Zhao Hai has seen misters."

Lin Ling looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Zhao Hai, we met again. I've been paying attention to you. How are you doing? Are you used to living in the Soaring Dragon Realm?"

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and said, "Replying to Mister Lin Ling, I've been doing quite well. I am starting to get used to life in the Soaring Dragon Realm."



Lin Lin nodded, then he said, "Zhao Hai, answer me truthfully. Do you know that I've been paying attention to you?"

Looking at Lin Ling, Zhao Hai decided to tell the truth. He nodded and said, "I knew. It hasn't been a long time since I came to the Soaring Dragon Realm but I already received news that someone was paying attention to me. This meant that someone already knew me before I entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. Besides you, sir, nobody else from the True Spirit Realm knows me."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Lin Ling couldn't help but laugh. After some time, he said, "Alright, you're quite smart. You guessed right. I have been paying attention to you. I asked you to come over to ask you a question. Zhao Hai, are you willing to join our Tyrant Blade Sect?"

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect Lin Ling to ask him this question at this time. But he still nodded and said, "Of course, I'm willing. Joining the Tyrant Blade Sect will be an honor."

Lin Ling nodded, then he took out a jade token and sent it towards Zhao Hai. When Zhao Hai caught the token, Lin Ling said, "This is an unofficial disciple token of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Bring it with you all the time. You will be considered as someone from the Tyrant Blade Sect. But you still need to be observed for some time before becoming an official disciple. You can continue living like before and take tasks in the Soaring Dragon Realm. But you have to remember that you're already someone from the Tyrant Blade Sect."