

## **Another World 1961**

### **Chapter 1961: Severe Warning**

Zhang Feng and the others were currently inside a tavern in Shangshan City. Although their tasks went smoothly so far, they were unhappy. This was because Zhao Hai hasn't returned for a month. They were very worried.

By this point, Zhao Hai no longer gave everyone tasks. So teams needed to choose their own tasks to take. However, Zhao Hai's tasks already gave everyone a template on which tasks to accept. Additionally, with Zhang Feng being a gang leader, a task analysis team was soon set up to analyze all kinds of tasks. This way, the base could tell everyone which tasks to take and which ones to avoid. Because of this, the tasks done by the Great Realm of Cultivation went very smoothly. There had been no accidents.

Nevertheless, Zhao Hai has already been an integral part of the base. Although Zhao Hai hasn't been with them for a long time, he already gave the team a huge help. The safe base as well as the template to analyze tasks were all given to them by Zhao Hai.

Although they weren't worried that something would happen to Zhao Hai in the past month, his absence still had a huge impact on the base's morale.

This kind of thing shouldn't have happened. Zhang Feng and the others were high-level members of their respective sects. Zhang Feng himself was a gang leader who managed an entire sect. If there was any problem, they knew very well that they couldn't rely on other people. But not seeing Zhao Hai for a long time made them feel empty.

As he drank his wine, Zhang Feng let out a long sigh and said, "We've done a lot of good tasks lately. I reckon we're already used to the environment of the Soaring Dragon Realm. It should be time for us to take on more difficult tasks. What do you think?"

Everyone was a bit hesitant when they heard this. They were indeed used to the environment of the realm, but at the same time they understood how dangerous it was. To be honest, they were afraid to take on more difficult tasks.

Zhang Feng looked at everyone's expression and was about to say something when a voice was heard, "Haha. So everyone is having drinks. Let me have a few cups too." Everyone turned their heads and saw Zhao Hai.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng's mood immediately lifted as he said, "Little Hai, you're out!"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and greeted everyone before sitting down. Then he looked at them and asked, "What were you discussing?"

Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "We're talking about taking on more difficult tasks. We've been doing quite well in our tasks, so I thought we should be prepared to face more difficult tasks. But we also know how dangerous the Soaring Dragon Realm is. So we're still not sure if we should go through."

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "So it's this? Actually, it's not that complicated. Everyone should be doing more difficult tasks. You should all know that everyone in the Soaring Dragon Realm are potential disciples of the True Spirit Realm sects. The tasks we're doing right now are the easy tasks. Although we still get impression points this way, impression points are just one aspect of our records. The sects would also look at the tasks we've completed. If we won't even dare take difficult tasks, then how can we face the much harder trials in the True Spirit Realm? Casualties would happen no matter what, but tasks needed to be done. Uncle Tie and the others sacrificed a lot of lives so that we can gain a stable footing in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Then we can work on getting recruited by the sects of the True Spirit Realm. If we won't even take harder tasks, then how would we get recruited by the sects?"

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, everyone became enlightened. Zhao Hai was right. If they always did easy tasks, then no sect would pay attention to them.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and knew that they understood his points. But he still added, "I know that everyone are elders with high positions back in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Although the abrupt change in status upon arriving in the Soaring Dragon Realm is uncomfortable, I hope that everyone can adjust to the situation. Otherwise, you will never get the chance to enter the True Spirit Realm. In the Soaring Dragon Realm, you are no longer elders. You returned to being juniors that need to grow. Think about the time you were at the qi refining stage and had just embarked on the road of cultivation. A qi refining cultivator isn't working hard to gain status, it was to gain strength. Moreover, danger and benefits go hand in hand. The more danger there is, the more rewards one could get. If you don't believe me, take a look at this." Then Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out the unofficial disciple token of the Tyrant Blade Sect.

Everyone looked at the token that Zhao Hai took out. The token was very simple. It was made with jade and had an engraving of a blade. Then below the blade were the three characters of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Then on the back of the token were the words 'unofficial disciple'.

Although they haven't seen an unofficial disciple token before, they understood what it meant judging by the words on it. If they still didn't know what the token implied, then they would be idiots.

A smile bloomed on Zhang Feng's face as he said, "Little Hai, you became the Tyrant Blade Sect's unofficial disciple?"

Zhao Hai nodded. He took out the unofficial disciple token of the Tyrant Blade Sect in order to inspire everyone. He knew that if they couldn't adjust their mentality, then their future progress would be affected greatly.

Zhao Hai said, "Everyone knows that Mister Feng Lingyun told me that I'm being observed. Those people are from the Tyrant Blade Sect. They have been paying attention to me for quite a while. After I finished my seclusion, the people of the Tyrant Blade Sect called me over and made me an unofficial disciple. When I gain enough experience, I will be officially recruited to the Tyrant Blade Sect."

After talking up to here, Zhao Hai paused. Then he continued, "Everyone, don't think that I'm already a disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect. There are people who have been observed by the Tyrant Blade Sect but failed to be recruited in the end. Very few people can get recruited to a sect. This is because most of those people failed to adjust their mentality and couldn't help but return to their own realms."

Having said this, Zhao Hai sighed and said, "Some time ago, back in the Great Realm of Cultivation, I met someone who was about to enter the Soaring Dragon Realm. It was during the realm assessment of the Soaring Dragon Realm. That person is a participant from another realm. To be honest, that person was quite talented. He broke through to the immortal stage while we were fighting. I can say that he's quite a genius. I met him again not too long ago. But this time, he became an ordinary immortal cultivator. His wild nature has mellowed out. He became normal. If he couldn't regain his nature, he would never be able to join a True Spirit Realm sect. A genius has been turned average by the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Zhao Hai let out another sigh, "We cultivate to challenge the heavens and pursue the supreme dao. In this pursuit, we should be scholars and be willing to move forward. Otherwise, we would be left behind by the dao. If we don't change our mentality, we will not succeed. By that time, there would be no difference between dying early and dying late. Do you understand?"

Everyone nodded. Among them, Zhang Feng's feelings were the most affected. He was there when Zhao Hai joined the Black Tiger Gang. He was able to see Zhao Hai's growth. Then finally, both of them entered the Soaring Dragon Realm. Moreover, Zhao Hai was now at a higher position than him. Although Zhao Hai was a genius, his mentality was the main driving force of his rapid progress. He was the type that would never be satisfied. He always pursued higher and higher goals.

The others also realized that their drive to pursue the dao had dulled compared to before they reached the immortal stage. Their fearless attitude was beginning to be eroded. They were always prepared to go all out but now they were afraid of difficult tasks.

Zhao Hai's words hit them hard, waking them up. Everyone took a deep breath and stood up. Then they bowed towards Zhao Hai and said, "'Mister, thank you for teaching us. We will never forget this.'"

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "I hope that everyone can reach farther in their cultivation. Even if I leave, you must pass my words to the others so that they can understand what they need to do in the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Everyone nodded. Then after Zhao Hai asked them all to sit down, he said, "After finishing the newcomer tasks, you can take on more difficult tasks. Although it's better to be safe, you shouldn't be afraid of danger. Casualties are always unavoidable. To enter the higher realms, one needs to make sacrifices. Now that I became an unofficial disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect, I will have to take on more difficult tasks. I can only take on tasks on my own. It's too dangerous for you to follow me."

Everyone nodded. Zhao Hai's task to harvest nine core lotus seeds was already very dangerous. Not to mention now that he became an unofficial disciple. His tasks would become more and more dangerous. It was no longer a good idea for them to follow Zhao Hai.

Seeing that everyone understood, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, since everyone agrees, you should pass on to the others what I told you. We should take on more tasks and acquire more money. This way, those who will enter the Soaring Dragon Realm in the future will have a better life."

Everyone laughed. They agreed to Zhao Hai's words. Although their days were better than before, they couldn't just think of themselves. They also need to think about the others who would come later.

Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "I might spend less time on the base in the future. Although I'm still an unofficial disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect, I have been allocated my own courtyard in Hengdao City. I will be staying there in the future. If you need anything, just go there and find me. You can also stay there for a while. It's very safe in the city."

Zhang Feng smiled and said, "It's fine. The base is very good. There's no need for us to go to your place to stay. Also, we can't always rely on you. Otherwise, we would look like freeloaders. You don't have to worry, we will manage the base well. And our base is very safe in the first place."

Zhao Hai nodded. Their current base was excellently hidden. He could even say that it was safer than Hengdao City. Once in a while, Hengdao City would be under attack by beast tides. On the other hand, the base would never be detected by the beasts.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "That's also good. But if you have any need for me, don't hesitate to approach me. I haven't joined the Tyrant Blade Sect yet."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, everyone laughed. Then Zhang Feng said, "I think we should notify the realm about this matter immediately. Little Hai will definitely be recruited by the Tyrant Blade Sect. This is a first for the Great Realm of Cultivation. If they heard that someone has joined a top sect, everyone would be happy."

Nobody opposed this idea. Zhao Hai joining the Tyrant Blade Sect was a very good thing for them. If Zhao Hai really entered the Tyrant Blade Sect, the Great Realm of Cultivation would benefit a lot. The artifacts that would be given to the realm would definitely increase the realm's overall strength.

Seeing everyone's expressions, Zhao Hai didn't stop them. He wasn't someone who would forget his roots. If he joined the Tyrant Blade Sect, he would certainly lend a helping hand to the Great Realm of Cultivation.

After drinking in the tavern for some time, Zhao Hai left with everyone. Instead of taking a task, he returned to the base to take a look. The base was doing quite well. Because they have the money, there were additions to the base. The most eye-catching one was the purchase of a high-grade defensive formation. Not only could it defend against attacks, it also shielded the base from spiritual force. Even Lin Ling wouldn't be able to find the base.

Seeing the base's current state, Zhao Hai was relieved. While he was in the base, he chatted with Li Mu and the others before returning to Hengdao City. In the future, Zhao Hai will be staying in the city. He would also take tasks there.

Zhao Hai already has a general understanding of the affairs in Hengdao City. However, he didn't go to the branch halls of the sects to accept tasks. For tasks, he could just go to the branch hall of the Tyrant Blade Sect. This will also allow him to be observed more by the sect. Moreover, tasks that he completed will benefit both him and the Tyrant Blade Sect. After all, he was now considered as someone from the Tyrant Blade Sect.

When Zhao Hai entered the branch hall, the people in the counters immediately recognized him. They couldn't help it. When he came and rented a residence, a lot of people saw him. Naturally, his image was imprinted in their minds. However, Zhao Hai didn't care. He continued to look at the wall, looking for tasks that he could do.

#### Chapter 1962: Highway Robbery

As Zhao Hai was looking through the list of tasks, other people were staring at him. Zhao Hai was now considered a rich man in Hengdao City. However, people only heard of him, they haven't seen his face.

Zhao Hai didn't care about the gazes directed towards him. He continued to scan through the available tasks. Zhao Hai has now graduated from newcomer tasks. He was now looking for tasks that were intended for experienced cultivators.

Looking at the expert tasks, Zhao Hai couldn't help but nod. These tasks were much more difficult compared to newcomer tasks. Zhao Hai could even see tasks that required one to stay several days outside. To do these tasks, you would need to have a portable transmission formation or you would have to stay outside in the night, which was very dangerous.

The Tyrant Blade Sect also provides maps for some of the expert tasks. The dangers contained were also written. The more detailed the task was, the more dangerous it would be.

After looking through the list, Zhao Hai decided to take on a mining task. The ore he needed to mine this time was an advanced level ore called cloud iron ore. Cloud iron was very light but retained the tenacity of steel. To mine cloud iron ore, one would need to head 1 million kilometers northwest of Hengdao

City. This wasn't a task that could be finished in one day. After taking the task, the Tyrant Blade Sect would provide a map. This task was considered as one of the more difficult expert tasks to accomplish.

Zhao Hai went to the counter and then took his jade token and disciple token out. Then he handed it over the counter and said, "Hello, I want to take on the cloud iron mining task."

Seeing Zhao Hai hand two jade tokens over, the female cultivator opposite the counter stared. Then when she took the two tokens and looked at them, she immediately understood Zhao Hai's status. She couldn't help but smile at him and said, "Please wait a moment." Then she took Zhao Hai's jade token and recorded the task on it. Then she gave the tokens back as well as a jade slip to Zhao Hai and said, "This jade slip contains the map to the task. The dangers you may encounter have also been listed. I hope you succeed."

Zhao Hai received his jade tokens and the jade slip and then expressed his gratitude towards the female cultivator before leaving. Hearing the task that Zhao Hai took, the people in the hall couldn't help but be surprised. However, nobody said anything. After all, almost everyone who took such tasks were experts. There were even some who took tasks more dangerous than the one Zhao Hai took on.

These people might be alone when they take the task, but once they head out, they would be in a group. In the Soaring Dragon Realm, there was almost no cultivator who acted on their own. No matter which task, cultivators would always do it in a group. The realm was too dangerous. Going out alone would just increase the dangers one would encounter.

When Zhao Hai left the Tyrant Blade Sect's hall, several cultivators followed him. They wanted to see who Zhao Hai would team up with to complete the task.

Zhao Hai didn't care about these people. When he left the branch hall, he immediately scanned the jade slip with his spiritual force. He made sure to memorize the dangerous areas and other important bits. Then he flew out of the city.

The cultivators who followed Zhao Hai were stunned when they saw his actions. One of them said, "Zheng Tou, do you think he's taking the task on his own? Why did he leave the city?"

Zheng Tou frowned and said, "He's going to mine cloud iron ores alone? Is he a lunatic? Go, let's follow him. If he's really alone, then we'll attack him. That guy can rent a residence in Hengdao City. He must have a lot of good things with him."

Upon hearing Zheng Tou, the faces of the others flashed with greed. At this time, one of the cultivators whispered, "Zheng Tou, we should forget it. Just now, that person gave two jade tokens to the female cultivator. I looked at it and one of them seems to be an identity token that belongs to the Tyrant Blade Sect. That guy might be someone the Tyrant Blade Sect is paying attention to. If we make a move on him, the Tyrant Blade Sect might not let us off."

When Zheng Tou heard this, he frowned slightly. Then he turned his head to the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall and said, "Let's leave first before talking." But the direction they were walking towards was the same as Zhao Hai.

The rest of the group didn't say anything and just followed behind. After flying a distance, Zheng Tou opened his mouth and said, "What are we afraid of? In the Soaring Dragon Realm, there are a lot of people that are being observed by the sects. Let's just make sure that nobody knows that we killed him. Worst case scenario, we can leave for another city. With what we could get from that guy, we would be able to live good lives."

The cultivators in the Soaring Dragon Realm have very hard lives. They weren't like Zhao Hai who could print money by crafting artifacts. Although all cultivators could refine artifacts, what most people could make were average ones. It was difficult for a refining master to reach the immortal stage. It was precisely because of this that there were very few people who could get a lot of impression points by crafting just like Zhao Hai.

If you can't refine artifacts and make pills, then a cultivator would have trouble making an income. Naturally, they would also have no money in their hands. Now that Zhao Hai became known as a rich person, evil people would naturally gravitate towards him. They wouldn't hesitate to rob him.

Cultivators rarely had saints among them. In order to make themselves better, most cultivators would kill and rob others. It became the norm, so people didn't feel any remorse when robbing.

Zhao Hai hadn't noticed these people, but Cai'er did. When Cai'er saw people following Zhao Hai out of Hengdao City harboring obvious evil intentions, she immediately informed Zhao Hai.



Despite hearing this, Zhao Hai didn't pay too much importance to it. It's good if they didn't come, but if they dared, then he would be impolite.

This time, Zhao Hai didn't use his divergent ability to hide. Instead, he traveled like any other cultivator. After obtaining the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp, Zhao Hai was now more powerful than before. Even if he met Xiang Que and Hu Wang, he wouldn't be afraid to fight them.

Although Zhao Hai had yet to use the two stamps during battle, Zhao Hai was confident in their strength. After all, he became aware of their abilities when he communicated with them.

Zhao Hai also discovered something peculiar. He could absorb artifacts like liquid silver into his body, but he couldn't do the same to the two stamps. Moreover, the Space doesn't have the means to analyze them. Because the level of the two stamps was very high, the Space couldn't see through them.

Zhao Hai wasn't worried about this. He was able to communicate with the two stamps because of his divergent abilities. The scanner of the Space was different. If the Space couldn't scan it, then there's nothing he could do.

Zheng Tou and his group continued to follow Zhao Hai. They weren't that far away from Hengdao City, so there weren't many beasts around. Zhao Hai avoided a few beasts and kept advancing according to the map in the jade slip.

As they flew forward, Zheng Tou also paid attention to their distance from Hengdao City. They didn't want to wait until Zhao Hai finished his task and came back. In their opinion, if Zhao Hai went to collect cloud iron ore on his own, what were the chances of him coming back? If they didn't attack him right now, then they might not have any chance in the future.

The two sides flew for 20 minutes. Because they were traversing a forest, they didn't fly too far nor were too near to the city. It was enough distance for an attack.

Zheng Tou looked at the others in his group and said, "Pay attention to the surroundings. Make sure that there are no powerful beasts around. We must deal with that guy here." The others nodded. Then they scattered and surrounded Zhao Hai. This wasn't the first time that they did this kind of thing, so they were quite experienced.

Zhao Hai was now paying attention to Zheng Tou and the others. Upon seeing their action, he couldn't help but sneer and stopped. If Zheng Tou and the others didn't make a move on him, then he would never care about them. But now that they tried to surround him, Zhao Hai naturally wouldn't be polite.

Not long after Zhao Hai stopped, Zheng Tou and his group surrounded him. Seeing Zhao Hai stopping, Zheng Tou stared and then frowned. Then he motioned to a cultivator next to him. That cultivator retreated and looked around.

Seeing Zheng Tou's actions, Zhao Hai couldn't help but nod at his carefulness. Of course, Zhao Hai understood Zheng Tou's actions. He was trying to find out if Zhao Hai was acting as bait to lure them out.

Zhao Hai looked at Zheng Tou and said, "There's no need to look. I'm alone. There's nobody else around."

Zheng Tou stared. With a grim expression, he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Do you know why we're here? Aren't you afraid?"

Zhao Hai laughed and said, "Afraid? You think you're enough to make me afraid? I really don't know if you have a death wish or not. None of you dared to mine cloud iron ores, but I did. If I wasn't confident in my strength, then would I dare take the task? And yet you dared to rob me. Hahaha. It's very funny."

Zheng Tou's complexion changed. Then he sneered and said, "You look too highly upon yourself. Now die." Then he waved his hand, commanding the others to attack.

Zhao Hai sneered. He waved his hand as a red and blue stamp appeared beside him. Then he pinched his fingers as he said, "Inferno, Freeze!"

Just as his voice fell, the vermillion bird stamp began to fill the skies with fire. Then the fire targeted the cultivators on the left side. On the other side, the black tortoise side emitted a white mist which attacked the cultivators on the right.

Zheng Tou was nearer to Zhao Hai's left side, so he was faced with the vermillion bird stamp's fire. He immediately opened his defensive shield to block the attack.

However, Zheng Tou underestimated the vermilion bird stamp's flames. The vermilion bird stamp produced the most powerful flames. How could ordinary things be able to block it? Although Zheng Tou was able to use his defensive artifact, as soon as it encountered the flames of the vermilion bird stamp, it immediately became molten slag. Zheng Tou was also turned into ash before he could even react.

#### Chapter 1963: Cross-Talking Two-headed Rock Snakes

It wasn't only Zheng Tou, but all cultivators on the left side of Zhao Hai were incinerated upon meeting the flames of the vermilion bird stamp.

Meanwhile, the black tortoise stamp didn't perform any less. When the white mist hit the cultivators on the right side of Zhao Hai, the cultivators were immediately turned into frozen statues. Then due to their momentum, they fell forward, which caused their bodies to shatter into tiny pieces.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but gawk at the sight in front of him. Although he was aware that the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp were formidable artifacts, he didn't expect them to be this strong. They were able to easily turn seven immortal experts into dust. It was too terrifying.

It was only after some time did Zhao Hai recover. As he received the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp, he muttered, "What a pity, I just lost out on seven immortal-stage Undead." Also, it wasn't only the bodies of the immortal experts that were destroyed, the artifacts they had on their bodies were also destroyed. It can be said that they were erased by a mere wave of a hand by Zhao Hai.

After asking Cai'er if there were other people around, Zhao Hai continued to fly forward. He was still very far from his destination. He couldn't delay for very long.

Upon knowing that nobody was following him, Zhao Hai used his divergent ability to blitz through the forest. These days, Cai'er has been working on mapping the Soaring Dragon Realm into the Space. At the same time, she was also collecting things for the Space. Because the laws of the Soaring Dragon Realm were exerting pressure, the silver needles weren't as fast as they should be. There were also a lot of powerful beings in the Soaring Dragon Realm. So to avoid the silver needles from being spotted, the rate in mapping has incredibly slowed down.

Because Zhao Hai was going to a far away place, Cai'er has yet to map the destination. And since Zhao Hai wanted to experience more of the Soaring Dragon Realm, he didn't use the Space to move forward. Instead, he continued to sneak around using his divergent abilities.

Naturally, since he was using his divergent abilities instead of the Space, Zhao Hai wasn't very fast. When the sun completely set, Zhao Hai used a portable transmission formation to return to Hengdao City. He was going to continue his trip the next day.

After returning to his courtyard, Zhao Hai asked Zhang Feng if anything important happened. Fortunately, everyone from the Great Realm of Cultivation was doing very well. With the mentality of everyone being changed, they were beginning to take on some expert tasks. But they also made sure to take the relatively safe ones. Therefore, there were no casualties.

Seeing that there were no problems on the side of the Great Realm of Cultivation, Zhao Hai was relieved. Then he went to his meditation room to rest for the entire night. Zhao Hai didn't dare enter the Space while inside Hengdao City. With the strength of the Yin Yang Elders, they would definitely find out if Zhao Hai suddenly disappeared.

The night passed without any issue. The next morning, Zhao Hai returned to where he was the day before and continued on his way. It wasn't until late afternoon did Zhao Hai arrive at his destination.

Zhao Hai has already left the forest and is now in a vast mountain range. This mountain was called the Misty Mountains by the people of the Soaring Dragon Realm. This mountain range has been surrounded by mist for many years. There were also a lot of beasts around the mountain range. Only very few cultivators would dare to come here.

Despite being close to the mountain range, Zhao Hai still had to travel some distance before he could arrive at the place where cloud iron ores were mined. But since it was already getting dark, Zhao Hai wasn't planning on venturing into the mountains. He would wait until the next day before he begins to look for cloud iron ore.

By this point, Zhao Hai's portable transmission formation could no longer take him directly back to Hengdao City. He would need two teleportations to reach the city. The farthest distance a portable transmission formation could travel was 500 thousand kilometers. Zhao Hai has already flown a million kilometers. So while he was traveling, he found safe transfer points in the middle.

After resting for an entire evening in his courtyard, Zhao Hai returned to the Misty Mountains. This time, he wasn't planning on using his divergent abilities to travel. Instead, he took out the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp and carefully moved forward.

The reason Zhao Hai didn't use his divergent ability was because he found that no matter which ability he used, he would not be able to avoid the beasts. The beasts on Misty Mountain weren't only above ground. There were beasts in the sky as well as underground. It didn't matter if Zhao Hai used wood element or earth-element abilities, he would still be discovered by the beasts.

There were more beasts on the Misty Mountains compared to the forest. Zhao Hai has to be careful. Fortunately, when the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp weren't used, they would not emit any fluctuations. Otherwise, there would be a lot of trouble for Zhao Hai.

The reason Zhao Hai knew about all of this was because when he returned to Hengdao City, Cai'er used silver needles to scout the mountains. There were plenty of powerful beasts on the Misty Mountains. The silver needles were even discovered several times. Fortunately, the silver needles can be very small. Although the beasts detected them, Cai'er could make them go underground to hide from sight.

After Zhao Hai took out the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp, he slowly moved up the mountain. Once he entered the mountain, Zhao Hai immediately felt a burst of pressure. The pressure was much stronger than outside. Zhao Hai now understood why the beasts of Misty Mountain were very strong, it should have something to do with this pressure.

Although Cai'er had yet to map the entire Misty Mountains last night, the places that Zhao Hai would go to were already mapped. This allowed Zhao Hai to avoid most of the beasts.

Zhao Hai could avoid most of the beasts, but he couldn't avoid all of them. Therefore, he could only fight. After walking in the mountain for more than an hour, Zhao Hai reached a small hill. He slowed down since he knew very well that there was a very powerful beast on top of this hill. It was a Two-headed Rock snake.

The Two-headed Rock snake was an earth element beast. Its scales provide very powerful defenses. Its offensive strength was also formidable. It was a famous beast among those in the mountain.

It was precisely because of this that the Two-headed Rock snake occupied a large area in the Misty Mountains. The Two-headed Rock snake was also very territorial. As long as Zhao Hai passes the territory of the Two-headed Rock snake, he would be closer to the area where cloud iron ore could be found. And because there were no other beasts in the Two-headed Rock snake's territory, it was relatively safe even if Zhao Hai made a lot of noise.

Zhao Hai chose this route because of the Two-headed Rock snake. The snake was certainly beyond the immortal stage, but Zhao Hai was confident of taking it on.

By this point, the Two-headed Rock snake has also discovered Zhao Hai. It quickly threw itself towards the intruder. Because the visibility of Misty Mountain was very low, it was only when the snake was 100 meters away from Zhao Hai did he notice it. The snake had a 50-meter long body and was gray in color. Its body was very thin for its length, only as wide as a bucket. Each of its heads also had two fangs which were clearly filled with poison.

The four eyes of the snake glared at Zhao Hai. Its two blood red tongues consistently flicked out, making a sound every time.

But when the Two-headed Rock Snake saw Zhao Hai, it was surprised. It didn't attack immediately but instead looked blankly at Zhao Hai. After some time, the left head of the snake opened its mouth and said, "It's a human, it's very rare to see a human cultivator here."

The right head nodded and said, "It's very rare."

The left head added, "It's been a long time since we've eaten a human. To be honest, I'm feeling greedy right now."

The right head said, "You eating a human? Why don't I remember it? Ah, I see, you want to scare him. But are you sure it'll work?"

The left head said, "Of course it'll work. But as long as we don't tell him. You fool! Did you talk loudly? How would we scare him now?"

The right head replied, "Scaring him is useless. It's clear that the human is not afraid. I think we should still eat him. To be honest, I want to know what human cultivators taste like."

The left head answered, "You glutton. What's good with humans? They don't have a lot of meat. They don't look tasty either. I heard that their bodies are poisonous. I'm afraid they would just hurt my stomach."

An expression of panic appeared on the right head's face as he said, "Then we don't eat him. We'll just leave. He won't be able to find us anyway. If we run, he won't be able to catch up to us."

The left head replied, "You fool. This is our territory. We have no other place to run to. Even if we don't eat him, we can still kill him. Kill him but we don't eat him. That's what we should do."

The right head nodded and said, "Right, kill him, but we won't eat him. Let's leave his body alone. Hey, you're actually quite intelligent."

Zhao Hai couldn't help but be shocked by the cross-talking two-headed snake. He was completely speechless. He didn't expect his meeting with the famed Two-headed Rock Snake of the Soaring Dragon Realm to be like this.

At this time, the left head of the snake looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Hey, you. What's your name? Tell us. Two-headed Rock Snakes don't kill nameless ghosts."

The right snake replied, "You're wrong. Ghosts are already dead, we can't kill them. You should say that we don't kill nameless people. But we haven't really killed famous people. We only killed other beasts!"

The left head snorted and said, "Humph. Even if they become ghosts, they would still die. Therefore, I'm not wrong. Right, starting from today, we need to remember every person and ghost we kill. Later on, when we face other enemies, we can tell them who we killed to scare them off."

Chapter 1964: Nine-winged Cloud Centipede

Zhao Hai looked speechlessly at the Two-headed Rock snake for some time. Then he laughed. He found that the Two-headed Rock snake wasn't doing this on purpose. This snake was different compared to other snakes of its kind. Although it was very powerful, it didn't give out a ferocious aura.

At this time, the Two-headed Rock snake discovered that Zhao Hai was laughing at them. The left head said, "Why are you laughing? Are you mocking us?" As it said that, Zhao Hai felt the entire aura of the snake change. If the snake was like a clown before, it was now emitting the aura of a true beast.

Zhao Hai wasn't frightened by this. Instead, he smiled faintly and said, "No, I'm not mocking you. I think that you're interesting. Because of that, I decided that I won't kill you. I'll make you my subordinate instead."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the heads of the Two-headed Rock snake couldn't help but freeze. Then the two heads showed an angry expression as the left head roared, "You want to subdue us? That's a great insult to us. You will regret it!"

After it said that, the snake charged towards Zhao Hai. When the two heads spoke to each other, it seemed like they had different personalities. But when they attacked, they were very well coordinated. Their understanding of each other was stellar.

With an intention, Zhao Hai received the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp. These two weapons were very lethal. If he used the stamps to attack the Two-headed Rock snake, then they might be reduced to nothing. Because of this, Zhao Hai received the two stamps and used liquid silver against them instead.

This time, Zhao Hai used his full strength. He displayed the full capability of his divergent abilities. At the same time, he used liquid silver to perform the Heavenly Demon Seven Killing Blades.

Dang! Zhao Hai slashed the body of the Two-headed Rock snake with his blade. However, he couldn't break through its tough scales. Only a faint mark was left behind on the snake. This didn't mean that Zhao Hai's attack was weak. Instead of slicing through, Zhao Hai's blade caused the snake's body to turn crooked. The Two-headed Rock snake roared in pain. Then it used its tail to swipe at Zhao Hai.



Zhao Hai slapped the tail away. At the same time, the earth beneath them turned into stone locks, trapping the Two-headed Rock snake. However, the Two-headed Rock snake didn't care about this. A sneer appeared on the left snake's head. Then with a flick of its body, it got out of the stone lock.

Zhao Hai criticized himself for being a fool. The Two-headed Rock snake was an earth-element beast. Naturally, it has the ability to control the earth. It should be its innate divergent ability. It was idiotic to use the earth to trap it.

However, Zhao Hai quickly changed his approach. The Two-headed Rock snake felt the cloud and mists around them change. It seemed like it was becoming heavier and heavier. This wasn't a change brought by gravity. Instead, it was because the mist was now under Zhao Hai's control.

But the Two-headed Rock snake wasn't weak. It slammed the ground with its tail, causing the surrounding gravity to change. Zhao Hai immediately felt the pressure. He couldn't help but admire the Two-headed Rock snake. He didn't expect this guy to have this much fighting experience. He was now wondering why it didn't participate in the beast tide.

Zhao Hai soon erased these wandering thoughts from his mind. He quickly attacked the Two-headed Rock snake which also attacked him. A person and a snake proceeded to go into a brawl.

Compared to other immortal-stage beasts, the Two-headed Rock snake was definitely stronger. Zhao Hai didn't have the ability to defeat it in a short time. However, the Two-headed Rock snake also couldn't deal with Zhao Hai. It was a scene where neither side wanted to make a compromise.

The more they fought, the more happy Zhao Hai became. With the Two-headed Rock snake being as strong as him, Zhao Hai's fighting techniques were becoming more and more polished.

The Two-headed Rock snake was more surprised. It didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so strong. This Two-headed Rock snake was a special variant of Two-headed Rock snakes. It was stronger and was also fast aboveground. Most beasts wouldn't be able to do anything to it. The snake didn't expect to run into an opponent like Zhao Hai.

It was unlucky for the snake to meet Zhao Hai. If the snake met other cultivators, they could just retreat underground. Then nobody would be able to find them. Zhao Hai was different, he also has an earth-

element divergent ability. If they went underground, they weren't confident that they would be faster than Zhao Hai. Because of this, they didn't have any means to escape.

The man and the beast fought for two hours before the Two-headed Rock snake began to be at the disadvantage. Zhao Hai knew that it was time to reel in the net. When the Two-headed Rock snake was unprepared, Zhao Hai summoned a large number of Undead. The Undead held the snake into the ground as Zhao Hai made a thick chain using liquid silver.

With Zhao Hai and the Undead joining forces, the Two-headed Rock snake was soon dragged into the Space and subdued.

Now that the Two-headed Rock snake was subdued, Zhao Hai would have a powerful helper later on. In addition to the Two-headed Rock snake's strength, Zhao Hai also liked its personality. Otherwise, he wouldn't bother subduing it.

Upon leaving the hill of the Two-headed Rock snake, Zhao Hai flew towards the location of the cloud iron ores. But before he could arrive, he needed to pass through one last region. The region was called the Double Bee Mountain.

Double Bee Mountain acquired its fame because of the Double Sting Bee. This Double Sting Bee was a rare metal-element beast. The Double Sting Bee has two sharp stingers. One of the stingers can be shot towards the enemy while the other would stay in the bee's body all the time. The stingers of the bee were covered with poison. Even if cultivators don't get killed by the poison, they would still undergo immense pain for several days. The poison would also be very hard to remove from the body. It would become a hindrance to a cultivator's cultivation.

Because of this, both beasts and cultivators never went to Double Bee Mountain. Double Bee Mountain doesn't only contain one or two bees, but tens of thousands of them. Their offensive strength was also very powerful.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't worried about this. He was least affected by enemies that rely on numbers. Although he can't release beasts or Undead from the Space, he believed that the bees couldn't cause him any harm. And the bees would be one more addition to the Space.

It took less than an hour from the hill of the double-headed rock snake to reach Double Bee Mountain. Once he arrived, Zhao Hai was stunned for a while. He didn't expect Double Bee Mountain to be so beautiful. The entire mountain was filled with flowers. There were also various fruit trees growing. The fruit trees have already produced fruit, causing the surroundings to smell sweet.

Now Zhao Hai understood why Double Sting bees protected the mountain. This was because it was very abundant with food. The flowers around were the best source of food for the bees.

Double Bee Mountain was very big and it was completely filled with fruit trees. The fragrance of the fruits and the flowers mixed together to form a unique fragrance. It made people feel very refreshed.

Zhao Hai looked at Double Bee Mountain with glee. Although Double Bee Mountain wasn't as he expected, it was very good for Zhao Hai. The Space lacked fruit trees. In the future, there will be more fruits to eat.

At this time, the sound of buzzing was heard. Zhao Hai looked up and saw a dark cloud flying over. His expression turned serious immediately.

This dark cloud was naturally the bees on Double Bee Mountain. Zhao Hai only heard of them before, but now he had seen them. The bees were half a meter long and had yellow and black patterns on their bodies. They looked exactly like enlarged bees.

On the bee's behind was an exposed needle tip. The stinger flashed a cold light as if it was made of metal.

Zhao Hai didn't retreat but instead stayed still. When the bees were about 500 meters away from him, they aimed their stingers towards him. In an instant, multiple stingers were flying towards Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai waved his hand, causing the surrounding mist to roll, stopping the stingers. Then with another wave of his hand, Zhao Hai sent all of the stingers to the Space. The stingers were good for making artifacts. As long as they were processed well, they could become an artifact set.

Seeing that their stingers were ineffective, the bees charged over. Zhao Hai wasn't afraid and also charged towards the bees.

The offensive strength of the Double Sting Bees wasn't weak. Their stingers alone were equivalent to an immortal stage expert's artifact. And with thousands of them present, no cultivator or beast would dare come.

However, Zhao Hai wasn't afraid of them. Liquid silver fully enclosed his body. At the same time, Zhao Hai took out a giant net. Every bee that was captured were directly sent to the Space.

By the time Zhao Hai captured 1000 bees, he had already left Double Bee Mountain. The Double Sting Bees seem to have low intelligence. Seeing Zhao Hai exit their territory, they immediately retreated. This saved Zhao Hai a lot of trouble.

After Zhao Hai sent the Double Sting Bees to the Space, Cai'er immediately started to find ways to breed them. They would be a huge help for Zhao Hai. Before this, most of the things inside the Space cannot appear in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Zhao Hai lacked a lot of helpers, and the Double Sting Bees could be bred quickly, solving a huge problem for Zhao Hai.

Once Zhao Hai was out of Double Bee Mountain, he was no longer far from the cloud iron mine. However, Zhao Hai knew that this wasn't the time to let go of his guard. He still has one last obstacle. And this was an obstacle that he needed to pass, and that was the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes.

The Nine-winged Cloud Centipede was a centipede that lived in groups. Generally, there were tens of centipedes in a group. Each centipede was more than 20 meters long. They have nine pairs of wings and flew very fast. They were also extremely poisonous.

Zhao Hai doesn't know how powerful the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes were, but there was a note about them from the jade slip given by the Tyrant Blade Sect. The attack of the centipedes was stronger than ordinary immortal experts. Their carapace was also very tough and was very hard to get through. They were beasts that were difficult to deal with.

However, Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes usually came out at night. They rarely came out during the day. In the past, when cultivators were mining cloud iron ore, they usually came during the day. And once they got the ores, they immediately used portable transmission formations to escape. If they were caught by Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes, then they would not have any chance to escape.

Zhao Hai was unlike ordinary cultivators. He wanted to see how strong the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes were. Not long after he left Double Bee Mountain, Zhao Hai arrived at the valley where the centipedes were located. Zhao Hai didn't immediately enter. Instead, he observed the valley for a while. The valley was sandwiched by stone walls with several holes in it. The valley was dark, it was as if there was a void inside. However, Zhao Hai knows that this was a den of Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes.

Scattered on the bottom of the valley were some reddish-brown stones. These stones were of different sizes and were found all throughout the valley. These were cloud iron ores. If cloud iron was added during the refining of an artifact, the artifact would be stronger and be less prone to wear. Because of this, cloud iron was a popular material for refiners.

Naturally, cloud iron wasn't available in the Great Realm of Cultivation. Cloud iron could only be found in the Soaring Dragon Realm and the True Spirit Realm. Despite this, Zhao Hai didn't think of selling cloud iron to the Great Realm of Cultivation. This was because cloud iron would be very hard to refine in the lower realms. The flames that most cultivators use in the lower realms would not be able to melt the material.

Zhao Hai didn't alarm the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes. He moved and arrived at the bottom of the valley. He waved his hand and sent several chunks of ore into the Space.

Just as Zhao Hai sent the cloud iron ores to the Space, he suddenly heard a buzzing sound as several centipedes flew out from the holes on the valley's walls. These centipedes were quite huge at 20 meters long. They had dark carapaces and slender legs. With nine pairs of wings on their backs, they looked menacing.

Zhao Hai also flew up as he was surrounded by the centipedes. One of the largest centipedes looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I haven't seen human cultivators for a very long time. They used to come here to die. I didn't expect to see another human today. Hahaha. Everyone, aren't you curious about what humans look like? Look, this is a human. Today, we're going to eat something delicious. Human meat tastes very good!"

The other centipedes screamed with excitement. All of them were focused on Zhao Hai. Looking at the centipedes, Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he took out the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp. Then he said, "If you want my life, then you would need to have the ability to take it." Then he waved his hand and launched an attack.

This time, Zhao Hai made sure to control the fire and water released by the two stamps. He didn't want to burn or freeze the centipedes into nothing.

#### Chapter 1965: Getting Attention

Dark mist filled the air, making it very hard to see. From time to time, sharp screeches could be heard as red and blue flashes appeared. To outsiders, this scene would look bizarre.

Zhao Hai only used a small amount of power from the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp as he fought the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes. Despite this, the centipedes were still being cleaned up very easily.

Zhao Hai wanted to test the capabilities of the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp during his battle against the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes. As the fight went on, his control over the power of the stamps continued to increase. Although controlling the stamps came as a second nature to Zhao Hai, the sheer power of the stamps still required Zhao Hai to practice using them.

The Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes were the hegemony of this region. No other beasts would dare venture into their territory. The centipedes acted as one group. Their poisonous nature also didn't make it easier to fight them. To the other beasts, there was nothing good in fighting against the centipedes. Because of this, the battle between Zhao Hai and the centipedes hasn't alarmed any beasts.

Zhao Hai fought against the Nine-winged Centipedes for two hours before he killed one of the larger centipedes and captured several others. Only then did Zhao Hai leave the valley where cloud iron ore could be found.

Zhao Hai didn't want to eradicate the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes. There was no need to do so. As long as he captured some to populate the Space, that was enough. At the same time, Zhao Hai was already done with testing the strength of the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp.

During the battle, Zhao Hai used his abilities to dodge the attacks of the centipedes. This made it impossible for the centipedes to capture him. The centipedes could only scream as they were being dealt with one by one.

At this moment, Zhao Hai reached the outskirts of Double Bee Mountain. Since he didn't enter the area, he wasn't attacked by the Double Sting Bees.

As he looked at Double Bee Mountain, Zhao Hai said, "Cai'er, how is it? Did you collect fruit trees from this mountain?"

Cai'er nodded and said, "They've been collected. I didn't expect Double Bee Mountain to have more than 100 different fruit trees."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then used his portable transmission formation. After several uses of the transmission formation, he arrived at Hengdao City.

Nothing changed from Hengdao City since Zhao Hai left. The streets continued to be crowded as cultivators came and left the city. Zhao Hai's sudden appearance still caused the other cultivators to look at him in envy.

Zhao Hai looked around him and then went towards the Tyrant Blade Sect's Branch Hall. He was now done with his task, so he naturally had to hand it in. As for the cultivators he killed before, Zhao Hai has long since forgotten about them.

Cultivators suddenly vanishing was a common occurrence in the Soaring Dragon Realm. People die every day in the wilderness. Besides those who came from the same realm, nobody would remember those who vanished.

The cultivators in the Soaring Dragon Realm came from various realms. A lot of people don't know each other. Cultivators were also an indifferent bunch, so they didn't care much about the affairs of other people. It was very rare for people to make friends here.

When Zhao Hai entered the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall, the hall's staff immediately noticed him. Zhao Hai was now an unofficial disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect. This made him attract the attention of the hall's staff, especially this time. Zhao Hai took the task to mine cloud iron ores. Everyone knew how difficult this task was. Because of this, Zhao Hai left a deep impression on those who handed the tasks out. Seeing Zhao Hai return, the hall's staff became happy. No matter what, Zhao Hai was now a member of the Tyrant Blade Sect.

The other cultivators in the hall also noticed Zhao Hai. Some of them recognized him as the person who rented a residence. Some of them knew him as the person who took the task of mining cloud iron ore. But compared to the task of mining cloud iron ore, the fact that Zhao Hai rented a residence left a deeper impression on the cultivators. Dangerous tasks weren't special in the Soaring Dragon Realm. Renting residences, on the other hand, was something that cultivators rarely did.

Zhao Hai didn't mind the gazes directed towards him. He went to the counter and then smiled at the female cultivator on the other side as he said, "Hello, I'm here to hand in my task." Then he took out his jade card and his identity token.

The female cultivator knew about Zhao Hai's task. So when she took Zhao Hai's jade card and identity token, she nodded and said, "Please take your cloud iron ore out. We need to inspect it."

Zhao Hai complied and then took out a basketball-sized cloud iron ore. Then he placed it on the counter.

Although cloud iron ore looked like ordinary rock, it had a distinct appearance that told other people that it was not. It was also very light, much lighter than other materials of its size.

The female cultivator took the chunk of cloud iron ore and then brought it to the room in the back. Before long, she walked out and said, "It's high-grade cloud iron ore. Your task completion is perfect." Then she returned Zhao Hai's jade card and identity token. She also gave Zhao Hai an excellent evaluation.

After receiving his identity token and jade card, Zhao Hai smiled at the female cultivator and said, "Thank you very much." Then he went to the transaction counter. This time, Zhao Hai has attracted the attention of everyone in the branch hall. Cultivators from the lower realms were looking at him in shock.

It must be known that the task of mining cloud iron ore was a very difficult one. Even if someone took it, they would form a team to complete it. Such a task could not be done alone. Moreover, the Tyrant Blade Sect gives impression points depending on how many people there were in the team. There has been no event before Zhao Hai where a task was completed by one person. There could only be two explanations for this. The first was that Zhao Hai was someone who held special status. He formed a team but dropped them all before handing the task in so that he alone would get the impression points. However, this situation almost never happened. If Zhao Hai really did that, then he would have no friends in the future.



The second explanation was that Zhao Hai really did complete it alone. Therefore, he didn't have to share the impression points with other people. To other cultivators, this was also impossible. This was because it would be too unbelievable. Tasks like mining cloud iron ores weren't something that one person could complete.

Because of this, the gazes of everyone were glued to Zhao Hai. They wanted to see what items Zhao Hai wanted to trade, to judge how he completed the task.

Zhao Hai didn't care about what these people thought. Once he arrived at the trading counter, he took out several cloud iron ores and said, "Hello, I want to sell cloud iron ores."

Looking at the cloud iron ores, the female cultivator nodded and said, "Please wait a minute, we have to assess the value of these cloud iron ores first." Then she went to the back room and brought an old cultivator out. After looking at Zhao Hai's cloud iron ores, the old cultivator nodded and said, "These are high-grade cloud iron ores. We can buy them for five thousand jade essences." Once he said the price, the old cultivator returned to the back room.

The female cultivator looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, are you satisfied with this price?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'm satisfied, please complete the transaction."

The female cultivator nodded and said, "Please wait a moment." Then she took the cloud iron ores and then deposited them at the back. Before long, she came back with a spatial bag. She handed the spatial bag to Zhao Hai and said, "Mister, inside are your five thousand jade essences. Please confirm."

Zhao Hai received the bag and inspected its contents before nodding. It was at this moment that Zhao Hai felt the atmosphere in the hall change.

Five thousand jade essences, this wasn't a small amount. The cultivators in the hall didn't expect Zhao Hai to earn five thousand jade essences with his task. This was an astonishing amount. A lot of people looked at Zhao Hai's back with a greedy light flashing through their eyes.

Zhao Hai didn't care about this as he looked at the female cultivator and said, "Excuse me, do you buy beast materials?"

Hearing this, the female cultivator smiled faintly and said, "We do. What material do you want to sell?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he waved his hand, causing a pile of 30 centimeter long needles to appear. The needles had a cold glint and seemed to be made of metal.

The female cultivator was confused about the needles. The needles were formed finely as though they were made by someone. But the female cultivator was aware of Zhao Hai's identity, so she knew that Zhao Hai wouldn't joke about these matters. So she looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Please wait a moment, I'll find someone to identify it." Then she went to the back room once more and invited the old man who priced Zhao Hai's cloud iron ores.

Seeing Zhao Hai's pile of needles, a flash of doubt appeared on the old man's face. Then his expression changed as he became excited. He picked up two needles from the pile and looked at it. He also knocked on the needles as well as smelled them. By this point, the old man could no longer hide his excitement as he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "These are the stingers of Double Sting Bees, right?"

Hua! There was an uproar in the entire hall. Everyone knew what Double Sting Bees were. It was one of the beasts that nobody wanted to encounter. Almost all cultivators who met Double Sting Bees have died. But now, not only was Zhao Hai fine, he was also able to get so many stingers from the bees. It was no wonder why everyone was surprised.

Zhao Hai smiled and then nodded, "Right, these are stingers of Double Sting Bees. Will you buy it?"

The old cultivator repeatedly nodded and said, "Buy, of course we'll buy them. You have 100 stingers here. I'll buy them from you for a thousand jade essences. What do you think?"

Chapter 1966: Special Task

Hua!

"Another thousand jade essences. How is that kid making so much money?"

“Are you stupid? You didn’t even think about where he got the money. Can you mine cloud iron ores? Can you pluck the stingers off the Double Sting Bee? That kid is strong, very strong. If you have the strength, then making money will be easy. If you’re weak, then continue living poor.”

“I know that he must be strong, but everyone who takes tasks in the Soaring Dragon Realm are all from the lower realms. How could he be that strong? Does he have a powerful team behind him? This is unreasonable.”

Hearing Zhao Hai earning thousands of jade essences, the entire hall exploded in discussion. In just one task, Zhao Hai was able to earn six thousand jade essences. This was six thousand jade essences, and he earned it quickly. It’s no wonder everyone was so envious.

Zhao Hai acted as though there was no commotion around him. The price that the old cultivator offered was quite a surprise to him. It wasn’t because it was low, instead it was too high. One stinger was equal to ten jade essences.

Zhao Hai nodded and said, “I’ll accept that price.” The old cultivator nodded as well. And without waiting for the female cultivator, he took the pile of stingers and then left. The female cultivator smiled bitterly as she handed a spatial bag to Zhao Hai.

After receiving the spatial bag, Zhao Hai left the hall amidst the gazes directed at him. He already showed off enough, it was time for him to leave.

A group of people followed Zhao Hai back to his residence. But because Zhao Hai’s residence was within the Tyrant Blade Sect’s forbidden region, they weren’t allowed entry.

Once Zhao Hai was inside his residence, he took out a stinger of the Double Stinger Bee and inspected it. The stinger looked like it was refined and had a group of lines running through it. If you look closely, you would find that these lines acted as channels which would aid in drawing out the blood of its victim. At the same time, it accelerated the injection of toxin into the target. It was a vicious construct.

Zhao Hai didn’t expect the stinger to have such a design. He couldn’t help but sigh at the wonders of creation. There was a reason why these beasts managed to survive in the Soaring Dragon Realm.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out a mass of liquid silver. Then he threw the stinger towards it. The blob of liquid silver moved a bunch before it absorbed the stinger. Zhao Hai felt changes in his body, as well as a bit of strengthening towards liquid silver.

Zhao Hai knew that it was pointless to add more stingers to liquid silver. One piece was enough for it to be copied.

As Zhao Hai was about to find out what benefits the stinger brought liquid silver, someone suddenly knocked on his door. Zhao Hai stared and then used his spiritual force to see someone outside. He recognized this person, this was the disciple that was with him when he rented the residence back then.

Zhao Hai opened the door to his residence and then cupped his fist towards the cultivator and asked, "Mister, do you need me for anything?"

The cultivator smiled faintly at Zhao Hai and said, "There's no need to be polite. Technically, you're already a member of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Just call me junior brother in the future. Senior Brother Lin Ling wants to see you. It seems like he has a task for you."

Zhao Hai stared, but he nodded and said, "Alright." Then he walked out of his residence and went to the branch hall along with the cultivator.

After arriving at the branch hall's courtyard, Zhao Hai discovered that Lin Ling and Xiang Ying were already waiting for him. He immediately cupped his fist and said, "Zhao Hai has seen the two Senior Brothers."

Lin Ling looked at Zhao Hai, then he smiled faintly and said, "I heard that you just completed the task of mining cloud iron ores?"

Although Zhao Hai was confused why Lin Ling was asking him about this, he still nodded and said, "I just handed the task in."

Lin Ling gave a nod, then he said, "Did you meet the Nine-winged Cloud Centipedes?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I met and fought them. I killed one and caught another. I already subdued it. Does Senior Brother have any need for them?"

"Subdued one? You managed to subdue a Nine-winged Cloud Centipede?" Without waiting for Lin Ling to answer, Xiang Ying interjected.

Zhao Hai gave a nod, "Yes. I have a technique that could subdue beasts. Seeing that the centipedes are very strong, I tried to subdue one. The other one I killed and turned into undead."

Lin Ling looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Do you have any Nine-wing Centipede venom?"

Zhao Hai raised his brows, but then he answered, "I have a lot. Also, I can have my subdued Nine-winged Cloud Centipede produce more. Why, does Senior Brother want it?"

Lin Ling nodded, "Give me some. I'll use it to make medicine." Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out a jade bottle. Then he gave it to Lin Ling.

Lin Ling received the jade bottle and looked at Zhao Hai with a confused expression. He pulled the stopper out and inside was a black liquid that smells like stinky fish. It was clear that it wasn't a good thing to consume.

Lin Ling quickly covered the bottle, he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "You collect these things regularly?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I dabble with pills from time to time. The more poisonous a material is, the better the antidote it could produce. So I try to collect any poison I come across."

Lin Ling asked, "You can refine pills?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Yes, I have some understanding of pills."

Lin Ling and Xiang Ying looked at each other, they both saw surprise and joy in each others' eyes. They felt that they had come upon a very valuable treasure. A genius was very rare, much less a genius who also knew how to refine pills and craft artifacts. Such a person would no doubt be immediately recruited into the Tyrant Blade Sect.

Then suddenly, a hint of hesitation appeared on Lin Ling's eyes. It seems like he couldn't make up his mind. Looking at Lin Ling's reaction, Xiang Yin stared for a moment before he understood what was on Lin Ling's mind. Then he also had a hesitant look on his face.

When Zhao Hai saw the expression of the two, he knew that they had something to tell him. And it wasn't as simple as asking for centipede venom. So after a moment, he said, "Senior Brothers, you can be frank with me."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Lin Ling smiled bitterly and said, "Actually, this matter doesn't have a huge impact on you. But since you are now an unofficial disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect, you will have to take part in it in the future. In the True Spirit Realm, there are 80 other sects that share the same status as the Tyrant Blade Sect. These top sects aren't very peaceful with each other. Some conflicts would happen between them from time to time. Our Tyrant Blade Sect is allied with the True Dao Sect. And our relationship is very good. On the other hand, the Tyrant Blade Sect has a very bad relationship with the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect. Both of us wanted to overwhelm the other. I don't know when it began, but this competition managed to reach the Soaring Dragon Realm."

Lin Ling stopped at this point, then Xiang Ying continued, "Every year, the sects would select some talents from the lower realms to supplement our numbers. In the beginning, we had to fight each other to get these geniuses. But later on, once we built cities and established exclusive cooperations with some lower realms, we stopped fighting for geniuses. But now, the talents we select would still need to experience some struggles. This is where the relationship between the Sword Hegemon Sect and the Imperial Beast Sect comes in. The Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect gave tasks to hunt down and kill the talents that were selected by the Tyrant Blade Sect and the True Dao Sect. After losing some talents, we understood what was going on. Therefore, we also issued the same bounty tasks. This is the beginning of the competition."

Lin Ling added, "Let me tell you, aside from you, we also have a few cultivators under observation that are very strong. However, they were attacked by powerful cultivators and two were killed. There was a huge suspicion that it was done by the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect. I called you over to tell you this. You have to be careful. It seems like the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect have begun issuing their bounty tasks."

Zhao Hai stared, then he nodded and said, "I see. But how can I distinguish between people from the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect?"

Lin Ling waved his hand and took out a metal disc, "Bring this metal disc with you. This will act as an identification. If the enemy party is a kilometer away, then this metal disc will immediately notify you."

Zhao Hai received the metal disc, then he knit his brows as he asked, "A kilometer? Isn't that too close?"

Lin Ling replied, "It isn't. This metal disc is specially made. After all, the other party also has one that activates at a similar distance. If anyone dared to violate the rules, they would be provoking war. Take this with you. Once you find an enemy, don't be polite and kill them immediately."

Zhao Hai nodded and as he was about to send the metal disc to his spatial bag, Lin Ling said, "This metal disc cannot be placed inside a spatial bag. It must be on your body at all times." Zhao Hai didn't mind it and hung the metal disc on his waist, like a jade pendant.

Seeing Zhao Hai's actions, Lin Ling couldn't help but frown as he asked, "You're hanging it on your waist? The enemy will see it before you detect them. What if they attack you in advance?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, as long as they attack, they will not be able to survive. It's good that they could see this. I believe nobody would hold themselves back if they see me wearing this."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Lin Ling stared. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You're confident. Are you certain that you will win?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm certain. As long as they dared to make a move, they will become another soldier in my Undead Army."

#### Chapter 1967: Blatantly Showing Himself

As he looked at Zhao Hai's departing back, Lin Ling turned his head to Xiang Ying and said, "Junior Brother, don't you think it's too dangerous for Zhao Hai to do this? If something happens to him, our losses would be huge. This kid can refine pills and artifacts. He's a rare talent."

Xiang Ying frowned and said, "Forget it. He seems to be confident. Let's leave him be while we pay attention. He can get cloud iron ores on his own, so he should be very strong. Don't forget, Feng Lingyun already confirmed that Zhao Hai didn't take anyone from the Great Realm of Cultivation, he did the task alone. You should know how difficult this task is. Even you and I would need to exert some effort to mine the ores. If he really has the ability, then nobody from the lower realms can do anything to him."

Lin Ling nodded, "If he can deal with the talents of the other sects, then our Tyrant Blade Sect would benefit a lot."

Xiang Ying smiled faintly and said, "Any sect would want to steal such a talent. Let's see how he does."

After coming out of the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall, Zhao Hai immediately used his portable transmission formation to go to Shangshan City. Upon appearing, he called Zhang Feng. They were still doing their tasks while Yuan Ba and the others were guarding the base.

Zhao Hai used his portable transmission formation once more and appeared on the Great Realm of Cultivation's base. Seeing that Zhao Hai has returned, Yuan Ba and the others immediately went forward to greet them.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Yuan Ba, how has it been? You're the one guarding the base this time?"

Yuan Ba smiled and said, "Team Leader, it's my turn today. It has been great lately. I just finished two tasks. They're a little difficult, but the beasts along the way weren't very strong."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Good. Then I can rest assured. Here, this is what I earned from my recent task. Keep it for the base."

After saying that, Zhao Hai handed two spatial bags to Yuan Ba. Upon receiving the spatial bags and inspecting the contents, Yuan Ba's complexion changed. Then he said, "Team Leader, what tasks did you take? Why is there so much money?"



Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Don't ask. This is something you can't do in the meantime. And even if you get stronger later on, you still shouldn't do it. It's very dangerous. Right, I won't be able to return regularly in the future. I just received a special task."

Yuan Ba looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Special task? What task is it?"

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Don't ask, you can't take it anyway. Right, how is the realm doing?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Yuan Ba seemed to have understood something, so he immediately nodded and said, "After relaying news about you, everyone was very happy. I heard that they're building a statue of you."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. Then he said, "They're making a statue of me? I'm still alive, why build a statue for me? Tell them to stop making useless things."

Yuan Ba laughed and said, "That can't happen. This is something the entire Great Realm of Cultivation decided to do. Your statue will stand beside the Battle Sword Monument. You can't stop them no matter what you say. In any case, you won't be returning there soon."

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly as he shook his head, "Alright, then let's leave them be. I should go now. A lot of people are paying attention to me recently. It won't be good if I was seen here."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Yuan Ba couldn't help but ask, "Team Leader, are you in trouble?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "There's no trouble. You don't have to worry. But this special task is issued by the Tyrant Blade Sect for its unofficial disciples."

Yuan Ba nodded and no longer asked. He knew that Zhao Hai was now half a step into the True Spirit Realm. As long as there was no accident, he would become a true disciple of the True Spirit Realm. Naturally, the tasks he would take would be something the Yuan Ba and the others wouldn't be able to get soon.

Zhao Hai looked at Yuan Ba and said, "Take care of yourself well. In the future, we'll reunite in the True Spirit Realm. Tell the others what I said when they return."

Yuan Ba nodded, then he suddenly remembered something as he said, "Team Leader, you gave so much money, but what about you? You should keep some for yourself."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Don't worry, I'm not short on money. You keep it and spend it for the base." After he said that, a flash of white light appeared on the base as Zhao Hai disappeared.

While Zhao Hai was leaving, the feeling of excitement in Yuan Ba's heart didn't disappear. After some time, he sighed and then looked at the others before saying, "We should try harder. The Team Leader has created such a good environment for us. It would be unfair to him if we don't get results."

Everyone nodded. They were also moved by Zhao Hai's progress. They didn't expect that although Zhao Hai was already half step into the True Spirit Realm, he still gave them a lot of money. This wasn't something that anyone could do.

Zhao Hai returned directly to his residence in Hengdao City. Only Zhao Hai could use a portable transmission formation to arrive at his residence. Even if other people have the coordinates, they wouldn't be able to use it.

Zhao Hai rested for a day in his residence. The next day, as though nothing happened, Zhao Hai went to the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall to look for tasks he could complete.

The branch hall's staff knew that the metal disc dangling on Zhao Hai's waist wasn't for decoration. This meant that a new round of competition had begun. Their expressions couldn't help but change. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be this blatant in showing his metal disc.

Upon arriving at the counter, Zhao Hai scanned the available tasks and before long he saw one he could take. It wasn't a dangerous task. It only involved looking for a medicinal material. This material wasn't very hard to find since it was abundant in the Soaring Dragon Realm. This medicinal material was called Rock Leather. This material could be found on the mountains of the realm. However, this task was quite special. It required a special Rock Leather from Beast Tooth Mountain called Black Rock Leather.

Although Black Rock Leather could only be found in Beast Tooth Mountain, the mountain itself wasn't very dangerous. Moreover, Beast Tooth Mountain was very close to Yushou City(Imperial Beast City). With no ferocious beasts close by, it was a task that could be done by common cultivators.

Zhao Hai felt that this task was very suitable for him. The new round of competition has begun. Yushou City was the city built by the Imperial Beast Sect. If Zhao Hai took this task, he would definitely meet people chosen by the Imperial Beast Sect.

Zhao Hai went to the female cultivator and said, "Hello. I have to trouble you. I want to take on the task of collecting Black Rock Leather."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the female cultivator on the counter couldn't help but stare. He looked at Zhao Hai with a confused expression on her face as she said, "You want to take that task? Getting Black Rock Leather from Beast Tooth Mountain? Are you joking?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I'm not. I want to take on this task."

The female cultivator looked at Zhao Hai as though he was an idiot. After some time, she pointed towards the metal disc on Zhao Hai's waist and said, "Do you know what that represents? You didn't just pick it up, did you?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I know what it represents. That's the reason I took this task. I'm going to tell the people of the Imperial Beast Sect that I'm going to start hunting them down."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the female cultivator's eyes shone. She looked at Zhao Hai and said, "I appreciate your courage. But isn't this too rash? That's the territory of the Imperial Beast Sect."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "As long as the people defending the Imperial Beast Sect don't move, I can guarantee my safety. Please confirm my task."

When the female cultivator heard Zhao Hai, she couldn't help but nod. She received Zhao Hai's jade token and recorded the task. After Zhao Hai received his jade token back, he cupped his fist towards the female cultivator and then left.

Looking at Zhao Hai's departing back, the female cultivator muttered, "Good luck."

At this time, at the second floor of the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall, the Yin Yang Elders looked at Zhao Hai as the left and went to the transmission formation.

The Yang Elder chuckled as he said, "What a kid. I'm liking him more and more. Senior Brother, how long has it been since we've seen a kid as interesting as him?"

The Yin Elder smiled and said, "It has been a long time. The kid actually went to Yushou City. Those guys from the Imperial Beast Sect will be so pissed off. This kid is really confident. But that's alright. I reckon the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect will be more behaved once this kid makes a move."

The Yang Elder looked at the Yin Elder and said, "Senior Brother, aren't you worried about the kid's safety? You should know that those guys at the Imperial Beast Sect are rascals. They would break rules if they feel like it. If they made a move on Zhao Hai, he would be in great danger."

The Yin Elder smiled and said, "You think I don't know that? Do you know why I asked Lin Ling to give Zhao Hai the metal disc? It's because I left my blade qi inside that metal disc. If those guys from the Imperial Beast Sect dared to take action against Zhao Hai, then my blade qi will welcome them. It has been a long time since my blade has tasted blood."

Hearing the Yin Elder, the Yang Elder stared, then he said, "So you've already made arrangements. That's good. I really want to see what those people from the Imperial Beast Sect would look like when they see your blade qi. Hahaha. The two of us slaughtered five of the Seven Birds of the Imperial Beast Sect. They hated us to death for that."

The Yin Elder also chuckled. This was the proudest moment of the Yin Yang Elders. At that time, the two of them were only inner disciples of the Tyrant Blade Sect. But they were already well known. Back then, the Imperial Beast Sect had seven people who were more famous than the two. Because the beasts used by these seven people were all birds, they were titled as the Seven Birds.

Later on, when the two went out for a mission, they met the Imperial Beast Sect's Seven Birds. At that time, the Seven Birds were so arrogant. They looked down on the two. Both sides entered into a conflict

which caused the Yin Yang Elders to kill five of the Seven Birds. After that battle, they were known as the Yin Yang Ghost Blades. This battle became the most memorable battle of their life.

The Yin Elder looked at the transmission formation and said, “Everything will depend on that kid’s luck. If he can come back alive and join the Tyrant Blade Sect, I’ll accept him as a disciple. The two of us will teach him together. Then we’ll unleash him to the world. Let them know that the disciple of the Yin Yang Ghost Blades could also turn the world upside down.” The Yang Elder nodded with bright eyes. Now that they were aware of Zhao Hai’s talent, they naturally wouldn’t let him go.

At this moment, Zhao Hai appeared in Yushou City. When first appeared, Zhao Hai was stunned. Compared to Hengdao City, Yushou City was completely different. Yushou City was built with large rocks that weren’t even polished. There was also moss growing on top of the rocks. From time to time, stone pillars jutted out from the street. The stone pillars were engraved with animal heads, making it look hideous. There were a lot of people walking around the city that had their own subordinate beasts with them. This caused Zhao Hai to be surprised.

Yushou City was definitely the domain of the Imperial Beast Sect. However, this place shouldn’t be all dominated by the people of the Imperial Beast Sect. How come there were a lot of people walking with their beasts?

What Zhao Hai didn’t know was that there was something special with Yushou City. Tasks given by the Imperial Beast Sect included simple beast-taming techniques. They weren’t too profound and could only be used against normal beasts. However, to those from the lower realms, this beast-taming technique was very good. The beasts can help them during battles and were also very loyal. Because of this, a lot of cultivators in Yushou City would use the beast-taming technique to tame their own beasts. This caused the current scene where almost everyone had a beast with them.

Zhao Hai didn’t know this, but he didn’t really care if these people brought their beasts with them or not. In any case, they weren’t a threat to him.

Zhao Hai didn’t immediately go out of the city to complete his task. Instead, he walked around the city and explored. By the end, he arrived at the Imperial Beast Sect’s branch hall. The branch hall of the Imperial Beast Sect was a tall tower with reliefs of beasts engraved on its walls. It looked like a giant totem pole.

Zhao Hai stood outside the branch hall and looked at it. To be honest, the reliefs engraved on the tower weren't that beautiful. However, the images shown expressed the true aura of the beasts. It can be seen that the master who engraved these reliefs was also someone who has a deep understanding of beasts.

#### Chapter 1968: Demonstrate

After looking at the Imperial Beast Sect's branch hall for a while, Zhao Hai entered. Although the Imperial Beast Sect's branch hall was a tall tower, its inside was similar to the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall. The first floor was also dedicated to tasks with three counters.

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and walked towards the task board and looked through it. Before long, he noticed the rewards of the tasks and understood why there were so many people who have beasts in the city.

Zhao Hai also noticed that the staff in the branch hall were looking at him with unfriendly looks.

The staff should have figured out Zhao Hai's identity. However, he didn't care. According to the rules of Soaring Dragon Realm, sect disciples weren't allowed to make a move against people from the lower realms. The Imperial Beast Sect should also be subjected to the same rules.

After walking around the branch hall for a couple of minutes, Zhao Hai turned around and left. By this point, the staff of the hall were looking at Zhao Hai with fiery looks. They understood that Zhao Hai was taunting them.

The people of the Imperial Beast Sect should already be aware that the competition between their sect and the Tyrant Blade Sect has begun. They even sent a few people to attack the people of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Originally, they thought that they had the upper hand. But with Zhao Hai blatantly showing himself inside their branch hall, they suddenly felt that their faces were being slapped.

Seeing Zhao Hai walk out, the people of the Imperial Beast Sect immediately informed their unofficial disciples so that they could prepare to intercept him.

Zhao Hai didn't care what the Imperial Beast Sect would do. He was going to look for Black Rock Leather now. No matter what, it was something that he needed to do. He was now waiting for the Imperial Beast Sect's response. Zhao Hai believed that they definitely would not let him off.

Not long after Zhao Hai left Yushou City, he arrived in Beast Tooth Mountain and easily collected Black Rock Leather. After completing his task, Zhao Hai walked around the mountain. He didn't want to leave since he was waiting for people to arrive.

Before long, the figures of five people were seen on Beast Tooth Mountain. Through the Space, Zhao Hai looked at these five people. Of the five people, two were actually female. One of them wore royal-blue robes and had a frosty look on their face. She had the imposing aura of royalty.

The other female cultivator was the opposite. She wore fiery red armor. And her clothes were very short. Her armor skirts were also short. However, the boots she wore were quite long, only revealing a small amount of her shiny white thighs. Her top was only enough to cover her breasts, showing her navel.

The remaining three were men, of which two were sword cultivators. The two sword cultivators carried the same type of long black sword, they seem to be from the same sect. As for the last person, he was two meters tall and was covered in beast skin. He had the uncombed hair of a wild man. Most importantly, beside this two-meter man was a tiger that had the aura of a king of beasts.

The five were obviously together. Moreover, it looked like they had cooperated for some time. What surprised Zhao Hai the most was that the group was headed by the wild-looking man.

Although the group arrived in Beast Tooth Mountain, they didn't immediately seek Zhao Hai out. Instead, they gathered halfway up the mountain. Then their leader said, "That guy hasn't left since entering Beast Tooth Mountain. We'll look for him separately. Our distance to each other should not exceed a kilometer. If you encounter a beast, don't attack it. Try to avoid it."

The others nodded and then dispersed. Seeing this, Zhao Hai smiled faintly. He has no intention of running away. He found a tree and laid down beneath as he looked at the sky. At the same time, he took out a bottle of liquor to drink.

Not long after Zhao Hai began drinking liquor, he felt his metal disc vibrate. Then he said, "You're finally here. I was afraid that my liquor would run out before you arrived."

The five already surrounded Zhao Hai. The leader looked at Zhao Hai and sneered, "You have guts. But to a cultivator, having too much confidence is not good. Being overconfident is no different from being foolish."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I wondered how the two cultivators from the Tyrant Blade Sect died. As it turns out, they have been surrounded. What a letdown. There's no meaning in dealing with people like you."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the complexion of the five changed. Their leader coldly snorted and said, "Your tongue is slick. As long as we kill you, the method does not matter. Everyone, let's stop wasting time on him." After he said that, the two-meter tall man formed a claw with his two hands. At the same time, his tiger growled and was ready to pounce. The tiger was glaring at Zhao Hai.

The two sword cultivators took their swords out. Their swords were completely black which made them look unusual. As for the royal-looking woman, she took out a ribbon that slithered around her body like a snake. The other female cultivator took out two fiery daggers and held them in each hand.

Seeing the group of five getting ready to fight, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Good, you're prepared. Then let's begin."

The tall man roared and threw himself towards Zhao Hai. His claw-like hands stretched out, targeting Zhao Hai's shoulders. On his side was his tiger whose target was Zhao Hai's feet.

The two sword cultivators waved their swords, intending to slash Zhao Hai's body in half. Meanwhile, the two female cultivators seem to be waiting before making a move.

Seeing the coordination between the five, Zhao Hai waved his hand and took out the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp. Water and fire appeared and attacked the tall man. At the same time, Zhao Hai took his blade out and blocked the attack of the sword cultivators.



Three clashes were immediately heard. The tall man and his tiger were sent back by the water and fire. Meanwhile, the two sword cultivators were driven back by Zhao Hai's blade.

At this time, a growl was heard as a fiery-red figure charged towards Zhao Hai. Seeing this, Zhao Hai waved his blade, blocking the successive attacks of the daggers. As the red female attacked, her attack speed continued to increase.

While Zhao Hai was dealing with the red-clothed female, he suddenly felt a tightening on his foot. Zhao Hai stared and discovered that his feet were being tied down by the blue ribbon.

Zhao Hai's expression couldn't help but change. He could feel that the blue ribbon was a high-grade artifact. Otherwise, it would not have been able to escape his spiritual force.

With an intention, Zhao Hai released a fire snake from the vermilion bird stamp, sending it towards the blue-robed female. At the same time, two water snakes came out of the black tortoise stamp and attacked the tall man.

While all of this was happening, Zhao Hai was dealing with the sword cultivators as well as the dagger-wielding female cultivator. At first glance, it might seem like Zhao Hai was at a disadvantage. However, he wasn't actually hurt.

The further the battle went on, the more startled the five cultivators became. They were confident in their strengths. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to be so strong that he could fight against five people on his own. Although he was on the defensive, he wasn't showing any signs of being defeated.

The five cultivators knew that if they couldn't deal with Zhao Hai today, then he would be a great menace in the future. After all, they became enemies the moment they attacked. Even if they entered the True Spirit Realm later on, this enmity would still be present. The five couldn't help but increase the intensity of their attacks. However, Zhao Hai was still calmly defending.

Seeing that there was no progress, the tall cultivator finally said, "Everyone, let's go all out. He cannot survive." After he said that, he and his tiger roared at the same time. Then the tiger and the tall cultivator began to merge and became a three-meter tall being with a tiger's head. At the same time, small snakes appeared around his body. These small snakes all charged towards Zhao Hai along with the tall cultivator.

Although the tall cultivator had turned into a tiger-man hybrid, his eyes were still clear, showing that he was in full control. This was a technique that allowed man and beast to combine, naturally it would have means to keep the cultivator's mind intact.

Seeing their leader's actions, the two sword cultivators stared for a moment. They clenched their teeth and bit down on their tongue, causing blood essence to sputter onto their swords. When this happened, the wailing of ghosts was heard on their swords. Before long, their swords turned into black gas that surrounded them. When the black gas vanished, the two sword cultivators were wearing ghost armor and had a double-handed sword on their hands. They also have masks on their faces that show a ghost face. The two seemed to become ghastly and evil beings.

As for the royal-dressed woman, she coldly snorted and raised her blue ribbon in the air. The sound of a phoenix cried out of the blue ribbon. Then a phoenix avatar appeared that charged towards Zhao Hai.

The dagger-wielding woman scratched her daggers, which turned them into fiery scimitars. Then she proceeded to attack Zhao Hai.

Seeing that his enemies had gone all out, Zhao Hai's eyes shone. Then he laughed and said, "You finally showed some real skill. Interesting." Then with an intention, Zhao Hai's blade separated into parts and then sank into the ground around him. Zhao Hai also vanished, leaving the five cultivators inside a dome under a sea of stars.

As the five cultivators were stunned, the starry sky changed. It was divided into two sections that were fiery hot and frigidly cold. The cry of a vermillion bird and the roar of a black tortoise was also heard from the two sections.

## Chapter 1969: Increased Might

The pressure coming from the starry sky caused the five cultivators to change their expression. These five weren't clueless rookies. Everyone who entered the Soaring Dragon Realm has stepped onto the immortal stage. All of them had encountered countless battles throughout their lives and have seen all kinds of formations. As soon as the starry sky appeared, they immediately knew that they had entered a formation. They wanted to observe the formation first to find out a way to break out of it. They just didn't expect the pressure to come almost immediately.

The pressure was very formidable. It was as if they were facing ancient beasts, two beasts to be exact. As the five cultivators were stunned, the surrounding space shuddered as the cry of the vermillion bird and the roar of the black tortoise was heard.

The five soon noticed the stars above them forming a vermillion bird. The bird was majestic. It had burning flames as feathers and a long plume of tail.

At the same time, in the ice-cold section of the sky was a black tortoise. Coiled around the tortoise's body was a snake.

The vermillion bird and the black tortoise appeared amidst the starry sky. As the five cultivators looked at the two ancient beasts, they couldn't help but be shocked once more. The two ancient beasts seem to be looking at them with disdain.

As the five were stunned, the vermillion bird flapped its wings, causing a belt of fire to cover the five people. The five wanted to run away, but the belt of fire was just too strong. They were quickly hit by the belt of fire. Although they managed to narrowly evade the attack, they were still severely injured.

However, before they could take a breather, ice arrows were shot towards them. This time, they weren't able to respond in time. They stood in place as the arrows were coming for them. The tall cultivator was hit by the arrow and was forced to separate with his beast. However, the two of them were still frozen into ice.

As for the two sword cultivators, their defenses were useless against the frigid arrow. Their armors became like paper as they were hit by the arrows. As for the female cultivators, they suffered the same fate.

When the five cultivators died, the formation immediately cleared out. The vermillion bird and the black tortoise disappeared. The only figure remaining was Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai looked at the six lifeless corpses in front of him and couldn't help but be absent-minded. To be honest, he didn't expect this result. Zhao Hai was aware of how strong the stellar transformations great formation was. In the past, the formation could at most trap the enemy for a long time. Zhao Hai

planned to use the formation to trap the enemy for a couple of days. As long as he eliminates one or two, then he would have an easier time fighting the others.

However, as Zhao Hai was setting up the formation, he placed the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp on the core nodes of the formation. And as Zhao Hai was about to control the formation to attack the five cultivators, the formation suddenly changed. Zhao Hai never knew about this attack before. In the end, a belt of fire and a few ice arrows were enough to deal with the opponent.

This was the reason Zhao Hai was surprised. He didn't control the formation, it attacked on his own. When Zhao Hai tried to control the formation, he found that the functions had changed. It seems like the formation has become more intelligent. If the formation was a typewriter in the past, then the current formation was a computer.

As soon as Zhao Hai discovered this, he immediately issued orders to the formation so that it wouldn't destroy the opponent's corpses.

Zhao Hai didn't expect the battle to end as soon as he issued his order. And the formation was able to complete Zhao Hai's request perfectly. Zhao Hai was certain that if he didn't give the order, then his opponents wouldn't leave any bodies behind.

Zhao Hai waved his hand to receive the six corpses. Then he looked at the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp as he said, "I didn't expect these stamps to have more uses."

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp were originally artifacts meant for suppression. They were the artifacts used to suppress the four directions. If all four stamps were used, their might would be even stronger. If the stellar transformation formation was like a computer, then the vermillion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp would be the central processing unit of the computer. Without them, the computer would not be able to function.

Zhao Hai didn't stay in the area for long. He felt powerful auras coming from Yushou City. At the same time, powerful auras could also be felt from the forests. If he didn't leave at this time, then he would only be courting death.

This time, Zhao Hai didn't use the portable transmission formation to leave, he used the Space directly. However, he didn't teleport too far. Once he reached a certain distance, he used his portable

transmission formation to return to Hengdao City. He knew that the people of Yushou City had already noticed him. If he still went to the city, then he might encounter some problems.

Although there was a rule in the Soaring Dragon Realm that prevented official disciples of the sects from attacking unofficial disciples, Zhao Hai doesn't expect all cultivators to follow it. If the Imperial Beast Sect decided to ignore this rule, then what was Zhao Hai going to do? Should he helplessly wait for death, or show the might of the Space? No matter which choice, all of them were detrimental to Zhao Hai.

Because of this, Zhao Hai risked using the Space to escape from Beast Tooth Mountain. Then when he was not far from Yushou City, he immediately used his portable transmission formation to return to Hengdao City.

Upon arriving at Hengdao City, Zhao Hai walked towards the Tyrant Blade Sect's branch hall. Upon entering the hall, the staff inside couldn't help but stare. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to return so soon. Since he left, only half a day has passed.

While the staff were confused, Zhao Hai went to hand in his task. After giving the Black Rock Leather and taking his jade card, Zhao Hai went out of the building. Then he knocked on the side entrance.

The gate opened and the young cultivator from before was seen. Seeing Zhao Hai, he nodded and said, "Come in. The Senior Brothers are waiting for you."

The small entrance led directly to the back courtyard of the branch office. Zhao Hai followed the cultivator to the courtyard. When they arrived, the young cultivator announced, "Senior Brother Xiang, Senior Brother Lin, Zhao Hai is here to see you."

Lin Ling's voice was heard, "Come in." The young cultivator gestured towards Zhao Hai to enter. Zhao Hai cupped his fist towards the young cultivator and said, "Thank you, Junior Brother."

The young cultivator just smiled and didn't say anything. After that, Zhao Hai entered the hall. Inside were Lin Ling and Xiang Ying. Between them was a table with a heated pot of wine. Then on each side was a jade cup.

Zhao Hai cupped his fist and said, "Zhao Hai has seen the Senior Brothers."

The two nodded, then Lin Ling said, "I heard that you went out to harvest Black Rock Leather and ran out to Yushou City? Hahaha. Good. You're really bold."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I'm not too bold, but I'm not a coward either. Senior Brother, I'm here to hand my task over."

Lin Ling stared, then he said, "Hand in? What task?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "The special task. I've killed a few people who have metal discs. Therefore, I came here to submit it."

Lin Ling and Xiang Ying were stunned. Xiang Ying said, "You mean you killed a few unofficial disciples of the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect? Didn't you just take this task this morning?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly. Then he waved his hand and took out five metal discs. Looking at the metal discs, Lin Ling had a shocked look on his face. The more he looked at the discs, the wider the smile on his face. Then he laughed and said, "Good kid. You did well. I didn't expect you to kill three people from the Imperial Beast Sect and two from the Sword Hegemon Sect. Good, good!"

After he said that, Lin Ling handed the metal discs to Xiang Ying. A huge smile also appeared on Xiang Ying's face as he looked at the metal discs. He looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Good job. Your task has been perfectly completed. However, you should no longer go to the Imperial Beast Sect's domain in the future. Just move around Shangshan City and Hengdao City. Otherwise, you would be in danger."

Zhao Hai nodded. Lin Ling opened his mouth and said, "I think it's time for me to tell you. Collecting ten of these discs will allow you to become an outer disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect."

Zhao Hai showed an excited look on his face as he nodded, "Senior Brother, I understand."

Seeing Zhao Hai's face, Lin Ling couldn't help but remind him, "Zhao Hai, you have to listen to what I've said. I said that ten of these metal discs can allow you to become an outer disciple of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Do you understand what it means?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "I understand. What you mean to say is that I don't only need to guard against the Imperial Beast Sect and the Sword Hegemon Sect, I also have to guard against other people."

Lin Ling nodded, "You're wise. Now go. I'm waiting for you to become my Junior Brother in the Tyrant Blade Sect."

Zhao Hai gave a nod. He cupped his fist towards the two and then left.

#### Chapter 1970: Suspected Plot

The Yin Yang Elders were currently looking at five metal discs. These discs were the ones Zhao Hai brought back. The two old men couldn't help but look at it with surprise. Lin Ling and Xiang Ying were standing at the side.

When Zhao Hai left, the two elders appeared in the courtyard. When the two seniors arrived, Lin Ling and Xiang Ying immediately stood up and offered them a seat. The Yin Elder looked at Xiang Ying and said, "Little Ying, show me the discs that the kid Zhao Hai brought back."

Xiang Ying gave the five discs that Zhao Hai collected to the two elders. The two elders looked at the metal discs one after another. A happy expression was on their faces.

After the two elders looked at the discs, the Yin Elder looked at Lin Ling and said, "Lin Ling, good job on finding Zhao Hai early. This old man will make sure to inform the sect's higher ups about your contribution."

Lin Ling bowed and said, "Thank you very much, Martial Uncle."

The Yang Elder chuckled and said, "It seems like Zhao Hai will join our Tyrant Blade Sect before long. This would make him the fastest cultivator to enter the True Spirit Realm."

Lin Ling and the others were stunned when they heard this. Then they immediately recovered. Ever since the Soaring Dragon Realm was established, nobody has collected five metal discs in such a short time. If Zhao Hai managed to collect ten discs, then he would be the quickest lower realm cultivator to join a sect in the True Spirit Realm.

The Yin Elder smiled faintly and said, "Actually, I feel that Zhao Hai's current strength is already enough to enter the True Spirit Realm. But we can't break the rules. It's better to keep him here for a while. Now that the kid had provoked the Imperial Beast Sect, I'm sure that things would be more lively soon."

The Yang Elder coldly snorted and said, "So what if he provoked the Imperial Blade Sect. What can they do? No matter what, it's good for us. We can settle accounts from long ago."

The Yin Elder smiled faintly and didn't say anything. Lin Ling and Xiang Ying knew that the Yin Elder's temperament was much worse compared to the Yang Elder. But after years of self-reflection, the Yin Elder's temperament has improved. If it was a few years ago, then he would have flown into rage and turned Yushou City upside down.

If it wasn't for Zhao Hai, the Tyrant Blade Sect would have lost a lot. People they were paying attention to were being attacked, which resulted in two deaths and six wounded. How could the two elders not be angry with this? Fortunately, Zhao Hai was able to kill five, otherwise the two elders would not be able to hold back and slaughter their way into Yushou City. If that happens, things in the Soaring Dragon Realm would become troublesome.

The Yang Elder's complexion improved. He looked at Lin Ling and Xiang Ying and said, "You two are doing well. I know that you've reminded Zhao Hai against other people. I heard that in addition to Zhao Hai, there's another strong kid. However, that kid seems to be taking action against people on his side. What's happening?"

Lin Ling nodded, then he frowned and said, "There's such a thing. That person's name is Mo Si. He entered five years before Zhao Hai. His strength is extraordinary. Although he isn't as powerful as Zhao Hai, he's not that bad. We started paying attention to him two years ago. That kid is a loner and uses the blade well. He comes from an ordinary lower realm and there's nothing extraordinary from his background. He became active in Hengdao City and completed all his tasks alone. He became murderous three years ago. He rented a small courtyard and paid it with money he got from killing people. A year ago, we made him an unofficial disciple of the sect. But after getting his metal disc, he didn't set off to



other cities to hunt. Instead, he targeted other people on our side. So far, he has killed three people with metal discs.”

The Yin Elder’s expression dropped, then he coldly snorted and said, “He can’t deal with our enemies and instead killed our own people. Such people aren’t worthy of our Tyrant Blade Sect. Kick him out of the sect. We don’t want people like him.”

Lin Ling frowned and said, “Elder, this Mo Si is very good. I heard that the True Dao Sect is also paying attention to him. If we kick him out now, I’m afraid the True Dao Sect would immediately get him. And that kid doesn’t have the greatest hearts. He will surely hate the Tyrant Blade Sect. If he joins the True Dao Sect, his existence would have a certain impact on the relationship of the two sects. Moreover, it’s inconvenient to make a move against him in the Soaring Dragon Realm. This is the reason why I haven’t driven him away yet.”

The Yin Elder frowned, “You mean to say that we cannot do anything to him right now? Hmph. That kid is lucky. If this was the sect, this old man would have executed him already.”

Xiang Ying smiled faintly and said, “The Elders shouldn’t take action for this kind of human. I have a plan to get rid of this kid.”

The Yin Elder looked at Xiang Ying and said, “What plan do you have? Let’s hear it?”

Xiang Ying answered, “Doesn’t Mo Si like to attack people on his own side? And he’s a jealous man. As long as we spread word about Zhao Hai, I believe he won’t be able to hold back and attack him. When they fight, I’m certain that Zhao Hai would be the one who would win.”

Hearing Xiang Ying, the Yin Elder stared. Then after thinking about it, he nodded and said, “Alright. Then let’s do that. Although the Tyrant Blade Sect acts domineering, we have always been united. Our sect doesn’t need a ruthless and traitorous person. Go and tell Zhao Hai about it.”

The two complied. The Yang Elder looked at the two and said, “Get to the bottom of this Mo Si’s background. Find out everything about him. Look at the sect he came from and who has visited it over the years. Check everything. I want to see if someone is behind this matter.”

Upon hearing this, Xiang Ying and Lin Ling couldn't help but stare. Then their expression changed as they said, "Yes. Elder can rest assured, we will look into it."

The Yin Elder looked at the Yang Elder and said, "Junior Brother, are you thinking that someone from the lower realms wants to deal with our Tyrant Blade Sect? How is that possible?"

The Yin Elder knew that even if his Junior Brother had a short temper, he was very meticulous when he is calm. Therefore, the Yin Elder respected the thoughts of the Yang Elder. But this time, the Yang Elder's idea looks too outrageous.

The Yang Elder shook his head and said, "I'm also not sure about it. However, we cannot ignore the possibility. The Tyrant Blade Sect is famous for our unity. If someone wants to destroy the Tyrant Blade Sect, doing it from the inside would be a good idea. This is more terrifying than having enemies outside."

The Yin Elder nodded. Lin Ling and Xiang Ying's expressions also turned serious. If what the Yang Elder said was true, then that would be terrifying.

The reason they were worried was because the Tyrant Blade Sect was different compared to other sects. The Tyrant Blade Sect has the fewest disciples among the top sects. Although the sect has a lot of powerful experts, their ranking among the top sects in the True Spirit Realm wasn't at the top due to their lack of disciples. The Tyrant Blade Sect was also known in the True Spirit Realm for their unity. If one was asked which sect was the most united in the True Spirit Realm, then they would definitely point to the Tyrant Blade Sect.

If it was the other sects, then they would not have worried about someone trying to destroy it from the inside. Sects always had internal strife, and there were enough mountains for everyone. But things weren't the same with the Tyrant Blade Sect. With how few disciples it had, destroying their relationship with each other would be destructive to the sect.

As he thought about it, the Yin Elder said, "Lin Ling, Xiang Ying, make sure that this matter doesn't reach anyone else's ears. Make your investigations in secret. We will report this matter to this sect. If there's really someone behind this, then this old man will go out and slaughter them."

The Yang Elder coldly snorted and said, "Someone actually dared to use this method against the Tyrant Blade Sect."

Lin Ling and Xiang Ying complied. The Yin Yang Elders stood up and then left the courtyard. When the elders left, Xiang Ying looked at Lin Ling and said, "Senior Brother Lin, you are closer to Zhao Hai than me. You tell him about Mo Si. Right, ask Zhao Hai to see if he could draw out a little information from Mo Si's mouth. I'll go and check Mo Si's background. If the Yang Elder's suspicions are true, then the Tyrant Blade Sect will not let him off. Even his small realm will be annihilated."

Lin Ling coldly snorted and said, "If that is really the case, then not even dogs or chickens will be left in Mo Si's realm." After saying that, he turned around and left. This time, he didn't send someone to call Zhao Hai. He would go and meet Zhao Hai himself.

Zhao Hai was currently in his own residence. He wasn't anxious about collecting ten metal discs. In any case, he has time. He was also prepared to taunt the Sword Hegemon Sect. After that, he should have collected ten discs.

As for dealing with people on his side to get their metal discs, Zhao Hai didn't have any intentions to do that. Why should he attack his own people? Zhao Hai wasn't that kind of person.

Zhao Hai sat in his courtyard and communicated with Cai'er in his mind. He was asking Cai'er to help him calculate how stronger the stellar transformations great formation became upon using the vermilion bird stamp and the black tortoise stamp.

This information is very relevant for Zhao Hai. When Zhao Hai used the formation against the five cultivators, he felt that he hadn't exerted the full power of the formation. The formation didn't even use a ten thousandth( 1/10,000th ) of its strength. If it was used in its full power, then even Zhao Hai would not be able to resist it.

Zhao Hai wants to know if he could use the formation to deal with people like Hu Wang and Xiang Que. The two beastmen remained one of Zhao Hai's worries in the Soaring Dragon Realm. If the formation could deal with those two, then Zhao Hai would have no need to worry. Also, Zhao Hai doesn't want to have a weapon that he couldn't control. Therefore, he was very interested in the specifics of the new formation.

As Zhao Hai was following Cai'er's research with the new stellar transformations great formation, a knock was suddenly heard from his gate. Zhao Hai stared and immediately went towards the gate. When

he opened the gate, Zhao Hai couldn't help but pause. Instead of the young cultivator, the person outside his gate was Lin Ling.

It must be said that the courtyard was designed in a special way. If you were inside the courtyard, then you would not be able to hear anything from the outside nor would you be able to know who was outside. It was just like a mortal not knowing who was knocking on their door.

Zhao Hai was stunned when he saw Lin Ling. Then he was even more stunned when he saw Lin Ling's expression. He quickly said, "Senior Brother Ling, why are you here? Please come in." Zhao Hai noticed Lin Ling's expression, and it was very ugly. There was even a hint of killing intent within his eyes. Fortunately, this killing intent wasn't directed towards Zhao Hai.

Lin Ling nodded and then silently entered Zhao Hai's courtyard. Zhao Hai asked Lin Ling to sit in the living room and then took out a bottle of liquor before offering Lin Ling a cup. Lin Ling accepted the cup and then took a sip. Only then did he open his mouth and said, "Zhao Hai, sit down. I have a special mission for you. If you complete it, you will obtain ten discs and join the Tyrant Blade Sect."

Zhao Hai stared, then he looked at Lin Ling and said, "Senior Brother Lin, did something happen? Although I'm only an unofficial disciple, I'm already someone of the Tyrant Blade Sect. If there's something I can do, then I naturally wouldn't decline."

Hearing this, Lin Ling showed a rare smile on his face. Then he nodded and said, "Alright, hearing that made me relieved. This mission is special. You should be aware that the Tyrant Blade Sect has other unofficial disciples. One of them is a person named Mo Si. He entered the realm five years before you and became an unofficial disciple a year ago. Your mission is to kill him."