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Chapter 2001: Primal Chaos Manual

It was already late when Zhao Hai returned to resident complex 52. Qiu Tie was currently commanding the robots to collect stones and not memorizing the jade slip. He didn't know how many stones he needed. He thought that the more stones the better.

Looking at Qiu Tie's appearance, Zhao Hai couldn't help but chuckle. This was the first time he saw a child looking so serious.

When he saw that Zhao Hai was back, Qiu Tie immediately ran over and bowed as he greeted, "Young Master, you're back."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he patted Qiu Tie's head and said, "Alright, make the robots stop. We have enough stones. Order them to make food so that we can eat. Then after eating, you can take care of your cultivation."

Qiu Tie happily complied and then turned around and ran. He ordered the robots who were still quarrying stones to stop and then had them prepare food.

Before long, the food was prepared and then Zhao Hai and Qiu Tie ate their meal. Zhao Hai sent Qiu Tie away to memorize the jade slip. Then he had the robots begin renovations according to the resident complex's initial design. As for the jade slip containing the formations of the True Spirit Realm, he already sent it to the Space for Cai'er and the others to study.

It has to be said that formations in the True Spirit Realm were much more complex compared to formations in the Great Realm of Cultivation. These formations were also stronger and needed more resources to power. However, Zhao Hai wasn't worried about powering the formation. He was planning to plant an Elven Tree in the core of the residence complex to provide power. When all of this is finished, the residence would be impregnable.

After ordering the robots to work, Zhao Hai returned to his room. Since the robots were very loud, Zhao Hai had to set up a silencing formation so that he could concentrate.

Zhao Hai was currently reading the cultivation method that he obtained from the Blade Pavilion, the Primordial Chaos Manual. It was a low-level cultivation method that was used by basic disciples of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Zhao Hai wanted to read this method to see the difference between the True Spirit Realm and the Great Realm of Cultivation's methods.

The Primordial Chaos Manual was an earth attribute cultivation method. It was the one of the most basic manuals of the True Spirit Realm, something you can buy in an alley. It might even be considered as a supplementary manual. However, Zhao Hai still felt that there was something unique with the method.

In the lower realm, cultivation only involved absorbing spiritual qi from the heavens and earth. But in the True Spirit Realm, you don't only need to absorb spiritual qi and circulate it according to the cultivation method, you also need to comprehend the cultivation method's intent. This intent was the difference between cultivation methods of the Great Realm of Cultivation and the True Spirit Realm.

In the Great Realm of Cultivation, things like intent were only comprehended by Immortal Experts. But in the True Spirit Realm, cultivation methods would allow the cultivator to comprehend intent. It can be seen from this point how the cultivation methods of the True Spirit Realm were better.

Although the Primal Chaos Manual wasn't complex, Zhao Hai gave his earnest effort to research it. He wanted to see what enlightenments he could gain from the Primal Chaos Manual.

The Primal Chaos Manual only has a bit more than 2000 characters. It didn't take long before Zhao Hai was done researching it. After storing the jade slip, Zhao Hai closed his eyes and felt the characteristics of the Primal Chaos Manual. Then he operated his spiritual qi according to the Primal Chaos Manual's instructions.

At the same time, Zhao Hai adjusted his spiritual force to pay attention to the effects of the Primal Chaos Manual. He wanted to see if the manual had its own consciousness.

Zhao Hai was inspired by his other practices. When he was practicing his blade, he used his spiritual force to feel the consciousness of those techniques. Then he would communicate with it to learn more.

To Zhao Hai, since blade techniques have their own consciousness, then there's no reason for cultivation methods like the Primal Chaos Manual to not have any. Therefore, Zhao Hai probed the

manual's process to see if he could find its consciousness. Zhao Hai's current thinking speed was very fast. So when he was looking for the Primal Chaos Manuals' consciousness, he slowed his thinking speed down.

Before long, Zhao Hai felt the consciousness of the Primal Chaos Manual. This caused Zhao Hai to be happy. His theory has been confirmed. Although the consciousness of the Primal Chaos Manual was very weak, at least Zhao Hai proved that cultivation methods also have their own consciousness.

As long as he proves that cultivation methods have consciousness, everything would be easy. Zhao Hai could study the cultivation methods he learned before and use his own consciousness to communicate with them, especially the Stellar Transformations Yin-yang Art. Zhao Hai practiced this cultivation method ever since he was in the Divine Realm. And after reaching the True Spirit Realm, he discovered that this cultivation method could still be cultivated. This was enough to prove how extraordinary it was.

After seeing the consciousness of the Primal Chaos Manual, Zhao Hai immediately used his own consciousness to communicate with it. Then he sensed its thinking process.

The thoughts of the Primal Chaos Manual were quite special. Zhao Hai could feel that the Primal Chaos Manual was very close to the earth.

It took a while before Zhao Hai withdrew his consciousness from the Primal Chaos Manual. After stopping, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sigh. To be honest, the Primal Chaos Manual was a good cultivation method. The Primal Chaos Manual had a very strong earth intent. But because it was too simple, people in the True Spirit Realm looked down on it and didn't study it in depth. Because of this, the Primal Chaos Manual was placed at the bottom of the rankings.

In Zhao Hai's opinion, if the Primal Chaos Method was cultivated well and its intent was fully comprehended, then it might become one of the top methods in the True Spirit Realm.

Sometimes people were like this. They would regard pearl and jade as stone, and ginseng as grass. The Primal Chaos Manual was despised because its cultivation requirements were low. This was where the misunderstanding came about. They thought that the difficulty in cultivating equates to a higher level method.

The people of the True Spirit Realm also knew that the simplest wasn't necessarily the best. However, the best was also the simplest truth, this was the definition of the Grand Dao. There was a type of boundary between the two.

Zhao Hai lied on his bed as he felt the intent of the Primal Chaos Manual. He made a decision. When Qiu Tie reaches a higher level, he would make him practice the Primal Chaos Manual.

The night passed without any interruptions. The next morning, Zhao Hai got up early and practiced his blade for a while. Then he commanded the robots to cook breakfast as he walked out of his courtyard. When he walked out, Zhao Hai was stunned. Besides his own courtyard in resident complex 52, the other courtyard blocks have disappeared. Then the stones used to make those residences were neatly stacked. The slabs on the floor were also stored properly.

This was also what Zhao Hai intended to do. He wanted to arrange a formation, and it had to be placed underground. So the slabs of the resident complex needed to be lifted up.

Since the robots had completed their tasks, they were already in hibernation. This was an energy-efficient mode for the robots. But as long as a command was made, these robots would immediately turn on.

Zhao Hai looked at the scene and gave a satisfied nod. Then he called Cai'er, "Cai'er, how is the formation design going?" Although the formations of the True Spirit Realm were more complex, the Space has too many formations to refer to. It can be said that for one formation, the Space would have a thousand formations as a reference. With so many formations as a basis, studying the formations of the True Spirit Realm wasn't so difficult.

Cai'er nodded and said, "It's done. Also, the materials for arranging the formation have been prepared. Young master, how about building the other courtyards first, then finally rebuilding the courtyard you're living in. What do you think?"

Zhao Hai nodded. Then when he turned his hand, he was already holding a few blueprints as well as a memory chip. At the same time, materials appeared on the ground.

Zhao Hai looked through the blueprints and gave a satisfied nod. Then he inserted the memory chip into one of the robots. The robot started up immediately and began to attach the other robots to its body. It already knew everything about the task.

Now that it has received its instructions, the robot began construction. By this point, the robot no longer looked humanoid. It was more like an automated machine that could only do construction-related work.

The robot's actions were very fast. There was no need for Zhao Hai to order it. Seeing that the job was working fine, he no longer paid attention to it as he returned to his courtyard. At this point, Qiu Tie had already woken up and the robots had prepared breakfast.

After their meal, Zhao Hai looked at Qiu Tie and said, "Little Tie, after this, go outside and supervise the construction robot. I'll take care of other matters. If there aren't enough materials, immediately tell me. I have to take a look at the situation below."

Hearing this, Qiu Tie nodded and said, "Yes, Young Master can rest assured."

Zhao Hai patted Qiu Tie's head and then left.

Chapter 2002: The Finished Courtyard

Zhao Hai sat on the back of the winged horse as he looked at the lands below. The farmable area was very huge. Seeing it full of weeds, Zhao Hai felt a bit heartbroken.

However, Zhao Hai didn't do anything. He just flew around the land and then asked, "Laura, what do you think is good for this land?"

Laura thought for a moment and said, "We can plant defensive plants surrounding the land. Then plant medicinal herbs in the middle. We can also plant Sky Reaching Vines. With these, even if the beasts come, nothing would happen."

Zhao Hai thought about it and nodded, "We can do that. How about you make a plan? See which plants in the Space can be used for attack and defense. We don't only need to plant defensive plants on the surroundings, we'll also plant them all throughout the land."

Laura and the others nodded as they got busy. Then Zhao Hai steered his winged horse back to his courtyard. The land below was very big, over a million square kilometers. Moreover, the land was very arable. If it was utilized well, it would bring a huge income to the Tyrant Blade Sect.

What Zhao Hai didn't know was that the Tyrant Blade Sect didn't intentionally abandon the field below Lower Earth Mountain. To say that the Tyrant Blade Sect was afraid of Black Dragon Mountain would be incorrect. There were even beasts in the territory of the Tyrant Blade Sect, so the beasts in Black Dragon Mountain weren't that special.

The reason the Tyrant Blade Sect didn't farm the land was because they lacked manpower. The Black Dragon Mountain was too dangerous for Serving Disciples. If they met an attack, they could only wait for death. And if they send high-level disciples, nobody would be willing. Strong disciples wanted to progress in their cultivation. They don't have time to farm. They want to do missions and cultivate.

Because of this, the lands of Lower Earth Mountain became desolate. In the end, they have to create a mission with rich benefits for it. But even after a long time, nobody took the task. Those who could take this task weren't strong enough and those who were strong disdained it.

Now that Zhao Hai accepted the mission, whether or not he could farm it all, the Tyrant Blade Sect would be able to breathe a sigh of relief.

Zhao Hai returned to his own courtyard. When he arrived, he saw the robot already laying the underground formation. The underground formation would be made out of metal with high-energy conductivity. The core position of the formation was also laid vacant for the Elven Tree.

This defensive formation was three-dimensional. Even if the top layer was destroyed, it wouldn't affect the strength of the formation.

Qiu Tie was currently sitting outside the courtyard and supervised the robot. But judging by his vacant gaze, it was clear that his thoughts were in another place.

Zhao Hai didn't care about Qiu Tie's absent-mindedness. He knew that Qiu Tie should be thinking about the Demon Subjugating Technique. Judging by his appearance, Qiu Tie was about to finish memorizing the technique.

Zhao Hai went inside and began to think about the techniques and cultivation methods he learned in the past. Upon confirming that cultivation methods have their own consciousness, it's natural that he would want to revisit them.

When lunch time came, Zhao Hai ordered the robots to make food and then called Qiu Tie over who had been in a daze. Qiu Tie was somewhat embarrassed. He was a servant, but now his tasks have been taken by Zhao Hai. Qiu Tie was scared that Zhao Hai would scold him. But seeing that Zhao Hai wasn't angry at all, he felt relieved.

Zhao Hai practiced his previous techniques for the next few days. Meanwhile, resident complex 52 has been changing every day. After seven days, besides the courtyard block that Zhao Hai was in, the other courtyard blocks have been rebuilt. Zhao Hai brought Qiu Tie to another courtyard block so that the robots could continue to work. After the final courtyard block was knocked down and rebuilt with the formation, the reconstruction of resident complex 52 was done.

And during these seven days, Zhao Hai also comprehended everything he practiced before. Zhao Hai even comprehended his use of formations once again. What Zhao Hai didn't expect was that his method to control formations also has its own consciousness. Moreover, its consciousness was very strong.

Just right after Zhao Hai moved out of his original courtyard, Laura and the others began drawing designs for the land below the mountain. They produced several drawings but weren't satisfied. And now they sent over another drawing.

Upon seeing the plan, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be stunned. The plan was very beautiful. The outermost edges of the land were planted with a sea of flowers. Naturally, these weren't ordinary flowers. Instead, these flowers were the ones that caused hallucinations without the target knowing. The flowers were now more potent upon being improved. Even an immortal expert wouldn't be spared by its pollen.

Moreover, this field of flowers also contain various small insects and snakes that contain poison. The sea of flowers would act as a natural defensive net that would protect the lands in the middle.

Planted on the side close to Lower Earth Mountain would be a forest of sky reaching vines. These vines will prevent flying beasts from attacking.

Inside the sea of flowers would be a forest. But the forest wouldn't consist of fruit-bearing trees like bread trees, but instead they would be man-eating trees. There were plenty of such forests inside Zhao Hai's Space. These trees can not only absorb nutrients from the ground but they can also eat meat. The roots and branches of these trees would attack enemies. They even emit a fragrance that contains poison.

After his forest of man-eating trees would be the real fruit trees. There would also be bread trees among the fruit trees. Naturally, on certain intervals, there would be trees that would attack intruders.

Beyond the fruit trees would be a field of bamboo rice. The bamboo rice would stretch until it reached the very center of the field where some vegetables and other grain varieties would be planted. Then the innermost part of the field would be a large medicinal field.

Looking at the ring-like design for the field, Zhao Hai nodded and gave his approval. As he flew around the field, he released robots and machines to begin plowing the land.

After that, Zhao Hai no longer cared about the robots working below. He returned to his courtyard and waited for another two days. The original courtyard that he lived in has been renovated. The reconstruction of resident complex 52 was just missing the last step, which was the transplantation of the Elven Tree.

Transplanting the Elven Tree wasn't difficult, but it was crucial. Once the Elven Tree were placed, the defensive system of the resident complex would automatically activate.

The location for the Elven Tree was already reserved. Fortunately, the tree wasn't tall. It looked like an ornamental tree that would go very well with the yard.

After transplanting the Elven Tree, Zhao Hai went to see how the land below was going. Zhao Hai released quite a lot of robots so the land was being plowed very quickly. This time, Zhao Hai didn't wait until all of the land was plowed before planting his crops. He first plowed the periphery and then planted the flower fields. Even if the flowers don't use the Space's water to increase their growth, they still grow very fast. With the flowers present, the fields inside would be safer.

Zhao Hai also inserted memory chips to the robots detailing how the land was going to be farmed. Therefore, there was no need to supervise them all the time. He only needs to look from time to time to see if there were any errors. Seeing that there wasn't anything wrong, Zhao Hai was relieved.

After surveying the work on the field, Zhao Hai rode his winged horse towards Yin-Yang Peak. Zhao Hai didn't take Qiu Tie with him because he had something more important to do. Qiu Tie was currently studying the Demon Subjugation Technique.

The Demon Subjugation Technique was a Buddhist Technique. From exercising one's body to exercising one's will, everything needs to be done step by step. Qiu Tie was currently exercising his body. Zhao Hai set up a fitness room in the training ground that has a lot of equipment. Qiu Tie was now spending most of his time there.

Zhao Hai didn't give Qiu Tie a lot of pointers, nor did he observe him every day. He just told Qiu Tie what to watch out for and no longer bothered him.

The road of cultivation was lonely and painful. Without great mental power, it would be impossible for a person to embark on it. Zhao Hai trained Qiu Tie according to this philosophy. He didn't only exercise Qiu Tie's physical strength, but also his mental strength. Only in this way can Qiu Tie reach far in the future. Otherwise, it would be very hard for him to reach a high-level with his Mortal-grade spiritual roots.

Zhao Hai originally thought that Qiu Tie wouldn't be able to hold on after a few days. But he didn't expect Qiu Tie to continue training every day. He would even exceed the training volume that Zhao Hai gave him.

Zhao Hai seems to have underestimated the willpower of the people from the True Spirit Realm. Although Qiu Tie was still a young child, he has been told early on that cultivators were the strongest and most powerful. Because of this, the desire to cultivate was deeply rooted in his bones. So even if he was faced with difficulty, it wouldn't be able to stop him.

Nevertheless, Zhao Hai was very glad to see Qiu Tie train earnestly. As long as Qiu Tie continued his current pace, and with Zhao Hai's support, he would definitely become a formidable cultivator in the future.

Chapter 2003: Inspection

Zhao Hai got down from the winged horse on the foot of Yin-Yang Mountain as usual. Then he walked up the mountain path until he reached the courtyard. He pushed the door open and saw Qiu Zhen with the housework robot. The robots were all powered by solar energy. One day in the sun was enough for them to run for a week. Therefore, Zhao Hai wasn't worried about the robots running out of power.

What Zhao Hai didn't understand was why this small courtyard would have a large open area. Because of this, Qiu Zhen had a lot of things to clean every day.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Qiu Zhen immediately went over. But after seeing that Qiu Tie wasn't present, his smile couldn't help but decrease. He slowly approached Zhao Hai and gave a bow, "I have seen the Young Master. Young Master, did Little Tie cause any trouble?"

Hearing Qiu Zhen, Zhao Hai was stunned. Then he quickly understood, he shook his head and said, "He's doing very well. I began teaching him how to cultivate four days ago. He's currently at the stage of training his body. He needs a lot of time to practice every day, so I didn't bring him with me. Don't worry, I'll have him visit you later."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, Qiu Zhen relaxed, then he gave his thanks, "Thank you very much, Young Master. It's Little Tie's fortune to follow you. Our Qiu Clan will always be grateful."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and said, "Uncle Zhen is too polite. I have something to talk about with my Master, so I'll be going first." After speaking, he went to the living room and said, "Masters, it's Zhao Hai."

The Yin Elder replied, "Come in." Zhao Hai complied and opened the door before walking in.

The Yin Yang Elders were waiting for him in the living room. After Zhao Hai entered, he immediately gave the two elders a salute. The Yin Elder nodded and said, "Why haven't you come for several days? How is your courtyard?"

Zhao Hai quickly replied, "Replying to Master, because of the matters of my courtyard, I haven't been able to come. My courtyard is now finished. If you have time, you can take a look."

The Yang Elder raised his brow and said, "It's finished? This soon? Did you build it using robots?"

The Yang Elder was very interested in Zhao Hai's robots. This was because the Puppet Hall has sent back information. Although the robots couldn't fight and didn't have a lot of formations, the help they brought was very big. And because of the novel design of the robots, the Puppet Hall has gained a lot of enlightenments.

Zhao Hai was unaware of this, so upon hearing the Yang Elder, he nodded and said, "Yes Master. The courtyard has been rebuilt according to its original design. I also installed a formation. The defenses of the courtyard should be very strong."

Hearing this, the Yin Elder got up and said, "Let's go and see your residence. I want to see if it's as good as you say." The Yang Elder also nodded and stood up.

Zhao Hai was quite surprised, he didn't expect the Elders to go to his residence right now. But he didn't say anything. He just nodded and agreed.

After that, the group walked outside. They greeted Qiu Zhen as they walked out and then followed Zhao Hai down the mountain.

The two Elders have portable transmission formations, but they heard that Zhao Hai has a lot of flying beasts. They wanted to take a look so they didn't use their portable transmission formations. Instead, they followed Zhao Hai down.

After arriving at the foot of the mountain, Zhao Hai released a nine-winged cloud centipede. The nine-winged cloud centipede was very big, so its back was enough to fit the group of three. It was a very good beast to use as a mount.

The Yin Yang Elders stayed for quite some time in the Soaring Dragon Realm, so they knew the nine-winged cloud centipede. They also knew that Zhao Hai took the task of collecting cloud iron ore. However, they didn't expect Zhao Hai to tame one of the centipedes.

Regardless, the two elders didn't say anything. They jumped on the back of the centipede before it shot up in the sky and flew towards Lower Earth Mountain.

In the True Spirit Realm, only those who reached the Teleportation Stage could fly. Those without the ability to fly could only depend on flying beasts to shorten their travel time. In the Tyrant Blade Sect, there was even a business of loaning and selling flying beasts. Because of this, there were quite a lot of flying beasts across the sect.

The nine-winged cloud centipede was very fast. In less than four hours, the group of three arrived at Lower Earth Mountain. Looking down at Lower Earth Mountain, the two elders couldn't help but sigh. They lived in Lower Earth Mountain for some time in the past. At that time, the mountain was very lively and was occupied by many people. The 21 peaks were home to a lot of people, especially those who would venture to Black Dragon Mountain to train. But now, Lower Earth Mountain has become a deserted place. One simply couldn't see anyone.

As the centipede flew over the land that was handed to Zhao Hai, the Yin Yang Elders quickly discovered the robots plowing the land. The two elders couldn't help but admire the working efficiency of the robots.

The two elders didn't have any feelings about the robots before. They were the same as other people in the True Spirit Realm. The only important thing in their mind was fighting strength. They don't bother to look at things with no fighting power.

The value they attached to the robot was no more than its contribution to the Puppet Hall. As for the usefulness of the robots, they didn't care about it.

But now, after seeing the robots reclaiming a huge tract of land, they couldn't help but be startled.

Before long, the nine-winged cloud centipede arrived at resident complex 52. From above, the resident complex didn't look very big. But after its reconstruction, the resident complex seemed to be more imposing.

Looking at resident complex 52, the Yin Yang Elders gave a satisfied nod. They approved of Zhao Hai's method of rebuilding the residence.

Once the nine-winged cloud centipede fully landed on the ground, the group got down. Then they saw Qiu Tie running over from the fitness yard. Seeing the Yin Yang Elders, Qiu Tie immediately bowed and said, "I have seen the Yin Yang Elders. I have seen the Young Master."

Looking at Qiu Tie sweating profusely, Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Little Tie, even if you want to exercise, pay attention to yourself. Don't tire yourself too much. You haven't reached maturity yet. Exercising too much would leave hidden wounds which would affect your future progress. Don't practice too much in the future. And soak in the potion every night before going to bed."

Qiu Tie complied. Then Zhao Hai led the Yin Yang Elders inside. Zhao Hai was now living at the courtyard block that was closest to the center of the resident complex.

The central area didn't only have Zhao Hai's residence, it also has a refining room, pill room, two quiet rooms, a dining room, a kitchen, two bathrooms, and two fitness rooms.

Zhao Hai led the Yin Yang Elders to enter his own courtyard block. Inside was Zhao Hai's bedroom along with Qiu Tie's. Then outside Qiu Tie's room was the living room. And right beside the living room was the formation control room of resident complex 52.

After inviting the elders to the living room, Zhao Hai ordered the robot to offer tea and snacks. After giving his order, Zhao Hai stood on the side. The Yin Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, sit down as well." Zhao Hai complied and sat down as well.

The Yin Elder turned his head outside and said, "You did well rebuilding the place. But you said that the defenses are very strong, I want to see it."

Zhao Hai got up and said, "The formation is already in operation. If Master wants to see, you can. We can go to the control room right now."

Hearing this, the Yin Elder became curious. He stood up along with the Yang Elder and walked towards the control room. The room was quite spacious. When the Yin Elder entered, he couldn't help but squint his eyes. Inside the control room wasn't a controlling formation. Instead, there were multiple screens showing the situation all around resident complex 52. Every corner of the residence was being shown.

Seeing this, the Yin Elder couldn't help but be in a daze. After he recovered, he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, this is your control room? How can you use these things?"

Zhao Hai walked over, then he pushed the screens on the control room and said, "Master, you can use these to control the formations. You can control the entire formation or a part of it. There are trapping formations as well as killing formations all throughout the resident complex." While talking, Zhao Hai controlled the screens with his hand. The two elders saw a place on the screen suddenly fluctuating with energy. Then before long a red cage appeared on the screen.

Seeing this, the Yin Elder said, "Keep it going, let's head out and take a look." Zhao Hai understood what the elder wanted. He nodded and stopped touching the screen. Then he led the Yin Yang Elders out of the control room and towards the place he controlled just now.

Upon arriving at the location, the Yin Elder couldn't help but knit his brows. He couldn't see the red cage that he saw on the screen. However, he could feel a faint trace of energy.

When he saw the Yin Elder's expression, Zhao Hai immediately knew what he was thinking, he quickly said, "Master, the red cage on the screen was just a visual image. Actually, the cage is colorless. But you can feel it. If you don't believe me, you can touch it." As he spoke, Zhao Hai stretched his hand forward and touched something.

The Yin Yang Elders stared and also extended their hand to touch the cage. They could feel a transparent wall stopping their hands. As they traced the obstruction, they could see that it was truly a cage.

The Yin Yang Elders looked at each other and saw surprise on their eyes. This cage was formed out of pure energy. Moreover, the energy was properly controlled with almost zero overflow. If they didn't feel the faint fluctuation of the cage, they wouldn't have been able to discover it.

It must be known that the Elders weren't ordinary cultivators. Both of them were Condensing Spirit Cultivators. Their spiritual force was much more powerful compared to most cultivators. However, they couldn't completely sense the cage. This only explains that the cage wasn't simple.

As they touched the cage, the elders tried to exert more force in their hands. They wanted to see the toughness of the cage. One percent of their strength was fine. They tried three percent but the cage

didn't budge. Five percent, it was still alright. Only after they exerted 6 percent of their strength did the part of the cage they were touching disappear. However, they could still sense that the entire cage wasn't completely destroyed. This caused the expression of the elders to change once more.

Whether it be a defensive shield made of energy, or a cage, or other forms of defense, even if they were very tough, they all have one weakness. Once it was damaged, the integrity of the entire defense would be broken. On the other hand, Zhao Hai's cage continued to function even if one of its parts was broken. This was a very rare accomplishment even in the True Spirit Realm.

Additionally, the toughness of the cage surprised the two elders. Such a cage made of energy could actually block 5% of their strength. It should be known that 5% of their strength was enough to kill most Teleportation Stage Cultivators. Even an Earth Monarch would have to retreat if they were hit by such an attack.

The Yin Yang Elders looked at each other. Then the Yang Elder turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, we destroyed a few places of the cage to test how hard it is. Would it affect the formation?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Master doesn't need to worry. As long as you don't continue attacking, it will return to normal in a while. And it won't affect the formation."

Teh Yin Elder nodded and said, "Let's go, we'll talk after we go back." Zhao Hai nodded and led the two elders back to the living room.

Although Zhao Hai saw the two elders' change in expression, he didn't say anything. Instead, he continued to accompany the two elders in the living room. After sipping from his cup, the Yin Elder raised his brow and said, "Good tea."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "This disciple brought a lot of tea from the lower realm. If Master wants, I can give you some."

The Yin Elder nodded, then he said, "Little Hai, the formation you used in this place, is it from the sect? Why do I feel that it's different?"

Hearing the Yin Elder, Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Replying to Master. This disciple did use the formation acquired from the sect. However, the formation I used is also different."

Chapter 2004: Formation Hall

"Replying to Master, disciple did use the formations of the sect, but these formations are also different. They are formations that I have modified."

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, the eyes of the Yin Yang Elders couldn't help but light up. The Yin Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You improved the formation? The sect's formation? How many formations have you installed here?"

The Yin Elder asked because he knew that Zhao Hai must have installed a lot of formations throughout the residence. Otherwise, he wouldn't have this much control over everything. Although he didn't specially research formations, he knew that there was no such formation in the True Spirit Realm.

Zhao Hai pondered for a while and then said, "There are more than 3600 formations around the residence. These formations are part of a whole and they can be used to form a larger formation. What I just activated is one of the small formations. If the entire formation was used, the strength of the defense would be even greater."

The Yin Yang Elders were stunned. The Yin Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "What did you say? You placed more than 3600 formations?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Yes. To be exact, it's 3650 formations. These formations form into a larger formation. This allows them to be used on their own or as a whole. The formations have different effects. Some are defensive formations, some are trapping formations, and there are also killing formations."

The Yang Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, tell me the truth. What's the difference between your formations and the formations of the sect?"

Hearing the Yang Elder, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile. He found that he underestimated his Master. He didn't want to talk about his three-dimensional formations, but it seems like he couldn't hide it anymore. Zhao Hai didn't want to lie to the elders. After all, they had taken good care of him.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, “Actually, I didn’t make a lot of changes to the formations. I just changed how I arranged it. Most formations are flat like a formation disk. However, this disciple’s formations aren’t. I reckon I’m the only person in this realm who knows about this. My formations are three dimensional. Instead of a plate, my formations are more like a cube. This increased the formation’s power by multiple times. Most importantly, unlike two-dimensional formations that get destroyed if one or two parts gets damaged, three-dimensional formations will continue to run even if half of its cores are destroyed.”

The two elders weren’t experts when it comes to formations. So they didn’t comprehend much from Zhao Hai’s description of three-dimensional formations. However, they could understand Zhao Hai’s latter words.

Whether it be the Great Realm of Cultivation or the True Spirit Realm, as long as you’re a cultivator, you must have a basic understanding of formations. Otherwise, you wouldn’t be able to progress forward. As cultivators in the Condensing Spirit Stage, how could the two elders not know about the basics of formations.

The two elders have seen countless formations. Naturally, they knew its weakness. As long as one or two cores of a formation was destroyed, then the formation would be considered to be broken. Sometimes, a formation would immediately dissipate once a core was damaged.

But now, Zhao Hai said that his formation could still operate normally even if half of its cores gets destroyed. This was a very powerful property. There were formations in the True Spirit Realm with several hundred cores. If they could still be used despite having half of the cores destroyed, then wouldn’t that be heaven-defying?

The Yin Yang Elders looked at each other and saw the shock and then joy in their eyes. The Yin Elder stood up and said, “Come with us immediately.”

When he heard the Yin Elder, Zhao Hai immediately understood what he wanted to do. He didn’t say anything about it. Instead, he turned his head to Qiu Tie who was silently standing on the side, “Little Tie, look after the house for me. I’ll head out with Master.”

Qiu Tie nodded. Then Zhao Hai followed the Yin Yang Elders out. This time, they didn’t ride the nine-winged cloud centipede. The Yin Elder waved his hand and after a flash of white light the group of three disappeared.

The next moment, the group appeared in front of a tall building. The building had ten floors and there were no guards in front. Although there was also a square in front of the building, only a few people came. There wasn't even a single person seen in the entrance of the building. It looked a bit empty.

The Yin Yang Elders led Zhao Hai towards the building. Upon entering, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. This was because the building's first floor was a shop with several female disciples as shopkeepers. All of them had a professional smile on their faces.

Seeing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but stare. He felt that he returned to Earth and was strolling in a huge mall.

However, upon seeing what was sold, Zhao Hai recovered. This was because the items being sold were all kinds of formation flags and formation disks.

As Zhao Hai was inspecting the formation flags and formation disks, a cultivator walked over and bowed towards the Yin Yang Elders before saying, "I have seen the Elders."

The Yin Yang Elders nodded and then walked towards the stairs. Before long, the group arrived at the second floor. Zhao Hai looked around and saw that there were quite a few cultivators on the second floor. The cultivation level of these people weren't that high and some of them were casually dressed. There were even some people who seemed to ignore everyone around them. Zhao Hai couldn't help but get curious.

The two elders didn't stop and continued to walk towards the third floor. The third floor was the same as the second floor. Once in a while, he could hear conversation. Zhao Hai stretched his ears and found that almost all of the discussions were about formations.

Zhao Hai knew where they were, it was the main building of the Formation Hall. The Formation Hall was a unique existence in the Tyrant Blade Sect. In the eyes of the other disciples, the people who joined the Formation Hall were madmen. They don't use their energy for training but instead for researching various artifacts and formations. To other disciples, these people had their priorities backward.

However, those in the Formation Hall completely ignored them. One also shouldn't underestimate these people just because their cultivation wasn't high. The people of the Formation Hall were those who

played around with formations all day. If you fight them, you will face all kinds of formations. And once you get trapped, you're finished.

The Yin Yang Elders continued to walk upwards until they reached the top floor. Zhao Hai found that as they got up, the cultivators became fewer. Moreover, as they got up, the ages and level of the cultivators increased.

When the three reached the top floor, they saw a red-faced old man come up and greet them. As he walked over he loudly called out, "You two old ghosts, it's been a while! What brought you over to my place?"

The old man was very tall, about two meters tall. However, he was very thin and had gray messy hair. Surprisingly, this old man was wearing glasses on his eyes. It must be known that as long as cultivators practice, their bodies wouldn't deteriorate like mortals. All of these ocular deterioration never appeared on any cultivator. So upon seeing a pair of glasses, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be surprised.

And this old man was quite impolite towards the Yin Yang Elders. But Zhao Hai could hear the friendliness in his voice. He should be a good friend to the Yin Yang Elders.

The Yin Elder nodded and said, "Alright, let's not talk here. Let's go inside. Little Hai, come here, greet your Martial Uncle Zhen."

Zhao Hai complied, he stepped forward and cupped his fist, "Zhao Hai has seen Martial Uncle Zhen."

Elder Zhen nodded and said, "So you're Zhao Hai? I heard about you. Good, good. Now let's head inside and talk." After saying that, he led the group inside the tenth floor.

Zhao Hai looked around the tenth floor as they walked. The tenth floor was divided into rooms. The rooms have tokens hung on their doors indicating what room they were. There was a materials room, reference room, experimentation room, office, reception, lounge, and so on. Also, Zhao Hai could feel that besides Elder Zhen, there were five other people in different rooms. Everyone was busy, making the tenth floor very quiet.

Before long, the group arrived in front of a door with no token. But it was because of this that made the room special.

Elder Zhen pushed the door open to reveal a living room. The area was big and was averagely furnished. What stunned Zhao Hai was the amount of formation flags and formation disks all around the room. There were also incomplete formation flags and disks on the middle table.

After inviting everyone inside, Elder Zhen gave an embarrassed smile and said, "Please have a seat. Excuse me for the room's disorderly state."

The Yin Yang Elders didn't mind it and found a place to sit down. At this time, Elder Zhen brought over tea with four cups and placed it on an empty area of the table.

Once he was done serving tea, Elder Zhen also sat down. Then he looked at the Yin Yang Elders and said, "Why did you come here? And you even brought Zhao Hai. Are you worried about your disciple that you want me to give him a few formations for self-defense? That won't be a problem. As a Martial Uncle, I should give him a few as a meeting gift."

The Yin Elder waved his hand and said, "There's no need. We're here to tell you something. But before that, we want to tell you that Zhao Hai is mine and Old Yang's disciple. When the time comes, you shouldn't have any crooked thoughts."

Chapter 2005: Three-Dimensional Formation

Elder Zhen raised his brow when he heard this. He looked at the Yin Elder and said, "What do you mean? Little Hai is your disciple, that's a given. Why are you afraid that I'll rob you?"

The Yin Elder smiled and said, "Alright, remember what you just said. We brought Zhao Hai over to let you see something. Didn't I get a copy of formations from you a few days ago? That was for Little Hai. He took responsibility for farming the land below Lower Earth Mountain. So he asked for formations so that he could build defenses. That's why I asked you for formations."

Elder Zhen nodded and said, "I heard about the lands below Lower Earth Mountain. Information about Little Hai taking the task has spread throughout the sect. That's why I gave you the formations

immediately. Did something go wrong? Although I wasn't the one who arranged the formations on Lower Earth Mountain, I have serviced it several times before. If you want, I can help you repair the formation."

The Yin Elder shook his head and said, "There's no need. Little Hai already rebuilt resident complex 52 and arranged 3650 formations to protect it."

As he was in the middle of nodding, Elder Zhen suddenly froze and said, "What? 3650 formations? In resident complex 52? That's a very small space. How can you arrange so many formations? Because of resonance, sometimes two formations would get in conflict with each other. If it's not done well, it would weaken the formations instead. You're lucky that the first peak didn't blow up."

The Yin Elder gave a smile when he heard Elder Zhen. Then he said, "Old Zhen, just because you can't do it, doesn't mean that it can't be done. We have seen the formation that Little Hai arranged. It works pretty well."

Elder Zhen waved his hand to interrupt Elder Yin. Then he said, "What do you know about formations? These things aren't a joke. If something goes wrong, you won't even need your enemies to attack you, the formation will kill you itself!"

Seeing the look on Elder Zhen's face, the Yin Elder couldn't help but smile. He knew that Elder Zhen was sincerely worried. It was precisely because of how serious Elder Zhen was about formations that the Yin Elder said it.

The Yin Elder smiled and said, "Alright, Old Zhen. Wait until I'm finished. Little Hai made some modifications to the formation. Have you heard of a formation that could keep its functions even though half of its cores are destroyed? Little Hai's formation can do that."

"Impossible! How could a formation function once half of it is destroyed? I'm not a fool!"

"Why would I lie to you? It was because Little Hai told me that I brought him to you. I want him to tell you about this method. If you don't want it, then that's alright. We can just go back."

Hearing the Yin Elder, Elder Zhen couldn't help but look at Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then cupped his fist as he said, "This disciple has the blueprints to the formation in resident complex 52. Martial Uncle, please take a look." After he said that, he took out a jade slip and handed it over to Elder Zhen.

Elder Zhen snatched the jade slip and immediately scanned it with his spiritual force. Then he stood there for a long time as his two eyes stared at the jade slip. His mouth was muttering incoherent words.

Seeing Elder Zhen, the Yin Elder smiled. He knew that the old formations master was shocked by what he was reading. Otherwise, he wouldn't have shown this appearance.

The Yang Elder looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, can you roughly estimate what kind of attacks your formation could defend against?"

Zhao Hai thought for a moment, then he shook his head and said, "I can't make an accurate guess. I haven't seen attacks from powerful experts of the True Spirit Realm. However, I have seen Senior Brother Lin make a move as well as Senior Brother Dao Shu and the others fight against beasts. If I base it on their attacks, then even 10 thousand of them would not be able to break through the formation. And this is only when the formation is on full defense. If the formation attacks as well, then not only would they fail to break through, they might even die."

The expressions of the two elders couldn't help but change. They knew Lin Ling's strength. Among inner disciples, Lin Ling would be in the upper-middle level. He's at the peak of the Fusion Stage and could become an Earth Monarch at any time. If 10 thousand of him couldn't break through the formation on resident complex 52, then how strong was the formation?

"The kid isn't lying. This formation can truly become this strong. Kid, tell me the truth, did you design this formation? No matter how I look at it, it looks like a scattered formation. It would be difficult to control them." At this time, Elder Zhen recovered his senses and turned his head to Zhao Hai.

Elder Zhen could see that Zhao Hai's formations had achieved a perfect union. He couldn't see any point of conflict between the minor formations. Even if there were, it has been resolved by Zhao Hai. As long as he controlled the formation, he would be able to stop the attack of 10 thousand people.

Hearing Elder Zhen, Zhao Hai stared, then he smiled faintly. He knew that the elder must have not discovered the most important aspect of three-dimensional formations. After all, the elder has been arranging two-dimensional formations all his life. It would be hard for him to imagine a three-dimensional formation.

Zhao Hai opened his mouth and said, "Replying to Martial Uncle. Actually, my formations can form into a larger formation. However, the formation I used is arranged differently from other formations. Unlike the majority of formations, mine is arranged in a three-dimensional manner."

As he was talking, Zhao Hai took back the jade slip he gave Elder Zhen. Then he injected the jade slip with his spiritual qi to produce a three-dimensional projection. The projection was the exact formation that Zhao Hai arranged under resident complex 52. The entire formation looked chaotic, but the connections between the lines made it into one coherent formation.

Zhao Hai pointed at the lines on the formation and said, "These places are the cores of the formations. There are a total of 81 cores. Some of these cores are placed low while the others are high. The lines in the middle connect them to each other. The reason for this design is because there are conflicts in these spots. But sometimes, conflicts aren't bad. We can use external forces to balance these conflicts. When the time comes, we can release the energy caused by these conflicts to send a powerful attack....." Zhao Hai continued to point at the formation and explained its processes. Elder Zhen stared at the formation in a daze, forgetting to speak.

He has never heard nor thought about three-dimensional formations before. This concept completely subverted his previous understandings with regards to formations. Although the idea was new to him, he can see that Zhao Hai has proven the existence of three-dimensional formations. Moreover, Zhao Hai has reached a deep level of research to the point where he was able to form a systematic concept of process.

Elder Zhen kept quiet as Zhao Hai explained. Once Zhao Hai was done, Elder Zhen stood up and then said, "Little Hai, come with me." Then he walked out. Zhao Hai followed behind him while the Yin Yang Elders looked at each other and then followed.

Before long, the group arrived outside a laboratory. Elder Zhen opened the door of the lab and walked in. The three followed behind him. Upon entering, Zhao Hai as well as the Yin Yang Elders couldn't help but stare. The laboratory was huge. It was about three to four hundred square meters. Inside were multiple formation flags, disks, and runes. There were also plenty of metal, wood, stones, and other resources. Zhao Hai believed that the items in this room could arrange thousands of formations without going out.

After entering the laboratory, Elder Zhen pointed towards a set of formation runes and said, "Little Hai, show me how you arrange these runes into a three-dimensional formation."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he walked along the shelves in the laboratory and picked formation runes. Judging by the process Zhao Hai selects runes, the three elders knew that Zhao Hai was proficient in formations. This was because he didn't hesitate at all in choosing which runes to choose. With a glance, he knew which runes he could use. After a while, he selected all the runes and took them to a table.

Under the gazes of the three elders, Zhao Hai assembled the formation. The formation was arranged in three dimensions. What surprised Elder Zhen was that the runes that Zhao Hai used for higher layers of the formation were floating in mid-air without any external aid.

Elder Zhen looked carefully at the formation. He knew this information since it was a simple defensive formation known as the Five Elements Lock. This formation uses five elements in order to ward off enemy attacks. Naturally, the formations that Elder Zhen saw in the past were flat. However, Zhao Hai's formation looked like a mountain range with five peaks.

Elder Zhen walked beside the formation and gave it a careful inspection. Then he stretched his hand and tapped one of the formation cores.

The formation absorbs the energy of the surroundings to power itself. Additionally, since the formation was small, the energy it absorbed was small as well. It only took Elder Zhen a bit of effort to destroy one of the formation cores.

The entire Five Elements Lock has 12 formation cores. Normally, once a formation core was destroyed, the formation would lose its function. However, Zhao Hai's three-dimensional formation continued to operate despite having one of its formation cores destroyed.

Chapter 2006: Waiting

Elder Zhen's expression turned serious. He frequently played around with basic formations. He knew that if a defensive formation like the Five Elements Lock was made huge, then its defensive strength would be greatly increased. But what Zhao Hai arranged was a small version of the Five Elements Lock,

and its defensive strength was twice that of a two-dimensional Five Elements Lock formation. If it was made into a large formation, then its improvement would definitely more than double.

Moreover, this simple formation could still function despite having one of its cores being destroyed. This immediately caused Elder Zhen to attach great importance to Zhao Hai's three-dimensional formations.

Elder Zhen also wanted to see the limit of the formation. He wanted to test if Zhao Hai's words were true, that the formation would still function even if half of its cores were destroyed.

Another formation core was destroyed, the formation was still operating. Then one core after another was destroyed, and the formation kept standing. Although the strength of the formation had decreased, there was no doubt that it was still in operation. This caused Elder Zhen to become more excited. He already destroyed five formation cores, but the formation was still functioning normally.

Only after the seventh core was destroyed did the formation stop. The runes floating in the air fell down. Although the strength of the formation dropped after the third core was destroyed, the destruction of the seventh core was where it stopped completely. A formation stopping only after more than half of its cores was destroyed was nothing short of a miracle.

It wasn't only Elder Zhen, the Yin Yang Elders also stood on the side holding their breath. They had great experience with formations, and this was the first time they saw a formation like Zhao Hai's.

After the formation stopped, the Yin Yang Elders as well as Elder Zhen let out a long breath. Then right after that, Elder Zhen's head turned quickly towards Zhao Hai. Seeing the burning gaze towards him, Zhao Hai felt that he was being gazed at by an old pervert who hadn't seen beautiful women for many years.

Zhao Hai became scared. At this time, the Yin Yang Elders stood up and pulled Zhao Hai behind them. Elder Zhen's vision was suddenly changed from Zhao Hai's face to the face of two old men.

Elder Zhen recovered, then he immediately said, "You old goats have been unfair. Ignore what I said before, Little Hai has to join our Formation Hall. Such a person will be wasted in your hands. You can't do that to him."

The Yin Elder smiled at Elder Zhen and said, "You old fogey, I know you'll say that. But we can't give you Little Hai, you can stop dreaming."

Elder Zhen wouldn't accept and retorted, "No, if you don't give him to us, then who will you give him to? He needs to join the Formation Hall."

The Yin Elder replied, "If I saw no, then no. Little Hai needs to cultivate. How could he possibly sink his head studying formations? Absolutely impossible."

The Elder Zhen bounced back, "No. I'll go look for the Sect Master. If such a talent doesn't research formations, it would be a big loss for our sect. He needs to stay in the Formation Hall."

Seeing that the Yin Elder still wants to goad Elder Zhen, the Yang Elder stopped him. Then he walked over to Elder Zhen and said, "Old Zhen, let's talk over here."

Elder Zhen looked at the Yang Elder and snorted. Then he was pulled to the side by the Yang Elder. As the Yang Elder talked, the expression of shock began to appear on Elder Zhen's face. Seeing Elder Zhen about to shout, the Yang Elder covered his mouth. After some time, he let go and said, "Now, you should understand why Little Hai can't join you in the Formation Hall."

Elder Zhen smiled bitterly and said, "With you saying this, how could I force him now? Don't worry, I won't snatch your disciple from you. But Little Hai needs to register with our Formation Hall, and he has to give me some notes about three-dimensional formations. Rest assured, I will keep his secrets."

The Yang Elder turned his head to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, what do you think?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's not a problem. I already have it prepared." Then he took out a jade slip and handed it over to Elder Zhen before saying, "Actually, arranging three-dimensional formations is very simple. You only need to calculate the location of the cores and runes into three-dimensions. This jade slip has the formula."

Elder Zhen received the jade slip and immediately scanned it with his spiritual force. It didn't take long before he blanked out once again. The Yin Elder called him several times but he didn't respond.

The Yin Elder turned his head to the Yang Elder and said, "The old goat has completely blanked out. Let's go. We don't know when he'll recover." After saying that, the three left the laboratory and went out of the Formation Hall. Then they used a portable transmission formation to return to resident complex 52.

When they appeared in resident complex 52, the group didn't see Qiu Tie. Zhao Hai knew that Qiu Tie went into the fitness room again. So he led the Yin Yang Elders to the living room. After the robot served tea, Zhao Hai sat down as well.

The Yin Elder smiled bitterly at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you'll have to be careful later on. That old bastard will come over frequently. Don't let him disturb you. You should focus on cultivation."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Master doesn't have to worry. But Master, my cultivation method is different from other people. My spiritual qi is ten times purer than other people. This slows down my cultivation speed by a lot. So please don't worry if I haven't progressed for some time."

The Yin Elder raised his brow and said, "What? When you arrived in the True Spirit Realm, your spiritual qi has been compressed. And you're saying that your spiritual qi's properties have been preserved?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Yes, my spiritual qi has been compressed by the cleansing pool. I believe my current spiritual qi density has surpassed cultivators on the same level as me."

The Yang Elder nodded and said, "Give me your hand." Zhao Hai complied and extended his arm over. The Yang Elder gripped Zhao Hai's wrist and sent a strand of spiritual qi inside. After one revolution, the strand disappeared.

The Yang Elder let go of Zhao Hai's hand and said, "Little Hai, what cultivation method do you practice? Your spiritual qi is indeed ten times purer compared to cultivators in the True Spirit Realm."

Zhao Hai replied, "I'm learning a cultivation method called the Stellar Transformations Yin Yang Art. I learned it in the lower realms. But this manual is very special. Up until now, I haven't felt the need to replace it."

The Yin Elder stared, then he muttered, "Stellar Transformations Yin Yang Art? I haven't heard about this cultivation method before. Old Yang, have you heard of this?"

The Yang Elder shook his head and said, "I haven't heard of it. Maybe Little Hai acquired the inheritance of an ancient power. I heard that a lot of ancient sects fell a very long time ago."

The Yin Elder nodded and said, "It's possible. That's good. Little Hai, continue practicing this manual. Since it is something you acquired, this means that you were destined to have it."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then the Yin Elder moved on, "I saw the robots below cultivating the land. What things are you planning to plant?"

Hearing the Yin Elder, Zhao Hai wasn't surprised. Then he smiled faintly and took out a blueprint then spread it on the table. He looked at the Yin Yang Elders and said, "Masters, take a look. This is what I plan to do." Then Zhao Hai explained the layers of plants that he would farm. He also described the defensive capabilities of the plants.

The Yin Yang Elders calmly listened to Zhao Hai's words. They had seen too many strange things coming from Zhao Hai, so they had gotten used to it now. But when they heard Zhao Hai talking about the sky reaching vines, they couldn't keep calm.

After Zhao Hai finished talking, the Yang Elder said, "Little Hai, you're planning to plant sky reaching vines on a large scale?"

Zhao Hai was somewhat confused by this, he answered, "Yes, with the amount of spiritual qi present, they can be planted everywhere in the Tyrant Blade Sect. And because they aren't that strong, I can only rely on numbers. However, they should be enough to stop the beasts from attacking. With them present, we can defend with twice the result and half the effort."

The Yin Elder nodded, "Do you have seeds of the sky reaching vines?"

Zhao Hai gave a nod, "I have plenty. Back in the lower realms, I have the habit of collecting various seeds. I even collected the seeds of weeds that people find useless."

The Yang Elder nodded, then he pointed towards the flower fields on the map and said, "I can understand these things. But I don't know what bread trees and bamboo rice are. What are they?"

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Bread trees and bamboo rice are both types of food. Bread trees bear bread fruit that can be eaten directly. Bamboo rice is grain that has a very high yield. If they don't get destroyed by the beasts, there should be enough food for the entire Tyrant Blade Sect to eat. However, I still don't know if the food grown by these two contain any toxins. I still need to do some tests."

The Yin Elder asked, "You also got these things from the lower realm?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "All of it is collected in the lower realms. My seeds come from several realms. By the way, Master, I also have special seeds. Although their medicinal strength is mild, their effects are special. Pills refined from them can maintain a cultivator's appearance. It would make cultivators look younger."

The Yin Yang Elders were confused. Zhao Hai looked at the two and then smiled faintly as he explained, "I relied on these pills to make money in the lower realms. Although male cultivators don't care about their appearance, the pills sold well to female cultivators. Even if we increase the price, the pills are still sold out."

Although they couldn't understand what Zhao Hai was saying, the Yin Elder said, "That's good. I'll relay this information to the sect. Make sure that you practice properly and not get delayed with these things."

Zhao Hai nodded. He also found that his Masters were indeed cultivation addicts. Besides cultivation, they don't care much about other things.

The Yin Yang Elders asked Zhao Hai about his cultivation progress. Zhao Hai told them that he was revisiting the techniques he learned in the past. When they heard this, the Yin Yang Elders didn't scold Zhao Hai. Conversely, they approved of his methods. Sometimes, when one revisits their past knowledge, they might encounter an unexpected discovery. Therefore, the Yin Yang Elders didn't stop Zhao Hai.

After understanding Zhao Hai's progress, the Yin Yang Elders used their portable transmission formation to return to their residence. Once they were back, the Yang Elder looked at the Yin Elder and said, "Little Hai is really talented. He doesn't need our protection. But I'm afraid that old goat Zhen would become restless. We have to guard against him, otherwise he will rob Little Hai from us."

The Yang Elder shook his head and said, "I already told him that Little Hai has an Innate Dao Body. Old Zhen isn't a blind fool. On the contrary, I'm worried about Little Hai. His interests are too broad. I'm afraid he will be distracted."

The Yin Elder shook his head, "Haven't you seen it? This kid has been like this since the lower realms. He repeatedly ascended and has reached the True Spirit Realm. If he can do that, then he should have no problem going forward. It won't do him any good if we disrupt the path that he has made for himself."

The Yang Elder nodded, "Now that I think about it, I think he knows how to take care of himself. Brother, how about sending Little Qiu over to give Little Hai a portable transmission formation? We can't afford to have him suffer an accident."

The Yin Elder thought about it and said, "We might as well. But he probably won't get into trouble. That kid should still have some cards he's hiding. To be honest, I want to see what other things he has in his hand. In any case, I already arranged an alarm formation. If he gets into a very dangerous situation, I will know."

Hearing this, the Yang Elder stared, then he laughed and said, "So Big Brother is more worried than me. Alright, let him be for a while. I really want to see what kind of tricks he would play."

The Yin Elder smiled faintly and said, "That kid isn't simple. As long as he trains well, he would bring great benefits to the Tyrant Blade Sect. Right, we forgot to ask about Little Tie's attribute and why he's currently training his body. But from what I can see, Little Hai seems to have a goal."

The Yang Elder nodded. He also has big expectations for Zhao Hai. He wanted to see how Zhao Hai would grow in the future.

Chapter 2007: Flowers Bloom

Zhao Hai stood on the training ground with a calm expression on his face. He had his tang blade in his hand. He was currently practicing one of the five blade techniques that he obtained from the Blade Pavilion.

It has already been a month since the reconstruction of resident complex 52 was finished. Zhao Hao also finished sowing all of the seeds during this month. He left behind a few robots for maintenance so that he would no longer need to worry. He also revisited the techniques that he learned in the past. Fortunately, he could use his consciousness to communicate with those techniques and master them quickly. With all of these things finished, Zhao Hai could now formally study the blade.

The blade technique that Zhao Hai was currently practicing was the Rolling Rocks Blade. It was an earth attribute blade technique. When used, the blade would become as unstoppable as a rolling rock.

Zhao Hai was now very familiar with using his consciousness to communicate with his blade techniques. This allowed him to better understand the true intent of the technique.

At this time, Qiu Tie was in the fitness room training. Qiu Tie's daily training volume has been arranged by Zhao Hai. Even his meals have been strictly programmed. All of this was analyzed by the Space. Zhao Hai had a training program made specifically for Qiu Tie.

Fortunately, the beasts from Black Dragon Mountain didn't attack this month. Otherwise, Zhao Hai's training would have been cut short.

The Yin Yang Elders didn't visit in this period. Only Elder Zhen came over multiple times. But now that he received a few more notes from Zhao Hai, he became so busy studying three-dimensional formations.

What surprised Zhao Hai the most was the fact that Dao Shu and the others didn't visit at all.

After practicing for a while in the training ground, Zhao Hai stopped the Rolling Rocks Blade. Then he rode his winged horse and flew down the mountain. Now that the field has been planted, the flower fields on the outermost parts have grown and began to bloom. The trees further in have also begun to sprout. Their germination rate was very high.

Zhao Hai was worried about the plants. Fortunately, nothing went wrong. More and more flowers began to bloom. But in this case, an issue came up. It would be impossible for Zhao Hai to completely cut the field off from the entire Tyrant Blade Sect. But as long as the flowers were in full bloom, the cultivators of the Tyrant Blade Sect would be poisoned when they arrived.

Although Zhao Hai left a path in the field, the poison of the flowers weren't weak. The passage was only ten meters wide. Once all the flowers bloom, their pollen could completely cover the entire path. If a cultivator comes over to Lower Earth Mountain without knowing anything, then they would be in trouble.

As he saw the blooming flowers, Zhao Hai knew that he needed to do something. He rode his winged horse back to the residence and then used a portable transmission formation to go to Yin Yang Peak.

This portable transmission formation was given to him by the Yin Yang Elders. It must be known that creating portable transmission formations for the True Spirit Realm was very difficult. Unlike the Soaring Dragon Realm, the laws of the True Spirit Realm were more restrictive. Therefore, more materials were needed for a portable transmission formation. Even if Zhao Hai has an unlimited amount of jade essences, he wouldn't be able to purchase a portable transmission formation without contribution points.

Although the Yin Yang Elders wanted Zhao Hai to cultivate, they also didn't want Zhao Hai to get into trouble. Losing a talent like Zhao Hai would be a huge loss to the Tyrant Blade Sect.

A flash of white light appeared on Yin Yang Peak. This time, when Zhao Hai appeared, Qiu Zhen wasn't commanding the robot. Instead, he was peacefully sitting down in the yard. Qiu Zhen was an 80 year old man. For a person who didn't cultivate, he was quite old. But because of the rich spiritual qi in the True Spirit Realm, Qiu Zhen should still have dozens of years left in his lifespan.

Because Qiu Zhen has been with the Yin Yang Elders since he was a child, and the Yin Yang Elders were already old at that time, the two elders took extremely great care of Qiu Zhen, like how a father would treat their son. It was because of this that Qiu Zhen's position in the hearts of the Yin Yang Elders was quite high. If he had no chores left to do, Qiu Zhen was free to walk around the residence. He could even choose to leave the mountain.

But since Qiu Zhen followed the Yin Yang Elders for dozens of years, he was used to serving them. Therefore, he rarely left the courtyard. Especially when the Yin Yang Elders were present, he practically never left.

Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, Qiu Zhen immediately gave a salute, "Young Master, you've come."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Uncle Zhen isn't busy today? That's rare. Every time I come over, you're always doing something. Haha, it's good that you can take a rest. Right, are my Masters here? I have something to tell them."

Qiu Zhen gave an affirmative nod, then he sat back down on his chair. He dared to act like this because he knew that Zhao Hai preferred him to be informal. Moreover, being an elder, Qiu Zhen has enough qualifications to require respect.

Zhao Hai also didn't care. Instead, he went over to the living room and said, "Master, disciple is here."

And like usual, the Yin Elder replied, "Come in." Then Zhao Hai opened the door and went inside.

The Yin Yang Elders were in the living room as usual. Normally, they would be in the quiet room cultivating. They would only go to the living room if Zhao Hai came over.

Upon entering the living room, Zhao Hai cupped his fist to greet the two elders. The Yin Elder waved his hand and gestured to Zhao Hai to sit down. Then he said, "Are you finished revisiting the techniques you learned in the past?"

Zhao Hai nodded, then he said, "I'm done. Today, I practiced the Rolling Rocks Blade Technique. After a few more days, I should be able to completely comprehend the technique."

The Yang Elder nodded, "The Rolling Rocks Blade is a mid-grade blade technique. It's normal for you to comprehend it so quickly with your comprehension. But you have to improve your foundation more. You should comprehend low-grade techniques, then move onto mid-grade techniques. This will be beneficial when you learn more advanced techniques in the future."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Yes, Master. I've been taking it slow. But I plan to go to Black Dragon Mountain in the near future. I wouldn't be able to digest my learning if I stayed inside. I also want to take a look at the mountain."

The Yin Elder nodded, "That's a good plan. Did you come over to tell us this?"

Zhao Hai shook his head and said, "It's not. Master, it's like this. The hallucinogenic flowers I planted on the outskirts of my land have bloomed. These flowers are poisonous. There are quite a few cultivators from the sect who will pass through Lower Earth Mountain for their trials. It would be bad if they were poisoned by the flowers. So I'm planning to provide an antidote for the sect so that our people don't get affected."

The Yin Elder knit his brows and said, "That is a troublesome matter. And you cannot hand over an antidote whenever someone passes through the land."

Zhao Hai also knit his brows. He knows that it would be a tiring matter if he were to give an antidote every time someone wishes to pass Lower Earth Mountain. After thinking for a while, Zhao Hai said, "Master, why don't I leave two robots outside Lower Earth Mountain. Then whenever someone wishes to pass, they could get the antidote there."

The Yin Elder thought about it, then he nodded, "That's the best method right now. I'll have the sect announce to anyone who wants to pass through Lower Earth Mountain to take an antidote from the robots first."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Then I'll take care of it after I return. Master, if there's nothing else, then I'll be going."

The Yin Elder said, "You can go. Right, did Old Zhen bother you recently? That old goat is getting annoying."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "He hasn't. I just answered some of Elder Zhen's questions. He should be very busy researching right now."

The Yin Elder smiled faintly and said, "He's certainly busy. You might not know this, but your three-dimensional formations are quite important to the Tyrant Blade Sect. We research formations not for creating formation flags or formation disks, but to create artifacts as well as to reinforce the defenses of the sect. Now, Old Zhen is thinking about how to use three-dimensional formations on puppets. By the way, the robots you gave us brought a lot of inspiration to the Puppet Hall. I believe the sect will be able to create a strong battle puppet before long."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "That's good news. Master, I'll head back first. I can't leave Little Tie alone for long."

The Yin Elder nodded, "Go. Take good care of Little Tie." Zhao Hai nodded and gave the two elders a salute. After exiting the living room, he gave his goodbyes to Qiu Zhen before using his portable transmission formation to return to resident complex 52.

Qiu Tie has finished the first stage of his training. He was now relaxing in the training ground. However, his way of relaxing wasn't sitting down and doing nothing. Instead, he was shadow boxing according to a fist technique. Surprisingly, this fist technique was from the water-attribute.

Zhao Hai knew that even if Qiu Tie has the highest compatibility with the earth-attribute, he couldn't completely cut the other attributes off. Otherwise, he would suffer an imbalance of the five elements. Therefore, Zhao Hai taught Qiu Tie fist techniques of the other attributes. He told Qiu Tie to practice these fist techniques during his free time. This way, he wouldn't suffer an imbalance.

Seeing Zhao Hai return, Qiu Tie immediately stopped. Then he walked over and bowed, "Young Master, did you go out?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "I went out to see my Masters. Continue to practice. I want to head over to Senior Brother Dao Shu's place. I haven't seen them for quite some time."

Qiu Tie complied and resumed practicing his fist techniques. Qiu Tie has been infatuated with practicing recently. The feeling of progress made him intoxicated. Zhao Hai also discovered this, so he gave Qiu Tie more time to exercise. However, he gave a strict restriction over the intensity of Qiu Tie's exercise.

Qiu Tie was still a small kid. If he trained too hard, then his growth might suffer. Therefore, Zhao Hai made sure to control how much he practiced.

Chapter 2008: Trial

Zhao Hai wasn't in a hurry to go to Dao Shu and the others. He first went to his land under Lower Earth Mountain to deal with the problem of the antidotes. He also built a small hut for the robots to stay in.

Naturally, the robots that he placed weren't humanoid. Instead, they were more like vending machines. When someone wants an antidote, they only need to press a button and the antidote would be dispensed. Moreover, only one antidote would be given per person.

This wasn't a complicated matter. After setting the robots up and installing the program, Zhao Hai left and went to the peak adjacent to his.

This peak was known as Taiyuan Peak. Dao Shu and the others were currently living in a similar courtyard block on the mountain. It has been a month since they moved in. For more than a month, Dao Shu and the others didn't visit Zhao Hai, which surprised Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai rode his winged horse directly to Taiyuan Peak. The residence that Dao Shu and the others were living in looked neater than the one they lived in before. Zhao Hai knew that this must be because of the robots taking care of the housework.

Upon arriving at the residence, Zhao Hai immediately saw Dao Shu and the others. They were currently on the training ground of the residence.

They looked the same way as the moment they left. They wore leather clothing and had short hair. Each one of them had a blade in their hand and sparred with each other.

The group also sensed the movement in the sky. It must be known that Dao Shu and the others fought against the beasts of the Black Dragon Mountain quite frequently. Therefore, they were very sensitive to any sounds coming from the air.

Dao Shu and the others looked up and then saw Zhao Hai riding his winged horse. Their faces lit up and shouted towards Zhao Hai, beckoning him over. Zhao Hai also commanded his winged horse towards the training ground.

As soon as Zhao Hai jumped off his winged horse, Dao Shu and the others rushed towards him. Dao Shu laughed and said, "I was waiting for you to visit us. We always wanted to visit, but your place looks like it's always busy. And thinking about the two elders, we didn't dare go there. Come, let's head inside and have a few drinks."

After saying that, he pulled Zhao Hai towards the residence. And before Zhao Hai could say anything, he was dragged towards the living room. In a blink of an eye, Zhao Hai was already drinking from a liquor cup in his hand.

Downing the cup of wine in his hand, Zhao Hai let out a long breath. Then he turned to Dao Shu and the others and said, "Brothers, you finally let me speak. I haven't even said a word and you're already drowning me in liquor."

When they heard this, Dao Shu and the others laughed out loud. They were also amused. They found it funny that Zhao Hai was downing cups of liquor before he could even speak.

After some time, the group finished drinking. Then Zhao Hai looked at everyone and said, "I have nothing else to do today, so I came to visit you. My courtyard is already done with its reconstruction. If brothers have a chance in the future, you should visit."

Dao Shu and the others nodded. Then Zhao Hai said, "Senior Brothers, besides coming to see you, I also have something to give you. Here." After he said that, Zhao Hai took out several small disks.

Zhao Hai continued, "These discs are all the same. They're called detoxification plates. Always keep them on your bodies to prevent all kinds of poisons. I also added an anti-poison material in this disk. So if you were bitten by a poisonous beast or ate something poisonous, hold the plate in your mouth and it will suck the poison out. Make sure you don't forget to bring this in the future."

Then Zhao Hai gave Dao Shu and the others a detoxification plate each. He also told them about the poisonous flowers and trees on the farmland below. So if they wanted to pass through, then they would need to use the detoxification plates.

What Zhao Hai didn't mention was that the detoxification plates also acted as identification tokens. Without these tokens, Dao Shu and the others wouldn't be able to enter Zhao Hai's residence. Not only that, they would be attacked by the sky reaching vines. Naturally, the sky reaching vines had yet to germinate. It would take some time before the vines mature.

And when the sky reaching vines matured, Zhao Hai would send identification tokens to the sect. Otherwise, people from the Tyrant Blade Sect would be plucked out of the air whenever they pass through.

Zhao Hai spent the entire day with Dao Shu and the others before returning. Then he resumed his practice. What he said to the Yin Yang Elders wasn't a joke. He was indeed planning to spend a short time in the Black Dragon Mountains.

Zhao Hai's resident complex 52 has been very peaceful in the past month. Although there were some movements of beasts under Lower Earth Mountain, they didn't attack. This caused Zhao Hai to be both glad and confused. He didn't know why the beasts had suddenly behaved themselves.

But whether the beasts were behaving or not, Zhao Hai still has to enter Black Dragon Mountain. He needs to temper his blade techniques.

Naturally, with Zhao Hai's present strength, he could only wander around the outskirts of Black Dragon Mountain. Going deeper into the mountain would be dangerous.

The next morning, Zhao Hai continued to practice his blade. Then after an hour of practice, Zhao Hai called Qiu Tie over and ate breakfast. After eating, Zhao Hai didn't make Qiu Tie train. He looked at Qiu Tie and said, "Little Tie, don't train today. You're coming with me to Master's place. You'll stay with your grandfather for a few days."

Qiu Tie had a puzzled expression on his face and asked, "Why? Young Master, are you going out? I can stay and look after the residence."

Zhao Hai replied, "I'm going to Black Dragon Mountain for a short time, so I won't be able to take care of you. And staying here on your own isn't safe. The beasts of Black Dragon Mountain have been acting abnormally recently. If they launch an attack, the courtyard might not be able to protect you. It's better for you to stay in Yin Yang Peak for a while. But you must never give up on practicing. There's no longer any reason for you to train as hard as before. Just practice the fist techniques that I taught you. Your body needs to rest and adjust. You're still young, there's no need to practice too hard."

Qiu Tie nodded. Then Zhao Hai added, "Although you're only compatible with the earth attribute, this doesn't mean that you can't practice the other elements. Having a balance between the different attributes will bring you great help in the future."

Qiu Tie gave a nod. He couldn't completely understand Zhao Hai's words, but he knew that Zhao Hai wanted him to be strong. So Zhao Hai should be right.

After giving pointers to Qiu Tie, Zhao Hai used the portable transmission formation and appeared in Yin-Yang Peak. Like always, Qiu Zhen was there. This time, he went back to his usual routine of being busy while also commanding the robot.

Seeing Zhao Hai bringing Qiu Tie over, Qiu Zhen immediately gave his greetings, "I have seen the Young Master."

Qiu Tie also gave a salute to Qiu Zhen. Then Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Uncle Zhen, I'll leave Little Tie to you for a few days. I will be going to Black Dragon Mountain for a short trial. I'm worried for Little Tie's safety, so I brought him over to stay here."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Qiu Zhen immediately replied, "We've troubled you, Young Master."

Zhao Hai waved his hand, saying that it's nothing. Then as he was about to go to the living room, Qiu Zhen said, "Young Master, the Elders aren't here. They went to the headquarters. You can wait for them until they return."

Hearing Qiu Zhen, Zhao Hai couldn't help but shake his head as he said, "It's fine. I only want to tell them that I'm going to train. Since they're not here, please help me relay the message." After he said that, Zhao Hai used his portable transmission formation and left.

Zhao Hai didn't use his winged horse when he returned to his residence. Nor did he release his nine-winged cloud centipede. Instead, he went down Lower Earth Mountain and walked towards Black Dragon Mountain.

Lower Earth Mountain was a few hundred kilometers away from Black Dragon Mountain. For a cultivator, this distance wasn't far. However, the road towards the mountain wasn't good for walking. This wasn't an issue for Zhao Hai. Although he couldn't fly, he can use movement techniques. This also serves as training for his movement. It would take some time before Zhao Hai could fly, so he could only use movement techniques to travel.

Zhao Hai didn't use his flying beasts because he knew that his beasts weren't strong compared to the flying beasts of the True Spirit Realm. Moreover, Zhao Hai was still quite weak. If he went out of the sect, someone would definitely covet his flying beast.

Zhao Hai was well aware that the True Spirit Realm had the same laws of the jungle as the Great Realm of Cultivation. Cultivators don't care which sect you belong to if you have something they want. They would steal from you no matter what. And when you're killed, nobody would know who did it.

It is a crime for a peasant to hold a treasure jade. These words resonated no matter where you are. This was also the reason Zhao Hai did his best to hide the existence of the Space.

Using the Windborn Movement Technique, Zhao Hai traveled towards Black Dragon Mountain. He looked natural when he used his movement technique. He might look like he was running normally, but his speed was very quick.

There weren't a lot of people on Lower Earth Mountain, so Zhao Hai didn't meet anyone along his journey. Dao Shu and the others didn't have any friends in the Tyrant Blade Sect. The same was true for Zhao Hai. So it was natural that nobody would come visit them. Although Zhao Hai's field was beginning to flourish, Lower Earth Mountain was still desolate.

Chapter 2009: Rock Scorpion Attack

Several birds were occasionally spotted flying in the sky. Right below them was a rugged path. The Tyrant Blade Sect didn't build a road from Lower Earth Mountain to Black Dragon Mountain. On the contrary, they destroyed any possible paths connecting the two mountains. Having no path between the mountains would slow down the attacking beasts, giving Lower Earth Mountain more time to prepare.

Although Zhao Hai doesn't know about the thoughts of the Tyrant Blade Sect, he was someone who experienced large battles in the past. He was aware of this method.

Because of this, Zhao Hai didn't complain. Instead, he cautiously advanced. He was currently wearing warrior clothing and not his usual black robe.

Wearing a robe in the forest is simply impossible since it was too long. Therefore, Zhao Hai changed into a warrior's clothes to move more efficiently. However, Zhao Hai didn't take his blade out.

Zhao Hai carefully moved forward. Although Lower Earth Mountain wasn't far from Black Dragon Mountain, it would still take Zhao Hai some time to arrive due to the bad condition of the road.

When Zhao Hai was halfway on his journey, he suddenly heard a strange sound. Then he felt a wind coming towards the back of his head. Zhao Hai turned his head and took out his blade. Then he slashed the blade towards the direction the wind was coming from.

Clang! The long blade in Zhao Hai's hand blocked the attack that was coming towards the back of his head. Zhao Hai also saw his attacker. It was a scorpion. And the attack was a tail needle of the scorpion's tail.

The scorpion looked very much like rock. Its entire body was covered with a stone-textured shell. If it lay down without moving, it was easy to mistake it with an ordinary rock. Zhao Hai had been negligent, which was why he wasn't able to detect it.

Zhao Hai held his blade as his gaze fell on the scorpion. He could recognize this scorpion. He bought a jade slip with information about beasts in the Miscellaneous Hall and this scorpion was one of the beasts included. The scorpion's name was Rock Scorpion. It had a very ordinary name but it was also titled as the Stone Assassin.

Rock Scorpions also have the nickname of living rocks. This was because they could petrify their bodies and have strong defenses. Most importantly, their petrified bodies could shield against spiritual force. In other words, it was very hard to detect them using spiritual force.

It was also for this reason that Zhao Hai wasn't able to discover the scorpion. After arriving in the True Spirit Realm, Zhao Hai barely used liquid silver to scout. This was because there were too many experts more powerful than him in the True Spirit Realm. Earth Monarch cultivators have abilities where dust wouldn't fall on them. Even if liquid silver was reduced to the size of dust, it may still be discovered. Therefore, Zhao Hai decided to hold off using liquid silver for reconnaissance.

Zhao Hai might not have noticed, but after arriving in the True Spirit Realm, the Space wasn't as helpful to him as before. But at the same time, the Space was much more useful in other aspects. It was a strange and contradictory condition.

The Space can now help Zhao Hai cultivate and even comprehend his techniques. It could also help him in battle through refining artifacts and pills. These things were important for Zhao Hai.

But at the same time, the Space could no longer scout the surroundings. If liquid silver was discovered, then it might be traced back to Zhao Hai. When the time comes, Zhao Hai would be in trouble.

Although the Space was unhelpful towards Zhao Hai with regards to scouting, Zhao Hai didn't mind it. With his present strength, he wouldn't suffer any problems even without liquid silver's help.

Zhao Hai was currently confronting the Rock Scorpion. The scorpion waved its huge pincers around and its tail swung back and forth. Its dark green eyes were completely focused on Zhao Hai.

From his previous attack, Zhao Hai could see that the defenses of the Rock Scorpion were very good. The scorpion was also very strong. Zhao Hai's blade attack only managed to block the needle attack of the scorpion. It didn't manage to hurt the scorpion.

Although Zhao Hai's eyes were on the Rock Scorpion, his spiritual force was scanning the surroundings. Rock Scorpions weren't solitary beasts. It was a beast that lived and hunted in groups. A Rock Scorpion appearing on its own was not normal. There should be other Rock Scorpions around.

Zhi~zhi~zhi. Just as Zhao Hai was thinking about this, the Rock Scorpion in front of him suddenly screeched. The sound was very unpleasant. Zhao Hai's expression couldn't help but change. Then he coldly snorted and waved his hand, turning his tang blade into a large glaive.

The large glaive was a heavy weapon. Zhao Hai hasn't given up on using the tang blade as a weapon. He only changed into a large glaive because the defenses of the scorpion were very strong. It would be difficult to use the tang blade to break through the scorpion. To deal with the Rock Scorpion, he would need a heavy weapon like the glaive.

With the glaive in his hand, Zhao Hai charged towards the Rock Scorpion. Although Zhao Hai hasn't acquired any techniques regarding the glaive, this doesn't mean that he couldn't use it. Don't forget, Zhao Hai had a world inside the Space with a Chinese background. Not only did he receive Buddhist sutras, Daoist manuals, and the like, he also received plenty of martial techniques. And that collection included books about the glaive. Particularly, there was a technique called the Spring and Autumn Technique that was written by a glaive expert.

In the past, Zhao Hai didn't give much importance to techniques from earth. Back in the Great Realm of Cultivation, the offensive methods used were completely different. So these techniques could only be used as reference, but not for battle.

However, things were different in the True Spirit Realm. Although spells were also present in the True Spirit Realm, attacks using one's body were more common. This gave Zhao Hai the opportunity to use the techniques from Earth. When he revisited his techniques, he also practiced the techniques he obtained from Earth.

When Zhao Hai was studying these techniques, he discovered that the consciousness they contain has a similar thinking speed as high-level techniques. Of all the manuals in Zhao Hai's possession, the Stellar Transformations Yin Yang Art has the fastest thinking speed, then it was followed by the 18 Buddhist Techniques, and then by his other techniques. Of these manuals, the techniques from Earth were just a level below the 18 Buddhist Techniques. It was on par with the other high-level methods that Zhao Hai practiced.

This was a startling discovery. Zhao Hai knew the state of Earth's martial arts before he transmigrated. But now, these martial arts seem to be stronger than the ones in the Great Realm of Cultivation.

It was because of this that Zhao Hai focused his attention more on the manuals from Earth. By this point, it wouldn't be incorrect to say that Zhao Hai was proficient in all 18 weapons. He could treat the weapons like his hands and feet.

This allowed Zhao Hai to utilize the glaive comfortably. In his hand, the glaive exuded a heavy aura of aggression. It was as if he was a martial god that looked down from the heavens.

The Rock Scorpion could also feel Zhao Hai's imposing aura. Its instincts were screaming that the person in front of it was a dangerous individual. However, the scorpion didn't retreat. The other scorpions were approaching, it could not let its prey go.

The Rock Scorpion retreated every time Zhao Hai waved his glaive. But at the same time, it used its pincers to attack Zhao Hai. His tail was also propped up, ready to attack if ever Zhao Hai showed a little opening.

The tail of the Rock Scorpion was very famous in the True Spirit Realm. Not only was the tail flexible, it also contained a very potent poison. Once the poison gets inside a person's body, they would immediately feel sluggish before their body turns into stone. Once its prey turns into stone, the Rock Scorpion will eat them.

The reason for the poison's fame was because even Earth Monarchs would be turned into stone if they were hit by it. Not only would one's body turn sluggish due to the poison, their hearts would also stop beating. Only a cultivator who reached the Teleportation Stage would be able to save anyone afflicted by the poison.

At the same time, the poison was famous for its wondrous property, and that was petrification.

This strong petrification effect applies to other things, not just the human body. Because of this, it was always in demand for refining masters and pill masters.

The tail of the Rock Scorpions was a very valuable item in the True Spirit Realm. However, this didn't cause the Rock Scorpions to be hunted down to extinction. In fact, the price of their tails allowed Rock Scorpions to kill even more cultivators.

The Rock Scorpions can do this because their stone skins could shield against spiritual force. It was very difficult for ordinary cultivators to discover them, allowing the scorpions to perform successful sneak attacks. At the same time, stronger cultivators wouldn't want to provoke Rock Scorpions due to their powerful defenses. Also Rock Scorpions live in groups. Strong cultivators have other means to make money, they have no need to endanger themselves just to harvest a few Rock Scorpion tails.

This placed the Rock Scorpions in a good position. Super strong cultivators disdained hunting them, stronger cultivators couldn't deal with them, and weak cultivators couldn't detect them. Therefore, Rock Scorpions were able to live freely in the True Spirit Realm.

Zhao Hai was also aware that the Rock Scorpion was waiting for reinforcement. He wouldn't dare underestimate the beasts of the True Spirit Realm. These beasts were intelligent and could plot to get their kill. Zhao Hai regarded the beasts of the True Spirit Realm the same way he regarded other cultivators. So upon seeing the Rock Scorpion retreating, Zhao Hai didn't slow down his attacks. On the contrary, he attacked more aggressively.

The glaive in Zhao Hai's hand carried the imposing aura of a mountain. Wen, wen, wen! A violent gale of wind appeared every time Zhao Hai waved his heavy glaive. The stone scales of the Rock Scorpion sparked every time it was hit by the glaive. Cut marks also began appearing on the scorpion's body. It was clear that the scorpion was hurt by the attacks. It screeched whenever Zhao Hai made a cut.

At this moment, Zhao Hai heard a skittering sound. He knew that the other scorpions had arrived. Moreover, there seems to be a lot of them. Zhao Hai's complexion changed, then he silently chanted, "Righteousness of the Spring and Autumn!" This was a killing move of the Spring and Autumn Technique. It carried the intent of a duty-bound soldier pushing on for their mission.

Bu! Zhao Hai's glaive shook the shell of the Rock Scorpion. Then the glaive continued slashing down, eventually chopping the Rock Scorpion's head off. The scorpion twitched two times before it completely stopped moving.

Zhao Hai waved his hand and sent the dead Rock Scorpion to the Space. At this time, Zhao Hai was surrounded by ten Rock Scorpions. The scorpions surrounding him varied in size. The largest scorpion was five meters long and had cyan colored stone skin. The smallest scorpion was around a meter long and had light gray skin. Zhao Hai understood that this scorpion was still a juvenile.

Zhao Hai looked at the scorpions and coldly snorted. Then he declared, "Kill!". Then he waved his hand and began another round of battle.

Seeing their fellow scorpion killed and taken away by Zhao Hai, the other scorpions were enraged. They screeched as they attacked Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai already finished studying his movements techniques. So what he was least afraid of were group battles. Under the siege of ten Rock Scorpions, Zhao Hai was completely unafraid. On the contrary, he skillfully used his movement techniques to fight against them.

While enduring the attacks of the Rock Scorpions, Zhao Hai used a net made from liquid silver to capture a few of them and send them to the Space. This caused the bigger scorpions to be completely enraged. They attacked Zhao Hai more aggressively.

After battling for three hours, Zhao Hai was finally able to deal with the Rock Scorpions. However, he didn't kill all of the scorpions. Of the ten, he only killed five while the rest were captured and sent to the Space.

Zhao Hai let out a long breath after the battle. The Rock Scorpions weren't a joke to deal with. Their offensive strength wasn't any less than their defenses. If Zhao Hai's cultivation wasn't special, he wouldn't have been able to endure for so long. It must be known that the spiritual qi density of the True Spirit Realm was greater than the Great Realm of Cultivation. Even then, it took Zhao Hai a lot of effort before the Rock Scorpions were dealt with.

Chapter 2010: Meeting A Fellow Disciple

After cleaning up the Rock Scorpions, Zhao Hai found a place to take a rest. He consumed quite a bit of energy during the battle. It was important for him to return to his optimum condition.

Recalling the battle, Zhao Hai was even more convinced about not underestimating the beasts of the True Spirit Realm. These beasts weren't easy to deal with. Rock Scorpions weren't the weakest beasts of the True Spirit Realm, but they weren't that far from the bottom. Rock Scorpions have two things, their ability to shield against spiritual force and their formidable defense. Besides those two things, the Scorpions weren't that special. Even so, Zhao Hai spent several hours dealing with them. One could see from this point how formidable these beasts were.

After resting for an hour, Zhao Hai's energy was fully restored. Then as he stood up, he muttered, "I didn't think the scorpions were this strong. It seems like I'll have to be more careful about the beasts of the True Spirit Realm."

Zhao Hai was saying this to Laura and the others who were in the Space. And upon hearing Zhao Hai, Laura replied, "Brother, be careful when you face these beasts."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Don't worry, I will." Then he continued to move towards Black Dragon Mountain.

After walking for around three hours, Zhao Hai began to slow down his speed. The closer he got to Black Dragon Mountain, the more beasts he would eventually meet. So he slowed down to deal with any danger that might come up.

As he was moving forward, Zhao Hai suddenly felt the ground under him change. Upon this discovery, Zhao Hai immediately moved out of the way.

Just as Zhao Hai moved away, a sharp horn suddenly appeared from the ground. If Zhao Hai was slow, he would have been skewered by this horn.

Seeing the sharp horn, Zhao Hai's lower regions couldn't help but feel cold. Fortunately, he was able to dodge in time. Otherwise, his jewels would have been obliterated.

Then the horn disappeared as fast as it appeared. Seeing this, Zhao Hai's expression changed, then he coldly snorted and swam under the soil using his earth-element divergent ability.

Zhao Hai has no other choice but to do this. The beast that attacked him right now clearly has no intentions of revealing itself. It wanted to stay underground and keep attacking. In this case, Zhao Hai wouldn't just wait until he was attacked. Since the enemy doesn't want to go above ground, then Zhao Hai would have to go under.

The moment he sank underground, Zhao Hai felt a rustling sound from the soil. He immediately dove towards that direction.

Before long, Zhao Hai stopped as two cold eyes that belonged to a beast appeared in front of him. The beast in front of him had the form of a lizard. On its head was a sharp horn. Its body was very slender. If it didn't have legs, it would have been a snake, not a lizard.

The eyes of the lizard were very small. These small eyes were currently fixated on Zhao Hai. It was clear that the lizard was surprised by Zhao Hai's sudden appearance.

The lizard's slender body was two meters wide and was built to be very fast underground. Zhao Hai also discovered that the horn on its head could rotate. The lizard should have relied on this rotation to break through the soil, allowing fast movement underground.

Ground Fleeing Lizard. This was the lizard's name. This beast was a huge headache to low-level cultivators of the True Spirit Realm. The lizard lived underground and rarely went above ground. They could dive to about a hundred meters underground. Their main attack was the sharp horn on their heads.

Because the lizard's rotating horn could break the soil, the lizard's movements underground make very little noise. And due to the length of the horn, it was very silent when it attacked. With the land of the True Spirit Realm having a natural shielding against spiritual force, the lizard's attacks were very successful against low-level cultivators. Plenty of low-level cultivators have fallen to this sudden attack.

Looking at the Ground Fleeing Lizard, Zhao Hai coldly snorted. He waved his hand and took out his tang blade. Then he charged towards the lizard.

The lizard also screeched and charged towards Zhao Hai. They were currently underground, but the lizard soon found out that it was being suppressed in the environment it was most familiar with. Its opponent seems to be more comfortable with the earth.

Because he communicated with the earth, Zhao Hai was truly comfortable with being underground. By this point, his movements underground were as free as when he was above. Zhao Hai could even use his movement techniques underground without any negative effects. He was a nightmare for Ground Fleeing Lizards.

Before long, the battle was over. Zhao Hai was able to finish the battle faster compared to his battle against the scorpions. This was because the lizard wasn't as strong as the scorpions. Also, Zhao Hai had the advantage underground.

After receiving the corpse of the Ground Fleeing Lizard, Zhao Hai went aboveground and continued traveling towards Black Dragon Mountain. At the same time, he became more wary of the surroundings. He knew that the nearer he got to Black Dragon Mountain, the more beasts he would meet.

As Zhao Hai advanced, he suddenly heard sounds of fighting in front of him. Besides the roars of a beast, he could also hear sounds of people. While listening, Zhao Hai found that someone was fighting a beast.

Zhao Hai went towards the sound but then stopped before long. The reason he stopped was because people were blocking the way ahead.

The strength of these people weren't weak. Looking at their appearance, they seem to be from the Tyrant Blade Sect. They were currently blocking the way forward while giving Zhao Hai a fierce glare.

From what Zhao Hai could see, there were three people standing in front of him, there were also two people lying on the boulder behind them. And the fighting was happening not far from the group. It was clear that those fighting were part of the same group.

Zhao Hai looked at the three people blocking his way. They were wearing gray clothing and had blades on their backs. The person in front was about 1.8 meters tall and should be less than 30 years old. He had long hair and a beard. His skin was bronze which made him look more manly.

The second person looked very thin and seemed to be in his 30s. He had a mustache on his face. And because he was thin, his eyes looked big. He was currently glaring at Zhao Hai.

The third person was neither short nor tall. His height was average. He had short hair and a very common face. It would be very easy for him to merge with a crowd. He had a forgettable face.

As Zhao Hai looked at these people, the three were also sizing him up. Zhao Hai's appearance was very ordinary. He wore very simple black clothing and had nothing special to him. Surprisingly, Zhao Hai didn't bring his blade with him.

The person at the front of the three cupped his fist towards Zhao Hai and said, "May I ask if Junior Brother is from the Tyrant Blade Sect? This one is Inner Sect Disciple Ge Yueyu of Fast Ground Mountain."

Hearing the other party, Zhao Hai also cupped his fist and said, "I have seen Senior Brother. I'm Zhao Hai from Lower Earth Mountain."

As he said that, Zhao Hai also presented his blade token. Seeing Zhao Hai's blade token, Gu Yueyu's expression relaxed. Then he gave Zhao Hai a curious look as he asked, "Junior Brother is from Lower Earth Mountain? I heard that Lower Earth Mountain only has the 12 Eccentrics. When did Junior arrive in Lower Earth Mountain?"

Ge Yueyu relaxed very quickly because of the unity between the disciples of the Tyrant Blade Sect. Fighting between disciples was heavily punished by the sect. Because of this, disciples would have no hostility towards each other whenever they meet.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "It has been a month since I started living in Lower Earth Mountain. It's normal for Senior Brother to not know of me."

Ge Yueyu laughed and said, "I see, no wonder I haven't heard of you. So you're the one who wanted to farm the lands of Lower Earth Mountain? I heard that someone took that task a while ago. I was curious about who would take that task. I didn't expect to meet you here."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I have made Senior Brother laugh. I just arrived from the Soaring Dragon Realm. I have a few robots from the lower realms that couldn't fight, they can only plow the land. So when I saw that there's land that wasn't farmed, I made a request to the sect. I didn't expect that there would be a mission for it."

Hearing Zhao Hai, the group chuckled. The atmosphere became more relaxed. Zhao Hai turned towards the sound of fighting and said, "Senior Brother Ge, who are you fighting? I rushed over when I heard fighting. Do you need help?"

Ge Yueyu shook his head and said, "There's no need. It's only a Sharp-clawed Ape. I brought my fellow disciples for training. So I'm currently giving them the opportunity to fight the beasts."

Zhao Hai immediately understood. He smiled faintly and said, "I see, I was worried. Then I won't be disturbing you anymore. Senior Brother, if you have time, you can come visit Lower Earth Mountain's First Peak. Then, this Little Brother will bid farewell." Zhao Hai cupped his fist towards the group, showing his intention to leave.

But before Zhao Hai could leave, he was stopped by Ge Yueyu, "Junior Brother, wait a moment. Did you come to Black Dragon Mountain on your own for training?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "Yes."

Ge Yueyu replied, "Then Junior Brother should be careful. Now that you're close to Black Dragon Mountain, you're going to encounter deceitful beasts. If you're not careful, you will suffer grave injuries. I suggest the next time you come here, you should go to the Miscellaneous Hall first. There are teams looking for members there. Going to the mountain alone is dangerous."

Hearing Gu Yueyu, Zhao Hai showed a grateful smile as he said, "Thank you, Senior Brother. I will keep that in mind." Then he cupped his fist once more before leaving.