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Chapter 3291, Three Female Monster Kings

Luan Feng's expression turned serious when she heard those words, "What do you mean?"

Yang Kai replied calmly, "Lady Feng, you've said it yourself that this King has the support of Heavens Order's descendant. I don't think I need to tell you what Heavens Order did in the past. Surely you must know there are countless Divine Spirit Sources in Heaven Order's Palace. The reason those Monster Kings from the Ancient Lands are so respectful to me and do whatever they are told is that they hope to become Divine Spirits in the future."

"How do you have the nerve to boast that you're living off a woman?" Luan Feng shot him a disdainful look.

Ignoring her mockery, Yang Kai went on to say, "This King considers himself pretty lucky. I inadvertently took in a young girl many years ago, never expecting that she would turn out to be the descendant of the famous Heavens Order. Furthermore, her bloodline accidentally awakened. I'm not trying to boast to you, but Ruo Xi is pretty obedient toward me. After she comes out from Blood Gate, she'll not reject any requests that I have."

"What does that have to do with Tian Long?" Luan Feng frowned.

Yang Kai replied with a smile, "If this King is not mistaken, Lady Feng is only a variant species of the Phoenix Clan, a branch clan at best, yes? Since that's the case, there's still some difference between you and a pureblood Phoenix. Heavens Order killed countless Divine Spirits in the past, including Dragons and Phoenixes so, as you can see, there must be Phoenix Clan Sources in her palace."

After he finished speaking, he picked up the teacup to cover his face while examining Luan Feng's expression and, as expected, she appeared tempted. Knowing that she couldn't resist this offer, he was elated.

A moment later, Luan Feng uttered, "Are you sure you can help Tian Long get into Heavens Order Palace?"

Yang Kai immediately replied, "I'm sure Ruo Xi will not reject me if I make this request."

Luan Feng took a deep breath and gently nodded, "Boy, the reason I'm not willing to lend you more Monster Kings isn't that I am selfish. You're a Human, after all, so if you have too many Monster Kings as your subordinates, you'll be regarded as siding with the Monster Race, which will be terrible for your reputation."

Yang Kai replied confidently, "Lady Feng, many thanks for your concern, but without sufficient strength, everything else is meaningless."

Luan Feng looked away, "Fan Wu and Cang Gou might not agree to it."

Yang Kai grinned at her, "With Lady Feng taking action, why wouldn't they agree to it? As far as I know, even though Fan Wu has always been the strategist among the Divine Venerables, Lady Feng is actually the most powerful."

"Flattering me is useless!" After Luan Feng finished speaking, she rose from the chair and turned to leave.

"Where are you going?" Yang Kai stared at her alluring figure and asked.

"Just wait here. Whether or not they'll agree to it, I'll give you an answer in five days."

Hearing that, Yang Kai knew that he could definitely get what he wanted, so he stood up and cupped his fists with a smile, "Many thanks for your help, Lady Feng."

All his persuasion so far was worth it; moreover, he knew that since he had made Luan Feng side with him, he would be able to obtain whatever he wanted from those in the Ancient Wild Lands in the future. However, if he couldn't achieve his goal this time, he wouldn't be able to get any benefits from here anymore.

Feeling over the moon, he returned to his room and waited.

Upon receiving the news, Cang Gou rushed over to Fan Wu's palace. Three Great Divine Venerables had gathered together, but their expressions were dark.

"He's crossed the line this time! Previously, we even went out to help him, but I didn't expect that he'd make such an outrageous demand so soon after! He wants three more Monster Kings this time? Why doesn't he just go to Hell!" Cang Gou was so enraged that it was as if he was preparing to get into a life-or-death battle with Yang Kai.

Fan Wu sighed, "We've always enjoyed a peaceful life in the Ancient Lands, but I never expected that we'd be suppressed by a rotten brat in the end. The Heavenly Way is truly unfair to us."

A cold glint flashed across Cang Gou's eyes, "Why don't we kill him now so that there won't be any more trouble in the future?"

Luan Feng shot him a look, "And face that Heavens Order's descendant when she leaves the Blood Gate?"

Cang Gou flinched before he slumped in a dejected manner and muttered something. To Divine Spirits, the mere mention of Heavens Order was like when a mouse heard a cat meow. That was a kind of innate fear.

Fan Wu uttered solemnly, "Moreover, I don't think we can easily kill him now."

When Yang Kai first arrived in the Ancient Wild Lands, he had already showcased incredible combat prowess despite being just a First-Order Dao Source Realm cultivator. Several dozen years had passed now, and given his aptitude, he must have become far stronger now, not to mention that he was proficient in the Dao of Space. If they couldn't find a way to trap him first, ensuring he couldn't flee, even the three of them were not confident of prevailing over him.

Furthermore, if they fell out with him, the consequences would be dreadful.

Cang Gou grumbled, "What should we do then? Do we just let him do whatever he pleases?"

Fan Wu turned to look at Luan Feng and questioned, "Lady Feng, how did your discussion with him go?"

Luan Feng lowered her gaze and spat, "I rejected him at first, but he shamelessly released that Stone Spirit that refined Shi Huo's Source and threatened that he would let it occupy the northern lands, becoming the next Northern Divine Venerable. Moreover, that brat said he would intentionally spread word to all the Monster Kings that we were interfering. This Mistress really had no way out."

"Shameless!" Cang Gou growled.

A glint flashed across Fan Wu's eyes as he sensitively realised that Luan Feng was hiding something from them, but he didn't ask her about it, as he knew that she wouldn't tell him anyway. After a moment of silence, he sighed, "It seems that we're unable to stop him."

Luan Feng hesitated for a moment, "Although we can't refuse him, it doesn't mean we can't cause trouble for him."

Fan Wu gazed at her, "What do you mean?"

Luan Feng replied with a grin, "As both of you know, he has a wife called Shan Qing Luo who has inherited a Divine Spirit Source and is now a Half-Monster. Now, she's cultivating in the Ancient Lands."

Fan Wu and Cang Gou nodded slightly, as they were aware of this. Ying Fei had personally sent Shan Qing Luo to this place, and everyone in Ancient Lands had heard about her, so she wouldn't face any danger in this place. The reason she had chosen to cultivate here was that the environment in this place was best suited for her.

Cang Gou's gaze brightened, "You mean we should make a move on that Shan Qing Luo girl?"

Luan Feng shook her head, "No. I've met her before, and I quite appreciate her as a woman. She seems to have inherited a Heavenly Moon Demon Spider's Source as well, so one day she will be one of the greatest Masters among our Monster Race. Since she's from the same Race as us, there's no reason for us to act aggressively with her."

Cang Gou was puzzled and asked, "Since you don't intend to deal with her, why did you mention her name?"

Luan Feng's smile grew deeper as she continued, "That brat might try to act upright, but clearly he's a promiscuous one. Do you know that he has four wives in total? Moreover, he's in an ambiguous relationship with a woman from Ice Heart Valley, and he has gotten together with a woman from the Dragon Clan. If we count that Heavens Order's descendant in..."

Cang Gou appeared to be longing for that kind of life as he grumbled, "Tsk. He's quite lucky to have so many women."

Fan Wu's eyes flashed as he thought of something before uttering, "Having so many women is not necessarily a good thing."

Luan Feng nodded, "That's right. He met his four wives when they were younger, so they're not very powerful, while that woman from Ice Heart Valley is a Second-Order Emperor. We've all met her before actually. She was that mad woman who terrorized our lands, but I've heard that she's no longer crazy. The remaining two are that Dragon Woman and Heavens Order's descendant. None among these women would be willing to accept being second."

Cang Gou uttered, "What's your saying is... If they came across each other..."

He could feel a chill running down his spine just thinking about it. A woman from the Dragon Clan and Heavens Order's descendant were naturally born to be enemies, so it'd be quite the show if they met each other.

However, no one knew when Heavens Order's descendant would come out of the Blood Gate.

A smiling Luan Feng said, "Before that happens, we can do something to add fuel to the fire. If he's constantly troubled by women, that brat won't have any energy left to stir up trouble in the Ancient Wild Lands again!"

Cang Gou asked, "How do we do that?"

Luan Feng grinned, "The chance is right before our eyes. Since he wants three Monster Kings, we'll lend him three Monster Kings. It's just that he might not be able to stomach them."

While Cang Gou was puzzled, Fan Wu understood what she was trying to say as he ran his fingers through his beard with a smile, "That's right. Lady Feng has a good point."

"What are you two talking about? Can you make it clear to me?" Cang Gou scratched his head.

Fan Wu and Luan Feng grinned at each other.

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Three Monster Kings were soon selected as the Three Great Divine Venerables would respectively lend Yang Kai one each.

Inside Phoenix Nest Palace, Yang Kai stared at the three Monster Kings in disbelief as he was at a loss for words.

It wasn't that these three weren't strong. All 32 Monster Kings in the Ancient Wild Lands were powerful. The reason he was speechless was that all three of them were women. Furthermore, they were extremely charming and alluring women.

He was familiar with one of them. She was Du Mi'er, the Flower Monster that he had met in Luan Feng's palace last time. She was excellent at serving people and Yang Kai had the opportunity to receive a massage from her previously. At this moment, she was looking lovingly at him.

Beside Du Mi'er was a stunning woman with rich curves and a naturally seductive expression. Only Shan Qing Luo could match her in terms of allure. Her two watery eyes seemed like two black holes that were able to suck anyone's Soul in and trap it forever. Although she was just quietly standing there, she exuded an indescribable charm that made any man unwilling to move his eyes away from her.

"Hu Fei?" Yang Kai asked probingly.

Upon hearing that, the female Monster King was startled for a moment before she put on a smile and parted her lips, "I never expected Sir to recognise this Mistress." Her voice was so soft and inviting that Yang Kai couldn't help but shudder as he felt like all his bones had become lighter. She indeed lived up to her Nine-Tailed Heavenly Fox's bloodline, as every move she made was able to enchant a man. Yang Kai could even feel his lower reaches turning warm.

At that instant, he was torn between tears and laughter. He had just discussed all the Monster Kings with Xi Lei a few days ago and had been specifically warned to be careful of Hu Fei. Never did he expect that Luan Feng would send this woman to him.

Shooting a glance at Luan Feng but seeing her smiling back at him nonchalantly, he could only cough and turn back, nodding to Hu Fei as he replied, "Lady Hu Fei is quite famous. That's why I recognise you."

Hu Fei giggled, "I guess Sir means infamous. I'm sorry for what Sir has heard about me."

Then, Yang Kai turned to look at the last Monster King. Her temperament was quite different from that of Du Mi'er or Hu Fei. She wasn't soft and welcoming like Du Mi'er or as seductive and enchanting like Hu Fei, instead, she was an icy beauty. Her pupils were strangely vertical, which reminded Yang Kai of those of a snake. Nevertheless, he wasn't afraid of the insidious feeling she gave off; rather, he had the urge to pounce on her as if he had been hypnotized. Even if he was gulped down by her in a single bite, he wouldn't have any complaint.

Realising her identity, Yang Kai asked, "Chi Lian?"

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Chi Lian licked her scarlet lips as her eyes beamed with a radiant glow, "Sir, you do have an incredible memory. I never expected that you would recognise this Mistress as well."

"Aha.. ha..." Yang Kai put on a hollow laugh and swept a glance over these three female Monster Kings.

They were all alluring women who were clad in revealing clothes. Their fair skin, plump peaks, and long legs were all greatly exposed, and the way they looked at Yang Kai suggested that they were eager to 'eat' him.

As a chill ran down his spine, Yang Kai turned to look at the smiling Luan Feng, who was clearly enjoying the good show, and asked, "Lady Feng, can I have a word with you?"

Luan Feng rolled her eyes as she went to the other side with him and questioned in an annoyed manner, "What's the matter?"

A frustrated Yang Kai asked, "Lady Feng, are you all messing with me?"

Luan Feng put on a frivolous smile, "Whatever do you mean?"

Yang Kai stole a glance at the Monster Kings, "I ask you to lend me three Monster Kings, but... why did you send these particular three to me?"

Pretending to be clueless, Luan Feng asked, "Are you not satisfied with them? They're considered quite powerful among the thirty-two Monster Kings. They might not be as powerful as Xi Lei in close combat, but you can ask Xi Lei to try battling against them and see who will turn out to be the winner."

"I believe they're strong, but this isn't... appropriate."

Luan Feng's expression turned cold, "What do you mean? Even after this Queen took great pains to summon these three for you, now you don't want them anymore? If that's the case, you have to tell them about it yourself and see whether they'll let you off."

In the meantime, she was elated in her heart. [This is the price you have to pay for oppressing us. Do you think I have no way to deal with you?]

"Please." Yang Kai cupped his fists, "I know you're a kind-hearted woman. Please replace them with the more... ordinary Monster Kings. The three of them are really too... Outstanding..." Even he found it hard to resist their charm and it was taking a good deal of his focus to ward off their seduction, so what else need be said about others? If Yang Kai really brought these three back with him, High Heaven Palace would descend into chaos. The male disciples would never be able to focus on cultivating.

Luan Feng shot him a glare, "This Queen found you three Monster Kings as you requested, but now you want to exchange them for others? Don't you think your behaviour is too outrageous?"

After giving it a thought, Yang Kai muttered, "Perhaps... just a bit..."

"Scram back to your place if you don't want them!" Luan Feng snorted and declared.

Yang Kai parted his lips, but he couldn't bring himself to say anything in the end. As he looked at the three Monster Kings, who were staring hungrily at him, he heaved a sigh, "Nevermind. I'll take them."

Luan Feng scoffed, "You're making it sound like you've been taken advantage of."

She paused for a moment, "I've fulfilled your demand. Now, leave this place with them and don't come back again unless it's a truly urgent matter. After that Heavens Order's descendant comes out of the Blood Gate, I'll send someone to inform you."

She seemed eager to chase him away, as she was truly incensed by his very presence. She could only feel at ease once he was gone.

Dawdling no further, Yang Kai clasped his fists together and uttered, "Please take care of my wife, then." He didn't look for Shan Qing Luo this time as he knew that she was going through intensive cultivation. Bothering her at this point wouldn't do her any good.

"Don't worry, I'll make sure that no one harms her," Luan Feng impatiently waved her hand.

After bidding her farewell, Yang Kai and the three Monster Kings flew towards the place where Stone Spirits lived. It was then he realised that it was truly unbearable to have these three beautiful women around him. These three Monster Kings were extremely forward, and every word they uttered and every move they made seemed to be specifically to seduce him. Hu Fei, who had the Nine-Tailed Heavenly Fox's bloodline, was especially attractive as her every move or smile was able to enthral any man.

Du Mi'er and Chi Lian were not easy to deal with either. While one was tender and affectionate, the other was insidiously cold. Surrounded by these three different types of women, Yang Kai felt as if he was suffocating. If he wasn't loyal to his wives, he would've looked for a place and bedded these three right away.

After they arrived at the place where the Stone Spirits lived, a group of Stone Spirits gazed at the three women with widened eyes and then took a look at Yang Kai. Following that, they gave him a look that only men would understand.

Their actions made Yang Kai feel embarrassed, as this wasn't the outcome he had expected. The reason he came to the Ancient Wild Lands this time was to borrow three Monster Kings to keep watch over Orthodoxy Temple; however, it had never crossed his mind that he would bring three enchantresses with him.

After giving it a thought, he realised that Luan Feng was up to no good. She must have intended to make these enchantresses devour him and then threaten him to get him to do whatever she told him to do.

He remained embarrassed when he returned to Orthodoxy Temple and, under the stunned gaze of Hua Qing Si, he introduced the Monster Kings to her and told her to help them settle in.

Before he left, he turned solemn and swept a glance over these three alluring women as he uttered, "After I'm gone, you have to listen to Manager Hua. The Human world is unlike the Ancient Wild Lands, and you won't be able to be so carefree anymore. Since you've come to my territory, you'll have to follow the rules. If you make any mistake, you will not be spared from punishment."

Hu Fei smiled tenderly at him, "Sir, what are you talking about? We're all very obedient."

As she spoke, she exuded a faint charming intent. Any other man would immediately be enchanted by her and wouldn't be able to say any harsh words to her.

Nevertheless, Yang Kai had his guard up all along, as he had the intention to establish his authority here. As the golden pupil in his left eye started glowing, his Spiritual Energy surged towards Hu Fei and erased all her charming intent.

The expression on Hu Fei's fair face changed drastically and after a grunt, her face became pale. Du Mi'er and Chi Lian quickly looked away as well as their watery eyes showed a sense of surprise.

At the same time, Yang Kai silently activated his Golden Divine Dragon Source Strength and engulfed the three of them in his Dragon Pressure. Following that, he extended his hand to touch Hu Fei's delicate face.

Hu Fei widened her eyes in an instant as the sight before her eyes was inconceivable. Yang Kai was standing in front of her, but it was as if she was seeing a giant Dragon extending its Dragon Claw towards her, seemingly preparing to shred her to pieces. Faced with the claw, all her defence seemed as fragile as paper.

She couldn't help trembling as the colour drained from her face.

Feeling the change in Yang Kai's aura, Du Mi'er and Chi Lian appeared fearful as if they were facing a formidable enemy.

It seemed to be just a short moment, but also seemed to last forever before the three enchantresses felt that terrifying aura disappear. With a grin, Yang Kai pinched Hu Fei's cheek, enjoying the soft feel of her skin as he said light-heartedly, "Be good girls now and help me protect this place. Do a good job and I'll definitely reward you handsomely."

The stunned enchantresses obediently nodded.

Yang Kai sniffed his own fingers then winked at Hu Fei before he laughed heartily and turned to leave.

After he was gone, Hu Fei and the others were finally able to heave a sigh of relief. Gazing around, they could see the shock in each other's eyes. Earlier, they had followed Yang Kai all the way to this place and realised that he was quite mild-mannered, which was why they had become a little presumptuous; however, it wasn't until what happened just now that they realised that Yang Kai was truly a horrifying monster. If they infuriated him, he would probably not go easy on them. The pressure just now was able to make them suffocate, a sensation they had never experienced even from the Divine Venerables.

After calmly watching everything that had happened, Hua Qing Si chose this moment to speak up, "This Mistress is Head Manager of High Heaven Palace Hua Qing Si. May I ask for your names?"

Hu Fei and the others snapped back to their senses upon hearing that with Du Mi'er answering first. They didn't take Hua Qing Si lightly just because the latter was weaker than they were and instead appeared quite submissive.

Hua Qing Si memorised their names as she understood the reason they appeared so meek was that Yang Kai had managed to instil a sense of fear in them. Otherwise, it would be a pain in the backside for her to deal with these Monster Kings.

The only people in High Heaven Palace that could rival them were Ying Fei, Xi Lei, and Xie Wu Wei. However, those three were Monster Kings from the Ancient Wild Lands as well, so they were all definitely familiar with one another. Hence, there was no way Hua Qing Si could make use of Ying Fei and the others to intimidate these three female Monster Kings.

Now that Yang Kai had disciplined them though, it would be much easier for Hua Qing Si to manage them. She had even decided that if they wouldn't listen to her commands, she would tell Liu Yan to deal with them.

Liu Yan was second only to Yang Kai in High Heaven Palace. Even the Monster Kings were no match for her.

Now that they were joined by three more Monster Kings, they had enough people to protect their foundation. After Nanmen Da Jun was done with arranging the new Sect Defending Array, they could start relocating disciples to this place.

On the other hand, after Yang Kai left Orthodoxy Temple, he actually returned to the Ancient Wild Lands.

Upon leaving the place where the Stone Spirit Clan lived, he went to the location where Blood Gate had appeared in the past. This place was familiar to him, as he had a life-or-death battle against Shi Huo here, one where he was almost beaten to death. It was only thanks to the awakening of Zhang Ruo Xi's bloodline and the fact that she had taken away Shi Huo's Divine Spirit Source that the crisis was averted.

Following that, Zhang Ruo Xi and Xiao Xiao entered the Blood Gate, which disappeared afterwards. There had not been any news about them since then.

Some Monster Commanders had been stationed around the Blood Gate year-round. Yang Kai was interrogated when he arrived at this place, but after he told them his name, they all became obsequious.

He then went on to probe the area for a long time, but he couldn't sense the Blood Gate's aura whatsoever. Left with no choice, he could only put the matter aside for now.

The Blood Gate was connected to a Sealed World that was created by Heavens Order in the past. There was the Heavens Order Palace inside it where many Ancient Divine Spirit Sources were stored. Divine Spirits were rare these days, but they were much more common during ancient times. These Divine Spirits were born powerful, so they also tended to be reckless and brought chaos to the world.

According to ancient records, Heavens Order was born all of a sudden, after which she waged a great war. With the Heavens Order Sword in her hand, she slew countless Divine Spirits, including Dragons and Phoenixes. She was born from nature by coincidence, and it seemed that she was the archnemesis of all Divine Spirits.

During the era when Heavens Order lived, no Divine Spirit dared show its face, which allowed Humans to peacefully develop their civilization.

On the other hand, the Divine Spirits that were killed by Heavens Order had their Sources extracted and sealed within Heavens Order Palace, which was why the number of Divine Spirits had dwindled. These days, it was pretty rare to find any of them. Although many members of the Monster Race had inherited their ancestors' ancient bloodlines, they couldn't awaken their ancestors' glories without their ancestors' Sources.

Chapter 3293, Past Grudges

Yang Kai only left the Ancient Wild Lands after a couple of weeks.

On the outskirts of the Ancient Lands, there was a shabby desolate city where many cultivators had been staying. The Ancient Wild Lands were known for being dangerous, but due to the abundant natural treasures and its unique environment, many cultivators still loved to venture into the place. As time passed, a city where cultivators could take a rest appeared outside the Ancient Lands. This was how the desolate city came about. In fact, Yang Kai had been to this place as well. At that time, he was there to look for a guide, eventually finding Old Ban, and with the latter's lead, he was able to enter the Ancient Lands safely. It was also because of Old Ban that he got into a conflict with Serene Soul Great Emperor's Daughter, Yao Lin. She might not be a truly evil person, but because she had always been doted on and spoiled, she had become rather haughty. With the protection of some top cultivators, she insisted on barging into the Ancient Lands and forced Old Ban to lead the way. However, she was taught a lesson by Yang Kai. Unresigned, she joined forces with Netherworld Sect's Yin Le Sheng and ambushed Yang Kai at the entrance of the Ancient Lands Passageway, but Yang Kai turned the tables on them instead. At the critical moment, Serene Soul Great Emperor's Soul Descend appeared which caused Yang Kai to pull back.

Arriving in this desolate city again, Yang Kai recalled his experiences with Old Ban.

At that time, he was grateful to Old Ban for bringing him to the Ancient Lands, and upon seeing that the latter was living a destitute life with his granddaughter, he decided to bring them to the Northern Territory. While his granddaughter had gotten into Ice Heart Valley, Old Ban had also found a job in a city that was under the Valley's rule.

Yang Kai hadn't met them for years, but he knew that Old Ban's granddaughter must have come of age now. As a cultivator in Ice Heart Valley, her future was bright.

Nevertheless, he was just passing by the desolate city. After recollecting some old memories, he turned around to leave. His destination: Dragon Island.

What Sheng Yu Zhu had told him made him realise that increasing his strength was indeed a pressing issue. Although all ten Great Emperors were still alive and kicking, no one knew when the next chance to compete for that position would arrive. If that chance arrived but he wasn't strong enough, it would be useless for him to cry over spilt milk.

Therefore, he had to quickly improve his strength and get prepared so that he wouldn't be flustered at the last moment.

It had only been a short time since he reached the Second-Order Emperor Realm, so even if he decided to cultivate in seclusion, he wouldn't be able to reach the Third-Order in a short period of time. Nevertheless, reaching the next order in his realm wasn't the only way to increase his strength. To him, a breakthrough in his Dragon Transformation Secret Art and tempering his Dragon Vein would be more effective than reaching the next Minor Realm.

In order to achieve that, heading to Dragon Island would be his best option.

Moreover, Zhu Qing was still on the island. Previously, he had gone to a Lower Star Field through the Void Corridor that Wu Kuang had forcefully opened up. Yang Kai didn't know what happened to Zhu Qing after that, or whether or not those from the island had continued making life hard for her. Hence, he couldn't set his mind at ease unless he returned to the island to have a look.

If possible, he wanted to bring Zhu Qing out of that place, and if he couldn't do that, he would have to arrange a Space Array on Dragon Island and connect it to High Heaven Palace; otherwise, it would be quite troublesome if he wanted to head to the island again.

However, before going to Dragon Island, he had to pay a visit to Spirit Beast Island first.

He had always wanted to discuss the Dao of Space with Li Wu Yi, as it was difficult to find someone else in this world who was also a Master in the same Dao as him. Moreover, Li Wu Yi was touted to be the strongest below the Great Emperors, so his mastery over the Dao of Space was certainly greater than that of Yang Kai's. Nevertheless, in the past, Yang Kai wasn't powerful enough to have this kind of discussion with him.

He had never received any formal guidance when it came to cultivating the Dao of Space, but if he could now converse with Li Wu Yi, he might obtain some unexpected gains.

Fortunately, both Dragon Island and Spirit Beast Island were located on the East Sea. Taking Serene Soul Palace into consideration as well, the collective heritage and power of the Eastern Territory was the best among the four territories in the Star Boundary. Nonetheless, these three great forces were not on good terms. For example, if Martial Beast Great Emperor and those from the Dragon Clan came across each other, it'd be considered lucky if they didn't get into a scuffle, so there was no way they would join forces.

In the desolate city, a man watched Yang Kai leave with surprise. A moment later, he fished out a jade slip and ran a search inside it, after which, he put on a grin and muttered, "It's really him."

After storing the jade slip, he took out a communication artifact and infused his Divine Sense into it. Then, he spoke to someone, and upon getting the latter's order, he clenched his teeth and walked in the direction Yang Kai had left.

However, he was only a Dao Source Realm cultivator, so there was no way he could tail Yang Kai. After he left the desolate city, he realised that Yang Kai was nowhere to be seen and as he blindly looked around, he appeared frustrated.

A moment later, a group of people flew towards him. The leading young man looked grimly at him and questioned, "Where is he?"

The man replied apprehensively, "Fort Lord, I don't know where he is. His cultivation is too powerful, so I've lost him."

The young man addressed as Fort Lord shot this man a glare upon hearing that, causing the man's forehead to be covered in cold sweat as he uttered fearfully, "Forgive me for being useless."

To the side, an old man added, "Fort Lord, that person was already a First-Order Emperor when we last saw him, while Xie San is only a Second-Order Dao Source Realm. So, it's good that he has lost him. If that person realised that he's being tailed, he would become wary."

The young man's expression turned milder as he bowed his head, "Elder is correct." Then, he turned to look at the man who had given them the information, "Did you make out his face? Are you sure it's him?"

The man replied steadfastly, "Yes, I'm certain it's him. In the past, Fort Lord gave each of us a jade slip with his image in it, and I've always carried it with me. I wasn't paying attention at first, but I suddenly realised that he looked familiar. If you don't believe me, you can ask the others in the city. I'm sure I'm not the only one who spotted him."

The Fort Lord replied dispassionately, "I believe you wouldn't dare to deceive me. According to your observation, what's that person's cultivation?"

The man hesitated for a moment before replying cautiously, "He should be stronger than you are."

Fort Lord narrowed his eyes, "Stronger than me? That means he's a Second-Order Emperor at the very least. Damn!" He appeared resentful of Yang Kai, as though there was a blood feud between them.

The old man, who spoke earlier, was shocked, "If this Old Master is not mistaken, that person only entered the Emperor Realm in the Shattered Star Sea. Not many years have passed, but he's already reached the Second-Order Emperor Realm. He's indeed gifted..." He paused for a moment and cupped his fists, "Fort Lord, I believe we need to discuss this issue further. If he's really a Second-Order Emperor, we from the Qi Family Fort can't afford to offend him."

If Yang Kai was present and heard this, he would definitely recall the name 'Qi Family Fort'.

Qi Family Fort wasn't considered a powerful force in the Eastern Territory, second-tier at best. The strongest person in the fort was only a First-Order Emperor. Qi Family Fort and Luo Sha Sect could be regarded as equals, though the former was slightly stronger than the other in terms of total power.

Due to the fact that they were not particularly strong, they could only occupy an area on the outskirts of the Eastern Territory. No one was interested in invading their territory, so they were able to develop peacefully.

The current Fort Lord was a gloomy-looking young man by the name of Qi Hai. Yang Kai had come into contact with him several times.

The first time, Yang Kai had obtained the Mountains and Rivers Bell and Phoenix True Fire in the Shattered Star Sea. Upon finding out about it, Qi Hai passionately invited him to visit Qi Family Fort. That was because Qi Hai's wife had barged into the Ancient Wild Lands and was stricken with one of the Ten Extreme Poisons, Heavenly Frost Earth Rain. Her days were numbered, and she needed the Phoenix True Fire to help her dispel the poison. The reason Qi Hai took the risk to venture into the Shattered Star Sea at all was to look for the Phoenix True Fire, but Yang Kai had obtained it before he could do so, which was why he had his eyes on Yang Kai.

However, to Yang Kai at that time, the Eastern Territory was a faraway place, so he wouldn't want to head to Qi Family Fort for no reason; therefore, he only gave a perfunctory reply that he'd go if he found time.

After that, Yang Kai arrived in the Eastern Territory by chance. When he reached the desolate city outside the Ancient Lands Passageway, Qi Hai immediately got the news. After all, Qi Family Fort was nearby, and the entire desolate city was under their attention and jurisdiction. At that time, Qi Hai was just the Young Fort Lord, but he still had many informants in the city.

Qi Hai placed some moles around the Ancient Lands Passageway to wait for Yang Kai. Eventually, one of their disciples really saw Yang Kai and passed Qi Hai's word on to him.

If the Phoenix True Fire was with Yang Kai at that time, he wouldn't have minded giving Qi Hai a hand, as it wouldn't take him much effort to do so. However, the Phoenix True Fire had already been absorbed by Liu Yan at that point, and she had turned into a Phoenix egg. Furthermore, Liu Yan had been taken away by Jiu Feng to Spirit Beast Island to obtain the Phoenix Clan's Inheritance, so Yang Kai wasn't able to help Qi Hai. Also, the Phoenix True Fire was an important item, and Yang Kai was displeased that it was being spread that he possessed it and was also being stalked for it, so he rejected them right away.

To Yang Kai, they should look for a way to save the poisoned person instead of having eyes on his Phoenix True Fire. The incident didn't matter to him, however, so he had forgotten about it over time.

Nevertheless, to Qi Hai, he could never forget about this. He was certain that Yang Kai had obtained the Phoenix True Fire, and it wouldn't take him much effort to dispel the Heavenly Frost Earth Rain; however, Yang Kai still stone-heartedly rejected him, which caused his wife to pass away because of the poison.

After that, Qi Hai had transformed into an entirely different person, as he was no longer the soft-spoken Young Fort Lord. He had even paid a hefty price to get into one of the top Sects in the Eastern Territory in order to become strong so he could one day kill Yang Kai to get revenge for his deceased wife.

To him, while the poison might have killed his lover, it was Yang Kai who needed to be held responsible.

Therefore, upon learning that Yang Kai had appeared in the desolate city again, Qi Hai immediately rushed over to get his revenge and also ask Yang Kai why he was so cold-blooded at that time.

The Young Fort Lord in the past had become the Fort Lord of Qi Family Fort now, and his cultivation had reached the First-Order Emperor Realm. Just when he thought that he had the right to challenge Yang Kai though, his subordinate broke it to him that Yang Kai had reached a higher realm.

There was no way he was a match for a Second-Order Emperor Realm Master.

"We can't afford to offend him, but it doesn't mean the others can't!" Qi Hai looked coldly into the distance, "I'm not the only one in the Eastern Territory that wants him dead. Since he has the guts to come back here, he shouldn't even think about leaving this place alive!"

As he sneered, he fished out a jade slip and broke it to pieces, after which a beam of light shot into the distance.

Upon seeing that, the old man couldn't help but sigh. The Young Fort Lord in the past and the Fort Lord before his eyes seemed like two different people. Since his woman's death and after Qi Hai had joined that Sect, everything had changed. Nevertheless, he couldn't criticize him, as getting revenge for his deceased wife was Qi Hai's only wish. If he was stripped of that wish, life would be a living hell for him

Chapter 3294, You are?

There were two islands on the East Sea, Dragon Island and Spirit Beast Island. Both islands were elusive, so without a rare opportunity, the average person would never be able to see them no matter how hard he tried to look for them.

Most thought that these places where incredibly powerful cultivators lived were indeed two islands; however, Yang Kai knew that Dragon Island was actually a Small World, and the entrance was beneath a particular area of the sea. Previously, if Yang Kai didn't have Li Jiao as a guide, he wouldn't have been able to reach the island at all.

This trip to Dragon Island was dangerous, as Yang Kai didn't know how he would be treated when he returned. Perhaps he'd be regarded as an enemy; therefore, he had to pay a visit to Spirit Beast Island first.

What rendered him speechless was that after he visited some towns and asked around, he realised that no one knew where Spirit Beast Island was.

Then, he headed east and reached the seaside, but he still couldn't get any useful information.

In a certain magnificent city that was built along the incredibly long coastline, many cultivators were seen walking to and fro.

Inside a restaurant, Yang Kai took a seat by the window on the third floor as he drank some wine on his own. Frustrated, he wondered where he could get Spirit Beast Island's location from.

Just then, he caught a whiff of a woman's fragrance as she took a seat across from him.

Yang Kai frowned and raised his head, only to see a woman with a smiling face that was as beautiful as a flower. Her fair skin made her look even more alluring and her tight-fitting blue clothes perfectly outlined her slim and delicate figure.

When their eyes met, Yang Kai's gaze brightened up as he flashed a smile at her, "You are..."

"Brother Yang, it's taken me some effort to look for you." The woman across the table smiled at him.

"Sister Lan He!" Yang Kai finally recalled her name and felt elated as he had come across a familiar face in a foreign place, asking heartily, "Why are you here?"

Upon finishing his words, he smacked his head in frustration, "Oh! I'd forgotten that you're from the Eastern Territory."

Yang Kai would have forgotten Lan He if she hadn't appeared all of a sudden. He didn't have many friends in the Eastern Territory, as he had mostly stayed in Northern Territory and Southern Territory in recent years. Nevertheless, he had come into contact with some rising stars from other territories in the Shattered Star Sea.

Naturally, he had come across Lan He in the Shattered Star Sea as well. She was from Heavenly Wolf Valley in the Eastern Territory. In the past, Yang Kai had lent her a hand in the Shattered Star Sea. Later, both of them had fallen into a Void Crack at the same time, and it was Yang Kai who helped her escape. Otherwise, given her cultivation at that time, she would've become lost in the Void Crack forever. After that, Yang Kai had asked her to help look after a certain woman.

That woman was Ling Yin Qin, who left the Solitary Void Sealed World together with Yang Kai.

The Solitary Void Sealed World was where Bing Yun had been trapped for thousands of years.

Ling Yin Qin and a man came across each other there and fell in love in the Solitary Void Sealed World. Unfortunately, her husband passed away in an accident. Before being trapped in the Sealed World, Ling Yin Qin's husband had belonged to Heavenly Wolf Valley, which was the same Sect Lan He hailed from. After Ling Yin Qin escaped the Solitary Void Sealed World, she didn't join Yang Kai and Bing Yun and instead opted to travel to Heavenly Wolf Valley in order to return her husband's ashes to his birthplace.

Many years had passed since that time, so Yang Kai didn't remember all the details; however, he remembered that Ling Yin Qin was a hospitable person. After Yang Kai and Liu Xian Yun fell into the Solitary Void Sea, Ling Yin Qin was the first person they bumped into. In addition to shelter and passage aboard her ship, Ling Yin Qin had even loaned Yang Kai a High Grade Spirit Purifying Array, a precious memento of her husband, to use when he was in need.

After leaving the Solitary Void Sealed World, Yang Kai didn't meet Ling Yin Qin again; after all, they were quite far away from each other. However, after meeting Lan He from Heavenly Wolf Valley in the Shattered Star Sea, Yang Kai asked her to look after Ling Yin Qin. Of course, Yang Kai didn't even know if Ling Yin Qin had made it to Heavenly Wolf Valley at the time, so it really was just in case.

Yang Kai had never expected that he would have the chance to bump into Lan He again, so now that he had, with a faint smile, he uttered, "What a coincidence. Sister Lan, we haven't met for ages."

Nonetheless, Lan He shook her head, "I'm specifically here to look for you."

"Really?" Yang Kai arched his eyebrows in surprise, "How did you know I was in the Eastern Territory?"

Lan He replied, "I've heard some news about you. Some people mentioned your name and said that you are looking for the route to Spirit Beast Island, so I knew that you would be somewhere close to the sea, which is why I came to this place to wait for you. It seems that I guessed right and you really did wind up here."

Yang Kai blinked, "You heard news about me, and my name was mentioned specifically? That's quite interesting. Sister Lan, where did you hear it from?" What Lan He had said contained some information that Yang Kai was concerned about, as he didn't expect that some people were discreetly inquiring about him after he arrived in the Eastern Territory.

Lan He shot him a glare, "Are you just pretending to be clueless or are you really that ignorant?"

Yang Kai replied with a smile, "If I knew, I wouldn't have asked."

Lan He sized him up for a moment before sighing, "Good. Do you know that you're in a perilous situation right now?"

A shocked Yang Kai asked, "What do you mean I'm in a perilous situation?"

After another sigh, Lan He explained, "I didn't know you were this clueless. Let's put it this way. Do you remember Brahma Holy Land?" Seeing that he appeared puzzled, Lan He didn't know whether to laugh or cry, "You killed two of their Holy Sons in the Shattered Star Sea, how could you even forget about it? One of them was called Zhang Hao, and the other was Zhang Xian. Both of them were fellow brothers as well as rising stars of Brahma Holy Land."

Yang Kai touched his chin, "Hmm, now that you've mentioned it, it does ring a bell."

The corner of Lan He's mouth twitched. [He can't even remember who he killed! If Zhang Hao and Zhang Xian found out about this in Hell, they'd probably blow die all over again from anger.]

Yang Kai grinned at her, "I killed too many people in the Shattered Star Sea, so why would I remember these two specifically?" He was speaking the truth, as he had murdered countless rising stars in the Shattered Star Sea, each one of them possessing powerful backgrounds. Yang Kai naturally didn't bother to remember all their names.

After giving it a thought, he uttered, "Sister Lan, you mean that those from Brahma Holy Land are searching for me?"

With a straight face, Lan He replied, "It's not just Brahma Holy Land. Let me ask you, what kind of grudge do you have with Netherworld Sect? They've made a move as well."

[Netherworld Sect? Tsk them again!] Yang Kai felt sick at the mere mention of that Sect. There were too many grudges between Netherworld Sect and him. Many years ago, Yin Le Sheng ambushed Chi Yue and him in the Starlight Corridor, and after that, he would find fault with Yang Kai whenever possible. When they met in the Shattered Star Sea, in order to find Xiao Xiao's whereabouts, Yang Kai made a deal with Yin Le Sheng and spared his life. After getting information from Yin Le Sheng, Yang Kai went to the Ancient Wild Lands to look for Xiao Xiao. Following that, Yin Le Sheng appeared and joined forces with a Second-Order Emperor Realm Master from Netherworld Sect to ambush Yang Kai outside the Ancient Lands Passageway.

Serene Soul Great Emperor's Daughter, Yao Lin, was there as well. Despite that, Yang Kai was still able to escape with his life and had even killed Yin Le Sheng.

Yin Le Sheng was the former Sect Master of Netherworld Sect in Grand Desolation Star Field, and thanks to his own hard work, he had achieved a breakthrough and entered the Star Boundary, after which he joined Netherworld Sect's main Sect in the Star Boundary. Sect Master Fu Bo had high hopes for Yin Le Sheng and even took him in as his Disciple. However, Yang Kai had killed Yin Le Sheng and a Second-Order Emperor Realm Master Elder of their Sect, which was why a blood feud had been formed between them.

Furthermore, Yang Kai had destroyed Netherworld Sect in Grand Desolation Star Field, so the feud was basically unresolvable now, only the destruction of one side or the other would end things now.

Lan He put on a helpless smile, "Brother Yang, you're really something. Of the three top Sects in the Eastern Territory, you've offended two of them."

Anyone else who had offended such great forces would never dare to show up in the Eastern Territory again. Fortunately, Yang Kai wasn't from the Eastern Territory, so even though those from Brahma Holy Land and Netherworld Sect wanted to kill him, they couldn't get the chance to do so. Now that Yang Kai had shown up in the Eastern Territory, however, they wouldn't be able to hold back anymore. If they let this chance slip through their fingers, it would be hard to look for Yang Kai again in the future.

Therefore, after getting the news, the two great forces immediately went all out as they intended to kill Yang Kai in order to protect their reputation.

Yang Kai grinned, "If they don't provoke me, I won't provoke them. By the way, what's the last top Sect in the Eastern Territory? Is it your Heavenly Wolf Valley?"

Lan He shook her head, "We only have two Second-Order Emperor Realm Masters, so we can't be considered one of the top Sects. The last one is Ahan Temple." Upon finishing her words, she suddenly looked at him in shock, "Please don't tell me that you've also offended Ahan Temple. I've heard that Chi Gui is looking for you as well."

Yang Kai gazed at her and said, "Do I look like I love to stir up trouble? Also, who is Chi Gui? Is he some kind of ghost?"

Lan He burst into laughter, "He's not a ghost, but a rising star in Ahan Temple. He reached the Emperor Realm in the Shattered Star Sea, so you should have met him before. He's a hot-tempered guy with long red hair."

After pondering on it for a moment, Yang Kai seemed to recall that he had met such a person before. It was difficult to forget such flaming red hair after all. However, he soon shook his head, "There are no grudges between us."

Lan He went on to say, "Then, maybe he just wants to have a fight with you. He's a battle addict. In the past, he'd frequently look for Yin Le Sheng, Zhang Hao, and Zhang Xian to battle against. Now that all three of them were killed by you, Chi Gui has no more opponents in the Eastern Territory. Perhaps he wants to prove something by defeating you."

Yang Kai snorted, "He's targeted the wrong guy, then."

Lan He uttered, "It's not the right time for a small talk. Brother Yang, we shouldn't stay here for too long. Two top Sects from the Eastern Territory have joined forces to search for you. Fortunately, you're pretty fast and you've never stayed in one location for too long; however, the news that you're here will quickly spread. If you don't leave now, you won't be able to do so after they arrive."

Yang Kai sighed, "I just want to live a peaceful life, but these people just keep bothering me."

Lan He was exasperated as she said forcefully, "This is an urgent matter. You need to leave with me now!"

Yang Kai questioned, "Huh? Where are we going?"

Lan He replied matter-of-factly, "Of course to Heavenly Wolf Valley. Where else can we go? I'll bring you back to avoid them."

Yang Kai was startled for a moment before he said with a smile, "Sister Lan, many thanks for your good intentions, but I won't leave with you. Heavenly Wolf Valley is located in the Eastern Territory, so I don't want your Sect to fall into trouble because of me."

There was no way Heavenly Wolf Valley was able to go against two top Sects of the Eastern Territory.

After he finished speaking though, he frowned and shot a look at a certain woman who had just come up to the third floor. The woman quickly looked away and took a seat at another table.

Chapter 3295, Found the Way to Enter Spirit Beast Island

Yang Kai heaved a sigh, "Sister Lan, how is your reputation in the Eastern Territory?"

Lan He questioned, "What do you mean?"

"Do you have many friends?"

With an elegant smile, Lan He replied, "En, I do have some friends." She was a reputable person in the Eastern Territory. Although she wasn't as famous as Chi Gui, she was one of the rising stars of this territory; otherwise, she wouldn't have qualified for a chance to enter the Shattered Star Sea.

Furthermore, after Yin Le Sheng from Netherworld Sect and the two Holy Sons from Brahma Holy Land were killed by Yang Kai, Lan He had garnered even more attention. Now that she was a First-Order Emperor, naturally, many knew who she was.

"This will be troublesome then," The corner of Yang Kai's mouth twitched.

"What do you mean?" Lan He was puzzled.

Shaking his head, Yang Kai replied, "Nothing."

He wasn't afraid of Netherworld Sect or Brahma Holy Land. He could ignore them if they didn't come at him; however, if they dared to find fault with him, he would make it known to them that they had offended someone they couldn't afford to provoke. However, now that Lan He had come all the way here to give him a warning in public, some people might see them together and inform his enemies about it.

Certainly, he could just leave, but Lan He's actions had invited trouble to Heavenly Wolf Valley. If his enemies couldn't find him, they might go over to Heavenly Wolf Valley to 'ask' about him, and Lan He would fall into trouble.

Naturally, Yang Kai couldn't let her face such dreadful consequences as she was well-meaning. He couldn't bring himself to tell her that she had made a mistake even though her intentions were good; therefore, he could only try to come up with a solution to make sure that Heavenly Wolf Valley could stay out of this mess.

While he was deep in thought, Lan He uttered, "Brother Yang, you have been inquiring about Spirit Beast Island, yes? Do you want to go there?"

Yang Kai's gaze brightened up when he heard that, "Sister Lan, do you know how to get there?"

Lan He flashed a smile at him, "The location of Spirit Beast Island is top secret, so I'm not sure about it either; however, our Valley Master should know where it is."

"Is there any connection between Heavenly Wolf Valley and Spirit Beast Island?"

Lan He explained, "Our inheritance is related to the Divine Spirit Howling Moon Heavenly Wolf. Many years ago, our Ancestral Founders found and raised a Howling Moon Heavenly Wolf's descendant. Unfortunately, its blood wasn't that pure, so it couldn't showcase its ancestor's glory. Somehow, those from Spirit Beast Island found out about it and sent a Beast Seeker to obtain that descendant from us. In exchange, that person gave us a Faith Token and told us that if there was ever a crisis we couldn't resolve, we could take this token to Spirit Beast Island on the East Sea to seek help."

"A Faith Token..." Yang Kai was elated upon hearing this, as he had finally found a way to enter Spirit Beast Island after a long time of searching. Just when he was clueless about how to head to the island, he unexpectedly got the information from Lan He.

The Beast Seeker she had just mentioned must be someone like Old Tao that he had come across in Full Sky Sect previously. Their job was to look for precious Monster Beasts around the world and bring them back to Spirit Beast Island to be nurtured.

Although it wasn't a pureblood Howling Moon Heavenly Wolf that Heavenly Wolf Valley found, it was good enough for Spirit Beast Island to take it in. Those from Heavenly Wolf Valley were unable to nurture it, but that didn't mean that those from Spirit Beast Island couldn't.

Nevertheless, they didn't take the Monster Beast for free. The Beast Seeker had left behind a Faith Token as compensation. To Heavenly Wolf Valley, this token was probably the greatest piece of their heritage. With this token in their hands, even the three top Sects of the Eastern Territory wouldn't dare to harass them openly. That was because if Spirit Beast Island became involved, both Brahma Holy Land and Netherworld Sect would be in trouble.

Lan He put on a smile, "Brother Yang, do you understand why I've invited you to Heavenly Wolf Valley to take shelter now? I know you're worried that I might bring trouble to my Sect, but everyone in the Eastern Territory knows that we have a connection with Spirit Beast Island. Even if they find out that you've gone to Heavenly Wolf Valley, there's nothing they can do about it."

Yang Kai nodded, "It seems I was indeed overly worried. Since that's the case, this Yang will thank you for your help in advance."

Lan He shot him a glare, "Brother Yang, do you not see me as a friend? If it weren't for you, I would have lost my life in Shattered Star Sea and couldn't have achieved the success I have today. I'll always remember those who have helped me, not to mention that you've actually saved my life."

With a solemn expression, Yang Kai replied, "Sister Lan, I'll not forget this favour."

Honestly, it was the least Yang Kai could do at that time as it was mainly because of him that Lan He had fallen into the Void Crack, and it didn't take him much effort to get her out. However, even after so many years, she still came all the way here to give him shelter and took the risk of inviting trouble to her own Sect to repay him. This was indeed a big favour.

However, to Lan He, Yang Kai had undoubtedly saved her life, so both of them had done each other a favour.

Hesitating no more, Yang Kai dropped some Source Crystals on the table and left the restaurant with Lan He.

After that, the woman, who was seated at a table near them, secretly fished out a communication artifact and infused her Divine Sense into it before talking to someone.

On the other hand, Yang Kai and Lan He were walking towards the exit of the city together.

Lan He suddenly frowned, "Brother Yang, your whereabouts have been exposed. Some people are following us now."

With a faint smile, Yang Kai replied, "That'll depend on whether they're able to keep pace with us."

Upon leaving the city, Yang Kai apologised to Lan He before suddenly grabbing her arm. Feeling his touch, Lan He shuddered slightly as her face blushed.

The next moment, however, her vision turned blurred as the world seemed to spin around her. When her vision became clear again, she realised that they were already at a different place. However, Yang Kai wasn't done just yet. After repeating the same process a dozen times, Yang Kai let go of her arm and said with a smile, "Sister Lan, please lead the way from here."

Lan He was still stunned as she turned around and realised that the city was nowhere to be seen. Then, she recalled that Yang Kai was a Master of the Dao of Space and a horrifying idea sprang into her mind.

[That was a Space Divine Ability, instantaneous movement!]

Because of Li Wu Yi, everyone in the Eastern Territory knew a thing or two about Masters of the Dao of Space. They were aware that Li Wu Yi was able to ignore the barriers of space and move from one place to another in an instant. This amazing Space Divine Ability was known commonly as instantaneous movement.

Nevertheless, most people had only heard about it but never seen it with their eyes, let alone actually experienced it.

However, at this moment, Lan He had experienced how it felt to teleport freely across space. Earlier, she seemed to be passing through the Void while she was in a dazed state. The experience was amazing yet terrifying.

With such a Divine Ability, no one in this world would be able to capture Yang Kai. It was no wonder that he had the guts to venture into the Eastern Territory alone and still appear calm. A shocked Lan He asked, "Brother Yang, are you already a Second-Order Emperor?"

She couldn't figure out Yang Kai's realm earlier because he wasn't using any of his strength, but after he circulated his Emperor Qi, she immediately realised the realm he was in.

Yang Kai nodded, "It has only been a short time since I broke through."

Lan He remained stunned for some time before uttering, "Brother Yang, you're indeed a genius."

Both of them were in the Third-Order Dao Source Realm when they came across each other in the Shattered Star Sea; however, what Yang Kai just showed her had truly amazed her. After she found out that Yang Kai had reached the Emperor Realm in the Shattered Star Sea, she knew that the sky was the limit for him.

Nevertheless, she had never expected that he'd achieve another breakthrough so soon.

Now, she was in the First-Order Emperor Realm, mainly thanks to the benefits she obtained from her trip to the Shattered Star Sea. Nonetheless, she wasn't that confident of breaking through to the Second Order any time soon.

Each Minor Realm in the Emperor Realm was extremely difficult to climb. Countless rising stars had gotten stuck in the same Realm for years once they reached this point, and that was why there were so few top forces in this world.

A Sect could be considered a top force with just one Third-Order Emperor Realm Master assuming command. Nevertheless, the strongest person in Heavenly Wolf Valley was only a Second-Order Emperor.

Suppressing her shock, Lan He pulled herself together and identified the direction. Following that, she beckoned to Yang Kai and headed in the direction of Heavenly Wolf Valley.

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In the seaside city, the hall where the city's Space Array was located was bustling with people.

Many powerful Masters suddenly arrived at this place from all over, stunning the cultivators who guarded the array. They wondered whether there was some kind of special occasion today; after all, there were so many top cultivators gathered together.

Soon, the hall was filled with about thirty Emperor Realm Masters. It was apparent that these people came from different Sects. One group of them appeared grim as if they crawled up from the depths of Hell, giving off a discomforting feeling. The other group of people appeared more normal, but they all exuded a thick murderous intent. At that instant, the atmosphere in the hall was depressing.

"They're from Netherworld Sect and Brahma Holy Land!" The guards gathered together as someone was able to recognise these people.

"Why are all of them here? Is there some kind of treasure that's going to be born close by?" If that wasn't the case, why would so many top cultivators gather together in this place? These were all Emperor Realm Masters who wouldn't show up easily in public.

"I don't think there's any treasure here. It seems more like they're here to kill someone."

"Huh? Why does it take so many Emperor Realm Masters to kill someone? Who has the guts to have offended these people?"

"How would I know? Have you informed Sir City Lord about it?"

"Yes, he's coming right now."

The City Lord of this city was just a First-Order Emperor Realm Master, so with so many top Masters from two top Sects appearing suddenly, he certainly had to come over to look into the matter.

The news rapidly spread across the city, and soon, a short, fat old man, whose forehead was drenched in cold sweat, stepped into the hall. Upon sweeping a glance over the group before him, his legs turned to jelly as he almost passed out.

He didn't believe it at first when he received the news; after all, there was nothing precious in the city that could attract the Emperor Realm Masters from Netherworld Sect and Brahma Holy Land to come here together. Now, he realised that there were indeed more than thirty Emperor Realm Masters in this place, and the auras of the two leading this group were so thick that he didn't even dare to look them in the eyes.

He had some speculations about who these two people were. One of them must be the Sect Master of Netherworld Sect, Fu Bo, while the other should be the Holy Master of Brahma Holy Land, Xu Chang Feng.

Both of them were famous figures in the Eastern Territory, and it was surprising that they had appeared together in the same place.

The obese City Lord felt that more cold sweat was oozing out of his forehead just standing there. He knew that if he couldn't handle this matter well, it would mean the end of his career as City Lord. Not daring to be disrespectful, he immediately went over to salute them.

Unexpectedly, both Fu Bo and Xu Chang Feng didn't seem interested in replying to this fat man as they were currently asking a woman some questions.

A moment later, Fu Bo bellowed, "Waste!"

The woman hurriedly fell to her knees with a loud thud and said fearfully, "Mercy, please!"

Chapter 3296, Heavenly Wolf Valley

Although no one had bothered to reply to him, the fat City Lord wouldn't dare to show any signs of displeasure. As he waited apprehensively on the same spot, he listened to their conversations. Some unfamiliar names and Heavenly Wolf Valley were mentioned.

A moment later, the Masters in the hall started leaving the place and no one had bothered to spare the fat City Lord a glance since the beginning. Soon, several dozen figures leapt into the air and flew away.

It was only then that the City Lord heaved a sigh of relief as his back was drenched in sweat. At that instant, he felt as if he had just escaped from death's door.

He also realised that these top cultivators didn't come to this place for him or the city he was in. They were just passing by. He wondered which fool had offended these two great forces and made so many top cultivators come together to hunt him, causing him to be a bit anxious. After cursing that person in his heart, the fat City Lord finally felt at ease.

Heavenly Wolf Valley was situated in a vast mountain valley, surrounded by extremely high mountains, with only one way to enter the valley.

As the most promising rising star in Heavenly Wolf Valley, Lan He held an important position within the valley. As she led Yang Kai to the gates, the disciples who guarded the entrance immediately saluted her, "Elder Lan!"

As they spoke, they sized Yang Kai up and speculated about his relationship with Lan He. This was the first time they saw Lan He bringing a man back to the valley after all.

"Are they Howling Moon Heavenly Wolves?" Yang Kai looked up at the huge statues on either side of the Main Gate. The sculptures that were several tens of metres tall were apparently that of a howling wolf, weathered by time.

In the past, Yang Kai couldn't have guessed what Monster Beasts they were; however, after listening to Lan He's explanations, he could easily guess that these statues were of Howling Moon Heavenly Wolves.

With a smile, Lan He nodded her head, "That's right. Our Sect was founded based on the Ancient Divine Spirit, Howling Moon Heavenly Wolf. These sculptures were left behind by the first Ancestral Founder, so they're about twenty thousand years old already."

"They look imposing." Yang Kai nodded and complimented them.

Divine Spirits were not to be underestimated. He might appear to be bold whenever he irritated Luan Feng in the Ancient Lands, as if he was able to deal with her with ease; however, he knew that if she ever lost her temper and decided to fight it out with him, he might not be able to defeat her.

As Divine Spirits, Howling Moon Heavenly Wolves were naturally powerful as well.

"Brother Yang, please." Lan He smiled and invited him inside.

Yang Kai nodded and followed her into the valley.

As Lan He led the way, she uttered, "I'll bring you to meet our Valley Master. If you want to head to Spirit Beast Island, you'll need his help."

Yang Kai asked hesitantly, "Will it be troublesome for you to speak with the Valley Master?"

With a smile, Lan He replied, "Don't worry. He'll agree to it." She blinked, "By the way, I forgot to tell you that the Valley Master is my Master. Since I've agreed to it, there's no way he'll reject it."

Hearing that, Yang Kai couldn't help chuckling.

There were about three to four thousand disciples in Heavenly Wolf Valley, scattered around the mountain valley. There were some Spirit Peaks in the valley as well, but they were much shorter than those mountains in the surrounding area. Inside the valley, World Energy was abundant and the scent of flowers permeated the air, so it could be considered a lively and beautiful place.

Moreover, Yang Kai could see that there were many wolves in the valley. Some of them moved in packs, while some of them were lone wolves. Some of them were even seen running around the mountain valley playfully. Nevertheless, the disciples in Heavenly Wolf Valley were not afraid of them, and some

people even had wolves as their companions, which went to show that this Sect was truly intertwined with the lives of wolves. Yang Kai secretly heaved a sigh and thought that the Sect really lived up to its name, as their disciples genuinely treated these wolves as their companions.

While he was ambling forward, Yang Kai suddenly felt a ferocious aura sweeping over him as a wolf the size of an ox suddenly got in his way. Yang Kai was amazed because the wolf was a Twelfth-Order Monster Beast. In other words, it was equivalent to a Human Emperor Realm Master.

However, its aura wasn't so strong, so it should be a Low-Rank Twelfth-Order.

What shocked Yang Kai was that he could sense a hint of Lan He's aura from this wolf. Recalling what he had seen earlier though, he had a speculation in his mind.

As expected, upon seeing the giant wolf, Lan He beamed at it and went over to pat its head, "Xiao Wu, were you waiting for me?"

The wolf gently pressed its huge head against Lan He's embrace as they appeared intimate with each other.

Lan He played with the wolf for a bit before she turned around and said, "Xiao Wu, let me introduce this Senior Brother to you. He was the one who had saved my life in the past, Yang Kai." Then, she said to Yang Kai, "This is my Battle Wolf, Xiao Wu."

As Yang Kai met with the wolf's sharp gaze, the wolf nodded slightly to express its gratitude in a fairly human manner. Yang Kai knew that a Twelfth-Order Monster Beast must have gained sentience and could no longer be considered an ordinary Monster Beast. Cupping his fists, he uttered, "Greetings, Brother Wu."

The wolf suddenly howled with a displeased expression, which stunned Yang Kai.

Lan He burst into a fit of giggles as she said in a joyful tone, "Brother Yang, Xiao Wu is a girl."

After she finished speaking, a crackling sound was heard coming from the wolf as its figure contorted and transformed into a burly woman. She was one head taller than Lan He, and her frame was quite stocky. Her fingers appeared strong with razor-sharp nails and she was clad in a blouse and short skirt that exposed her stout thighs to the air. Her well-built muscles seemed to contain an explosive power as she waved her fists at Yang Kai and bellowed, "Are you blind or what!?"

At that instant, Yang Kai was utterly embarrassed. [I am not at fault... It's difficult to tell whether a wolf is male or female in their beast form...]

Lan He leapt into the air and slapped her head, "You can't be so impolite to him!"

It was only then that Xiao Wu pressed her lips together as she straightened her face and cupped her fists, "I've heard about you from Little He before. Many thanks for assisting her at that time."

Yang Kai replied smilingly, "It was the least I could do, so there's no need to thank me."

Xiao Wu swept a glance over Yang Kai and gently pushed Lan He with her muscular shoulder before saying, "This brat is pretty good. Why don't you take him in? You're pretty mature now, so it's about time you looked for a mate."

Upon hearing that, Lan He was utterly embarrassed.

A stunned Yang Kai thought. [I'm not deaf. Shouldn't she be speaking in a hushed voice if she wanted to say something like this? Why was she so loud?]

A blushing Lan He chided, "Stop spouting nonsense. Brother Yang is in a bit of trouble, so I've brought him here to look for my Master."

"What trouble?" Xiao Wu asked curiously.

"It's no use telling you about it. Stay right here. I'll look for you later." As she spoke, she hurriedly beckoned to Yang Kai. She was worried that Xiao Wu might say something shocking again if they stayed any longer.

Watching the two of them leave, Xiao Wu snorted as her figure contorted and turned back into a wolf before she ran across the field.

"Brother Yang, I'm so sorry. Xiao Wu doesn't think before she speaks, so please don't mind her," Lan He said with a bashful expression.

Yang Kai put on a faint smile, "Xiao Wu is pretty interesting."

Lan He explained, "I grew up with Xiao Wu from infancy. For the disciples of Heavenly Wolf Valley, given enough aptitude, we're allowed to raise a Battle Wolf. To outsiders, they might just be helpers or tamed Monster Beasts, but to the disciples of Heavenly Wolf Valley, they're Brothers and Sisters."

Yang Kai said, "Why didn't you bring Xiao Wu to the Shattered Star Sea then?"

Lan He shook her head with a helpless smile, "There was a limited quota of people that were allowed to enter the Shattered Star Sea. We only managed to obtain a small number of spots, so Xiao Wu couldn't go."

Yang Kai nodded. He had been to the Shattered Star Sea as well, so he knew that when the place opened up, only those with Star Seals would be allowed in.

As they spoke, the pair reached a certain hall. Lan He told Yang Kai to have a seat and got someone to prepare some tea before saying to him, "Brother Yang, please wait here. I'll speak to my Master now."

After Yang Kai nodded in acknowledgement, she turned around to leave.

Lan He directly landed on a certain Spirit Peak in Heavenly Wolf Valley a short time later and shouted, "Master! Master!"

A moment later, a light voice was heard coming from a quaint cottage, "In here."

Lan He shuffled toward the source of the voice and saluted an elegant-looking middle-aged man, "Master."

The middle-aged man was none other than the Valley Master of Heavenly Wolf Valley, Tang Sheng, as well as the strongest cultivator in their Sect, a Second-Order Emperor Realm Master.

There was a Vice Valley Master called Qian Xiu Ying in the Sect who was also a Second-Order Emperor Realm Master, and the two happened to be a married couple. Tang Sheng had ascended to this realm earlier though, so he was slightly stronger.

Tang Sheng opened his eyes to look at his Disciple and felt gratified. Heavenly Wolf Valley wasn't a top Sect, so it was difficult for them to get a disciple to reach the Emperor Realm. Lan He didn't disappoint him though as she managed to reach Emperor Realm quickly, so as her Master, he was quite satisfied with her. With a smile, he asked, "Have you gained anything during your recent trip?"

Lan He replied, "I've experienced many new things and heard some interesting stories, but I haven't managed to gain anything tangible."

Tang Sheng flashed a smile at her, "Your experiences are crucial in making you stronger. Perhaps sometime in the future, something you saw or heard in passing will become a nutrient for your growth and the key to achieving a breakthrough. Perhaps even the least conspicuous of encounters will become the straw you can grasp at when you find yourself in a perilous situation."

"Master is wise." Lan He looked smilingly at him as she wasn't as cautious as when a Common Disciple was facing their Master. Instead, she treated him like he was her Father and spoke openly, "I've actually come across such a straw this time."

Tang Sheng asked curiously, "What do you mean?"

Lan He explained, "Master, do you remember Elder Ling?" As she spoke, she walked over and prepared a cup of tea for him.

Tang Sheng took a sip of it and said, "She's an Elder in our valley, and we meet each other frequently, so how could I possibly forget her?"

Lan He walked behind him and massaged his shoulders as she said with a smile, "I mean, do you remember why Elder Ling came to our Sect in the first place?"

After a sigh, Tang Sheng said, "She came here for Wu An. She and Wu An were deeply in love with each other; otherwise, I wouldn't have stretched the rules to take her in and even given her the position of Elder so readily."

Ling Yin Qin wasn't raised by Heavenly Wolf Valley, so the main reason she was taken in was that she had been married to one of their disciples, Wu An, in the past. Unfortunately, Wu An passed away in a Sealed World, but even after many years had passed, Ling Yin Qin had travelled a great distance to return her husband's ashes to the valley for burial.

Chapter 3297, Remaining Uninvolved

To be precise, the deceased Wu An and Tang Sheng were Brother Disciples, which meant that Ling Yin Qin was in the same generation as Tang Sheng. So, she was senior to Lan He.

When Ling Yin Qin arrived at Heavenly Wolf Valley, she was only in the Third-Order Dao Source Realm. Fortunately, she had been given enough resources, and paired with her own aptitude, she was able to reach the Emperor Realm in just a few years, after which she was promoted to be an Elder by Tang Sheng.

Lan He said, "When I was in Shattered Star Sea, I came across a person who told me about Elder Ling. After I left that place, I told some people to find out Elder Ling's whereabouts and fortunately, we soon got some good news and brought her back to the valley."

Tang Sheng nodded, "Yes, I remember. Why? Did you want some kind of reward?"

It was beneficial to the Sect to have even one more Emperor Realm Master, so Yang Sheng thought that Lan He was trying to get some benefits from him.

Lan He stuck out her tongue and replied, "No. I'm just saying that the person who told me about Elder Ling is called Yang Kai."

Tang Sheng nodded and said, "I remember that he saved you by helping you escape from the Void Crack. You've told me about it before." After he finished speaking, he thought of something and turned to look at her, "You said you met a life-saving straw while outside. Could it be..."

Lan He flashed a faint smile at him, "Master, you're indeed intelligent. I indeed bumped into Brother Yang this time."

"He's in the Eastern Territory? Didn't you say that he's from the Southern Territory?"

"Yes, he's from the Southern Territory, but he is here for some purpose."

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"Have you brought him back, then? He's your saviour, after all. Since you've met him, you should properly thank him."

Lan He replied, "Of course I've brought him back. He's in the side hall now."

Hearing that, Tang Sheng rose from the chair and shot her a glare, "Little girl, since you've brought him back, why did you beat around the bush just now? He's your life's saviour, so as your Master I must meet him and express my gratitude as well."

Lan He said with a smile, "I've already thanked him."

A solemn Tang Sheng rebuked, "He saved your life, so we can never thank him enough."

Seizing the chance, Lan He said, "Actually, he's here to ask for your help. I was worried that you wouldn't agree to it, but it seems that I can be at ease now."

Tang Sheng stopped in his tracks as he had a premonition all of a sudden. Turning around, he stared at her and said, "It seems that you're up to something. Hmm, you even prepared tea and helped massage me. You must be up to no good!"

"That's not true. Is your precious Disciple that kind of person in your eyes?" Lan He pouted with an aggrieved expression.

Tang Sheng snorted, "I know you well enough."

He paused for a bit, "It seems that it isn't a small favour. What does he want?"

Lan He replied hesitantly, "Master ... "

Tang Sheng demanded, "Just tell me straight; otherwise, I'll punish you."

He shot a glance at Lan He's head, which caused her to immediately cover it.

After giving it a thought, she decided to be straightforward with him, "He's come to the Eastern Territory because he wants to visit Spirit Beast Island, but he doesn't know how to get there."

"Spirit Beast Island..." Tang Sheng's expression changed as he realised something. Then, he nodded gently, "Good."

Spirit Beast Island was elusive, so it was practically impossible for anyone to get there without any clues. Even the people in the Eastern Territory didn't know where the island was located, much less an outsider like Yang Kai. However, Tang Sheng was aware of the way to get there, because a Beast Seeker from the island had left behind a Faith Token for them. By just bringing the token to the East Sea, they would be able to find the island.

With a smile, Tang Sheng replied, "It's just a small favour. Since he saved your life before, I'll personally lead the way for him to make sure that he reaches Spirit Beast Island." The Faith Token was indeed their biggest safety charm, but if they were just making use of it to get to Spirit Beast Island without actually seeking assistance, it wouldn't incur any losses for their Sect. If their Sect fell into danger in the future, they would still be able to use the token. It would also be good to take this chance to repay Yang Kai's favour.

By doing so, they could also make friends with him. Tang Sheng had heard from Lan He that Yang Kai was a powerful young man with outstanding talent and aptitude. Furthermore, he was proficient in the Dao of Space, so his future was basically limitless.

Li Wu Yi was touted to be second only to the Great Emperors precisely because he was proficient in the Dao of Space. In the future, Yang Kai might just be as powerful as him; therefore, becoming friends with Yang Kai now would be beneficial for their Sect.

As these ideas flashed across Tang Sheng's mind, he made a decision. It wasn't that he was a scheming man, as anyone else would have had the same thoughts as he had. Moreover, as the Valley Master of Heavenly Wolf Valley, he had to consider what was best for the Sect above all else.

Upon hearing that, Lan He didn't become elated. Instead, she looked cautiously at him and said hesitantly, "It would be good if the matter was so simple. However, Brother Yang is in a dangerous situation right now."

"Hmm?" Tang Sheng looked doubtfully at her, "What do you mean?"

Lan He explained, "Honoured Master, don't you remember what I told you? Brother Yang killed many people in the Shattered Star Sea, including the two Holy Sons from Brahma Holy Land, Zhang Hao and Zhang Xian."

Tang Sheng's expression changed slightly, "You mean, the people from Brahma Holy Land are coming for him?"

"Netherworld Sect is as well..." She spoke in an even lower voice.

"What?" Tang Sheng's expression changed drastically this time.

It would still be manageable if only one of the top Sects was after Yang Kai, but now, two of them were hunting him down at the same time, so there was no way he could survive. Other people would have pushed such a troublemaker away immediately, but Lan He actually brought him back to her Sect instead.

Tang Sheng was so exasperated that he was at a loss for words as he pointed his finger at her.

Lan He said in an aggrieved manner, "Master, you told me before that we should repay any favour we receive, no matter how small it may be, to say nothing of the fact that Yang Kai had saved my life. If he hadn't sent me out of the Void Crack, I would have died long ago."

A frustrated Tang Sheng replied, "I did tell you this before, but it also depends on the situation, right? This is... You're basically inviting trouble to our Sect!"

Lan He pouted, "We have the Faith Token from Spirit Beast Island don't we? No matter how powerful the two great forces are, they wouldn't dare to make a move on us."

Tang Sheng was annoyed by the fact that she still didn't understand the crux of the problem, "Yes, they won't dare to attack us openly, but don't forget that we live in the Eastern Territory and we do not just live inside our Sect's borders! It isn't like we can be presumptuous just because we have that Faith Token. If we offend two of the top Sects, we'll never have peaceful days again. The disciples who have to go out for life experience or business will constantly be in danger. You're really trying to drive me mad this time!"

A stunned Lan He asked, "What should we do, then?"

Tang Sheng paced back and forth in silence for a bit before a glint of determination flashed across his eyes, "Now, we can only deny that we have the token so that we remain uninvolved in this matter. After that, we'll need to tell him to leave quickly."

"But I already made him a promise..." Lan He gazed at Tang Sheng in disbelief, as she hadn't expected that her Honoured Master would make this kind of decision. At that instant, she felt as if she didn't know this man anymore.

Tang Sheng shook his head, "Your promise doesn't matter. I'm the one who has the final say here."

Lan He questioned in shock, "Master, do you want to make me go back on my word?"

"Impudence!" Tang Sheng turned around and growled at her with a grim expression. Following that though, he took a deep breath and tried to speak in a milder tone, "Little He, I hope you'll understand your Master's worries and think about the future of the thousands of disciples here. If possible, I wouldn't want to do such a thing; however, if we lend our assistance now, we will be making enemies of two of the top Sects in the Eastern Territory, and our safety will no longer be guaranteed anymore. You're someone who can see the bigger picture, so I'm sure you understand."

Lan He opened her mouth with a bitter expression, but she couldn't bring herself to say anything in the end.

It had come to a point that she didn't know how to face Yang Kai anymore; after all, she had made him a promise, but she now had to go back on her word, so she wasn't sure how he would regard her.

Nevertheless, she knew that since her Master had made a decision, there was no way she could change his mind. After giving it a thought, she suggested, "Master, can you entrust the Faith Token to me for some time? I'll leave the valley with him now and help him look for Spirit Beast Island. After finding the island, I'll come back here."

Tang Sheng shook his head, "If the two top Sects were not involved, such a plan would be acceptable; however, since they're coming for that young man, you can't. They'll never let you off if you do this. What if you fall into fatal danger as a result?"

"But..."

"Enough" Tang Sheng raised his hand to cut her off, "Follow me to see him now."

Left with no choice, Lan He followed him in a dejected manner.

On their way there, Tang Sheng fished out a communication artifact and sent a message to someone. A moment later, a woman in an imperial dress flew over. She was none other than the Vice Valley Master of Heavenly Wolf Valley, Qian Xiu Ying, Tang Sheng's wife.

After casting a glance at Lan He, she said with a smile, "Little He, what's going on? Why do you look so listless? Has your Master lectured you again? Tell me what happened, and I'll stand up for you."

However, Lan He just hung her head low without uttering a word.

After a sigh, Tang Sheng briefly told Qing Xiu Ying what happened and the decision he had made.

It was then that Qian Xiu Ying understood the reason behind Lan He's sorrow. After giving it a thought, she commented, "This issue is indeed thorny."

At the same time, she was displeased at Yang Kai in her heart. [Since he killed two Holy Sons from Brahma Holy Land and a Legacy Disciple from Netherworld Sect, he should just stay in the Southern Territory instead of coming to the Eastern Territory! Since he has come, he should have been more discreet instead of letting those two Sects find out his whereabouts. Moreover, our Sect has also been dragged into this mess. What have we done to deserve this?]

Despite her thoughts, she didn't show any displeasure on her face, instead addressing Lan He softly, "Did he tell you why he's going to Spirit Beast Island? Does he know anyone there?"

Lan He shook her head, "I have no idea."

Tang Sheng chimed in, "Since this Yang Kai cultivates the Dao of Space as well, he's definitely going there to gain some insights from Senior Li Wu Yi."

Qian Xiu Ying nodded, "You're right. It seems that he has nothing to do with Spirit Beast Island itself."

Chapter 3298, A Fabricated Story

Logically, if Yang Kai had any special relationship with Spirit Beast Island, he would know how to get there instead of asking for their help.

With this thought in mind, Qian Xiu Ying gazed at Lan He and said with a smile, "Don't worry, Little He. I'm sure he's a lucky person, so the two top Sects might not be able to harm him."

Lan He lifted her head to look at her, "Martial Aunt, you mean..."

Qian Xiu Ying explained, "Those proficient in the Dao of Space are unmatched when it comes to escaping and tracking. Even if he's no match for the two top Sects, he can still flee. Have you heard the rumour? In the past, Senior Li Wu Yi had somehow offended Flower Shadow Great Emperor and was hunted down by her, but in the end, he relied on his Space Divine Ability to escape from death's door. You have to understand that Great Emperors are the most powerful Masters in this world. Although Senior Li Wu Yi is touted to be second only to the Great Emperors, there is still a clear difference between them. The fact that he was able to escape from Flower Shadow Great Emperor's grasp shows just how amazing Space Divine Abilities are. Although this Yang Kai might not be as skilful as Senior Li Wu Yi, he must be able to keep himself safe."

Upon hearing that, Lan He couldn't help but recall that Yang Kai had showcased his instantaneous movement before. Suddenly, she found Qian Xiu Ying's words to be sensible, as that Space Divine Ability was truly incredible. Yang Kai was able to move thousands of kilometres in the blink of an eye, so those from Netherworld Sect and Brahma Holy Land really might not be able to touch him.

With this thought in mind, Lan He could set her mind at ease a little, but the guilt she felt in her heart did not subside.

Upon reaching the side hall, Lan He didn't enter because she was too embarrassed to face Yang Kai. So, she just waited outside with a dejected expression.

Seeing this, Tang Sheng and Qian Xiu Ying didn't force her and let her stay outside.

When Yang Kai, who was inside the hall, noticed that a man and a woman were walking toward him, he immediately rose from the chair and turned to look at them, after which he was able to identify them.

On the way to this place, Lan He had told him about the situation in Heavenly Wolf Valley, so he knew that there were only two Second-Order Emperor Realm Masters in this Sect. The two people before his eyes must be the aforementioned Valley Master Tang Sheng and his wife Qian Xiu Ying.

The two were a perfectly matched couple, and as a guest, Yang Kai had to show enough respect, so he immediately cupped his fists and uttered, "Yang Kai greets Valley Master Tang, Vice Valley Master Qian. Please forgive my sudden intrusion without invitation."

Tang Sheng guffawed at such forthright behaviour which was very different from the elegant fa?ade most youths put up. Nodding, he walked over and said, "Young Master Yang, you don't have to be overly

polite with us. You are Little He's saviour, which makes you Heavenly Wolf Valley's honoured guest. There is nothing you need apologise for."

Qian Xiu Ying also cupped her fists with a smiling face, "Greetings, Young Master Yang."

Yang Kai was startled for a moment. Although the married couple appeared hospitable, their words gave him a feeling that they were trying to keep a certain distance from him. Then, he realised that he wasn't close to Lan He, and it was the first time he met this couple, so he stopped minding it. However, when he looked out the hall and didn't see Lan He, he felt that something was off.

"Have a seat, please." Tang Sheng gestured at him as he and Qian Xiu Ying took the main seats before he called out, "Bring us some tea!"

Following that, a maidservant entered the place to get everything prepared.

Tang Sheng put on a polite smile and looked fixedly at Yang Kai, "I hear that Young Master Yang comes from the Southern Territory, yes?"

Yang Kai nodded, "In a certain sense."

The married couple traded glances before Tang Sheng asked again, "Where does Young Master Yang reside now then? This Yang can see that you are a Second-Order Emperor, and with such cultivation at your age, the place you come from must be quite extraordinary."

Yang Kai replied with a faint smile, "I'm a High-Rank Guest Elder of Azure Sun Temple."

He didn't tell them that he was the Palace Master of High Heaven Palace in the Northern Territory; after all, the couple was convinced that he was from the Southern Territory, so if he told them that he was a Palace Master in the Northern Territory, it would seem like he was inflating his own importance.

"Azure Sun Temple!" Tang Sheng was startled, "Do you mean the Azure Sun Temple that is one of the top three Sects in the Southern Territory?"

Yang Kai nodded, "There is only one Azure Sun Temple in the Southern Territory."

Tang Sheng sighed, "This Tang has long heard about how famous Azure Sun Temple is. The three top Sects of Southern Territory, Azure Sun Temple, Orthodoxy Temple and Heavenly Martial Holy Land are each as powerful as the three top Sects in the Eastern Territory. All of them are the top forces in this world. Our little Heavenly Wolf Valley is simply not comparable to them at all."

Yang Kai replied politely, "Valley Master, you need not be overly humble. Heavenly Wolf Valley is doing well and both you and Vice Valley Master Qian possess formidable power. I am certain your Sect will one day find itself among the top of the world."

Tang Sheng guffawed, "Many thanks for your kind words." He paused for a moment, "By the way, when I was young, I had set a goal to travel around all four territories in the Star Boundary one day. However, I was bogged down by many things, so I couldn't realise my dream. In fact, I've never even stepped out of Eastern Territory before, so I feel a little embarrassed. Since you're from the Southern Territory, can you tell me about the differences between there and here?"

Qian Xiu Ying also looked curiously at Yang Kai, seemingly very interested in hearing about this topic.

Yang Kai was startled for a moment. However, since he had a favour to ask of this pair, he decided to satisfy their curiosity. In fact, he had been to all four territories in the Star Boundary, and he had experienced the different cultures and customs of each one. Although he was much younger than Tang Sheng and Qian Xiu Ying, he did have more knowledge and experience than them when it came to such matters. At that moment, he started narrating his past experiences to them, which engrossed them in his stories as if they were able to go through his experiences for themselves. At the same time, they kept asking the young man many questions.

A long time later, Yang Kai could feel that his throat was dry, but the couple still seemed interested in finding out more. However, they didn't seem to have the intention of talking about the Faith Token from Spirit Beast Island, which made him slightly frustrated.

He knew that Lan He must have told them his purpose of visit, so he wondered what they were up to by asking about Southern Territory instead of discussing the token.

Finding a break in the conversation, Yang Kai decided to take the initiative, "Forgive me for being forward, but this Yang has come here today because I have a favour to ask of you."

Upon hearing this, Tang Sheng heaved a sigh, "Young Master Yang, I already know what your request is, as Little He told me about it; however, I'm afraid that I must disappoint you."

Yang Kai was stunned, "You mean..."

With a bitter smile, Tang Sheng explained, "Long ago, our Ancestral Founders indeed obtained a Howling Moon Heavenly Wolf's descendant, but it wasn't a pureblood descendant and only possessed a faint bloodline from its ancestors, so it was nothing special. Somehow, those from Spirit Beast Island got the news and sent a Beast Seeker to our valley to obtain that Monster Beast and give us some compensation. All this is true; however, regarding the Faith Token, that is actually just a fabricated story."

"A fabricated story?" Yang Kai was stunned. [How does one even think to fabricate such a story?]

Tang Sheng went on to say, "En, this story was specifically made up and spread far and wide to add a layer of invisible protection for our Sect so that the other great forces would be wary of us. Since this all happened thousands of years ago, those from Spirit Beast Island certainly have learned of it by now, but it is also true that they brought away our Monster Beast, and what was done did not harm their reputation. Given their power, Spirit Beast Island apparently didn't want to bother making things difficult for my Valley. However, this Tang never expected that one day it would draw Young Master Yang here on false pretences. For this, I am truly sorry."

Upon hearing his explanation, Yang Kai smiled helplessly. Earlier, he thought that luck was on his side, but he hadn't expected that the Faith Token turned out to be a made-up story. Since he had found out about the truth, there was nothing else he could say. Realising something at that moment, he asked, "Is Sister Lan afraid to meet me because of this?"

After a sigh, Qian Xiu Ying explained, "Little He feels that she has broken her word to you and was too embarrassed to meet you."

Yang Kai burst into laughter, "There's nothing to be embarrassed about. Sister Lan is thinking too much."

Qian Xiu Ying went on to say, "Little He has always been an honest and upright girl. Over the years, she never forgot the fact that you had saved her life; therefore, after she bumped into you in the Eastern Territory, she wanted to repay that favour any way she could. However, she was never informed about the truth of this matter, so she really believed we had that Faith Token and brought you to this place as a result."

Tang Sheng said, "It is all this Tang's fault. At that time, our Ancestors simply wished to add a layer of protection for our Sect, but I didn't expect that Little He would be hurt because of this one day. Please don't blame her."

A solemn Yang Kai replied, "I won't."

If Lan He hadn't warned him, he wouldn't have even been aware that he had been targeted by Brahma Holy Land and Netherworld Sect.

Qian Xiu Ying suggested, "If you really want to head to Spirit Beast Island, you can walk around Seaside City. You might get a clue from there."

Yang Kai nodded and thought that if he really couldn't find the way to get there, he would just forget about it. His main reason for coming to the Eastern Territory was to head to Dragon Island, so going to Spirit Beast Island was optional.

Then, he recalled that Liu Yan had lived on Spirit Beast Island for a long time; however, she might not know the island's location. That was because when Jiu Feng brought her away, she was still a Phoenix egg, and after that, she went directly to Dragon Island before following Yang Kai to the Lower Star Field.

Just then, Tang Sheng suddenly frowned and took out a communication artifact from his Space Ring. As his expression changed, he turned to look at Qian Xiu Ying.

Yang Kai observed his expression and could guess that he must have received an important message, so with a smile, he said, "If something has happened, please attend to it first. This Yang can see himself out on his own. If I have some free time in the future, I will certainly come here to pay you a visit again."

Rising from his chair, Tang Sheng replied, "Please forgive this Tang's lack of hospitality, but there is indeed something of importance that requires immediate attention. Since that's the case, I won't be overly polite and take my leave now."

After he finished speaking, he left the hall with Qian Xiu Ying.

Yang Kai turned to look at their figures and touched his chin as a meaningful glint flashed across his eyes.

He wasn't a fool. Although what Tang Sheng had said was logical and reasonable, his actions made Yang Kai feel that something was off. Yang Kai didn't dare to judge whether they really had that Faith Token, but he was certain that they didn't welcome him. Otherwise, the couple wouldn't have left together. Even though there was an urgent matter, only one person was needed to handle it, so why would both of them leave together?

Furthermore, they didn't even try to persuade Yang Kai to stay for a few days more. After he said that he would leave on his own, he could even feel that they were secretly breathing sighs of relief.

It was apparent that they were worried that Yang Kai would attract trouble to their Sect.

Chapter 3299, The Menacing Duo

If Yang Kai was in Tang Sheng's shoes, he would have the same kind of worries as well; therefore, he didn't have a reason to blame him, though he did feel slightly displeased.

Just then, a head stuck out of the door as their eyes met.

Yang Kai smiled and called out, "Sister Lan."

Lan He hesitantly revealed herself as her expression appeared embarrassed, "Brother Yang."

Yang Kai asked curiously, "Sister Lan, what's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?"

Lan He lowered her head and stared at her toes, "Brother Yang, I'm sorry." Yang Kai didn't know whether there was really a Faith Token from Spirit Beast Island in Heavenly Wolf Valley or not, but she was aware of the truth. She knew that it wasn't a fabricated story. Tang Sheng and Qian Xiu Ying had said so because they were worried that, by becoming friends with Yang Kai, it would bring trouble to the Sect.

If she had the final say, she wouldn't mind giving him a hand. Although she was an Elder in her Sect, she couldn't give Yang Kai any promises at this point. Likewise, she could not do anything that would betray her Sect. On the one hand, Yang Kai was her life's saviour. On the other hand, Tang Sheng was her Master. She was utterly conflicted within herself as she thought about it. Facing Yang Kai, she felt so guilty that she didn't dare to look him in the eyes.

Yang Kai walked up to and flashed a smile at her, "Sister Lan, you don't have to apologise to me. I'm already grateful that you've informed me of what Brahma Holy Land and Netherworld Sect were up to. Since the Faith Token is just a fabricated story, it's okay."

After remaining silent for a moment, Lan He suddenly raised her head and said steadfastly, "Brother Yang, wait for a few days more. I'll find a way to help you."

Judging from her expression, Yang Kai knew that she wanted to plead with Tang Sheng to get the Faith Token; however, by doing so, mistrust might be formed between Tang Sheng and her. Therefore, Yang Kai said to her with a smile, "There's no need for that. It's not like I must go to Spirit Beast Island. It'd be good if I could go, but it's also fine if I can't. However, I'm sorry for making this kind of request that would trouble you."

Lan He felt anguished as she listened to him. It was her Sect that was in the wrong, as Tang Sheng was worried that Yang Kai might invite trouble to them. Initially, when he heard of Yang Kai's arrival, Tang Sheng was eager to meet him and had even said that he would personally lead him to Spirit Beast Island; however, upon learning that two top Sects of the Eastern Territory were after Yang Kai, he changed his attitude in an instant. Nevertheless, now, Yang Kai was consoling her instead.

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"Where's Big Sister Ling? Can you lead me to see her?" Yang Kai abruptly changed the topic.

"En. Please come with me," As expected, Lan He's attention was diverted as she directly agreed to it.

As they walked further into the valley, Lan He remained silent on the way. She would only reply to Yang Kai whenever he asked her some questions, and she didn't look as lively as before. Apparently, she still felt extremely guilty.

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Inside a grand palace, Tang Sheng and Qian Xiu Ying arrived in a hall where two individuals were waiting for them. One of them was a gloomy-looking elderly man who looked like he had just crawled out from the underworld. The other one was an authoritative-looking middle-aged man who was clad in a simple robe. By just standing there with his hands behind his back, he looked like a blade that was able to make the atmosphere in the hall heavy.

Seeing them, Tang Sheng and Qian Xiu Ying were flabbergasted as they walked over and cupped their fists, "Welcome, Sect Master Fu, Holy Master Xu. Forgive us for not greeting you earlier."

[These two have come over far too quickly!] It had only been a short time since Yang Kai arrived at this place, but these two people had already appeared here. Tang Sheng felt fortunate that he had the foresight to not agree to Yang Kai's request; otherwise, they would never be able to avoid this mess.

These two were the Sect Masters of two of the top Sects in the Eastern Territory, and both of them were Third-Order Emperors. Since they had made a move together, it showed the stance of Netherworld Sect and Brahma Holy Land on this issue. Perhaps the top cultivators from both Sects had all been sent out as well.

As Tang Sheng sighed, he was worried that Yang Kai was doomed. It was hopeless even if he had Space Divine Abilities when faced with so many top cultivators. If they sealed off space all at the same time, at all corners, Yang Kai wouldn't be able to escape no matter what. Tang Sheng could only hope that Lan He wouldn't blame him for this in the future.

The gloomy-looking Fu Bo remained unmoving with his eyes closed like an old monk that was meditating. Although he was currently in Heavenly Wolf Valley, and was technically an uninvited guest, he showed no regard for Tang Sheng at all.

On the other hand, Xu Chang Feng grunted slightly while still facing away from the couple as he said dispassionately, "Tang Sheng, how long has your Sect existed?"

The question might sound random, but Tang Sheng could sense that something was off about it as a chill ran down his spine. After giving it a thought, he replied, "Heavenly Wolf Valley has more than twenty thousand years of history."

Xu Chang Feng nodded slightly as he turned around and said impassively, "Twenty thousand years. Your Sect's current heritage was gained with much time and sacrifice. Your Sect once enjoyed a glorious period and was counted among the top forces in the Eastern Territory many years ago. It had also

become desolate and was almost destroyed at several points. However, there must be something unique about your Sect that it's able to last for more than twenty thousand years."

Tang Sheng forced a smile, "Monster Beasts have the sharpest instincts when it comes to avoiding danger. We have Battle Wolves as our companions, so our instincts have become quite keen as well."

Xu Chang Feng stared meaningfully at him for a while before he nodded, "Good. I'm sure you already know the purpose of Sect Master Fu and my visit."

Tang Sheng's forehead was drenched in cold sweat as he said, "Holy Master Xu, please rest assured, we won't do anything to dig our own graves. My Disciple was too naive and inadvertently brought that young man back here, but we have no intention of sheltering him and he will leave soon."

"Hmph!" Fu Bo suddenly snorted, "You couldn't protect him even if you tried."

Upon hearing that, Qian Xiu Ying couldn't help but shoot a glare at Fu Bo as she was unresigned. [He's indeed a Third-Order Emperor Realm Master as well as the Sect Master of a top Sect in the Eastern Territory, but he currently sits in our Heavenly Wolf Valley! As a guest, how can he act so haughty in front of us? We still have the Faith Token that can be used to seek help from Spirit Beast Island. I doubt Netherworld Sect will really dare to make a move against us. As long as we still have the token, and Spirit Beast Island is still powerful, we have no need to fear destruction.]

Sensing her stare, Fu Bo suddenly raised his sharp gaze and met her eyes as he put on a devious smile.

The next moment, the colour drained from Qian Xiu Ying's beautiful face as a howling voice sounded in her eyes. Her Soul was shaken to the core, and she shivered terribly.

Tang Sheng stepped sideways to stand in front of his wife and said, "Sect Master Fu, what is the meaning of this? We have made our stance clear. We will not interfere in your conflicts, so threaten my wife no further."

Fu Bo mocked coldly, "I could tell that your Wife was unresigned, so I just wanted her to face reality. What's wrong? Are you unresigned as well?"

Tang Sheng was exasperated, but he didn't dare to say anything more.

Xu Chang Feng chimed in, "Tang Sheng, your Sect Defending Array is able to seal space, correct?"

Tang Sheng subconsciously replied, "The Sect Defending Array of every Sect has such capability..."

Upon finishing his words, he realised something as his expression transformed to one of horror, "Holy Master Xu, why did you ask such a question?"

Xu Chang Feng looked dispassionately at him and asked back, "What do you think?"

Fu Bo chuckled in an eerie manner and rose from the chair finally, "What Holy Master Xu means is that he wants you to activate your Sect Defending Array to seal this place so that brat can't flee. I'm sure you're aware of what that little brat is capable of."

Tang Sheng's expression changed drastically, "Do you intend to move against him inside Heavenly Wolf Valley?"

Xu Chang Feng stared at him coldly and declared, "This is the perfect place to erect his tomb. What's wrong with that?"

"No!" Tang Sheng directly rejected him.

Fu Bo narrowed his eyes, "Tang Sheng, I suggest you think twice before speaking again. Having a head is a good thing, so don't just treat it as an ornament."

The two of them directly called Tang Sheng by his name and didn't show him any respect at all. The couple was enraged at this treatment, but they wouldn't dare to rebuke them. Faced with such mockery, even Tang Sheng couldn't hold back his anger anymore. Even a common man would be infuriated after being mocked and disdained, let alone a Sect Master like him. He had made it clear to them that he wouldn't protect Yang Kai, but he didn't expect that these two would still be so overbearing, even threatening Heavenly Wolf Valley and trying to drag it into this conflict.

After taking a deep breath, Tang Sheng declared solemnly, "This Tang will never agree to your request. That young man saved my Disciple's life once before. The reason she brought him back was that he had a favour to ask of us, but we rejected him, which has caused great grief and guilt to my Disciple. If I were to use our Sect Defending Array to seal this space and cause his death in our valley, my Disciple will definitely form a Heart Demon, and she will never be able to break through again. If you want to deal with him, you can do that anywhere in this world except my Sect. We will not protect him, nor will we interfere in your conflicts with him."

"Are you sure you want to refuse us?" Xu Chang Feng stared at him with a piercing gaze.

Tang Sheng's face twitched when he was faced with that threat. He knew that if he rejected them this time, their Sect would face countless troubles in the Eastern Territory in the future. Just like what he had told Lan He previously, with Spirit Beast Island's protection, these people wouldn't dare to openly make a move on them, but harming their Disciples and industries in secret was almost a given. Heavenly Wolf Valley was a big Sect with lots of expenses, and they had many businesses in the Eastern Territory. All of these assets would definitely be targeted.

Turning to look at Qian Xiu Ying, Tang Sheng only saw her shaking her head while seemingly whispering something to him.

Despite not hearing her clearly, Tang Sheng could tell she had spoken just one name, Lan He.

Having made up his mind, Tang Sheng steeled himself and declared, "Holy Master Xu, please stop making things difficult for this Tang!"

Lan He had managed to come back from the Shattered Star Sea alive and reached a breakthrough to the Emperor Realm, so she was the hope for the Sect. Perhaps she might even ascend to the Third-Order Emperor Realm in the future. In other words, the rise or fall of Heavenly Wolf Valley hinged on her.

If Lan He's Martial Heart was broken because of this incident, it would be the biggest loss for their Sect. As for the possibility of their businesses getting suppressed, they could only worry about it in the future.

Furthermore, Yang Kai was related to another Elder in their Heavenly Wolf Valley, Ling Yin Qin. If Yang Kai was killed in this valley, Ling Yin Qin would definitely grow resentful of their Sect as well. When that

happened, it would mean that their Sect would lose the faith of two Emperor Realm Masters; Tang Sheng could never allow that to happen.

Upon hearing his reply, Fu Bo put on an eerie grin while Xu Chang Feng stared at Tang Sheng with an emotionless face for a moment. Upon concluding that the latter was resolute, he nodded slightly, "Forget it, then."

With that, Tang Sheng was finally able to heave a sigh of relief. If Xu Chang Feng insisted on forcing the issue, he wasn't confident he could reject him. This was the best outcome for Heavenly Wolf Valley. Although he couldn't protect Yang Kai, he didn't agree to use the Sect Defending Array to trap him either. At the very least, he hadn't betrayed Lan He's trust.

Chapter 3300, We Will Meet Again

At the back of Heavenly Wolf Valley, there was a serene place where a cottage had been constructed. This was Ling Yin Qin's residence, where she lived a peaceful, secluded life.

According to Lan He, after she left the Shattered Star Sea, she started looking for Ling Yin Qin. Coincidentally, Ling Yin Qin had just reached the Eastern Territory. Upon meeting, Ling Yin Qin understood Lan He's intentions, after which, she thanked her and followed her to Heavenly Wolf Valley.

At that time, she was still only a Third-Order Dao Source Realm.

With Lan He's recommendation, Ling Ying Qin was able to join the Sect with ease and started living in the residence where her deceased husband used to live. She stopped caring about worldly affairs and started cultivating in seclusion. As time passed, she was able to reach the Emperor Realm. Seeing that she had a breakthrough, Tang Sheng conferred the position of Elder to her; however, everyone in the Sect knew that she wasn't involved in the operations of the Sect, nor did she communicate with anyone. She spent most of her time doing her own things outside of her cottage. To those who were aware of her story, they were moved by her love for her late husband.

When Yang Kai and Lan He arrived at the place, Ling Yin Qin was seated with her legs crossed in front of a tombstone. The surrounding area was filled with grass and flowers. This was clearly where her husband's ashes were buried.

Sensing their arrival, Ling Yin Qin opened her eyes. Upon seeing Lan He, who was leading the way, she flashed a smile at her, but after she saw Yang Kai, who was behind Lan He, she was startled for a moment before her expression turned pleasantly surprised.

"Elder Ling, you have a visitor," Lan He walked over with a smile.

"Big Sister Ling, we haven't met in ages," Yang Kai smiled and cupped his fists.

"Yang Kai!" Ling Yin Qin was quite surprised, but the smile on her face was sincere as she asked, "Why are you here?"

"I was travelling the Eastern Territory and came across Sister Lan He. She invited me to Heavenly Wolf Valley, and I decided to visit you while I was here."

Ling Yin Qin swept a glance over him and nodded, "We haven't met in many years, and it seems that you've grown stronger."

Yang Kai replied with a grin, "I heard that you've reached the Emperor Realm as well."

Ling Yin Qin turned to look at the tombstone and uttered gently, "I have nothing better to do anyway, so I just cultivate every day. Come in, we can talk inside my house."

She then passionately invited Yang Kai and Lan He into her cottage. The decorations inside were simple, with only a table, some chairs, and a bed, with no ornaments at all. However, this interior still gave off a refreshing feeling.

Ling Yin Qin started boiling a pot of tea for them and after they were seated, she started narrating the events of her journey from the Solitary Void Sealed World to the Eastern Territory in a somewhat sorrowful manner. At that time, she was only in the Third-Order Dao Source Realm, so it took her several years to travel from one territory to the other. During her journey, she had encountered several life-or-death moments, but fortunately, luck was on her side as she had always managed to escape unscathed. Soon after she finally arrived in the Eastern Territory, she bumped into Lan He, who was looking for her.

Ling Yin Qin was grateful to Yang Kai. If he hadn't told Lan He about her in the Shattered Star Sea, given her condition at that time, it wouldn't be easy for her to join Heavenly Wolf Valley; after all, she didn't grow up in the Sect. No great force would easily take in an outsider they were not familiar with. Heavenly Wolf Valley was fairly famous in the Eastern Territory, so a great force like it was normally very selective when accepting new blood. They would rather raise their disciples from a young age than take in a stranger.

After joining the Sect, Ling Yin Qin settled down and started living a life of seclusion and normally, no one would bother her.

As they spoke, she asked about Bing Yun and Liu Xian Yun, and upon learning that they were fine, she was finally able to be at ease.

Half a day later, Yang Kai rose from his seat and bid her farewell.

Ling Yin Qin tried to persuade him to stay for a few days more, while Lan He played along with her on the side; however, Yang Kai had found out Tang Sheng's stance, so he wouldn't stay in the valley any longer than necessary, lest he invite hatred towards himself. After coming up with a suitable excuse, he turned around and left.

Ling Yin Qin wanted to see him off, but he rejected her. In the end, she could only stand outside the cottage and watch him leave.

While flying alongside Yang Kai towards the exit, Lan He asked in a dejected manner, "Brother Yang, can't you wait for a few days more? I'll come up with a way."

Yang Kai shook his head and replied with a smile, "There's no need for that. I have something to do, so I won't go to Spirit Beast Island for now."

"But..." Lan He uttered.

However, before she could finish her words, a young man suddenly flew towards them from the side and called out to her anxiously, "Senior Sister Lan, Valley Master wants you to see him immediately. He has something he needs to tell you."

Lan He nodded, "After I see Brother Yang off, I'll go meet Valley Master."

Nevertheless, the young man blocked her way and said solemnly, "Valley Master said that you must go over to see him now. It's an urgent matter."

Upon hearing that, Lan He knitted her brow. Realising something, she snorted, "I'm just seeing Brother Yang off, and I'll go over soon. Can't my Master wait for even a short while?"

The young man appeared embarrassed as he cupped his fists, "Senior Sister Lan, please forgive me. I'm just carrying out Valley Master's order."

Seeing that Lan He was about to rebuke this young man again, Yang Kai raised his hand and said, "Sister Lan, please go ahead. I still remember how to leave the valley, so you don't have to see me off."

"Brother Yang..."

Yang Kai waved his hand and shot towards the exit like a bolt of lightning as he was heard saying from afar, "The world is vast, but we'll still meet again if there's a chance."

"Brother Yang, please be careful!" Lan He shouted from behind. After Yang Kai disappeared from her sight, she turned around and glowered at the young man.

Faced with her stare, the young man felt a crawling sensation on his scalp as he put on a fawning smile and explained, "Senior Sister Lan, Valley Master..."

"Hmph!" Lan He appeared displeased as she turned around and left in a different direction. She wanted to question her Master about the reason behind his actions. Yang Kai had saved her life before; however, not only was she unable to help him, but she was also not even allowed to see him off. How would she have the face to see him again in the future?

It had to be said that she was disappointed in the way her Master had treated Yang Kai.

Immediately after Yang Kai left the valley, he noticed a person flying toward him. Initially, he didn't pay this person any mind, but just as they were about to pass one another, that person suddenly yelped in surprise. Then, he stopped flying and turned around as he shouted, "Is that you, Brother Yang?"

Yang Kai stopped in his tracks and whirled around. In his heart, he found it interesting that he kept bumping into one familiar person after another in the Eastern Territory.

The person who spoke earlier was flying back as he stopped tens of meters in front of Yang Kai. After taking a glance at Yang Kai, he uttered in surprise, "It's really you, Brother Yang! Do you remember me?

I'm Qi Hai! I heard that you've arrived at Heavenly Wolf Valley, which is why this Qi rushed over. I didn't expect to come across you here on your way out."

"Qi... Hai?" Yang Kai frowned. If the person in front of his eyes didn't reveal his name first, Yang Kai wouldn't have remembered him at all. His name and his familiar-looking face made Yang Kai recall what happened in the Shattered Star Sea and the Ancient Lands Passageway.

Upon hearing this, Qi Hai guffawed, "So Brother Yang still remembers this Qi. It is this Qi's honour."

Yang Kai took a glance at him and asked curiously, "Aren't you from Qi Family Fort? Why are you all the way out here?" If he wasn't mistaken, Qi Family Fort was located just outside the Ancient Lands Passageway and many people from the Fort resided in the desolate city outside the Lands.

Recalling that, he suddenly realised something. He had walked out of the Ancient Lands and passed by the desolate city, but not long after that, many people in the Eastern Territory became aware of his arrival. Even Lan He from Heavenly Wolf Valley had heard about it. Everything happened for a reason. Although Yang Kai didn't cover himself up during his journey, supposedly, not many people knew who he was in the Eastern Territory. The problem now was who spread the news of his arrival.

Previously, Yang Kai had some doubts about this, but he didn't really mind. It wasn't until he met Qi Hai that the realisation dawned upon him, as the source of the news was right before his eyes.

[If that's the case, why did Qi Hai not take the initiative to directly look for me instead?] Yang Kai narrowed his eyes and stared at him in a probing manner.

An unperturbed Qi Hai uttered seriously, "I'm here to find Brother Yang."

Yang Kai asked dispassionately, "What for?"

Qi Hai put on a bitter smile, "For the same matter we originally discussed..." As he spoke, he suddenly bowed deeply and said respectfully, "Please have mercy and save this Qi's wife. Her days grow slim and if she is not treated, she will pass away within a month."

Upon hearing this, Yang Kai was shocked, "Your wife is still alive?"

If he wasn't mistaken, Qi Hai's woman was stricken with one of the Ten Extreme Poisons, the Heavenly Frost Earth Rain. Yang Kai knew a thing or two about this poison and realised that it was indeed fatal. Anyone who was affected by this poison was practically incurable. Of course, if they could find the Phoenix True Fire, which contained a power that was as amazing as rebirth, there was still some hope of survival.

Nevertheless, a long time had passed since the incident. Qi Hai's wife was struck with the poison before the Shattered Star Sea opened, so it had been at least twenty years now. How had she survived for twenty years after being poisoned by the Heavenly Frost Earth Rain? Was she a member of the Dragon Clan?

With a sorrowful expression, Qi Hai explained, "We have a treasure in Qi Family Fort that can freeze a person. My wife's entire body and her vitality have been frozen, which is why she has survived till this day. However, as time passes, even this treasure loses its effectiveness. If she can't be detoxified in time, she will..." As he spoke, his eyes were already drenched in tears and he appeared faithful to his

wife, which caused Yang Kai to feel a bit depressed as well. Normally, men wouldn't cry easily. Moreover, Qi Hai was an Emperor Realm Master, so what he was doing proved that he was indeed deeply in love with his wife.

If Su Yan or Xia Ning Chang had suffered this kind of ordeal, Yang Kai knew that he would be just as disheartened.

After pulling himself together, Qi Hai went on to say, "The last time Brother Yang appeared in the Eastern Territory, you mentioned 'it' was not with you and could not help..."

At that instant, Yang Kai appeared embarrassed, "It really was not with me at that time. So, I was unable to help you."

Qi Hai said, "As long as you had the Phoenix True Fire, you could help my wife detoxify the poison. Did Brother Yang fail in your attempt to obtain the Phoenix True Fire in the Shattered Star Sea? But... how is that possible?" He was certain the Phoenix True Fire was in Yang Kai's hands. It had to be. Everything Yang Kai said that day must have been a lie... If it turned out to be the truth, then everything he had been doing would be a farce...

Yang Kai shook his head, "Like I said, I obtained the Phoenix True Fire, but at that time, it wasn't with me, so I was unable to help you even if I wanted to."