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Chapter 441: Delicate Water

Jin Li, a Daoist Master, spared no effort in enhancing Meng Zhang's combat power.

Meng Zhang, who had received these benefits, still seemed a bit unsatisfied.

In front of Jin Li, he shamelessly discarded all his pride and continued to ask for more benefits.

True Monarch Tian Zhu is a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, and even a small favor from him would be more than enough for Meng Zhang. Jin Li, of course, would not tolerate such behavior of taking advantage.

She firmly rejected Meng Zhang's request and scolded him severely.

Meng Zhang dared to even consider going against the will of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch. Even if he were given the treasures of a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, he wouldn't be able to use them.

Jin Li made it clear that the Fierce Yang Sword and the Thunder Child she gave to Meng Zhang were only temporary loans. After this matter was completed, Meng Zhang would have to return them as promised.

Despite being scolded, Meng Zhang didn't seem unhappy.

He had already tasted the benefits, so why would he willingly give them up?

There was no need for excuses; the losses of a Third Rank flying sword and a few Thunder Child during the battle with the Gold Core Daoist Master were normal occurrences.

The entire Taiyi Sect was mobilized, preparing for the upcoming actions.

At this time, Deep Earth Spirit General and Shocking Thunder Spirit General brought a surprise to Meng Zhang.

One day, Deep Earth Spirit General sent someone to deliver a message, inviting Meng Zhang to the old mountain gate of the Taiyi Sect, saying that there was something important to tell him.

Deep Earth Spirit General was always reliable and wouldn't act without reason.

After receiving the message, Meng Zhang quickly arrived at the old mountain gate of the Taiyi Sect.

Shocking Thunder Spirit General, who had been waiting outside the gate, directly led him to the underground secret chamber where the Lingyan was located.

There, besides Deep Earth Spirit General, stood a woman with a cold complexion, tall and graceful, with skin as smooth as jade, as beautiful as a Heaven Immortal, quietly standing there.

Seeing Meng Zhang enter, Deep Earth Spirit General bowed to him and greeted him as "Sect Master."

The woman unabashedly scrutinized Meng Zhang, her eyes revealing a rebellious and unruly gaze.

After a while, she reluctantly bowed to Meng Zhang and casually said, "So, you are the Taiyi Sect Sect Master."

Deep Earth Spirit General quickly introduced her to Meng Zhang.

This woman was also the former Guardian Spirit General of the Taiyi Sect and could be called Delicate Water Spirit General.

Seeing her in this place, Meng Zhang had already guessed her identity. Now, Deep Earth Spirit General's introduction only confirmed it for him.

Meng Zhang felt a bit strange as Deep Earth Spirit General clearly showed fear towards this woman.

Shocking Thunder Spirit General, who was always arrogant and impulsive, almost felt unable to raise his head in front of her.

With Meng Zhang's Gold Core cultivation base, he could clearly sense that this woman, Delicate Water Spirit General, had a Refining Qi completion cultivation base.

To suppress two Guardian Spirit Generals at the Foundation Building late stage with a Refining Qi completion cultivation base, this Delicate Water Spirit General was indeed quite extraordinary.

Since Deep Earth Spirit General awakened and rebuilt his divine body, he had been working hard to help other Guardian Spirit Generals recover like himself. Later, after Shocking Thunder Spirit General recovered, he also helped Deep Earth Spirit General wholeheartedly.

A few years ago, when Meng Zhang was not in the Taiyi Sect and was away from the core, Shocking Thunder Spirit General and Deep Earth Spirit General even risked their lives to infiltrate the Demon Wind Gobi and obtain a spiritual medicine that could repair the soul.

After years of unrelenting efforts by the two of them, they finally achieved results and successfully awakened the dormant Delicate Water Spirit General.

To be honest, Meng Zhang was somewhat disappointed with Delicate Water Spirit General's cultivation base.

When Deep Earth Spirit General awakened, he also had a Refining Qi cultivation base. However, at that time, the Taiyi Sect was still a small Refining Qi sect, and Deep Earth Spirit General could play a significant role.

But now, Meng Zhang had become a Gold Core Daoist Master, and the Taiyi Sect had numerous Foundation Building cultivators. The role a Refining Qi cultivator could play was limited.

Feeling Meng Zhang's disdain, Delicate Water showed an undisguised expression of anger.

"I heard from these two guys about the current situation of the Taiyi Sect and knew that they needed a Refining Qi cultivator with strong combat power."

"That's why I suppressed my cultivation base at the Refining Qi completion stage."

Delicate Water Spirit General's words made Meng Zhang feel ashamed. He didn't have the airs of a Gold Core Daoist Master, nor did he think of himself as superior just because he was the Sect Master. He sincerely apologized to Delicate Water Spirit General, admitting that he had underestimated her and failed to understand her good intentions.

Still filled with anger, Delicate Water Spirit General didn't continue to argue with Meng Zhang. Instead, she found an excuse to scold Shocking Thunder Spirit General.

Innocently caught in the crossfire, Shocking Thunder Spirit General stood there obediently, looking aggrieved.

Meng Zhang couldn't quite understand the relationship between them. Perhaps this was just the way the Guardian Spirit Generals interacted with each other.

Meng Zhang chatted with everyone for a while.

Delicate Water clearly wasn't a talkative person. She responded to Meng Zhang's every sentence, but many times, Meng Zhang would say ten sentences while she might not even answer one. Originally, Meng Zhang wanted to obtain some information about the history of the Taiyi Sect from Delicate Water Spirit General. Seeing that they couldn't really engage in a conversation, he had no choice but to bid farewell and leave.

As for Delicate Water Spirit General, she was naturally taken care of by Deep Earth Spirit General and Shocking Thunder Spirit General.

When Deep Earth Spirit General escorted Meng Zhang out and reached the outside of the main hall, Meng Zhang couldn't help but ask him.

He was already a Gold Core Daoist Master and should have the qualifications to understand the history of the Taiyi Sect. Especially why the Taiyi Sect had been repeatedly attacked and ultimately reduced to a small Refining Qi sect, almost losing its last inheritance.

Meng Zhang almost flipped through the Sect Master's chronicles, but couldn't find these crucial pieces of information.

Although there was a lot of content recorded in it, there was no mention of this particular issue.

Initially, Deep Earth Spirit General wanted to play dumb and temporarily brush it off.

However, Meng Zhang grabbed him and stared at him with an imposing gaze, determined not to give up until he heard something. He forced Deep Earth Spirit General, using his identity as the Taiyi Sect Sect Master, to avoid him using the excuse of not having recovered his memories and not giving him a chance to feign ignorance.

Deep Earth Spirit General was forced by Meng Zhang and had no choice but to make a promise.

After Meng Zhang safely returned from the small world of the Purple Gold Sect, he would tell him everything he knew.

Having known Deep Earth Spirit General for so long, Meng Zhang had gained some understanding of him. Deep Earth Spirit General, who was usually silent, was the type of person who wouldn't easily promise anything, but once he did, he would definitely follow through.

Since he had made a promise and agreed to answer Meng Zhang's questions at that time, he should be able to do it.

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After Meng Zhang left, Deep Earth Spirit General fulfilled the promise made to Meng Zhang and informed Shocking Thunder Spirit General and Delicate Water Spirit General about it. Neither of

them had any objections. Even Delicate WaterSpirit General, who appeared to be quite unfriendly towards Meng Zhang, didn't say much.

Ever since Meng Zhang formed the Gold Core, he had been gaining the approval of the Guardian Spirit Generals. Especially Deep EarthSpirit General, who was the first to awaken and had spent many years in Taiyi Sect, understood Meng Zhang very well. He believed that despite some flaws, Meng Zhang was now fully qualified to be the Sect Master. His personal aptitude and ability to manage the sect were outstanding, and his loyalty to the sect was commendable.

If Meng Zhang could successfully return from the small world of Purple Gold Sect, it would demonstrate his survival ability. Only after passing this test would he be eligible to learn Taiyi Sect's greatest secret. In fact, after Deep EarthSpirit General's Cultivation Base recovered to the Foundation Building stage, most of his memories had already returned.

With the awakening of Shocking ThunderSpirit General and the continuous recovery of Deep EarthSpirit General's Cultivation Base, now Delicate WaterSpirit General had also awakened. The three Guardian Spirit Generals helped each other, awakening all of their memories and recalling those tremendous secrets. Perhaps the next time they met Meng Zhang, they would reveal these secrets to him.

After this small incident, Meng Zhang primarily focused on enhancing his combat power. Gu Yue Huaidie and Luo Ye, the Daoist Master leading a large group of Taiyi Sect disciples, spent nearly three years wandering the Endless Sea of Sand, activating almost all the nodes of the Great Void Restriction.

With these nodes activated, the Great Void Restriction began to slowly operate. Various anomalies started occurring in different places within the Endless Sea of Sand. Thunderstorms and earthquakes filled the sky and the ground, and some long-drought areas surprisingly experienced heavy downpours.

Seeing these anomalies, everyone knew that the time was ripe to proceed to the next step.

In these three years, the many Refining Qi stage cultivators recruited by Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect, along with the Refining Qi stage disciples from both sects, underwent various special trainings to face the crises within the Mirage Secret Realm.

Although Flying Swan Sect couldn't completely master the Mirage Secret Realm, they had led explorations inside it every few hundred years, accumulating valuable information about the realm over time.

In fact, for hundreds of years, any cultivation force within the Endless Sea of Sand that had some history had sent disciples to enter the Mirage Secret Realm, gaining information from their predecessors.

Under the strong demand of Jin LiDaoist Master, including Flying Swan Sect, all cultivation forces openly shared this information with Taiyi Sect to ensure a smooth operation in the Mirage Secret Realm, which was crucial to opening the small world of Purple Gold Sect. Jin LiDaoist Master was determined to ensure that everything went smoothly.

However, whether Flying Swan Sect was hiding any secrets remained unknown.

After targeted special training, the survival abilities of all Refining Qi stage cultivators within the Mirage Secret Realm had greatly improved.

Now was the time to utilize these people, as they say, "Raise an army for a thousand days, use it for an hour."

Jin LiDaoist Master, Meng Zhang, Gu Yue Huaidie, and Luo Ye, along with the Refining Qi stage cultivators from Taiyi Sect, boarded the flying boat and headed towards the Mirage Desert.

Before reaching the Mirage Desert, the flying boat came to a stop. This time, the Mirage Secret Realm, which would usually open every hundred years or so due to the activation of the Great Void Restriction's nodes, had opened early.

Within the Mirage Desert, various illusions had already begun to appear. It wasn't long before the flying boat teams from both Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect arrived here and joined forces. Leading the team from Flying Swan Sect were Daoist Masters Fei Yu and Fei Jiang. After years of recuperation, especially with the help of Jin LiDaoist Master, Fei JiangDaoist Master had almost completely recovered from his injuries and regained full combat strength. Fei YuDaoist Master and Fei JiangDaoist Master flew over to greet Jin LiDaoist Master, and after some friendly exchanges between the Gold Core Daoist Masters, they began to follow the pre-established plan.

Due to the restrictions left by the Purple Gold Sect's Primordial Spirit True Monarch, the Gold Core Daoist Masters didn't dare to enter the Mirage Desert directly. From a distance, they could see various illusions within the Mirage Desert and knew that they couldn't waste any time. So, the Gold Core Daoist Masters gave their final instructions to several leading Refining Qi stage disciples and let them begin their actions.

Fei YuDaoist Master emphasized that this time the Mirage Secret Realm had opened prematurely because the time had not yet arrived. The various spirit medicines planted by Flying Swan Sect inside were still far from maturity. Therefore, any cultivators entering the realm must not recklessly squander the not-yet-fully-prepared spirit medicines.

The Refining Qi stage disciples from both sects then headed towards the Mirage Desert. Worth mentioning among the Refining Qi stage disciples of Taiyi Sect were An Xiaoran and An Moran, two direct disciples of Meng Zhang. Delicate WaterSpirit General, formerly the Guardian Spirit General of Taiyi Sect, possessed a Gold Core stage Cultivation Base during her peak period. Although she now had only a Refining Qi stage Cultivation Base, her combat strength was far from comparable to an ordinary Refining Qi stage cultivator.

After An Xiaoran mastered the advanced technique "Fusang Sutra," her true qi underwent a complete transformation, greatly enhancing her combat strength. Similarly, An Moran had also reached the completion stage of the Refining Qi stage, and both of them were originally supposed to prepare for breaking through to the Foundation Building stage. However, they took the initiative to request Meng Zhang's permission to enter the Mirage Secret Realm. Cultivators were not delicate flowers sheltered in a greenhouse; they needed to experience the various trials and tribulations of the Cultivation World. Meng Zhang couldn't keep them in the sect forever, as they would sooner or later face different tests. Moreover, this time entering the Mirage Secret Realm indeed required powerful Refining Qi stage cultivators.

After some consideration, Meng Zhang agreed to their request, letting the two of them lead the team of cultivators and enter the Mirage Secret Realm. As the Sect Master's direct disciples, they had

several life-saving cards up their sleeves. They possessed Second Rank talismans personally refined by Yang Xueyi, Second Rank puppets purchased by Meng Zhang from the Clever Machine Sect, and the heavenly thunder disciples refined by Shocking Thunder Spirit General...

In fact, all Refining Qi stage cultivators entering the Mirage Secret Realm this time carried various life-saving cards. In these years, the Talisman Hall and Pill Hall of Taiyi Sect, from Hall Master Yang Xueyi to Hall Master Zhang Yingying and all the others, had been extremely busy refining various items for these Refining Qi stage cultivators. Taiyi Sect's merchant teams had repeatedly gone to Great Wind City to purchase various items that could enhance the combat power of Refining Qi stage cultivators. The situation in Flying Swan Sect was also quite similar. It could be said that both sects had done everything within their power.

As for whether they would succeed this time, that was something they could only leave to fate.

Chapter 443: Opening (Last Part)

After the Refining Qi stage disciples of the two sects entered, several Gold Core Daoist Masters found their respective places and silently waited. Whatever happens within the Mirage Secret Realm, even though they are Gold Core Daoist Masters, they are powerless to interfere, so they can only hope their disciples perform well.

A few days later, the youngest Meng Zhang, perhaps overly concerned about his own disciples, casually approached and unintentionally flew to the edge of the Mirage Desert. Suddenly, he keenly sensed a power within the Mirage Desert that posed a threat to his life, gradually awakening. It was like encountering a natural enemy, and he quickly realized the danger and retreated.

Daoist Master Jin Li smiled and said, "Youngster, now you understand how formidable it is. The arrangement left behind by the Primordial Spirit True Monarch, even after hundreds of years, is still something ordinary Gold Core Daoist Masters cannot resist."

When Meng Zhang was still a Refining Qi cultivator, he once entered the Mirage Desert and ambushed cultivators from the Green Bamboo Mountain. Now that he has become a Gold Core Daoist Master, he can no longer approach that area freely.

Meng Zhang recalled the feeling he had just experienced. He estimated that about five or six Gold Core initial stage cultivators could withstand the hidden power within the Mirage Desert.

Of course, whether Primordial Spirit True Monarch left any other traps, Meng Zhang couldn't possibly know. After about half a month, the entire Mirage Desert seemed to tremble for a moment, then returned to normal. The spirits of the Gold Core Daoist Masters were lifted; this was a talisman bestowed by Daoist Master Jin Li, and it was activated in the correct location.

They had no idea which sect's disciple was the first to complete the task and claim the credit.

Everyone waited for several more days, and similar situations occurred again in the Mirage Desert. This relieved the tense mood of the Gold Core Daoist Masters.

Another talisman was activated, and another area was secured.

The elite disciples from both sects carried the talismans given by Daoist Master Jin Li. Taiyi Sect, for instance, had Delicate Water Spirit General and the siblings An Xiaoran and An Moran carrying these talismans.

With the cover of many Refining Qi cultivators, they should be able to accomplish the task.

In the following time, talismans were activated one after another.

The Gold Core Daoist Masters had no idea what was happening inside the Mirage Secret Realm. But from the movements outside, it seemed that their disciples' actions were relatively smooth.

After more than two months, all the talismans had been activated in the correct positions.

Daoist Master Jin Li nodded. The Refining Qi stage disciples of both sects didn't disappoint him; they successfully completed the task.

At this moment, various illusions within the Mirage Desert began to disappear rapidly.

The Gold Core Daoist Masters could almost feel the life-threatening power within the Mirage Desert gradually fading away.

Because the Refining Qi stage disciples of both sects hadn't safely emerged, especially Meng Zhang's personal disciple, the Gold Core Daoist Masters waited a bit longer and didn't act hastily.

The power of the Gold Core Daoist Masters was too overwhelming; the aftermath alone could bury a group of Refining Qi cultivators.

They didn't have to wait long before cultivators began to emerge from the Mirage Secret Realm.

Gradually, more and more cultivators came out one after another.

These emerging cultivators all wore fatigued expressions, looking exhausted.

Many cultivators inside the Mirage Secret Realm were severely injured, some even left with only half their bodies. Fortunately, before entering, both sects had issued strict orders for the cultivators to take care of each other and provide mutual assistance. With the help of their companions, these heavily wounded cultivators managed to escape.

The two sects had arranged for cultivators to be stationed outside to provide support. When they saw the injured cultivators, they immediately rushed forward to administer treatment.

Meng Zhang couldn't spot the figures of the siblings An Xiaoran and An Moran among those who emerged, and this slightly worried him. However, considering their impressive strength and the various aces they possessed, Meng Zhang felt they should be safe and would not encounter any mishaps.

As more and more cultivators came out of the Mirage Secret Realm, news of the various situations that occurred within spread to Meng Zhang and others.

Shortly after the many cultivators entered the Mirage Secret Realm, they were besieged by countless demonic beasts. Besides an enormous number of First Rank demonic beasts, there were also quite a few Second Rank ones. These demonic beasts, especially the Second Rank ones, usually had their own territories within the Mirage Secret Realm and rarely interacted with one another.

Encounters of different beast tribes relentlessly attacking Human Clan cultivators, regardless of life and death, were indeed rare. Fortunately, these Refining Qi stage cultivators had considerable combat power and carried numerous treasures. After paying a great price in casualties, they managed to break free from the demonic beast swarm and escape.

Once they escaped the beast's siege, the disciples of the two sects with their respective missions started executing their tasks. They experienced countless dangers and endured various hardships before accomplishing their missions. The detailed and thrilling stories they could tell would last for three days and nights, but the Gold Core Daoist Masters didn't have the patience to listen to the tales of a group of Refining Qi stage cultivators.

However, Meng Zhang was quite interested in the performance of some elite disciples from Taiyi Sect. While listening to these cultivators' stories to pass the time, he patiently waited.

Several days later, the siblings from the An Family, who were most valued by Meng Zhang, and Delicate Water Spirit General finally left the Mirage Desert. Besides completing their mission, the three of them had also gained significant harvests within the Mirage Secret Realm.

In the past, every time disciples entered the Mirage Secret Realm, it was impossible for them to collect all the spirit medicines within the secret realm. In reality, they could only gather a portion of the area with spirit medicines, while many remained hidden from their sight.

A large portion of these spirit medicines had been consumed by the demonic beasts, but quite a few were successfully preserved. Especially the spirit medicines that could be used to refine Foundation Building Pills were particularly enticing for the Flying Swan Sect.

Many spirit medicines had strict requirements for their growth environment. Simply cultivating them in a spirit vein and establishing a few spirit medicine gardens wouldn't guarantee successful growth. However, the environment within the Mirage Secret Realm was perfect for the growth of various spirit medicines. There were many different types and quantities of spirit medicines growing inside, far surpassing the carefully cultivated spirit medicine gardens of the Flying Swan Sect.

Delicate Water Spirit General and the An siblings took the opportunity to collect a wide variety of spirit medicines after entering the Mirage Secret Realm. Led by Delicate Water Spirit General, who was seasoned in battles, they successfully avoided many dangers, killed numerous demonic beasts guarding the spirit medicines, and obtained quite a few.

An Xiaoran chose Alchemy as her secondary profession. Although she didn't yet have the ability to refine Foundation Building Pills, she was very familiar with the alchemical formula for them. After roughly estimating, she believed that the spirit medicines they picked this time would be enough to refine more than two batches of Foundation Building Pills.

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An Xiaoran's spiritual root aptitude was excellent, and her physique possessed a combination of fire and wood attributes, making her a born talent suitable for practicing the alchemy technique. Since she joined the Taiyi Sect, she has devoted a considerable amount of time and effort to refining her alchemy technique, while also cultivating fundamental techniques.

Her talent and hard work allowed her alchemy technique to progress rapidly, quickly becoming one of the strong First Rank Alchemists. The only thing currently hindering her from advancing to a higher Alchemist rank is her Cultivation Base, which is currently at the Refining Qi stage. Once she successfully completes the Foundation Building stage, she will be able to elevate her Alchemist rank to Second Rank.

As an Alchemist, she possesses a profound knowledge of various spirit medicines. With the protection of Delicate Water Spirit General and her brother An Moran, An Xiaoran harvested many spirit medicines after entering the Mirage Secret Realm, a place teeming with countless medicinal treasures. Now, Meng Zhang had no idea what surprises this talented female disciple would bring.

After Delicate Water Spirit General and the An Family siblings emerged from the Mirage Secret Realm, several Gold Core Daoist Masters waited for a while. The number of cultivators coming out of the Mirage Secret Realm gradually decreased until almost no one emerged.

At this point, the important figures of both sects had already left the Mirage Secret Realm. Apart from a large number of hired cultivators who died inside, there were also quite a few disciples from the two sects, including some promising ones favored by their elders. It was no longer suitable to delay any further, and several Gold Core Daoist Masters were about to take action.

As for the few cultivators who might still be stranded in the Mirage Secret Realm, they could only consider themselves unlucky. Their lives were not important enough to affect the Gold Core Daoist Masters' plans. Hopefully, they would be lucky enough not to be affected by the aftermath of the Gold Core Daoist Masters' actions.

Gu Yue Huaidie was the first to fly into the air and took out the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart temporarily lent to her by Jin Li Daoist Master. With a flick of her right hand, the chart unfolded. Thanks to Jin Li Daoist Master lifting the restrictions long ago, she could barely control this treasure now.

Upon opening the chart, the scene of the Ten Thousand Li Desert came to life, with countless raging sands surging towards the Mirage Desert's sky. The once empty space began to ripple like water, experiencing violent fluctuations.

The other Gold Core Daoist Masters didn't dare to delay either; they flew into the air and launched attacks at that location. As they struck, more than ten beams of light rose from the Mirage Secret Realm, causing the entire Mirage Desert to tremble as if struck by a massive earthquake.

The earthquake spread in all directions, affecting a wide range. Even the Mirage Secret Realm, although an independent space, was still greatly impacted.

The power of the Gold Core Daoist Masters kept striking ahead, and the resulting shockwaves inevitably spread into the Mirage Secret Realm. At this moment, the Mirage Secret Realm seemed like doomsday. The heavens crumbled, disasters occurred frequently, and the demonic beasts inside were terrified. Some cowered on the ground, afraid to move, while others went mad, fleeing in all directions.

For the few cultivators who hadn't left the Mirage Secret Realm yet, they could only pray for their own luck. Almost simultaneously, nodes scattered throughout the Endless Sea of Sand began to emit intense light and shake violently. The long-sealed Great Void Restriction was finally completely

activated. The Mirage Secret Realm, as a secret realm space attached to the Grand Dust World, was now fully integrated into the Grand Dust World.

The small world of Purple Gold Sect was created within the void, completely independent of the Grand Dust World. The vastness of the void was boundless, even the Primordial Spirit True Monarchs could get lost within it. The Great Void Restriction acted like an anchor, primarily connecting the small world tightly to the Grand Dust World, preventing it from being swept away by the turbulent void flows. Through the Great Void Restriction, everyone had the opportunity to enter the small world.

As the Great Void Restriction was fully activated, a massive black hole appeared above the Mirage Desert, capable of accommodating a dozen people passing through simultaneously. Several Gold Core Daoist Masters hesitated, looking at the black hole in front of them, uncertain.

The black hole was incredibly deep, and even the Gold Core Daoist Masters couldn't see clearly inside. Jin Li Daoist Master made a casual move and retrieved the Yellow Sand Ten Thousand Li Chart from Gu Yue Huaidie's hands.

"What are you all hesitating for? Why do you look so timid?" scolded by Jin Li Daoist Master, the other Gold Core Daoist Masters could no longer hesitate.

Fei Jiang Daoist Master, who had the most impatient temper, made up his mind and directly flew into the black hole without waiting for Fei Yu Daoist Master to stop him. Though Fei Yu Daoist Master was already accustomed to Fei Jiang Daoist Master's way of doing things, he couldn't help but curse inwardly before following Fei Jiang Daoist Master into the black hole.

Gu Yue Huaidie, Luo Ye Daoist Master, and Meng Zhang looked at each other and gritted their teeth before flying into the black hole as well. Although they knew this was the passage to the Purple Gold Sect's small world, they had no idea what they would encounter. The abilities of the Primordial Spirit True Monarch, who set up the arrangements here, were completely unknown.

Facing the unknown, even Gold Core Daoist Masters would feel fear and hesitation. Of course, with their temperaments, they could easily overcome their fears and boldly charge ahead.

Once the Great Void Restriction was activated, it would spontaneously operate and not stop for a short period. This black hole would exist for quite some time.

Not long after Meng Zhang and the others entered, Daoist Master Angry Flame and Daoist Master Dark Flame from the Fire Cloud Sect flew over together. "You guys have been hiding for so long, and you finally dare to come out," Jin Li Daoist Master said disdainfully.

Daoist Master Angry Flame and Daoist Master Dark Flame glanced fearfully at Jin Li Daoist Master. Although they knew Jin Li Daoist Master wouldn't take action, they still felt somewhat intimidated. Seeing that Jin Li Daoist Master didn't respond further, they gathered their courage and flew into the black hole.

Shortly after, Qi Nanfei Daoist Master from the Qi Family arrived, casting a wary look at Jin Li Daoist Master. "I knew people from your Qi Family can't be relied upon," Jin Li Daoist Master muttered under her breath.

Ignoring what Jin Li Daoist Master said, Qi Nanfei Daoist Master boldly dove into the black hole.

After a while, several more Gold Core Daoist Masters flew over one after another. These people were mostly Gold Core Daoist Masters from nearby forces, including the Linghe Daoist Master and Yunhe Daoist Master from the Crane Song Sect. "The news spread really fast, attracting all sorts of characters," Jin Li Daoist Master grumbled, dissatisfied. However, she still refrained from taking action to stop them. With Jin Li Daoist Master refraining, no force here had the power to stop a group of Gold Core Daoist Masters.

These Gold Core Daoist Masters smoothly entered the black hole.

Chapter 445: Enters (Last Part)

Jin Li, the Daoist Master, sat cross-legged in mid-air, her expressionless gaze fixed on the dark hole ahead, pondering who knows what in her heart.

After a while, several Gold Core Daoist Masters arrived together, flying over.

Jin Li, who had been sitting in mid-air, raised her eyebrows and had a stern expression on her pretty face, her phoenix-like eyes carrying a sense of authority, showing that she was quite angry.

"Hong Siming, you have quite the audacity to appear before this Daoist Master."

"Master, please calm down... Master, please calm down...", said one of the Gold Core Daoist Masters, an old man with a white face and white beard. He smiled bitterly as he stepped forward from the group and flew to stand in front of Jin Li, continuously bowing and saluting.

"I came here today to accompany some friends and have no other intentions," said the old man named Hong Siming. He was also a Gold Core Daoist Master and a high-ranking member of the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch.

Many years ago, when Jin Qiao'er was still a Refining Qi stage cultivator, she had once traveled to Great Wind City with a joint merchant caravan formed by several sects. There, she caught the eye of a Foundation Building late stage cultivator from the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch, who tried to take her away under the pretext of accepting her as a disciple. Thanks to the intervention of patrolling cultivators from Great Wind City, the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator's plan failed.

After Jin Qiao'er returned to the Endless Sea of Sand, the Yellow Lotus Sect had also sent people to infiltrate the area, attempting to abduct her. However, since she was noticed by Jin Li, the Daoist Master, at a very young age, she was taken as her disciple. Nevertheless, during those years, Jin Li had been busy traveling around and had no time to take care of a child, so she left Jin Qiao'er in the care of Aunt Jin and others at Qiaoshou Sect.

After staying at Qiaoshou Sect for many years, Jin Qiao'er developed deep feelings for the place and was unwilling to leave. Since Jin Li, the Daoist Master, was going to stay around the Endless Sea of Sand, serving True Monarch Tian Zhu, she allowed Jin Qiao'er to stay as well.

However, the Yellow Lotus Sect cultivator's interest in Jin Qiao'er touched Jin Li's sore spot. The only restriction she faced was not being able to act recklessly within the Endless Sea of Sand. Since Yellow Lotus Sect was part of Jiuqu League, it was not subject to this restriction.

Later, Jin Li, the Daoist Master, wreaked havoc in the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch, causing them great embarrassment. With a Gold Core late stage cultivation base and formidable

combat strength, Jin Li was a force to be reckoned with. Moreover, she was resourceful, often attacking and then leaving, never allowing herself to be surrounded by others.

In one-on-one combat, no one from Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch could match Jin Li, the Daoist Master. When they tried to use their numbers to surround her, they couldn't manage to trap her.

Under Jin Li's harassment, the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch suffered greatly and was in a state of chaos.

What's more, Jin Li had the backing of True Monarch Tian Zhu, while the Yellow Lotus Sect's Primordial Spirit True Monarch had long been missing.

In the end, with no other choice, the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch had to ask the seniors from Jiuqu League to mediate and reconcile with Jin Li, the Daoist Master.

Although the Yellow Lotus Sect had some justification, it was still a member of Jiuqu League. If Jin Li, the Daoist Master, continued to cause trouble, there would be people within Jiuqu League who wouldn't tolerate it.

Jin Li, the Daoist Master, was not one to act recklessly without a plan. She understood the principle of taking what she could get. She blackmailed the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch and reluctantly settled the matter.

Now, members of the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch had appeared again in the Endless Sea of Sand and had come before her. It was only natural for her to be furious.

When they had clashed before, Hong Siming had tasted bitter defeat at the hands of Jin Li, the Daoist Master. He didn't care about the face of a major sect cultivator and hurriedly explained to Jin Li.

The Yellow Lotus Sect was deeply rooted, not easily shaken by someone like Jin Li, the Daoist Master. Last time, when she forced the Yellow Lotus Sect's East River Branch into such a situation, it was the result of her careful calculations and full effort.

If not necessary, Jin Li, the Daoist Master, didn't want to provoke a genuine deep-seated grudge with the Yellow Lotus Sect.

"You'd better behave yourself," Jin Li, the Daoist Master, said sharply and then ignored the group of people.

Including Hong Siming, several Gold Core Daoist Masters couldn't help but breathe a sigh of relief.

If they really angered Jin Li, the Daoist Master, even if she couldn't act within the Endless Sea of Sand, she would have plenty of opportunities to deal with them after they left the area. The Gold Core Daoist Masters didn't dare to linger here any longer and hurriedly flew into the dark hole.

In less than a day, several waves of Gold Core Daoist Masters had arrived.

The cultivators from Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect who were still in Mirage Desert couldn't help but hold their breath as they watched these Gold Core Daoist Masters. They had probably never seen so many Gold Core Daoist Masters in their entire lives.

Any one of these Gold Core Daoist Masters could wipe them all out with a single breath.

Even An Xiaoran, who had always been audacious, became well-behaved at this moment and dared not shout and scream recklessly.

Delicate Water, the Spirit General, looked at these Gold Core Daoist Masters, and a strange light flashed across her face. In her prime, she had personally killed many Gold Core level experts.

The purpose of these Gold Core Daoist Masters who flew to this place was for the small world left behind by the Purple Gold Sect. They had no intention of caring about the group of Refining Qi stage small cultivators below. They were even less willing to linger in front of Jin Li, the Daoist Master, with a bad temper, for fear of incurring her resentment.

Purple Gold Sect, as a sect that had produced a Primordial Spirit True Monarch, had a great attraction to many Gold Core Daoist Masters. Even cultivators from Fire Cloud Sect, Crane Song Sect, and even Yellow Lotus Sect couldn't resist such temptation.

If it weren't for the fact that there was a Primordial Spirit True Monarch level expert behind the Endless Sea of Sand, there might have been even more Gold Core Daoist Masters coming over this time.

Fortunately, even with the Great Void Restriction connecting to the small world within the void of Purple Gold Sect, one still needed at least Gold Core level strength to enter. Otherwise, this place would have been crowded with cultivators from all walks of life.

Time quickly passed, and after a long time, when Jin Li, the Daoist Master, thought that everyone who should have come had already arrived and no one else would come, three figures flew over from a distance.

One was a burly man with a tiger's head and a human body, another had the head of a crow, wings on its back, and the third was a massive fox resembling a small mountain.

Golden Tiger Demon General, Dark Crow Demon General, and Earth Fox Demon General were all famous Third Rank demons in the Demon Wind Gobi.

Among these three, both Golden Tiger Demon General and Dark Crow Demon General were Third Rank middle-grade demons, while only Earth Fox Demon General was a Third Rank lower-grade demon.

Golden Tiger Demon General and Dark Crow Demon General usually held sway in their respective territories, not under anyone's command, and they were often at odds with each other.

When Lion Demon General advanced to become a Third Rank middle-grade demon, he intended to unify all the demons in the Demon Wind Gobi and invade the Endless Sea of Sand together. However, these three demons not only refused to cooperate with Lion Demon General but also opposed him at every turn.

Especially Golden Tiger Demon General, who looked down on Lion Demon General as a bumpkin and wouldn't listen to his commands.

Chapter 446: Dispersion

Golden Tiger Demon General, who hails from the Purple Gold Sect, is not the kind of wild beast without a backing. Both his experience and strength are extraordinary.

Dark Crow Demon General also comes from an extraordinary background and possesses profound inheritance, making him a formidable force in battle.

Earth Fox Demon General is the weakest of the three and holds no position before the two stronger beings. It is often used as a servant.

In the world of demonic beasts, it is natural for the weak to submit unconditionally to the strong. Earth Fox had no interest in meddling with Purple Gold Sect's affairs, and if not for the coercion from Golden Tiger Demon General and Dark Crow Demon General, it would have avoided this troublesome situation.

If these three had cooperated fully with Lion Demon General from the beginning, Flying Swan Sect would probably have been unable to resist, and the demonic army might have conquered the Endless Sea of Sand.

However, the internal strife among the demonic beasts within the Demon Wind Gobi was too intense to concentrate their forces, thus making them unable to pose a fatal threat to Flying Swan Sect.

True Monarch Tian Zhu and that Fifth Rank great power engaged in a gambling battle that spanned hundreds of years, using the Endless Sea of Sand as the chessboard and all the creatures inside as pieces. The Fifth Rank great power unleashed a secret technique, creating the sand monsters with the intention of overthrowing the Human Cultivation World in the Endless Sea of Sand.

The recurring disaster of the sand monsters became the greatest calamity in the Endless Sea of Sand, plaguing the lives of its inhabitants for many years.

In order to quell the disaster caused by the sand monsters, Flying Swan Sect expended a great deal of effort.

Though the Endless Sea of Sand is barren, it is the birthplace of sects like Purple Gold Sect, which follows the Primordial Spirit cultivation path. Flying Swan Sect, possessing almost all the resources of the Endless Sea of Sand, has seen limited development over the centuries. Not only has it failed to cultivate Primordial Spirit True Monarchs, but even the quantity and quality of Gold Core Daoist Masters are lacking.

Especially in recent centuries, Flying Swan Sect has been on a declining path, and its strength is far from its prime.

The primary reason for this decline is the constant attacks of the sand monsters, which greatly diminished Flying Swan Sect's elite members and eroded its potential. True Monarch Tian Zhu could have accepted this outcome if it were only that. His purpose in supporting Flying Swan Sect was for his own gambling battle, not to make Flying Swan Sect become a Primordial Spirit sect like Purple Gold Sect.

However, the Fifth Rank great power from the Deadly Sea of Sand saw that merely relying on the sand monsters wouldn't be enough to overthrow Flying Swan Sect, so he turned his attention to Demon Wind Gobi.

This Fifth Rank great power is neither human nor demonic, and he harbors hostility towards both the Human Clan and the demonic race. When his sand monsters slaughter demonic beasts, he shows no mercy.

However, when he needs to use these demonic beasts, the Fifth Rank great power can abandon his prejudices.

According to Daoist Master Jin Li's knowledge, some demonic beasts from Demon Wind Gobi once went to the Deadly Sea of Sand and came into contact with that Fifth Rank great power. Subsequently, a large army of demonic beasts from Demon Wind Gobi invaded the Endless Sea of Sand.

Under the instruction of True Monarch Tian Zhu, Daoist Master Jin Li secretly made considerable efforts to help Flying Swan Sect deal with most of the pressure from Demon Wind Gobi.

Due to the complexity of the situation in Demon Wind Gobi, even Daoist Master Jin Li found it challenging to completely resolve this trouble.

Seeing these three individuals, Golden Tiger Demon General, Dark Crow Demon General, and Earth Fox Demon General, Daoist Master Jin Li stood up immediately, with a palpable murderous intent on her face.

Ignorant demonic beasts, daring to appear before me.

After Golden Tiger Demon General and the others approached, they felt Daoist Master Jin Li's unreserved murderous intent. Golden Tiger Demon General hurriedly shouted, "Daoist Master, we and that lion fellow are not allies. We have no connection with that evil being from the Deadly Sea of Sand."

The usually taciturn Dark Crow Demon General also added, "Daoist Master Jin Li, I am an old servant of the Great King, and I swear not to be associated with that evil being."

Having been in the Endless Sea of Sand for so many years, Daoist Master Jin Li was well aware of the history of Demon Wind Gobi. When Purple Gold Sect was still present, there was a Fourth Rank demonic beast ruling over Demon Wind Gobi, known as the Monster King. In the Cultivation World, a Fourth Rank Monster King had enough power to establish his dominance and rule.

However, due to the strong suppression by Purple Gold Sect, the Monster King found it difficult to expand his influence and could only remain confined within Demon Wind Gobi. Of course, Purple Gold Sect could not conquer Demon Wind Gobi, so they acknowledged it as the territory of the Monster King.

Later, the Fifth Rank great power descended from the heavens and somehow clashed with the Monster King. The result of the conflict was the fall of the Monster King and the severe injury of the Fifth Rank great power.

Without the rule of the Monster King, chaos erupted in Demon Wind Gobi, and various groups of demonic beasts started infighting and killing each other.

As a cultivator on the righteous path, it was Jin Li's belief that all demonic beasts deserved to die. However, as Golden Tiger and the others pointed out, they have always been enemies with Lion Demon General and had no intention of serving the Fifth Rank great power. If Jin Li were to attack them, it would only benefit that Lion Demon General.

More importantly, during the gambling battle between True Monarch Tian Zhu and the Fifth Rank great power, Jin Li was restricted in her actions within the Endless Sea of Sand, making it difficult for her to fully unleash her strength.

Having considered all this, Jin Li fell silent for a moment, then sat cross-legged, paying no attention to them.

Golden Tiger Demon General and the others breathed a sigh of relief and didn't dare to delay any further. They immediately flew into the black hole.

Once they entered, no one else came out.

It seemed that they were the last group to go in.

Jin Li didn't leave but sat with her legs crossed in mid-air, waiting silently.

The disciples of the two sects rested nearby.

A few days later, Mirage Secret Realm began to close again.

After confirming that no one else was coming out, the Refining Qi stage cultivators boarded their flying boats and set off on their journey back home.

Although Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect had lost many Refining Qi stage disciples, some of the hired cultivators proved their worth and earned the qualifications to join the two sects, which somewhat made up for the losses.

As for those cultivators who entered the black hole...

Meng Zhang, Gu Yue Huaidie, and Daoist Master Luo Ye followed behind Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master, constituting the second group to enter.

When passing through the black hole, Meng Zhang felt a sense of dizziness and disorientation. When he recovered, he found himself alone in an endless void. It was pitch black all around, without even the faintest glimmer of light. An eerie silence prevailed, without any sound whatsoever.

Based on the description he had heard from Daoist Master Jin Li, Meng Zhang knew that he had entered the void.

Chapter 447: Way

The world they live in is called the Grand Dust World. It is a vast realm dominated by Daoist cultivators.

Outside the Grand Dust World lies the boundless void. Just as the name implies, the void is nothing but emptiness. Most parts of the void are desolate and devoid of anything. Although Meng Zhang was born in the Endless Sea of Sand, which is known for its harsh living conditions within the Grand Dust World, it is still a paradise compared to the void.

Not to mention the various dangers present in the void, even cultivators at the Refining Qi and Foundation Building stages cannot survive there for an extended period. While Gold Core Daoist Masters can endure longer in the void, they also require a considerable amount of supplies. Moreover, there are other worlds within the void, but they are often separated by great distances. Even a powerful Primordial Spirit True Monarch finds it difficult to travel between them.

If a Gold Core Daoist Master were to enter the void recklessly, the most likely outcome would be depleting their supplies and eventually being trapped and dying there.

The Great Void Restriction arranged by the senior members of the Purple Gold Sect serves the main purpose of guiding Gold Core Daoist Masters and allowing them to safely reach those small worlds within the void.

It was Meng Zhang's first time entering the void, and although he was well aware of its dangers, he felt quite excited. As he passed through that black hole, the power of the Great Void Restriction caused even groups of cultivators entering together to be forcibly separated and enter the void individually. This disruption not only thwarted some people's plans but also put everyone on an equal starting line.

Meng Zhang felt like a child who had just received a new toy, looking around with excitement. Even with his Deception Breaking Eye, which could see far in the darkness, the area within his vision was still empty, a void of nothingness.

After some time, the novelty wore off, and Meng Zhang began to focus on his task. He released his Divine Sense and carefully sensed his surroundings. Cultivators in the Refining Qi stage only have their five senses, but upon entering the Foundation Building stage, they awaken a sixth sense known as divine consciousness. Divine consciousness is intangible and imperceptible.

It is challenging for divine consciousness to directly interfere with reality; most of the time, it is used for detection. Some powerful Foundation Building stage cultivators can use their divine consciousness to influence others' spirits.

Once a cultivator reaches the Gold Core stage, divine consciousness transforms into Divine Sense, also known as mental power, which can easily manipulate reality. Powerful cultivators with strong Divine Sense can achieve incredible feats without using other methods, relying solely on their mental power to move mountains.

With the acquisition of Divine Sense, cultivators can potentially perform techniques with just a single thought. When the Divine Sense fuses with true qi at the Gold Core stage, it generates a formidable force called True Essence. True Essence not only possesses higher quality and strength than true qi but also has its own spiritual nature, resembling a living creature.

For Gold Core stage cultivators, the primary cultivation task is to convert all their true qi into the higher-level True Essence. Meng Zhang has a solid foundation and a powerful divine consciousness, which forms the core, although not for a long time. Still, his Divine Sense is potent, with a broad range of perception.

Compared to divine consciousness, the feeling of Divine Sense is more acute and subtle. In places invisible to the naked eye, Meng Zhang's Divine Sense clearly senses the presence of some kind of intangible markers, resembling signposts in the void.

As Jin Li, the female Daoist Master, had advised beforehand, Meng Zhang knew that these markers were created by the Great Void Restriction to guide future generations. Following the directions of these markers, Meng Zhang flew directly ahead.

After flying a considerable distance and leaving the range of the previous marker's guidance, Meng Zhang once again released his Divine Sense to explore and discovered a new invisible marker. He continued his flight following the guidance of this new marker.

The Purple Gold Sect set up this Great Void Restriction to provide a safe path for future generations to reach that small world. This path had been extensively explored by the senior members of the

Purple Gold Sect and was relatively free from the common dangers of the void. With these markers' guidance, Gold Core Daoist Masters would have a clear direction and wouldn't get lost in the vast void.

Of course, for cultivators with extensive Divine Ability, they could choose not to follow the markers left by the Purple Gold Sect. They could freely search the void and find that small world, but how much time it would take and what dangers they might encounter remained unknown.

After flying a distance, Meng Zhang felt something was off. Throughout the journey, he had a peculiar feeling, but he couldn't pinpoint exactly what it was. As a Gold Core Daoist Master and a Diviner, Meng Zhang attached great importance to these inexplicable feelings. Even though it might be just a whim or no sense of danger, he decided to pause for a moment and carefully observe his surroundings.

Meng Zhang had been flying in the void following the markers for quite some time. Although he was part of the second group to enter the void and didn't know that other Gold Core Daoist Masters had arrived later, he couldn't see any trace of Fei Jiang, Fei Yu, Gu Yue Huaidie, or Luo Ye Daoist Masters, who had entered with him.

Fei Jiang and Fei Yu could have moved ahead and left him behind, but even so, they should have met up under the guidance of the markers. As for Gu Yue Huaidie and Luo Ye, they entered together, and even if they were temporarily separated, they should have reunited by now. Meng Zhang's delay shouldn't have made it impossible for him to find their traces.

Meng Zhang activated his Divine Sense and carefully investigated the surroundings, but he didn't find anything unusual. Then he used his Deception Breaking Eye to gaze into the distance, and the void stretched endlessly in all directions. He strained his eyes, but there was nothing to be seen except an empty void.

Feeling hesitant for a moment, Meng Zhang decided to trust his instincts. Standing still for a while, he suddenly drew his sword. He wielded the Fierce Yang Sword, but it had no effect on the void ahead. He then summoned the Shadow Killing Sword, and it pierced through the void in all directions, but likewise, it had no impact.

Meng Zhang put away the two Third Rank flying swords and carefully took out the Spiritsnake Spear. This spiritual weapon was severely damaged, and although he had tried to repair it, its power was far from its prime. Before entering the void, Meng Zhang had made up his mind to use the Spiritsnake Spear as sparingly as possible and only if necessary, to avoid excessive depletion of this precious spiritual weapon. However, unexpectedly, he had to use it even before encountering any enemies in the void.

The Spiritsnake Spear truly lived up to its reputation as the top-tier spiritual weapon passed down from Taiyi Sect's ancestors. As soon as Meng Zhang took it out, before he even started using it, the Spiritsnake Spear automatically responded to something in the surroundings.

Chapter 448: Arrival

The Spiritsnake Spear is a spiritual weapon. A spiritual weapon is a weapon that possesses spirituality. The Gold Core Daoist Master uses a Third Rank magic tool called a spiritual tool. There are various types and uses for spiritual tools.

Both spiritual weapons and spiritual tools are of the same rank, but spiritual weapons serve a singular purpose, mainly used for combat and killing. The Spiritsnake Spear has been passed down for many years, but the exact period of its origin from the Taiyi Sect is not clear even to the Sect Master, Meng Zhang.

The Spiritsnake Spear was severely damaged in the past, losing much of its spirituality. Over the years, it has been restored within the spiritual eyes of the old gate of Taiyi Sect. Meng Zhang and Shocking Thunder Spirit General infused it with many precious spiritual materials to barely restore some of its spirituality.

Looking at the continuously vibrating Spiritsnake Spear, Meng Zhang's heart moved. He infused his true qi into the Spiritsnake Spear and lightly slashed forward. The spearhead of the Spiritsnake Spear flashed with a faint light, and the void ahead seemed like a piece of paper, easily torn apart, revealing a crack.

Using the Deception Breaking Eye technique, Meng Zhang peered through the crack, but behind it was nothingness, just like the normal void. Meng Zhang had received the inheritance of Taiyi Sect and read numerous scriptures, so upon seeing this situation, he quickly understood what was going on.

The space he was in had been separated from the normal void by a great power, becoming an independent space. If it wasn't for the Spiritsnake Spear displaying its might, Meng Zhang would have been completely clueless. Even if he flew following the markers, he would be trapped in this space forever, unable to reach his destination or leave this place.

Such folding of space was truly admirable and formidable. Although Meng Zhang had never witnessed the Primordial Spirit True Monarch taking action, he knew that this kind of technique was not something an ordinary Primordial Spirit True Monarch could perform.

The fact that the Purple Gold Sect's Primordial Spirit True Monarch possessed such Divine Ability was beyond imagination. That a powerful sect like Purple Gold Sect had been destroyed by True Monarch Tian Zhu's methods made Meng Zhang wary of this unfamiliar True Monarch Tian Zhu.

Now that he understood the situation and possessed the spiritual weapon, Spiritsnake Spear, in hand, this folded space would no longer be able to trap Meng Zhang.

With another swing of the Spiritsnake Spear, he tore through the folded space, revealing a large gap. Meng Zhang leaped into it and, after feeling a little dizzy and disoriented, appeared in a new space.

This new space was almost identical to the previous void. The surroundings had the same scenery, and Meng Zhang's Divine Sense could still feel the markers established by the Great Void Restriction. However, Meng Zhang knew that he was now in a completely different space from before.

He felt somewhat worried, not knowing if Luo Ye and Gu Yue Huaidie would successfully break free from their confinement. Though they had more years of experience and a stronger Cultivation Base, they might not have his keen sense.

But in this situation, Meng Zhang knew he couldn't be of any help. The only thing he could do was to quickly head towards the Purple Gold Sect's small world.

Following the sensed markers, Meng Zhang flew ahead. This time, he was on the right path, no longer within the folded space.

After flying a considerable distance, Meng Zhang saw Gu Yue Huaidie waiting quietly from afar. Curious, he flew over and asked, "Were you waiting for me here? How did you know I would appear in this place?"

Gu Yue Huaidie smiled awkwardly, finding the question hard to answer. It turned out that after being trapped in a similar folded space, Gu Yue Huaidie quickly realized their predicament. With little effort, they managed to break free from the confinement.

After escaping, Gu Yue Huaidie knew that they would likely encounter many difficulties along the way. It would be best to gather the strength of the three individuals to better cope with the challenges. For many cultivators, reuniting with lost companions in the vast void was an exceedingly difficult task.

As a Diviner, Gu Yue Huaidie had several methods at their disposal. Back when Meng Zhang was still a Foundation Building stage cultivator, Gu Yue Huaidie couldn't see through him. So instead of attempting to predict Meng Zhang, Gu Yue Huaidie used their divine technique to estimate the approximate location where Luo Ye would appear. They then waited in that spot to meet with her.

Unexpectedly, they hadn't encountered Luo Ye but instead met with Meng Zhang first. Almost all Diviners instinctively kept their identity as a Diviner secret. Despite having a good relationship with Meng Zhang, Gu Yue Huaidie wasn't eager to reveal their identity as a Diviner in front of him.

Just as Gu Yue Huaidie was preparing to change the topic, violent vibrations echoed from the front of the void. Soon, Luo Ye stumbled out with a somewhat disheveled appearance.

Though the void had little light, as a Gold Core Daoist Master, Meng Zhang could see quite far. Upon seeing Luo Ye, both Meng Zhang and Gu Yue Huaidie rushed over to join her without bothering with formalities.

After the three reunited, they shared their respective encounters. Their experiences were quite similar – passing through the black hole and getting trapped in separate folded spaces. They each realized something was amiss and worked on finding a way out.

Gu Yue Huaidie, being from the Gu Yue Family, had a far better understanding of the Purple Gold Sect, their neighbor, compared to Meng Zhang. She said, "This should be a test set by a senior Primordial Spirit member of Purple Gold Sect. If the newcomer is a descendant of Purple Gold Sect, they will most likely know about this trap and have a simple method to escape. However, if it's an outsider cultivator, they will be trapped without any knowledge of the situation, even if they manage to escape later, they would waste a lot of time."

Upon hearing Gu Yue Huaidie's analysis, the three decided not to linger there any longer and immediately set out to reach the small world's location as soon as possible.

With the guidance of the markers, they never lost their way on the journey. They encountered a few challenges along the road, but with the combined effort of the three, they dealt with them quite easily, without much time wasted.

As they flew far into the void, the concepts of time and distance began to blur, and they finally arrived at their destination. It was a massive piece of land, silently floating in the void ahead.

The land was vast, covering thousands of miles, already surpassing the current territory of Taiyi Sect. The entire landmass was shrouded in dense black mist, with barely any traces visible in the pitch-black void.

If not for the guidance of the markers, the three might have unintentionally missed this piece of land. Assuming the markers were correct, this vast land should be the small world created by the senior members of Purple Gold Sect.

Chapter 449: Microcosm

Gazing at the vast land before them, Meng Zhang couldn't help but exclaim, "Primordial Spirit True Monarch of Purple Gold Sect is truly skilled. They can create such a place out of thin air in the void."

Gu Yue Huaidie, who came from a scholarly background, had a deeper understanding of the Primordial Spirit True Monarch's methods. She shook her head and said, "The predecessor of Purple Gold Sect didn't create this land out of thin air. They probably discovered this floating land in the void and then used various means to modify and transform it, thus creating this small world."

"Even so, the abilities of this senior are extraordinary," added Daoist Master Luo Ye.

The three of them had no intention of arguing over meaningless questions; instead, they began discussing how to enter the small world and find the treasures left behind by Purple Gold Sect.

The main purpose of the senior of Purple Gold Sect in constructing this small world was probably to leave something behind, hoping that after the sect's destruction, future generations could revitalize Purple Gold Sect and rise again.

This land was immensely vast, and the treasures of Purple Gold Sect were hidden within it, making it unlikely to be found in a short time.

Daoist Master Jin Li was helping them with great dedication, and she had warned them beforehand. The three of them were well aware that more competitors would soon arrive.

Since they were not descendants of Purple Gold Sect, they naturally lacked any information advantage.

Without clear clues, rushing into the land ahead would not only expose them to various dangers but also reduce their chances of finding Purple Gold Sect's treasures ahead of others.

When Meng Zhang and Daoist Master Luo Ye felt a bit helpless, Gu Yue Huaidie secretly began using divination to make calculations.

Of course, Gu Yue Huaidie wasn't calculating the specific information about the treasures; she was trying to figure out the most suitable course of action for the three of them.

Gu Yue Huaidie's divination was taking place at close quarters, and Meng Zhang naturally sensed it. However, he remained calm, as if he hadn't noticed anything.

After a while, Gu Yue Huaidie finally arrived at a conclusion.

"We'd better not rush into this land immediately. Waiting for a while will yield twice the result with half the effort."

"You're right. We should find a way to hide ourselves and avoid leaving any traces."

Among the three, Gu Yue Huaidie had the strongest cultivation base, the oldest age, and the broadest knowledge. Most of the time, Meng Zhang and Daoist Master Luo Ye respected her opinions.

Daoist Master Luo Ye took out a pitch-black handkerchief and gestured for Meng Zhang and Gu Yue Huaidie to come closer.

Once they gathered, Luo Ye casually threw the handkerchief into the air. It expanded and enveloped all three of them.

Then, with the handkerchief wrapping around them, the three individuals disappeared from their original spot.

No matter if one tried to probe with Divine Sense or use eye-based Divine Abilities, they wouldn't find a trace.

After an unknown amount of time, Daoist Masters Fei Jiang and Fei Yu from Flying Swan Sect hurriedly flew toward the location.

Behind them, two people were closely chasing after them. They were Daoist Masters Dark Flame and Angry Flame from Fire Cloud Sect.

Upon arriving here and seeing the land ahead shrouded in black mist, all four of them involuntarily slowed their pace and eventually came to a stop.

"Why are you two not running? Keep running!" sneered Daoist Master Angry Flame.

Fei Jiang, Daoist Master, roared and was about to charge forward, but Fei Yu, Daoist Master, stopped him in time. "There are many opponents entering here; it's not the time to engage with them."

Across from them, Daoist Master Dark Flame also transmitted his voice secretly to Daoist Master Angry Flame. "Our purpose for coming here is the treasures left by Purple Gold Sect, not to entangle with those two."

"We'll have plenty of opportunities to deal with them later. Now, let's focus on the main task."

The small world was right in front of them, and all four of them restrained their impulse to attack and pondered how to enter and obtain the treasures left by Purple Gold Sect.

Flying Swan Sect had been the vanguard in the destruction of Purple Gold Sect back in the day. As the final victor, they occupied the mountain gate of Purple Gold Sect. Although many important buildings like the Hidden Scripture Pavilion and the treasury were destroyed by Purple Gold Sect cultivators before the gate was breached, Flying Swan Sect still seized many spoils and salvaged a considerable number of remaining items.

Over the next few hundred years, Flying Swan Sect spared no effort in hunting down the remnants of Purple Gold Sect. With the covert guidance of Primordial Spirit True Monarch, True Monarch Tian Zhu, they were highly successful in eliminating many Purple Gold Sect cultivators.

By various means, they pried open the mouths of captives and obtained a lot of information, including details about this small world.

Additionally, Fire Cloud Sect had also made a significant invasion into the Endless Sea of Sand in the past. After the fall of Purple Gold Sect, they, too, managed to uncover some of Purple Gold Sect's secrets.

Fire Cloud Sect was not clueless about the small world before them.

The target was right before their eyes, and all four of them were becoming somewhat impatient.

Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master were the first to enter the void. Although they knew in advance about the trap that awaited them, they lacked the means of Gu Yue Huaidie and Luo Ye to deal with it, not to mention the formidable spiritual weapon like the Spiritsnake Spear.

It took them some time to break free from the trap successfully.

The two Daoist Masters from Fire Cloud Sect entered later, but their techniques were evidently more sophisticated. They escaped from the trap with little effort.

When they reunited with their respective companions, the four encountered each other by chance, leading to the subsequent chase.

Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master were running ahead, not because they were genuinely afraid of Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame, but because they didn't want to waste time on meaningless battles.

Based on their knowledge of the Purple Gold Sect's small world, being the first to enter would grant them a significant advantage.

However, since they hadn't been able to shake off Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame on the way, Fei Jiang Daoist Master and Fei Yu Daoist Master hesitated to directly enter the small world, fearing it might reveal crucial information.

Both groups refrained from taking direct action due to their respective concerns and chose to wait instead.

After a while, the two Daoist Masters from Flying Swan Sect grew impatient and didn't want to wait any longer. While they were the first to enter the void, they had no idea how many other cultivators were coming behind them. Since the cultivators from Fire Cloud Sect were already present, it was likely that more were on their way.

Fei Yu Daoist Master cast a spell, causing numerous rays of light to shimmer around them. Taking advantage of the distraction, he and Fei Jiang Daoist Master swiftly rushed into the black mist enveloping the land.

The two Daoist Masters from Fire Cloud Sect hesitated for a moment before choosing another direction to plunge into the black mist.

Chapter 450: Treasure Hunt

The Cultivation Base of Flying Swan Sect believed that they possessed a lot of information about this small world, giving them a significant advantage over others. The cultivators of Fire Cloud Sect had similar thoughts.

So, they each entered the dense black mist from different directions. Flying Swan Sect was temporarily considered an ally, so they shouldn't be enemies for now. Therefore, at Gu Yue Huaidie's signal, the three of them secretly followed behind the two Gold Core Daoist Masters of

Fire Cloud Sect, using the treasure from Daoist Master Luo Ye to conceal their presence as they ventured into the black mist.

The black mist was incredibly thick, hindering Divine Sense and sight. Even the Gold Core Daoist Masters had to come very close to barely see the vast land shrouded beneath the mist. Once inside the black mist, they realized that it was only slightly obstructing their view and not truly hindering their progress.

Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame led the way, while the handkerchief that wrapped around Meng Zhang and the others quietly followed. Passing through the black mist, Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame flew directly towards a massive mountain on the west side of the land. They seemed to be well-informed about the situation here.

The terrain on the land was highly complex, featuring various landscapes such as forests, swamps, grasslands, and deserts, all nestled among the mountains. Several long and undulating mountain ranges extended across the land.

The two Gold Core Daoist Masters of Fire Cloud Sect aimed for the main peak of one of these mountain ranges. As they flew, they encountered numerous flying beasts in the sky, many of which were demonic beasts flying in groups. These flying beasts were led by some Second Rank demonic beasts and had divided the surrounding sky into different territories.

Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame simply dealt with these flying beasts, killing or dispersing them as they proceeded.

Eventually, they safely landed on the peak of a tall and precipitous mountain. This place had become a nesting ground for many demonic beasts due to the absence of humans for a long time. After some intense fighting, the two Gold Core Daoist Masters finally cleared the area, ensuring that their subsequent actions wouldn't be disturbed.

Though most of the void was empty, there were some rare and precious resources scattered in a few places. Many of these resources were almost impossible to find within the Grand Dust World. The top sects of the Grand Dust World possessed the power to traverse the void and acquire resources from it.

During its heyday, Purple Gold Sect, including its Primordial Spirit predecessors, had an ambitious vision. The Primordial Spirit predecessor of Purple Gold Sect had discovered this vast land within the void and gradually transformed it into a small world suitable for cultivators. They intended to use this small world as a forward base for Purple Gold Sect to explore the void and obtain unique treasures exclusive to the void. However, transforming this land and establishing the Great Void Restriction to connect it with the Grand Dust World consumed a considerable amount of Purple Gold Sect's resources. Despite giving their all, Purple Gold Sect could only shape this land into a rudimentary form and couldn't further improve or develop it.

Especially after the arrival of that Fifth Rank great power from the outside world, most of Purple Gold Sect's attention was drawn away, and they had no more resources to invest in this small world. When preparing for the conflict between the Fifth Rank great power and True Monarch Tian Zhu, the Primordial Spirit True Monarch of Purple Gold Sect made some preparations in advance and left behind many arrangements, including the sect's inheritance and treasures, hidden within this small world.

Fire Cloud Sect, as a Gold Core sect, had many Gold Core Daoist Masters, but they were not particularly outstanding, and not even a Gold Core late stage cultivator among them.

The main reason for this was the issue with Fire Cloud Sect's inheritance, which was incomplete when it came to cultivation beyond the Gold Core stage. Therefore, the legacy of Purple Gold Sect held special significance for Fire Cloud Sect. Over the years, Fire Cloud Sect had been fixated on the Endless Sea of Sand and had been hostile towards Flying Swan Sect not only due to animosity but also for the further development of Fire Cloud Sect. Many sects nearby knew about the fact that Purple Gold Sect once owned this small world and had mobilized many cultivators to transform it. The Primordial Spirit True Monarch had personally sent them here to work for an extended period.

After the fall of Purple Gold Sect, both Fire Cloud Sect and Flying Swan Sect, along with others, believed that the final legacy of Purple Gold Sect was hidden within this small world. However, the group of Gold Core Daoist Masters lacked the power to enter the void and search for the small world, let alone activate the Great Void Restriction.

If not for the gamble between True Monarch Tian Zhu and the Fifth Rank great power, True Monarch Tian Zhu would not have easily allowed Jin Li Daoist Master to intervene and guide Taiyi Sect and Flying Swan Sect on how to activate the Great Void Restriction. Given this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, Fire Cloud Sect naturally wanted to give its all.

Unfortunately, the three Gold Core Daoist Masters were still recovering from heavy injuries, and the most powerful Daoist Master Scarlet Flame was engaged in a confrontation with Daoist Master Fei Shi. Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame were already the strongest forces that Fire Cloud Sect could send.

Over the years, even though they couldn't enter this small world, Fire Cloud Sect had been striving to collect any information related to it. Many of the remnants of Purple Gold Sect, who had been relentlessly pursued by Flying Swan Sect and unable to establish themselves in the Endless Sea of Sand, ended up falling into the hands of Fire Cloud Sect, which had long been watching for such opportunities. From these remnants, Fire Cloud Sect's understanding of this small world far exceeded Flying Swan Sect's imagination.

Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame somehow employed a technique that caused a significant crack to appear on the peak of the mountain, revealing a large pit below. Neatly arranged inside the pit were more than a dozen secret boxes.

These secret boxes were special storage devices crafted with a unique method. They were covered with talismans on the surface, and if forcefully opened rather than through the specific method, the box and its contents would automatically be destroyed. Gold Core Daoist Masters with Divine Sense could open most of the secret boxes if they were willing to spend some time experimenting.

Seeing Daoist Master Dark Flame and Daoist Master Angry Flame collect all the secret boxes, Meng Zhang and the others were somewhat eager to take action, but they restrained themselves.

They had just entered this small world and didn't know if the two Gold Core Daoist Masters of Fire Cloud Sect would make any other discoveries. It seemed premature to snatch the treasures right away.

Meng Zhang and the others decided not to rush into a fight for the treasures and chose to continue following them. After Flying Swan Sect and Fire Cloud Sect's Gold Core Daoist Masters entered

this land, there were some other Gold Core Daoist Masters who managed to arrive here with the help of the markers along the way.

Of course, there were also a few unlucky individuals with mediocre strength who ended up trapped in traps and unable to escape.