

The Heavens 1021

Chapter 1021: Exposed!

Above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World...

“They should have already shattered the heavenly screen and entered the Azure Flame World. From how things should be playing out, they should have surrounded the Elysium...” Yang Taihe received the transmission from Kou Chongxue and he relayed the news to the others.

“Isn’t that a little too fast? Could they be walking into some sort of trap?” Li Jidao frowned and muttered in disbelief.

Instead of explaining, Yang Taihe simply handed the report over to Li Jidao. It stated a general outline of what happened during the battle above the heavenly screen and how they injured Yuan Cangming.

After reading the report, Li Jidao turned extremely serious. He then handed it over to Zhang Xuansheng while maintaining an uneasy expression on his face.

Liu Jingsheng didn’t doubt the authenticity of the report at all and neither did he pester the rest to give it to him. Instead, he chuckled, “With how aggressive they’re being, we better speed up our plan. It won’t look good on us if we’re the burden in the expedition...”

Zhang Xuansheng handed the report back to Yang Taihe after reading it and muttered in a low voice, “We need to increase the number of experts around the Three Unity Island. I suspect that the Star Origin City has already detected something...”

Shaking his head, Yang Taihe sighed, “We have to go all out if we’re acting against the Azure Flame World alone. There is no way for us to conceal our movements from Star Origin City. If I’m not mistaken, the moment we send the first batch of experts over, they would definitely be able to track our spatial tunnels and determine the coordinates of the Azure Flame World in the vast sea of stars.”

“Do you mean to say that the Star Origin City also has a Stargazer?” Li Jidao asked suddenly.

“Is it really surprising? The Star Origin City definitely has a Star Observatory too...” Yang Taihe didn’t seem too disturbed by the discovery.

Zhang Xuansheng finally added, “The key to all of this is that the Star Origin City might be able to connect the assassination to us. That would give the Star Origin Guards an excuse to interfere. We need to understand that the experts of the Tongyou Institution truly embarrassed the Star Origin Guards by assassinating someone they chose to protect...”

“Even if they know it’s us, we didn’t leave behind any evidence during the assassination. The Star Origin Guards can’t make things difficult for us since they will seem like they’re no longer staying impartial.” Liu Jingsheng answered.

Li Jidao quickly added, “But they can use the excuse to enter the battle in the Azure Flame World. After all, it’s a fact the experts of the Azure Flame World found the Land of Star Origin. The Star

Origin Guards might not have any evidence to say that we're the ones who carried out the assassination, but we don't have any idea how much information they revealed!"

"Compared to the Star Origin Guards, what I wish to know is what reason they would give if they wanted to protect the Azure Flame World. They can't possibly deploy their forces just based on the fact that they were embarrassed by an assassination, right?" Yang Taihe mumbled.

In response, Zhang Xuansheng chimed in, "All of us have seen how powerful the Star Origin Guards are. I always had a question in mind, and that's how their experts managed to enter the Martial Void Realm. The Land of Star Origin isn't a world, and it can't even be considered a Barbaric World. However, the Star Origin Guards possess multiple True Immortals. Would that mean that a world exists out there that allows them to make the advancement?"

A deep frown formed on Liu Jingsheng's face after hearing what he said. "True Immortal Zhang, what has that got to do with True Immortal Yang's question? Do you think that the Star Origin Guards wish to use the Azure Flame World to break through...?"

Li Jidao continued, "Isn't the allure of taking over a world enough to force the Star Origin Guards to make a choice? The Azure Flame World only has a single True Immortal. If they decided to go all out and eliminate the world before we realized what happened, who would know that the Star Origin Guards were the ones who did it? No one would be able to say that the Star Origin City failed to remain neutral in that case..."

"There has to be something we don't know yet. Perhaps we should inform those 3 out there. If the Azure Flame World truly has something special, it would most likely be contained in the Elysium. They should try their best to ensure it's not completely destroyed..." Yang Taihe muttered.

However, his suggestion was quickly rejected. "That's not possible. In order to conquer the Azure Flame World, we have to destroy their Elysium. As the matter concerns his life, Yuan Cangming will definitely go all out. How many treasures do you think will be left after 4 True Immortals go all out in a massive brawl?"

With a helpless sigh, Yang Taihe continued, "Whatever it is, we should just let them know. They can decide how they wish to go from there."

"What about sending our experts over to the Azure Flame World? Should we follow the plan?" Liu Jingsheng suddenly asked.

After thinking for a second, Yang Taihe made up his mind. "Since they already have their eyes on us, we'll delay it for a little while. When we are more prepared, we can try sending everyone over in 1 huge batch. That way, the other worlds and the Star Origin City might not be able to react in time and we would be able to make the most out of it."

When he was done, Yang Taihe turned to Zhang Xuansheng. "True Immortal Zhang, what do you think?"

"We can't delay it for too long either. Don't forget, the Star Origin City has a Stargazer and a Star Observatory. We have no idea how many clues the cultivators of the Azure

Flame World left behind. If they manage to locate the Azure Flame World soon, we'll be on the back foot..." Zhang Xuansheng carefully evaluated.

Nodding slightly, Yang Taihe wondered, "Do you think we will make our move within half a year?"

Slightly surprised, Zhang Xuansheng shook his head and sighed, "Forget it. Let's move out in the next 3 months!"

"The production of flying ships will have to increase in that case. We shouldn't care about wasting resources any longer and just go all out in crafting them. After all, we'll earn it all back after we take over the Azure Flame World. Also, we need to shift a portion of the production of flying ships back into our world, under the heavenly screen. It will prevent detection to a certain extent. Of course, we can't completely stop building flying ships above the heavenly screen either..." Liu Jingsheng added.

Li Jidao continued, "Since they might have already guessed that we're the invaders, the various worlds should be waiting for us to send out experts over to the Azure Flame World to reveal its whereabouts. Whatever it is, we should just close off the spatial tunnel to the Star Origin City for now."

"Well, since our cards are on the table and everyone is watching us closely anyway, let's do that." Yang Taihe snorted once before chuckling softly.

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"3 True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World haven't been seen in a long time and the others who are constrained to their Elysiums haven't been appearing above the heavenly screen for some time now."

"The construction of large-scale flying ships is still happening above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World and those ships will be able to withstand a Spatial Transfer by resisting the twisting of space..."

"The Spirit Luxuriant World's construction of their defensive formations around their asteroid belt has paused. We suspect that they shifted away a large amount of resources."

"The speed at which they're constructing flying ships above the heavenly screen isn't too fast. Their inheritance to craft flying ships should be pretty complicated and they hadn't fully fused the methods of production. They're also sorely lacking in Formation Masters, Artifact Masters, and Talisman Masters..."

"..."

News related to the Spirit Luxuriant World poured into the Star Origin Guards one after another.

At the same time, the various worlds were observing the Spirit Luxuriant World closely. It seemed as though they also obtained some intelligence...

“How many years has it been since the Spirit Luxuriant World completed their ascension?! They already produced 7 True Immortals!” Liu Jiuzhen, the captain of the second squad of the First Camp gasped. There were traces of praise in his voice.

“We are almost sure that the world that discovered the Azure Flame World and is planning to conquer them is the Spirit Luxuriant World!” True Immortal He Yingrui, the Second Camp Commander, chuckled softly. “The Spirit Luxuriant World truly is lucky... They managed to discover a lone Azure World in the sea of stars so quickly!”

True Immortal Tian Moran, the captain of the second squad of the Second Camp, muttered without a change in expression. “Devouring the Azure Flame World themselves is another story altogether. Don’t you know how many eyes are on them right now? With 3 True Immortals who barely ascended... Do they really think they can take over an Azure World that has the protection of a True Immortal with the support of an Elysium?”

Shaking his head suddenly, Tian Moran clearly wasn’t optimistic of the Spirit Luxuriant World’s plan. “Don’t forget how many powers from the various worlds took part in the destruction of the Azure Oddity World.”

True Immortal He Yingrui also seemed to agree with him. “No matter what, they’re a newly ascended Spirit World. They’re no Spirit Abundance World or Spirit Mammoth World... Their foundations are shallow and from how slowly they’re building flying ships, we should know their limits. Even their resources can’t keep up with their consumption. By the time they prepare themselves, Camp Commander Xing might have already discovered the Azure Flame World’s coordinates.”

Zhuge Xiang, who had been listening at the side the entire time, finally spoke up. “In principle, our Star Origin City and our Star Origin Guards need to be neutral. We cannot interfere in the disputes of other worlds. However, the matter regarding the Heaven Observation Elysium is too important. If the Elysium in the Azure Flame World truly is one of the Elysiums left behind by the Heaven Observation Elysium, we’ll step in no matter what.”

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Outside the Cangming Elysium in the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent...

Kou Chongxue and the rest already knew that it would be difficult to deal with a True Immortal of an Elysium, but they didn’t expect it to be so difficult!

They dealt heavy injuries to Yuan Cangming above the heavenly screen and used less than a single day to arrive at his Elysium. Even though they used some time to fly through the Azure Flame World, they didn’t waste too much time!

It had already been 5 days since then, but the 3 of them were unable to destroy the defenses of the Cangming Elysium no matter how hard they tried. They couldn’t even get rid of the grand formation around it!

“I’m afraid this is why it’s difficult to deal with a True Immortal who has the support of their Elysium. Against experts of the same level, they wouldn’t be at a disadvantage!”

Shang Xia finally understood how dangerous their operation back in the Spirit Abundance World was to infiltrate an Elysium. They were extremely fortunate there wasn't a True Immortal in there!

In fact, even entering the Elysium shouldn't be as easy as it looked. They definitely received some help from either True Immortal Chong Shan or True Immortal Su Kun! It might just be that Shang Xia and the others were too weak back then to discover traces of help from another True Immortal.

It was no wonder the various worlds gathered 6 True Immortals to attack Meng Yuanxiu's Elysium back in the Azure Oddity World!

Back then, Shang Xia thought that it was difficult because Meng Yuanxiu was a rank six Formation Grandmaster. From what he was experiencing now, the defenses of an Elysium also played a huge part!

The only question he had was how did the Elysium contain the existences of both Meng Yuanxiu and Yu Ji...

"If this keeps us, we will need at least a month in order to grind away at the defenses of the Elysium!" Lu Wuzi sighed. He stared at Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia with a profound look in his eyes. Even if he used his toes to think, he knew that both of them were still hiding their abilities.

Shang Xia simply tossed a report he received to Lu Wuzi. "Take a look at this. We just received news from above the heavenly screen. Those fellows back there need to delay the entire invasion for 3 months..."

"Haah?"

Chapter 1022: Joining Forces

Due to the suppression and rejection from the World's Will, with the exception of Shang Xia, Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi were able to fight Yuan Cangming by drawing on the power they had, but they couldn't replenish the energy they used easily.

With no choice, the 2 of them could only take turns to leave the heavenly screen to replenish their energy with the high-grade essence crystals they brought with them before returning to the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent to continue the drawn-out battle.

The person who went out to recover would be in charge of maintaining communications with the experts back in the Spirit Luxuriant World. They would be able to grasp the situation back in their world and gather whatever news they heard about Star Origin City.

Shang Xia was also feeling a little helpless. Back in the Five Element Realm, he was able to disguise his Five Element Origin and maintain his full combat capabilities. However, his Five Element Origin transformed into the Six Direction Origin after his advancement and it might have something to do with how he left a soul imprint in the Spirit Luxuriant World, but he was unable to perfectly hide himself from the Azure Flame World's Will.

Even though he wasn't feeling a strong sense of rejection, the World's Will seemed to maintain a sense of wariness of him. Fortunately, he was still able to replenish his energy with the world origin of the Azure Flame World and was able to maintain his combat abilities when fighting Yuan Cangming.

That was also why they were able to continue suppressing Yuan Cangming even though Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi had to take turns leaving the world to restore their energy.

From how things were looking, Shang Xia was confident he would be able to completely wear Yuan Cangming and the Cangming Elysium down in a month.

Who would have thought that the Spirit Luxuriant World would send news recommending them to hold off on their offensive and drag it out for 3 more months? Of course, that wasn't for fun either. The True Immortals back in the Spirit Luxuriant World noted their new course of action after all the attention they were getting and are no longer planning to send in batches of experts. Instead, they would send everyone at once and end the battle in one go.

They needed time to gather the experts from the various factions, and more importantly, they needed to construct spatial tunnels that would allow the various flying ships to be sent over!

“Star Origin City definitely knows that we have our eyes on the Azure Flame World. Many people have eyes on Yang Taihe and the rest... Otherwise, they wouldn't change the plan and make it so extreme!” Kou Chongxue muttered while shattering a layer of restrictions with his sword qi domain.

Taking the chance where the light screen made from the restrictions had yet to recover, he destroyed a formation node, causing the formation covering thousands of feet to be completely destroyed.

He also relayed everything he concluded to Lu Wuzi who was standing at the side.

“Three months?! How can they be sure nothing will happen before then? If the Star Origin City discovers the Azure Flame World before the time is up, what then?! No... It's too risky. The longer we drag this on, the more uncertainties there will be.” Lu Wuzi grumbled.

Shang Xia muttered softly, “But... We can't possibly send enough experts to suppress the entire Azure Flame World if they move now...”

“Why can't we kill Yuan Cangming first? The moment he dies, can't the 3 of us suppress the entire Azure Flame World?” Lu Wuzi yelled.

To that, Kou Chongxue only sighed. “True Immortal Lu, is there a need to bring this up again? We've reached a conclusion before. The moment Yuan Cangming dies, we have to prevent the Elysium from collapsing with the loss of his Void Origin. We won't have time to care about anything else.”

Shang Xia added at the side, “The moment the Elysium crumbles, its foundations would return to the world and would most likely cause great damage to the world. Since it's the only Elysium, its destruction might cause the world to crumble immediately. Even if it doesn't, the World Origin Source would suffer great damage and we'll lose a lot even if we manage to conquer the Azure Flame World in the end.”

“I understand... We can't massacre lower-level cultivators either. It's a rule set in stone by the various worlds... I'm just reluctant to give up like this!” Lu Wuzi mumbled softly.

Actually, there was something else he didn't say. Of course, it was because he didn't dare to say it with Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia both present while he was alone. Compared to the 4 Elysiums back in the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Tongyou Institution would stand to gain the most if the Cangming Elysium doesn't collapse. They were the ones who hoped the Elysium would suffer the least damage.

Shang Xia thought for a second and continued, "If we have no choice, let's tell them to prepare for the expedition in 2 months. When the time comes, I'll take on a portion of the burden and maintain the spatial tunnels from outside the Azure Flame World. They would be able to spare more energy to send more experts over in that case.

"Let's do a month and a half. Let's not forget that the Azure Flame World also started constructing flying ships. As long as we manage to take over their fleet, we can save a good deal of time building more on our side. If all else fails, we can give up the Northern Chihuang Continent!" Kou Chongxue interjected suddenly.

Lu Wuzi's expression changed suddenly. "To be in such a rush... Do you really think that the various powers would be able to locate the Azure Flame World so quickly?"

Kou Chongxue could only sigh in response. "I just thought of a possibility... What if the Stargazer from the Star Origin City decides to work with other Stargazers from the other worlds? It's highly possible for something like that to happen. I'm sure you won't be naive enough to think that the other worlds don't have Stargazers of their own, right?"

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The construction of a large-scale flying ship that could withstand the pressure of twisted space when carrying out long-range Spatial Transfers took around 3 months to build.

When Yang Taihe initially proposed a timeline of half a month, he took into account the time needed to build several batches of flying ships.

3 months was barely enough to build them, and it was highly likely they would have to continue some finishing touches along the way.

In just a few days, Kou Chongxue requested for them to start the operation in one and a half months. There wasn't a need to mention the cultivators in charge of building those ships, those Formation Masters, Blacksmiths, or Talisman Masters. Even Yang Taihe and the others felt that Kou Chongxue was making things difficult on purpose.

Li Jidao couldn't help but yell discontentedly, "He's mad! He's crazy!"

However, after seeing the reasons Kou Chongxue and the others listed, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World fell into deep contemplation. In the end, they decided to follow Kou Chongxue's proposed timeline.

This time, they stopped producing new flying ships altogether. They deployed everyone to already completed flying ships to carry out heavy modifications in order to form a complete fleet as soon as possible.

Their sudden abandonment of different projects caused massive waste, and they poured resources into completing their current fleet, wasting even more resources. However, no one could care less at that point.

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“The Three Unity Island of the Spirit Luxuriant World isn’t stable at the moment and the stability of the spatial tunnel connected to the Star Origin City is affected. We have temporarily shut off contact with them and we cannot be sure when we will be able to restore communications.”

“Our experts are unable to gather in-depth intelligence. We can only use what we know from the last batch of information we obtained.

“The Spirit Luxuriant World didn’t hasten the production of their flying ships by too much from what we observed. We suspect that they’re trying to avoid suspicion and they have another secret stronghold for building ships.”

“The Spirit Luxuriant World allows people to enter the heavenly screen but not leave. We are unable to accurately estimate when they will set off for the Azure Flame World.”

“...”

Looking at the reports pouring in, the True Immortals and Camp Commanders of the Star Origin Guards seem to be getting impatient.

“Isn’t the Spirit Luxuriant World a newly ascended Spirit World?! Why the hell do they seem so experienced when it comes to invading other worlds and their counterintelligence work?!” Liu Jiuzhen asked. His question was precisely what everyone else wanted to know!

“Since they connected the spatial tunnel to the Star Relay, it won’t be possible for them to keep it closed for long. As such, the Spirit Luxuriant World is definitely going to move against the Azure Flame World soon. It’s just that... To carry out an expedition to a foreign world, they might need half a year to prepare even if they rush things. If they disregard everything else, they might be able to gather a force in 3 months...” He Yingrui hesitated for a moment before muttering.

Tian Moran, who was the loudest and most hot-blooded among the rest turned to Xing Xingtian and pressed, “Camp Commander Xing, didn’t you already find traces of where the flying ships came from?! How much longer do you need to accurately determine the coordinates of the Azure Flame World?”

Tian Moran might be a True Immortal, but Xing Xingtian was a Camp Commander regardless. His expression sank after being spoken down to. “Captain Tian, if you think that I’m too slow, you can go ahead and try becoming a Stargazer. Moreover, with your position as a captain, the gates of the

Star Observatory will definitely be open for you. Why don't you try and deduce the location of the Azure Flame World then? Won't you be able to save us a lot of time?"

He heavily emphasized the fact that Tian Moran was just a captain.

Ordinarily, cultivation was everything. Even though Tian Moran was a captain, his cultivation and qualifications put him far ahead of the Seventh Camp Commander, Xing Xingtian. Moreover, from the arrangement of their discussion, it wasn't hard to see that Captain Tian Moran and Liu Jiuzhen's authority was only below Zhuge Xiang and He Yingrui.

Too bad for him, Xing Xingtian might be a Martial Dipper Realm Camp Commander, but he was also a Stargazer.

The importance of a Stargazer in the Star Origin Guards couldn't be greater. It was also why he had the guts to retort against Tian Moran.

With their most important goal being locating the Azure Flame World, Zhuge Xiang wouldn't sit by and let Tian Moran piss Xing Xingtian off anyway.

"You... Preposterous!" Tian Moran could clearly hear the mockery in Xing Xingtian's way of addressing him. Jumping to his feet, he wanted to release his aura to suppress Xing Xingtian but he quickly realized where he was. His sense of reasoning worked well as he quickly suppressed his aura.

"Enough!"

Indeed. Zhuge Xiang spoke up to stop Tian Moran immediately. However, he quickly threw out another question that shocked Xing Xingtian. "If you work with the Stargazers of the Spirit Abundance World and Spirit Mammoth World to look for clues to locate the Azure Flame World together, how long would you need?"

Xing Xingtian understood that Zhuge Xiang was also getting a little discontented with his speed and he didn't dare to disrespect the Guards Commander like he did Tian Moran. He thought for a second before replying truthfully, "We should be able to get results in 2 or so months!"

"Good." Zhuge Xiang nodded with an expressionless face before he continued, "Prepare yourself. You should find the Stargazers of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World familiar."

Cupping his fists, Xing Xingtian started to gather his thoughts.

Hesitating slightly, Liu Jiuzhen asked, "If we do this... Won't we be going against what we stand for? Weren't we not allowed to interfere with the disputes between the various worlds?"

Falling silent for a moment, Zhuge Xiang eventually spoke up again. He left no room for questioning as he stated resolutely, "All we care about is the Heaven Observation Elysium. If the Spirit Luxuriant World is willing to concede that to us, everything else is negotiable!"

Chapter 1023: Action!

Would the Spirit Luxuriant World be willing to give away the rights to the 'Heaven Observation Elysium' in the Azure Flame World?

Without even mentioning if they understood what the significance of the Heaven Observation Elysium was... For them to be confident enough to swallow the Azure Flame World themselves, why would they give away what already belonged to them?!

Not to mention that the Spirit Luxuriant World had already barred her fangs and had already started their attack on the Azure Flame World.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia would also never give away the Elysium as they had to use it to establish one of their own.

Even though the spatial tunnel between the Three Unity Island and the Star Origin City had been temporarily closed off, they managed to send their request to the Spirit Luxuriant World through extreme methods. However, their requests were spectacularly ignored by Yang Taihe and the rest.

A little more than half a month passed, and the formations and restrictions around the Cangming Elysium had basically been wiped clean by Kou Chongxue and the others.

The Formations Grandmaster and Formation Masters who were protected by Yuan Cangming to maintain the formations around the Elysium were mostly killed or had already worn themselves out. There was only a Martial Dipper Realm Formation Grandmaster and 2 Martial Extermination Realm Formation Grandmasters who were saved by Yuan Cangming.

“The greatest use of the formations isn’t to stop us. They’re used to supplement Yuan Cangming’s strength!” Lu Wuzi concluded after feeling the spatial fluctuations in the surroundings. He might have discovered the entrance to the Cangming Elysium and he quickly spoke, “Fortunately, Yuan Cangming received heavy injuries in the first battle and his combat strength was severely affected. Otherwise, we wouldn’t have been able to clear this whole place out so quickly.”

Kou Chongxue held 2 high-grade essence crystals and pondered out loud, “I still feel uneasy... I’m afraid we’re still moving a little too slowly!”

Lu Wuzi was slightly taken aback and he mumbled, “Even if we hasten our progress, the flying ships from our world won’t be able to make it in time! Our foundations are just far too shallow...”

Shang Xia, who had been in a meditative state the entire time, opened his eyes suddenly. “We can hurry this up if we want. I am confident that my domain can crush the spatial barriers around the Elysium and force Yuan Cangming to show himself!”

Shang Xia shocked Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi with his sudden input.

With his eyelids jumping slightly, Kou Chongxue asked, “Does your domain possess the extermination property?”

“Extermination? Corrosion? Assimilation? Withering... I can’t say for sure.” Shang Xia replied after thinking about it for a moment.

Swallowing his saliva, Lu Wuzi muttered, “We’re not the key to this entire operation here. Our Spirit Luxuriant World lacks flying ships! Even if we add everything the Azure Flame World has, it won’t be enough!”

“Fine! We’ll just show our cards to the cultivators of this world! We’ll tell them that we’ll leave the Northern Chihuang Continent alone and chase everyone there! That way, we can wear down their determination to resist the invasion by giving them a way out!” Shang Xia grunted.

Staring at Shang Xia in shock, Lu Wuzi didn’t know what to say.

At the side, Kou Chongxue got to his feet suddenly. “Alright, let’s do that. We have to deal with Yuan Cangming as soon as possible! He’s the hope of the Azure Flame World and the moment he falls, we’ll be able to wear down their desire to fight by giving them a way out. I believe a lot of them will understand their situation.”

The moment the words left his lips, a powerful sword light emerged and entered the void in front of him.

The void started to fracture and a picturesque world was revealed. To be more exact, a portion of it appeared before Kou Chongxue and the rest.

However, the tears in space started to recover as quickly as they formed.

Shang Xia, who had been waiting for the moment, soared into the air and slammed his Stone Rod down at the gap.

Boom!

A dull blast came from the ground below, and everything in the surroundings was suppressed. The speed at which the gap in the spatial barrier was sealing up slowed to a crawl.

The weapon in Shang Xia’s hand was a Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar to begin with. It could not only be used to support and strengthen an Elysium. It also possessed the extraordinary ability to suppress and confine space.

Supporting the Elysium was one matter, but suppressing and confining space seemed to cause its functions to overlap with the Elysium Boundary Marker, but its abilities sure came in handy.

Shang Xia’s Void Domain went through the gap created by Kou Chongxue but faced a swift retaliation from Yuan Cangming’s domain.

Yuan Cangming was forced to retreat time and time again under the pressure of 3 True Immortals, but every time he backed off, he would be able to draw on more power of the world and the Elysium.

As he hid in the Cangming Elysium, there was nowhere left for him to go. However, the superimposition of the power of his Elysium and the world allowed him to reach the peak of his abilities!

Even if Shang Xia’s domain had the ability to slowly grind Yuan Cangming’s domain down, it failed to penetrate deep into the Cangming Elysium. It was forced to remain at the very edges!

Lu Wuzi made his move then. With Shang Xia paving the way, Lu Wuzi’s domain reached into the Cangming Elysium and caused massive storms. Its tyrannical might swept through the Elysium.

One had to say that after half a month of fighting together, the 3 of them had learned how to work well together.

Kou Chongxue was in charge of the frontal assault while Shang Xia stabilized the battlefield. Lu Wuzi would rush in at the end and create giant storms and natural disasters to blast everything away indiscriminately in order to get rid of all obstacles.

The only thing was that they had arrived at the Cangming Elysium. It was where Yuan Cangming held the greatest advantage and possessed strength far surpassing cultivators of the same level.

Lu Wuzi's bombardment was quickly suppressed, and Shang Xia's domain was forcefully expelled. Kou Chongxue didn't have time to release his second strike when the spatial barrier closed.

"So... This is going to be a battle of attrition then?" Lu Wuzi looked at the others and wondered out loud.

"He's definitely using up a lot of energy as well. In his current state, he's at a massive disadvantage and his consumption will only increase. Moreover, the damage we cause to the Elysium will be extremely hard to restore." Kou Chongxue explained while continuing to store his energy.

He was prepared to release his sword domain again.

However, Shang Xia' said something else that stopped Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi for a moment.

"I need some time. I have a feeling I'll be able to merge my domain with my Void Origin to make them the same entity!"

"Are you... Are you trying to become a second tier Martial Void Realm expert right now?" Lu Wuzi gasped in fright.

After several years of being in the Martial Void Realm, Kou Chongxue communicated frequently with the other True Immortals and gained a better understanding of how to progress in the Martial Void Realm.

When one first stepped into the Martial Void Realm, their Void Origin would form. They would be able to draw on the power of the world and that was what they knew as their 'domains'. Ordinarily, they would power their domains with their Void Origin.

However, when one managed to fully fuse their domains with their Void Origins, they would truly step into the second tier of the Martial Void Realm.

Shang Xia knew that they misunderstood his meaning and he hastily explained, "I mean... I need to strengthen my control over my domain. Only then will I be able to better wield it when fighting against Yuan Cangming. I will also be able to better coordinate with you guys..."

Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief silently. From what he was saying, he hadn't reached the point where he could fuse his Void Origin with his domain. Rather, he was only strengthening his control over it. That would also mean he was a distance away from reaching the second tier.

Wait a second...

From what he's saying, he seems to have already found a way forward. Strengthening his domain doesn't seem too difficult for him either!

What the hell?!

The moment he familiarized himself with the use of his domain even further, wouldn't that mean that he would be a step closer to fusing it with his Void Origin?

Lu Wuzi was truly letting his imagination run wild. However... It didn't matter as the stronger Shang Xia became, the better it would be for them at the moment!

In the assault that took place in the following days, Shang Xia took the initiative to work on the coordination of their domains. As they became better and better at working together, both Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi understood one thing. Shang Xia was the key to their amazing teamwork!

Compared to their sole methods of using a sword domain or to control the weather, Shang Xia seemed to possess much greater means at his disposal!

As their attack continued, Shang Xia finally realized what the martial intents he comprehended at different levels could do.

With greater control over his domain, Shang Xia discovered that within Kou Chongxue's sword domain, he could use his Seven Laceration Sword to assist the patriarch's domain. There, it would be able to unleash the greatest impact. In Lu Wuzi's natural phenomena domain, he could unleash his Chaos Essence Lightning Palm and imbue it into the flurry of storm and snow Lu Wuzi liked to control.

He would seamlessly connect his martial intents with their domains which also allowed them to burst forth with extraordinary power.

Following Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi's continuous assault and cover, Shang Xia managed to push his domain deeper into the Cangming Elysium!

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Another half a month passed and the 3 of them basically forced Yuan Cangming into a corner. They controlled half the Cangming Elysium, and Yuan Cangming had truly been forced into a corner.

Right before they could deal the killing blow, the youngest True Immortal among the 3 who looked the least eye-catching, stepped into the void and left.

Of course, with the Cangming Elysium in its current state, Yuan Cangming was unable to draw too much energy from it. Even with Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi, they were more than enough to suppress Yuan Cangming.

Naturally... Without Shang Xia, the pressure on Yuan Cangming was greatly alleviated.

Could the inheritance left behind in the Elysium be real?! Did the legendary Land of Star Origin really exist? Was the change he was holding out for finally arriving?!

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Above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World...

The True Immortals of the 4 Elysiums gathered as 3 of them cupped their fists towards Liu Jingsheng. "Congratulations, True Immortal Liu. Your Yuanchen Sect managed to produce another True Immortal!"

Liu Jingsheng had a face full of smiles as he looked at the rest. "Many thanks! Junior Brother Huang had been preparing for some time now but he definitely relied on his luck during the final part of the breakthrough. No matter what, our world managed to produce another True Immortal and our collective strength increased once again..."

Yang Taihe smiled, "Is True Immortal Huang still consolidating his foundations?"

"It's no time to enter seclusion now... He's going to join the batch of experts to be transported to the Azure Flame World to prevent anything from going wrong." Liu Jingsheng chuckled.

All of them nodded in unison.

Looking at everyone, the smile on Yang Taihe's face didn't fade. "Since that's the case, let's begin, shall we?"

As soon as he spoke, powerful mist rose from the heavenly screen. Flying ships of all types and sizes emerged and formed a giant fleet in the void above the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Chapter 1024: Devastation

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World knew that the moment they moved out on such a large scale, the various worlds would definitely discover their actions.

Since that was the case, they would just go all in. They would send everyone over with a single Spatial Transfer and devour the Azure Flame World before the other worlds had a chance to react.

As batches of flying ships emerged from the heavenly screen to form a giant fleet that was ready to set off. There were close to 2000 experts in the Martial Extermination Realm and Martial Dipper Realm on board.

They practically emptied 80 percent of their world's strength, perhaps even more...

The second the hundreds of flying ships appeared above the heavenly screen, god knew how many spies around the Spirit Luxuriant World started to send out secret transmissions with all sorts of means at their disposal.

The Spirit Luxuriant World is starting to move out!

However... Those spies had their suspicions. Was it really possible for the Spirit Luxuriant World to send such a huge fleet over in one go?!

The actions of the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World quickly cleared their doubts.

Yang Taihe, Zhang Xuansheng, Li Jidao, and Liu Jingsheng didn't join hands to open up spatial tunnels. Instead, they had the help of many rank four Formation Grandmasters and above, along with a giant five colored ring. A massive formation was formed above the heavenly screen for the Spatial Transfer.

Soon after, the True Immortals poured their energy into it as the massive formation activated. The five colored light ring started to spin above the heavenly screen before transforming into a massive spatial gate.

The void around the spatial gate crumbled, but a giant firm spatial tunnel quickly took shape. On the other end lay a certain point in space close to the Azure Flame World.

“The Spirit Luxuriant World seems to have developed a special method to travel through space!”

“Such a massive spatial tunnel... How long will their True Immortals be able to sustain it?”

“Their consumption is definitely through the roof, right?”

Many people questioned silently. However, as they questioned what they were seeing, the flying ships were already passing through the tunnel to reach the Azure Flame World.

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On the Star Observatory in the Seventh Camp of the Star Origin Guards...

Stargazers from the Spirit Abundance World and the Spirit Mammoth World coordinated well under Xing Xingtian’s leadership. They had been searching for the coordinates of the Azure Flame World with the clues they found and within a month, they discovered its approximate location.

From there, they would quickly be able to find a more exact location in space.

When that happened, all they needed to do was to send several True Immortals over to search and they would be able to locate the Azure Flame World.

When the 3 of them were preparing to continue, Tian Moran suddenly appeared at the Star Observatory.

“You... Captain Tian, is something the matter for you to come personally?” Xing Xingtian asked.

He was clearly unhappy that Tian Moran came unannounced and his tone was slightly harsh when speaking.

Glancing at the 3 Stargazers on the Star Observatory and more than 10 disciples present, he muttered in a low voice, “Commander Xiang has given the order to gather all 3 of you.”

The Stargazers of the Spirit Abundance World and the Spirit Mammoth World acted as though they didn’t hear him. A deep frown appeared on Xing Xingtian’s face and he muttered, “Did something happen? We’re at the most crucial point in our deduction process. They shouldn’t leave. If there’s anything to tell us, I’ll head over.”

After he spoke, he nodded at the other 2 before turning to leave.

Surprisingly, Tian Moran stepped in front of him and revealed a smile that didn’t reach his eyes as he muttered, “Camp Commander Tian, did you not hear what I said? Guards Commander Zhuge Xiang has summoned all 3 of you!”

“The location of the Azure Flame World is right in front of us! We can’t stop now, otherwise...” Xing Xingtian growled with displeasure.

Before he could finish, he was rudely interrupted by Tian Moran. “Azure Flame World? There’s no need for you guys to continue looking for it.”

“Captain Tian, what do you mean?” Xing Xingtian furrowed his brows and growled.

With an unnatural expression, Tian Moran couldn’t help but sneer in a mocking tone, “The Spirit Luxuriant World sent out close to a hundred Star Ships. They won’t be able to send all of them into the Azure Flame World immediately and the spatial tunnel that is open should allow all of you to quickly determine the location of the Azure Flame World.”

“What?!” The other 2 Stargazers turned to Tian Moran in shock.

“Impossible! How can the Spirit Luxuriant World gather a hundred Star Ships?!” Xing Xingtian questioned the authenticity of the news. “Moreover, sending so many of them to another world... is the Spirit Luxuriant World really capable of something like that?! Do you think they can do it just with the 4 True Immortals who are shackled to their Elysiums?”

Tian Moran grunted and gave him a cold snort in response, “Won’t you know if you take a look for yourself?”

After speaking, Tian Moran’s figure disappeared from the Star Observatory.

Actually, Xing Xingtian didn’t really doubt the news. The Stargazers from the Spirit Abundance World and the Spirit Mammoth World knew that it was probably true.

However, they spent a month or so working so hard on deducing the location of the Azure Flame World and were just about to find it... They refused to accept the fact that the Spirit Luxuriant World would make their move that very moment and launch an expedition against the Azure Flame World.

They would definitely leave behind very obvious traces during the Spatial Transfer. True Immortals of the various worlds were already prepared and even with the sealed spatial tunnel between the Star Origin City and the Spirit Luxuriant World, they were able to learn what was going on. They would also be able to follow the traces of their spatial tunnel to locate the Azure Flame World.

Since that was the case, those 3 Stargazers who had spent a month deducing the location of the Azure Flame World would be completely useless! Their hard work went down the drain!

Depression washed over their hearts and by the time the 3 Stargazers arrived in the hall of the central camp, Zhuge Xiang who was sitting at the very front merely shot them a gaze before thanking them casually with a simple, “Thanks for the hard work.” Before ignoring them completely.

After that, he turned his attention back to the True Immortals of the other worlds and started to work on their plan for the Azure Flame World.

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As the experts in the 4 Continents of the Azure Flame World watched as the Cangming Elysium was slowly eaten away and Yuan Cangming's aura grew weaker by the day, they understood that their fates were probably sealed.

For high-level experts, losing their world would mean losing their connection to the World Origin Source. That would mean that their martial path would be severed. In extreme cases, some of them would even experience cultivation deviation or have their souls destroyed.

Since they were going to die anyway, rather than waiting for death to come, they decided to go all out and drag the invaders down with them.

After all, even a rabbit that was backed into a corner would fight back, much less the hot-blooded cultivators of a world that was about to meet its end. Seeing no way out, the experts of the Azure Flame World decided to go all out and fight the cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World to the death!

However, a change happened before the Cangming Elysium was completely destroyed. A piece of news started to spread across the lands.

“Our Spirit Luxuriant World only wants the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent, Southern Yanlin Continent, and the Western Wenchen Continent. Experts of the Azure Flame World can remain in the Northern Chihuang Continent and stay alive!”

For such news to ring in the ears of so many experts in the Azure Flame World, there was no doubt about it. They knew that the True Immortals of the other world were behind it.

Even though the news was hard to accept and difficult to verify, there was a small portion of people who chose to believe it. Of course, the impact to wandering cultivators was the strongest.

It wouldn't have worked if everyone refused to believe it, but the moment some people started to move, everyone else's conviction would start to shake.

Those factions and sects would have to prepare a way out for their families even if they made up their minds to fight to the death.

Even though a good portion of factions on the Azure Flame World declared that they would stand firm and fight to the death, they secretly started to send groups of people over to the Northern Chihuang Continent.

No matter what, the news came from a True Immortal. Even if they were foreign True Immortals, there was no way a True Immortal would lie. They had extremely high prestige, and there was no need to doubt the authenticity of the news.

By that time, Shang Xia had already left the Cangming Elysium and arrived above the heavenly screen where he first arrived.

Activating the Anchoring Talismans he placed, he quickly received news from the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World that they were ready.

As the Five Element Ring was activated back in the Spirit Luxuriant World and the spatial tunnel was created, Shang Xia's aura resonated with it as he prepared to maintain the stability of the tunnel from his side.

With the connection created and the spatial tunnel open, all he had to do was to ensure its stability. The first flying ship from the Spirit Luxuriant World quickly entered the tunnel.

The next second, Shang Xia's soul trembled slightly as he detected the aura of a True Immortal he never felt before on the first ship that entered the spatial tunnel.

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On the 34th day after the heavenly screen of the Azure Flame World was breached by Shang Xia, the cultivators of the Azure Flame World were greeted by a sight they would never forget as long as they lived.

Close to a hundred flying ships, with the smallest being more than 500 feet long, tore through their already broken heavenly screen.

Soon after, they split off into groups and left for the Northern Yanlin Continent, Eastern Nuanyuan Continent, and Western Wenchen Continent. They stayed true to their word and didn't send any ships to the Northern Chihuang Continent.

On the 35th day, the Yanlin Clan in the Southern Yanlin Continent opened up their Holy Land and chose to submit to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Because of the promise Kou Chongxue made in the past, the Yanlin Clan would be able to keep their Holy Land. With the exception of a few who refused to be accepted into the Spirit Luxuriant World and left for the Northern Chihuang Continent, a good portion of their clansmen remained. They would be sent to the Jiao Continent back in the Spirit Luxuriant World because of the promise Kou Chongxue made to them.

With the protection of their Holy Land, the mid to high-level experts of the Yanlin Clan would be able to stay alive and maintain their cultivation levels.

On the 36th day, Shang Xia returned to the Cangming Elysium and continued to suppress Yuan Cangming. Yuan Cangming, who had been holding out for more than a month, reached the end of his endurance. He was eventually slain by Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi and his soul was exterminated under Kou Chongxue's Hidden Frost Sword. His soul imprint that had been left in the Cangming Elysium was also erased by Shang Xia.

Blip's Thoughts

Spirit Luxuriant World calls it flying ships, Star Origin City/other more advanced worlds call them Star Ships. Didn't want to confuse you guys like the cultivation terms used by the Azure Flame World (Martial Sage/Martial Ancestor vs Martial Dipper Realm/Martial Extermination Realm) so I'm clearing it up here.

In case you're confused between Star Ships and flying ships, flying ships = any ship that can fly. Star Ships = large-scale flying ships that can withstand interstellar travel

From now, any ship that can travel through space will be named Star Ships.

Chapter 1025: Appearance

“This is a war between worlds! For us to conquer another world, death is inevitable!” Kou Chongxue roared as he suppressed the world origin that was leaking from the Cangming Elysium. He needed to preserve it the best he could.

If everything went well, the Tongyou Institution would possess their own Elysium after they returned from the Azure Flame World!

The only thing he was afraid of was Shang Xia’s mental state and whether he would be able to accept the feeling of conquering other worlds and causing the deaths of many cultivators...

Kou Chongxue could tell that even though Shang Xia never shunned killing, he still had a mental barrier when it came to operations on such a large scale.

Actually, that was something that would greatly affect cultivators. If they weren’t able to solve the mental block, it would most likely become a heart demon in the future and inhibit his martial path. It might even cause his death one day!

Shang Xia sighed in response, “I understand. It’s just that... Every time a battle of such a scale happens, we will almost always pay the price with the lives of many lower-level cultivators...”

Indeed...

Kou Chongxue continued to suppress and replenish the world origin that was leaking from the Cangming Elysium. Beside it lay a stone pool filled with spiritual lotus... That was most likely the Origin Holy Artifact of the Cangming Elysium.

Shang Xia remained in a small courtyard on the other side of the Elysium as he carefully inspected a statue at the door. It was most likely the Elysium Boundary Marker that was used to control the Cangming Elysium.

Kou Chongxue’s voice rang in his mind the next moment. “You’ve done very well. We managed to gather a large number of cultivators in the Northern Chihuang Continent, preventing them from being massacred.”

A cold snort left Shang Xia’s lips the next second. “As invaders of a world, why is there a need to act so hypocritical? The only reason we did this is because we didn’t wish to lose too many cultivators of our world. Moreover, the Northern Chihuang Continent is a massive trap anyway! It’s a trap that we’re leaving for those careless powers...”

“Hahah...” Kou Chongxue chuckled softly and continued, “You’re right. If not for your idea of leaving them a way out, we wouldn’t have been able to shave away their fighting spirit and desire to resist. A lot more lives would have been lost if we didn’t implement your idea.”

After one entered the Martial Intent Realm, they would develop their divine sense which was a type of connection to the world around them.

One could argue that a portion of the World’s Will was also made up of a combination of the strength of the souls of all its inhabitants. The stronger the World’s Will was, the stronger the cultivators living on it were!

During a war between worlds, if they carried out large-scale massacres, they would weaken the World's Will during their invasion. Ordinarily, the attacking party would weaken the World's Will the best they could during the invasion. Only then would they be able to split the world up and integrate it into their own.

However, the Azure Flame World was a little special, unlike the Spirit Luxuriant World. Each continent seemed separate from each other, with only a weak connection between them. When Kou Chongxue and the rest first infiltrated the Azure Flame World, Shang Xia discovered that the linkage between the World Origin Sources between the continent only had a limited ability to affect each other.

That made Shang Xia come up with an idea. He wondered if the World's Will was actually split into 4 parts which could affect each continent independently!

During their current invasion, Shang Xia discovered the World's Will weakening as the cultivators of the Azure Flame World migrated to the Northern Chihuang Continent and confirmed his guess.

"We found the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar here, but... I think you guys should take a look at this!" Lu Wuzi's voice rang in their minds and disrupted their train of thought.

With question marks floating in his mind, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue raced towards where Lu Wuzi was. They discovered a massive pyramid sitting at a certain point in the Elysium that was pretty high up in the skies and above it, the spatial barrier of the Elysium was completely clear, allowing them to see the sea of stars.

"Star Observatory?! It's even the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar of the Elysium?!" Kou Chongxue gasped in shock.

Lu Wuzi didn't even need to respond. When Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia arrived, they could tell that the Star Observatory served as the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar of the Cangming Elysium.

Shang Xia tilted his head upwards to stare into the resplendent sea of stars and muttered, "Don't you think... Don't you think this place seems similar to the celestial remains above the Jiao Continent of our world? Do you think they're connected?"

Waving his hand, Lu Wuzi pointed at the Star Observatory. "I informed you guys the moment I discovered this. I haven't touched anything..."

"Maybe only a Stargazer will be able to tell what happens. It's a shame we haven't been able to perfect the Stargazer inheritance from the Heavenly Star Palace." Shang Xia muttered.

The next second, Lu Wuzi's expression changed as he pointed at one of the jade walls in the center of the observatory. He yelled, "Quick, take a look at that!"

As they looked at where he was pointing, they discovered a faint layer of spiritual light flashing on its surface.

The 3 True Immortals stared at each other before carefully approaching the jade wall. A moment later, a familiar figure appeared on it.

“Guards Commander Zhuge?” Kou Chongxue and the rest immediately raised their caution to the highest.

The projection on the wall revealed a complicated expression while looking at the 3 before him and he sighed, “Patriarch Kou... It really is you. Since you’re here, I believe True Immortal Yuan Cangming should have met his end, right?”

Kou Chongxue didn’t respond directly. Instead, he asked a question of his own. “Commander Zhuge, how are you able to appear in this place? Is the Star Origin Guards going to go against your promise of neutrality and interfere in a battle between worlds?”

Zhuce Xiang fell silent for a second before speaking again, “Patriarch Kou, there is something here that our Star Origin Guards need. I hope you can give it to us and we are willing to pay any price for it...”

Instead of agreeing, Kou Chongxue thought for a moment before asking, “What are you looking for?”

“Apologies... I am unable to say anything about it at the moment.” Zhuce Xiang mumbled softly.

Anyone else would laugh in Zhuce Xiang’s face after hearing his response, but not Kou Chongxue and the rest. They were speaking to the Star Origin Guards Commander. Zhuce Xiang was the only fourth tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal they had seen...

Maintaining their composure to the best of their abilities, the 3 True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn’t want to show the slightest bit of disrespect at the moment. In the end, Kou Chongxue was the one to speak on their behalf. “Since Commander Zhuge can’t say what it is, we can’t possibly bring out the treasures in this Elysium one by one for you to look through. Commander Zhuge, are your true intentions to send several True Immortals to take over the Elysium directly? I believe your Star origin Guards, or perhaps, the True Immortals of the other worlds are already rushing here as we speak, right?”

Zhuce Xiang’s projection trembled slightly and he sighed, “Fellow experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World, I am truly sorry!”

Chapter 1026: The Spatial Disturbance 300,000 Miles Around the World

“What exactly is it? What is the treasure Commander Zhuge is unwilling to reveal?” Lu Wuzi thought to himself. “The more he wants to hide it, the more it proves the extraordinary worth of the treasure. We can’t possibly let them obtain it easily...”

After he spoke, he turned to Kou Chongxue waiting for him to agree.

However, Kou Chongxue shook his head in response. “The Star Origin Guards are too powerful. They should be much stronger than they seem on the surface too... Actually, I’m willing to share the benefits of the Azure Flame World with them. However, they’re acting too unbridled. They wish to snatch the entire Elysium without even telling us what they’re looking for. They said that they’ll pay any price, but we don’t even know the worth of the treasure we’re losing. How the hell are they supposed to compensate us for that?”

Of course, there was also another serious issue that Kou Chongxue didn't speak of. It was the pride and stance of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

If they willingly backed off and let the Star Origin Guards do whatever they wanted, the pride and ambition of the Spirit Luxuriant World since they faced the first invasion of the Spirit Abundance World would probably crumble.

"This jade wall is probably connected to some treasure the Star Origin Guards possess. Since they are able to send a projection over, they should have already located the Azure Flame World. It won't be long before the True Immortals of the various worlds descend..."

"However... We still need more time!" Kou Chongxue mumbled. After thinking about it for a moment, he turned to Lu Wuzi. "Brother Lu, the situation has changed. I won't be able to hand this Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar that is the Star Observatory to you any longer. My Tongyou Institution also lacks the Elysium Boundary Marker. We'll exchange it for the Origin Holy Artifact in this Elysium which is the stone pool. What do you think?"

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback and he wanted to say something, but Kou Chongxue shot him a warning gaze the next moment, forcing him to suppress the words coming out of his mouth.

The Tongyou Institution needed to create their Elysium, and there was no way they could lack any of the 3 Holy Artifacts required.

The Tongyou Institution possessed an Origin Holy Artifact and a Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, and the only thing they were lacking was the Elysium Boundary Marker. There was no way they would give up the Elysium Boundary Marker in such a situation.

Of course, Lu Wuzi naturally needed to split a portion of the proceeds. If he couldn't obtain the Elysium Boundary Marker, he would choose one of the remaining Holy Artifacts.

Shang Xia suggested for Lu Wuzi to choose the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar as he already had one of his own. When the Tongyou Paradise ascended into the Tongyou Elysium, Shang Xia was already prepared to give the Stone Rod to the institution.

Of course, his intentions weren't as simple as it seemed. He naturally wanted the institution to possess another Origin Holy Artifact when the time came. That would allow Kou Chongxue to continue using his Stellar Cauldron.

None of them expected the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar of the Elysium to be a Star Observatory!

With them currently working with the Heavenly Star Palace to restore the Stargaze inheritance, the Tongyou Institution wouldn't give away a Star Observatory!

The only downside was that Kou Chongxue would have to give up the Stellar Cauldron and use it as the Origin Holy Artifact of the future Tongyou Elysium. They wouldn't be able to use it however they wished any longer!

Even though the Holy Artifacts of an Elysium were supposed to be of similar quality, it couldn't be denied that the Origin Holy Artifact played the most important role! It would be especially so for

the Ice Essence Sect that had just established themselves! No matter which faction it was, an Origin Holy Artifact was a priceless treasure!

Lu Wuzi naturally wouldn't fight with the Tongyou Institution over the Star Observatory. He couldn't be more content to trade it for an Origin Holy Artifact. A wide grin appeared on his face the next moment. "Looks like it's an unexpected windfall indeed... Hehe from the looks of it, I gained big from this! I'm truly ashamed of myself... Many thanks!"

Kou Chongxue's expression didn't change as he muttered, "All of us worked together to exterminate Yuan Cangming's soul. Everything here should be split evenly between us anyway. There's no need to be ashamed."

Lu Wuzi cupped his fists to thank Kou Chongxue before putting on a flattering expression while addressing him, "So... What should I do now?"

"We need to speed everything up. Quickly chase the cultivators of this world to the Northern Chihuang Continent. If they still refuse, there's no need to hold back anymore! We've shown enough mercy!" Kou Chongxue declared resolutely.

Lu Wuzi could only sigh in response, "I'm afraid we still won't make it in time..."

Smacking the Stellar Cauldron he brought with him, Kou Chongxue sighed, "I'll take charge of things here. The both of you, split up. One of you will head to the Western Wenchen Continent while the other stays here in the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent. Head over to the locations where resistance is the strongest. There's no need to do anything, and you cannot casually make a move there. However, you can intimidate them. As long as those fighting for their lives there know how to use their brain, they will know what to do."

Clapping once, Lu Wuzi nodded. "Good idea. There shouldn't be any factions that dare to resist after this. Even if there are a few obstinate factions that try to hold out, it will be impossible for them to stop the inevitable."

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In the main hall in the central camp of the Star Origin Guards...

Zhuge Xiang's expression sank as the jade pendant in his hand crumbled to dust. He stared at everyone before him and muttered, "The Azure Flame World's Elysium has already been taken over. Everything went as expected. The Spirit Luxuriant World refused to hand over the Heaven Observation Elysium."

With the Spirit Luxuriant World's movements exposed once they moved out on such a large scale, the Star Origin Guards and the experts of various worlds quickly determined the location at the other end of the spatial tunnel.

It wouldn't take long for them to lock on to that location.

It was also why Zhuge Xiang was able to use the token Yuan Cangming gave the experts of the Azure Flame World to communicate with people in the Elysium.

He was shocked to discover that the person he was talking to wasn't the True Immortal of the Azure Flame World after activating the token. Instead, he spoke to Kou Chongxue and 2 other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World!

He was shocked at the speed at which the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World were growing, and the fact that they had already taken over the Elysium.

At that moment, the Camp Commanders and captains weren't the only ones in the hall. There were several foreign True Immortals and it was clear they came from the other worlds connected to the Star Origin City.

“They already took over the Elysium?! The True Immortal of the Azure Flame World is really useless...” One of the True Immortals of the Azure Abyss World couldn't help but sneer.

The Azure Abyss World was one of the 6 Azure Worlds connected to the Star Origin City. Their strength and foundations were top notch and they were merely a step away from becoming a Spirit World.

With the discovery of the Azure Flame World, the True Immortal of the Azure Abyss World felt that the chance for them to ascend had come and decided to join in the operation. They didn't expect to arrive a little late to the party.

With the only Elysium of the Azure Flame World destroyed and their only True Immortal slain, that would mean that there was no more resistance. The high-level experts of the Azure Flame World would also be easily suppressed and even if the Azure Abyss World wanted to snatch any benefits from the Spirit Luxuriant World or the other worlds, they wouldn't gain much.

“Maybe the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were too strong... They might also have some secret mart that allows them to easily deal with a True Immortal who broke through with the support of their Elysium...” One of the True Immortals from the Spirit Tinkle World who was present guessed.

Grunting once, Liu Jiuzhen also threw out a guess of his own. “The Spirit Luxuriant World might have someone working on the inside. Maybe all of you here don't know, but it's the second time the Spirit Luxuriant World is invading the Azure Flame World. The first time they attacked, the Azure Flame World hadn't even produced their first True Immortal. It was also before the Spirit Luxuriant World ascended...”

One of the True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World frowned and growled impatiently, “What's the point of saying all these now?! We need to head over to the Azure Flame World as quickly as possible! Otherwise, the Spirit Luxuriant World would obtain all the benefits!”

“That's a complete Azure World we're talking about. Even if they aren't that strong, have any of you heard of a world devouring an Azure World alone?!” Someone muttered

Tian Moran's gaze swept across those present in the hall while muttering casually, “If they really manage to swallow an entire Azure World, it won't be long before the Spirit Luxuriant World rises up the ranks...”

“Heh!” Sneers appeared on the faces of many True Immortals from the various worlds that gathered.

His method of stirring shit was too obvious, and it was a little crude for all of them.

A light cough from Zhuge Xiang eventually silenced everyone. His gaze turned to the end of the hall and he spoke in a mellow voice all of a sudden, “Camp Commander Xing, have we discovered a safe path we can open a spatial tunnel to the Azure Flame World?”

Traveling through the sea of stars wasn’t as easy as it seemed. Even if they knew the position of the Azure Flame World, it wasn’t as though they could open a spatial tunnel that led over directly. The vast sea of stars was mysterious and danger might lie along the way. No one knows what’s hidden in the vast sea of stars.

A Stargazer’s job didn’t just end when they found the position of a world. What was more important was their ability to find a safe path through space where they could open up a spatial tunnel leading to their target.

One had to admit that the Spirit Luxuriant World’s luck was really amazing. They carried out Spatial Transfers twice, and the first was to the Manyu Continent. The distance was so short back then that even Martial Dipper Realm experts could open up spatial tunnels to it. They didn’t run into any trouble on the way either. The second time, they discovered a path to the Azure Flame World and even though its location was marked on the Star Observatory, there was no Stargazer to ensure the safety of their route. Even so, Kou Chongxue managed to open a path directly to it!

The same couldn’t be said for those in the Star Origin City at the moment. Even though they knew where the Azure Flame World was, they needed their Stargazers to find a safe point in space they could pass through. Otherwise, they couldn’t be sure that they wouldn’t be swallowed up by the chaotic streams that existed in the void. They might even fall into planar fault lines while traveling through the vast sea of stars. If that were to happen...

With the gazes of several True Immortals fixed on him, Xing Xingtian and the other Stargazers beside him felt beads of cold sweat forming on their foreheads. Eventually, he stuttered, “Commander... Commander Xiang, We... We discovered a path earlier, but it was destroyed...”

“What happened?” There was no emotion in Zhuge Xiang’s voice as he asked.

With his Adam’s apple bobbing up and down, Xing Xingtian couldn’t hide the anxiety he was feeling. However, he still forced himself to respond. “They... They disrupted the void outside the Azure Flame World. We are unable to open any spatial tunnels 300,000 miles around the Azure Flame World!”

One of the True Immortals from the Spirit Mammoth World sighed softly, “Are they really a newly ascended Spirit World?! Is this the first time they’re carrying out an expedition against another world? Why do I feel like they know what they’re doing and seem to have done this a few times before? They even thought of all possibilities...”

The True Immortals in the hall couldn’t help but nod slowly in acknowledgment.

Once again, Zhuge Xiang’s low voice rang through the hall. “In that case, how long would we need to find a path that leads to the space 300,000 miles away from the Azure Flame World?”

With his pupils constricting, Xing Xingtian seemed to regain his composure. “We can pretty much use the same route we came up with, with some minor changes. We need two... No. We can do so in a day!”

“Hurry up.” Even though Zhuge Xiang maintained his solemn expression, his voice was still as calm as before.

The True Immortals in the hall stared at each other before getting to their feet.

“Since we’re done here, we’ll come back in a bit.”

After one of them spoke, all of them transformed into streaks of light that disappeared into the void. It wasn’t a question everyone in the hall was a mere projection of their true bodies.

Chapter 1027: 4 Way Split of the Azure Flame World

Along with Lu Wuzi and Shang Xia’s appearance in the Azure Flame World, the situation basically changed instantly. They didn’t do anything, but the pressure the cultivators of the Azure Flame World faced increased drastically.

With the Spirit Luxuriant World’s promise that they wouldn’t harm the Northern Chihuang Continent, more and more cultivators of the Azure Flame World lost their desire to resist as they started to make their way over.

Without strong resistance from the cultivators of the Azure Flame World, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World quickly took over the Eastern Nuanyuan and Western Wenchen continents.

As for the Southern Yanlin Continent, there were no accidents to begin with. All they had to do was to meet up with the members of the Yanlin Clan who gave their full cooperation.

Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia, and Lu Wuzi could feel the resistance of the World’s Will weakening rapidly, and they were able to quickly restore themselves to somewhere around their peak state. As for Shang Xia... He felt the resistance from the World’s Will disappearing completely.

It might have something to do with how the World’s Will was weakened as many native cultivators of the Azure Flame World died or left for the Northern Chihuang Continent, but all that mattered was that he was no longer weakened.

Even though time was of the essence, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World were scouring the Azure Flame World for any resource they could find to send them back to their Star Ships.

It wasn’t that they were wasting their time, but the moment the True Immortals started to split the world up, there would be a lot of resources that would cease to exist due to the sudden diminished world origin they were once provided.

The more precious those herbs were, the higher the requirements required for them to grow!

With the end of the Azure Flame World, those herbs and resources would cease to exist!

Even if they managed to bring the continents back to the Spirit Luxuriant World and complete the fusion process, in the short time that it took to assimilate into the World Origin Source, a batch of resources would be lost! Moreover, those would be the most precious treasures!

That was how cruel a battle between worlds was!

It was also why every time a world was about to be taken over, the invaders would search through the world for precious treasures. Even if they had to dig 3 feet... No, even if they had to dig 300 feet into the ground, they would do it!

It was a pity the Spirit Luxuriant World's expedition to the Azure Flame World was too rushed.

They didn't have too much time to look for treasures and could only grab anything they could find.

When they integrated the continents back into the Spirit Luxuriant World, they would definitely produce another batch of treasures with the world origin infused back into the world, but that was another story.

Also, other than transporting valuable resources back, those Star Ships were mainly used to ferry the refugees from the destroyed world. They mostly consisted of mortals, and they would mainly save those living in regions of danger when the world would be broken down like the coastal areas or giant valleys.

Close to a hundred Star Ships of all sizes, along with around 30 they obtained from the Azure Flame World managed to contain 60,000 aboriginals of the Azure Flame World. Most of them being children.

Due to the tight timeline they were on, most of the aboriginals were forced onto the ships. Other than the clothes they wore on them, they basically didn't have anything else.

That alone was more than enough to show how much of a rush the Spirit Luxuriant World was in. Their weak foundations were also shown in the lack of Star Ships.

When Shang Xia thought back to the massive fleets that the Spirit Abundance World sent to the Azure Oddity World, there were hundreds, if not thousands of them! They were sent continuously over the course of an entire year! Moreover, that was only one of the many worlds that went to invade the Azure Oddity World! If they included the other worlds, how many would that be?!

Back then, when the various worlds conquered the Azure Oddity World, they didn't leave so much as a blade of grass!

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"Alright. Let's do this. We won't be able to maintain the disrupted space outside the heavenly screen for long and a day or two would be the max. Moreover, we need stable space in order to transport these continents back to our world." Kou Chongxue sent a transmission to Shang Xia and Lu Wuzi.

With a look of regret, Lu Wuzi sighed, "We really didn't have much time... It's a pity, a true pity... The moment we integrate these continents back into our world, there will be a huge reshuffling... I don't know how much of the Azure Flame World would be left..."

However, Shang Xia chuckled in response. "No matter what, our strength is limited. From the reactions of the Star Origin Guards and the other worlds, it seems like conquering a world alone is something not usually seen..."

"We would be lucky to be able to retain 70 percent of the essence of the Azure Flame World without the Northern Chihuang Continent... After all, there would be a lot of wasted energy during the trip back." Lu Wuzi continued to grumble.

However, Shang Xia seemed a lot more optimistic than Lu Wuzi. “Heh, we would have earned big if we managed to retain half the essence of the Azure Flame World. Don’t forget, we’re definitely going to run into trouble on the way back!”

Kou Chongxue’s voice also rang in their minds the next moment. “The essence of the Azure Flame World is concentrated in the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent and the Western Wenchen Continent. The Star Origin Guards and the other worlds don’t know what we know, and if we manage to avoid letting them plunder those continents along the way, we will be able to retain a good portion of the Azure Flame World’s essence. Whatever it is, we’ll play it by ear. As long as we retain 2 continents, we’ll be able to keep close to half the essence of the world.”

Lu Wuzi and Shang Xia immediately understood what Kou Chongxue had planned. The Northern Chihuang Continent they gave up wasn’t everything he was prepared to lose. When the time came, they would be willing to give up on the Southern Yanlin Continent. Anyway, the members of Yanlin Clan had already been given a place in the Jiao Continent back in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Even if they lost the Southern Yanlin Continent, it wouldn’t affect them too much.

Even though they were reluctant to lose another portion of the Azure Flame World, they knew that it might be the best way to deal with whatever was to come.

As Lu Wuzi stationed himself in the Southern Yanlin Continent, Kou Chongxue maintained his position in the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent. Shang Xia, the last of them, took up his role in the Western Wenchen Continent. They started to release their energy as the Azure Flame World experienced armageddon.

Rivers were destroyed as seas started to split.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World who received news earlier started to pull their Star Ships out of the heavenly screen before it happened. As for the cultivators in the Northern Chihuang Continent, Kou Chongxue and the others had already warned them what would happen.

The spatial disturbance that filled 300,000 miles above the heavenly screen started to calm down as their Star Ships emerged, and they quickly formed into 3 groups. They started to fly in different directions away from the heavenly screen and only slowed down when they were 50,000 miles away from the heavenly screen.

Those in the ships started to look in the direction of the Azure Flame World. There were cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World among them, and there were also mortals of the Azure Flame World. It was probably the only time those mortals would ever be able to see such a magnificent sight where a world was destroyed...

With hundreds of thousands of pairs of eyes staring at the scene, the heavenly screen of the Azure Flame World split into 4.

They covered the 4 continents that slowly drifted apart from each other and started to restore itself. Every continent became a separate entity.

Kou Chongxue managed to stabilize the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent before the others, and Lu Wuzi quickly did the same to the Southern Yanlin Continent. Finally, Shang Xia’s Western Wenchen Continent regained its peace. Eventually, the Northern Chihuang Continent that housed the experts of the Azure Flame World calmed down.

Even though the flying ships were already 50,000 miles away, they still felt a powerful shockwave crashing into them from the destruction of the world and the leaking world origin.

Fortunately, they were prepared. All of them activated their protection formations at once. There was at least a rank three Formation Master on board each ship, and most of the ships could connect with each other. The formations on them formed a giant system that was controlled by at least 5 Formation Grandmasters. There were also multiple Martial Dipper Realm experts present and with dozens of them working together, they easily withstood the world origin storm.

Among the 3 fleets, with the exception of experts in the Martial Dipper Realm, no one managed to detect any strange disturbances. Only after the storm quelled did the fleets turn back to return to the 3 continents.

When they finally approached the continents, a flying shuttle appeared above every single Star Ship before shooting into the continent.

Those dozens of flying ships might seem like a speck of dust above those continents, but those specks of dust had the ability to drag those continents through space. They slowly flew towards the spatial tunnel that had been opened earlier.

As the continents left, 3 figures appeared in the void nearby. The person in front of them had a majestic aura as he carried a heavy sword on his back. He spoke to the 2 beside him, "So... From the looks of it, they gave up on the Northern Chihuang Continent?"

On his left, a person who looked somewhat similar to Yang Taihe, but had slightly blurry features, muttered, "A single continent will never be enough to satisfy those worlds. The Star Origin City is aiming for the Elysium anyway. Whatever it is, they only dare to act with such audacity because our Spirit Luxuriant World lacks the capability to swallow the Azure Flame World ourselves!"

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At the same time, 300,000 or so miles away from where the Azure Flame World once stood, space started to tremble as multiple tunnels opened up. Every one of them contained a True Immortal or two.

"Heh, this is the world origin of a foreign world!" The Distant Exertion King of the Dajun Dynasty in the Spirit Abundance World, Xiong Chunyang, snorted the moment he emerged from his spatial tunnel. He immediately discovered the world origin that leaked from the remains of the Azure Flame World as a look of disdain appeared on his face.

Chapter 1028: Bait

After the Stargazers of the various worlds made their recalibration, they managed to determine a safe path to the Azure Flame World.

Every world sent out a couple of True Immortals after they received confirmation that the path was safe and they followed the Star Origin Guards over to the point in space to prevent the Spirit Luxuriant World from swallowing up the Azure Flame World alone.

Even though they knew they were somewhat late, the True Immortals who arrived discovered that their timing wasn't too bad after feeling the remnant world origin that scattered into the void.

If a world was protected by its heavenly screen, world origin wouldn't easily leak.

Only an invasion from another world would cause the world origin of a world to leak as they would definitely damage the heavenly screen while doing so.

Along the same line, after a world was conquered, the World's Will would probably be split up as the world is divided into parts. With the heavenly screen forming around the individual parts, world origin shouldn't leak...

That was why when they arrived, the True Immortals of the various worlds could determine that even though the Spirit Luxuriant World had destroyed a part of the heavenly screen, the aboriginal cultivators of the Azure Flame World were still resisting.

They truly came at the best time!

With so many of them there, there was no way they would return empty-handed!

They felt amazing at that current moment. There was no better feeling than allowing multiple sides to go all out in a battle and exhaust each other before swooping in at the very last second to claim the spoils of the battle.

"At the end of the day, the Spirit Luxuriant World is still a new world. They might have a few geniuses, but their foundations are far too shallow. For the Azure Flame World to be able to resist for so long... That would mean that the high-level experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World are far too lacking when it comes to overall combat strength."

True Immortal Yuan of the Spirit Tinkle World evaluated seriously and received a lot of grunts of agreement.

"Everyone, let's head over to take a look. The spatial disturbance stretches 300,000 miles and we can't travel through space. It will take us some time in order to arrive..." A clear voice rang in their minds and serious expressions appeared on the faces of many True Immortals present.

Zhuge Xiang's figure appeared in front of everyone and they discovered that his true body actually came along.

"Guards Commander Zhuge, please." Several True Immortals spoke in unison.

Zhuge Xiang's gaze swept over those present. As an important figure who had taken up the post of the Star Origin Guards Commander for close to a hundred years, how could he not know what they were thinking?

Even though the Star Origin Guards had no choice but to interfere in a war between worlds, there was no excuse. They broke their stance of neutrality. It was also why the True Immortals of the various worlds didn't mind trailing behind him and watching what he would do.

One could easily imagine that the reputation the Star Origin City built for more than a thousand years would suffer greatly with his decision.

That was why he didn't move despite the urgings of the various True Immortals. Instead, he stood in front of everyone and maintained a professional smile on his face. "I believe the Spirit Luxuriant World should be able to keep the benefits they already received. What do all of you think?"

After he spoke, Zhuge Xiang didn't restrain his aura as the might of a fourth tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal was released. It seemed as though he had become one with the world around him.

"Dao Harmony..."

The thought flashed through the minds of the True Immortals around but they maintained the smiles on their faces as they replied, "Of course..."

Nodding slightly, Zhuge Xiang muttered, "Our Star Origin City only wants something from the Elysium. We won't try to obtain anything else. I believe the True Immortals from the Spirit Luxuriant World won't let me down." The void behind him turned murky as he spoke.

The disturbance that extended across 300,000 miles might affect the speed of those True Immortals, but there were more than 10 of them who came. Nothing stood in their way as they rushed towards their destination.

Indeed... As they made their way over to where the Azure Flame World was supposed to be, the spatial fluctuations started to calm down. However, the world origin that leaked out from the world became even more obvious.

All of them knew that they were closing in on their target. The foreign and lonely Azure Flame World was within reach!

After crossing another 10,000 miles or so, they discovered that the spatial fluctuations had disappeared completely. The only thing left was a region of distorted space...

"The Azure Flame World is gone... Are we too late?!" One of the True Immortals from the Azure Star World couldn't help but ask.

True Immortal Hua Yu from the Spirit Thistle World pointed in a certain direction and muttered, "We can still feel the remnants of the World's Will. It seems to have gone in that direction. This is strange... The Spirit Luxuriant World didn't actually exterminate the Azure Flame World's Will... Did they just pull the Azure Flame World over?"

"They can't possibly not know how to exterminate a World's Will, right? Are they planning to bring it back to the Spirit Luxuriant World to assimilate it into their world?" Another True Immortal said, half-jokingly.

Unfortunately, no one laughed and he was stuck in an awkward situation.

"There is no doubt about it. This was where the Azure Flame World used to be!" Liu Yunzi of the Spirit Mammoth World muttered. Like Xiong Chunyang of the Spirit Abundance World, he was also a third tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal.

“Now comes the question... Are we going to chase them down to take a look at what is going on?” True Immortal Hua Yu smiled and looked at the rest. She didn’t seem too interested in obtaining the remains of the Azure Flame World.

Everyone present could probably guess what the Spirit Luxuriant World did. They were no fools. They knew that the Spirit Luxuriant World probably used some strange method to retain a portion of the Azure Flame World with its original World’s Will to send it in another direction before bringing other parts that contained the Azure Flame World’s essence back to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Logically speaking, they should be looking for the fragments that were being transported back to the Spirit Luxuriant World. Those should be where the essence of the Azure Flame World lay.

However, the sea of stars was vast and they had no idea which direction the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World left in.

If all of them went out together to look for those fragments aimlessly, it would be a colossal waste of time if they failed to find anything.

If they split up... Their collective strength would weaken considerably!

One had to know that in order to carry out such a hasty operation, the various worlds only sent out a couple of True Immortals. All of them had their own agendas, and they weren’t exactly friendly with each other either.

If they chose to follow the traces of the leaking world origin... All of them knew that it had to be a delay tactic the Spirit Luxuriant World was using to waste their time.

Even so... The more they thought about it, the more they were tempted to go after it. After all, for them to be able to feel the World’s Will so clearly, the portion that was left behind had to be a piece of juicy meat!

Perhaps the remains that the Spirit Luxuriant World left behind was barely anything if they had to split it among so many people present, but if a single party obtained it, it might be a great boost even to a Spirit World!

The next question quickly came. Of True Immortals present who came from the 4 great Spirit Worlds and 6 Azure Worlds that were connected to the Star Origin City, who would be able to devour the bait the Spirit Luxuriant World left behind?

The intentions of the Spirit Luxuriant World were as clear as day. However, it was extremely effective as complicated emotions could be seen on the faces of those present.

“These True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World really know how to mess people...” The True Immortal who made the awkward comment spoke again, but he was ignored as per usual.

Other than the traces of World’s Will being obvious and pointing them in the right direction, there were spatial fluctuations everywhere else. Their tracks had been completely wiped away and if the True Immortals of the other worlds wanted to give chase, they would have to go in blind and rely on their luck.

Standing in place, Zhuge Xiang seemed to transform into a statue as he closed his eyes. He ignored everything else the rest said.

Liu Jiuzhen, who came along with Zhuge Xiang, saw what was going on and he quickly approached the Guards Commander to whisper in his ear, “Commander Xiang, what do we do now?”

“Wait.” Zhuge Xiang didn’t bother opening his eyes and replied with a single word.

The Star Origin Guards came for the Heaven Observation Elysium. They weren’t interested in anything else. Since they knew what was left behind was bait, there was no need for them to care about it.

Zhuge Xiang and Liu Jiuzhen didn’t hide their conversation from the others. When True Immortal Liu Yunzi from the Spirit Mammoth World heard their conversation, he muttered, “This isn’t a bad plan. The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World will definitely need to open more spatial tunnels in order to return to their world. The moment they do, the spatial fluctuations will expose them!”

The True Immortal from the Azure Sea World seemed pretty familiar with True Immortal Liu Yunzi and he couldn’t help but follow up, “Will we be able to make it in time?”

“We might not be able to prevent them from bringing back what they obtained, but we might not be completely out of options as they make their way back...” True Immortal Liu Yunzi smiled while turning to look at Xiong Chunyang of the Spirit Abundance World with a profound gaze.

The Spirit Abundance World knew where the Spirit Luxuriant World was, but they never revealed it to the others.

There was no doubt about it. Even though the Spirit Luxuriant World had already completed their world ascension, the Spirit Abundance World hadn’t given up their quest to devour them. Their intentions were also painfully obvious. They wanted to devour the Spirit Luxuriant World alone! At the very least, they wanted to be the first ones there to grab the biggest share of the pie.

The Star Origin City was said to be a neutral zone in the vast sea of stars, and its location was known to all. They also welcomed the various worlds in connecting a fixed spatial tunnel to them. However... In order to protect the privacy of the various worlds, the Star Origin City would only allow the various worlds to initiate contact with them. They also employed many methods to prevent anyone from tracking the path of those spatial tunnels.

In other words, even if the Spirit Luxuriant World created a fixed spatial tunnel to the Star Origin City, not even Zhuge Xiang knew where the location of the Spirit Luxuriant World was!

However... If the True Immortals of the various worlds were to follow the tracks of the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World as they brought fragments of the Azure Flame World back... Their location in the vast sea of stars would immediately be revealed to the various worlds!

Was it something the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World did because they were helpless, or did they no longer care because they were confident in their abilities?

Chapter 1029: Taking Care of the Aftermath

When the True Immortals of the various worlds were thinking of what they should do, Zhuge Xiang's actions of waiting in place seemed to help all of them make up their minds.

True Immortal Cai Ke and True Immortal Sha Peiji of the Azure Abyss World bid Zhuge Xiang farewell as they turned into streaks of light to fly after the bait left behind by the Spirit Luxuriant World before it got too far away.

The Azure Abyss World was an Azure World that was about to experience ascension and all they needed was a little push.

That was why True Immortal Cai Ke and True Immortal Sha Peiji wouldn't let go of an opportunity like that.

What they didn't realize was that the other True Immortals were just waiting for someone to lead the way.

With True Immortal Cai Ke taking the lead, 3 True Immortals turned into streaks of light that followed closely behind. A moment later, another 4 of them followed.

More than half of the True Immortals who came left for the remnants of the Azure Flame World. Those left were Zhuge Xiang and Liu Jiuzhen of the Star Origin Guards, True Immortal Liu Yunzi, True Immortal Xiong Chunyang, True Immortal Yuan, True Immortal Hua Yu, and finally True Immortal Yong Si.

The next moment, a dramatic scene played out in front of them.

Right as the group of experts left to chase after the Northern Chihuang Continent, powerful fluctuations burst forth from the void. There was no doubt about it. It was a disturbance that was only produced when a massive spatial tunnel was opened.

Zhuce Xiang, whose eyes were closed the entire time, opened them and turned to stare at the source of the disturbance.

When Liu Jiuzhen was about to say something, he discovered that Zhuge Xiang had already disappeared.

Not too far away, Xiong Chunyang and Liu Yunzi whose cultivation level was at the third tier Martial Void Realm, stared at each other before rushing in the direction of the disturbance.

In the void 100,000 miles away, the figures of 3 True Immortals appeared after circling back from pushing the Northern Chihuang Continent in the other direction.

Staring at the dozens of Star Ships before him that were dragging the continents into a giant spatial gate, Huang Jinghan heaved a sigh of relief. He looked at the blurry figures before him and muttered, "Seniors, looks like everything went smoothly. We should be able to return without any worries..."

The blurry figures beside him turned to glance at each other before they chuckled in a somewhat blurry voice, "True Immortal Huang, you should head back first. There's no need to care about the two of us..."

Huang Jinghan's expression changed as he understood what they were about to do. "Seniors, we did what we needed to. What's the point..."

“Since their Stargazers can determine where the Azure Flame World was through our spatial tunnels, they will definitely be able to find our Spirit Luxuriant World once we open the tunnel here...” One of the blurry figures muttered.

The other continued, “No matter what, we’re nothing but Void Clones. We barely have the power of a Martial Void Realm True Immortal. We even wasted a good portion of our energy already. We won’t be of much use anymore and we might as well erase our tracks and disrupt their plans to find us.”

“There isn’t much of a point... The Spirit Abundance World knows where we are anyway...” Huang Jinghan muttered.

The figure that slightly resembled Zhang Xuansheng interrupted him before he could finish. “What we don’t want is for the Star Origin Guards to be able to rush over to our Spirit Luxuriant World immediately...”

Yang Taihe’s clone added, “All we wish to do is to earn a little more time for our world to digest the essence of the Azure Flame World.”

Pausing for a second, Yang Taihe’s clone continued, “We have already made up our minds. True Immortal Huang, there is no need to try to persuade us any further. You should return as quickly as you can and remind them to erase all traces of the Spatial Transfer.”

After they spoke, they no longer bothered with Huang Jinghan as they flew in different directions. It was also where the position of the Azure Flame World once was.

Staring at their departing figures, Huang Jinghan could only let out a soft sigh.

In the void thousands of miles behind him, the Western Wenchen Continent where Shang Xia was stationed was the last continent to enter the spatial tunnel. With his Yuanchen Heavy Sword in hand, Huang Jinghan followed behind them and disappeared into the spatial gate.

Not too long after he arrived, 2 powerful auras erupted in the void, and powerful spatial fluctuations spread through the region.

Huang Jinghan might have crossed hundreds of thousands of miles after passing through the spatial gate, but he could still clearly feel the impact of those fluctuations.

Turning back instinctively, he discovered the spatial tunnel collapsing rapidly behind him.

Millions of miles away from Huang Jinghan, Zhuge Xiang stood in a certain spot in space completely unharmed. He stared at the void before him that emitted powerful ripples with a grave expression and no one knew what he was thinking.

A moment later, Xiong Chunyang and Liu Yunzi emerged from the void with sorry appearances. There were also several True Immortals who tumbled out behind them with disheveled hair and flustered expressions.

Looking at the region of space that had collapsed, all of them fell silent.

Not too long after, they discovered another powerful fluctuation hundreds of thousands of miles away.

They might have suffered slightly, but it was clear to them the other batch of True Immortals had begun fighting for the bait the Spirit Luxuriant World left behind.

No matter what, the Spirit Luxuriant World left behind a continent and it would contain a fifth of the Azure Flame World's essence. Undoubtedly, there were also a lot of high-level experts of the Azure Flame World there.

A massive dogfight was definitely happening between the True Immortals who went over.

At that point, no matter which group they were a part of, they would understand that all of them had been played by the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World! From the start to the end, they had never gained the advantage.

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The Spatial Tunnel between the Azure Flame World and Spirit Luxuriant World was opened when they sent their Star Ships over, but it didn't close completely as the experts of their world harvested everything the Azure Flame World had to offer. The True Immortals shackled to their Elysiums back in the Spirit Luxuriant World had been widening the spatial tunnel to the best of their abilities the entire time.

Otherwise, how would they transport the massive continents back to the Spirit Luxuriant World?!

Even though they split the Azure Flame World up into 4 chunks and only brought back 3, the True Immortals stationed on each continent could barely maintain their ability to slightly shrink the size of those continents. Only then were they able to barely enter the spatial tunnels.

They might have been able to shrink those continents, but those were massive land masses they were talking about. Even if the True Immortals on them could compress it, how much could they actually do?

Above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World, all 4 True Immortals joined forces with dozens of Formation Masters to maintain the giant spatial tunnel they created.

All of a sudden, Yang Taihe and Zhang Xuansheng opened their eyes and glanced at each other in shock.

The other 2 quickly noticed their abnormal reaction and Liu Jingsheng asked anxiously, "True Immortal Zhang, True Immortal Yang, how is the situation over on that side?"

Yang Taihe chuckled in response, "Relax. Everything has been going smoothly and True Immortal Kou is returning with more than 70 percent of the Azure Flame World's essence. It won't be long till they reappear."

The tense nerves of the True Immortals and Formation Masters maintaining the Spatial Tunnel relaxed slightly after hearing what he said. Smiles could be seen on their faces.

Li Jidao looked a little embarrassed as he muttered, "It's a shame I wasn't good enough. I actually failed to learn the secret skill that will allow me to create a clone with only Void Qi... Otherwise, we would have been able to send another expert with Martial Void Realm combat strength over..."

Zhang Xuansheng shook his head and sighed, "Even though the clone possesses Martial Void Realm combat strength, it's actually extremely weak. It won't be able to fight any of their true

bodies over there. The clones we sent should be more than enough. True Immortal Li, there's no need to blame yourself..."

Even so, Li Jidao still felt uneasy. He couldn't help but ask, "So about your clones..."

A smile appeared on Yang Taihe's face. "It's fine. The clone contained some energy I gathered over the years and a portion of my divine soul. I'll be able to recover quickly, especially after the blessing of the World's Will."

All of them started to laugh as looks of excitement appeared on the faces of the Formation Masters behind them.

Because of the world ascension, the World's Will blessed every cultivator in the Spirit Luxuriant World. The collective strength of the Spirit Luxuriant World made a huge leap in the 5 or so years that followed.

During that time, if they included Kou Chongxue, they would have produced 4 True Immortals! The number of Martial Dipper Realm experts they had basically doubled, and those of lower ranks experienced an even more exaggerated increase.

If the Spirit Luxuriant World devours close to 70 percent of the Azure Flame World's essence, even if they didn't experience such a huge upgrade, it wouldn't be much worse, at least in the long term...

Yang Taihe seemed to have thought of something as he turned to look at Liu Jingsheng the next moment. "True Immortal Liu, rest assured... Even though True Immortal Huang stayed with us to deal with the continent we left behind, he shouldn't have run into any danger. He should have retreated safely."

Liu Jingsheng heaved a sigh of relief.

Unfortunately, Zhang Xuansheng had to pour a bucket of cold water over their excitement as he muttered, "There's still something we need to worry about. We messed with the True Immortals of so many worlds this time... I'm afraid they'll fly into a rage due to the humiliation they suffered. The Star Origin City is no exception."

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"Will they be angered by this?" Zhang Xuansheng couldn't help but worry.

In response, Yang Taihe chuckled in amusement, "Instead of worrying about that, I'm more worried about when those experts of the Spirit Abundance World will come..."

The Spirit Abundance World knew the exact location of the Spirit Luxuriant World in the vast sea of stars. They already had a massive grudge between them and a third tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal was even killed during their confrontations.

Logically speaking, after the matter of the Spirit Luxuriant World moving out to conquer the Azure Flame World spread, the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't give up a chance to take advantage of the situation.

For them to stay so quiet... There was no doubt about it! They were definitely planning something big!

“We’ve sealed off hundreds of thousands of miles around our world. At the very least, we haven’t discovered any of them appearing...” Li Jidao muttered hesitating slightly.

Outside the heavenly screen of the Azure Flame World, Huang Jinghan who just ascended to the Martial Void Realm, was able to cause spatial disturbances that covered 300,000 miles. Back then, he was only working with Yang Taihe and Zhang Xuansheng’s clones! With the actual Zhang Xuansheng, Yang Taihe, Li Jidao, and Liu Jingsheng outside the Spirit Luxuriant World, they were naturally able to seal off a larger area.

“It’s a shame we can’t go too far from the heavenly screen. Otherwise, we should be able to affect an even larger area...” Liu Jingsheng sighed and revealed his unwillingness about the matter.

Compared to Zhang Xuansheng, Yang Taihe, and Li Jidao, who had entered the Martial Void Realm a long time ago, Liu Jingsheng barely broke through several years ago!

He had been questioning himself in recent years if he had been able to hold out for a few more years, would he be able to break through like Kou Chongxue and not be bound to his Elysium...

Even though he knew it wasn’t possible as the Spirit Luxuriant World would have fallen back then without another True Immortal, he couldn’t help but feel a little down. Of course, if he hadn’t advanced back then and the Spirit Luxuriant World survived the first invasion by pure luck, they would have been exterminated the second time. After all, he was the one who held back Dugu Yuanshan alone during the start of the invasion to buy time for Kou Chongxue to break through.

When he was still stuck in a daze, Yang Taihe’s reminder rang in his mind. “They’re here!”

Liu Jingsheng snapped back to reality and he felt the fluctuations coming through the spatial gate they maintained earlier.

However, from the intensity of the fluctuations, it didn’t seem like one of the continents had returned.

As space rippled, Huang Jinghan appeared in front of all of them. He glanced around before rushing over to the 4 of them.

Seeing that Huang Jinghan had returned safely, Liu Jingsheng felt his worries diminish. He even completely forgot about his regrets of relying on his Elysium to advance.

“Junior Brother, why are you the first to return?” Liu Jingsheng asked.

Seeing that everything was stable in the Spirit Luxuriant World, Huang Jinghan also felt a lot more assured. He chuckled in response, “The traces of our spatial tunnel have already been wiped clean by the clones of Senior Yang and Senior Zhang. They shouldn’t be able to track us down through the spatial tunnels. I raced back before the rest to prevent any accidents from happening over here.”

There was no doubt about it. Kou Chongxue and the rest were also afraid that the Spirit Abundance World would take advantage of the situation when they were gone and start some stupid shit.

Now that the Spirit Luxuriant World had 8 True Immortals, Huang Jinghan was the only one who could run around to deal with any unexpected situations. The others had their role to play and were unable to free themselves up.

Yang Taihe exchanged a glance with Zhang Xuansheng before he muttered, “True Immortal Huang, you came back at the perfect time. Our clones managed to seal off 300,000 miles around the Azure Flame World with you back then, but we were unable to go further. The moment True Immortal Kou returns, all of us here will be extremely busy. We wouldn’t be able to attend to other matters and we need to rely on you to pay attention to the space around our world to warn us in case something happens...”

Nodding in response, Huang Jinghan muttered solemnly, “I understand. I will carry out my duties seriously.”

After he spoke, he nodded once to Liu Jingsheng before disappearing. Stepping on his sword, he flew into the depths of space.

Liu Jingsheng’s voice rang in his mind as he left, “Take care of yourself above all else. Do not venture further than 300,000 miles from our world. We wouldn’t be able to help you in time if you run into trouble outside the border...”

Not too long after Huang Jinghan left, powerful fluctuations came from the spatial tunnels. It was a lot stronger than when Huang Jinghan returned. Despite how strong it felt, they couldn’t relate it to the appearance of the continents that they obtained from the Azure Flame World.

A moment later, dozens of Martial Dipper Realm experts appeared. They were the main forces stationed on the Star Ships used to drag the continents back to the Spirit Luxuriant World, and they decided to get off the ships after they entered the spatial tunnel to head back first.

With the blessing of the world back then, the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World started constructing a defense system around their world after the world ascension. To a certain extent, the powerful defenses they created had the ability to stop a True Immortal for some time and could buy some time for the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World to react.

As soon as those Martial Dipper Realm experts arrived, they knew what they had to do as they rushed over to several key nodes in their defense system to take up positions.

Not too long after they came back, powerful fluctuations emerged from the void outside the seal they created. Liu Jingsheng raised his head and stared at the source of the disturbance with a serious look on his face.

“The experts of the Spirit Abundance World really came... True Immortal Liu, rest assured. True Immortal Huang definitely only sent out probing attacks and he is in no danger at all.” Yang Taihe said suddenly.

Liu Jingsheng understood that Yang Taihe’s cultivation realm was far higher than him at that point and since he could say that Huang Jinghan was fine, he shouldn’t be in any danger.

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When Huang Jinghan appeared 300,000 miles away from the Spirit Luxuriant World, the True Immortals from the Spirit Abundance World who arrived were shocked. They never expected the Spirit Luxuriant World to possess yet another True Immortal! Much less one who wasn’t shackled to his Elysium.

Even though they could tell Huang Jinghan had just broken through, every single True Immortal had the ability to turn the tides in wars between worlds!

When Yang Taihe and Liu Jingsheng were distracted by the appearance of the True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World, Zhang Xuansheng stared at the spatial gate and muttered in a low voice, "They're really back this time..."

As soon as he spoke, the Five Element Ring that acted as the main support of the spatial tunnel started to shake violently. Dozens of Star Ships of varying sizes emerged from the tunnel, and even more intense fluctuations burst forth the next moment. It was so powerful that they were afraid the spatial tunnel would collapse!

The fluctuations were so intense that it quickly blasted against the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World, and it was so powerful that it caused ripples to form on its surface.

The True Immortals were prepared for it. The Formation Masters around them quickly stabilized the spatial tunnel again, and they tried to quell the spatial fluctuations the best they could.

Even though the True Immortals didn't react too quickly, the defense system they had built some time ago managed to greatly weaken the fluctuations that emerged.

The next second, the spatial gate started to ripple as the corner of a massive land mass emerged. Strangely enough, the continent that was covered by a layer of broken heavenly screen that was tens of times larger than the spatial tunnel emerged from the gate.

It was hard to imagine how it managed to travel through the spatial tunnel with its ungodly size...

Kou Chongxue's voice rang in their minds the next moment. "Quick! The Eastern Nuanyuan Continent will only continue to get bigger as it emerges! Help me out here and we'll split it up again after we send it into our world!"

Actually with how large the continents of the Azure Flame World was, the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent itself was close to the size of 3 continents of the Spirit Luxuriant World. However, it had been compressed by Kou Chongxue to such an extent while being contained in its own heavenly screen to the point it looked like a large asteroid. It was definitely possible for the Spirit Luxuriant World to devour such a world.

It was also then when intense fluctuations came from the sea of stars again. The spatial seal that had been placed 300,000 miles around the Spirit Luxuriant World was breached.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World naturally felt the presence of the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent and started to show themselves. They raced to the Spirit Luxuriant World as quickly as they could.

How vast was 300,000 miles to experts of their level?

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World placed a spatial seal to buy enough time for them to react. Realistically speaking, it only acted as a warning system.

With limited time, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World rushed to the four corners of the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent to help Kou Chongxue out.

They quickly drew on the power of their world as they enveloped the continent completely.

At the same time, the dozens of Formation Masters made a gap in the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World large enough for the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent to pass through.

The second it passed the heavenly screen, Kou Chongxue released his control over it and a powerful essence qi storm emerged from the Eastern Nuanyuan Continent to flood the world. It transformed into a terrifying storm that swept up a good half of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

It didn't matter if it was Kou Chongxue or the other 4... None of them had the luxury of time to care about how to handle the massive continent. They could only toss it into the sea for the moment. They couldn't even care about the disturbance it would cause to the sea and the coasts of the continents surrounding it as they quickly emerged from the heavenly screen again.

By the time they returned, the many True Immortals sent by the Spirit Abundance World were closing in...