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Chapter 1041: Third Tier True Immortal Yang Taihe

The 8th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar passed quickly.

The essence of the Azure Flame World had been pretty much assimilated into the Spirit Luxuriant World and there weren't any obvious signs of the Azure Flame World any longer.

Even though the foundations of the Spirit Luxuriant World experienced a large increase, the situation where several more Martial Void Realm True Immortals were born was nowhere to be seen. In fact, not even a single attempt was made!

Yifeng and Jiu Du tried to advance back then and failed, ending their lives in the process. The Spirit Luxuriant World didn't have any other Martial Dipper Realm experts who could attempt a breakthrough after them! After all, they were far too lacking when it came to their accumulated strength.

Of course, there might not have been any attempts to break into the Martial Void Realm, but due to the blessing of the world, their collective strength increased by quite a bit.

From what Shang Xia learned, in the recent 2 years, the Tongyou Institution gained 3 more Martial Dipper Realm experts.

As the Spirit Luxuriant World increased their interactions with the other worlds, cultivation knowledge became even more widespread and the high-level experts of the various factions learned a lot more.

For example, they knew that if a world wanted to become an Azure World, they needed 9 continents at the very least and every continent would need to possess a certain level of strength.

That was the situation the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World back then was in.

In the past, the Azure Origin World had 13 continents and the Azure Spiritual World had 11 continents. They surpassed the lowest requirements of an Azure World.

However, they were far from being able to become a Spirit World back then. The minimum requirement to become a Spirit World was to have 18 continents!

Of course... After the fusion, the Azure Ascension World possessed 24 continents, exceeding the requirements to become a Spirit World.

It was a shame that their foundations were too weak and with the Elysiums plundering the spirituality of other continents, the difference in strength between some continents was massive. They were unable to ascend...

Only after Kou Chongxue brought the experts of the Azure Ascension World to steal world origin from the Azure Flame World back then from the Southern Yanlin Continent did they manage to ascend!

After becoming a Spirit World, it became clear again that the foundations of many continents were far too weak.

According to the information Zhuge Xiang revealed, if a Spirit World wanted to ascend into an Essence World, it would need to possess 27 continents!

Even though the Spirit Luxuriant World had 24 continents due to the merger of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World, there was a massive difference between the strength of the various continents.

The You Continent was a great exception as it had been revived after the efforts Kou Chongxue and the Tongyou Institution put in for dozens of years!

The only thing the You Continent lacked at the moment was land mass. In terms of everything else, they would be placed at the top of the continents in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

As for other continents... There were several that weren't just considered weak. They were actually far from what an ordinary Spirit World would consider a continent.

Of the original 5 Border Continents that suffered in the collision between the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World, other than the You Continent that was flourishing, the Qing and Shu Continents managed to recover a little. The Bing and Liang Continents didn't seem too much better than before.

From how things looked, becoming an Essence World was far out of their reach even though they had close to the required number of continents.

If they were to only compare themselves to other Spirit Worlds... The Spirit Luxuriant World would probably have reached the level of a peak-tier Spirit World.

Speaking about the strength of a continent... Shang Xia learned from Kou Chongxue that the Yong Continent which housed the Divine Capital Sect and the Eternal Palace, along with the Northern Sea Continent that had the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, possessed the strongest spirituality among the continents. It was because of the constant nurturing of the Elysiums and how they plundered the spirituality of other continents, but they managed to reach a new peak level of strength.

The Yuanchen Sect's Jing Continent would probably come next.

That was because the Yuanchen Sect stole a portion of the Jiao Continent's spirituality, and received the blessing of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Compared to the other 2 continents that had the 3 old Elysiums, the Yuanchen Sect existed for a far shorter time...

As for You Continent...

After the construction of the Tongyou Elysium, in order to prevent anything from going wrong, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue took turns staying in the Elysium for a period of time.

Shang Xia consolidated his foundations back then, and he actually gained the qualification to enter the second tier... However, he was in no rush to raise his cultivation level. Instead, he wanted to solidify his foundations to the best of his ability so that he could better control the power of the world contained in the You Continent.

After fusing the Elysium into the Tongyou Institution, Shang Xia managed to gain even more insights to his cultivation.

Already standing at the edge of the second tier, Shang Xia would be able to fuse his Void Origin into his domain and enter the level of Inner Fusion with a single push.

He had been trying to deduce the method to craft another talisman when he received an urgent transmission from Kou Chongxue from above the heavenly screen, asking him to rush over.

Realizing something, he appeared above the heavenly screen instantly. When he arrived, he discovered that Kou Chongxue wasn't the only one present. The other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had already arrived with the exception of Yang Taihe. Even the heavily injured Lu Wuzi who was treating his injuries had come.

Without Kou Chongxue's reminder, Shang Xia knew what was happening. He felt the fluctuations the moment he arrived, and he knew that Yang Taihe was about to step into the third tier of the Martial Void Realm, the level of External Unity.

Back when Yifeng failed to break through, he sacrificed his Void Origin and allowed Yang Taihe to reach the peak of the second tier.

After 2 years of consolidation, Yang Taihe finally restored the energy he lost and successfully entered the third tier of the Martial Void Realm.

Since he just broke through, Yang Taihe needed to consolidate his foundations and he didn't rush to the heavenly screen to meet up with the others.

They didn't stay for long either. After seeing the fluctuations fade away, the other True Immortals quickly left.

However, Shang Xia was an exception. Before returning, he raised his head to look at the asteroid belt in the distance.

After experiencing the devastating attack from 12 True Immortals, the Spirit Luxuriant World had already gotten their experts to restore their defense system. They rebuilt whatever had been destroyed in the past and added several more layers.

Chapter 1042: Conjecture of the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman

“Even Yang Taihe managed to become a third tier Martial Void Realm expert... Why do I feel like Zhang Xuansheng's cultivation remained stagnant the entire time?” Shang Xia asked as he made his way back to the Tongyou Elysium with Kou Chongxue.

Originally, Zhang Xuansheng was most likely to enter the third tier of the Martial Void Realm before Yang Taihe.

From what they were seeing, Yang Taihe already completed the advancement, while Zhang Xuansheng's cultivation base remained pretty much the same. How could the other True Immortals not feel slightly curious?

Shaking his head, Kou Chongxue chuckled, “Who knows? However, all of us think that it has something to do with Zhang Jianzi.”

Shang Xia fell deep into thought. Zhang Jianzi might have successfully entered the Martial Void Realm, but he also relied on the Northern Sea Elysium and became an Elysium True Immortal.

Normally, an Elysium would only be able to support the growth of a single True Immortal. The moment someone took on that path, the rest wouldn't be able to rely on the same Elysium unless the original True Immortal died.

That was also why Yifeng and Jiu Du had to advance without the support of their Elysiums.

When Yifeng failed, Yang Taihe wanted to save him by sacrificing himself and allowing Yifeng to become an Elysium true Immortal. However, Yifeng wasn't willing to be restricted to an Elysium and went out with a bang. In the end, his Void Origin was used to supplement Yang Taihe's foundations.

Zhang Jianzi's appearance shattered what they knew about an Elysium only being able to support a single True Immortal.

As for how Zhang Xuansheng and the Northern Sea Elysium managed to do it... It was a secret only they knew.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were truly curious about the method they used, but there was no way Zhang Xuansheng would share it with them.

Of course, from how Zhang Xuansheng's cultivation no longer improved, the other True Immortals could guess that it wasn't as though supporting 2 True Immortals had no drawbacks for the Northern Sea Elysium.

Back in the Tongyou Elysium, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue could heave a sigh of relief and no longer restrain their auras. Their aura would no longer affect ordinary cultivators there.

After they returned, Shang Xia recalled something and he asked, "Patriarch Kou, the defense formation system around our world is still being worked on, but I didn't notice Hall Master Chu there..."

Kou Chongxue stared at Shang Xia with a smile that wasn't a smile, and a look of embarrassment appeared on Shang Xia's face.

True Immortals had powerful divine souls and they could cover a massive area with it. But for them to be able to determine a specific person wasn't present in a massive asteroid belt... They definitely needed to possess some sort of intimate relationship...

Finally looking away, Kou Chongxue snorted, "Since you're no longer cultivating in seclusion, Little Chu is probably going to come looking for you soon. She has been working on something recently and she hasn't been taking part in the reconstruction of the defense system. You should be the only person who can help her with what she's up to anyway..."

Shang Xia wanted to ask what it was, but Kou Chongxue had already left.

The more he thought about Kou Chongxue's reaction, the more annoyed he became. After hearing what the patriarch said, he had half a mind to look for Chu Jia. However, he eventually decided to continue working on his Six Direction Teleportation Talisman.

As one of the only rank five Talisman Grandmasters in the Spirit Luxuriant World, Shang Xia naturally wanted to improve his ability to craft talismans after entering the Six Direction Realm.

However, a rank six talisman inheritance wasn't something he could obtain easily. It wasn't as though they didn't deploy members of the Tongyou Institution to the Star Origin City to look for any, but there was no way for them to obtain any. It was so scarce that even if they found some, the price was so absurdly high that it made no sense for them to buy one. As such, the institution failed to obtain even a single rank six talisman inheritance.

Helpless, Shang Xia could only rely on himself to come up with a complete rank six talisman inheritance.

It wasn't as though he had to start from nothing. He had the semi-complete rank six talisman Kou Chongxue obtained back then.

Originally, he thought that he had a sufficient understanding of the incomplete talisman, and he even came up with his rank five Teleportation Talisman from it. He felt that it wouldn't be too difficult to complete the rank six talisman.

However, when he really tried his hand at it, he discovered that he thought about it too simply. A rank six talisman was of a completely different level.

When he crafted the rank five Teleportation Talisman back then, it only had the ability to transport someone in a certain direction, and ordinary experts couldn't even control where they would end up.

The rank five Teleportation Talisman might have the ability to allow one to enter or leave the heavenly screen undetected, but it would lose control sometimes and send the user into dangerous situations.

Fortunately, when Huang Yu used the talisman back in the Heavenly Lake Elysium, it sent him out of the heavenly screen of the Spirit Abundance World. Shang Xia ended up somewhere in the north and was nearly captured by Zhao Wuhen.

As he studied the way to craft the rank six talisman, he knew that with its successful creation, the user would be able to pinpoint the direction and location they wanted to be sent.

Naturally, the most valuable part of the talisman was the fact that it could allow one to ignore the heavenly screen. It was the function Shang Xia was most looking forward to when restoring the talisman.

The more he studied the incomplete talisman, the more he realized the ability of his rank five Teleportation Talisman to pass through the heavenly screen undetected was something he made by accident.

He could tell that the rank six talisman didn't have the ability to let anyone ignore the restraints of the heavenly screen. Instead, the strongest property of the rank six talisman was the ability to resist any sort of spatial disturbance!

It was clear to him that the main use of the talisman was when one was being hunted down by a True Immortal!

The main difference between a True Immortal and cultivators of lower levels was their Void Origin. They could deploy their domain and seal or disrupt the space around them.

However, the moment one used the rank six Teleportation Talisman, they would be able to ignore any seal or spatial disturbance created by the True Immortal to escape.

"So... The special property of my rank five Teleportation Talisman really came from a freak accident! Hmm... Even though it deviated from what the talisman really is, the effects were surprisingly good!" Shang Xia mumbled to himself, "If I manage to add the special property of my rank five Teleportation Talisman into the rank six talisman

I'm restoring... Wouldn't that mean that it would possess even more miraculous properties?! Will it be possible for me to enter any world I want?!"

The more he thought about it, the more excited he became. The feeling was so intense that Shang Xia couldn't wait to restore the brand-new rank six talisman.

However, he couldn't remain excited for long as he was quickly interrupted by Chu Jia who came knocking.

"What?! You want me to help you turn the Five Element Ring into a Formation-type Divine Weapon?!" Shang Xia stared at the expectant Chu Jia in fright as he couldn't believe what he just heard.

Chapter 1043: Five Element Ring and the Formation Divine Weapon

When the Spirit Luxuriant World was attacked by the alliance of multiple worlds with 12 True Immortals, the Five Element Ring played a huge part in how Shang Xia was able to kill one of his opponents in the second tier of the Martial Void Realm while facing 2 of them.

After that battle, the Five Element Ring suffered pretty serious damage and it was filled with cracks. It was as though it would shatter the very next moment.

Just when he thought that one of the most important weapons during his development was gone for good, he didn't expect that Chu Jia would restore it and use it for her cultivation. She even wanted to make it into a Formation Divine Weapon!

"How... How did you restore it?" Shang Xia asked while staring at Chu Jia with a strange gaze.

Casually pulling out the Five Element Ring, Chu Jia showed the treasure to Shang Xia.

The surface of the Five Element Ring was filled with cracks and it was as though it would crumble if he lightly touched it.

"Isn't the weapon still damaged?" Shang Xia couldn't help but ask. As the real owner of the Five Element Ring, he only needed a single glance to tell the state of the weapon.

Chu Jia mumbled, "I went to look for the Blacksmith Grandmasters from the Tianya Pavilion and they said that in order to restore the weapon, they need your help. Otherwise, they might as well toss it into the furnace and make another weapon. After all, the damage to the Five Element Ring is far too bad..."

Shang Xia replied without hesitation. "Just throw it into the furnace and make another weapon from the leftover material! With your current status in the institution, they're more than willing to give you enough resources to make another Divine Weapon. I'm sure melting down the Five Element Ring will also give you a lot of rare resources, right?"

He wasn't saying it for fun. After all, Chu Jia might not have entered the Martial Dipper Realm, but that was because she had been suppressing her cultivation.

Her art of formations stood at the peak of the Spirit Luxuriant World at the moment. Her successful creation of the Five Element Spirit Gathering Formation, Five Element Teleportation Formation, Five Element Void Formation, and other Five Element formations allowed her to enter the ranks of a rank five Formation Grandmaster. She was one of the few rank five Formation Grandmasters in the Spirit Luxuriant World, and could even be compared to Shang Xia, who was a freakish rank five Talisman Grandmaster who could craft all sorts of talismans.

As for helping the Blacksmith Grandmasters in the Tianya Pavilion to restore the weapon... Without even mentioning how Shang Xia was one of the few True Immortals in the Spirit Luxuriant World, if he restored the weapon, the weapon artifact would still belong to him. Even if Chu Jia could make use of a good portion of the weapon's abilities, she wouldn't be able to do so perfectly.

Chu Jia continued, "But we still need you to help restore the weapon! After all, if the Five Element Ring doesn't contain the properties of the five elements, can we still consider it the Five Element Ring?!"

Shang Xia burst out laughing the next second. "It's simple, isn't it? As long as you enter the Martial Dipper Realm right now, you should be able to. However, if you wish to make it into a Formation Divine Weapon, I'm afraid..."

Chu Jia seemed to have anticipated his response and she sighed, "I'm planning to enter the Martial Dipper Realm the same way as you and refine all five fate dippers..."

Ordinarily, a Martial Dipper Realm expert would refine all sorts of fate dippers. They didn't have any sort of system, and they would eventually get to the point where they had 5 fate dippers to step into the large completion stage. If they comprehended their martial intent, they would be able to enter the grand completion stage.

However, Shang Xia's path was clearly different from the rest. He had been walking down the path of five elements and he refined his fate dippers simultaneously.

Even though his method wouldn't allow those who broke through to possess combat strength comparable to others of the same level, it would greatly reduce the chances of fate dipper disequilibrium. Experts who followed his method would be able to go further down their path.

Refining all five fate dippers might allow ordinary cultivators to possess some special skills, but it would be even more special for Chu Jia who was a Formation Grandmaster!

After a short moment of contemplation, Shang Xia sighed, "Entering the Martial Dipper Realm that way is fine too... When the time comes, the institution will prepare your advancement medicine and I will personally protect you when you advance."

"You say that I can deal with the Five Element Ring after I break through, but have you thought that I have no idea how your Yin and Yang alignment works? That's precisely where the special property of the Five Element Ring lies anyway!" Chu Jia pouted.

Raising an eyebrow, Shang Xia mumbled softly, "Why don't you give it a shot first?"

Chu Jia burst out laughing while staring at him.

Coughing once, he sighed, "Forget it. I'll restore the ring when the time comes. However..."

Seemingly having thought of something, a strange look appeared in his eyes.

Chu Jia obviously noticed the change and she asked, "What?!"

"Hm... I was thinking... Why should we restore the Five Element Ring and not create 2 rings with the Yin and Yang properties?" Shang Xia wondered out loud.

Seemingly taken aback, Chu Jia was surprised for a moment before understanding the worth of a pair of Five Element Rings with separate Yin and Yang properties. Gasping in shock, she grabbed Shang Xia's sleeves and started to jump around in excitement.

The next second, she also discovered a problem with crafting 2 rings and her actions paused for a moment. "In that case... Wouldn't we need double the resources to craft the divine artifact?"

"Leave that to me. Anyway... Where did you get an inheritance for a Formation Divine Weapon?" Shang Xia smiled while asking.

With a wide grin on her face, Chu Jia continued, "Did you forget about True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu from the Azure Oddity World?"

"How could I? Did you manage to get your hands on his formation inheritance?" Shang Xia raised an eyebrow in shock.

Chu Jia's expression froze for a second and she grumbled, "How can it be that easy? His art of formations is known across the sea of stars! I heard that when the Azure Oddity World was conquered, several cultivators of the Azure Oddity World tried to escape with a part of his inheritance. No one knows how Patriarch Kou did it, but he managed to obtain some records from the Star Origin City about how to craft a Formation Divine Weapon. That was why I thought of crafting a Formation Divine Weapon... No... Wait no! That's why I'm determined to craft the weapon myself! I've been thinking about it for a long time, and I'm actually going to do it now!"

Shang Xia couldn't help but tease, "Heh, you're really amazing... I lent you the weapon back then, but you already thought of making it your own. Looks like you really scammed me back then when you asked for the Five Element Ring."

Letting go of his sleeves, Chu Jia glared at Shang Xia before shoving him as hard as she could.

After she left, Shang Xia went to look for Kou Chongxue to ask about the inheritance of the Formation Divine Weapon.

If he wasn't mistaken, Shang Xia saved a bunch of cultivators from the Azure Oddity World back then. They even made an agreement back then. Shang Xia told Huang Yu about their agreement back then.

However, he had no idea how Huang Yu managed to smoke his way into the Star Origin Guards, and how he managed to obtain their trust to get his hands on the inheritance they owned.

Unfortunately, his attempt to look for Kou Chongxue was useless. When he arrived, he realized that Kou Chongxue left sneakily some time ago. The only information he left behind was that he had gone to the Star Origin City.

As for his purpose there, or what he was planning to do, he didn't leave any information for Shang Xia.

“Heh! I bet he did it on purpose so that I have to stay here in his stead!” Shang Xia snorted. He recognized Kou Chongxue’s intentions right away.

The Spirit Luxuriant World hadn’t regained its original calm even though they had been digesting their gains. The Elysium True Immortals might be the only ones who couldn’t leave the Spirit Luxuriant World, none of the others left during that time.

The originally tense atmosphere that was felt around the Spirit Luxuriant World took a turn for the better as Yang Taihe consolidated his foundations in the third tier of the Martial Void Realm.

At his level, if they were ever invaded again, he could draw on the power of the world and his Elysium, and his abilities would far surpass any ordinary third tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal.

Even experts at Zhuge Xiang’s level, who had reached the level of Dao Harmony, might not be able to easily take advantage of him.

After their years of accumulation and Yang Taihe’s presence, Kou Chongxue, Huang Jinghan, and Lu Wuzi might be tempted to leave to look for opportunities... Well, Kou Chongxue already left.

Even though Shang Xia never intended to head out to mess about, he was still a little annoyed that he was made use of. Chu Jia just left the Tongyou Elysium after looking for him when he also took his leave. He ran over to Hai Min’s courtyard in the city to loosen up for the time being.

Since Chu Jia managed to receive Shang Xia’s full support, she quickly went to gather the resources required to restore the Five Element Ring.

As the Deputy Patriarchs were still taking charge of matters related to the institution, there wasn’t much for Shang Xia to do.

At that moment, the Tongyou Institution had 2 True Immortals. They were Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia. Under them were the 3 Deputy Patriarchs in the Martial Dipper Realm. Of them, Shang Bo had the highest cultivation level at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He still had the potential to advance further. Ji Wenlong was a second element Martial Dipper Realm expert, but his potential was pretty much exhausted. Yun Jing might have entered the Martial Dipper Realm, but she didn’t seem too interested in cultivation and she focused more on the management of the institution.

Other than the 3 of them, Liu Zhiyuan of the Liu Clan was promoted to the position of Deputy Patriarch.

As the original 4 great clans of the Tongyou City who established the institution, the Liu Clan managed to get rid of Liu Jitang’s shadow. Liu Zhiyuan successfully regained the position of Deputy Patriarch once again.

The only reason Liu Zhiyuan was able to step into the Martial Dipper Realm was because of Kou Chongxue’s help and the relationship the others had with Liu Jitang back then. Otherwise, with his abilities, it would be difficult for him to break through.

The current Tongyou City still had the four great clans, but the You Continent was far from the You Continent of before.

As the You Continent continued to expand, the Tongyou Institution's status rose along with their collective strength. The number of experts they possessed also reached an unprecedented level. The You Continent could be said to be flourishing like never before.

Under such circumstances, the status of the 4 great clans had no choice but to fall as other powers rose and caught up.

Their influence remained, but they were slowly shifting the focus of their strength. They were growing more mysterious and reserved.

That was also something the four clans decided on. At the same time, Kou Chongxue and the institution also gave their silent approval to the approach.

Chapter 1044: The Current Situation Regarding the High Level Experts of the Tongyou Elysium

When Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue had been discussing the situation regarding the You Continent and the Elysium True Immortal qualification for the Tongyou Institution, he understood that their candidate would most likely not come from any of the 4 great clans. Even experts closely related to them wouldn't be chosen.

It wasn't just something Kou Chongxue decided on his own. Instead, it was something the higher-ups of the clans concluded.

Actually, even though the 4 great clans might seem like they had Martial Dipper Realm experts at their helm, the difference in strength was getting too obvious.

If they ignored the Deputy Patriarchs of each clan, and Shang Xia, the biggest anomaly among them, the clans didn't have a single expert whose cultivation reached the Martial Dipper Realm.

However... Shang Jian, Shang Xia's second uncle, was at the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm and already possessed the qualifications to attempt a breakthrough into the Martial Dipper Realm.

There was also Shang Xi, Shang Xia's aunt, who completed the refinement of her extermination origins. She also possessed the qualifications to enter the Martial Dipper Realm.

That was also before they took into account Shang Pei, who stationed herself in the Five Mountains Alliance after they relocated themselves into the Bing Continent. She had already stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm with the support of the institution, the Shang Clan, and the Five Mountains Alliance.

The Yun Clan prospered the most after the Shang Clan, but they were even more low-key than the Shang Clan.

The Ji Clan came after, and the Liu Clan ranked dead last. However, the Liu Clan had at least 4 experts in the Martial Extermination Realm among them.

Other than the Deputy Patriarchs of the Tongyou Institution, Shang Lubing and Bu Jingshuang, Kou Chongxue's sworn brothers, also managed to step into the Martial Dipper Realm.

With Kou Chongxue's support and the blessing of the world, they entered the Martial Dipper Realm one after another. However, they seemed to have drained their potential with that and it would be difficult for them to improve any further. Their statuses in the institution were already exalted at that point and the 2 of them were pretty much free to do as they wished the entire time. They would

occasionally show their faces around the You Continent to guide members of the younger generation, and no one would be able to catch them for long. They left behind quite a few legends for the institution.

However, if the 6 of them could be considered members of the previous generation the institution had nurtured, the second generation of experts from the institution would be led by Ge Qingzhu. His improvement came at a steady pace and after the ascension of the Spirit Luxuriant World, he managed to break through. He was even preparing to refine his second fate dipper.

Actually, when they obtained the Cangming Elysium back in the Azure Flame World, their main desire to keep the Origin Holy Artifact was for Ge Qingzhu. The pond full of lotus seemed perfect for him. Unfortunately... They had to give it to Lu Wuzi to secure the more important Star Observatory.

Other than Ge Qingzhu, the next most promising expert would be Liu Qinglan. However, because of the injuries she suffered, she was destined to be unable to step into the Martial Dipper Realm.

Chu Jia came next. It was a stretch to put her in the same generation as Liu Qinglan and Ge Qingzhu, but she was just a little too old! She was slightly more than 10 years older than Shang Xia, and her seniority could be seen in the institution. Everyone there took her to be in the same generation as Liu Qinglan and the others.

She might not have entered the Martial Dipper Realm, but there was no doubt about it. Everyone knew it was a matter of time before it happened.

There was also Alchemy Grandmaster Lu Chuan, who had been 'invited' to the institution politely by Kou Chongxue. His cultivation at the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm wasn't something to scoff at.

After their generation came the first batch of students that received proper nurturing from the institution.

Again, disregarding the freak that was Shang Xia, the expert with the fastest cultivation speed and highest combat abilities was Sun Haiwei. She was already preparing to refine her third fate dipper.

She had been wandering around the Jiao Continent for the time being and students sent there to gain experience would basically be under her charge.

There was also Gong Xinlan... After the Five Mountains Alliance properly established itself, she went down south to the Jiao Continent to assist Sun Haiwei.

Tian Mengzi, Dou Zhong, and Yan Ming also successfully stepped into the Martial Dipper Realm one after the other. Their cultivations were at the first element of the Martial Dipper Realm at the moment.

Also... If they really had to count it, they could. They had a rank five Lightning Bird that could be commanded by the institution if they truly needed to.

With 2 True Immortals and 15 experts in the Martial Dipper Realm, the Tongyou Institution was a terrifying power. Even 10 years ago, Shang Xia would never expect them to have developed to such an extent.

As the You Continent continued to grow stronger after absorbing the Azure Flame World's essence, the Tongyou Institution eventually developed to stand at the peak of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

The higher-ups of the institution might all be in the Martial Dipper Realm, but there were still gaps in power.

Shang Bo and Gong Xinlan were the strongest Martial Dipper Realm experts in the institution, but there were still gaps in the Martial Dipper Realm. There was no one in the fourth or fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm, and there was no need to even think of anyone in the grand completion stage.

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After enjoying several carefree days in Hai Min's courtyard, Shang Xia finally returned to the Talisman Hall.

When he returned, he discovered that they built a pavilion specially for him.

Actually, it wasn't because he wanted to feel special. It was because the Talisman Pagoda would be able to assist high-level Talisman Grandmasters in their work. Anyone who had the qualifications to use the Talisman Pagoda would also have to be a rank five Talisman Grandmaster.

The news of Shang Xia's appearance in the Talisman Pagoda quickly spread through the Talisman Hall.

Almost every rank three Talisman Master and above rushed to meet him the moment they received the news. They came with lots of questions as they wanted to request Shang Xia's guidance.

Shang Xia didn't reject any of them. After realizing how many people were present, he simply started a lecture that lasted for 7 whole days. He personally demonstrated the process of crafting some mid to high-level talismans. He even carved a rank three talisman seal before showing off how he crafted a talisman in the void. When it finally ended, he quickly chased everyone out.

With a monstrous rank five Talisman Grandmaster like Shang Xia guiding them, the Talisman Hall became the core of talisman dao in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Powers from all over the lands sent their Talisman Masters over to learn.

At the end of the lecture, Ren Huan immediately came looking for Shang Xia.

At that moment, Ren Huan had already taken on the position of deputy hall master. He might not be a Talisman Grandmaster, but he possessed the unique skill of crafting rank five talisman paper. Of course, all the rank five talisman papers he made would only be used by Shang Xia. He controlled the provision of resources to every Talisman Master, and he was the only deputy hall master among the 3 who wasn't a Talisman Master.

In the Talisman Pagoda, Ren Huan hesitated slightly when he saw Shang Xia and didn't know whether or not to approach.

"Relax and come over. I'm capable of restraining my aura..." Shang Xia sighed helplessly.

In response, Ren Huan ran over happily and laughed, "I'm not trying to act distant here... Your aura as a True Immortal is just too powerful! Even if you guys are able to restrain it, all of us feel like we have to withstand the pressure of an entire world! It's a really stifling feeling..."

Shang Xia glanced at him before snorting, “That means that your cultivation has already reached the peak of the Martial Extermination Realm. Looks like you can prepare to break through to the Martial Dipper Realm.”

Ren Huan’s qualification in the Tongyou Institution was also very impressive. He might have joined the Tongyou Institution some time ago, but with his abilities and cultivation, along with his amazing technique at crafting talisman paper, the institution decided to place more emphasis on him and nurture him. Of course, Shang Xia’s support was also key when it came to their decision.

“With the institution’s favor and your help in recent years, I managed to gain quite a bit! The institution has already promised to provide me with a complete Origin Dipper when the time comes. The resources I need to make my advancement medicine are nearly gathered and you won’t have to worry about that!” Ren Huan chuckled.

Thinking for a moment, Shang Xia muttered, “When you complete your preparations, you can head over to my cultivation chamber in the Elysium. World origin is abundant there and it will help you refine your fate dipper.”

Cupping his fists respectfully, Ren Huan thanked Shang Xia sincerely.

Naturally, he was able to enter the Elysium whenever he wanted. He also had his cultivation quarters there, but compared to the one Shang Xia had, he had nothing! His cultivation chamber was basically at the edge of the Elysium, in the outer regions...

The concentration of heaven and earth qi and world origin in the Elysium was far higher than outside, but compared to the cultivation chamber of a True Immortal...

As for the advancement medicine the Tongyou Institution could prepare, they had 2 different types initially. The first was the advancement medicine Kou Chongxue developed. Shang Bo and the others tested and perfected it, allowing them to possess a proper rank five advancement formula. The second came from Shang Xia’s path of the five elements.

As time passed and the Spirit Luxuriant World continued to grow, they continued to trade with Star Origin City. With the successful expedition of the Azure Flame World, the Tongyou Institution had a plethora of rank five advancement formulas! If they only cared about complete formulas, cultivators could choose among 5 different medicines to advance!

The only thing they could confirm at the moment was that Shang Xia’s theory of the five elements was the safest method to enter the Martial Dipper Realm.

It was a shame everyone had different opportunities. Some people leaned more toward a certain element, or they cultivated another path. There was no way for everyone to fit into Shang Xia’s cultivation style.

The Tongyou Institution, or perhaps, the You Continent, or even the Spirit Luxuriant World, was experiencing a boom at the moment. Spirit treasures appeared everywhere and it was the best time for the various powers to nurture stronger experts.

After tens of years, the Spirit Luxuriant World would have fully digested the Azure Flame World and it would be hard to maintain their explosive growth!

It was clear how beneficial conquering other worlds was from what they had done...

It was no wonder in the vast sea of stars, the Spirit Abundance World, Spirit Mammoth World, and other worlds were extremely obsessed with conquering other worlds, even if they had to form alliances!

Plundering another world would allow them to progress at a much faster pace than if they grew slowly, and those who had a taste of it would never be able to go back!

Naturally... Everything hinged on the fact that they would remain the victors every time. Or at the very least, they would have to lose a lot less than they won. Otherwise, they would only be destroying themselves when others came to attack their weakened world!

Chapter 1045: Rank Six Talisman Paper

As a rank five Talisman Grandmaster who stood at the peak of his craft, Shang Xia might possess a pretty significant success rate when it came to crafting rank five talismans. In the past, the Tongyou Institution only had so many talisman inheritances and most of them were assistive types or escape type talismans. They had practically no offensive or defensive type talismans.

Fortunately, the Tongyou Institution managed to obtain several rank five talismans from Star Origin City and the Azure Flame World in recent years. Shang Xia had been in seclusion in the past and had no intention to focus on the art of talisman during that time. Now that he was close to becoming a second tier True Immortal, he had a lot more time to work on talismans.

More importantly, Shang Xia had to warm up before he actually attempted to craft a rank six talisman.

In the Talisman Pagoda, Shang Xia chatted casually with Ren Huan before the latter took out all the rank five talisman papers he accumulated.

There were all sorts of rank five talisman papers. Some of them were made by him, and the others were collected from different sources. Some came from trade fairs, and some were simply created without much processing of high-level treasures. Most of them were high-level spiritual beast skin or the like.

After counting them all, Shang Xia received 39 sheets of rank five talisman paper from Ren Huan.

Other than that, Ren Huan passed him a scroll that seemed to be made of the finest silk and said seriously, "There are 4 sheets of rank six talisman paper in here!"

Shang Xia was flabbergasted with his sudden revelation. He could only respond after some time, "Where did you get rank six talisman paper?!"

He carefully unfurled the scroll and inspected the paper with a deep frown stuck to his face.

It was his second time seeing rank six talisman paper. The first time was when Kou Chongxue showed him the semi-destroyed rank six talisman paper. Even in the Starry Pavilion back then, he didn't see any for sale.

Ren Huan chuckled in response, "2 of them came from the Azure Flame World. We found it after organizing the Elysium. Patriarch Kou came to give me the other 2 the other day. I have no idea where he got them from though?"

“The other day?” Shang Xia wondered out loud. It seemed as though Kou Chongxue barely got his hands on them. And the most likely place he got them should be from Star Origin City.

Glancing at Shang Xia, Ren Huan continued, “Look at how happy you are! Did you really manage to restore the rank six talisman?”

Shang Xia didn’t intend to hide anything from him. “At the very least, there shouldn’t be a problem restoring it. However, whether or not I will succeed... I’ll have to test it out for myself before I know for sure.”

Ren Huan stared at the 4 sheets of rank six talisman paper and sighed, “I’m afraid these 4 sheets will be far from enough for you to do that...”

Carefully keeping the scroll, Shang Xia muttered, “Let’s take it slow. It’s better than not having any at all.”

Nodding slightly, Ren Huan sighed with some emotion, “It’s a shame I don’t have any idea how to craft rank six talisman papers at the moment... The Cangming Elysium didn’t have any sort of inheritance related to it. As for the Star Origin City... The large consortiums there have huge powers backing them. They would only sell completed products. There is no way they would sell their inheritances.”

Ren Huan had clearly been to Star Origin City. From how he was talking, he definitely went more than once. He had a certain level of understanding of the city.

Shang Xia mumbled in response, “That’s only natural...”

After hearing Shang Xia’s reply, Ren Huan heaved a sigh of relief.

Ren Huan’s main responsibility as a deputy hall master was to ensure everyone was provided the resources they needed to do their job.

Even though the Talisman Hall was able to obtain most of what they needed from the Spirit Luxuriant World, there were still times they needed to look for resources from Star Origin City or other worlds.

Ren Huan was one of the members of the institution who went to Star Origin City the most in order to get his hands on enough treasures.

As Shang Xia saw the hesitant look on Ren Huan’s face, he burst out laughing. “Brother Ren, is there something you can’t tell me?!”

A brilliant smile appeared on Ren Huan’s face the next second and he chuckled under his breath. “Hehe... Actually, it’s nothing too important. I just wanted to ask if you are planning to craft new rank five talismans.”

“Of course. My main goal is to craft new rank five talismans. I have a great understanding of the talisman inheritances of our institution and those talismans we had don’t have much offensive or defensive capabilities. They are mostly used as assistive talismans, to escape, or to conceal ourselves. We won’t need to use them most of the time.” Shang Xia replied.

Ren Huan couldn't help but ask, "There have already been a lot of people looking for me to inquire if you're accepting talisman requests... Most of them aren't even members of the institution. They aren't even from our You Continent! However, they're willing to provide both talisman papers and essence crystals..."

Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and asked out loud, "Don't we have a system in place for this already? Why are they coming to look for you?"

"You're a True Immortal now! Your talismans are even more well-received and they don't know if you're still as approachable as before..." Ren Huan forced a chuckle in response.

Shang Xia's eyes widened in realization. Those people were probably afraid that he wouldn't want to accept talisman requests anymore because of his newfound status as a True Immortal.

"Brother Ren, feel free to tell them that I'll be crafting talismans in the next half a year. They can send their talisman paper over if they're ready." Shang Xia thought for a second and added, "I'll try not to use up all the rank five talisman paper here. I'll leave a batch for the Talisman Hall for the Talisman Grandmasters to try their hand at crafting a rank five talisman."

Ren Huan shook his head instantly. "From what I know, of the 4 rank four Talisman Grandmasters in the Talisman Hall, none of them have the ability to attempt to craft a rank five talisman. It would be a waste to give it to them..."

"No. Don't forget, trying to craft a higher ranked talisman is beneficial when honing one's skill. How many Martial Dipper Realm experts did we have in the institution back then? Exhausting their dipper qi for an attempt to craft a rank five talisman isn't going to be easy, but we have a lot more Martial Dipper Realm experts now! They can easily get a strand of dipper qi to make an attempt. At worst, our Talisman Hall can just provide some compensation. I believe there will be Martial Dipper Realm experts willing to give up a strand or two of dipper qi..." Shang Xia completed his explanation.

After thinking for a second, Ren Huan nodded. "Alright, I'll relay your intentions. I believe there won't be a lack of Talisman Grandmasters itching to try their hand at crafting a rank five talisman."

Shang Xia burst into laughter the next second, "That's settled then. I'll take this batch of talisman paper to craft new talismans and you can deliver the next batch of talisman paper along with their requests in 2 months."

Chapter 1046: New Talisman

What was the difference between a rank five talisman crafted by a Martial Dipper Realm expert and a Talisman Grandmaster at the Martial Void Realm?"

Shang Xia might have already advanced to the Six Direction Realm, but his ability to craft talismans stagnated at the fifth rank.

The rank five talismans he had already comprehended at the moment were the rank five Substitution Talisman, Teleportation Talisman, Abyssal Emptiness Talisman, Illusion Talisman, and Concealment Talisman.

Even though he made up his mind to craft new talismans, a sudden thought convinced him to practice with the talismans he was more familiar with before trying anything new.

Of those he had a good grasp on, he chose the most complicated rank five Substitution Talisman to start. For any experts under the Martial Dipper Realm... Actually, even for those in the Martial Dipper Realm, it was a treasure that would actually give them an extra life. At the crucial moment, it could deceive their enemies and take their place in death. It was actually a lot more precious than the Teleportation or Evasion Talisman.

Along with Shang Xia's improved cultivation realm, his art of crafting talismans should also increase proportionally.

Perhaps it was because he hadn't been crafting talismans for a long time, he failed on his first attempt.

Quickly adjusting his condition, Shang Xia quickly managed to get into the groove. On his second attempt, he didn't stop once and completed the talisman.

After he was done, he compared it to the rank five Substitution Talisman he made when he was in the Five Element Realm. It didn't take long for him to notice the difference.

If they only cared about the functionality of the talisman, both of them were pretty much the same. The only difference was that Shang Xia's inner qi was a lot more powerful now. The talisman he made was near the peak-level of what a rank five talisman could be. Also, the talisman would be able to be stored for much longer than before.

After all, the effects of a talisman would grow weaker as time passed before eventually becoming useless.

Even if it was kept in a sealed spiritual case, all it would do would be to slow the rate of decay. They would only be able to keep the talisman for a few more years.

To put everything simply, the same talisman would possess the same functionality even if they were made by experts of different realms, but the stronger the expert who made it, the longer it could be stored.

With the successful creation of the Substitution Talisman, Shang Xia immediately went on to make a Teleportation Talisman, Abyssal Emptiness Talisman, Illusion Talisman, and Concealment Talisman.

During the process, he only failed once when crafting a Concealment Talisman, leaving him with a total of 32 sheets of rank five talisman paper.

The institution managed to obtain 6 talisman inheritances in recent years, and they were the Heavenly Lightning Curtain Talisman, Void Destruction Talisman, Dipper Protection Talisman, Space Calming Talisman, Twin Frost Flame Talisman, and the Mysterious Harmony Talisman.

Of the 6 talismans, the Heaven Lightning Curtain Talisman and the Twin Frost Flame Talisman were offensive types. When they were activated, one would transform into streaks of heavenly

lightning and the other would contain the power of both flame and frost. Their offensive might was nothing to scoff at.

The Void Destruction Talisman was said to possess powerful properties when it came to breaking formations and restrictions. Talismans of that type were rarely seen and it could fetch a pretty penny. However, with Shang Xia's understanding as a peak-tier Talisman Grandmaster, he could tell that even if he crafted the Void Destruction Talisman, the effects wouldn't be as great as his Five Element Divine Light.

As for the Dipper Protection Talisman, it was clear it was a defensive talisman from its name. It would create a wall of dipper qi around the user, allowing them to possess 2 layers of defensive barrier if they included their dipper qi protection barrier. It was also an equally valuable talisman.

However, Shang Xia also made a proper evaluation. Compared to his Five Element Dipper Qi, the protective properties of the Dipper Protection Talisman were at least 30 to 50 percent weaker.

The Space Calming Talisman sounded like it was of the water element, and its actual use was to quell spatial disturbances or to lock down a certain space around the user. Ordinarily, it would be used to stop one's target from escaping or to ensure the space around them was stable enough for them to make their escape.

Finally came the Mysterious Harmony Talisman. It had the most special name, but it was actually the most ordinary talisman out of them all. Even in terms of difficulty, it was ranked the lowest among all the talismans he knew!

Even though the Tongyou Institution had a lot more resources than before, it was only relative to their poor selves back then. Shang Xia couldn't waste it however he wished. In order to conserve his resources, he would craft his easier talismans before working on the more complicated ones.

The Mysterious Harmony Talisman was just too easy for the current Shang Xia. He crafted 3 of them in a row, and he didn't fail a single time. Not wanting to waste any more time or resources, he decided to move to the next talisman.

The second talisman he chose was the Twin Frost Flame Talisman.

If any other Talisman Grandmaster tried to craft the talisman, they would realize that even among rank five talismans, the Twin Frost Flame Talisman would be one of the hardest to craft.

However, that was far from the case for Shang Xia who had already firmly grasped the principles behind the five elements. Maintaining the balance of both the Fire and Water Elements was something he was sure he could do.

Failing once, he managed to succeed on his second try. He also made 3 Twin Frost Flame Talismans, but this time, he took 5 tries in total. Shang Xia felt that he had fully comprehended the crafting process and turned his attention to the next talisman.

He hesitated slightly between choosing the Void Destruction Talisman or the Dipper Protection Talisman, but he eventually chose the former.

Due to the special properties of his Five Element Dipper Qi, he was adept at breaking formations and restrictions anyway. He felt that an ordinary talisman that had those properties would be easier for him to craft.

Unfortunately for him, he miscalculated. Despite being a peak-tier Talisman Grandmaster, he failed twice at the very start.

He couldn't help but take several days to compose himself and run through the process of crafting the talisman. After going through how to craft it in his head multiple times and restoring his energy, he started again. Finally, he succeeded.

As soon as the talisman was crafted, Shang Xia felt extremely disappointed.

It was as he expected. The talisman was useful when it came to breaking formations and restrictions, but it wasn't even as special as he had thought. Earlier, he felt that it was worse than his Five Element Divine Light. Now, he realized that comparing them didn't even make sense.

Whatever it was, the Five Element Divine Light was something only Shang Xia could use. To other cultivators, the Void Destruction Talisman might be the most effective thing they could use.

The more he thought about it, the more Shang Xia felt that he should come up with a new rank five talisman to break formations. If he was able to integrate his Five Element Divine Light into it, it would definitely be a lot better than ordinary formation breaking talismans!

The effect of the talisman might be garbage in Shang Xia's eyes, but he still needed 7 sheets of rank five talisman papers to craft 3 of them.

Next came the Dipper Protection Talisman. Shang Xia only had 17 sheets of rank five talisman papers left, but the talisman was a little easier than the Void Destruction Talisman. They weren't too difficult for him to craft and he managed to craft 3 of them while failing thrice.

He crafted 4 types of new rank five talismans when he was done, and he had 11 sheets of rank five talisman papers left. It was pretty much what he expected before he started.

With the Heavenly Lightning Curtain Talisman and the Space Calming Talisman left, Shang Xia decided to go with the Heavenly Lightning Curtain Talisman first.

The power of Lightning Dipper Qi might be explosive and powerful, but it didn't seem too difficult for Shang Xia who had great control of the power of Lightning. The risk of failing was also a lot less.

He caused quite a big disturbance while crafting the Heavenly Lightning Curtain Talisman, but he didn't really run into too much trouble. Using 6 sheets of rank five talisman paper, he made 3 of them. That was even when he got unlucky during the process.

Even though the Space Calming Talisman was pretty complicated, he only had 5 sheets of rank five talisman paper left. He felt that they were pretty adequate, but was proved wrong once again when he failed twice in a row. It seemed to be hiding something special, and he failed to see where he went wrong even after wasting 2 attempts.

Shang Xia couldn't help but force himself to calm down once again. He used several days to think about the crafting process before discovering that he completely forgot something.

Is it the divine soul?

Not only could the talisman quell spatial disturbances tens of thousands of miles around the user, they could also seal off the space to prevent others from escaping...

Thinking of something, Shang Xia understood what he had been missing the whole time!

It was a domain!

No... To be more exact, it was an embryonic form of the domain!

The talisman actually touched on the properties of a domain that would only be possessed by a Martial Void Realm True Immortal!

Shang Xia couldn't help but wonder if the talisman was actually a rank five talisman or if it actually touched on the sixth rank.

Suppressing his curiosity, he started to carefully study the talisman. He knew that if he wished to create it, he would need to properly understand the power of domains.

Cultivators who touched on the power of domains didn't necessarily have to be in the Martial Void Realm. It was possible for them to create an elementary model of it in their bodies when they reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, and it was just that they couldn't project it outwards!

After careful consideration, Shang Xia finally understood that the talisman was indeed of the fifth rank, but if one hadn't reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm and started to touch on the power of domains, there would be no way for them to craft the talisman.

It seemed as though the talisman was an oddity that actually had a requirement of the crafter's cultivation realm!

Finally getting to the bottom of the entire matter, Shang Xia finally raised his brush again. After failing once more, he completed the talisman on his fourth attempt!

When he used his final sheet of rank five talisman paper to hopefully craft another one, he failed once more...

Chapter 1047: Invitation from the Starry Pavilion

If he didn't count the 7 sheets of rank five talisman paper he used to craft the talismans he already knew, he managed to craft 16 new talismans with 32 sheets of rank five talisman paper. He managed to hit a 50 percent success rate when crafting rank five talismans!

The success rate was naturally terrifyingly high when compared to other rank five Talisman Grandmasters, but to Shang Xia, it was barely passable.

However, he was crafting new talismans this time and he needed time to familiarize himself with it. Even so, he was able to maintain a terrifying success rate/

Anyway, it wasn't as though he was no longer able to craft talismans. Even though he told everyone that he would be crafting talismans for half a year, he only used 2 months to use the 39 sheets of rank five talisman paper from the institution. He would be able to place all his attention on crafting his Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman next.

Unfortunately, Ren Huan already informed him about their plans back then. He decided to reopen the Talisman Pagoda now that he was done.

As expected, as soon as he did, Ren Huan came knocking.

"I'm afraid you're going to have to work really hard... There are quite a lot of things here!" Ren Huan reminded.

Shang Xia wasn't surprised at all. After all, he was one of the few rank five Talisman Grandmasters in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Since news of him being willing to craft talismans had spread, there was no way he wouldn't receive requests. If no one came looking for him, he would probably have to bury his face somewhere in embarrassment...

With a single wave of his hand, almost 30 sealed spiritual cases plopped on the table. From how each case could hold 3 talisman papers, there would easily be more than 80 of them...

Shang Xia's eyes widened in shock. "How the hell did you get so many of them?! Is this all the high-ranked talisman paper in our Spirit Luxuriant World?!"

His reaction wasn't exactly exaggerated. Even though the Spirit Luxuriant World managed to nurture a bunch of resources in recent years, if not for the fact that the Tongyou Institution had a hand in pushing for the growth of the path of talismans, many high-level powers might not have been able to gather 10 rank five talisman papers even if they wanted to.

Who would have thought that Ren Huan wasn't done? After Shang Xia spoke, he waved his hand again and even more spiritual cases appeared.

Even as a True Immortal, Shang Xia failed to keep his composure and his eyes widened in shock. "What the fuck is going on?! How are there so many?!"

Ren Huan pointed at the first batch of cases on the table and replied, "There are 74 sheets of rank five talisman paper in this batch. They requested 36 rank five talismans in total. Anyway, I already recorded the type of talismans you need to make."

Even though he paused for a moment, he didn't wait for Shang Xia to speak before he continued, "As for the rank five talisman papers here... A good half of it came from experts of our world. The rest were obtained from Star Origin City."

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback at the revelation and gasped, "We even managed to extend our influence into Star Origin City?"

"Heh! What do you think?! The talisman paper here is only a batch used by them to probe you out. I believe once you complete the talismans here, as long as you're willing to craft more in the future, they'll be able to send as many resources as you want! You're really going to get it in the future..." Ren Huan snorted.

Shang Xia shook his head instantly, "Absolutely not. I'm not a full-time talisman maker!"

Ren Huan laughed, "Relax... No one will dare to make your life difficult since you're a True Immortal. You can choose to craft talismans whenever you want."

Shang Xia eventually nodded. Pointing at the second pile, he asked, "What are these then?"

"According to the rule of using 3 sheets of talisman paper, they can't just give us 74 sheets of rank five talisman paper for 36 talismans. Some of them provided additional talisman ink, incense, and some other treasures related to crafting talisman paper. There are also mid to high-grade essence crystals in there to make up for the difference." Ren Huan explained.

He continued, “Moreover, these treasures have already been screened to ensure they’re useful. Otherwise, there would have been even more stuff here.”

Shang Xia nodded in response. “Alright. Leave the talisman ink and incense. Bring the rest back to the Talisman Hall.”

Ren Huan didn’t reject Shang Xia’s goodwill and he simply kept a bunch of spiritual cases. When he was done, he slowly asked, “Oh right, about the 6 new talismans, did you... Ahem, never mind! I asked too much...”

Shang Xia burst out laughing, “Relax. If there aren’t any accidents, 74 sheets of rank five talisman paper should be more than enough!”

Of the 11 rank five talismans he knew, other than the rank five Teleportation Talisman he wouldn’t easily reveal to the world, he was willing to craft the others.

Reviewing the requests, he saw that of the 36 talismans requested, 8 of them were Heavenly Lightning Curtain Talismans and 4 of them were Twin Frost Flame Talismans.

Other than the 2 offensive talismans, there were 6 requests for Dipper Protection Talismans.

Adding the 3 talismans up, that was already half of the total talismans he needed to make.

Of the remaining, there were 3 requests for Void Destruction Talismans and 4 Space Calming Talismans.

Not a single request was for the Mysterious Harmony Talisman. It seemed as though everyone knew their stuff and understood that the Mysterious Harmony Talisman was the most worthless talisman out of them all.

Among the talismans the institution had a grasp on, there were 6 requests for Substitution Talismans and 3 Concealment Talismans. There was a single request each for an Abyssal Emptiness Talisman and an Illusion Talisman.

Even though Shang Xia was confident in his ability to craft talismans and knew that he would definitely be able to complete the task with 74 sheets of rank five talisman paper, he planned to leave a batch in the institution to begin with. He wanted to give the others a chance to try crafting rank five talismans. As such, he needed to properly consider how he should go about crafting the talismans.

Fortunately, he already had 16 complete talismans. There was no way he would miss his target, and the only thing he had to think about was the number of talisman papers he wanted to leave for the Talisman Hall.

Thinking about it quietly for a second, he eventually took out 15 sheets of rank five talisman paper. With 59 left, he chose to craft the Space Calming Talisman before anything else.

With his experience, he could tell that the Space Calming Talisman was the most complicated talisman among those he knew. He only completed 1 after 5 attempts.

Now that he had a better understanding of crafting the talismans, he succeeded on his first try!

He continued and succeeded twice in 4 attempts, and decided to craft something else.

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3 months passed in the blink of an eye, and Shang Xia managed to complete 34 talismans with the 59 sheets of rank five talisman paper he prepared. His success rate closed in on the 60 percent mark, and it was truly a shocking feat that would leave others dumbfounded.

However, he actually threw 2 from the first batch he crafted for the Talisman Hall into them in order to make up the numbers.

He used a total of 5 months to craft more than 50 rank five talismans... Even though he already entered the Six Direction Realm, he felt his soul somewhat transformed. Also, after so many months of hard work, he was starting to feel exhausted.

Handing the completed talismans to Ren Huan, Shang Xia had to take a break. Only after he was rested would he be able to think about the Six Direction Teleportation Talisman.

It seemed as though half a year wouldn't be enough. At the very least, Shang Xia felt that he wouldn't succeed if he tried crafting the talisman at that very moment.

He wanted to take the time when he was resting to look for Chu Jia, but he received news that she had been running to the Tianya Pavilion frequently in order to look for a way to restore the Five Element Ring. She was going through the restoration process with the Blacksmith Grandmasters of the Hundred Weapons Mill and she had no time to bother Shang Xia for the time being.

Helpless, Shang Xia could only head over to Hai Min's courtyard again.

He didn't manage to enjoy a peaceful life for too long when Ren Huan came knocking and interrupted him.

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"Are you sure it's the Starry Pavilion?! They belong to the Star Origin Guard!" Shang Xia asked while staring at Ren Huan in disbelief.

Ren Huan looked extremely serious as he replied, "Can I joke around about something like that? The Deputy Pavilion Master of the Starry Pavilion said it himself. He wishes to invite you over to craft rank six talismans. He would provide the inheritance required to craft the talisman, along with talisman paper, talisman ink, and other resources. He even promised that if you agreed to help them, the Starry Pavilion would strengthen their connection with our institution and increase the scope of our cooperation. That includes divine artifacts or talisman brushes..."

A frown appeared on Shang Xia's face. "Let's not talk about the favorable conditions they are providing. If it's just a mere rank six talisman, how can they not have their own rank six Talisman Grandmaster to craft it for them? They're the Star Origin Guards after all... It won't be difficult for them to hire a rank six Talisman Grandmaster either! Why are they looking for a rank five Talisman Grandmaster?"

Ren Huan wondered out loud. "I was planning to ask them the exact same question, but in their eyes, I'm a mere messenger. Deputy Pavilion Master Zhou Mingdao hopes that you can personally make a trip over there so that they can talk to you face-to-face. They don't wish for too many people to know what they are doing either."

Zhou Mingdao was a Martial Dipper Realm expert and the deputy pavilion master of the Starry Pavilion. In front of him, Ren Huan was a nobody! However, the same could be said about him when compared to Shang Xia.

The person inviting Shang Xia over was most definitely the mysterious pavilion master who hadn't shown his face so far.

After thinking about it, Shang Xia turned to ask Ren Huan, "Did they tell you the name of their rank six talisman?"

Chuckling bitterly, Ren Huan shook his head. "He didn't wish to reveal any information at all and they're probably waiting for you to head over to talk more about it."

After he was done, he looked at the calm expression on Shang Xia's face and noticed that Shang Xia didn't seem to be taking it seriously. He couldn't help but continue asking, "What do you think? Are you going to go?"

Shang Xia laughed in response. "Of course I have to. However, from the looks of it, they don't seem too anxious to invite me over. The rank six talisman they have doesn't seem very important to them. We'll talk about it after some time. It's perfect timing as I have to enter seclusion to digest everything I learned."

Shang Xia wasn't putting on airs. He truly needed some time to process his gains.

Moreover, according to him, if he really accepted their invitation, he at least needed some experience crafting a rank six talisman. He could only make the decision after understanding the difficulty of crafting rank six talisman.

Of course, there was also the matter of him advancing to a second tier True Immortal...

Chapter 1048: Second Tier Six Direction Realm

Actually, the opportunity for Shang Xia to step into the second tier had long arrived.

It was especially so when he was crafting Space Calming Talismans. Even though the principle behind the talisman was an embryonic form of a domain, it allowed him to better understand what his domain really was.

After crafting batch after batch of talismans, he had long since reached the peak of the first tier in the Six Direction Realm. He had a better understanding of his domain, and he could step through the gates of a second tier True Immortal any time he wanted.

He suppressed his cultivation as he had been crafting talismans the whole time.

When he was finally done, the tired Shang Xia naturally couldn't immediately step into the second tier. As such, he delayed it a little more.

Now that he heard the request from the Starry Pavilion, he decided to become a second tier True Immortal before anything else. Even crafting the Six Harmonies Teleportation had to be delayed.

In the Elysium, Shang Xia's cultivation went smoothly. After stepping into the second tier, Shang Xia quickly consolidated his foundations.

Due to the cover of the Elysium, along with Shang Xia's control over the power of the world in the You Continent, his advancement didn't cause a massive disturbance.

Even though there were still slight fluctuations in the skies above the Tongyou City, none of the True Immortals could be sure if Shang Xia had advanced.

The second he fused his Void Origin with his domain and became a second tier True Immortal, Shang Xia discovered that his abilities increased drastically.

If his biggest achievement as a first tier True Immortal only allowed him to use his Void Origin to influence his domain, becoming a second tier True Immortal meant that his Void Origin was completely merged with it. As long as he had the intention, he would be able to release any techniques in his domain! The power it contained would also increase as he grew stronger.

Everything went pretty smoothly and he didn't experience any sort of obstacle in his cultivation, but by the time he consolidated his foundations, several months had passed. When he left seclusion, the 10th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar rolled about.

There was news from Star Origin City about Kou Chongxue occasionally, but no one actually knew where the patriarch really went in the year he was missing.

Shang Xia had been in the institution the entire time, but he spent most of his time in seclusion or crafting talismans. Even so, it wasn't as though he had no idea what was going on in the outside world.

No matter how hard the other factions tried to keep the information of their True Immortals a secret, Shang Xia still managed to catch wind of some news. He knew that Huang Jinghan had left the Spirit Luxuriant World, and even Lu Wuzi had headed to the Star Origin City in secret several times. Even though he went 2 to 3 times, he never stayed in the city for long.

There were also rumors going around that Zhang Xuansheng and Yang Taihe created clones like they did in the past to head to Star Origin City. Even Li Jidao managed to comprehend the technique and create clones.

Li Jidao had been a second tier True Immortal for some time. As he also played a big part in the defense of the world, the assimilation of the Azure Flame World gave him a huge blessing. His cultivation took a large step forward and he was probably close to the peak of the second tier. Splitting off a clone at the Martial Void Realm shouldn't be a problem for him.

"Looks like no one has remained idle... No one is willing to keep themselves cooped up in our Spirit Luxuriant World..." Shang Xia muttered to himself.

Why didn't he try to head out to Star Origin City or into the vast sea of stars?

It was too bad the damn old man from the Tongyou Institution ran faster than him and no one could find his tracks. Shang Xia also just broke through, and he hadn't grasped the ability to split off a clone. Since he couldn't get a hold of Patriarch Kou, he had no choice but to stay in the institution for the time being.

Fortunately, it wasn't as though he was wasting his time.

After leaving seclusion, he first went to look for Deputy Patriarch Yun Jing who was stationed in the city.

Since Chu Jia was still running around to make the Five Element Ring into a Formation Divine Weapon, she was nowhere to be seen.

With nothing else to do, Shang Xia decided to inform Ren Huan that he would begin his attempt to craft the rank six talisman.

Ren Huan quickly ran over to the Talisman Pagoda after he heard the news to hand Shang Xia a bottle of talisman ink.

“I managed to obtain this bottle from the Starry Pavilion. They only agreed to the trade because it’s you...” Ren Huan mumbled.

Opening the cap, a strange fragrance emerged from the bottle and it made anyone who smelled it feel a lot more relaxed and carefree.

Shang Xia couldn’t help but mutter softly, “Looks like the Starry Pavilion takes the rank six talisman extremely seriously. This makes me even more curious... What type of rank six talisman do they need for the Pavilion Master to be willing to pay such a huge price...”

He seemed to be directing his question at Ren Huan, but how could Ren Huan know anything about it?

A rank six talisman inheritance, 4 sheets of rank six talisman paper, and a bottle of rank six ink. Shang Xia had everything he needed to craft a rank six Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman and the only thing he was missing was a divine brush.

The White Bone Brush might have been modified by Ren Bainian in the past, and the quality of the brush was a lot better than before, but it was still no divine artifact.

As for the other high-grade brushes the institution had... They obtained several more since then, but the Purple Bamboo Brush was still best for making all sorts of talismans. It didn’t have any special properties, but that made it adaptable to any talisman he was planning to craft.

There were 2 other high-grade brushes. One of them came from the Azure Flame World, and the other was purchased in Star Origin City.

When Shang Xia was crafting rank five talismans, he had been rotating between the White Bone Brush and the Purple Bamboo Brush. He was accustomed to using them and didn’t wish to use brushes he wasn’t familiar with.

Moreover, after he was done crafting talismans, he handed the brushes to Ren Huan so that the other Formation Grandmasters in the Talisman Hall could use them.

Now that he was planning to craft the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, Ren Huan brought them back.

“Let’s hope these brushes will hold out...” Shang Xia looked at the brushes that were maintained by Ren Bainian and sighed.

In recent years, Ren Bainian basically became Shang Xia’s personal talisman brush maintenance crew.

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With the Talisman Pagoda being sealed off once again, everyone was sent away and Shang Xia was the only person left inside.

On the highest floor of the Talisman Pagoda, Shang Xia quietly adjusted his condition and mental state. At the same time, his divine soul encompassed the entire pagoda.

A Talisman Pagoda was a type of inheritance treasure that would prove to be of great help to Talisman Grandmasters. After Shang Xia's divine soul covered the pagoda, they seemed to become one and he could feel his state of mind becoming a lot clearer. In the pagoda, his senses would also be heightened and he would be able to think a lot faster. Even the talisman brush became a lot more nimble in his hand.

Back when Shang Xia crafted 56 rank five talismans, the Talisman Pagoda also proved to be of great help. From a certain perspective, the way he interacted with the Talisman Pagoda was an elementary form of the level of Inner Fusion which allowed him to easily step into the second tier of the Six Direction Realm.

With everything ready, Shang Xia finally unfurled the scroll-like rank six talisman paper in front of him.

Even though he went through the crafting process countless times in his mind, he couldn't help but feel a little nervous now that he was actually trying to craft the rank six talisman.

The rank six talisman ink shone a deep purple and there were specks of light sparkling on the tip of his brush after he dipped it into the ink.

Carefully brushing the tip against the table to align the hair of the brush, Shang Xia felt that the inkstone in front of him was scraped heavily with some sort of metal brush.

He merely adjusted the condition of the brush earlier and the inkstone was already damaged. It seemed as though the high-grade inkstone in front of him would be ruined after a few more attempts.

Fortunately, Ren Huan managed to get his hands on talisman ink that had already been prepared. If he obtained an ink stick that Shang Xia would have to grind on his own, the inkstone would probably be unable to withstand the process!

Getting rid of all the random thoughts in his mind, Shang Xia carefully split his attention to control the position the brush would land and the amount of inner qi he needed to use, along with the integration of his inner qi and the talisman paper before him.

Since it was the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, Shang Xia naturally needed to pour his Six Direction Qi into the talisman paper while ensuring it melded perfectly. Otherwise, how could it be called a rank six talisman?

Once again, cultivation was truly the root of everything.

It wasn't as though it was impossible to craft a higher grade talisman than one's cultivation realm, but without the abilities of a Martial Void Realm expert, there was no way for a Martial Dipper Realm expert to craft a rank six talisman.

As Shang Xia had a half-complete talisman as his reference, everything went pretty smoothly when he replicated what he already studied.

By the time he completed the runes that he could reference from the half-completed talisman, he didn't feel his movements turning sluggish. He could tell that his deduction for the rest of the talisman was pretty accurate.

Of course, he was only just getting started.

For him to be able to complete the rest of the talisman, it showed that he already possessed the capabilities to become a rank six Talisman Grandmaster!

The only thing he was worried about at the moment was the consumption of his inner qi.

A rank six talisman was far more complicated than a rank five talisman, and even though everything went smoothly so far, nothing was set in stone until the talisman was complete.

He managed to finish half the talisman, but 5 days had already passed.

During one of the key transitions in his stroke, something went wrong. It might have something to do with his failed interpretation of the talisman, or he might have made a simple mistake due to the consumption of his inner qi and his mental exhaustion.

Whatever it was, a surge of energy emerged from the tip of the brush and blew the talisman paper into pieces. It even caused space to fracture in the pagoda and almost the entire region was filled with spatial fluctuations.

Fortunately, when it failed, the defense mechanisms around the pagoda were activated. Restrictions upon restrictions flared to life and stopped all spatial fluctuations. It got rid of the remnant energy and a light screen even covered Shang Xia to protect him from harm.

A soft sigh escaped his lips. Reaching out to scatter the light screen around him, he made a quick gesture and the space around him returned to normal.

He couldn't help but think about what went wrong, and eventually, his gaze landed on the White Bone Brush.

Cracks filled the body of the brush and its tip was severely damaged.

Chapter 1049: 3 Talismans, 3 Failures, 3 Scrapped

When the damaged White Bone Brush was handed to Ren Bainian, Shang Xia could see the look of reluctance on his face.

He couldn't help but sigh, "Just try your best to restore it. It's fine if I can use it once or twice more."

Ren Bainian also knew that Shang Xia was attempting a rank six talisman and he quickly replied, "I'll do my best. However, you should start thinking of a way to get your hands on a better brush. This isn't going to be a long term solution..."

How could Shang Xia not understand that he needed a divine brush in order to complete a rank six talisman?

It was just that any divine grade brush was a lot more precious than a divine weapon. Not only was it extremely difficult to craft, but finding the materials required was already going to be a pain in the ass.

After Ren Bainian left, Shang Xia took a break for an entire week.

In the 7 days he was resting, other than restoring the Six Direction Qi he expanded, he didn't bother thinking about anything and he didn't even do anything.

When he finally restored himself to his peak condition 7 days later, he finally started to process the failed attempt. He tried to look for the reason he failed, and a way to work on it.

Just like that, half a month passed. Only when he prepared another complete plan to craft the talisman did he prepare to start his second attempt. Unfortunately, the White Bone Brush had yet to be fully restored and he chose to use the Purple Bamboo Brush for his attempt.

With one failure under his belt, Shang Xia was a lot more familiar with the first part of the process. The first one-third was quickly completed, but the second part of the talisman wasn't as smooth. He managed to complete it, but he still felt a lot of pressure.

When he finally reached the 80 percent mark, he made a mistake and destroyed the talisman that was nearly complete.

Having already failed once, Shang Xia was prepared. Before anything could be destroyed, he erased every trace of space fluctuations in the pagoda.

Unfortunately, he couldn't stop the brush from being damaged. In his hand, the Purple Bamboo Brush was basically half destroyed. The tip of the brush was also severely damaged and all the hair on it was basically gone.

The high-grade Purple Bamboo Brush was completely destroyed!

Leaving the Talisman Pagoda to catch his breath, Shang Xia learned that 7 days had passed since he started his second attempt.

Taking several days to adjust his mental state and to recover his inner qi, he digested everything that happened during his second attempt. He managed to learn many things he failed to see before, allowing him to save a lot of energy during the process.

Actually, the second attempt was a lot easier than the first.

After all, he failed the first time because he made a mistake in the deduction of the other part of the talisman. The second attempt failed because he made a mistake when drawing one of the runes, and the brush itself was far too lacking...

A good half of another month passed, but Ren Bainian hadn't given him any news on the restoration of the brush.

With 2 failures under his belt, Shang Xia learned a lot. He also gained a lot more control over his inner qi ever since entering the level of Inner Fusion of the Six Direction Realm.

He managed to return to his peak state after going through what he learned, and he waited for another half a month. Seeing as there wasn't any news from Ren Bainian, he realized that maintaining himself at his peak state was going to be a burden if he wasn't going to craft talismans. Helpless, he could only request for another high-grade brush from Ren Huan.

The Talisman Hall only had 2 other high-grade brushes, and Shang Xia was familiar with the White Bone Brush and Purple Bamboo Brush he had been using. The others were usually in the hands of the other Talisman Grandmasters.

Who would have thought that Shang Xia would ask for another brush after half a year passed...

Looking at the high-grade brush that was made of some sort of special essence metal, Shang Xia could only hope that the brush they obtained from Star Origin City would be able to last a little longer.

Dipping it into rank six talisman ink, Shang Xia quickly adjusted the tip of the brush on the nearly-destroyed inkstone before him. He started his third attempt to craft the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman.

Complicated runes started to appear on the rank six talisman paper before him and inner qi poured out of his body. His divine soul was also feeling a little strained as the brush in his hand suffered varying degrees of damage.

He spent 3 days completing half the talisman, and 3 more days passed when he reached the part he failed the last time. Just like that, 2 more days passed and when he finally reached the 90 percent mark of completion, he discovered that he made another mistake when deducing the type of rune for the talisman!

Slowing down his stroke the best he could so that he could buy more time to think, he felt his brain working on overdrive. Even the Crimson Soul Tablet was starting to buzz in his sea of consciousness.

Before he could think of what he should do, a wave of lethargy hit him. He felt his head spinning as the world around him blurred. A True Immortal like himself nearly blacked out.

Stabilizing himself with some difficulty, he understood that he had overdrawn his divine soul. He was completely exhausted which caused it to happen.

Under such circumstances, he couldn't even hold his brush properly and this third attempt would have to end in failure.

It's truly a shame!

Just as the thought formed in his mind, a sense of danger washed over him. It actually came from the talisman paper before him.

Even though it wasn't complete, it didn't crumble as violently as the others before it. However, as it was already 90 percent complete, the spatial fluctuations it caused were much stronger than the other 2 before it!

Shang Xia, who was utterly exhausted, didn't manage to react in time.

As the spatial fluctuations covered the entire room, the restrictions activated instantly.

Without Shang Xia's suppression, the restrictions were actually unable to fully stop the destruction caused by the failed talisman.

Even though a good portion of the energy emitted was absorbed by the restrictions, the remaining energy tore the room into shreds. The top floor of the Talisman Pagoda was riddled with holes the next second.

Shang Xia finally reacted a moment later, and he managed to suppress the rest of the energy. However, the commotion already drew over a bunch of Talisman Masters. They stared at the top floor of the Talisman Pagoda with dumbfounded looks.

When Shang Xia emerged from the Talisman Pagoda unscathed, he couldn't help but cough softly when he saw their expressions. "Ahem... It was an accident. I'm afraid we will need some time to restore the Talisman Pagoda. Apologies..."

Naturally, no one would blame him for damaging the pagoda. Most of them were drawn over because they wanted to know what talisman Shang Xia was working on to cause such great destruction... Even the restrictions on the pagoda failed to hold out!

When the Talisman Masters finally left, Ren Huan ran over silently and asked, "How much damage did you cause?"

The brush was already twisted and half the tip was shaved away. Shang Xia handed the brush to Ren Huan and muttered, "Bring this to Ren Bainian and get him to restore it. It might be salvageable and it might be a mid-grade brush when he is done with it. The inkstone was completely destroyed in the explosion but we didn't lose much other than that."

Ren Huan took the brush as the muscles on his face twitched fiercely. However, he understood that as Shang Xia tried to become a rank six Talisman Grandmaster, sacrifices were necessary. Keeping the brush, he muttered, "We have a general idea of how to make a high-grade inkstone. However, you need to give us some time."

A helpless chuckle escaped Shang Xia's lips. "Even if I want to keep it up, I won't be able to! The Talisman Pagoda needs to be repaired and there hasn't been news of the White Bone Brush from Ren Bainian. I can't possibly destroy the last high-grade brush we have, right? It seems as though using a high-grade brush to craft rank six talismans is a little of a stretch..."

Chapter 1050: Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, Complete!

Since Shang Xia started crafting talismans in the past, it wasn't as though he never failed thrice in a row. However, it was something that rarely happened.

With 3 consecutive failures to craft the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, Shang Xia not only wasted 3 sheets of rank six talisman paper, he even destroyed 3 talisman brushes! There was also a wasted high-grade inkstone and the top floor of the Talisman Pagoda basically had to be rebuilt.

Even if he wanted to, there was no way for him to craft rank six talismans. No... he couldn't craft any talismans even if he wanted to. As for his cultivation... He barely stepped into the second tier for several months. It wouldn't be easy to improve quickly. He wanted to leave the Spirit Luxuriant World, but because he didn't know where the hell Kou Chongxue was, he didn't dare to step out easily.

It wasn't just the Spirit Luxuriant World. He didn't even dare to leave the You Continent at the moment!

Everything stemmed from the fact that the Tongyou Elysium had no Elysium True Immortal! They didn't have a rank six protection formation either. It wasn't just the Tongyou Elysium. Even the Tongyou City didn't have a rank six protection formation!

If Shang Xia were to leave the Spirit Luxuriant World under such circumstances, or even the You Continent for that matter, if a True Immortal were to attack the Tongyou Elysium or enter the city by hiding from their rank five protection formation and infiltrate the Elysium, it would most likely be taken over since Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue wouldn't be able to make it back in time.

No matter how small the possibility of that happening was, from the current situation in the Spirit Luxuriant World, it wasn't exactly impossible for that to happen.

Of course, they weren't exactly preventing foreign experts from doing so. They were more concerned about experts in their world...

The advantage of having an Elysium True Immortal was pretty clear. Because of how they advanced into the Martial Void Realm, the moment an Elysium True Immortal was born, there was pretty much no chance for others to sneak into their territory and attempt to silently take over their Elysium.

The moment anyone tries to enter, an Elysium True Immortal would be able to return instantly.

Even if someone were to conceal themselves, an Elysium True Immortal would be able to detect their presence.

With the Tongyou Institution unable to produce a candidate to become an Elysium True Immortal, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia had been turning their focus to Chu Jia and the Formation Hall.

Once Chu Jia completed the development of the Formation Divine Artifact, she would be able to borrow the strength of both Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia and it was extremely likely for her to be able to lay down a rank six protection formation.

The moment she succeeds, they wouldn't be afraid that a True Immortal would be able to easily infiltrate or break into the Tongyou Elysium. When that happened, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia wouldn't need to stay in the You Continent all the time.

The mighty True Immortal Shang, Talisman Hall Master actually had nothing to do!

In the 3 months that passed, Shang Xia strolled about the You Continent as he was in no mood to enter seclusion to cultivate. Other than better understanding the current state of the You Continent, he would also pretend to be a wandering hero who helped those he came across. He would even give pointers here and there, and he would play the pig to eat the tiger when he felt like it. There were times when he even demonstrated a portion of his technique or even created a new one on the spot. Conferring a set of inner qi training methods to people with potential was also one of the things he did. If he felt like it, he would leave behind a few talismans or describe an advancement formula or two. He would appear on the eastern shore of the You Continent one day and he might show himself in the depths of the Thousand Leaf Mountain Range the next. The day after that, he might run all the way to the north. It didn't take long for a legend to form about a young master in white robes roaming the You Continent.

With his cultivation level and insight, any pointers he gave could enlighten a Martial Intent Realm cultivator. The techniques he made on the spot could be an inheritance passed down by families with a Martial Extermination Realm expert leading them.

Those talisman jades he tossed out could even allow those who had them to become students of the Inner Division in the Tongyou Institution.

Even though he didn't reveal his identity during the entire process, Shang Xia gained a lot of satisfaction with his dumbass sense of humor.

After 3 months, the Talisman Pagoda was restored, but Shang Xia didn't seem to care about it at all.

Ren Huan managed to obtain a pretty high-grade inkstone from Three Unity Island, but Shang Xia didn't seem to care too much about it.

Only when Ren Bainian sent news that the White Bone Brush could be used again did Shang Xia tear open the void to return to the institution.

Looking at the White Bone Brush that no longer had the same appearance as before, he couldn't help but gasp, "Senior Ren, You... Did you craft a new brush instead of repairing the old one?"

Ren Bainian's face flushed red in embarrassment and he sighed, "It's a shame I don't have that kind of ability. The brush was just too damaged when you sent it over. My skills aren't that great and I thought of this to allow the brush to hold out just a little bit more..."

Shang Xia burst out laughing, "Senior Ren, your skills in restoring treasures are top-notch! If you don't think you're good enough, there won't be many people in the institution with sufficient skills!"

"My apologies... Even though you can continue to use the brush, it is truly too damaged. You won't be able to use it for long." Ren Bainian continued.

Holding the brush in his hand, Shang Xia played with it a little before letting out a soft sigh. "I understand. Many thanks, Senior Ren!"

Ren Bainian cupped his fists and took his leave.

Finally... The talisman brush, talisman ink, talisman paper, and high-grade inkstone had been gathered. Along with the peak-tier Talisman Grandmaster that was Shang Xia, he prepared his fourth attempt.

His fourth attempt would most likely be his last attempt at crafting a rank six talisman for a long, long time. After all, gathering rank six talisman paper wasn't easy.

Even though Ren Bainian said that he would be able to use the White Bone Brush for some time, Shang Xia understood that it was most likely going to be his last chance to use the brush.

On his third attempt, Shang Xia managed to complete 90 percent of the talisman. It was just one step away from completion and everything else had to be left to Shang Xia.

After adjusting his condition once again, Shang Xia dipped the brush in rank six talisman ink and brushed it against the side of the inkstone as he prepared to craft the talisman.

Maybe because he was being a lot more serious than before, he didn't rush through the process at the start. He completed half the talisman in 3 days. However, he managed to reach the 80 percent mark after 2 more days... It wasn't because he hastened the process, but he was getting too familiar with it.

After one more day... Shang Xia reached the part where he failed last time and the only thing he had to do was to wrap everything up.

Finally, with the last stroke of his brush, Shang Xia completed a real rank six talisman!

A loud snap rang in his ears the next moment as the White Bone Brush shattered completely. It turned into powder as it scattered through the gaps of his fingers. Even the tip of the brush disintegrated.

Like what happened to the Purple Bamboo Brush, there was no restoring it this time!