

## The Heavens 1051

Chapter 1051: Testing the Talisman, Sudden Appearance

Even though the rank six talisman was restored, it was very different from the original talisman. Whatever it was, it was a rank six talisman.

Of course, no matter how confident he was, he needed to test out the functions of the talisman now that it was complete. Only then would he be able to ensure it would be useful.

In other words, the talisman that was made after using 4 sheets of rank six talisman paper, 3 talisman brushes, and a bottle of rank six talisman ink would be used immediately in order for Shang Xia to understand what it could do.

However, that was the fate of every new talisman after it was created.

As a Talisman Grandmaster, Shang Xia understood the importance of testing the talisman. Even though he wasn't willing to waste a rank six talisman just like that, he had no choice.

From his initial deduction, after the completion of the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, it would silently open a spatial tunnel to wherever he wanted. Even if the heavenly screen was in its way, or other types of protection formation, nothing would be able to stop him! Not even an entire secret region could obstruct its path!

Wanting to test the function of the talisman was extremely simple. He just needed to head out of the heavenly screen before deciding on a spot he wanted to appear in. He would also have to change his aura to something that made it look like he was a foreign expert who would be stopped by the heavenly screen.

If he managed to do it, that would mean that the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman would possess the special property of his rank five Teleportation Talisman and allow him to enter the world undetected.

As the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman could allow one to choose where they wanted to end up, it could allow one to become a stowaway in the truest sense.

Of course, to use it most effectively, having someone to receive them where they would appear would be for the best.

Naturally, it wasn't as though the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman was perfect. Be it the rank five Teleportation Talisman or the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, it would allow one to pass through the heavenly screen. However, it wouldn't conceal their auras.

That would mean that the moment the user stepped out of the spatial tunnel created, they would immediately feel the rejection of the World's Will.

The higher one's cultivation level, the stronger the sense of rejection. One would immediately be discovered the moment they appeared.

Even so, the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman was already a very special talisman.

Under ordinary circumstances, the higher one's cultivation level was, they would be discovered by the native experts of the world long before they entered. The talisman would allow them to get closer in an instant!

The talisman might not possess concealment capabilities, but they were extremely suited for Shang Xia.

He was able to conceal his own aura and cheat the World's Will into thinking he was one of them. Not only would he not be rejected by the World's Will, he would even be accepted as one of them.

In the hands of others, the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman might be used to sneak attack someone, but Shang Xia would be able to perfectly infiltrate whichever world he set his eyes on.

It was also why Shang Xia understood that he had to ensure the talisman worked as intended.

With a single thought, he disappeared from the Talisman Pagoda without alerting anyone.

When he reappeared, he had already arrived above the heavenly screen.

The next second, the aura around him changed and became wholly different from what it was originally.

As he was hundreds of thousands of miles away from the heavenly screen at that moment, he wouldn't alert the other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World when carrying out his tests. Even so, he couldn't avoid the detection of the World's Will. He immediately felt a sense of rejection. It was something that could never happen before they became a Spirit World...

Thinking back to when the Azure Ascension World was first invaded before they ascended... They barely completed the fusion of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World, but the spatial tunnels of the Spirit Abundance World appeared barely 50,000 to 60,000 miles away from the heavenly screen.

The difference between an Azure World and a Spirit World was clear as day!

Anyway... Shang Xia had long since familiarized himself with the layout of the You Continent. He randomly chose a spot there and prepared to activate the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman in his hand.

All of a sudden, he realized the problem. He disguised himself as an expert of the Spirit Abundance World and if he arrived in the You Continent, he would immediately alert the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World!

If he concealed his aura, he wouldn't be able to accurately determine if the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman worked!

A bold thought appeared in his mind the next second.

*Why don't I just try infiltrating the Tongyou Elysium?!*

If he appeared in the Tongyou Elysium, he might cause a backlash from the Elysium when he arrived, but he could hide it from the other True Immortals!

He would also be able to hide the existence of the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman from the rest that way... After all, the moment he revealed such an amazing talisman, he would definitely draw a lot of attention and suspicion to himself.

As for the backlash from the Tongyou Elysium and the You Continent, that wouldn't be a problem for Shang Xia.

After all, it was just a test. It would be enough to confirm the functions of the talisman and he would be able to change his aura back the moment he returned. He might even be able to do so fast enough such that the backlash wouldn't hit him.

The only consideration was the fact that not only would the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman need to pass through the heavenly screen, but it also needed to pass through the spatial barrier around the Tongyou Elysium.

No longer bothering about the consequences, he decided to just do it. Whatever it was, if he truly failed, the Spirit Luxuriant World was his home ground anyway. He would be able to make some shit up and convince the rest.

If it truly succeeded... The value of the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman would truly reach an unthinkable level. It would prove to be much more useful than he thought!

As he activated the talisman, a formless spatial tunnel appeared and stretched into the Spirit Luxuriant World under the guide of his divine soul.

The distance of several hundreds of thousands of miles was crossed by the spatial tunnel in an instant.

The heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World was nothing more than a flimsy sheet as the spatial tunnel passed through and continued reaching towards the You Continent. Not a single person could detect the divine soul of a 'foreign expert'.

It eventually passed through the You Continent and into the Tongyou Institution, before silently reaching the spatial barrier around the Tongyou Elysium...

Shang Xia rejoiced slightly as he discovered that even though a good portion of the energy contained in the talisman had been used, there was still some left!

Without any hesitation, Shang Xia pushed the remaining energy into making a passage through the spatial barrier around the Tongyou Elysium.

Rumble...

Along with slight spatial fluctuations, the Tongyou Elysium trembled slightly.

*Oh shit...*

It seemed as though his actions would alert the members in the Tongyou Elysium!

Even though he was surprised, Shang Xia quickly calmed down. Whatever it was, he was a True Immortal of the Tongyou Institution. He would be able to explain what happened when he returned.

Under his expectant gaze, a small gap formed in the spatial barrier of the Tongyou Elysium. Excitement quickly filled Shang Xia's heart.

As long as he knew the exact location of an Elysium, even if he was outside the heavenly screen of a world, he would be able to infiltrate it!

If there wasn't an Elysium True Immortal present, Shang Xia would be able to sneak into the Elysium without any problems!

Countless thoughts flashed through his mind, but it had barely been a second since he activated the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman.

Seeing the small hole that was formed in the spatial barrier around the Tongyou Elysium, Shang Xia passed through the spatial tunnel that was created and descended into the Elysium.

However, before he could celebrate, the smile on his face froze. Anger filled his heart and he roared with rage. The backlash that was supposed to hit him from the Elysium and the You Continent was blown away.

“Who... Who the hell are you?!” Shang Xia’s roar rocked the Tongyou Elysium and with his descent, the entire Elysium seemed to turn a shade darker.

The aura of a foreign True Immortal was actually hidden in the Tongyou Elysium!

That was most definitely not Kou Chongxue, and neither was it any other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Who could actually infiltrate the Tongyou Elysium without being detected by Shang Xia?!

Not to mention the fact that it was a foreign expert...

Moreover, he didn’t understand why the Tongyou Elysium and the You Continent failed to detect the person and reject their presence!

Could the other party also possess something like the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman or treasures of that level?!

What the hell was going on?!

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In the blink of an eye, multiple questions appeared in Shang Xia’s mind. However, his rage didn’t blind him. He was still rational and even though he appeared in a certain spot in the Elysium, he quickly controlled the Elysium Boundary Marker to inspect everything that was happening within.

Fortunately, the Elysium Boundary Marker was still intact!

Perhaps, the expert who infiltrated the Tongyou Elysium didn’t have the guts to break the Elysium Boundary Marker as they would immediately be discovered...

As the Elysium Boundary Marker trembled, fluctuations filled the Tongyou Elysium. Shang Xia immediately connected with the Elysium Origin Source.

He might not be an Elysium True Immortal, but as one of the controllers of the Tongyou Elysium, he could move a portion of its power through the Elysium Boundary Marker.

The Origin Holy Artifact was fine, and so was their Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar. The Tongyou Elysium itself was undamaged. Other than the hole he created when entering, nothing else was amiss.

Moreover... he could feel that the infiltrator wanted to escape!

He tried to use the Elysium Boundary Marker to obstruct the other person’s path as his Stone Rod appeared in his hand.

A cold snort rang in his mind the next instant. “Hmph, what’s the matter? Are you planning to destroy this Elysium just to fight with me?”

Shang Xia was taken aback for a moment but that was all the infiltrator needed to escape. His aura disappeared from the Tongyou Elysium the next moment!

Chapter 1052: Fighting a Fourth Tier True Immortal!

No matter how he thought about it, Shang Xia couldn't understand why a foreign expert would infiltrate the Tongyou Elysium without being detected by him!

However, he wasn't in a position to continue thinking about it. When he was hesitating, the foreign expert disappeared from the Tongyou Elysium.

Actually, even if Shang Xia wasn't an Elysium True Immortal he could draw on the power of the Elysium with the Elysium Boundary Marker. With his combat strength, he would be able to heavily injure the other party with the possibility of keeping the other party in the Tongyou Elysium.

Even if the infiltrator was able to hide his presence in the Spirit Luxuriant World using some strange method, he would definitely be restrained by the World's Will. His strength would be greatly restricted.

However, it was as the other party had said. Shang Xia couldn't go all out and fight them in the Tongyou Elysium as that would risk destroying it.

Even though letting the person escape from the Tongyou Elysium meant that it was extremely likely for them to escape the Spirit Luxuriant World, Shang Xia had no choice!

Seeing as the infiltrator sneaked out of the Tongyou Elysium without being discovered by anyone else, Shang Xia couldn't be bothered with anything else as he gave chase.

If he was slightly later, he might just be trapped in the Elysium when the defenses activated.

The second he reappeared, he couldn't even care that he was still in the Tongyou City when he slammed the Stone Rod in his hand directly at the intruder.

"Where the hell do you think you're going?!" The protection formation around the city activated instantly and a barrier of light appeared in the skies. However, it was shattered by the powerful spatial fluctuations the next second. Every building that stood above a hundred feet in the city had the top shaved off and the walls of the city collapsed. A massive crater appeared east of the city and stretched for a thousand miles. The moat around the city was completely wiped out with a single swing of Shang Xia's rod.

That was only the shockwaves of Shang Xia's strike..

In the air above the Tongyou City, the heavens that seemed to split apart with a swing of his Stone Rod, revealed the appearance of a person. It was a massive figure that blocked the strike from Shang Xia.

What Shang Xia used was one of the Rod Techniques he developed after careful contemplation after obtaining the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar.

Even though it was a single strike, it was still a rank six technique!

The technique focused on brute strength and the most special part about it was the fact that it contained most of the power of the You Continent which Shang Xia could draw on.

As such, Shang Xia had already been storing energy the moment he discovered the presence in the Tongyou Elysium.

With a single move, Shang Xia alerted more than half the cultivators in the You Continent. More importantly, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were also alerted.

When Shang Xia discovered the intruder's presence earlier, he could already tell that they had a higher cultivation level than himself.

Even though they would be restrained by the World's Will, why shouldn't Shang Xia call for backup and beat the other party up with their sheer numbers? After all, they were in the Spirit Luxuriant World!

There was no need to fight one-on-one like a real man!

Even though he had been storing his energy earlier to release that one strike, his main purpose wasn't to injure his target. It was actually to keep the other party in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

However, the reaction from the other side caught Shang Xia off guard.

Shang Xia was no longer a newbie who knew nothing about the Martial Void Realm. Seeing the mighty figure in the distance, how could he not understand that the other party had already reached the level of Dao Harmony? He was facing a fourth tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal!

After a Martial Void Realm expert completed the Inner Fusion and External Unity stages, they would be able to create a domain that would allow them to resist a foreign World's Will.

That meant to say that a fourth tier Martial Void Realm expert could ignore the suppression of a world and burst forth with their full strength as long as they were within their domain!

Of course, in a place where they couldn't easily replenish their energy, resisting a foreign World's Will would only increase the burden on them and their energy would be exhausted at a greater pace. They wouldn't be able to fight for long.

However... A fourth tier True Immortal was a fourth tier True Immortal at the end of the day. The other party faced Shang Xia's strike head-on without any fear.

One had to know that Shang Xia was a monster who could kill a second tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal when he was still a first tier True Immortal. Not only had he entered the second tier, his abilities had already increased greatly. He also created a rank six rod technique and had the assistance of the world at the moment. His strike that contained all his power closed in on the might that a peak third tier True Immortal could unleash.

Even so, the other side was merely stalled for a second before starting to escape again.

However... That short moment was enough!

A resplendent sword light tore through the void and swallowed the mighty figure in the air.

The Eternal Palace was extremely far from the You Continent, but the distance was practically nothing to the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World!

A third tier Elysium True Immortal's might was on full display at the moment.

Shang Xia might have barely stopped the other party, but the moment Yang Taihe made his move, the phantom the intruder created was immediately pierced through.

Unfortunately, he failed to harm the true body of the foreign expert. Yang Taihe merely destroyed a portion of the opponent's domain and weakened them slightly.

Yang Taihe's sword strike earlier didn't seem to be holding the other party back. Instead, he seemed to be intentionally allowing the intruder to flee.

A light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes as he understood Yang Taihe's intentions.

Yang Taihe might be willing to let the other party escape, but Shang Xia wasn't!

The Stone Rod swept around once again and Shang Xia unleashed a move he had been thinking of but hadn't fully developed.

As it wasn't a perfected move, a small portion of its energy scattered before it landed on its target. The scattered energy caused lightning to flash through the skies as sword qi tore through the space above the Spirit Luxuriant World. At the same time, spear lights appeared to poke through the void as the power of the four seasons caused the flow of time within to change. A five colored light tore through the air and swallowed everything in its path.

Even so, most of the energy contained in the strike landed on the foreign expert's domain. Once again, his domain was weakened and it shrank slightly in size.

At the same time, Yang Taihe's second attack arrived from the southwest.

Seeing as things were going bad, the foreign expert tore a hole through the heavenly screen above to try to escape.

However, that was exactly what Yang Taihe was waiting for.

The second the foreign expert appeared above the heavenly screen, Liu Jingsheng, Li Jidao, Zhang Xuansheng, Zhang Jianzi, and Lu Wuzi who had been waiting for some time attacked in unison!

Yang Taihe was the first to rush over to Shang Xia as his cultivation realm was the highest, but his true intention was to chase the foreign True Immortal away from the surface of the world.

The other True Immortals might not be able to do what Yang Taihe did because of their slightly lacking cultivation realm, but they could wait for the intruder above the heavenly screen!

Even though the advantage they had in the world was the largest, the moment they fought in the Spirit Luxuriant World, several continents would be destroyed.

Their advantage was slightly weakened above the heavenly screen, but the suppression of the World's Will on the foreign True Immortal was still present. They wouldn't need to destroy a part of their world if they fought there.

Facing a combined attack of 5 True Immortals, even if he was at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm, he was in for a bad time.

Before he could unleash his full strength, the domain he released was shaved off once again. Even more so when the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had been storing up energy while waiting for him. The fluctuations slammed into his true body directly.

If shaving away at his void domain wouldn't cause any injury and would only waste a little bit of his strength, hitting his true body directly was different. It immediately affected his combat abilities.

However... A fourth tier True Immortal was still a fourth tier True Immortal! Even under such circumstances, he still had enough energy to avoid being surrounded by the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World!

Once he got a certain distance away from the heavenly screen, the advantage the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had would decrease and his combat strength would no longer be restricted.

However, it wasn't going to be that easy to get rid of the experts from the Spirit Luxuriant World. Before he even got 1000 miles away, Yang Taihe sealed off the space around him to prevent him from escaping.

Both sides released their domains and the intruder was unable to escape immediately.

Shang Xia drew on the power of the world contained in the You Continent and slammed his Stone Rod down once again.

Even though Shang Xia's strikes weren't fast, one had to admit that they contained considerable might. Even Yang Taihe didn't want to be caught up in it as he moved out of the way.

His strike seemed to be the straw that broke the camel's back after the other party's domain suffered so much damage. He didn't just smash the intruder's domain. It shattered completely and the rod landed on his true body.

A loud roar filled with resentment filled the air suddenly as the space around the fourth tier True Immortal trembled violently. He turned into a streak of bloodied light and disappeared into the distance. His aura couldn't be felt by anyone in just a split second.

"They actually left?!" Yang Taihe gasped. He was confident that the other party was nowhere near them.

"They used a rank six talisman!" Shang Xia said with absolute certainty.

Soon after, everyone turned their attention to Shang Xia.

"True Immortal Little Shang, who is that guy? How did he enter our Spirit Luxuriant World and how did you discover his presence?"

#### Chapter 1053: Uneasy

The foreign fourth tier True Immortal clearly used some secret method to escape from the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

After moving far enough that the suppression of the Spirit Luxuriant World wasn't as strong, he activated a rank six talisman and escaped.

Even though he showed off his amazing skill by infiltrating the Spirit Luxuriant World undetected, and escaped from the combined might of 7 True Immortals, he definitely suffered a massive setback. The injuries he suffered were heavy and his domain was completely shattered.



“Hehe... So what if he’s a fourth tier True Immortal? If he wasn’t going to escape with everything he had, he would have died in our hands! It’s a shame True Immortal Kou and True Immortal Huang aren’t here. Otherwise, it would be difficult for him to leave!” Lu Wuzi snorted. He sounded really annoyed that the other party managed to escape.

However, his words didn’t shift the attention from the other True Immortals.

Yang Taihe turned to Shang Xia and asked, “True Immortal Little Shang, do you know who that was?”

Shang Xia cupped his fists towards Yang Taihe to thank him for the assistance before replying, “Unfortunately, I do not. He managed to infiltrate our world silently and he was even able to enter the Tongyou Elysium without me noticing him! If not for the fact that I decided to inspect the Elysium on a whim, I might not have noticed his presence!”

Shang Xia barely spoke when everyone revealed looks of shock and disbelief.

A moment later, Lu Wuzi gasped, “What?! He actually infiltrated the Tongyou Elysium?! You didn’t even feel it either... Wait, you... You’re a second tier True Immortal?!”

Lu Wuzi was unwilling to let the foreign expert leave, but when he noticed Shang Xia’s cultivation level, he was truly shocked by the speed at which Shang Xia was advancing. He realized that even a second tier True Immortal failed to detect the presence of the intruder!

He turned his attention back to the problem at hand.

Lu Wuzi wasn’t the only one. The other True Immortals also stared at each other with grave expressions.

All of them personally witnessed Shang Xia’s abilities and how strong he actually was. Now that he reached the second tier, it was only going to become stronger.

One could even say that among those present, other than Yang Taihe who could be absolutely certain they could suppress Shang Xia, no one would be his opponent! Even the missing Kou Chongxue was no exception!

However, even someone like him was unable to detect the other party’s presence!

That would mean that it was also possible for the foreign expert to infiltrate other Elysiums in the future...

Everyone felt a sense of crisis after Shang Xia revealed what happened.

However, Yang Taihe discovered something and he asked softly, “True Immortal Little Shang, do you know the reason he infiltrated your Tongyou Elysium?”

Shang Xia shook his head slowly. “I alerted the person when I entered my Elysium. I was afraid the battle would damage the Elysium and I had to let him escape. Everything happened next... I haven’t been able to inspect the Elysium for anything we lost...”

Yang Taihe nodded slightly before adding, “True Immortal Little Shang, do you think he managed to infiltrate your Elysium because there was no Elysium True Immortal?”

Shang Xia didn't respond immediately. He thought of that exact point, but he didn't know if the other party had the guts to infiltrate them as they didn't have an Elysium True Immortal or if there was another reason.

Could it be because of both?

Shang Xia had an impulse to return to check everything carefully, but he knew that since the intruder had already escaped, it wouldn't matter if he discovered anything missing. He wouldn't be able to get it back anyway.

Seeing how Shang Xia remained silent, the other True Immortals revealed a look of realization.

The number of Elysium True Immortals present was a lot more than those who weren't shackled to an Elysium. They understood the difference between their presence and not having an Elysium True Immortal.

If the Tongyou Elysium truly had an Elysium True Immortal, even if he was far away, he would be able to detect any changes the moment anyone infiltrated.

Unfortunately, the 2 True Immortals taking charge of the Tongyou Elysium weren't Elysium True Immortals. They might possess tyrannical strength, but they couldn't feel everything that was happening within.

With the sudden rise of the Tongyou Institution, their foundations were still lacking even though they had an extremely high level of individual strength. They only had a single rank five protection formation around their city but that was it.

If Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue weren't present, if anyone could avoid the protection formation, it would really be possible to hide in the Tongyou Elysium without anyone noticing.

The more they thought about it, the happier they felt. They were truly taking joy in the Tongyou Institution's misfortune.

Yang Taihe seemed to notice the strange atmosphere around them and he couldn't help but add, "No matter what, we cannot be careless. Everyone, don't forget that in order to infiltrate the Tongyou Institution, the intruder will need to pass through the heavenly screen. Even I failed to detect his presence."

The True Immortals present were peak-tier existences in the Spirit Luxuriant World and their respective factions. Their insight wasn't bad.

Even if they were unable to enter their Elysiums silently, what would happen if they infiltrated the Spirit Luxuriant World without any warning and started causing widespread damage? The True Immortals would be unable to deal with an invasion outside the heavenly screen while worrying about foreign experts wreaking havoc in their world at the same time.

"Our rank six formation that covers the world is about to be complete. Even if it doesn't possess powerful defensive abilities, it should at least be extremely sensitive to detect any foreign invaders. We cannot allow experts from other worlds to hide in our world undetected." Zhang Xuansheng mumbled. His voice was cold but he spoke with certain authority.

None of the True Immortals had any other opinions.

Eventually, Li Jidao continued, "What I'm more curious about is the identity of the fourth tier True Immortal. He suffered such a huge loss in our hands and still managed to escape. He will definitely try to take his revenge. Like they say... Know yourself and know your enemy and you will never be defeated. We don't know anything about them..."

Liu Jingsheng shook his head in response. "That person definitely wasn't from the Spirit Abundance World. They shouldn't be from the Spirit Tinkle World, or the Azure Sea and Azure Qing Worlds..."

Those were the worlds that joined forces back then to attack the Spirit Luxuriant World when they were returning with their spoils of war from the Azure Flame World.

Yang Taihe sank into contemplation before he muttered, "They don't seem to be from the Spirit Mammoth or Spirit Thistle Worlds either..."

Every expert had a unique aura. They would also possess the aura of their world. It wasn't difficult for experts at their level to feel the aura of the distinct worlds.

Earlier, the fourth tier Martial Void Realm True Immortal suffered heavy injuries and escaped. His aura was completely exposed. It didn't belong to any of the worlds they were familiar with!

All of a sudden, Zhang Jianzi, who had remained silent the entire time, muttered, "It's not really possible for a fourth tier True Immortal to come from an Azure World. If they're not from the Spirit Abundance, Spirit Mammoth, Spirit Tinkle, and Spirit Thistle Worlds... There are only 2 possibilities left. They are either from a Superior World or someone from the Star Origin Guards!"

Everyone present stared at him in shock. Profound light flashed in their eyes when they looked at Zhang Jianzi. Zhang Xuansheng was the only one who nodded slowly as his frosty expression thawed slightly to reveal a satisfied look.

Shang Xia pondered out loud, "So it doesn't matter if they're from a Superior World or the Star Origin City. Someone from the Star Origin Guards... Specifically, Zhuge Xiang should know who they are."

As the land that connected the various worlds, the Star Origin City was the only place that was directly connected to a Superior World. Zhuge Xiang was also a fourth tier True Immortal. If the intruder came from a Superior World, there was no way they would be able to avoid being detected by Zhuge Xiang when they descended.

The only question was... Should the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World heard over to the Star Origin City to ask Zhuge Xiang about the identity of the intruder? Would he even be willing to reveal such information?

Everyone fell silent and sank into deep contemplation.

Yang Taihe swept his gaze across those present and spoke slowly, "We caused such a huge ruckus here and we won't be able to hide it from the others."

Since the spies sent by the other worlds would have already learned of the news, there was no need to lie to themselves and act as though nothing happened. They might as well go digging for the identity of the intruder.

## Chapter 1054: Essence Hong World

Shang Xia's excitement after causing grave injuries to a fourth tier True Immortal was wiped clean by the fact that a foreign expert infiltrated the Tongyou Elysium without him noticing.

After descending below the heavenly screen, his expression was gloomy as he restrained his aura slightly as he returned to the Tongyou Elysium.

At that moment, the Tongyou Institution... No, the entire You Continent was on high alert after witnessing what happened earlier.

Everyone was afraid, but no one knew what happened.

The deputy patriarchs of the Tongyou Institution, along with the higher-ups, seemed to have disappeared and no one knew where to direct their questions.

However, because of the teachings and conditioning Kou Chongxue and the rest of the institution had imparted, the Tongyou Institution gradually possessed the stature and majesty of an Elysium. Even though they were shocked and afraid, no one panicked.

Fortunately, it didn't take long for Shang Xia to return. He might have restricted his aura, but he didn't intentionally hide from everyone. When he passed through the skies of the You Continent, his powerful aura covered the lands, bringing relief to the many experts present.

*The True Immortal of the Tongyou Institution was still present, and the backbone of the You Continent had not fallen!*

Many cultivators of the Tongyou Institution were no strangers to Shang Xia and they recognized him immediately.

Shang Xia couldn't bother himself with the chaos that broke out in the city and outside the institution. The second he entered the Tongyou Elysium, he discovered multiple auras rushing at him. All of them contained the determination to fight to their last breath.

However, they quickly discovered that the person who returned was Shang Xia and they heaved a sigh of relief. Their readiness to do battle dissipated as they welcomed him.

"What exactly happened? Did a foreign True Immortal really infiltrate our Tongyou Elysium?" Yun Jing asked the moment she arrived.

She was in charge of the institution and strictly speaking, in the absence of Kou Chongxue, she could be considered the city lord whose position was even higher than a deputy patriarch of the institution.

When everything was happening, Yun Jing had been in seclusion in the Tongyou Elysium. She managed to break through with the support of the Tongyou Paradise back then and even if she couldn't be compared to an Elysium True Immortal, she had a pretty strong connection to it.

Even so, she failed to notice anyone hiding in the Tongyou Elysium. Only when Shang Xia returned was the intruder alerted and exposed.

Shang Xia shook his head in response. "Let's talk about this later. Did we lose anything in the Elysium?"

Shang Xia wasn't directing his question to Yun Jing alone. He was asking the other Martial Dipper Realm experts if they noticed anything. After all, some of them used the support of the Elysium to advance and they had a better connection with it.

Everyone, including Ji Wenlong, shook their heads slowly.

A frown appeared on Yun Jing's face. "That's something I find strange. We looked everywhere in the Elysium and we failed to notice anything missing."

"Do we know when that person managed to infiltrate us?" Shang Xia asked again.

Everyone present shook their heads.

Eventually, Yun Jing muttered, "When was the last time you entered the Elysium?"

Shang Xia was surprised but he understood what Yun Jing meant. He nodded slightly. "Looks like he entered the Elysium when I left the previous time. However, that's 3 months ago at the very least."

3 months... It was more than enough for a True Immortal to flip the Elysium around.

Ji Wenlong couldn't help but ask, "What is the other party's motive?"

That was also what Shang Xia wanted to know.

However, that was a fourth tier True Immortal they were talking about! If he really wanted to do something in the Elysium, it would be too easy! Shang Xia couldn't stop him if he tried!

Yun Jing turned to Shang Xia and sighed, "Looks like you have to take a look for yourself. We don't have the ability to find traces of things done by a True Immortal..."

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia asked, "Do you have a way to contact Patriarch Kou in case of an emergency? Can we call him back right now?!" Shang Xia had some resentment in his voice when he spoke.

Yun Jing chuckled in response, "I already called him back. However, the sea of stars is vast and no one knows when he will return."

Actually, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World only had 2 great questions after learning about the infiltration. The first was how the other party managed to enter the Spirit Luxuriant World undetected by the powerful Yang Taihe and how they managed to avoid the rejection of the World's Will. The second question was their true motive and the power they served.

Shang Xia carefully inspected everything in the Tongyou Elysium over the span of 3 days and noticed that everything was as Yun Jing and the others had said. Nothing was broken or lost.

However, there was no way to leave absolutely no trace behind. Even if a high-level expert like the intruder had been as careful as possible, with Shang Xia's powerful divine soul, he still managed to find traces of how the intruder moved and guesses of their true purpose started to form in his mind.

2 more days passed and Lu Wuzi returned from Star Origin City. He also brought back what he learned from Zhuge Xiang. In the past 2 years, the spatial tunnel connected to the Superior Worlds was opened twice. The Essence Hong World and Essence Ming World didn't just send a single True Immortal. However, no one knew where they went after they arrived.

Another 2 days passed and Shang Xia's grandfather, Shang Bo, also returned from Star Origin City with news that after a powerful True Immortal from the Essence Hong World arrived in Star Origin City, he paid a visit to Guards Commander Zhuge Xiang.

There was no doubt about it. Shang Bo's news came from Huang Yu.

As the Spirit Luxuriant World acted too quickly back then, the Star Origin Guards failed to interfere in the matter regarding the Azure Flame World. During that time, no one knew what method Huang Yu used, but he managed to weasel his way into the Star Origin Guards.

Both sides might not have said anything about the true identity of the expert who infiltrated the Spirit Luxuriant World, it was clear all of them were pointing towards the Essence Hong World.

An Essence World was a world that had ascended past a Spirit World. Disregarding everything else, from the looks of the experts around, the peak level of cultivation of a Spirit World shouldn't surpass the Martial Void Realm. However, an Essence World would definitely possess an expert in the Seventh Order of the Primary Realm. Moreover, there should be more than one.

Several more days later, news of Huang Jinghan's return rang through the Spirit Luxuriant World. He also came back from Star Origin City, and it was said that the news of a foreign expert infiltrating the Spirit Luxuriant World had already spread. Huang Jinghan returned hastily after hearing the news, but there was still nothing on Kou Chongxue at the moment.

When half a month had finally passed, the Tongyou Elysium was opened once again.

Shang Xia, who made multiple searches, felt that there was no point in going further. He left the secret region that contained the Elysium but didn't head back to the Talisman Pagoda. Instead, he looked for a spot outside the entrance of the secret region that contained the Tongyou Elysium and started to cultivate. Naturally, he was preventing anyone from sneaking into the Tongyou Elysium again.

That was the difference between an Elysium True Immortal and one who wasn't. An Elysium True Immortal ascended with the support of the Elysium, and they would be able to remain as long as they wanted in the Elysium.

It wasn't the case for other True Immortals. If they stayed for too long, their Void Origin might show signs of being assimilated into the Elysium. If they couldn't free themselves fast enough, they might be swallowed and turned into an Elysium True Immortal.

That was also why True Immortal Chong Shan and True Immortal Su Kun blocked the entrance to the Heavenly Lake Elysium back then. Even if True Immortal Tang Yu refused to become one with the Elysium, she would be swallowed by it eventually.

Actually, from the moment True Immortal Tang Yu stepped into the Heavenly Lake Elysium, she fell for their ploy. Even if Shang Xia didn't steal the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, she would have been trapped in there all the same.

Of course, being in the Elysium for half a month wouldn't affect Shang Xia.

The only thing was that Shang Xia wasn't willing to stay in the Elysium for long. He discovered that when he remained there, the Tongyou Elysium wasn't the one swallowing him. His Void Origin would absorb the origin source of the Elysium instead which gave him no choice but to leave.

Shang Xia felt extremely uncomfortable when it happened and he wasn't willing to stay in the Elysium for too long.

Another month or so passed and Kou Chongxue finally returned. He looked a little anxious when he came back from the vast sea of stars.

That was right. He didn't return from Star Origin City. Instead, he opened a spatial tunnel in the vast sea of stars and came back himself.

“Did you come back after hearing the news?” Shang Xia asked.

When he saw how anxious he was acting, Shang Xia wondered if he heard what happened to them from the rumors going around in Star Origin City.

Who would have thought that Kou Chongxue would look stunned as he mumbled, ‘What news? What happened?!’

Slightly taken aback, Shang Xia thought of something and mumbled softly, “Did you actually discover something outside? Is that why you were in such a rush to return?”

Chapter 1055: Strange Formation

Shang Xia thought that Kou Chongxue returned because he heard that a foreign expert infiltrated the Tongyou Elysium, or because he was called back by Yun Jing.

However, he knew that it was all a misunderstanding after hearing what Kou Chongxue said.

Seeing Shang Xia's appearance, Kou Chongxue's heart sank. He couldn't be bothered about what he discovered and he quickly asked, “Start talking. What happened here?!”

Shang Xia didn't plan on hiding anything at the moment and he simply described everything that happened.

Seeing the look of disbelief on Kou Chongxue's face before it turned into one of extreme worry, Shang Xia mumbled helplessly, “That's pretty much what happened. Even though it's a little hard to believe what method the Essence World used to infiltrate us without being detected, it's not something we can determine as an Essence World.”

Kou Chongxue's expression flickered unsteadily but he eventually sighed, “Our Tongyou Institution truly lacks an Elysium True Immortal...”

“We can't force something like this. No matter how great the benefits are, who would want to willingly be restrained to a single place their whole life?” Shang Xia shook his head and sighed.

After thinking for a moment, Kou Chongxue continued, “Wait... You were saying that the fourth tier True Immortal from the Essence World infiltrated our Tongyou Elysium, but didn't expose himself from the rejection from our world. Even his cultivation and combat strength weren't affected?”

“Exactly.” Shang Xia nodded. “I was worried back then and didn't dare to start a massive battle in the Elysium or our world. True Immortal Yang and I let him run out

of the heavenly screen. As such, we gave up a small advantage we had. If we joined forces and fought him in the Spirit Luxuriant World, it might be possible to kill him..."

Kou Chongxue nodded slowly before eventually shaking his head. "No. You guys made the right decision. Otherwise, even if we manage to exterminate his soul, several continents of our world might be completely destroyed. Moreover, we might form an irreconcilable grudge with the Essence Hong World and there will be no room for us to maneuver in the future. Even though we allowed him to escape with heavy injuries, he managed to stay alive. We also managed to show off the strength of our world. It's a win-win situation and it's more than enough."

Shang Xia might not have said anything, but he understood what Kou Chongxue meant. Even though it seemed like a win-win situation even though their world was infiltrated, it all boiled down to the fact that their Spirit Luxuriant World wasn't strong enough.

Kou Chongxue stared at Shang Xia before he continued to ask, "Did you discover anything when inspecting the Tongyou Elysium?"

"I suspect that they came for the Heaven Observation Elysium..." Shang Xia nodded slowly in response.

Seeing the grave look on Kou Chongxue's face, Shang Xia continued, "We didn't know how long the other party remained in our Tongyou Elysium. However, we know that it's definitely less than a month. Most of their tracks were found near the Scripture Depository and the Star Observatory which is the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar. There isn't much else to say about the Scripture Depository. Most of the things there used to belong to the Cangming Elysium. We arranged it slightly and added some records that belong to our institution. Even though most of them were sealed off by restrictions, the intruder clearly has a special ability to break restrictions. No warnings were released the entire time."

A bitter chuckle escaped Kou Chongxue's lips. "From the looks of it, the trouble the Heaven Observation Sect has been caught up in is a lot more complicated and intense than we ever imagined."

Kou Chongxue brought out a heavy looking bronze book when he was speaking, and it was the one and only Star Map.

In the past, they only managed to open 2 pages. From the looks of it, Kou Chongxue managed to open another.

Glancing at the book once, Shang Xia no longer paid it any more attention. Instead, he muttered, "I suspect the news of the Heaven Observation Elysium was revealed to the expert from the Essence World by Zhuge Xiang..."

"No shit. It would be strange if he didn't say anything about it. Maybe, the expert who infiltrated our Elysium was just a fool Zhuge Xiang made use of." Kou Chongxue snorted casually.

When he was done, he handed the Star Map over to Shang Xia. "You should take a look."

Taking the book, Shang Xia joked, "Could you have discovered the presence of another world?"

Kou Chongxue sighed softly in response but didn't say anything else.



Opening the Star Map, Shang Xia gasped, “No way... did you really find one?!”

Seeing as Shang Xia was studying the markings on the new page that was open, he grunted, “There was indeed a world there, but all that’s left is a pile of ruins and a massive asteroid belt. There isn’t even a single continent capable of hosting life.”

Shang Xia read the contents and continued without raising his head. “Has it been a long time since the world was destroyed?”

“Probably? From my estimations, it should have been more than a thousand years.”  
Kou Chongxue replied.

“Oh.” Shang Xia grunted once before he pondered out loud, “It should be around the time when the Heaven Observation Sect was eliminated. If the world remained intact, there should be a Heaven Observation Elysium.”

Kou Chongxue nodded instinctively.

“So... You gained nothing from this trip, right?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow doubtfully.

A crafty smile appeared on Kou Chongxue’s face and he started shaking his head. “On the contrary... This granddaddy went around the region and I actually found something.”

A suspicious look flashed in Shang Xia’s eyes. “From the way you came back, you don’t look like you gained anything. Don’t tell me you were hunted down and had to escape.”

Kou Chongxue’s face flushed red all of a sudden, but he chuckled sinisterly, “Nonsense! With my skills, if I really wish to hide, the other side might be able to feel someone staring at them, but they won’t be able to discover me!”

Too lazy to embarrass Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia simply got straight to the point. “What did you discover then?”

“I might have found the secret of how the experts of the Star Origin City managed to enter the level of Dao Harmony, the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm!” Kou Chongxue turned serious once again.

Shocked, Shang Xia hastily put on a fawning expression. “Come on, hurry up and tell me what you discovered!”

“Not long after I discovered the ruins recorded on the Star Map, I planned to look for stuff we can use. However, I soon noticed a Star Ship from Star Origin City nearby.”

Shang Xia’s expression changed after hearing Kou Chongxue’s description. “Did they follow you there?”

Shaking his head, Kou Chongxue added, “No. I was very careful when leaving Star Origin City. I changed directions many times when traveling through the sea of stars. Even if Zhuge Xiang personally takes action, he shouldn’t know the route I took. He wouldn’t have been able to catch up to me either.”

“So... That would mean that they knew about the ruins all along?” Shang Xia nodded and surmised.

Indicating his agreement, Kou Chongxue continued, “That’s what I think too. From the way they moved around, they don’t seem like newcomers. They quickly went into the depths of the ruins and started to make some arrangements. When I saw them, I realized that there were already several remnant restrictions in the area. As long as they rebuilt it, it would immediately become a grand formation that covered a massive area.”

“That would mean that the formation has something to do with how experts of Star Origin City entered the Dao Harmony Realm, right?” Shang Xia thought out loud.

Kou Chongxue didn’t try hiding anything. “That’s right. After they laid down the formation, a third tier True Immortal disembarked from the Star Ship and activated it. When I wanted to take a closer look, I was discovered by them.”

Shang Xia narrowed his eyes slightly and grunted, “How do you think the formation helps them to advance anyway?”

“Even though I didn’t manage to see much, I can guess that the formation is used to compress the ruined world. That is also why there hasn’t been any continents that are capable of life in the region...” Kou Chongxue explained in a low voice.

Chapter 1056: Experts of Star Origin City Arrives!

From how the Spirit Luxuriant World formed a stable spatial tunnel with Star Origin City, be it Kou Chongxue or Shang Xia, both of them always had a serious question. They wondered how Star Origin City produced True Immortals without a World Origin Source. What were they relying on to break through?

One had to know that the Land of Star Origin wasn’t a proper world. It was only a massive floating land mass in space. It didn’t even possess a heavenly screen. It couldn’t even compare to a Barbaric World. There was no way it could support the ascension of a True Immortal.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia even suspected that the Star Origin City was backed by a hidden world which they used solely to nurture True Immortals.

That wasn’t all. When a True Immortal was cultivating, their soul would form a connection to the world. If the True Immortals produced in Star Origin City weren’t supported by a world... How were they able to improve?!

Kou Chongxue knew that even though his discovery failed to fully enlighten him, it gave them a peek into the truth.

“Doesn’t their method involve draining the pond to catch the fish?” Shang Xia questioned.

Kou Chongxue replied, “That’s probably it. However, they seem to have already concealed their formation there and even if that’s how they advanced, it didn’t seem to be their first time draining the ruins of the world...”

“However...” Kou Chongxue revealed an expression of admiration as he continued, “... The formation that allows them to drain the ruins of the world seems pretty amazing...”

Shang Xia was taken aback by Kou Chongxue’s excitement. However, he continued to ask, “How do you know they would be able to use the formation to allow an expert to step into the level of Dao Harmony?”

“I have my ways. Damn kid, all you need to do is to trust this granddaddy!” Kou Chongxue coughed once and an awkward expression flashed across his face.

With his gaze lingering on Kou Chongxue a second longer, Kou Chongxue was nearly unable to maintain his composure when Shang Xia finally nodded and grinned, “Alright, but what do you think you’re going to do now? The formation that can allow a third tier True Immortal to enter the fourth tier is definitely extremely special. From how they managed to discover your presence and start hunting you down... They definitely don’t want the secret of their formation to be leaked!”

Kou Chongxue sighed in response, “Not only don’t they want the secret of their formation to be leaked, they don’t even want the world to know that they possess that kind of formation.”

“Oh.” Shang Xia understood why Kou Chongxue ran back in such a sorry state. He quickly continued to push deeper into the topic, “Are you sure you didn’t reveal your identity?!”

Kou Chongxue seemed extremely disgruntled by Shang Xia’s suspicion. He growled softly, “I told you they didn’t manage to see who I was and that’s that.”

Shang Xia naturally wouldn’t mind Kou Chongxue’s tone. He thought about things seriously for a second before he asked, “What about your return to our Spirit Luxuriant World? Do you think the other True Immortals discovered your presence?”

“Do you suspect that someone from our world will reveal my tracks to Star Origin City?” Kou Chongxue glanced at Shang Xia with a suspicious look in his eyes.

Shang Xia finally snapped, “Your tracks aren’t a secret?! They don’t have a need to keep it a secret for you either! Moreover, how many True Immortals are there in our worlds? If we take away a good half of them who are Elysium True Immortals, how hard is it going to be to find a suspect among the others present?”

“Is there a need to go so far?” Kou Chongxue didn’t quite believe it was possible for them to take it so seriously, and neither did he.

Shang Xia continued in a low voice, “If they don’t, that would mean that they aren’t taking their formation as seriously...”

“I hid my aura completely when I returned... No one should have discovered my tracks when I came back...” Kou Chongxue became a little hesitant and he muttered a little uncertainty.

Seeing that Kou Chongxue was no longer as confident as before, Shang Xia sighed helplessly, "Let's just hope so. However, you better not show yourself for some time. If anyone else asks, I'll say that you aren't back yet."

Indeed. Kou Chongxue hid himself well for some time. Not even the members of the institution knew that he was back.

In order not to expose his tracks, or perhaps to hide from his old friends who might discover something after he was back, he entered the Tongyou Elysium and started to cultivate.

Unlike Shang Xia, Kou Chongxue clearly didn't have as many reservations when cultivating in the Elysium.

Truth be told, they wouldn't be in any danger of being assimilated into the Elysium if they cultivated for a mere 2 to 3 years. They would even be able to use the Elysium Origin Source to assist in their cultivation. Moreover, they would be able to hide their aura completely with the cover of the Elysium.

Unfortunately, in order to keep up appearances that Kou Chongxue was still missing, Shang Xia was still unable to leave the Spirit Luxuriant World. In fact, he couldn't even leave the You Continent to avoid raising suspicion.

The Tongyou Elysium was just infiltrated and if Shang Xia left, it would be more than obvious that Kou Chongxue had returned.

Several days after Kou Chongxue returned, Chu Jia, who had been spending a lot of time in the Tianya Pavilion the past 2 years trying to restore the Five Element Ring finally returned.

Shang Xia wanted to call her over, but after thinking about it, he realized it would be best if he went to look for her himself. It would save him a lot of trouble.

"Did you manage to remake the Five Element Ring in a Formation Divine Weapon?" In a secret chamber in the inner hall of the Formation Hall, Shang Xia asked after everyone had left.

Chu Jia rolled her eyes at him and grumbled, "Making a Formation Divine Weapon isn't that easy. I heard the news of a foreign expert infiltrating the Elysium after leaving seclusion and that is why I rushed back to take a look. Did the Elysium suffer any damage?"

Shang Xia wasn't disappointed that she hadn't completed the Formation Divine Weapon. He chuckled while consoling her, "Relax. Everything is fine here. The foreign True Immortal seemed to be looking for something and didn't try destroying anything."

"That's great." Chu Jia heaved a sigh of relief. However, she soon frowned and asked, "Who exactly is it? How was it possible for them to infiltrate our Elysium without anyone detecting their presence?"

Shang Xia sighed and continued half-jokingly, "As of this moment, we suspect that it's someone from the Essence Hong World. The reason they were able to infiltrate our Tongyou Elysium was because we don't have an Elysium True Immortal or a rank six protection formation... Right now, we're really looking forward to the Formation Divine Weapon our amazing Formation Grandmaster Chu will make."

How would Chu Jia fall for Shang Xia's teasing? She wrinkled her nose and pouted, "At least you know how to talk... However, with you and Patriarch Kou personally standing guard in the Elysium... If they still managed to infiltrate the Elysium without being detected, the 2 of you should be pretty incompetent..."

"Heh, don't tell me that. You should tell Patriarch Kou that to his face. As the patriarch, he left his responsibilities behind and went out traveling..." Shang Xia grumbled with some annoyance.

Too bad for him, Chu Jia interrupted him unceremoniously. "He's in the wrong for leaving his responsibilities behind, but you're the person in charge of protecting the You Continent, right?!"

"..." Shang Xia didn't know how to respond and he could only put on the most pitiful expression he could muster.

Eventually, Shang Xia got back to business and turned serious again. "Alright, enough joking around. How long do you think it will take to complete the Formation Divine Weapon?"

"It's hard to say..." Chu Jia sighed.

Shang Xia raised his eyebrows slightly in response. "What do you mean?"

"We need to raise another artifact spirit in the Formation Divine Weapon. It's completely different from the time you modified the Abyssal Blade in the Five Element Ring. No one knows how long nurturing the artifact spirit will take. It might be done tomorrow, or it might take forever." Chu Jia explained.

Shang Xia continued to ask, "Once the Formation Divine Weapon is complete, are you confident you will be able to lay down a rank six formation?"

Chu Jia thought for a second before replying, "It's going to be difficult! The institution has no rank six formation inheritance and from all the inheritances I know, I could only gather so much information. It won't be easy for me to come up with a rank six formation on my own."

Shang Xia fell silent for a moment before he spoke again. "No matter what, we cannot delay the deployment of our rank six protection formation. Even if we don't have an inheritance now, we should start to gather the resources we need."

"Sounds good. I'll make a list soon and the institution can start preparing everything we need." Chu Jia nodded in agreement.

After staying in the Formation Hall for a few days, Shang Xia had to head out to welcome some guests who came from afar. He had no choice either as they came from Star Origin City.

"True Immortal Little Shang, do you remember our request back then? Are you willing to craft rank six talismans for our Starry Pavilion?" Deputy Pavilion Master Zhou Mingdao asked the moment he saw Shang Xia.

Chapter 1057: Complete Star Observatory

“True Immortal Little Shang, you didn’t reject our request to craft rank six talismans back then. Are you willing to help us out?” Deputy Pavilion Master Zhou Mingdao asked as soon as he saw Shang Xia.

In the past, the members of the Starry Pavilion indeed made a request for Shang Xia to help craft rank six talismans through Ren Huan. They were willing to provide the talisman paper, talisman ink, and divine grade brush he needed. All they wanted was for him to craft a special talisman they required.

When Shang Xia was preparing to craft his Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman back then, he was extremely interested in the divine grade brush the Starry Pavilion was willing to provide. However, he decided to complete the talisman before making any promises.

He didn’t reject them back then. After all, any opportunity to craft rank six talismans was hard to come by.

The only thing he didn’t want was to owe the Starry Pavilion too many favors. After all, the Star Origin Guards were their backers.

Facing Zhou Mingdao’s question, Shang Xia understood that there was another meaning behind his question. After all, the timing was just too coincidental!

It had been 7 days since Kou Chongxue returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World, and the news of someone discovering the Star Origin Guards’ presence in the ruins of the destroyed world should have reached the city. It was more than enough for them to narrow down their scope of search.

If Shang Xia agreed to head over to Star Origin City to craft talismans, he would immediately expose the fact that Kou Chongxue had already returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World. Moreover, the patriarch didn’t pass through Star Origin City on his way back and that would make him a lot more suspicious.

With thoughts churning in his mind, Shang Xia understood that his reaction would bring about severe consequences. A natural smile appeared on his face but he sighed apologetically, “How can I be willing to pass up an opportunity like that? However... Our Patriarch has yet to return and my You Continent cannot be left without the protection of a True Immortal. I believe Deputy Pavilion Master Zhou heard what happened. A high-level True Immortal infiltrated my Tongyou Elysium recently and I won’t be able to leave for the time being. I hope Deputy Pavilion Master Zhou can give me a little more time. We have already called our patriarch back and I believe he should return soon. As soon as he arrives, I will head over to your Starry Pavilion to craft the talisman you need!”

Shang Xia sounded sincere while expressing his disappointment for not being able to leave. Unfortunately, he had to stay in the Tongyou Institution due to Patriarch Kou’s absence.

Even though Zhou Mingdao was the deputy pavilion master, he was still a Martial Dipper Realm cultivator at the end of the day. He didn’t dare to put on airs in front of Shang Xia! He hastily replied, “True Immortal Little Shang, there’s no need to act this way! It’s our honor for you to agree to help us craft talismans. I will definitely convey your agreement and request when I return. It’s just that... I apologize for probing, but do you know where your patriarch has gone? From what I know, it has already been several days since the infiltration. Did he not receive your emergency summons?”

Shang Xia broke out laughing without sounding unnatural at all. “You might not know this, but our patriarch has always been an elusive figure. He’s used to dumping his responsibilities here and running away. He didn’t even inform me when he left the Spirit Luxuriant World, afraid I would run away before him.”

Zhou Mingdao chuckled in response. “True Immortal Kou is truly a special figure...”

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Right after Shang Xia sent Zhou Mingdao away, Kou Chongxue’s voice rang in his ears. “I heard everything you guys said earlier!”

“Heh, are you happy after hearing all the shit we talked about you?” Shang Xia snorted in response.

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After returning from the Tianya Pavilion, Chu Jia made adjustments to every single formation in the institution.

Even though nothing much changed, one had to admit that those formations received an all-rounded upgrade. It was especially in terms of their ability to detect intruders.

Shang Xia, who had been observing everything she had done, could tell that Chu Jia’s art of formations reached another level despite not knowing too much about formations.

Perhaps she needed some ways to go to reach a rank six Formation Grandmaster, she had more than solidified her foundations in the fifth rank.

Without a doubt, the moment the Formation Divine Weapon was complete, Chu Jia would improve greatly again. When that happened, she might truly step through the gates of a rank six Formation Grandmaster.

Because of the infiltration, the Tongyou Institution had no choice but to prepare to lay down a rank six formation. They gathered high-level resources as quickly as they could, even if they had to reveal that Chu Jia would be able to become a rank six Formation Grandmaster.

When the Spirit Luxuriant World was constructing their formation defense system around their world, Chu Jia’s achievements were clear for all to see. Becoming a rank six Formation Grandmaster wasn’t actually surprising to the other members of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

After staying in the Tongyou City for half a month, Chu Jia hastily returned to the Tianya Pavilion to continue nurturing her Formation Divine Weapon artifact spirit.

2 more days passed as a spatial tunnel appeared in the wilderness on the Land of Star Origin before Kou Chongxue reappeared. He ran anxiously to the Star Relay before initiating a transfer to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

He didn’t conceal his aura the entire time and he was soon discovered by many True Immortals.

As what happened in the Spirit Luxuriant World had spread through the city and other worlds, everyone knew why Kou Chongxue was in such haste to return.

However, after Kou Chongxue returned, Shang Xia was in no rush to head to the Starry Pavilion to craft talismans. He intentionally waited for some time before going over.

He didn't wish to make it look too intentional and let the experts in the Starry Pavilion notice anything wrong.

Also, he didn't drag things out for fun. Something else actually happened in the Spirit Luxuriant World during that time. With the support of the Heavenly Star Palace and the various Elysiums, the Star Observatory in the Jiao Continent was completed!

That would mean that the Heavenly Star Palace could restore the Stargazer inheritance and start nurturing Stargazers!

According to the agreement between the Heavenly Star Palace and the 6 great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World, after they restored the Stargazer inheritance, they would share it with the others.

Actually, when the Heavenly Star Palace involved themselves in the reconstruction, the great powers already started preparing themselves to produce Stargazers. The Tongyou Institution was no exception as they sent a bunch of disciples over to learn.

Compared to the other great powers, the members of the Tongyou Institution had another advantage. They already had a portion of the inheritance Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia found back then.

Even though they had an advantage in that aspect, only Yan Ming and another student in the Upper Division of the institution were determined to have enough potential to receive the inheritance.

When the Star Observatory was completed, other than the experts of the Heavenly Star Palace, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World arrived either with a clone or their true body.

After all, a Star Observatory was just too important! To any world, the value of Stargazers was also immense!

#### Chapter 1058: Stargazer Inheritance

Like Talisman Masters, Formation Masters, Alchemy Masters, and Blacksmith Masters, Stargazers were also split into different ranks.

According to news Yan Ming brought back from the Heavenly Star Palace, a rank one Stargazer was just an ordinary Astrology Student. Those in the second rank were called an Astrology Scholar, and those in the third rank were called an Astronomer. Only after reaching the fourth rank could they be considered Stargazers.

"What level are you at now?" Deputy Patriarch Liu Zhiyuan asked after hearing what Yan Ming said.

All of them were gathered in the main hall of the institution.

As the inheritance not only concerned the Heavenly Star Palace, it was far too important for the Tongyou Institution. It was related to the Heaven Observation Sect, and the semi-complete Stargazer inheritance the Tongyou Institution already had. They also had the Star Observatory that acted as the Elysium's Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar.

Kou Chongxue, the deputy patriarchs of the Tongyou Institution, and the other potential Stargazer were gathered in the main hall. Even Shang Xia was present.



“Patriarch, I am currently a rank two Astrology Scholar. Those sent by the other great powers are mostly at my level and there isn’t a single Astronomer among us. I suspect that the Heavenly Star Palace has been hiding the key to the inheritance, causing us to be unable to learn more...”

Neither Kou Chongxue nor the deputy patriarchs were surprised.

After all, if the Tongyou Institution was in their place, they would have done the same. In fact, they might have even taken a more extreme approach.

A cold snort eventually left Liu Zhiyuan’s lips. “What about the Heavenly Star Palace’s disciples? What level have they reached?”

Yan Ming muttered, “They haven’t produced anyone past the second rank, but...”

Liu Zhiyuan’s expression lightened up when she started speaking earlier, but it quickly sank again. “What?”

“... The Heavenly Star Palace might have another secret inheritance and I suspect that they already produced a rank three Astronomer. They might even possess a Stargazer.” Yan Ming continued.

This time, Liu Zhiyuan didn’t need to continue asking. Yun Jing spoke up instead, “Tell us about the reasons behind your suspicions.”

After thinking for a moment, Yan Ming started speaking about something else altogether, “Since I have been studying the incomplete inheritance our institution owns, I might look like a rank two Astrology Scholar, but I am able to advance into the third rank any time. I only chose not to avoid suspicion.”

Yun Jing nodded in response. “Do you mean to say that the incomplete inheritance we have is the key to stepping into the third rank?”

“Exactly. The inheritance we have points to the key to entering the third rank. It’s to wash our eyes in starlight, or we can place a drop of Starry Water into them to turn them into a pair of Starry Eyes. It’s the most important step to becoming a rank three Astronomer. The Heavenly Star Palace might have described the process of entering the third rank, but they never told anyone how to obtain their Starry Eyes.” Yan Ming explained.

Shang Bo looked at Shang Xia before turning to Kou Chongxue. He muttered, “If we want to draw on the power of starlight, only Martial Dipper Realm cultivators will be of any use... Maybe the key to being a Stargazer lies in their skill... Can they do it with the help of the Star Observatory?”

Ji Wenlong also asked, “Could it be the reason the Heavenly Star Palace is so adamant about building the Star Observatory?”

Kou Chongxue looked at Yan Ming who was deep in thought and chuckled, “What else have you thought of? Feel free to speak your mind.”

“Yes.” Yan Ming replied respectfully before she continued, “I also suspect that the Heavenly Star Palace didn’t reconstruct the Star Observatory to attract Starry Water or the like. In fact, it might just be a small reason behind their desire to reconstruct the observatory. They seem to have an even more important reason in mind...”

Yun Jing laughed, “Of course we thought of that. Since the Heavenly Star Palace had the guts to get the 6 great powers to pool their resources to restore the observatory, they naturally have their reasons. You should just focus on telling us what you found out. You don’t have to worry if you’re right or wrong, or if we have our considerations.”

Yan Ming nodded in agreement and added, “I am confident that I can become a rank three Astronomer immediately, but I’m afraid that’s as far as I will be able to go...”

Liu Zhiyuan seemed more impatient than the rest and he quickly questioned, “Why is that so?”

“Even though the Heavenly Star Palace didn’t reveal it to all of us, to be a Stargazer, one has to refine extermination origins related to the stars!” Yan Ming responded.

“Is that recorded in the inheritance we have?” Liu Zhiyuan frowned.

Nodding, Yan Ming explained, “That’s something I concluded after going through our inheritance and what the Heavenly Star Palace revealed.”

Shang Xia, who had been quiet the entire time, finally spoke. “You’re in the Martial Dipper Realm and your cultivation has far surpassed the Martial Extermination Realm. If being a Stargazer really requires one to refine an extermination origin that is related to the stars, it might really be a detrimental path for you to take.”

Shang Xia studied the part of inheritance the institution had. Even though he had never thought of being a Stargazer, there was no harm in studying more to widen his horizons.

Using Starry Water to refine their eyes was fine as it was. However, if one needed to refine a specific extermination origin, it would be of great detriment to her cultivation. She would be rushing to her death if she tried anything stupid.

As soon as Shang Xia spoke, everyone understood the key to the entire situation.

Constructing the Star Observatory was definitely related to collecting extermination origins that were related to the stars. It was also one of the most important reasons the Heavenly Star Palace wanted to rebuild it.

However, the institution used a lot of resources to nurture Stargazers. Naturally, they wouldn’t want to see their progress stop at the third rank.

Liu Zhiyuan grumbled indignantly, “Don’t we have any other way...”

After thinking for a second, Yan Ming muttered, “The Heavenly Star Palace might possess a special art to bypass the restriction, allowing Martial Dipper Realm experts to also become a Stargazer, but...”

Even though she didn’t complete her sentence, what she wanted to say was obvious.

*There was no way they would share it with others!*

“Hmph, the Heavenly Star Palace is truly one of a kind!” Liu Zhiyuan complained.

All of a sudden, Yan Ming added, “I had a strong premonition when I was studying in the Heavenly Star Pavilion recently. It’s the fact that there might be 2 different paths to becoming a Stargazer. The first is to follow the inheritance, but there seems to be some sort of martial inheritance that exists which connects closely to the path of a Stargazer. Moreover, I strongly suspect that the Heavenly Star Palace is focused on the second path...”

As soon as she spoke, everyone who was deep in thought snapped awake. Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia, the True Immortals of the institution, leaped to their feet, shocking everyone in the hall.

“The martial path of a Stargazer is actually a path in itself?!” Shang Xia’s expression changed. Her words seemed to clear up the fog in his mind.

“I see... Alright... The Heavenly Star Palace has done it alright.” Kou Chongxue growled in a frosty voice. “They really played us all this time! I didn’t think that they would be able to come up with something like this!”

As though trying to prove Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia right, a powerful and majestic ray of starlight fell from the sea of stars and passed through the heavenly screen before landing on the Star Observatory in the Jiao Continent.

Chapter 1059: Survivors of the Heaven Observation Sect?

The powerful stream of starlight fell onto the Star Observatory in the Jiao Continent.

The massive disturbance it caused naturally alerted the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

At the same time, above the golden pyramid-like Star Observatory in the Jiao Continent, the elegant and composed Yin Jingxu raised his head and bathed in the boundless stream of starlight. His aura started to rise and it quickly reached a level that surpassed any Martial Dipper Realm expert. Looks of excitement could be seen on the faces of the members of the Heavenly Star Palace.

The only people who had serious expressions were the core experts of the Heavenly Star Palace. They weren’t celebrating like the others and their attention seemed to be placed elsewhere as they revealed looks of worry.

Under such circumstances, Yi Jingzi didn’t know how many times she had been staring into the distance. All of a sudden, a powerful ray of light appeared and a figure revealed itself. That person seemed to have been there all along.

Yi Jingzi cupped her hands in greeting, “True Immortal Huang!”

The faces of the Martial Dipper Realm experts who were in charge of protecting Yin Jingxu felt their expressions changing slightly. However, none of them dared to let their guards down while they cupped their fists like Yu Jingzi to greet Huang Jinghan.

Sweeping his gaze across those present, Huang Jinghan nodded slightly before turning his attention to Yu Jingxu on the main platform in the Star Observatory.

“Space Star Dipper!” Huang Jinghan mumbled softly.

“Oh? An Origin Dipper related to the stars shouldn’t be something extremely rare, right?” Another voice rang through the air as Li Jidao appeared not too far away from him.

Of the 6 great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Yuanchen Sect was located closest to the Jiao Continent, followed by the Divine Capital Sect.

With the Heavenly Star Palace causing such a huge disturbance, Huang Jinghan was naturally the first to arrive, followed by Li Jidao.

Ever since Huang Jinghan entered the Martial Void Realm, Liu Jingsheng rarely showed himself. However, the Divine Capital Sect only had Li Jidao who had to handle everything related to the sect. Fortunately, as a second tier True Immortal, he was able to comprehend the secret technique to split off a clone at the Martial Void Realm.

Huang Jinghan bowed slightly towards Li Jidao. Even though it was a mere clone, Li Jidao was a senior nonetheless. For someone like Huang Jinghan with traditional views, he had to show proper respect.

“Senior, you might not know, but from what I can see, Palace Master Yin’s Origin Dipper is a little different from everything we know. It seems closely related to the Star Observatory under his feet.” Huang Jinghan muttered.

He came earlier, and he came with his true body. He clearly had a better view of the entire matter.

Li Jidao naturally wouldn’t doubt Huang Jinghan’s evaluation of the situation. His interest was piqued and he muttered, “Oh?”

Huang Jinghan continued, “Palace Master Yin not only refined 2 different types of Origin Dippers at the same time, he still has a lot of energy left over. I believe he will step into the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm in one go.”

“For real?” Finally, Li Jidao was feeling a little surprised.

Refining 2 Origin Dippers at the same time was already a shocking fact in itself. What was more, they were his fourth and fifth fate dippers, the most difficult fate dippers to refine! What was more, he would also step into the grand completion stage!

Was he not afraid of losing control of his fate dippers and experiencing cultivation deviation?

For him to rush straight into the grand completion stage... Did he not need to consolidate his foundations?

Huang Jinghan could tell what Li Jidao was thinking about and he explained, “Palace Master Yin might have a secret method to refine the both of them, but it might also be because of the Star Observatory.”

“In that case... That should be what the Heavenly Star Palace has been hiding from all of us since they agreed to restore the Star Observatory.” Another voice rang through the air and Yang Taihe’s clone arrived. Even though he sounded calm, what he said caused the hearts of the members of the Heavenly Star Palace to sink.

However, in front of 3 True Immortals, even if they wanted to explain themselves, they had no qualifications to speak.

Just as the members of the Heavenly Star Pavilion felt their hearts pounding in fright, another voice arrived while a figure emerged from the void. "Looks like we'll have to wait for Palace Master Yin's explanation then."

Shang Xia hurried over from the You Continent, and even though he sounded pretty forceful when he arrived, the members of the Heavenly Star Palace heaved a sigh of relief.

Shang Xia might not have been polite when he arrived, but from his words, they could tell that he would allow Yin Jingxu to complete the refinement of his fate dippers before the questioning started. At the very least, his breakthrough would be unobstructed.

Shang Xia nodded slightly at Yi Jingzi before him before shifting his gaze away. He stared at Yin Jingxu and revealed a look of admiration.

Compared to Huang Jinghan's evaluation earlier, Shang Xia's divine soul was a lot clearer. He could tell that the only reason Yin Jingxu was able to refine 2 Origin Dippers at once was because of the help he received from the Star Observatory.

What was more, the Origin Dippers that Yin Jingxu was refining wasn't something the Heavenly Star Palace had prepared. He seemed to have drawn them over from the vast sea of stars.

If that was really true, it was a truly shocking fact.

It had only been some time since they started controlling the Star Observatory, but he already managed to gain such power over it. That also proved the fact that the Star Observatory had the ability to draw starlight and refine Star Origin Dippers...

Shang Xia thought back to what Yan Ming said that the Star Observatory could also draw over Star Extermination Origins...

The Stargazer inheritance required one to borrow the power of the Star Observatory to draw Star Extermination Origins when one was in the Martial Extermination Realm and Star Origin Dippers when they were in the Martial Dipper Realm.

No one knows what a Martial Void Realm expert needs, but Shang Xia knew that the Starry Fruit could greatly increase the chances of one's breakthrough! A Starry Fruit was produced from the Starry Tree, and the only tree he had was planted in the Star Observatory in the Tongyou Elysium!

As for the Seventh Order of the Primary Realm... Even Zhuge Xiang revealed that the experts of the Heaven Observation Sect at that level only managed to break through with the use of a secret art. They had a lot of experts at that level, and it was one of the main reasons they were exterminated.

After Shang Xia studied the Stargazer observatory and made the connection to everything that was happening, Yan Ming's theory seemed to be proven.

The key to the entire matter was how much of the inheritance the Heavenly Star Palace obtained. Did they have the entire martial cultivation system? Or did they only possess a small part of it?

Also, how did the Heavenly Star Palace obtain the martial inheritance of the Heaven Observation Sect?

Or... Could it be the fact that the Heavenly Star Palace had some sort of mysterious connection to the Heaven Observation Sect?!

If that truly was the case, the problem would be a lot more serious than they thought.

The True Immortals present couldn't forget that when Zhuge Xiang spoke about the extermination of the Heaven Observation Sect, he said that they were destroyed by an alliance of many powers in the vast sea of stars.

If the Heavenly Star Palace is what remained of the Heaven Observation Sect, would those experts who exterminated the Heaven Observation Sect be willing to watch them revive?! Would the Spirit Luxuriant World be dragged into the mess?

Even if they didn't manage to discover the presence of the Heavenly Star Palace, the moment they grew stronger, everyone would take note of them. Could the grudge resurface? When that happened, how should the other powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World react?

Shang Xia turned to look at everyone around him. Zhang Jianzi and Lu Wuzi also arrived by then.

Shang Xia wasn't the only one considering the repercussions. Everyone else had their considerations.

As for the reason why all of them were thinking so hard wasn't just because Yin Jingxu had the complete Stargazer inheritance. All of them could see that he actually already had the qualifications to enter the Martial Void Realm.

That was right. The Heavenly Star Palace Master, Yin Jingxu, someone who just started refining his final 2 fate dippers and had yet to truly step into the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, had the ability to draw on the power of the stars when standing on the Star Observatory! There was a vague feeling that he had the ability to resist experts in the Martial Void Realm!

Even though all of them could tell that Yin Jingxu's combat strength wasn't actually strong enough to contend against them and was merely drawing on external power, he was still only a Martial Dipper Realm cultivator at the end of the day!

However, strength was everything. As long as he had the ability to fight experts in the Martial Void Realm, he was considered a powerful expert!

What was more, the situation the Spirit Luxuriant World was facing wasn't exactly optimistic at the moment. The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had to welcome and celebrate the birth of any True Immortals.

Not to mention the fact that the Heavenly Star Palace and the Star Observatory would concern the long term plans of their world.

That was why even though the True Immortals arrived, none of them took action immediately. They merely surrounded the Star Observatory while observing the breakthrough.

No one knew how long had passed, and the members of the Heavenly Star Palace felt time crawling slowly with so many True Immortals present. Eventually, Yin Jingxu experienced another transformation on the Star Observatory.

Finally restoring his balance between his fate dippers, Yin Jingxu controlled the starlight that fell on him and formed a massive disk above his head. He sliced through the void, seemingly wanting to separate the Jiao Continent from the rest of the world.

“Alright, let me have a taste of Palace Master Yin’s skills!” Lu Wuzi yelled as he made the first move. The power of the world around them rippled and a massive blizzard formed. It swept towards the Star Observatory instantly.

Chapter 1060: Taking Turns

Lu Wuzi’s actions surprised the members of the Heavenly Star palace and a lot of them gasped in fright.

However, the True Immortals present weren’t surprised at all.

Yin Jingxu, who had just stepped into the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm after comprehending his martial intent, panicked slightly when he noticed Lu Wuzi rushing at him. However, he seemed to realize something and he started to calmly draw on the remnant power that had been left behind. The dimming star disk above him burst forth with resplendent light and it pulsed above the Star Observatory, cutting through the blizzard that formed.

Even though several breaths of time had passed, Lu Wuzi didn’t let up in the slightest as he maintained his domain and continued to blast Yin Jingxu.

Yin Jingxu might have forced a good portion of Lu Wuzi’s domain to remain outside the platform he was on, but there were still some streams that got through. Snow started to fill the platform.

It was then that Lu Wuzi stopped abruptly as the blizzard disappeared. Everything returned to normal as though everything had just been an illusion.”

On the platform, Yin Jingxu felt a massive weight landing on his shoulders as he drew on too much energy to resist Lu Wuzi’s domain. However, he still cupped his fists respectfully while speaking sincerely, “Many thanks for the pointers, True Immortal Lu!”

“Hehe...” Lu Wuzi chuckled softly and didn’t say anything else. Instead, he stood in the air with his hands collapsed behind his back as he continued to stare at the platform.

Finally, Yin Jingxu seemed to understand what would come next and he couldn’t care about not having the proper etiquette. He grabbed a high-grade essence crystal and started to draw on the power of the starlight to replenish his energy.

After the time it took to steep a pot of tea, Zhang Jianzi spoke, “My skills are comparable to Senior Brother Lu. Palace Master Yin, you need to be careful!”

Lu Wuzi shorted slightly in response and didn’t really care much about what was said.

After Zhang Jianzi spoke, the members of the Heavenly Star Palace felt the world around them turning dark. Raising their heads to take a look, they discovered a heavenly river crashing down on them!

As it came slamming down from the skies above, the curtain of starlight that was originally descending was also stirred up.

The river or starlight fell through the heavenly river that Zhang Jianzi summoned and both sides clashed with each other unceremoniously. The skies above the Jiao Continent were instantly covered with rays of resplendent light.

Like Lu Wuzi, Zhang Jianzi didn't switch up his attack after summoning the heavenly river. He simply continued to use it to suppress Yin Jingxu.

On the platform in the Star Observatory, Yin Jingxu first resisted the corrosive power of the heavenly river. He continued to adjust his approach as he gathered the starlight around the platform to push back. He shaved away the power of the heavenly river and caused a massive shower of essence qi 300 miles around the Star Observatory.

Slowly gathering his composure, Yin Jingxu didn't dare to slack off. He quickly absorbed the energy contained in high-grade essence crystals after stopping Zhang Jianzi. He even sent several voice transmissions to the experts of the Heavenly Star Palace and the power of starlight that fell on the platform increased by a whopping 30 percent.

After another time it took to steep a pot of tea, Li Jidao's clone turned to look at Huang Jinghan and Shang Xia before glancing at the calm Yang Taihe. "Looks like it's my turn to make a move!"

Yin Jingxu turned serious as he got to his feet. Even though the person making a move was Li Jidao's clone, he didn't dare to be careless at all!

With his cultivation in the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm, he was able to temporarily obtain combat strength comparable to a True Immortal when he borrowed the power of starlight that had been drawn over to the Star Observatory. However, it was a borrowed power at the end of the day. If he failed to stop the test from the True Immortals of the 6 great powers, everything he did would go down the drain.

As soon as Li Jidao's clone made a move, Yin Jingxu was slightly taken aback. However, he reacted quickly and a sky full of starlight stopped the descent of a dim nine-storied pagoda.

It slowed its descent for a split second, and the phantom disappeared. It was counted as a pass as Yin Jingxu was let off the hook.

On the platform, Yin Jingxu bowed to thank Li Jidao for going easy on him.

Li Jidao's clone chuckled softly in response, "My true body isn't here. My clone is just far too weak."

There was no doubt about it. Li Jidao went easy on Yin Jingxu.

Otherwise, even when unleashing an attack with his clone, there was no way Yin Jingxu would scatter the phantom of the pagoda that easily. No... There was no way Yin Jingxu would be able to hold the attack off at all.

If Lu Wuzi and Zhang Jianzi made their move earlier in accordance to the rules, Li Jidao's goodwill was like a subtle approval that he was going to allow the Heavenly Star Palace to continue existing.

Facing the test of the 6 great powers, gaining the approval of any of them would be of great help. The Divine Capital Sect was sending help in their times of need.

Li Jidao gestured for them to continue, and Yang Taihe's clone stepped forward. "Alright, let me make a move then."



Seeing Yin Jingxu's reaction as though he was about to face the greatest challenge of his life, Yang Taihe chuckled, "Palace Master Yin, there's no need to worry. I'm a clone, just like True Immortal Li. I only possess the strength of a new True Immortal."

Even so, Yin Jingxu didn't dare to relax.

The person he was about to face was the strongest expert in the Spirit Luxuriant World! Even though his clone might not possess the same level of combat strength, his experience and methods were something ordinary experts would not possess.

Yang Taihe's clone waved his hand slightly and muttered, "Alright, I made my move, Palace Master Yin, please."

The members of the Heavenly Star Palace didn't know what was going on, but Yin Jingxu seemed to have felt something. He raised his head to look at the skies above, but a thin layer had formed above them.

The skies above him weren't what he was used to seeing! Instead, he stared straight at the heavenly screen!

The thin layer didn't seem too vast and it didn't cover the heavenly screen above the entire Jiao Continent. However, a considerable shadow was cast above the continent.

The starlight that was falling from the sea of stars failed to penetrate the heavenly screen. The power Yin Jingxu could draw on was reduced by 50 percent!

Yang Taihe managed to find the weakness of the Star Observatory immediately. Even though he couldn't make Yin Jingxu a lot weaker immediately, the moment they fell into a stalemate, Yin Jingxu would lose once the battle dragged out.

Yin Jingxu started to activate the Star Disk above him as rays of starlight shot towards the heavenly screen. It pierced through the thin layer that formed before allowing starlight to enter the Jiao Continent once again, allowing him to restore his combat strength.

Yang Taihe didn't do anything else other than creating that thin layer above the heavenly screen. He simply watched as Yin Jingxu destroyed it bit by bit while maintaining a smile on his face.

Yang Taihe seemed to be giving Yin Jingxu pointers while making his move.

After getting rid of the mysterious layer, he bowed deeply towards Yang Taihe's clone as he had done to Li Jidao's clone before.

Yang Taihe's clone simply laughed, "Palace Master Yin, there's no need to be too polite. I wasn't just trying to show you the weakness of the Star Observatory earlier. The Jiao Continent was once invaded by the experts of the Spirit Abundance World and the heavenly screen has been greatly affected. Even after it was restored, it's still extremely weak. That is why your Heavenly Star Palace chose to reconstruct the observatory here anyway. The most ideal place to maintain a Star Observatory is in an Elysium, even if the heavenly screen in the region is weak..."

"Many thanks to True Immortal Yang for the guidance!" Yin Jingxu thanked the other party sincerely while sighing helplessly.

How could the Heavenly Star Palace not know that the most ideal spot to house a Star Observatory was in an Elysium?

However, his martial inheritance barely reached the peak of the Martial Dipper Realm and they hadn't developed a True Immortal. How could they think of establishing an Elysium?

Without the protection of an Elysium, the Heavenly Star Palace wouldn't be able to create a Star Observatory on their own. Without a Star Observatory, they wouldn't be able to establish an Elysium... It was a vicious cycle, which was why the Heavenly Star Palace took such a risk in the first place to scheme against the reconstructed Star Observatory under the noses of the 6 great powers.

Of the 6 True Immortals who arrived, 4 of them already made their move. Huang Jinghan of the Yuanchen Sect and Shang Xia of the Tongyou Institution were the only ones left.

One couldn't see how the Ice Essence Sect and the Northern Sea Mystic Sect weren't concerned with the development of the Heavenly Star Palace, and the open friendly intentions the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect had shown.

Everyone present understood that the decision lay in the hands of Huang Jinghan and Shang Xia.

If they refused to allow the Heavenly Star Palace to develop, the attitudes of the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect wouldn't matter.

*Dong...*

A soft vibration drew everyone's attention to Huang Jinghan's Yuanchen Heavy Sword.

Maintaining his expressionless face, Huang Jinghan muttered, "I'll only make a single move."

The Jiao Continent had been forcefully taken over by Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia as they moved the influence of the Tongyou Institution in. Now, the Heavenly Star Palace was also about to stick its butt into the Jiao Continent.

In the eyes of the Yuanchen Sect, the Jiao Continent used to be their backyard!

*Clang!*

A majestic sword intent tore through the void and sundered the stream of starlight falling on the Star Observatory. It twisted rapidly in the air above before slashing down at the Star Observatory at a frightening speed.

"Is he getting serious?!" Someone else appeared beside Shang Xia all of a sudden and the voice rang in his mind.

"Why are you here?!" Shang Xia turned around and shot the newcomer a strange gaze before raising an eyebrow, "Oh? You... You actually sent a clone over?!"