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Chapter 1091: Spirit Faith World, Azure Roaming Realm, Azure Intellect Realm

Shang Xia was willing to risk his life earlier and be surrounded by the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World while stalking Yu Long and True Immortal Luo because of the 3 rank six Six Harmony Talismans he made!

It wasn't the first time he was using them and with the experience, he knew its capabilities. It was also why he had the guts to mess with all of them.

Actually, he planned to use the talisman to escape at the very last second. He didn't even think of entering the Spirit Faith World back then. After all, that was no different from suicide!

However... After learning that there were actually 3 worlds, a bold idea formed in his mind.

He wanted to infiltrate the largest of the 3 worlds, which was the one that emitted the strongest light from the heavenly screen!

He wanted to understand why the worlds were able to exist so close together without showing signs of crashing and fusing with each other!

The moment the thought formed in his mind, the desire to do it reached an unthinkable level. He had 3 Six Harmony Talisman and it was more than enough for him to play around with!

As such, when he was finally surrounded, he activated his talisman and passed through the heavenly screen of the largest world!

A massive light streak appeared in the void and Shang Xia struggled out of it. When he tumbled out, a brilliant light filled his vision and a huge world appeared in his sights.

At the same time, the World's Will reacted instantly. Loud rumbling of thunder filled the air and Shang Xia felt clouds gathering where he was.

Raising his head, he saw an endless sky where the World's Will seemed to condense into a giant blade that hung above him. A giant storm was about to wreak havoc.

Not panicking in the slightest, the aura around him started to transform. His cultivation started to fall and it dropped back to the Five Element Realm from the Six Direction Realm before transforming into one from the Spirit Faith World. He also seemed to turn into a native cultivator.

Earlier, in space hundreds of thousands of miles away from the world, he already noticed many True Immortals. He could naturally replicate their auras, but what he wanted to do was to lower his cultivation to that of a Marital Dipper Realm expert.

As soon as he concealed his aura and became a 'native' cultivator, the World's Will seemed to lose its target and the clouds started to scatter. He successfully avoided the rejection of the World's Will!

His method was different from the fourth tier True Immortal from the Essence Hong World when he infiltrated the Tongyou Elysium back then. Even though the expert from the Essence Hong World managed to hide from the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World, he wasn't able to hide from the World's Will. It continued to suppress him.

However, Shang Xia didn't just hide from the True Immortals... He even avoided the World's Will!

Naturally, it wasn't as though his disguise was perfect. There was no way he could appear before a True Immortal of the world as they would be able to see through his hidden cultivation realm right away.

As such, Shang Xia chose to leave his current location after putting up his disguise.

Through his divine soul, he quickly discovered the nearest city and he found a region with more cultivators. It was also the most prosperous location in the area and he transformed his aura once again to assimilate with the others. His cultivation realm dropped from the fifth element to the fourth element before he left.

Not too long after he disappeared, Lan Zhengfeng and Yun Hu arrived at the spot where he first appeared in the world. They released their divine souls and covered as much area as possible to look for him.

Unlike their time outside the heavenly screen, not only was their speed suppressed in their world, the void was also a lot stronger than in space. The range of their divine soul was a lot smaller.

With many of them joining hands, they could only maintain a detection area of close to 1000 miles.

Unfortunately, they didn't find what they were looking for.

"It's here!" True Immortal Yan held the compass in his hand. As he was back in the Spirit Faith World and the location they were in wasn't his territory. He only sent a clone over.

No one would suspect that he made a mistake. There was only one possibility in that case. After the foreign expert entered their world, he used another strange method to escape! He managed to run away from all of them!

Actually... His secret was revealed now that the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World arrived. His tracks weren't exactly gone, but they could tell that he wasn't rejected by the World's Will!

He arrived in the wilderness and they soon caught up. There was no way there was someone else who passed through the area and they quickly caught the trace of a Martial Dipper Realm expert. Who else could it be other than the foreign expert who arrived?

There was only one explanation. The person they called Shang Xia had a secret art that could allow him to disguise his aura! Moreover, it enabled him to avoid the rejection of the World's Will!

The True Immortals present couldn't help but gasp in amazement.

Ruling out all the possibilities, they had to believe it no matter how much they didn't wish to!

Everyone present understood what a secret art that could disguise one as a native cultivator represented, and all of them felt a chill running down their spines.

"We have to find him!" Lan Zhengfeng growled. However, there was a trace of panic in his voice this time.

"We have to kill him!" Lan Zhengfeng added after he was done.

“You can’t run!” True Immortal Yan grunted and he started to track the aura left behind by the ‘native’ Martial Dipper Realm expert. He quickly discovered their location.

In the wilderness tens of miles away was an unassuming small city... They seemed to track the aura all the way over there, bringing about an unprecedented moment in history for the members living there. At least 10 True Immortals or their clones descended and they started to go about searching for the foreign expert. Close to 30,000 people in the town fell unconscious due to their powerful divine souls but they failed to find anyone.

There, they discovered something else. They understood that the foreign True Immortal had lost them!

Since they could transform their aura once, they could do so many times. Since they could lower their cultivation realm, they could possibly go even further and might even be pretending to be a Martial Extermination or Martial Intent Realm expert.

Even though Chiye City was small, there were many cultivators residing there! All of their auras intertwined with each other and even as True Immortals, they couldn’t filter them out one by one!

Moreover, Shang Xia had long since escaped Chiye City. He left the Chen Continent and entered the Wei Continent of the Spirit Faith World.

His cultivation was also no longer at the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm. Instead, it fell further to the third element.

The reason he maintained the cultivation level of a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert was because he did an analysis of the Spirit Faith World.

There was no doubt he was on a Spirit World and if the True Immortals didn’t lie to them back then, he knew he should have arrived on the Spirit Faith World.

In a Spirit World, even though a Martial Void Realm True Immortal stood at the peak of cultivation, after one entered the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm, they would enter the sights of True Immortals as candidates who had the ability to break through eventually. They would also be pretty famous in their world.

That was the case in the Spirit Luxuriant World, but it was the situation in most of the peak-grade spirit worlds.

Shang Xia knew that the Spirit Faith World would be no different.

As such, he maintained his cultivation at the third element so that he would be able to walk around without running into too much trouble while raising suspicion as a new face.

After all, the number of third element Martial Dipper Realm experts in a world was pretty huge...

Traveling around the Wei Continent for several days and coming into contact with more native experts, he gained a gradual understanding of the world. He even learned something about the other 2 worlds surrounding the Spirit Faith World!

To the high-level experts of the Spirit Faith World, they addressed it as the Spirit Faith Superior World with a hint of arrogance in their voice.

A Superior World was now the various worlds addressed the Essence Worlds connected to the Star Origin City.

However, the way they addressed the Spirit Faith World wasn't because they were ignorant. It was because that was how the experts of the other 2 worlds addressed them!

They were the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World respectively. As Azure Worlds surrounding the Spirit Faith World, the high-level experts would usually address them collectively as the Three Worlds!

Chapter 1092: Eight Great Sects and Wandering True Immortals

In the Honglin Restaurant of Tonggu City in the Mo Continent of the Spirit Faith World...

The city was a lot larger than the one Shang Xia ran into back when he first arrived. Tonggu City was also considered one of the main cities in the Mo Continent.

There were lots of cultivators in the city and the quality of cultivation was pretty high. There were several large families and factions within the city, with the Chilin Gang being one of the top powers. Zhu Honglin, their leader, was said to have swallowed a mouthful of a strange creature's heart's blood in the river nearby and managed to obtain an impure blood dipper. With that, he managed to stumble his way into the Martial Dipper Realm.

Even though his method of advancement couldn't be replicated, due to his chaotic fate dipper, he had no chance of advancing any further. His combat strength was also in the lowest tier among experts of the same level. However, a Martial Dipper Realm expert was a Martial Dipper Realm expert. At the very least, in Tonggu City, he was someone who could shake the heavens in the eyes of ordinary people.

At that moment, the all-powerful figure was standing respectfully in one of the quiet rooms on the third floor of the Honglin Restaurant as he carefully poured wine for a young cultivator who didn't look to be in his thirties yet.

"How much did you purify your fate dipper?" Shang Xia asked casually as he tasted the dishes of the Spirit Faith World that were completely different from that in the Spirit Luxuriant World. He swallowed a mouthful of Honglin Wine as a dense fragrance filled the room. Even a True Immortal like himself felt a sense of enjoyment washing over him.

Zhu Honglin quickly bowed in response, and he didn't forget to refill Shang Xia's cup. He replied respectfully, with a trace of reverence and thankfulness in his voice, "Young Master, with your amazing method, I have already purified 70 percent of my fate dipper. I also managed to grow a lot stronger. I cannot be more thankful! Young Master, as long as you give the order, I will brave any dangers to accomplish it!"

"Haha... There's no need to go so far. However, I wish to hear what you know about the Three Worlds. With your current position, you should know some matters regarding the high-level secrets of the Azure Roamin World and Azure Intellect World, right?" Shang Xia chuckled.

Zhu Honglin couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief when he realized that Shang Xia wasn't going to give him an impossible task and he replied with haste, "Young Master, what do you wish to know?"

Shang Xia simply shot him a glance and mumbled, "I heard that your Chilin Gang is an auxiliary faction of the Guyuan Sect. You are also friends with the high-level experts of the Guyuan Sect... Let's talk about them for now!"

Zhu Honglin was able to control the Chilin Gang for tens of years and was clearly not some naive fool. He managed to guess many things when he heard Shang Xia's question, and his robes were instantly drenched in cold sweat when he thought of the possibilities.

Obviously, he couldn't hide his reaction from Shang Xia. Eventually, a soft chuckle left Shang Xia's lips. "Looks like you have already guessed my origins. How would you react? This is Tonggu City and if you run out here and start yelling, I believe in the time it takes to boil a pot of tea, the True Immortals of the Guyuan Sect will be able to arrive."

"No... Of course not... How... How would I..." Zhu Honglin denied the best he could. However, it didn't sound that convincing from how much he was stuttering. Whatever it was, he was still the leader of a faction with thousands of members. His mental state was strong and he quickly regained his calm.

Adjusting his emotions, he said resolutely, "Senior, you are my benefactor and I can't possibly treat your kindness with enmity. Moreover... Moreover, with my skills, what can I possibly do with my limited skills in front of esteemed senior?"

Shang Xia roared with laughter in response. "At least you know what's good for you! You can rest assured. By the time I leave, you will have already purified your fate dipper. When that happens, not only will you be able to improve, but you might possibly gain a chance to step into the next level in the future!"

"I... I... I wouldn't dare to think that far! I am already content if I am able to refine another fate dipper or two!" Zhu Honglin immediately replied and laughed along with Shang Xia.

When he saw the look of doubt on Shang Xia's face, he quickly continued, "The Guyuan Sect is one of the 8 strongest sects in our world... No, the Spirit Faith World! They have a True Immortal in charge of them and it's said that the esteemed senior has already become a second level True Immortal."

"Oh?" Shang Xia revealed an expression of amusement. "Does every single one of the 8 strongest sects have a True Immortal leading them?"

"Exactly! However, from what I know, the 8 strongest sects are considered the greatest powers in the world not just because of their True Immortals! It's because all of them possess their own Elysiums!" Zhu Honglin explained.

Nodding slightly, Shang Xia understood that be it the Spirit Faith World, the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Spirit Abundance World, or the Spirit Mammoth World, all Spirit Worlds were the same.

He was just surprised at the fact that the Spirit Faith World had 8 Elysiums!

That was something that exceeded his expectations. One had to know that even the current Spirit Luxuriant World only had 5 Elysiums!

That was also because the Azure Origin World of the past managed to produce the Divine Capital Elysium and the Eternal Palace! There was also the Yuanchen Sect with their Xiangyang Elysium that was close to that level when they were still an Azure World.

Ordinarily speaking, it would be amazing for an Azure World to possess a single Elysium. It was like the Azure Spiritual World that had the Northern Sea Elysium as the only Elysium in the world.

About the Tongyou Elysium that was the latest addition, they were a special case and no one could judge them according to ordinary standards. They could be said to be a giant anomaly.

Originally, after the exchange Shang Xia had with the True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World, he felt that the difference in strength wouldn't be too big. Even after discovering the 2 other Azure Worlds that seemed to be allied with them, he didn't think too highly of them. He thought that the True Immortals they gathered came after they summoned everyone available.

After hearing Zhu Honglin, Shang Xia finally understood that he seemed to have underestimated them!

With 8 Elysiums, the Spirit Faith World alone would have more than 10 True Immortals!

"Hmm... Continue talking about the True Immortal of the Guyuan Sect!" Shang Xia instructed without a change in expression.

Zhu Honglin said that the True Immortal of the Guyuan Sect was at the second level, which was most likely the same as a second tier True Immortal. After hearing the description, Shang Xia learned he was called True Immortal Gu Chengwu, and he was a second tier Elysium True Immortal.

"Is he the only True Immortal in the Guyuan Sect?" Shang Xia asked after thinking for some time. "As one of the 8 great powers of your Spirit Faith World, how does the Guyuan Sect rank among the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World?"

Zhu Honglin mumbled, "The Guyuan Sect has strong foundations and they have a lot of experts! They are actually ranked third among the 8 great powers..."

"Huh?" Shang Xia's first thought was that Zhu Honglin was fucking with him. However, from the look on Zhu Honglin's face, Shang Xia realized that he wasn't joking. The dude was a Marital Dipper Realm expert and he was the leader of thousands of members... Even though his faction was located in Tonggu City, he should have a basic understanding of the power structure of the factions in the Spirit Faith World.

The only thing he needed to know was how the Guyuan Sect could rank third!

Zhu Honglin also knew that Shang Xia didn't quite believe him and he quickly explained, "Everything I said is true! If you don't believe me, you can ask around and everyone will say the same!"

A light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes as he continued to ask, "From what I know, there are more than 10 True Immortals in the Spirit Faith World. There is a fourth tier Elysium True Immortal, Lan Zhengfeng and Yun Hu who are third tier True Immortals who I ran into back then... The Guyuan Sect only has a second tier Elysium True Immortal and they rank third among the 8 great powers. Don't tell me all the strong experts are gathered in the top 2 factions?"

Zhu Honglin felt his heart pounding initially, but he relaxed suddenly when he realized Shang Xia wasn't doubting him any longer. He chuckled, "Young Master, you might not know, but other than the 8 great powers in our Spirit Faith World who possess True Immortals, we have a lot of wandering cultivators. They aren't constrained to the 8 great sects... In fact, they don't seem to be bound to any power!"

"Wandering cultivators?!" Shang Xia's eyes widened in shock. He was in a state of complete disbelief as he gasped, "They actually managed to become True Immortals as wandering cultivators? If they don't have strong powers behind them, that would mean that all of them can move freely around, right?"

Elysium True Immortals can't leave their factions, and they naturally couldn't be classified as wandering cultivators...

Zhu Hongling mumbled, "Actually, those wandering cultivators..."

He suddenly felt his heart pounding in fright as he was about to continue and paused for a moment. However, he turned to glance at Shang Xia and started talking again. "According to high-level experts in the Guyuan Sect, those wandering True Immortals are like locusts! They seem to act like poor bastards who come from the countryside. Even if they became True Immortals, they can't hide the fact that they came from a lower world..."

"Oh?" Shang Xia seemed to have caught on to something and he quickly pressed deeper, "Are you saying that those wandering True Immortals came from the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World?"

Zhu Honglin explained, "It's not like all True Immortals who came from the lower worlds chose to be wandering cultivators... Some of them chose to join the 8 great powers. Also, those True Immortals who ascended don't just come from the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World!"

Zhu Honglin's explanation might not sound very clear, but Shang Xia understood exactly what he meant.

"Ascended?" Shang Xia gasped.

It seemed as though he gained a completely new understanding of the Spirit Faith World and he continued, "If that's the case, you're saying that a good portion of True Immortals who ascended chose to be wandering cultivators, right? Maybe... Most of them can't join the 8 great powers because the factions don't trust them at all! Since the Spirit Faith World can be classified as a Superior World, are there other worlds that exist close by? Right, what do you mean by ascended anyway?"

Zhu Honglin was shocked by Shang Xia's barrage of questions. He cleared his mind after some time and started to arrange his thoughts before replying, "True Immortal... Those wandering cultivators who ascended naturally wouldn't be willing to be constrained by a sect after they arrived. From the disciples of the Guyuan Sect, I heard that before those wandering cultivators came to our Superior World, they were supreme beings where they came from. They stood at the peak of their worlds, and it's no exaggeration to say that they can cause the world to tremble with a single stomp. Only after arriving in this place do they realize that there is always a taller mountain out there... Unfortunately, they have already accustomed themselves to their lives of being better than everyone else and are reluctant to be restrained by others. Moreover... With the combined suppression of the 8 great powers, they are unable to gather together to establish their own sect! In the end, they can only choose to wander around freely..."

Shang Xia couldn't help but reveal a mocking sneer. He could even imagine the disciples of the Guyuan Sect describing the expressions of those wandering cultivators who just ascended.

However... Were those wandering cultivators really willing to live a life roaming about the Spirit Faith World unfettered?

"Right. How did they ascend to the Spirit Faith World?" Shang Xia thought of another interesting question and asked. In fact, he was a little impatient to learn about the answer.

Chapter 1093: True Immortal Yun Hu

Through the interaction with Zhu Honglin, Shang Xia finally gained an overview of the Spirit Faith World.

Other than gaining a superficial understanding of the great powers, he also heard the names of famous experts in the Spirit Faith World, including many True Immortals.

For example, the 8 great powers that formed the basis of power for the Spirit Faith World with their Elysiums... The strongest among them was called the Heavenly Feather Sect, and Yan Huayi was their sect leader. He was a fourth tier Elysium True Immortal and his cultivation was the highest in the Three Worlds. It was also said that he possessed the strongest combat strength.

The Great Origin Sect came after them and even though their leader was a first tier True Immortal, they had a third tier True Immortal, Lan Zhengfeng, as their grand elder.

True Immortal Yun Hu was the representative for the wandering True Immortals and his cultivation was the highest among them. He was also the strongest expert who came from the Azure Intellect World. After reaching the level of External Unity, he was said to have reached the same level as Lan Zhengfeng!

True Immortal Zhu was an expert who reached the level of Inner Fusion and was a second tier True Immortal. He was also an ascended expert who came from the Azure Roaming World and his cultivation was the highest among all the experts who originated from the Azure Roaming World.

After gaining an introduction to the Spirit Faith World, Shang Xia thought back to the question he had initially. "How did the experts of lower worlds ascend?"

Zhu Honglin stared at Shang Xia in shock as he was surprised that Shang Xia didn't know about that.

Even though Zhu Honglin guessed that Shang Xia was an expert from a foreign world, he thought that the method of ascension was common throughout the sea of stars!

Alas... It seemed he was mistaken!

Of course, Zhu Honglin quickly regained his composure. He explained, "I am a native cultivator of the Spirit Faith World. I am not familiar with the process of ascension, but all I know is that the highest cultivation level one can reach in the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World is the Martial Dipper Realm. If they wish to take another step in the path of cultivation, they need more resources than a lower world can provide. They can only ascend to our Spirit Faith World through an Elysium Gate to continue progressing."

If an Azure World didn't have an Elysium, they would never be able to support the birth of a Marital Void Realm expert. That was something Shang Xia knew clearly.

From how the experts of the Azure Worlds had to ascend to the Spirit Faith World, it was clear they didn't have Elysiums of their own.

Shang Xia continued to ask, "What is an Elysium Gate then?"

Zhu Honglin found it even stranger, but he didn't dare to reveal his feelings as he quickly lowered his gaze and explained, "An Elysium Gate is actually a spatial passage that would be connected from a superior world to a lower world after modifications from an Elysium. There are 2 Elysium Gates between our world and the Azure Intellect World and 1 Elysium Gate to the Azure Roaming World."

Shang Xia was shocked and he couldn't help but gasp, "Modifying an Elysium to form spatial connections between worlds?"

That was such a massive undertaking and contained many implications!

Wouldn't there exist World's Will suppression for the expats between the worlds?

Obviously, there were a lot of secrets hidden involved but Shang Xia didn't think that Zhu Honglin would be privy to such secrets at his level. He thought for a second and continued, "Are there many cultivators who ascend from the Azure Worlds?"

Zhu Honglin shook his head and sighed, "I have no idea, but what I do know is that the Void Overlooking Sect, the Flourishing Dao Gate, and the Carefree Sect are factions that accept the most ascendants."

"Oh..." Shang Xia grunted once and muttered, "Do you know why?"

"Naturally, it's because those are the factions that connected their Elysium Gate to lower worlds!" Zhu Honglin mumbled.

"So those are the Elysiums that connected a spatial passage to lower worlds..." Shang Xia was truly shocked by the discovery.

In response, Zhu Honglin stated matter of factly, "Yeah. The Void Overlooking Sect and the Flourishing Dao Gate are connected to the Azure Intellect World while the Carefree Sect is connected to the Azure Roaming World."

“This is truly... Something new!” Shang Xia couldn’t help but mutter to himself.

A soft laughter entered Shang Xia’s ear the next second.

Feeling a chill run down his spine, Shang Xia released his retracted divine soul while keeping an eye on Zhu Honglin. He saw the other party with his bowed head and didn’t seem to be the one laughing.

“The leader of the Chihong Gang has a limited status. He’s pretty impressive for knowing so much. However, if True Immortal Shang really wishes to know more, why don’t you look for this old man outside the city for a proper discussion?” The soft voice rang in his ears again.

Shang Xia felt that the voice sounded pretty familiar and he quickly connected the dots.

“True Immortal Yun Hu!” Shang Xia’s expression sank. He quickly discovered the source of the voice when he released his divine soul, and he discovered that he wasn’t mistaken. It was Yun Hu!

A gasp of admiration soon entered Shang Xia’s ears again. “True Immortal Shang, your divine soul is sharp indeed... The area you can cover is also really impressive. You’re right. I am Yun Hu and I have no ill intentions.”

It was then that Zhu Honglin noticed Shang Xia mumbling something to himself. He couldn’t hear anything and he quickly asked, “Young Master, do you have any other instructions?”

“Oh.” Shang Xia turned to look at Zhu Honglin and chuckled, “You’ve done well enough. You can leave. You don’t have to take special note of anything either and all you need to do is to pay a little more attention to ascended cultivators.”

“Yes!” Zhu Honglin replied before bowing again to ask, “This... How will I be able to contact you in the future after I complete my task?”

Zhu Honglin knew that since he already chosen to submit, he might as well go all the way. At the very least, the person in front of him was able to solve the problem of his fate dippers to give him another chance to grow stronger.

Shang Xia laughed, “Go do whatever you need to. I will look for you when I have to.”

After Zhu Honglin left the room, he discovered that his robes were completely soaked in sweat.

As soon as he closed the door, Shang Xia also disappeared from within the room.

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In a maple forest 300 miles away from the city, Shang Xia showed himself. He noticed a friendly elder standing slightly more than a thousand feet away. The elder was clad in loose robes and looked a little chubby. His hair was completely white but the smile on his face displayed his friendly intentions. He held a palm-sized gourd in his hand and he revealed an even wider grin when he saw Shang Xia. “I hope you forgive me for my sudden intrusion.”

Shang Xia's gaze swept across the other party and paused for a second on his gourd. He mumbled casually, "There's no offense at all. I should be the one who offended you if we need to blame someone for something."

Yun Hu raised the gourd and took a big swig before chuckling in amusement, "If we're talking about that you shouldn't be apologizing to me. You should be talking to True Immortal Yan Huayi, Lan Zhengfeng, and the others!"

Shang Xia's eyebrows twitched slightly and looked at Yun Hu with a smile that wasn't quite a smile. "Elder, you seem to be saying something else..."

The smile on Yun Hu's face didn't fade in the slightest. His gaze landed on the gourd in his hand and mumbled, "There are some things we don't have to make so obvious... True Immortal Shang, didn't you form your own guesses after hearing his description of the dynamics of our worlds earlier?"

Chapter 1094: Convincing and Making the Deal

Looking at True Immortal Yun Hu who was looking at him with a smile, Shang Xia maintained his expressionless face. His body trembled slightly before emitting a puff of smoke. It scattered into the air above before dissipating into its surroundings.

Yun Hu, who was about to raise his gourd to his lips again, froze and the look of amusement on his face also faded slightly. He grunted, "What a tyrannical Void Origin..."

Shang Xia wasn't willing to show any sign of weakness and he snorted, "Elder, your Void Origin is also impressive. I was careless earlier and allowed your cloud energy to enter my body. My tracks were actually revealed..."

Yun Hu eventually regained his smile and he replied, "True Immortal Shang, you only failed to discover it because you just entered the world and had to take note of many other things. The moment you calm down and start inspecting yourself, my methods will easily be discovered."

"Elder, you're too polite. I'm afraid I wouldn't be able to calm myself after being affected by your technique and be killed before I knew what was happening." Shang Xia growled.

"Hehe..." Yun Hu laughed softly and continued, "Since that's the case, doesn't me not doing anything show my sincerity? Otherwise, I wouldn't be the only one here! Do you think I make sense?"

Shang Xia grunted once and jumped right in. "Elder, is something the matter? Why are you looking for me?"

Yun Hu chuckled, "Since True Immortal Shang believes that I have no ill intentions, let me get to the point. The Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World want to leave the influence of the Spirit Faith World, but we are just far too weak. We are unable to get rid of their suppression at the moment, but I believe the chance has arrived. We need the strength of your Spirit Luxuriant World!"

Shang Xia couldn't react properly at his sudden revelation. After he learned about the current situation in the Spirit Faith World and the situation with the Ascendants, he could accurately

determine that there had to be some animosity between the native experts of the Spirit Faith World and the Ascendants.

However, he never thought that Yun Hu would be so direct and speak of the situation immediately!

If not for the fact that Yun Hu looked for him in private to show that he really didn't mean any ill intent, Shang Xia would have thought that the third tier True Immortal went crazy!

Shang Xia had to admit that he had experienced a lot in the past few years and he could be said to have seen a lot of things. However, he was still stunned for a full second after hearing what Yun Hu said. He eventually gasped, "Elder, is it really good to be so direct? Moreover, how do I know that you're not setting up an even bigger scheme?"

Yun Hu might truly have no ill intentions when meeting with Shang Xia and revealing his plot against the Spirit Faith World, but who was to say that their true target wasn't the Spirit Luxuriant World?

If they truly managed to set everything up and get the Spirit Luxuriant World to attack the Spirit Faith World and watch as both parties suffer serious damage, things would be really interesting.

Yun Hu seemed prepared for Shang Xia's question and he replied immediately, "In order to show my sincerity, I am here to invite True Immortal Shang to join hands with me to kill Gu Chengwu!"

"Gu Chengwu?!" Shang Xia frowned. "He's a second tier Elysium True Immortal!"

After the exchange with Zhu Honglin, Shang Xia understood that Tonggu City was part of the Guyuan Sect. He also knew that Gu Chengwu was their leader.

The smile on Yun Hu's face finally faded once more and he started to turn serious. "Exactly. That's our target!"

"Why do you want to kill him?" Shang Xia pressed for an answer.

Yun Hu didn't hesitate to reply, "That's because True Immortal Yu Long just died after being schemed against by native True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World. The native True Immortals took their rage out on Ascendant True Immortals like ourselves in order to vent their frustrations of having one of their own die."

"True Immortal Yu Long? Is he the other person who escaped from me? Are you sure they killed him because they wanted to vent their frustrations?" Shang Xia sneered.

Without a change in expression, Yun Hu muttered, "True Immortal Yu and True Immortal Luo were used as bait by Lan Zhengfeng to attract your attention. True Immortal Luo was killed by you, and Lan Zhengfeng ignored Yu Long's safety and attacked you even though you had him hostage. Lan Zhengfeng or the faction behind him might have wanted to use you to get rid of Yu Long in order to shave away at the power of our Ascendant Faction while also getting revenge for one of their own dying!"

Shang Xia couldn't help but laugh. Of course, he wouldn't be easily hoodwinked by a reason like that. "Is this really all? Elder, who knows if you're also trying to kill your target using a borrowed blade..."

Surprisingly, Yun Hu nodded honestly. “After we kill Gu Chengwu, we indeed need you to take the blame! However, the reason I wish to kill Gu Chengwu is because of another reason altogether. That’s because the Guyuan Sect is far too close to the Elysium gate connected to our Azure Worlds. The moment we attempt to destroy the gates, or even bring away anything from the Spirit Faith World, the Guyuan Sect will definitely be our biggest obstacle!”

Yun Hu paused for a moment before revealing a determined gaze. “That is why... Gu Chengwu must die!”

Moreover, Shang Xia had to take the blame to shift the attention of the cultivators of the Spirit Faith World. Only then would the Ascendant True Immortals be able to buy enough time for their plan.

Shang Xia actually revealed a wide grin and nod to approve of the plan. “You managed to explain your reasoning behind this matter, but Gu Chengwu is a second tier Elysium True Immortal. Do you know how hard it is to kill an Elysium True Immortal? It’s especially so when he has the protection of the world and his Elysium! Even with your help, if we can’t kill him quickly, other True Immortals will quickly arrive to assist him!”

As soon as the words left Shang Xia’s lips, Yun Hu roared with laughter, “That is exactly why we can only choose to kill him secretly in his Elysium. True Immortal Shang, since you were able to infiltrate the Spirit Faith World without being detected, we can easily explain how you made your appearance. I believe you have more than 1 of the talismans you used back then. Since that’s the case, you have a lot of reassurance. Even if we fall out later, you don’t have to worry about your safety.”

“Oh? Looks like I have to thank you for helping me to consider all the factors then?” Shang Xia snorted sarcastically. He became even more cautious when looking at Yun Hu. Eventually, he continued, “I can’t kill him alone. Also, you don’t need to be smart to know that the talisman is a rare treasure. Even if I have more of them, I can’t give them to you. How are you going to infiltrate the Elysium and help me kill Gu Chengwu?”

Raising his eyebrows in shock, Yun Hu wondered out loud, “Why do I need to infiltrate the Elysium? I am also a True Immortal of the Spirit Faith World like Gu Chengwu and we have some friendship with each other. Wouldn’t it be fine if I looked for him for a quick pointers exchange? I might even be able to invite more experts over when asking for pointers.”

The experts Yun Hu would invite would definitely not be native experts. However, Gu Chengwu was no fool. Even if he was confident to think that no one would make a move on him in his Elysium, he would definitely take precautions. There was no way he would allow too many people to enter his Elysium.”

Whatever it was, Shang Xia sighed, “What a great plan! However, what I wish to know is why I should follow your plan? What do I get out of it?”

Yun Hu nodded in understanding. His tone changed the next moment. “The moment Gu Chengwu dies, you can take everything in the Guyuan Elysium you can carry. We won’t lay claim to anything at all!”

“Hah! How much am I supposed to be able to take away under such circumstances? Not to mention that’s assuming we kill him! What if we fail? Wouldn’t that mean that I wasted my time?” Shang Xia mocked.

Finally, Yun Hu nodded and turned completely serious. “True Immortal Shang, what do you want then?”

Chapter 1095: True Space Restriction Palm Talisman

In the maple forest 300 miles away from Tonggu City...

Yun Hu and Shang Xia seemed to reach an initial understanding with each other. The next thing they had to do was to come up with a proper plan to kill Gu Chengwu.

They discussed for over 4 hours in the maple forest all the way til the set started to set before going their separate ways.

It didn’t matter if it was Shang Xia or Yun Hu... Even though they managed to gain each other’s trust, they knew that it was limited to the 2 of them at the moment.

Since they wanted to scheme against a powerful Spirit World, it was obvious the 2 of them weren’t enough to actually succeed. In order to get the powers behind them both to take part in the operation without any reservation, they would need a chance to properly form a basis of trust for each other!

Killing Gu Chengwu and weakening the foundations of the Spirit Faith World would be the key to the start of cooperation for the Spirit Luxuriant World, Azure Intellect World, and Azure Roaming World!

As such, during their discussion, Shang Xia and Yun Hu revealed a little about the power behind them. Yun Hu also spoke about matters regarding the powers of the Spirit Faith World. He talked about the combat strength of the high-level combatants in detail, especially some secrets that only true experts of the world knew. Obviously, he knew a lot more than Zhu Honglin.

When they left earlier, Shang Xia thought of something and sent a long-range voice transmission, “Elder, since the Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World are so desperate to regain their freedom, why did the 3 worlds come together initially?”

Yun Hu didn’t seem surprised that Shang Xia would ask that question. He was even curious why Shang Xia only thought of it after such a long time. Whatever it was, he replied casually, “True Immortal Shang, when you followed True Immortal Luo’s tracks back here, did you notice the ruins of another world along the way?”

Shang Xia nodded to himself. It was true that he noticed the ruins of another world as he made his way over.

Yun Hu continued, “It was once called the Spirit Emptiness World, and it was a peak-tier Spirit World. Back then, the Spirit Faith World was still the Azure Faith World and the Spirit Emptiness World was ready to invade us. Our Azure Faith, Azure Roaming, and Azure Intellect Worlds could only gather together to resist the invasion. In order to destroy the ambitions of the Spirit Emptiness World, all 3 of us chose to work together to push a world to a Spirit World in order to fight back. The Azure Roaming World and Azure Intellect World were weaker back then, and we chose to give up a portion of our world origin to the Azure Faith World. After the Azure Faith World became the

Spirit Faith World, all 3 worlds managed to join hands to defeat the Spirit Emptiness World. After close to a hundred years, we managed to completely destroy them!”

“After it was done, the Spirit Faith World managed to grab the most benefits. Even though the Azure Worlds managed to gain a little, we barely managed to make up for the lost world origin we sacrificed. After the Spirit Faith World continued to grow stronger, they started to take the usual path of annexing our worlds. Even though they couldn’t use force due to the oath they made in the past, they managed to make it such that experts of the Azure Worlds had to ascend through the Elysium Gates. They continuously suck away the essence of the worlds in a clear attempt to devour them.” Yun Hu concluded.

No matter how much Yun Hu wanted to simplify his explanation, throughout the process, his emotions were thrown into the mix no matter how hard he tried to suppress them.

Of course, there were many inconsistencies and mysteries to begin with. For example, how were the Elysium Gates built and maintained... After the experts of the Azure Worlds ascended to the Spirit Faith World, how were they not rejected by the World’s Will and could maintain their full combat strength?

However, Shang Xia knew that that specific secret was related to the highest-level secrets of the Three Worlds and there was no way Yun Hu would reveal it.

The maple tree forest rustled under the breeze of the evening and it was as though the True Immortals were never there. The only thing left was the orange glow of the setting sun.

In an unassuming village not too far from Tonggu City lay a secret courtyard Zhu Honglin built for himself. Now, it has become Shang Xia’s residence.

After negotiating with Yun Hu, Shang Xia couldn’t help but admit that he met his match.

Of course, it wasn’t as though he would stand to make a loss. It was just that his gains would be reduced after Yun Hu made countless counter-proposals.

Originally, Shang Xia wanted to get a rank six advancement formula from Yun Hu, but Yun Hu only agreed to hand over a complete rank six martial inheritance called the Twin Fusion Imprint.

Shang Xia studied it casually and understood that it was indeed a rank six martial inheritance. However, it possessed pretty average strength. It was far from comparable to his Six Harmony Rod Technique.

That wasn’t all. The Twin Fusion Imprint couldn’t be cultivated to a high level. The Twin Fusion represented the level of Inner Fusion and External Unity which corresponded to the second and third tiers of the Martial Void Realm.

With Shang Xia expressing his displeasure several times after obtaining the technique, he managed to get 2 different rank six spiritual treasures from the old man. The first was rank six Deep Metal that could only be found in the Spirit Faith World. The other was a bundle of Spiritual Emptiness Silk that was obtained from the once-destroyed Spirit Emptiness World.

That wasn't all. Shang Xia also managed to get his hands on a rank six talisman inheritance. It also came from the destroyed Spirit Emptiness World, and it was called the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman. It sounded like a martial inheritance, but after looking through it, Shang Xia knew that it was definitely a rank six talisman inheritance. Moreover, it was one with offensive capabilities.

The moment it was activated, it would affect the target's domain. It would destroy the space around it to weaken the target's combat strength.

After Shang Xia's evaluation, he understood that the talisman would only be effective against first tier and second tier True Immortals. The moment they ran into a third tier True Immortal at the level of External Unity whose Void Origin had already fused with the power of the world around them, the talisman would fail to bring about great effects. If it was used against a fourth tier True Immortal who reached the level of Dao Harmony... It was probably going to be completely useless.

Whatever it was, the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman was still the only offensive type talisman Shang Xia had in the sixth rank.

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In the forest, Shang Xia and Yun Hu agreed on a plan to kill Gu Chengwu and Shang Xia didn't waste time. He went to hide in the courtyard in order to start crafting talismans.

Other than the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush, Shang Xia also had 15 sheets of rank six talisman paper and several pieces of leftover rank six talisman ink sticks. They were perfect tools to craft rank six talismans and he would also be able to use it for the upcoming battle.

After 5 days of careful contemplation, Shang Xia gained a slight understanding of the inheritance.

For a powerful Talisman Grandmaster like Shang Xia, he could tell that the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman was a lot less complicated than his Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman. It couldn't even be compared to Tong Yutang's secret Formation Talisman.

With the experience of crafting such complicated talismans, Shang Xia felt a strange sense of control when he looked at the rank six talisman inheritance before him. However, he knew that it was a mere illusion. If he placed blind trust in himself, he would probably be given a rude awakening when attempting to craft the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman.

... No matter how careful he was, Shang Xia still failed twice when crafting the talisman for the first time. He only succeeded on his third attempt.

Chapter 1096: Killing Gu Chengwu

Shang Xia eventually used 5 attempts to craft 2 True Space Restriction Palm Talismans.

It wasn't that he wasn't able to continue crafting talismans. Instead, he didn't have any more time.

Because of their agreement, Yun Hu once again entered the Mo Continent.

Keeping his treasures, Shang Xia casually tapped his palm and a wisp of cloud appeared. It started to swirl about rapidly and looked to be extremely energetic.

Back then, Yun Hu managed to track Shang Xia because he hid a trace of qi in Shang Xia without him noticing. However, he was destroyed after their first meeting.

The strand that Shang Xia revealed was something Yun Hu left behind during their meeting in order to better facilitate communication between them.

The wisp of cloud qi contained Yun Hu's Void Origin, and Yun Hu was able to discover Shang Xia's location the moment it was revealed. At the same time, Shang Xia was also able to learn about Yun Hu's approximate location by reverse tracking it.

According to their agreement, the moment Yun Hu entered the Mo Continent again, he would be paying a visit to Gu Chengwu. Once he entered the Guyuan Elysium, Shang Xia would take action and carry out the assassination plan.

Since they were planning to carry out the scheme by cooperating with each other, under such circumstances, Shang Xia would choose to use the first move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique, Harmonizing Continent!

No one knew how long had passed, but the wisp of cloud suddenly paused before Shang Xia's pupils trembled slightly.

In an instant, the aura of a True Immortal burst forth from the hidden courtyard. Shang Xia no longer restrained his cultivation as the clouds in the skies above were completely scattered. His aura smashed against the heavenly screen above and spatial cracks started forming. At the same time, the World's Will descended and started to suppress Shang Xia. Every single True Immortal of the Spirit Faith World felt his presence and locked on to the Mo Continent.

Obviously, revealing himself was all part of the plan. Shang Xia also made his preparations and he wasn't the least bit panicked. He started to track the cloud that contained Yun Hu's Void Origin that had been left behind intentionally to look for the location of the Guyuan Elysium.

The next moment, a rank six talisman appeared in his hand and Shang Xia activated it with his inner qi. The Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman created a spatial tunnel that was as dark as the abyss before swallowing Shang Xia whole.

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When Shang Xia was storing energy earlier without showing his presence, Yun Hu managed to contact Gu Chengwu who had been waiting for some time.

"Brother Yun Hu, you're late!"

Clearly, Gu Chengwu was annoyed that Yun Hu missed their agreed meeting time.

Yun Hu apologized repeatedly before chuckling softly, "I ran into True Immortal Meng Han along the way and was held up slightly. Apologies for the wait! Brother Gu, I hope you understand!"

The next moment, Yun Hu revealed a hesitant expression and mumbled, "However, I feel like she knew something about our deal... She has been trying to probe something out of me during the entire exchange. Brother Gu, did you reveal anything about our secret transaction?"

Gu Chengwu's expression sank instantly and he growled, "Brother Yun Hu, what's the meaning of this? Are you suspecting me?"

Yun Hu waved his hands hastily in response. "Of course not, I wouldn't dare! Brother Gu, please don't misunderstand. It's just that these assholes from the Azure Roaming World are like sniffer

dogs... As long as there's any benefits to be gained, they're rushing over to split a portion of it. If not for..."

"Alright, enough!" Gu Chengwu interrupted Yun Hu's complaints unceremoniously and he didn't seem to care much about the third tier True Immortal before him even though he was a level weaker. He snorted impatiently, "Brother Yun Hu, if you're still going to waste time here, I'm going to leave. Are you planning to let others discover your presence in my territory?"

Yun Hu quickly silenced himself. He simply cupped his fists as a sign of apology.

A scornful light flashed in Gu Chengwu's eyes when he saw Yun Hu's act of deference. However, he didn't show his disdain too obviously and he muttered, "Brother Yun Hu, let's continue this conversation in my Guyuan Elysium!"

After he spoke, a spatial gate appeared in the void and Gu Chengwu entered the Elysium as his invitation rang softly in Yun Hu's ears.

When Gu Chengwu turned around, Yun Hu, who maintained a humble smile, narrowed his eyes. A sharp light flashed in them but he quickly concealed his frosty glare as he followed behind. He also didn't forget to chuckle softly, "Haha... Every time I enter Brother Gu's Elysium, I feel like I'm entering paradise... It's a truly relaxing experience!"

The moment Yun Hu stepped into the Elysium, the spatial gate behind him closed and severed any connection Yun Hu had with the outside world.

As one of the only third tier True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World, Yun Hu was like a beast who entered the hunter's territory once he stepped into another person's Elysium. Even with Gu Chengwu's cultivation at the second tier Martial Void Realm, he was confident of fully suppressing the other party with the assistance of his Elysium.

That was also why they always interacted inside the Guyuan Elysium. Other than the fact that their conversations would be fully hidden from the outside world, it was so that Gu Chengwu could ensure his safety.

Since Yun Hu was the person who wanted to make the deal, he had no choice but to listen to Gu Chengwu and enter the man's territory.

However... The situation this time was completely different.

The moment Yun Hu entered the Elysium, a powerful aura from a foreign expert covered the Spirit Faith World.

Even in the Guyuan Elysium, they managed to feel the disturbance.

There was no doubt about it. There was only a single person who could cause such a massive disturbance at the moment. No one knew why the foreign True Immortal would intentionally reveal himself at that moment, but they could tell that he wasn't far away from the Guyuan Sect at the moment...

Gu Chengwu straightened his back suddenly and growled, “Brother Yun Hu, that rat is close by and we should pause our deal for today! Since you’re here, you should join hands with me to deal with this Foreign True Immortal Shang!”

As he spoke, Gu Chengwu seemed to be laughing to himself about how lucky he was. There was a third tier True Immortal beside him to provide assistance! If he had to fight the foreign True Immortal in his territory, his sect would probably collapse from the shockwaves of the battle if not handled properly!”

As soon as he spoke, Yun Hu also rose into the skies. He grunted in a low voice, “Yeah! I should be working together with someone, but today, I’m more willing to join forces with True Immortal Shang!”

“Huh?” Gu Chengwu was shocked. A chill ran down his spine and he quickly distanced himself from Yun Hu.

Unfortunately, they were too damn close to begin with. Yun Hu circulated his inner qi and activated his Void Origin without holding back. He fully sealed off the space around Gu Chengwu.

“Heh? You dare to make a move on me? Don’t you know that this is my territory?” Gu Chengwu sneered suddenly.

The Guyuan Elysium seemed to roar to life as soon as the words left his lips. The power of the Guyuan Elysium started to pour over to strengthen Gu Chengwu. At the same time, it attempted to break the spatial seal Yun Hu created.

The next second, Gu Chengwu felt a crack forming in the spatial barrier around the Guyuan Elysium. It was so powerful that nothing could stop it! A spatial tunnel connected directly into the interior of the Elysium before a pitch-black spatial gate started to take shape. A figure emerged from within but before he could even see the appearance of the newcomer, a massive rod came crashing down. It seemed to contain the power of a foreign world as it slammed directly into Gu Chengwu!

Chapter 1097: Killing Gu Chengwu Pt.2

“Yun Hu, you actually colluded...” Gu Chengwu wasn’t able to finish his sentence when he was swallowed by the powerful wave of energy that came from Shang Xia’s Stone Rod.

Shang Xia appeared and stabilized himself before nodding slightly in Yun Hu’s direction. Of course, he still maintained a suitable distance from the elder.

Yun Hu didn’t seem to care about Shang Xia’s precautions and instead, a light flashed in his eyes. He stared at the fractured space before him and growled, “He’s not dead yet.”

Shang Xia also noticed that even though the interior of the Guyuan Elysium turned into a region of chaos from his powerful strike, the power of the Elysium was quickly gathering to restore the damage.

Be it Shang Xia or Yun Hu, both of them could feel the enmity the Elysium held towards them the next second.

An Elysium was considered a mini world, and an Elysium True Immortal was the owner of said world.

“Can we find him?” Shang Xia released his divine soul to look for traces of Gu Chengwu. He suppressed the sense of rejection he was feeling to ask Yun Hu.

Actually, the person that was panicking at that moment wasn't Shang Xia who was a foreign expert in the Spirit Faith World. Instead, Yun Hu was the one who was feeling a sense of pressure.

If Gu Chengwu were to die in that exchange, Yun Hu's involvement wouldn't be exposed. Even if it was, no one would have evidence against him!

However... If they failed to kill Gu Chengwu, the fallout between the Ascendant Faction and the Native Faction would happen immediately!

Regardless of which outcome it was, Shang Xia would be happy to watch on as a member of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

In fact... If Gu Chengwu didn't die, he would stand to gain a lot more!

After all... Why wouldn't he be willing to watch as the Spirit Faith World started to fight among themselves and weaken itself?

Yun Hu also seemed to notice what was going on and he grunted, “Of course we can find him! He can't escape!”

After he spoke, he entered the region of chaos much to Shang Xia's surprise.

“This old man is really risking it all!” Shang Xia mumbled to himself. His gaze shifted to the semi-destroyed Elysium and he thought about the things he could obtain anything useful.

It was a shame that a good portion of the Elysium had been crushed by Shang Xia's strike earlier. Those treasures that remained drifted about the broken space and Shang Xia just grabbed them all without bothering to look at them closely for the time being.

Soon after... The region of chaos was broken as 2 figures emerged. Gu Chengwu was the first to tumble out from the space and his face was drained of all blood. He was spitting blood non-stop and he waved a Crescent Hook in his hand, sending out powerful slashes that carved out crescent-shaped tears in the space around him.

Yun Hu emerged the next second. He was also covered in blood and he had a sorry appearance. However, most of his injuries were superficial at best.

A round gourd hovered above his head and it crashed against the sharp slashes that had the ability to cut space.

As soon as Gu Chengwu appeared, he didn't try to suppress the 2 of them with the power of the Elysium any longer. Instead, he attempted to open the Elysium to escape! He wanted to tell the Spirit Faith World about Yun Hu's collusion with Shang Xia!

When Yun Hu risked it all to charge into the region of chaos earlier, Gu Chengwu knew that the Guyuan Elysium was finished anyway. As someone who advanced by relying on his Elysium, he would also turn to dust along with it.

Since that was the case, he no longer bothered about the crumbling space. All he wanted to do was to rush out of the Elysium and inform the other True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World even if it meant that it would cost his life. He wanted to tell everyone how Yun Hu worked with outsiders to scheme against him.

However... He seemed to have forgotten that there was another monstrous expert in the Guyuan Elysium whose combat strength wasn't too much worse than Yun Hu, a third tier True Immortal! Moreover, this foreign second tier True Immortal was also a rank six Talisman Grandmaster!

Shang Xia might have been unable to determine where Gu Chengwu would emerge from the streams of chaotic space earlier, but the moment Gu Chengwu emerged, Shang Xia instantly activated the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman!

The most important function of the rank six talisman was that it could disrupt the space around its target, even sealing it off completely!

With Shang Xia and Yun Hu destroying a good 80 percent of the Guyuan Elysium, there wasn't much power left for Gu Chengwu to draw on. With the activation of the talisman to disrupt space, Gu Chengwu, who was an arrow at the end of its flight, was stuck in space.

Yun Hu arrived the next second and slammed the round gourd in his hand forward. A powerful suction force burst forth from the opening of the gourd to absorb the remnant essence qi in the Elysium before devouring and refining Gu Chengwu's Void Origin.

"You... You..." Gu Chengwu glared at Yun Hu with a venomous light in his eyes. He couldn't even say what he wanted to.

Shang Xia didn't remain idle either as his figure flashed once and appeared above Gu Chengwu. His Stone Rod tapped lightly on Gu Chengwu's head and the aura of the second tier Elysium True Immortal disappeared.

Soon, Shang Xia reached into the void and pulled, dragging the Crescent Hook over.

That wasn't all. After Gu Chengwu's Void Origin was completely devoured by Yun Hu's gourd, Shang Xia didn't hesitate to keep all the treasures that were left behind.

Turning to look at the gourd in Yun Hu's hand, Shang Xia couldn't help but mumble, "I didn't think that your gourd would be an Origin Holy Artifact..."

A trace of amusement could be seen on his face when he mentioned the artifact.

Keeping the gourd, Yun Hu chuckled, "Likewise... True Immortal Shang, your Stone Rod is also an impressive weapon!"

They exchanged a round of pleasantries but understood that with Gu Chengwu, a common enemy, gone, they were starting to become wary of each other.

"The True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World are definitely rushing over as we speak. True Immortal Shang, aren't you planning to leave?" Yun Hu seemed impatient as he spoke.

Glancing at the destroyed Elysium around him, Shang Xia smiled, “This Elysium looks like it won’t collapse immediately. There’s no rush. Elder... Are you planning to salvage this Elysium and take control of it?”

Yun Hu chuckled in a hoarse voice, “Of course not. I won’t try to take advantage of small benefits like this and lose sight of the big picture. The destruction of the Guyuan Elysium will only weaken the Spirit Faith World!”

Nodding, Shang Xia fell into contemplation for a second. He eventually continued, “There’s actually something else I don’t quite understand. How did you get Gu Chengwu to bring you into the Elysium?”

“He’s too greedy. As a native True Immortal, he doesn’t wish to let others know that he’s carrying out deals with us from the Ascendant Faction. Hehe... He still thinks he’s smart... He thinks that he can make different deals with the True Immortals of the Azure Intellect World and Azure Roaming World to sow discord between us. At the same time, he can also fulfill his selfish desires...” Yun Hu sneered.

“Alright, I understand. It’s no wonder he dug his own grave!” Shang Xia nodded in understanding.

With a smile on his face that didn’t quite reach up to his eyes, Yun Hu added, “True Immortal Shang, are you really not planning to leave?”

Shang Xia smiled before retrieving the last Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman from his sleeves. He activated it in front of Yun Hu.

The moment he did, the space in the Guyuan Elysium split open. Shang Xia leaped into the spatial tunnel that formed before grinning at Yun Hu. “Yan Wujiu must die too!”

With his eyes widening in shock, Yun Hu yelled, “Wait! That’s too soon... You can’t...”

Before he could finish what he was saying, Shang Xia’s figure disappeared into the pitch-black spatial gate. The spatial gate closed the next second and Yun Hu was left standing there with complicated emotions.

Not too long later, the depths of the Guyuan Elysium started to emit loud cracking and shattering noises. It started to crumble as Yun Hu also disappeared. Once the Elysium collapsed, their tracks would disappear completely.

Chapter 1098: Pointing Fingers

From the time Shang Xia intentionally released his aura, to the time he broke into the Guyuan Elysium to kill Gu Chengwu with the help of Yun Hu, to the time he activated the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman to leave the Spirit Faith World, only a short amount of time passed.

It was so short that the True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World didn’t have time to rush over, and everything happened so quickly that Yun Hu also had time to leave before the others arrived.

In a certain location above the heavenly screen, a middle-aged woman clad in coarse robes with hair tied up in a wooden hairpin. She was a little chubby and she seemed to be waiting for someone.

Not too far away, a mushroom cloud-like burst of energy smashed against the heavenly screen, and large swathes of energy scattered out of the world.

The next second, Yun Hu appeared beside her.

Merely shooting him a glance, the female cultivator turned back to look at the burst of qi not too far away.

“Did you find traces of the spatial fluctuations of True Immortal Shang when he left?” Yun Hu seemed pretty familiar with her and he asked as soon as he arrived.

The female cultivator shook her head and muttered, “I am only able to detect that someone passed through the heavenly screen to leave the Spirit Faith World but I am unable to detect any traces of where he went. There is no way of tracking him down either.”

Both of them no longer spoke after a single exchange. They released their domains the next instant and smashed them against each other. Even the heavenly screen beneath them started to tremble.

Yun Hu was a third tier True Immortal, and a powerful one at that. He quickly gained the upper hand.

Even though her domain was suppressed, she was able to hold her ground as she focused solely on protecting herself.

“Enough!” A roar came from beside them the next second.

A tyrannical aura came between them as it drew on the power of the world to force them apart.

The person who appeared was the fourth tier Elysium True Immortal, Yan Huayi! He was also the strongest expert of the Spirit Faith World.

If a third tier True Immortal reached the level of External Unity and reached a state of complete harmony with the world around them, a fourth tier True Immortal who reached the level of Dao Harmony was basically the same existence as the World’s Will! They truly reached the level of becoming the heavens!

“You guys arrived first... What exactly happened?! Why did Gu Chengwu die? How did the Guyuan Elysium crumble?” Yan Huayi suppressed the second tier and third tier True Immortals the moment he arrived. Everyone could hear the fury in his voice.

As he questioned, the void above the heavenly screen trembled and another Elysium True Immortal of the Spirit Faith World appeared.

Since the Guyuan Elysium crumbled, it was clear to everyone that Gu Chengwu had been slain.

Everything happened so quickly that the True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World didn’t even have time to rush over before it was over.

Who the hell...

There was no doubt about it. In their minds, the foreign True Immortal Shang who was at the level of Inner Fusion had to be the culprit!

However... Gu Chengwu was also a second tier True Immortal! He was in his territory and could draw on the power of his Elysium! How could anyone kill him alone? Without his approval, who would be able to enter the Guyuan Elysium?

Was the foreign True Immortal really the only person responsible for Gu Chengwu's death?

The middle aged woman sneered coldly, "When I arrived, True Immortal Yun Hu was already here."

Yun Hu snorted in response, "Are you implying that I'm the person who colluded with the foreign expert to kill True Immortal Gu?!"

"I'm just describing what happened." The female cultivator grunted coldly.

In return, Yun Hu chuckled coldly, "Why did the energy that emerged after the destruction of the Guyuan Elysium flow towards the Carefree Elysium?"

Seeing the change in expression on the female cultivator's face, Yun Hu continued to mock, "True Immortal Meng Han, I believe when you arrived, you were here for the remnant energy of the Elysium... You didn't think that I would come before you and you had no choice but to give up on your plans. Who would have thought that you would take the chance to sling some shit at me when the others came..."

After hearing Yun Hu's reminder, the various True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World who were arriving quickly extended their divine souls to discover the remnant energy being sucked towards the Carefree Elysium in the southeastern direction.

Their gazes turned a little strange as they stared at Meng Han. There were even some experts who came from the Azure Roaming World who revealed complicated expressions. However, none of them said anything.

Seeing their reactions, Meng Han trembled slightly. Even though she was far from being as calm as she looked, she quickly explained, "Of the 3 Elysium Gates, which one of them isn't trying to absorb more essence qi from the world? My Carefree Elysium is merely closer to the Guyuan Elysium..."

"Right. Yun Hu gave me a good reminder. You came earlier than all of us. If I'm not mistaken, you would be completely covered in the remnant energy of the Guyuan Elysium. Why don't you try proving your innocence now?" Meng Han continued.

Everyone turned to look at Yun Hu the next second as they awaited his response.

There were already a few True Immortals present who were revealing looks of mockery as they observed the great show playing out before them.

With his hair billowing in the wind, Yun Hu no longer had the amicable appearance of an elder.

Meng Han couldn't help but continue to provoke him, "What's the matter? You don't dare to admit it?"

Suppressing the anger and annoyance in his heart, he forced himself to calm down. Eventually, he snorted, "I'm not afraid of embarrassing myself in front of everyone. I arrived first, and when I came, I saw that the Guyuan Elysium was already on the brink of collapse. I rushed into it in order

to save anyone I could while trying to see if there was anything salvageable. Unfortunately, the collapse had already reached the point of no return and in order to resist the spatial disturbance, I had to release my domain. It's nothing strange to be stained by the remnant energy..."

"So did you manage to find traces of True Immortal Gu? Or did you save any lucky survivors from the Guyuan Sect?" Meng Han pressed.

In a low voice, Yun Hu growled, "By the time I entered, it was already too late. True Immortal Gu's aura had already scattered. Since the battle broke out inside the Elysium, how can anyone survive if even Gu Chengwu had been killed by the enemy? I was only trying my luck to find any fortunate survivors."

Meng Han grumbled, "True Immortal Yun Hu, even if you failed to save anyone, I'm sure you managed to obtain quite a bit of treasure contained within.

Glaring at her, Yun Hu continued, "True Immortal Meng Han, are you really planning to make things difficult for me?"

Keeping her distance from him, she continued her accusations as she didn't wish to reveal any weakness. "What's the matter? True Immortal Yun Hu, are you planning to attack me because you can't lie your way out of this anymore? Hmph, I'll fight you if that's what you want!"

Meng Han barely spoke when another powerful wave of energy rose from the heavenly screen. The next instant, 3 factions of True Immortals formed. 2 groups glared down at the other while the final group seemed to be content watching them fight.

It was then that Yan Huayi, who had been silent the whole time, finally interjected. "Brother Lan, since you fought against the foreign True Immortal in the past, do you think he has the ability to kill Gu Chengwu alone?"

Everyone turned to look around but didn't find any traces of Lan Zhengfeng. The only other person who seemed to feel something was Yun Hu and he cast his glance at a certain spot in the void.

As soon as Yan Huayi spoke, spatial fluctuations emerged and Lan Zhengfeng's figure emerged from the void. He turned to look at Yan Huayi before declaring decisively, "He does."

Lan Zhengfeng's revelation shocked many True Immortals present. Many of them started discussing Shang Xia.

Those who took part in fighting Shang Xia back then didn't find it surprising at all.

Back then, they knew that Shang Xia was surrounded by a third tier True Immortal, 2 second tier True Immortals, and another first tier True Immortals. There were 4 of them in total, and even though they planned to capture him alive, none of them could do shit to him! They could only watch as he defended himself against their continuous assault.

From their perspective, Shang Xia definitely had the ability to kill an expert of the same level.

The problem was how he managed to kill Gu Chengwu in such a short amount of time! It happened so quickly that none of the True Immortals could arrive in time to provide assistance!

Yan Huayi's gaze lingered on Yun Hu and Meng Han for a moment longer before he mumbled softly, "Since that's the case, there's no need for the 2 of you to continue fighting and trying to frame each other. True Immortal Gu died in the hands of the foreign expert and it seems like we

have underestimated him. Let's not forget that he has an ability to infiltrate our world without being detected. Entering the Guyuan Elysium shouldn't prove to be a problem at all. The only reason he succeeded was because of True Immortal Gu's negligence..."

Yan Huayi seemed to have reached his conclusion. Despite Yun Hu and Meng Han looking like they were reluctant to accept the outcome, they didn't dare to say anymore.

Yan Huayi added, "It's been so long since a foreign world appeared. It's clear that the foreign expert harbors no good intentions for us. I'm afraid our Three Worlds will once again face an invasion like that of the Spirit Emptiness World... If we cannot band together and act as united as before, I'm afraid our worlds will cease to exist..."

Regardless of which world they came from or which factions they had an allegiance to, the True Immortals standing above the heavenly screen turned serious the next second.

"Brother Yan, you're absolutely right! Our enemy is in the dark while we're in the light, and we definitely cannot have any internal strife!" Lan Zhengfeng glanced at Yan Huayi before turning to look at Yun Hu and Meng Han. He continued to ask, "What do you guys think?"

Yun Hu grunted softly and he seemed to become a lot more solemn about the matter. "Of course I understand what we have to do!"

Meng Han seemed to take a more tacit way when responding, "Of course we have to stand together since he's not a part of us. I will definitely protect the interests of our worlds!"

Seeing the source of the internal conflict suppressed by Yan Huayi and Lan Zhengfeng, the situation of the Three Worlds seemed to become a lot more stable. Many True Immortals also heaved a sigh of relief.

It was then that Yan Huayi spoke again. "Brother Lan, you're still holding the Tracking Compass. The foreign expert has already escaped from our worlds, but are you able to detect his location?"

Lan Zhengfeng shook his head in response. "The Tracking Compass possesses limited capabilities. Since he entered our world, it barely managed to give an approximate location of our target. Now, I'm afraid we won't be able to find him at all..."

Yan Huayi nodded slowly. He wasn't surprised by that and he eventually mumbled, "Since they have already displayed their hostility, there's no need for us to maintain any sense of cordiality with them any longer. The Star Beast Nest no longer needs to exist."

Lan Zhengfeng nodded in acknowledgment. "Indeed... I will handle this matter!"

"Perfect. I will also follow Brother Lan in getting rid of the outsiders' stronghold!" Yun Hu quickly added.

Meng Han didn't wish to show that she was any weaker than him and growled, "I will head over as well!"

Chapter 1099: Adding Fuel to the Fire

Actually, many True Immortals of the Spirit Faith World could tell that there were many suspicious points with Gu Chengwu's death.

The Guyuan Elysium was heavily protected by formations and its location wasn't something that could be revealed easily!

Even if the other party discovered the location of the Guyuan Elysium through its multiple layers of defenses, and had a strange talisman that could pierce through the spatial barrier, how would the other party be able to lock on to where Gu Chengwu was?

However... It didn't matter if it was Yan Huayi or Lan Zhengfeng. Neither dug deep into the matter.

The other True Immortals were also unwilling to pry and with Yan Huayi and Lan Zhengfeng pointing their guns at the Star Beast Nest, everyone seemed to go along with the idea. It was as though they were planning to stand together to fight the outsider.

Yun Hu and Meng Han had been ready to fight each other earlier, but they seemed extremely enthusiastic to exterminate the Star Beast Nest in an attempt to prove their innocence.

Too bad for them, Yan Huayi didn't allow them to head over in the end. He gave them a simple response, "Yan Wujiu and True Immortal Zhu are already there. They are second tier True Immortals and with Brother Lan added into the mix, even I wouldn't be able to do anything to them. There's no need for you 2 to go along. You should prepare for the fallout after we tear off the pretense with the Spirit Luxuriant World."

The True Immortals above the heavenly screen scattered but all of them were thinking about the meaning behind Yan Huayi's words as they left.

Not too long later, 2 streaks of light appeared above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Faith World and flew in different directions. They flew for hundreds of thousands of miles before changing directions. They made a giant loop before appearing in the void behind the Azure Intellect World and Azure Roaming World.

The True Immortals seemed a little panicky when they arrived and the moment they saw each other Meng Han wanted to speak.

However, Yun Hu seemed to be even more impatient and he blurted, "There's no time to talk about the details. After True Immortal Shang left, he said that he was going to kill Yan Wujiu! Even though we managed to hide the matter of our involvement in Gu Chengwu's death, if he forces True Immortal Zhu to assist him in killing Yan Wujiu, I'm afraid our Ascendant Faction will fall out with the others immediately! We haven't even made enough preparations yet!"

Unable to hold herself back any longer, Meng Han gasped, "But... Lan Zhengfeng has already rushed over! Brother Zhu really joins True Immortal Shang in attacking Yan Wujiu and runs into Lan Zhengfeng..."

"Pass down the order! Prepare to fight!" Yun Hu eventually sighed.

Meng Han quickly tried to reject the idea. "We can't! It's too early! There are so many things we haven't prepared..."

"No plan is perfect. At the very least, compared to the native cultivators of the Spirit Faith World, we are dozens of years ahead of them in terms of preparations. Moreover, the interference of the Spirit Luxuriant World is also a godsent opportunity for us to make our move!" Yun Hu mumbled.

In the end, Meng Han could only reply in a low voice, “Are you really going to place so much trust in an outsider? Don’t forget... He’s the cause of this! His desire to kill Yan Wujiu is the reason we have to bring everything forward!”

Yun Hu couldn’t help but growl in response, “It’s true that he wishes for our Ascendant Faction to fall out with the native cultivators. However, his promise should hold true. Otherwise, he could have revealed my involvement in Gu Chengwu’s death instead of escaping from the world.”

Meng Han wanted to say something more, but Yun Hu made a gesture to stop her. “Our worlds will rise together, but we will also suffer together if we fail... With our desire to shake free of the Spirit Faith World’s control, even the best-case scenario will see us suffering great losses with the Spirit Faith World. After all... It’s a price we have to pay in order to bait the third party into taking action...”

Meng Han knew that it was unavoidable, and she could only try her best to salvage the situation. She eventually muttered, “Since that’s the case, I’ll go meet with the few of them. I’ll also send a secret transmission to Brother Zhu. I hope he receives it in time... Also, the moment we fall out, Brother Yun Hu, I’m afraid you will have to hold Yan Huayi back.”

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The only reason Shang Xia informed Yun Hu that he wanted to kill Yan Wujiu before leaving was because he wanted to watch the world burn.

Compared to the countless years of preparations the Azure Intellect World and Azure Roaming World made, the entry of the Spirit Luxuriant World is a huge accident.

Even though he and Yun Hu reached an agreement to attack the Spirit Faith World on 3 fronts, no one said anything about not stirring shit for each other. As such, Shang Xia was free to do as he wished.

After all... During the negotiations with Yun Hu and some basic knowledge from Zhu Honglin, Shang Xia gained a basic understanding of the strength of the high-level experts of the worlds.

Before the Spirit Luxuriant World entered the picture, the Three Worlds had 17 True Immortals combined!

Of those, 8 were native experts from the Spirit Faith World and there were 5 True Immortals led by Yun Hu from the Azure Intellect World. The last 4 came from the Azure Roaming World.

To be really honest, if Shang Xia wasn’t as ballsy as he was, he would have given up on the plan to attack the Spirit Faith World after learning their strength.

17 True Immortals... There was also a fourth tier Elysium True Immortal like Yan Huayi. Lan Zhengfeng was a True Immortal who wasn’t shackled to the world. Even if the Spirit Faith World wasn’t as strong as the monstrous Spirit Abundance World, they were leagues ahead of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

After all, the Spirit Luxuriant World only had 9 True Immortals at the moment, and those who had the qualifications to take part in the war that would break out among the Three Worlds were Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia, Huang Jinghan, and Lu Wuzi.

Yu Long, a first tier True Immortal who came from the Azure Intellect World was plotted against by the native experts of the Spirit Faith World and was killed.

Not too long later, Yun Hu took revenge on behalf of his world. Not only did he slay a second tier True Immortal with Shang Xia, he even destroyed an Elysium! The power of the Guyuan Elysium was also absorbed into the Carefree Elysium and returned to the Azure Intellect World, causing them great damage.

Even so... The Spirit Faith World still had a bunch of True Immortals!

If Shang Xia was able to kill Yan Wujiu, the experts of the Spirit Faith World would suffer yet another blow. When that happens, the moment the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World throw themselves in the mix, they would be able to fish for greater benefits.

Naturally, there was also something more important. It was that Shang Xia needed more time to inform the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World about what was happening. The benefits they would gain from splitting up a world like that weren't something he could obtain when fighting alone.

With his Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, he left the Guyuan Elysium and appeared 200,000 miles away from the heavenly screen.

The moment he appeared, he activated a rank five Five Element Teleportation Talisman. Even though it couldn't be compared to the distance he could travel using the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman, and it couldn't bring him in an exact direction, an approximate location was good enough. Using one would allow him to travel through space much quicker.

Distancing himself by 100,000 or so miles again, Shang Xia completely shook off any threat of Elysium True Immortals.

Even if Lan Zhengfeng and Yun Hu started to chase him down at that very moment, he wouldn't be afraid!

However, what he needed to do was to buy more time for himself. He needed to establish contact with the Spirit Luxuriant World as soon as possible to prevent any accidents from happening.

Because of that, he used everything in his arsenal. After using up a Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman and a Five Element Teleportation, he didn't hesitate to activate a rank five Abyssal Emptiness Talisman. With that, he quickly traveled close to 100,000 miles in the void with his abilities.

The Abyssal Emptiness Talisman might not allow him to move instantaneously, but it greatly boosted his speed.

Shang Xia calculated the amount of energy he had left over and he discovered that he should retain a good portion of his inner qi to prepare for a huge battle ahead. In the end, he decided to fly while restoring his energy with high-grade essence crystals.

Just like that, even more time passed...

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By the time he started to fly through space while restoring his energy with essence crystals, Lan Zhengfeng finally set off!

Shang Xia traveled close to 900,000 miles before he started to move!

According to his initial estimations, he started following the injured True Immortal Luo back then when he was 100,000 miles away from the Star Beast Nest. They traveled close to 1,000,000 miles before he discovered the heavenly screen of the Spirit Faith World.

If his calculations were right, the Star Beast Nest would be within 1,300,000 miles and 1,500,000 miles from the Spirit Faith World! Shang Xia had already covered two-thirds of the distance.

Outside the Star Beast Nest, Yan Wujiu joined hands with True Immortal Zhu to mess with the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

It was especially so since Shang Xia escaped from their encirclement and infiltrated the Spirit Faith World. After they received news of it, they realized that something was off and started a stronger round of harassment against Huang Jinghan in the Star Beast Nest. Their assault was intense, and it seemed as though a great battle between True Immortals would break out at any moment!

The cultivators left in the Star Beast Nest were few and far between, and they were prepared to run back to the Spirit Luxuriant World at any time.

Moreover, Kou Chongxue and Lu Wuzi were ready to head over to the Star Beast Nest to back them up.

With things in such a state, Shang Xia was drawing closer and closer to the Star Beast Nest and he would soon be discovered by Yan Wujiu and True Immortal Zhu.

Chapter 1100: Killing Yan Wujiu!

Along the way to the Star Beast Nest, Lan Zhengfeng stopped abruptly. He took out the Tracking Compass from his sleeves and some traces of Shang Xia's aura from when they fought the first time. He quickly discovered Shang Xia's tracks.

"Indeed... He has been rushing in the direction of the Star Beast Nest the entire time. He didn't change directions at all and from the looks of it, he's planning to return to the Spirit Luxuriant World." Lan Zhengfeng frowned before keeping the Tracking Compass.

He thought that after Shang Xia left the Spirit Faith World, he would wander around to conduct surveillance. After all, he felt that Shang Xia barely managed to gain an understanding of the Spirit Faith World after his short infiltration. There were still the Azure Intellect World and Azure Roaming World beside them...

The high-level experts of the Spirit Faith World weren't frogs at the bottom of the well. They had a basic understanding of the sea of stars and they understood that their system of ascension by creating Elysium Gates was unique to themselves.

It was especially so after the Spirit Faith World started to integrate the cultivators of the Azure Worlds into themselves. They ignored the costs and maintenance of 3 Elysium Gates, allowing the power of the worlds to interchange freely. That might be why the experts of the Azure Intellect World and Azure Roaming Worlds weren't affected by the Spirit Faith World's Will.

No matter which foreign expert encountered them, they would be drawn to look for the reason behind everything.

In the eyes of Lan Zhengfeng, Shang Xia was a very decisive person. He didn't bother looking for the source of all the strangeness and chose to return to the Star Beast Nest. It seemed as though he was in a rush to return, and that made Lan Zhengfeng all the more anxious.

The other side seemed to ignore the largest secret of the Spirit Faith World and it made it clear that their ambitions were way larger than getting to the bottom of the matter itself. He might be going back to call for more people!

Lan Zhengfeng knew that he had to intercept the other party, or prayed that Yan Wujiu and True Immortal Zhu would be vigilant enough to hold their enemy back from returning to his world.

However...

Lan Zhengfeng felt that the person he was chasing was just flying far too quickly! No matter how hard he pushed himself, he failed to catch up to his target!

With Lan Zhengfeng praying that the others would be able to stop Shang Xia, Shang Xia had already returned to the space around the Star Beast Nest without anyone noticing him.

When he arrived, Yan Wujiu was still complaining to True Immortal Zhu about something. With the news of Shang Xia's disappearance from the Spirit Faith World, he finally stopped and thought of destroying the Star Beast Nest.

Regardless of Yan Huayi or Lan Zhengfeng, everyone seemed to have realized that Yan Wujiu would go crazy and try to destroy the Star Beast Nest when he received the news of Shang Xia infiltrating their world back then, and they specially informed him not to make any rash moves.

True Immortal Zhu was helpless, but he could guess what Yan Huayi and Lan Zhengfeng's intentions were when they warned them not to attack the Star Beast Nest recklessly. They had their plans for trying to keep the connection to another world!

He could only try to persuade Yan Wujiu to remain patient... After all, even though the Spirit Faith World didn't know too much about other worlds, they discovered several Earth Stars, broken continents, and things of the like around the Three Worlds. However, they didn't manage to find any power worthy of notice.

That was precisely why the Spirit Faith World wanted to maintain the connection with the Spirit Luxuriant World!

Moreover, the other party had already infiltrated them. Even if they destroyed the Star Beast Nest out of spite, they wouldn't gain anything! However, the other side could lock on to them.

Back then, the Stargazers of the Spirit Emptiness World discovered their presence, bringing disaster upon them.

As such, after the 3 worlds managed to turn the tables around and destroy the Spirit Emptiness World, their hatred got the better of them and they killed every last Stargazer. As a result, they were unable to restore the shattered bits of the Stargazer inheritance they managed to find even after so long.

Otherwise... As long as they produced a single Stargazer, they would have been able to reverse calculate the direction of the spatial tunnel created by the Spirit Luxuriant World and locate the other party.

If that were to happen, they would be able to threaten each other at the very least and form some sort of mutual restraint. They wouldn't be stuck in a passive state.

However... In the eyes of a maniac like Yan Wujiu, he was feeling extremely annoyed by the fact that he couldn't do anything to the enemy. He even overlooked the fact that True Immortal Zhu beside him seemed to be deep in thought.

One fine day, Yan Wujiu was bored out of his mind and got too annoyed again. He went to mess around with the Star Beast Nest. The moment Huang Jinghan appeared, Yan Wujiu launched an attack without warning.

Huang Jinghan was also very wary. He was a mere first tier True Immortal, and he couldn't be compared to Yan Wujiu. What was more, there was another second tier True Immortal from the Spirit Faith World who hadn't showed up.

Even though he knew that Yan Wujiu was merely venting his frustrations, he didn't dare to get too far away from the Star Beast Nest. He was prepared to turn around and flee the moment things didn't look right.

Also, the reason he went to fight every time Yan Wujiu was because he understood that Yan Wujiu was merely venting his frustrations and didn't intend to kill him. Also, he wanted to hone himself by fighting a stranger opponent.

Yan Wujiu released his domain and covered the space around the Star Beast Nest, leaving only Huang Jinghan to struggle with the support of the Star Beast Nest behind him.

The next moment, True Immortal Zhu, who had been watching Yan Wujiu go crazy, received a transmission from the Spirit Faith World.

When he noticed the contents of the transmission, his expression changed instantly and became a little unsteady.

By the time he finally managed to calm himself, True Immortal Zhu turned to look in the direction of the Star Beast Nest that had been dyed completely red by Yan Wujiu's domain. A trace of guilt appeared in his eyes but it was quickly replaced by a resolute gaze. A hint of killing intent emerged, but it was quickly covered up.

The next moment, True Immortal Zhu's state of mind became slightly affected. Even though he already released his divine soul to the limit, he couldn't help but glance in the direction of the Spirit Faith World from time to time.

Not too long later, Huang Jinghan was forced back into the Star Beast Nest and Yan Wujiu finally returned after venting his frustrations. He quickly located True Immortal Zhu.

"Brother Zhu, did you receive any transmission recently? I wonder if they managed to find that outsider and drive him out of our world yet..."

Actually, Yan Wujiu asked similar questions many times already..

True Immortal Zhu's expression was a little strange, but he quickly restrained himself. He mumbled in response, "True Immortal Yan personally took charge of our world. He's a fourth tier True Immortal and if he managed to find the foreign expert, they wouldn't be able to leave!"

Yan Wujiu sighed softly in response, "I understand... So you're saying that they hadn't discovered that foreign expert!"

True Immortal Zhu continued, "It's said that the foreign expert has a secret art that allows him to change his aura. He was able to disguise himself as an expert of our world and wasn't rejected by the World's Will. Even the Tracking Compass failed to catch his tracks. However, according to True Immortal Yun Hu's deductions, the foreign expert wouldn't be able to fight after disguising himself. At the very least, he can't fight experts at the same level as himself. Otherwise, he would reveal himself immediately."

Yan Wujiu shook his head and sighed, "Even if that's the case, all he wouldn't be able to do in our world is to infiltrate the great powers. Everything else has basically been revealed..."

After a short discussion about the situation in the Spirit Faith World, they quickly changed the topic seeing as there weren't any more reports.

According to what they did normally after Yan Wujiu picked a fight with the expert of the Spirit Luxuriant World, they would retreat and look for a spot to maintain surveillance before continuing to cultivate.

However, they didn't leave immediately. Instead, they noticed a strange fluctuation in the distance before another transmission arrived. This time, it fell straight into Yan Wujiu's hands.

Yan Wujiu couldn't help but read its contents immediately. His expression changed instantly.

As True Immortal Zhu started at Yan Wujiu with a frosty expression from the side, Yan Wujiu roared angrily, "How Preposterous?!"

Perhaps it was because of his rage, but Yan Wujiu seemed to fail to control his Void Origin for the moment. Intense fluctuations filled the area around him and seemed to want to burn through the void.

True Immortal Zhu quickly retreated after feeling the fluctuations, and he immediately raised his guard. He even entered battle preparations.

Seeing True Immortal Zhu's strong reaction, Yan Wujiu gasped in shock, "Brother Zhu, what are you doing?"

Yan Wujiu nearly forgot to respond and a look of unease flashed across his face.

Glancing at the transmission in his hand, Yan Wujiu raised an eyebrow and handed it over while shooting True Immortal Zhu a curious glance. "Brother Zhu, take a look!"

Looking at him hesitantly, True Immortal Zhu lowered his guard. He quickly read the contents of the transmission before revealing a face full of shock. Soon after, it was replaced by a complicated expression.

As it turned out, the transmission only informed Yan Wujiu of the destruction of the Guyuan Elysium. It didn't say anything about the Ascendant Faction breaking off from the Native Faction.

The only other thing it spoke about was how Lan Zhengfeng was rushing over at the moment and hoped they would be able to continue locking down the space around the Star Beast Nest to prevent the foreign expert from returning to his world.

At the same time, they were to work together with Lan Zhengfeng when he arrived to destroy the Star Beast Nest.

“Brother Zhu, you seem really weird right now...” Yan Wujiu mumbled at the side.

Understanding that he had already startled Yan Wujiu, True Immortal Zhu could only force a laugh, “You have been extremely irritable these few days and your inner qi would leak from time to time. I was afraid you would suffer from cultivation deviation and acted a little too intensely.”

“Is that so?” Yan Wujiu mumbled. “My emotions are in a real mess these days... Brother Zhu, even you could tell that I was about to lose control?”

Before True Immortal Zhu could respond, he felt a familiar aura entering the range of his divine soul.

Yan Wujiu’s voice soon followed, “Brother Zhu, did you discover something?!”

Seeing as True Immortal Zhu wasn’t replying, Yan Wujiu also released his divine soul and quickly caught the aura that was rushing their way.

“Huh? He’s moving really quickly towards us!”

Ignoring how strange True Immortal Zhu was acting, Yan Wujiu turned to rush at Shang Xia.

A vicious light flashed through True Immortal Zhu’s eyes as he stood behind Yan Wujiu. Looking at Yan Wujiu’s back, he slowly retrieved a Lightning Bell.

“Brother Zhu, help me out here! That foreign expert has combat abilities similar to True Immortal Lan. We can’t allow him to enter the Star Beast Nest no matter what! True Immortal Lan is also on his way here to help us!” Yan Wujiu’s voice rang in True Immortal Zhu’s mind.

“Relax, I’m coming!” True Immortal Zhu grunted once before following behind Yan Wujiu.

As Shang Xia closed in on them, he started waving his Stone Rod when he was still some distance away. He drew on the power of the world and when they were still hundreds of miles apart, he slammed his Stone Rod down at Yan Wujiu.

A strange cry escaped Yan Wujiu’s lips and he released his domain instantly. Before Shang Xia’s Stone Rod arrived, his domain had already slammed into Yan Wujiu’s. A powerful burst of light emerged when their domains clashed, and it was as though a mini sun was created.

Yan Wujiu’s instantaneous burst was powerful and it even managed to slow Shang Xia down slightly.

However, the Stone Rod arrived all the same and the shattered space was immediately swallowed by a sea of flames. From afar, it was as though the sun had been blown apart.

That might not be a sun, but it was Yan Wujiu’s domain.

Even though that was the case and Yan Wujiu was spitting out mouthfuls of blood, he wasn’t actually too seriously injured. He still maintained a portion of his combat strength.

Also, he wasn't fighting alone anyway! All he had to do was to withstand Shang Xia's first strike before his companion would take over so that he could recover a bit of energy... After all, there was a second tier True Immortal Zhu fighting alongside him, or so he thought...

After stopping the strike, Yan Wujiu intentionally stepped aside to let True Immortal Zhu take over his position to counterattack, but a sudden burst of killing intent from behind him caused the hair on his neck to stand erect.

"Brother Zhu, you..." Yan Wujiu forced himself to turn around and noticed the twisted expression on True Immortal Zhu's face. There was a trace of shame hidden somewhere in there, but that didn't change what was happening.

"Brother Yan... I'm sorry!"

The Lightning Bell tore through Yan Wujiu's hastily reconstructed domain. Just as it was about to slam into him, Yan Wujiu tossed out a talisman and along with a loud scraping sound, a formless wall that appeared started to crack.

It bought enough time for Yan Wujiu to escape before shattering completely.

"Brother Zhu, why...?" Yan Wujiu wanted to flee the moment he avoided death, but he was unresigned to his fate. He wanted to get to the bottom of True Immortal Zhu's betrayal.

True Immortal Zhu remained indifferent to Yan Wujiu's questioning despite his feelings and he quickly reminded Shang Xia who was quickly approaching, "True Immortal Shang, please remember to seal off this space lest he sends out a transmission! Lan Zhengfeng is already on his way!"

Shang Xia received the reminder but did whatever he felt like anyway. He didn't seem to be in a rush as the Stone Rod in his hand shot out again.

Through the void, a powerful streak of lightning emerged. Along with a loud blast that reverberated through space, the tip of the Stone Rod that was covered in reddish-gold lightning bolts poked out from the space before Yan Wujiu. At the same time, Shang Xia's powerful energy emerged and turned everything around the tip of the Stone Rod into a region of chaos.