

## The Heavens 1191

Chapter 1191: Three Deputy Patriarchs. Pt.2

As such, the plight of the Weapons Hall in the institution was pretty strange.

In recent years, the development of the Tongyou Institution could be said to be rising like a shooting star. They had been patching up their weaknesses, but the Weapons Hall was just too much of a burden. Even with the increased resources due to the expansion of the institution, they were still unable to progress.

Each of the Deputy Patriarchs controlled a certain part of the institution, and the Weapons Hall fell under the jurisdiction of Liu Zhiyuan.

Even though he was someone who couldn't really clearly split up his personal matters from the matters of the institution, he was still pretty capable. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to maintain his position even with his predecessor's status influence.

Liu Zhiyuan spent a lot of effort trying to improve the Weapons Hall. However, there were no talents when it came to artifact crafting no matter how hard they tried. The matter with the Weapons Hall also caused Liu Zhiyuan's prestige to take a huge hit.

Now that there was a divine grade forging hammer in front of him, he saw a chance for the Weapons Hall to finally rise again.

Even though the Blacksmiths were those who would eventually make the weapon, the importance of a good forging hammer couldn't be denied.

Liu Zhiyuan had to fight for it no matter what as it was an opportunity for the Weapons Hall to finally show some improvement.

"No matter what, this is a forging hammer... If we don't allow the Weapons Hall to use it, where else can it come into use?" Liu Zhiyuan couldn't help but ask Ji Wenlong.

Shaking his head, Ji Wenlong mumbled, "If we leave this divine grade hammer to the Weapons Hall, it will be too much of a waste. At least, it would be a waste of resources with how things stand at the moment."

Liu Zhiyuan wanted to continue to fight for a chance to obtain the hammer, but he was stopped as Yun Jing raised her hand slowly.

"There isn't a Martial Dipper Realm expert in the Weapons Hall, right?" Yun Jing asked and continued before Liu Zhiyuan could answer. "If there isn't a Martial Dipper Realm expert using a divine weapon, it will be extremely difficult to make full use of its strength. It's truly not appropriate for the Weapons Hall to use the treasure."

After thinking about it, Liu Zhiyuan decided to try once more. "Martial Extermination Realm cultivators are still able to make use of it... At the very least, they would be able to bring out a portion of its power."

Shaking her head, Yun Jing sighed, "Forging artifacts is different from fighting. If one used the weapon to fight, it would be great as long as they didn't suffer a backlash. However, if one were to

try to use it to craft weapons, they would be forced to use double the effort to only achieve half the results. Even if I don't say this... You should be clear about it."

Liu Zhiyuan opened his mouth slightly. But he didn't know what to say.

Yun Jing chuckled softly, "Actually, not giving them the hammer might not be a bad thing. The hammer will definitely belong to the Weapons Hall eventually, but that will depend on their achievements. If you spread this news in the Weapons Hall, it might encourage them."

"Isn't this just dangling a carrot in front of them and watching them make a fool of themselves if they don't succeed?" Liu Zhiyuan snapped.

Yun Jing smiled in response. "Good tricks don't grow old. Most importantly, we'll need to see if it will have any effects on encouraging them. Alright. This is settled."

Liu Zhiyuan's expression sank and he grumbled at the side, "What's the point of calling me here then? You might as well inform me of your decision with a transmission talisman..."

Yun Jing and Ji Wenlong acted as though they didn't hear what he said and they continued to talk to each other.

Ji Wenlong laughed suddenly, "Then again, our Tongyou Institution actually has the Hidden Frost Sword, the Five Element Ring, and this hammer now. We actually have 3 divine artifacts. If we add Little Shang's Holy Artifact into the mix... This is something we would never have imagined in the past! I'm afraid there will not be another great power in our Spirit Luxuriant World who can bring out so many impressive artifacts so easily."

Yun Jing agreed. "Even though we don't know how many divine artifacts the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Eternal Palace, and the Divine Capital Sect have, we can be sure that having 3 divine artifacts at our disposal ranks us at the very top. We won't be lacking when compared to them."

All of a sudden, Ji Wenlong asked, "Right... Where did Little Shang get this hammer?"

Yun Jing turned serious suddenly before pointing at the second object on the table. "That's what I called all of you here for. Little Shang got these after killing a fourth tier True Immortal..."

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Both of them sucked in a cold breath in unison. Glancing at each other, Liu Zhiyuan gasped in his hoarse voice, "He even managed to kill a high-level True Immortal?!"

Yun Jing wasn't too surprised at their reaction. Actually, when she heard what happened from Shang Xia's clone, her reaction wasn't too different.

Ji Wenlong was surprised, but he still remembered to ask, "Who did he kill anyway? Zhuge Xiang died in the hands of Tong Yutang, and Tong Yutang took on the position of the Star Origin Guards Commander. Where did the high-level True Immortal he killed come from? Was it someone from the Spirit Abundance World or the Spirit Mammoth World?"

Liu Zhiyuan also snapped back to reality and looked to Yun Jing for the answer.

"Neither. Both of you actually know who he is... he's Wen Juxiang, the high-level True Immortal of the Essence Hong World who infiltrated our Tongyou Elysium back then!" Yun Jing revealed.

“It’s actually him?!”

“Essence Hong World?”

Ji Wenlong and Liu Zhiyuan gasped, and strange expressions could be seen on their faces.

“Does anyone else know that Little Shang killed him?” Ji Wenlong continued to question.

So did Liu Zhiyuan. “Wouldn’t that mean that our relationship with the Essence Hong World has already turned antagonistic? At the very least, we offended a powerful faction there, right?”

Yun Jing explained, “From what Little Shang says, no one else was present when he killed Wen Juxiang. However, the moment Wen Juxiang’s death spread, there might be people who would suspect him.”

Ji Wenlong and Liu Zhiyuan’s expressions changed after hearing what she said.

A high-level True Immortal of an Essence World who gained the trust of the various factions there to investigate what happened in lower worlds... Anyone could guess that his identity wasn’t as simple as it seemed. It would go without saying that they will launch an investigation into his death...

“However...” Yun Jing’s tone changed suddenly, “According to Little Shang, even if the Essence Hong World wants to look into Wen Juxiang’s death, they wouldn’t send a huge number of experts to the Star Origin Dao Field or the worlds surrounding it. That is because Star Origin City wouldn’t open the spatial tunnel if that were the case and we won’t have to worry about a large-scale invasion from them.”

Feeling a small weight lifted off their hearts, Ji Wenlong suddenly thought of something and he asked again, “Will Star Origin City be able to take the heat if the Essence Hong World tries to pin responsibility on anyone?”

Even though it was impossible for Ji Wenlong and the others to learn what happened directly from Kou Chongxue or Shang Xia because of their difference in cultivation realms, they interacted with many worlds because of their connection with Star Origin City in recent years. They knew that the limit of an Essence World were experts in the Seventh Order.”

Yun Jing replied, “Little Shang said that in the short term, there is no need for us to worry about retaliation from the Essence Hong World. That’s because, in his words, the Essence Hong World won’t be able to make their way over! As for why that’s the case... Little Shang’s clone simply smiled and didn’t say anything. There might be some reason we can’t understand...”

Liu Zhiyuan muttered in a low void, “That’s only in the short term. However, that means that the Essence Hong World will eventually be able to come... Is that why he and Patriarch Kou are in such a rush to break through to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm?”

Yun Jing and Ji Wenlong fell silent as they agreed with his conjecture.

Seeing as they hadn’t responded, Liu Zhiyuan pointed at the pouch-like item on the table and asked, “What’s in there?”

Taking a deep breath, Yun Jing muttered, “Because Little Shang was in a rush to enter seclusion, he didn’t have time to organize the treasures within. However, he already glanced at its contents and he said that there are quite a lot of high-quality treasures within. Most of them should have been gathered during Wen Juxiang’s travels around the various worlds. From what he says, there should be some ancient records and journals of Wen Juxiang’s experiences. They might contain information about his travels to the various worlds, and that should also mean a lot of hidden details have been kept by him. There should also be notes of different cultivation systems in them. There might even be information regarding the Essence Hong World, and those are things we desperately need at the moment. After all, we know pretty much nothing about Essence Worlds now and these are all precious information troves! He wishes for us to quickly organize these things without letting too many people know...”

#### Chapter 1192: 3 Years Seclusion

After Shang Xia’s clone left the items with Yun Jing, he didn’t know that the 2 treasures he left behind would cause the 3 deputy patriarchs to be so worked up.

Whatever it was, his clone didn’t return to the Talisman Pagoda. Instead, it turned into a stream of light that left the You Continent and arrived above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Not too long after he arrived at the spot above the Jiao Continent, the other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World also received the news and they started to arrive one after another.

Those who were already second tier True Immortals sent over their clones, but for Yin Jingxu and Lu Wuzi, they could only head over personally.

The reason he called them over was because he had been sent to investigate the disturbance outside the Spirit Abundance World, and he was finally back to tell them what happened.

It had been more than half a year since he left, and right after they discovered that the massive battle in the space around the Spirit Abundance World ended, the Star Origin Dao Field reappeared in the sea of stars, and the Star Origin Guards Commander changed. The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World suspected that those events were connected to each other, but they weren’t able to look for the truth themselves. They had been anticipating Shang Xia’s return.

“True Immortal Little Shang, what exactly happened over in the space around the Spirit Abundance World? Is it related to the reappearance of the Star Origin Dao Field and the new Star Origin Guards Commander taking over?” Yin Jingxu asked.

Even though they knew that only Shang Xia’s clone had shown up, since he called everyone over, that would only mean that his true body was also back. As the person who first discovered everything, Yin Jingxu started the ball rolling.

The reason Shang Xia sent his clone over was to reveal some matters about the Star Origin Lord and the Essence Ping World while also telling them about what he found out during his trip to the disturbance in space around the Spirit Abundance World. He would also inform them of some matters regarding the Star Origin Dao Field’s plot to harvest the energy of the various worlds, and their relationship with the Essence Hong World and Essence Ming World...

The Spirit Luxuriant World didn't belong to the Tongyou Institution and naturally, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue shouldn't be the only ones to ensure the pressure of breaking through to the fourth tier to become a high-level True Immortal. The True Immortals of the various great powers should also take on some of the pressure, rather than relying on Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue's protection.

Since there was an external threat, it would be better to inform them about it and get everyone to work together to deal with it.

Indeed... After hearing how Tong Yutang had been colluding with the Spirit Abundance World, Spirit Mammoth World, and Spirit Tinkle World by copying the Star Robes and their battle formation to kill Zhuge Xiang who had just broken through to the fifth tier of the Martial Void Realm, they were shocked, but not too surprised. In fact, they even started to nod slowly as though they expected as much.

After all, they had already started their investigation after the reappearance of the Star Origin Dao Field.

It wasn't difficult to reach the conclusion after seeing what happened in the Star Origin Guards.

They were only surprised by the fact that the 3 Spirit Worlds had taken part in the operation.

When Shang Xia talked about how the high-level True Immortals of the Essence Hong World and Essence Ming World might have had a hand in pushing the alliance between the Spirit Worlds and Tong Yutang to kill Zhuge Xiang, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World started to become serious.

Soon after, Shang Xia also started to talk about the possibility that the high-level True Immortals of the Essence Hong World and Essence Ming World trying to use the opportunity to find the Essence Ping World, and that the Spirit Abundance World also knew about the existence of the Essence Ping World through the Frost Wave, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World felt a strange mix of emotions.

Finally, when they heard about the Star Origin Lord and how he managed to establish an independent region of space with all the worlds it used to lord over, along with how the control of the Star Origin Dao Field over them started to weaken with the disappearance of the Star Origin Lord, and how the Essence Worlds had been trying to gather information about the various worlds, panic started to set in.

Of course, Shang Xia hid a lot of information during his explanation. There were also some things he said with some uncertainty, making it seem as though his true body hadn't been a part of the giant mess that was created.

Even so... The information he brought back were things the others were hearing for the first time.

Fortunately, Shang Xia sent his clone over. Perhaps, it was all a part of his calculated plan so that he would be able to avoid their questioning. After his clone was done with the explanation, he didn't have to care about the questions they might have. Even if they tried to probe further, his clone would simply use the excuse that his true body hadn't informed him to avoid the topic.

With that, they couldn't make things difficult for him either.

After bidding them farewell, Shang Xia's clone took his leave.

Shang Xia could guess what their reactions would be after his clone dropped his explanation and left, but he couldn't give two shits. All his attention was placed on refining the energy his Crimson Soul Tablet was providing.

When he was in the prison under the Star Observatory, he discovered a new use for the tablet after it had been completely restored.

It was able to convert excess energy into something Shang Xia could absorb. Back then, a large amount of energy was absorbed by the tablet, and Shang Xia was only able to force it to produce a little through his meddling.

However... After Shang Xia smashed the Crimson Soul Tablet into the Star Origin Lord's clone in the Essence Ping World, it absorbed so much energy that it felt a little bloated.

One had to know that the Star Origin Lord's clone was made from the concentrated power of the stars. That was 1 of the 2 types of energy in the Essence Ping World, and it was a Seventh Order energy!

In the prison under the Star Observatory in Star Origin City, the energy Shang Xia had been absorbing was pseudo-Seventh Order energy. For him to swallow a good portion of the energy contained in the Star Origin Lord's clone, no matter how high the limit of energy the Crimson Soul Tablet could contain, it was still filled to the brim. It started to pour energy into Shang Xia after conversion to alleviate its burden.

That was why Shang Xia entered seclusion. One reason was so that he could improve, but the second was because he had no choice as there was just too much energy!

He knew that if he didn't enter seclusion immediately, he would have to split off a fourth clone in order to use up some inner qi. However, if that were to happen, his soul might not be able to endure the burden of being split up into so many parts!

To be able to create 3 clones without affecting his divine soul was already an amazing feat. All the credit could go to the Man and Heaven Synergy Chapter he had been cultivating since the Triple Command Realm.

If any other third tier True Immortal was in his place, very few would be able to create 2 clones, much less 3.

As soon as he started cultivating, Shang Xia discovered that he had still underestimated the amount of energy the Crimson Soul Tablet was producing. Or perhaps... He had completely underestimated its abilities in the first place.

Fully submerging himself in his cultivation, Shang Xia thought that he would be able to quickly use up the energy to improve his cultivation, and he might even be able to retrieve his clones eventually to speed up the rate at which he could cultivate. However... Reality proved him wrong. Even after an entire year, his 2 other clones which he had called back merely stood beside him quietly. The other was left in the Tongyou Institution to watch over the Talisman Hall and the Tongyou Elysium.

Chapter 1193: Breaking Through, High-Level True Immortal

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As time continued to pass...

One of the biggest possibilities Shang Xia had been absorbing energy from the Crimson Soul Tablet for so long was because of the way the Crimson Soul Tablet had been operating. It was able to provide the energy Shang Xia had been absorbing because after refining the power of the stars, but it was more like the atrophy of the power of the stars into something a little weaker so Shang Xia could absorb it directly.

Before entering seclusion, Shang Xia had already reached the small completion stage of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm.

According to his original estimates, if there weren't other accidents or special circumstances, Shang Xia calculated that it would take several dozen years if he wished to reach the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm to stand before the gates to become a high-level True Immortal.

However, Shang Xia had barely been in seclusion for slightly less than 2 years when he already reached the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm.

Once a cultivator reached the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm, they would be considered high-level True Immortals. It was a clear indicator that breaking through the third tier of the Martial Void Realm wasn't going to be easy.

... Another half a year passed, but Shang Xia didn't attempt a breakthrough to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm. Instead, he continued to strengthen his Six Direction Origin and consolidate his foundations.

At the same time, there was another important thing he had to do and that was to work on his Six Harmony Flawless Rod Technique.

In the time he had spent in seclusion, Shang Xia had been improving his cultivation, but he had never stopped trying to fix and develop his Six Harmony Flawless Rod Technique. When he reached a point where he felt that it couldn't go any further, Shang Xia didn't stop there. Instead, he decided to break everything down once again and sort out everything he knew.

By the time he was done, Shang Xia felt the speed at which he could absorb the energy provided by the Crimson Soul Tablet increase by 30 percent.

Only then did he finally feel the Crimson Soul Tablet starting to slow down and reach a point where it was no longer able to pump out an infinite amount of energy.

After everything he accomplished, Shang Xia was confident he had reached his peak state and it was actually time to attempt a breakthrough to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm.

Awakening the spirituality of the You Continent, Shang Xia prepared to start the process. As soon as it happened, every cultivator on the You Continent with cultivation realms in the Martial Extermination Realm and above could clearly feel a transformation in the heaven and earth qi around them. Even though it didn't grow denser, it became a lot more lively.

Only those whose cultivation had reached the Martial Dipper Realm and a deep understanding of the path ahead realized what was happening. They immediately turned their gaze to the Tongyou Institution.

The You Continent wasn't the only one experiencing a huge commotion. The World Origin Source of the Spirit Luxuriant World was starting to feel the impact of his attempt at breaking through.

When Shang Xia awakened the spirituality of the You Continent earlier, the fluctuations it caused to the World Origin Source started to spread to the rest of the world.

The World's Will was also starting to buzz with greater activity than before.

The instant it happened, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World who couldn't leave their world, or hadn't left their world because of their concerns, could feel the changes to the World Origin Source clearly. They knew that there was a True Immortal breaking through at the moment and through their divine soul, they could tell that the expert attempting a breakthrough was in the You Continent, and they were attempting to enter the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm.

With that, it wasn't difficult for any of them to guess who it was.

Complicated emotions filled their hearts and strange lights flashed in their eyes when they looked in the direction of the You Continent. However, no one attempted anything funny even though they had the ability to do so.

From the news Shang Xia's clone brought back about the existence of the Star Origin Lord, and the Essence Ping World, along with the plots of the various Essence Worlds, all of them knew that they had to stay united. Even if they knew Shang Xia's revelation contained some sort of warning for them to not mess with him during his breakthrough, they knew it was true.

Since he wished to become a high-level True Immortal, Shang Xia had to draw on all the power he could and there was no reason to hold back.

Awakening the spirituality of the You Continent was so that he could form a better connection with the World Origin Source, and he would be able to raise his domain to a higher level during the transformation of his breakthrough. With his understanding, that would bring him closer to a state of Man and Heaven Synergy, which was also what he understood the level of Dao Harmony!

After absorbing the energy that was produced by the Crimson Soul Tablet for more than 2 years, Shang Xia finally stopped and started to take in energy from the World Origin Source through the You Continent!

Despite the torrential amount of energy, it was far from enough. At the very least, it wouldn't be enough for Shang Xia to enter the gates of the fourth tier in a short amount of time.

One of his clones who was in the room with him suddenly got up and returned to his true body.

After more time had passed and he seemed to reach another bottleneck, the other clone in the room fused back into him.

The sudden infusion of energy allowed him to truly step through the gates of the fourth tier and become a high-level True Immortal! The instant it happened, Shang Xia's divine soul seemed to stretch across the entire You Continent.

He felt as though he had become one with the continent and as long as he willed it, he would be able to do anything within the confines of the continent!

Every breath he took contained the power to transform into a powerful hurricane and he could summon giant clouds with a wave of his hand. A soft cough could turn into powerful rumbling thunder and if he blinked his eyes, he would be able to summon streaks of lightning. With one thought, he could release a mighty lightning storm!



If he was happy, he could allow there to be great weather. If he got angry, the heavens would tremble and the earth would shake.

It was an experience where he was nothing short of God in the You Continent, and the miraculous feeling caused him to immerse himself deeper and deeper, to the point where he almost didn't wish to awaken from it.

If he continued to indulge in the feeling and was unable to awaken, he would fuse completely with the You Continent, becoming a part of the world. If that happened, Shang Xia would no longer exist in the world.

However... A voice deep within his soul caused him to snap awake.

*“As powerful as you are now... Even if you're omnipotent in the You Continent... Can you return to the world you once came from?”*

It was a bone-chilling voice he had never heard before, but he immediately snapped back to reality with its reminder.

“That was close!” Shang Xia gasped as he felt his whole body drenched in sweat. “Is this what the level of Dao Harmony really means?!”

Shang Xia carefully thought back to everything he felt through the breakthrough, and he naturally realized that the true meaning of Dao Harmony had nothing to do with fusing into the world around him. Instead, it was a state where he would be able to draw on the power of the world through the You Continent while maintaining his conscious mind.

The next time he reached the strange state, he would be prepared for it and he would no longer be easily influenced by the feeling of assimilation.

As soon as the process was complete, his third clone, who had been outside the Talisman Pagoda, was also summoned by Shang Xia and reassimilated back into his true body.

This time, the return of his clone didn't bring him any special gains like how he managed to break through with the fusion of his clones before. Instead, it only allowed him to consolidate his foundations slightly.

After the completion of the entire process, Shang Xia finally completed his transformation to enter the level of Dao Harmony, becoming a fourth tier high-level True Immortal!

Chapter 1194: Disturbance Above The You Continent!

If Shang Xia was able to draw on a portion of the energy contained in the You Continent when he was in the third tier of the Martial Void Realm, everything changed after his breakthrough. In the fourth tier of the Marital Void Realm, everything was but a thought away.

Of course, that wasn't all that changed. Other than the ability to control the heavens and earth along with the power of the world, the most obvious transformation was to his domain.

Shang Xia needed to slowly adapt to the new changes, but at the very least, he learned of a new function of his domain. Once it covered the You Continent, he knew that he would be able to appear anywhere he wanted.

Other than that...

Shang Xia raised his head instinctively, and even though he was still in the Talisman Pagoda, he was vaguely able to feel the presence of the power of the stars outside the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Shang Xia naturally understood that it was because of all the energy he absorbed from the Crimson Soul Tablet.

The energy Shang Xia had been absorbing had been processed by the Crimson Soul Tablet and it had been somewhat weakened, but it was still concentrated power of the stars that came from the Essence Ping World. Shang Xia felt a sense of familiarity with it after entering the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm.

The only thing he didn't know was if the intimate feeling would assist him if he wished to walk down the path of a Stargazer, and if he would be able to make it if he wanted to become one at his current level.

Consolidating his foundation with the return of his last clone, Shang Xia originally wanted to remain in seclusion for another period of time in order to gain better control of his strength before emerging.

However, he felt powerful starlight being drawn to the Star Observatory in the Tongyou Elysium the next second. During his time in seclusion, Shang Xia didn't know how many times the Star Observatory in Tongyou Elysium had been doing it, but he knew that such a big disturbance would definitely be felt by the other True Immortals. He even knew that the Stargazers of the Heavenly Star Palace would be able to determine the existence of Stargazers in the Tongyou Elysium with that, and they might even be able to deduce that the Tongyou Institution already possessed their own Star Observatory.

Indeed... As dense starlight fell through the heavenly screen above the You Continent to enter the Tongyou Elysium, even though the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn't show up immediately, their divine souls reached over to learn what was happening.

All of them seemed a little cautious, and it might be because of Shang Xia's attempt at breaking through. Even though they didn't know if he had already become a high-level True Immortal, they knew better than to risk offending one for such trivial matters. Their divine souls merely hovered around the heavenly screen above the You Continent without truly infringing on the You Continent. They didn't try to interrupt the descent of starlight either.

Compared to the other True Immortals, the reaction of the Heavenly Star Palace in the Star Observatory in the Jiao Continent was a lot more intense.

Yin Jingxu appeared above the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent and stared straight at the stream of starlight falling into the You Continent.

Behind him, a cultivator who had a clean but rather foolish look with robes that were a little too large for him could be seen.

"Are you sure it's something only Stargazers can do?" Yin Jingxu asked without turning back.

The cultivator raised his head and a pair of sparkling eyes. He glanced in the direction Yin Jingxu was looking in and mumbled, "There's more than a single way to draw starlight from the vast sea of

stars. I cannot be sure it's the work of a Stargazer. Hmm... But I feel like that's most likely the case."

The cultivator was clearly one of the Stargazers developed by the Heavenly Star Palace, but the way he spoke was slightly weird.

Yin Jingxu seemed to be used to the way the Stargazer spoke and he simply nodded. "If it's truly the work of a Stargazer, are you able to determine anything else from the stream of starlight they are drawing over?"

Tilting his head to the side, the Stargazer continued, "The quality of starlight they're drawing over isn't too high, but it has been done on a large scale. It's either many weaker Stargazers or those of lower-levels working together, or... Hmm... Or there's a Star Observatory in the You Continent!"

Even though Yin Jingxu had prepared himself for it, he couldn't help but feel his eyelids jumping when he heard the deduction.

"What else?" Yin Jingxu continued to ask with his tone as placid as possible.

Carefully glancing at Yin Jingxu, the Stargazer quickly retracted his gaze before sniffing softly, "They should be drawing over the power of starlight to cultivate extermination origins. They might also be doing so to assist the breakthrough of an Astronomer to a Stargazer..."

Yin Jingxu nodded slowly before he continued, "That would mean that the Tongyou Institution not only has a Stargazer, but also secretly built a Star Observatory. They might even be producing a second Stargazer now... Is that it?"

Yin Jingxu seemed to be asking a question, but his tone left no room for doubt.

The Stargazer behind him lowered his gaze as though he was trying to hide his presence.

As one of the 3 Stargazers of the Heavenly Star Palace, he was clear Yin Jingxu was feeling extremely disappointed and indignant.

Originally, the Heavenly Star Palace was the only faction in the Spirit Luxuriant World with a Stargazer inheritance. They also had the only 3 Stargazers and a Star Observatory in the world. That allowed them to enjoy an exalted position in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

In recent years, the Heavenly Star Palace has been progressing rapidly because of it.

However... If the Tongyou Institution also nurtured Stargazers and obtained a Star Observatory... With their terrifyingly strong influence, Yin Jingxu had no doubt the importance of his Heavenly Star Palace would fall rapidly and so would his influence. Even the great progress they were making would be slowed greatly.

That was something he didn't wish to see happen.

Actually... The Stargazer behind Yin Jingxu was still hiding something. That was that if the Tongyou Institution managed to produce a Stargazer who refined extermination origins with the power of the stars, that would mean that the Tongyou Institution not only possessed the Stargazer inheritance... It would mean that it was extremely likely they had the core inheritance of the Heaven Observation Sect!

That was an inheritance that combined the Stargazer inheritance with its martial inheritance. It was something that could allow one to cultivate to the Seventh Order!

It was then that Yin Jingxu asked again, “Martial Nephew Tang Yu, you’re the best Stargazer of our Heavenly Star Palace. How confident are you to become a Grand Stargazer?”

Slightly taken aback, Tang Yu eventually forced a chuckle. “Palace Master, even though I’m slightly better than the rest, it’s because I stepped on the path a little earlier. You’re better off putting your hopes on Junior Sister Jingzi...”

Yin Jingxu finally turned to look at Tang Yu, but he was met with a calm gaze.

Helpless, Yin Jingxu could only turn back as he sighed, “Perhaps it should be time for us to consider moving back to the Yi Continent...”

“The Star Observatory...” Tang Yu tried to ask.

Before he could finish his sentence, he was interrupted with a cold snort. “Of course we have to bring it back with us. Don’t forget, the Jiao Continent is where Kou Chongxue entered the Martial Void Realm. It’s the Tongyou Institution’s territory to begin with!”

Pausing slightly, Yin Jingxu’s tone soothed a little as he continued, “However... The other great powers definitely won’t allow us to easily bring the Star Observatory away. After all, they probably wanted us to stay in the Jiao Continent when they helped to rebuild the Star Observatory for us to consolidate our foundations there...”

Tang Yu gasped, “They actually want us to mess with the Tongyou Institution?”

“Messing with them?” Yin Jingxu shot Tang Yu a cold gaze before snorting in self-mockery, “Do you think we’re qualified to mess with the Tongyou Institution?! Heh... Actually... We might actually need to request for the institution’s help in this matter...”

Tang Yu was utterly confused, and he simply decided to no longer try to understand what Yin Jingxu was going on about. Instead, he looked over at the You Continent to see what transformations the starlight would bring.

He was shocked by what he observed next.

He could see that even though the starlight wasn’t too powerful, the speed at which it was gathering actually doubled before he processed what was happening.

That wasn’t all. An extermination origin was being condensed at a rapid pace before it quickly disappeared into the You Continent.

Tang Yu couldn’t comprehend what was happening as he stared blankly in the direction of the You Continent.

Yin Jingxu, who was standing in front of him, seemed to have noticed the confusion Tang Yu was feeling and he muttered, “Do you find it strange? That’s the ability of a high-level True Immortal.”

“High... High-level... Did True... True Immortal Shang Xia steps into the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm already?!” Tang Yu started to stutter.

Clearly, as a core member of the Heavenly Star Palace, he wasn't clueless about the levels of a True Immortal.

Yin Jingxu nodded slowly and started to speak despite his complicated emotions, "Yeah... Our Spirit Luxuriant World... Finally has a high-level True Immortal!"

When Shang Xia attempted his breakthrough, he caused a massive disturbance to the World Origin Source and the World's Will, and every True Immortal in the Spirit Luxuriant World at the moment could tell what happened.

However... They didn't really know whether he succeeded as there weren't any signs of it. Now that Shang Xia had sped up the creation of an extermination origin so quickly, Yin Jingxu was sure he had succeeded. Anyone else who was watching what happened would also know what happened.

Tang Yu continued to mumble at the side, "But... Is True Immortal Shang Xia also a Stargazer? How else is he able to control the power of the stars with such practiced ease?"

"I don't know, but True Immortal Little Shang seems to have a lot of secrets on him. At the very least, the True Immortals of our world know that the path of cultivation he has been taking is something unique, and it hasn't been seen anywhere in our world." Yin Jingxu shook his head and sighed.

Tang Yu found it hard to believe and he continued to ask, "Can extracting different types of Star Extermination Origins be a part of a cultivation method? Isn't he afraid that if he refines too many of them at once, the disciple attempting to use them will suffer from cultivation deviation? In less serious cases, they wouldn't be able to cultivate further and in other cases, their dantian would be crippled and they would die a miserable death..."

Yin Jingxu mumbled in response, "Back when True Immortal Little Shang was in the Martial Extermination Realm... He refined his extermination origins simultaneously... He might have some way to help the disciple break through."

Chapter 1195: You Get An Advancement, You Get An Advancement, Everyone Gets An Advancement!

Shang Xia could guess that there were many people observing the situation above the heavenly screen of the You Continent at the moment, and he didn't bother hiding the fact that he had successfully broken through.

After all, the Spirit Luxuriant World's main threat came from external parties, and they wouldn't be inclined to fight among themselves at least in the foreseeable future.

What Shang Xia didn't know was that Yin Jingxu actually had such an in-depth understanding of the way he cultivated.

Actually, the Heavenly Star Palace wasn't the only one keeping tabs on his cultivation process. Any respectable power in the Spirit Luxuriant World had been gathering intelligence on Shang Xia's cultivation.

Naturally, he wasn't the only one whose cultivation path had been looked into. It was true that his path of cultivation showed breathtaking results, but gathering information on every high-level expert was something all the powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World would do.

Even the Tongyou Institution would keep tabs on outstanding cultivators of other factions, and it was a practice that wasn't lost in other worlds.

It was just that Shang Xia's performance was just too outstanding, and even supreme geniuses like Kou Chongxue were eclipsed by his magnificence.

Also... Shang Xia didn't expect that he would emerge from seclusion when Yuan Qiuyuan was about to break through to the Martial Extermination Realm. During the process, Yuan Qiuyuan drew over a stream of starlight to try to condense an extermination origin.

When Shang Xia was preparing to enter seclusion 3 years ago, he noticed that Yuan Qiuyuan had already reached the peak of the Martial Intent Realm. He even intentionally instructed Xin Lu to assist in Yuan Qiuyuan's breakthrough instead of helping Kou Chongxue.

He didn't think that the process would drag on for 3 years!

What surprised him even more was that Yuan Qiuyuan chose to refine all 4 extermination origins simultaneously like what he had done previously.

Of course, the extermination origins Yuan Qiuyuan was planning to refine weren't related to the seasons. Instead, it was 4 types of Star Extermination Origin.

Originally, Yan Ming and Xin Lu estimated that even with their help, Yuan Qiuyuan might not be able to condense 4 extermination origins from the starlight he could draw over from the vast sea of stars. There would be a lot of luck involved if he could truly accomplish his goal, and during the critical moment, they would even need Yan Ming, a Martial Dipper Realm expert, to head out of the heavenly screen to assist in the process of condensing the extermination origins.

Even if Yuan Qiuyuan managed to succeed this time, he would still need to continue drawing the power of starlight in order to improve and reach the large completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm.

Thankfully, he seemed to have lucked out. When he was attempting this breakthrough, Shang Xia emerged from seclusion. With his familiarity with the power of the stars, he easily assisted Yuan Qiuyuan in condensing the extermination origins he required.

Even though Shang Xia was no Stargazer and was unable to draw the power of starlight to their world, Yuan Qiuyuan and the others already did all the heavy lifting. All Shang Xia had to do was to condense the energy that was lingering around into pure Star Extermination Origins.

It was then that Xin Lu and Yan Ming also joined in the process. Since they didn't need to worry about the extermination origins, they could focus on drawing starlight from the sea of stars. As brilliant rays were drawn over to the You Continent, Yuan Qiuyuan had more than enough energy to complete the advancement. In fact, there was so much energy that he would be able to quickly progress after his breakthrough and save a lot of time.

Other than that, Shang Xia also condensed 5 or 6 other extermination origins from the starlight that was drawn over. There were even 2 or 3 strands of fate dipper essences among them which he threw into the pool of Star Essence Liquid under the Starry Tree.

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When everything finally calmed down and more time had passed, Shang Xia appeared above the Star Observatory. He discovered that his actions benefited far more people than he had thought.

Xin Lu's aura was a little unsteady as she stood on the Star Observatory, and he could see that she managed to step through the gates of the fourth layer of the Marital Extermination Realm.

Clearly, she managed to choose from the excess extermination origins Shang Xia condensed to supplement her cultivation.

Yan Ming didn't walk away empty-handed either.

Because of the influence of the Stargazer inheritance, she planned to refine a Star Origin Dipper as her second fate dipper.

With Xin Lu's suggestion and help, Yan Ming discovered a suitable Origin Dipper she could refine, but she had to gather enough fate dipper essence for it. She learned about it several years ago and Yan Ming had been trying to gather the fate dipper essence she required through all sorts of methods. She managed to gather 7 strands of fate dipper essence required.

With Shang Xia making a move during Yuan Qiuyuan's breakthrough, the fate dipper essences produced that were thrown into the pool of Star Essence Liquid were exactly what she required, and she managed to produce a suitable Origin Dipper because of it. Just like that, she managed to enter the second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

With her strong accumulations along with her refinement of her second fate dipper being related to the stars, it might not take long for the Tongyou Institution to welcome their third Stargazer.

As for the second Stargazer of the Tongyou Institution... There was no question about it. Yuan Qiuyuan reached the level right after he broke through.

Now that he arrived, Shang Xia didn't hide his presence and headed down to greet them.

"Junior Sister Yan, Lady Xin, congratulations!" Shang Xia chuckled while cupping his fists in their direction.

As for Yuan Qiuyuan... he had already entered a secret chamber in the Star Observatory to consolidate his foundations and was nowhere to be seen.

They created such a huge commotion because of Yuan Qiuyuan's breakthrough. Xin Lu and Yan Ming's improvements were merely happy accidents that happened along the way.

Seeing as Shang Xia had arrived and was congratulating them, they quickly cupped their fists respectfully in response.

Be it because of her cultivation level or her position in the institution, Yan Ming was already part of the core members in the upper echelons of the Tongyou Institution, responsible for a part of their operations. She knew the reason behind Shang Xia entering seclusion 3 years ago.

Seeing that he had emerged, she gasped with excitement, "Brother Shang, did you manage to achieve your goal?"

Roaring with candid laughter, Shang Xia didn't plan to hide his achievements from them. "Fortunately, I didn't disappoint myself. Now, at least I can consider myself a high-level True Immortal!"

Yan Ming felt happy for him, but she couldn't help but sigh with melancholy, "Brother Shang, I recall how I was still hunting you down in the Battlefield Between the Two Worlds back then... Barely 30 years have passed, but the distance between us has grown to such an exaggerated state..."

Xin Lu might not have said anything, but the gaze she was looking at Shang Xia with was filled with endless shock. She was a Stargazer in Star Origin City, and she was knowledgeable with vast experience. She knew the difference between a third tier True Immortal and a fourth tier True Immortal. She also knew what implications a high-level True Immortal represented!

It also seemed as though Shang Xia didn't head over to the Star Observatory to congratulate them. She saw how he pulled out a cape-like treasure covered in starlight from his Spatial Pouch, and the moment it appeared, she could see faint flickering stars on its surface.

"Is this... Is this a Star Robe?" Xin Lu gasped. As a Stargazer of the Star Origin City and with her close relationship to Xing Xingtian, she was no stranger to the Star Robes of the Star Origin Guards.

The only thing that surprised her at the moment was how Shang Xia actually had one!

One had to know that from the time the Star Origin Guards had been established, they had never lost a set of Star Robes.

However... Xin Lu's shock was only just beginning.

Shang Xia chuckled when he heard her gasping earlier. "Yeah. This is a Star Robe, but it's no ordinary Star Robe. It's the Star Origin Lord Robe Zhuge Xiang wore back then!"

Xin Lu's eyes widened and the words she was about to utter got stuck in her throat.

Perhaps because Yan Ming's cultivation was a little higher, and the fact that she didn't know the implications of the Star Origin Lord Robe, she managed to regain her composure after being shocked for a moment. She asked, "What can you use it for? Is this set of Star Robe a lot more different than ordinary ones?"

Shang Xia nodded in response. "The Star Origin Lord Robe definitely has some other uses, but the most important thing now is..."

Pausing slightly, Shang Xia twisted the robe and revealed a tear in it that was created back during the battle some time ago before he continued, "... We need to think of a way to restore the Star Origin Lord Robe!"

Yan Ming stared at Shang Xia like he was crazy. No matter how she looked at it, the Star Origin Lord Robe was no ordinary treasure. How the hell were they supposed to look for treasures to restore it?

Xin Lu finally snapped out of her dazed state and she frowned. "True Immortal Shang, do you need the Star Observatory to assist you in restoring the robe?"

With a forced smile, Shang Xia chuckled bitterly, "All I know is that the Star Origin Lord Robe contains an abundance of the power of the stars. It's real Seventh Order energy and I want to see if we can draw enough energy from the stars to restore it..."

Surprisingly enough, Xin Lu nodded in acknowledgment. "Actually. It's possible."



This time, it was Shang Xia's turn to be shocked. He was only trying his luck, but he didn't think that Xin Lu would be able to give him an answer with such certainty.

Before Shang Xia could continue asking, Xin Lu explained, "It's not as though the Star Robes of the Star Origin Guards had never been damaged before. I once heard Xing Xingtian mention how ordinary Star Robes would be able to restore itself if the damage wasn't too serious. As long as they used their battle formation and drew on the power of starlight, it would slowly recover. However, if the damage was a little too serious, they would have to bring it over to the Star Observatory to be repaired."

"The only thing Xing Xingtian didn't say was how it was truly restored as it might be related to the secrets of the Star Origin Guards."

Shang Xia nodded to show his understanding, and he understood how Tong Yutang managed to create those imitation products in the first place.

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Since Xing Xingtian was able to bring damaged Star Robes to the Star Observatory to be restored, Tong Yutang was naturally able to make use of his relationship with Xing Xingtian to complete the imitated Star Robes.

Even though Shang Xia learned that he would be able to restore the damaged robe from Xin Lu, he quickly thought of another problem. He couldn't help but ask, "So... Are you able to gather the power of the stars from the vast sea of stars?"

Shang Xia realized how stupid his question was as soon as it left his lips.

When the both of them worked together to draw over starlight, they even needed Shang Xia to assist them in condensing extermination origins. The starlight they drew over at the moment couldn't even be considered the pseudo-Seventh Order power of starlight!

Indeed... As soon as the words left his lips, Xin Lu forced a smile and mumbled, "True Immortal Shang, this... This request is a little too much..."

Shang Xia broke out in laughter to alleviate the awkwardness. "Apologies... I was too impatient."

"It's impossible to gather the power of the stars in our current state. Taking the Star Observatory in Star Origin City as an example, we need at least a Grand Stargazer, 3 to 4 Stargazers, and 12 or more Astronomers. We also require the assistance of many disciples of lower ranks. With the 3 of us... Even if we are able to barely make use of such a massive Star Observatory, we can only make use of its most rudimentary abilities."

"It's impossible for the Tongyou Institution to possess such a massive team of experts. Even if you got the assistance of the Heavenly Star Palace, you won't be able to gather everyone required. Without mentioning anything else, the Spirit Luxuriant World doesn't have a Grand Stargazer." Pausing slightly, Xin Lu continued, "Also... Gathering the power of the stars isn't as simple as getting enough people to work together in the Star Observatory. Even gathering pseudo-Seventh Order power of

starlight requires a special method and it's something only Brother Xiao and Xing Xingtian know..."

Shang Xia felt even more depressed after hearing her explanation.

"It might not actually be impossible!" A soft grunt came from the distance, but despite his unsteady tone, he sounded very confident in himself.

Everyone turned to look at the source of the void and saw Yuan Qiuyuan walking slowly over to them.

Streams of extermination qi could be seen swirling around him, but his aura wasn't as unsteady as before. He might not have consolidated his foundations fully, but his cultivation wouldn't regress.

"Many thanks, True Immortal Shang, for the assist. I am truly grateful for your help." Yuan Qiuyuan gave Shang Xia a deep bow.

Quickly reaching out to support Yuan Qiuyuan, Shang Xia chuckled, "Come on... The way you're addressing me is a little too formal. Both of us were once students of the institution... Just call me Senior Brother Shang."

Yuan Qiuyuan thought about it seriously for a moment before shaking his head. "When I was in the Outer Division, I had an instructor called Meng Liangchen. It's said that he's from the same batch as you. When I entered the Inner Division, Ju Hang and Zhang Jianfei were my teachers... When I entered the Upper Division, Instructor Sun Haiwei directed my cultivation path... All of them are my seniors... I should call you Martial Uncle Shang instead!"

Shang Xia forced a chuckle and didn't try to change his mind.

Even though the Tongyou Institution didn't have a habit of classifying people by their seniority, there was still a general guide that every 20 years signified a new generation of disciples. Those who were within 20 years of education in the Tongyou Institution of each other would address each other as Senior and Junior Brothers or Sisters, but anything older and they would address each other as Martial Uncle or Aunt.

Actually, the reason the Tongyou Institution came up with something like that was so they would be able to relate to the other great powers...

Seeing as Shang Xia didn't reject his term of address, Yuan Qiuyuan paused for a second before getting back on track. "Disciple heard that Martial Uncle Shang and Seniors have been trying to gather the power of starlight with the Star Observatory, and I have something to say. Actually, I know that it requires a special method, but I have another idea to gather the pseudo-Seventh Order energy."

"How do you know?!" Xin Lu couldn't help but raise an eyebrow in shock. The next second, she gasped with realization, "Is it related to the Heaven Observation Sect's inheritance?"

Yuan Qiuyuan nodded with some embarrassment as he explained, "This method is recorded in those bronze shards... After arranging the contents, I learned of those methods."

Seeing the look of questioning in Shang Xia's eyes, Yuan Qiuyuan continued, "Martial Uncle Shang, you might not know, but after you brought back the Heaven Observation Sect's inheritance, Senior Xin and Senior Yan passed those bronze shards to me for organization. They didn't touch them at all! That is why they didn't know anything about the inheritance."

Shang Xia raised his eyebrows and glanced at the 2.

Xin Lu chuckled in response. "My path has already been set and the Heaven Observation Sect's inheritance is useless to me. To be able to browse through the inheritance is a privilege I never dreamed of. If we were in Star Origin City, I wouldn't have gotten the chance."

Yan Ming also added, "After nurturing more students and Astronomers... I'll focus on my martial path again."

Shang Xia nodded to indicate his understanding.

He knew that those might not be the full truth, but he understood that they were only reassuring him that they wouldn't lust over the Heaven Observation Sect's inheritance or risk it leaking to the outside world.

"I would like to say that you guys are overthinking, but... Forget it. Whenever you have a change of heart, feel free to study the inheritance all you want." Shang Xia shook his head and chuckled softly. He then turned to Yuan Qiuyuan to ask, "You said that there are 2 methods. The first is the secret method used by Star Origin City and there's no need for more introduction. After all, we won't be able to produce so many experts in such a short amount of time. What's the second method?"

Yuan Qiuyuan pointed at the pool of Star Essence Liquid beneath the Starry Tree and mumbled, "That's the second method."

Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and he asked, "Are you referring to the Star Essence Liquid? That's just a rank five treasure..."

"Star Essence Liquid is a rank five spiritual treasure, but how can spiritual water that is used to nurture the Starry Tree be just an ordinary treasure? Even if we do nothing else to us, Star Essence Liquid is already a top-tier rank five spiritual treasure!"

Shang Xia finally understood that even though Yuan Qiuyuan looked like a nerdy disciple, his ability to build suspense had already reached a level of unparalleled excellence and he couldn't help but sigh, "What else do we not know? Come out, out with it. Stop beating about the bush."

Yuan Qiuyuan's face flushed red and he looked slightly embarrassed. However, he was already a Martial Extermination Realm expert and he quickly regained his composure. Coughing softly, he continued, "There are records related to how to ascend into a True Immortal in the inheritance..."

"Huh?" Shang Xia raised his eyebrows and looked at Yuan Qiuyuan in confusion.

"Hmm..." Xin Lu and Yan Ming glanced at each other, and they seemed to have intentions to leave in order to avoid eavesdropping on secrets like that.

Waving his hand, Shang Xia laughed, "Go ahead."

Feeling a lot more assured, Yuan Qiuyuan quickly explained, “The records were about the Starry Tree...”

This time, Yuan Qiuyuan didn't beat about the bush and he started his explanation.

Shang Xia couldn't help but turn to look at the tiny tree growing in the Star Observatory.

In the past, the tree forcefully produced a Starry Fruit before regressing into a fifth grade tree in order to preserve its bloodline.

After dozens of years, it managed to live on after the world ascension, but it was growing extremely slowly. No one knew when it would be able to become a rank six spiritual tree.

Yuan Qiuyuan didn't seem to notice Shang Xia's gaze and he continued, “... That's because the Starry Fruit produced by the Starry Tree has the ability to greatly increase the success rate of breaking through to the Martial Void Realm, and Star Essence Water has the ability to nurture the Starry Tree. As such, a lot of Alchemy Grandmasters had set their sights on the production of Star Essence Liquid.”

“According to the records of the Heaven Observation Sect, their Alchemy Grandmasters tried countless times and managed to infuse Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Heavy Water into Star Essence Liquid, bringing about a miraculous change. It transformed into a spiritual liquid that is close to reaching the seventh rank.”

Shang Xia's gaze turned a little weird. Since Xin Lu and Yan Ming were still attracted to the explanation, they didn't notice his strange expression.

Xin Lu couldn't help but ask, “Spiritual liquid that is close to reaching the seventh rank... Is this the plan to gather pseudo-Seventh Order energy? However... Does the liquid contain the power of the stars?”

Yuan Qiuyuan quickly responded, “it's not the power of the stars, but after repeated experiments by their Alchemy Grandmasters, they discovered that the liquid has some sort of restoration properties when sprinkled on spiritual treasures.”

Yan Ming also couldn't hold back her curiosity. “However, the Starry Tree is only a rank six spiritual treasure. Since its fruit can already greatly increase one's chances of entering the Martial Void Realm, who would use spiritual water close to the seventh rank to water the plant? It's not worth it at all! Who's dumb enough to do so?”

“That's all I learned from those records. I didn't know if they used the rank seven spiritual liquid to water the tree...” Yuan Qiuyuan sighed helplessly.

Finally, Shang Xia, who had been silent the whole time, spoke up. “There has to be some people who tried... What happens if we use the liquid to water the tree?”

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“If someone really uses it to water the tree, what do you think will happen?” Shang Xia asked.

Yuan Qiuyuan raised his head to look at Shang Xia, and he wondered, “Martial Uncle Shang, do you really believe that our Spirit Luxuriant World will be able to nurture a rank seven spiritual treasure?”

“Impossible. The limit of a Spirit World is the sixth rank, and we can try to bring a rank seven treasure into the world, but we most definitely cannot get the world to nurture one...” Shang Xia shook his head and sighed.

Yuan Qiuyuan nodded slowly, but he quickly turned serious as he continued to question, “What if we plant the Starry Tree in a completely separate space? For example... Our Tongyou Elysium? If we manage to produce rank seven spiritual liquid and water it constantly... It might just be able to surpass the limit!”

Looking at the shocked expressions on the faces of Shagn Xia, Xin Lu, and Yan Ming, he continued, “Of course, if our Spirit Luxuriant World manages to ascend to an Essence World, the Starry Tree would no longer need to be hidden in the Elysium.”

Shang Xia was dumbfounded for a moment, but he eventually continued, “What use does the Starry Tree have if it breaks through the limit of a rank six spiritual treasure?”

Shaking his head, Yuan Qiuyuan mumbled, “I don’t know the exact use as the Heaven Observation Sect’s records didn’t say anything specific. They only said that it was related to the Seventh Order inheritance and it is most probably a core secret of their sect.”

“Since it’s a core secret, aren’t there any clues?” Shang Xia frowned.

Actually, he wasn’t anxious to learn about the secrets of the inheritance. Instead, he felt that Yuan Qiuyuan’s progress would be affected if the inheritance wasn’t complete.

Yuan Qiuyuan seemed to know Shang Xia’s true intentions behind the question and a grateful light flashed in his eyes. “It’s true that the Heaven Observation Sect’s inheritance isn’t complete, and the inheritance is only up to the Marital Void Realm, but it’s already a massive opportunity for me!”

Yuan Qiuyuan wasn’t wrong. At the very least, the strongest experts in the Spirit Luxuriant World were True Immortals. Even if the inheritance wasn’t complete, it was still one of the top inheritances!

“It’s a shame... However, you’re merely at the Martial Extermination Realm now and you’re still a distance away from the Martial Void Realm. We have a lot of time and chances to make up for it.” Shang Xia comforted.

With a smile on his face, Yuan Qiuyuan wanted to say something, but he noticed Shang Xia’s expression wavering a little before looking in the direction of the heavenly screen.

“Marital Uncle Shang...” Yuan Qiuyuan wanted to say something, but Shang Xia reached out to stop him. Shang Xia had a serious look on his face and Yuan Qiuyuan naturally knew that things had gotten serious. He seemed to have thought of something as the Star Observatory beneath his feet started to rumble as he started to activate it.

The heavens past the spatial barrier of the Tongyou Elysium seemed to be drawn closer before being pushed away. It alternated quickly, and even Xin Lu was unable to keep up with the speed at which he was alternating the use of the Star Observatory.

There was no need to mention Yan Ming since Xin Lu already couldn't keep up with him.

Even though Yuan Qiuyuan just broken through to the Marital Extermination Realm and became a Stargazer, the might of the Heaven Observation Sect's core inheritance far surpassed their expectations.

Xin Lu sighed inwardly, but she didn't seem to lose her composure on the surface. She seemed to be extremely clear of her position in the Tongyou Institution and acted accordingly. She started to assist Yuan Qiuyuan in unleashing his secret art.

Even though Yan Ming was already a Martial Dipper Realm expert, she felt a little uncomfortable as she looked at the scene outside the spatial barrier. In the end, she simply shifted her gaze away and assisted the 2 Stargazers as an ordinary Astronomer.

In a short moment, the scene of the vast sea of stars finally stabilized. Yuan Qiuyuan locked in on a certain spot and zoomed in on a certain spot. A light flashed in his eyes and he gasped, "This... Is this a spatial tunnel created by Star Beasts? Are we getting invaded again?"

Yuan Qiuyuan stared at Shang Xia with a shocked gaze.

Xin Lu looked into the sea of stars with a solemn expression, and it was clear Yuan Qiuyuan's guess was correct.

Yan Ming also stared at the scene above them, attempting to look for something, but no matter how hard she tried, she failed to notice any strange activity.

Shang Xia nodded slowly with an incomprehensible expression. He eventually asked again, "What else can you see?"

Streams of Star Extermination Qi swirled around Yuan Qiuyuan, and he seemed to be trying to achieve greater resonance with the Star Observatory beneath his feet.

Soon, he raised his head in fright and gasped, "There are rank six Star Beasts among them! There seems... There seems to be 2 of them?!"

Shang Xia roared with laughter and disappeared from the Star Observatory. Only his voice lingered in their ears, "You don't have to worry about those rank six Star Beasts. There will be other people to deal with the other Star beasts and all you 3 need to do is to backtrack the spatial tunnel and lock on to their nest!"

Yuan Qiuyuan yelled instinctively, "Martial Uncle Shang, don't forget to collect the Star Core Essence from them! It's the best material to craft Star Artifacts!"

"Relax. Everything of value on those Star Beast will belong to our Tongyou Institution!" Shang Xia's chuckle rang in their ears again.

No other instructions came from Shang Xia and clearly, he had already gotten too far to continue talking to them.

Xin Lu suddenly asked in a low voice, “Are there also Star Artifacts recorded in the Heaven Observation Sect’s inheritance?”

Yuan Qiuyuan was slightly taken aback, but he eventually shook his head and sighed, “Nope.”

Xin Lu then turned to Yan Ming to ask, “Does the Tongyou Institution have the inheritance to craft Star Artifacts?”

Yan Ming snorted coldly in response. “Even if we do, the Weapons Hall won’t be able to craft it!”

When the Star Observatory controlled by the Heavenly Star Palace drew over the first Star Beast invasion, Shang Xia obtained a bone that contained the essence of the rank six Star Beast. He used it to trade for a divine talisman brush from Tong Yutang.

The Tongyou Institution also had a Stargazer inheritance and understood that the spiritual treasure that contains the essence of the rank six Star Beast was called the Star Core Essence. The greatest use of it was to craft Star Artifacts that could allow their Stargazers to display greater might!

Then again, it was the second time the Spirit Luxuriant World was facing a Star Beast invasion. Compared to the first time, the Star Beast Pack was a lot stronger than before. They had 2 rank six Star Beasts, and at least 5 rank five ones right behind them. Close to 20 rank three and four Star Beasts were also in the pack, and that wasn’t counting other high-level Star Beasts if they were hiding in their nest.

When they faced their first invasion, the strongest Star Beast was barely at the sixth rank. Now that the Star Beast pack was getting closer and closer, Yuan Qiuyuan could already tell that either of the 2 rank six Star Beasts was far stronger than that of the past.

What was even scarier was the fact that Star Beasts possessed stronger physiques than creatures of the same level since they had the ability to travel through space. They could even fight many cultivators of the same level without falling to a disadvantage. They could fight 1 against 7, or even more...

As such, one couldn’t see that there were barely 30 Star Beasts in the pack. Their collective strength could rival any 2 Elysiums of the Spirit Luxuriant World... Under some specific circumstances.

If no one noticed their invasion, even a peak-tier Spirit World would be thrown into chaos.

However... Now that Shang Xia and the Tongyou Institution discovered the invasion before anyone else, they didn’t request help from any other great power of the Spirit Luxuriant World to face the threat. Shang Xia actually planned to solo the pack by leading the Tongyou Institution alone.

With his decision, the strongest faction in the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Tongyou Institution, was planning to face the invasion by themselves!

The deputy patriarchs of the institution were quickly notified by Shang Xia and soon, the rest of the institution learned of the plan. They started to take up positions in various spots in the You Continent, and those who were wandering outside and had the ability to approach the heavenly screen were informed of what was happening.

The Tongyou Institution seemed to be fully mobilized as streaks of light flashed across the skies of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Of the experts rushing to take up their positions, the experts of the Tongyou Institution weren't the only ones. There were also several mid to high-level experts of the You Continent who didn't seem to be affiliated with the Tongyou Institution. Of course, they were the minority.

Cultivators of the You Continent rushed into Star Ships that were already waiting, and the moment they were operational, the Star Ships soared into the skies and flew towards the heavenly screen.

Naturally, the Tongyou Institution couldn't hide such a huge commotion after mobilizing so many people. Factions of all sizes were alerted to the massive disturbance, but eventually, all of them shifted their attention to how efficiently the Tongyou Institution gathered their forces.

At the same time, transmissions talismans and divine souls flew across the Spirit Luxuriant World without end. All of them had one goal, and that was to find out what the Tongyou Institution was doing!

It didn't take long for the Heavenly Star Palace to warn the rest of the world they were facing another Star Beast invasion.

As soon as the news started to spread, the entire world fell into disarray.

However... Many sharper experts seemed to have made the connection and wondered if the Tongyou Institution was actually crazy for trying to take on the pack of Star Beasts alone.

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Shang Xia knew that as soon as he gave the order to prepare for battle where they would take on the invasion alone, there would be a large number of casualties on the You Continent. However... He didn't hesitate to give the order.

That wasn't all. He even had the guts to make the decision without a second True Immortal in the Tongyou Institution!

What was even harder to understand was the fact that the deputy patriarchs agreed without a second thought and poured every resource they had at their disposal to support the operation!

Other than the fact that Shang Xia wanted to monopolize the benefits of the Star Beast Pack, his main goal was to test the Tongyou Institution's reaction speed when facing an external invasion.

No one knew why, but after Kou Chongxue returned from the Star Origin Dao Field after the changing of the Star Origin Guards Commander and Shang Xia came back from the Essence Ping World, they had been in a rush to break through to a high-level True Immortal.

If only 1 of them felt that way, or if they went through the same thing and felt a sense of urgency to advance, they might have made a mistake and might be rushing things. However... For both of them to experience something completely different, yet reach the same conclusion... There was no way it could be a coincidence!

Star Ships tore through the heavenly screen as they rushed in the direction of the Star Beast pack.

Even though they didn't stop to gather themselves, it wasn't as though those Star Ships were running about aimlessly. They adjusted their speeds accordingly to form up while flying toward the pack, and some of them even managed to deploy simple battle formations in case they ran into enemies right off the bat.



With the Tongyou Institution mobilizing everyone to take on the threat, the other great powers also started to gather their forces.

The Tongyou Institution's actions might face some criticism from the Spirit Luxuriant World for wanting to monopolize the benefits, but the other great powers wouldn't sit still and watch the battle from the sidelines.

To put it another way...

Fuck! Even if we have to enter the battle late and try to fight with them for the benefits... It beats picking up their scraps!

With the various powers gathering their forces after the Tongyou Institution to take on the Star Beast pack, a silent contest within the Spirit Luxuriant World was about to unfold.

After experiencing the first Star Beast invasion, the Spirit Luxuriant World naturally understood that behind every pack lay a treasure trove that was also known as the Star Beast Nest. Precious treasures were nurtured within and there were many high-level treasures which were rarely seen in the world.

From how the pack was even stronger than last time, it went without question that their nest would only be bigger and would have nurtured more treasures!

As long as they determined the location of the Star Beast Nest, they would be able to gather great benefits!

In the past, the Heavenly Star Palace was the only faction with a Stargazer inheritance, and they also nurtured a Stargazer. Locating the Star Beast Nest could only be left to them.

Now... There was another faction that had the ability to locate the Star Beast Nest, and the Heavenly Star Palace had their work cut out for them!

If the other factions were dumb and hadn't discovered what happened when starlight fell through the heavenly screen on the You Continent back then, for the Tongyou Institution to fully mobilize before everyone else was a clear sign! They took the initiative to rush to stop the invasion, and any respectable faction would realize that the Tongyou Institution had already nurtured Stargazers of their own and were able to contend against the Heavenly Star Palace!

Chapter 1198: Star Beast Invasion 2, Incoming!

Shang Xia naturally understood that the moment he gave the order to meet the Star Beast pack's invasion, a good deal of cultivators would die because of his decision. However, he didn't hesitate.

He was even ready for the You Continent to suffer huge losses and he didn't bother to choose to work with the other great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Of course... He wouldn't stop them if they wanted to join in the massive battle.

With more than 50 Star Ships of all sizes rushing out from the Spirit Luxuriant World, many of them started to fly behind those from the You Continent who had already traveled a good distance into the sea of stars.

However... Those Star Ships that gathered from all directions above the heavenly screen seemed a lot more disorderly than those from the You Continent despite far outnumbering them. They usually clustered in groups of 2 or 3, and they were far from organized.

On the 2 largest Star Ships sent out by the Tongyou Institution that had already traveled tens of thousands of miles away from the Spirit Luxuriant World before the other powers started to gather stood Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei. They were the only fourth element Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution, and they were discussing with each other through their divine wills.

“Why do you think he did it? Is it really to monopolize the benefits of the Star Beast pack?” Ge Qingzhu rarely butted into things that didn’t concern him in the institution. However, that didn’t mean that he was antisocial. He merely did his job without caring about much else.

He would spend his free time cultivating and many people wouldn’t be able to catch him in the institution.

Sun Haiwei, who stood on the other ship, gazed into the distance with milky white light filling her eyes.

She seemed to have trained in some sort of secret eye technique that allowed her to look at things that are extremely far away. Hearing his question, the glow slowly dispersed and she mumbled, “I’m sure there’s another reason we don’t know about. He has his considerations... You should know that he cares about the well-being of everyone the most. In the many wars our world had been through, he saved countless people... He even extended his mercy to mortals of other worlds... Why would he ask everyone to throw their lives away so easily?”

Ge Qingzhu shook his head and sighed in confusion, “That’s not what I was thinking of. I just feel... I feel that he’s in some sort of rush...”

Sun Haiwei shook her head, but she didn’t respond. She felt the same, but in recent years, her trust in Shang Xia had skyrocketed and she trusted his every decision.

Actually, Ge Qingzhu didn’t really question Shang Xia’s decision either. His sense of unease didn’t come from the upcoming battle against the Star Beasts. Instead, he was truly concerned about the reason behind Shang Xia’s attitude towards the entire matter.

Sun Haiwei seemed to have thought of something and she mumbled, “The patriarch hasn’t shown his face for some time now... Do you know what’s going on?”

“The deputy patriarchs said that he has been cultivating in the Elysium...” Ge Qingzhu was taken aback by her sudden question and mumbled a response.

All of them knew that it was merely a reason to fool the outside world. As core members of the institution, Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei were clear that neither Shang Xia nor Kou Chongxue would remain in seclusion in the Tongyou Elysium for such a long time.

Sun Haiwei arranged her thoughts before speaking again. “Since the Star Origin Dao Field revealed itself again, Tong Yutang took over the position of Star Origin Guards Commander. The change probably happened around then... Patriarch Kou brought a batch of Formation Masters back from Star Origin City and immediately started hiding his tracks. He seems to be plotting something. However... You know that the places where those people are kept aren’t places we have the authority to enter in the Elysium.”

“Shang... Hall Master Shang might have returned a little later than the patriarch, but he also entered seclusion before long. Not many people had a chance to see him.” Sun Haiwei concluded.

“What are you talking about?” A narrower Star Ship suddenly caught up to them as a figure emerged to stand on the bow.

Sun Haiwei and Ge Qingzhu were shocked by his sudden arrival, but they quickly composed themselves before greeting the newcomer respectfully.

“Deputy Patriarch Shang!”

“Chief Instructor!”

Shang Bo had been in seclusion in recent years and he barely meddled in matters regarding the institution. Not many people interacted with him either. Of the students of the 3 Training Divisions, practically no one had seen the reclusive Deputy Patriarch Shang even though he was in charge of their Divisions.

There wasn't a need to mention ordinary students as even Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei rarely saw him.

Now that he made a sudden appearance, they were clearly surprised by his arrival.

“Elder Shang, why did you finally leave seclusion this time?” Ge Qingzhu asked with a soft chuckle.

Compared to Sun Haiwei, Ge Qingzhu was older and was a lot more experienced. When he was still a student, Shang Bo was still personally teaching classes. He could even address Shang Bo as ‘Teacher Shang’ if he wanted to.

Shang Bo didn't look much older than before, but there was an unmistakable aged light that remained in his eyes.

When Ge Qingzhu asked the question, he noticed that even though Shang Bo exuded a profound aura, he hadn't refined his fourth fate dipper and was still a third element Martial Dipper Realm expert.

Shang Bo raised his head and narrowed his eyes as he looked into the distance. “I failed to find an opportunity to refine my fourth fate dipper after being in seclusion for so long. I decided to head out here to catch a breather and to see if I can meet with any fortuitous encounters...”

Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei exchanged a glance and neither knew what to say for a moment.

Seemingly able to guess their thoughts, Shang Bo chuckled, “There's no need to think too deeply into this. I came out to gain some experience and you guys have the authority to make the decision on everything that happens next. You don't need to intentionally take care of me either! I've been in seclusion for so long and I don't know too much about what has happened. I came out here to ask you guys for an update, nothing more!”

Sun Haiwei thought for a second before telling Shang Bo about the guesses they made earlier and everything that happened.

After listening to them quietly for some time, Shang Bo seemed to turn a lot more serious despite his expression remaining as calm as before. “From the looks of it, something serious happened and it seems to have the ability to affect the various worlds... Only True Immortals should be privy to the details...”

“Since that’s the case, he definitely has his reasons for ordering the institution to take on the brunt of the Star Beast invasion without waiting for the others!” Shang Bo turned to stare at a certain spot in the void and growled, “Let’s prepare to face the Star Beast pack first. I’ll look for him after the battle and see if he reveals anything...”

Sun Haiwei noticed something as a frown appeared on her face. She glanced at the void in the distance as her eyes started to glow with milky white light again.

The next second, she gasped in shock, “Huh?! Those... Those rank six Star Beast... They were blasted away!”

Chapter 1199: Star Beast Invasion 2, Get Out Of My House

By the time the Tongyou Institution’s fleet prepared to face the invasion, Shang Xia had already charged into the pack.

He could tell that the rank six Star Beasts were far stronger than the one he dealt with in the past.

Ripples would appear in space when those rank six Star Beasts moved, and the void around them seemed to be squeezed tightly together. The next moment, they would appear thousands of miles away.

What was more, the 2 rank six Star Beasts looked extremely relaxed as they traveled through space. It was obvious they hadn’t used much effort and they were probably traveling slowly to match with the pace of the pack.

The moment Shang Xia appeared, he was discovered by the rank six Star Beasts.

He didn’t bother concealing his aura either, and the moment he appeared in front of them, there was no point if he tried either.

For the first time, the aura of a high-level True Immortal of an expert from the Spirit Luxuriant World was revealed. Its might caused powerful shock waves to spread across the void and they eventually slammed into the rank six Star Beasts, creating spatial cracks around them.

*“Anng...”*

*“Annnng...”*

Strange cries came from the Star Beasts, but it didn’t seem to cause too large of a commotion due to where they were at.

However, they weren’t yelling for nothing. The strange sound waves they produced crashed straight into Shang Xia’s divine soul.

That was what the beasts were going for in the first place.

“Hmph...” Shang Xia released his divine soul and grunted once in response.

The space around him seemed to shatter with the yell and the soundwaves produced by those Star Beasts crumbled before it could reach him. Naturally, it couldn't spread past Shang Xia to cause further damage.

Star Beasts weren't foolish creatures. Once they determined that Shang Xia wasn't an easy target, their bodies started to move as they quickly pincerd him in order to place more pressure on their formidable enemy.

At the same time, streams of starlight poured in from both directions to bind Shang Xia.

A sense of danger started to rise in his heart. He quickly discovered that those streams of starlight seemed to have already locked onto him and no matter how he tried to dodge, they still flew at him.

He could tell those streams of starlight could actually injure him if they were allowed to land.

Well... He wouldn't sit by idly to allow them to hit him.

His formless domain started to expand out of his body and Shang Xia started to circulate his inner qi to do battle for the first time after breaking through to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm. Reaching out both his hands to tap at the void, 2 powerful streams of lightning tore through the void to stop the streams of starlight.

With Shang Xia's Six Direction Lightning rushing to meet those streams of starlight, they started to eat away at the energy contained in each other. At the same time, brilliant streaks emerged during their collision and it seemed as though a giant sun had appeared in the void. Not only was light produced, but a searing heat could also be felt.

The Star Beasts didn't look like they could believe their eyes as the human standing before them who wasn't even large enough to fill the gaps between their teeth actually managed to possess so much power. He actually resisted their innately powerful offensive abilities and could even cause them so much discomfort with his counterattack. They even had no choice but to change their course in the void during their exchange with him.

What they didn't notice was that under the blinding rays that emerged during the clash, a Stone Rod had already appeared in the hands of the human.

Swinging the once Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar around, Shang Xia swung it left to right and his oppressive Six Direction Origin emerged. Creases formed in the void due to how powerful his inner qi was and when the spatial folds reached an extremely high concentration, they crashed into the Star Beasts.

Along with 2 startled cries, they lost control of their massive bodies as they tumbled through the void.

Shang Xia coughed lightly once before keeping the Stone Rod. Turning to the side, he rushed in the direction he flung them away and quickly disappeared.

Losing their leaders, the Star Beast pack fell into disarray. They were unable to quickly gather themselves, and those rank five Star Beasts even seemed to be in conflict as some of them slammed into each other.

Not giving them any chance to reorganize themselves, dozens of Star Ships of the Tongyou Institution surrounded them and 3 figures rushed out from the Tongyou Institution's Star Ships at the very front. A spear, a sword, and several rays of frosty light flew at 3 rank five Star Beasts...

Since the Tongyou Institution made their move before anyone else, they were barely leaving the Spirit Luxuriant World when the battle started. The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World also appeared above the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent.

They stared into the void where the Star Beast pack was.

As Shang Xia and the experts of the Tongyou Institution engaged the enemy when they were still within 100,000 miles of the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Elysium True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World could interfere if they wanted to. After all, it was within the range of their influence.

However... Be it the Elysium True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World or the Free True Immortals, none of them seemed to plan to lend a hand.

Those who appeared weren't even their true bodies if they could help it.

"Is this the combat strength of a high-level True Immortal?" Lu Wuzi coughed softly while looking a little sad for himself.

"It's no wonder they didn't notify us all and chose to take on the Star Beast pack alone..." Li Jidao grunted, and he didn't sound happy in the slightest. In fact, there was a trace of animosity in his tone.

Zhang Jianzi, who rarely took part in gatherings like that, muttered, "No matter what, the Star Beast pack came because of the starlight they drew over and they are responsible for it."

"From the looks of it, True Immortal Kou might not be around. No matter how I look at it, this doesn't look like the way he would deal with matters like this..." Liu Jingsheng frowned. When he saw how Shang Xia sent those Star Beasts flying, his eyes widened in shock. However, his tone never faltered.

As soon as he spoke, a cold sneer came from Li Jidao, "How do you know Kou Chongxue wasn't forced to handle matters the way he did in the past? Perhaps... He might feel that the Tongyou Institution isn't what they once were. As the strongest faction in our Spirit Luxuriant World, who's stopping them from acting more tyrannically?"

Liu Jingsheng laughed coldly in response. "Kou Chongxue headed out to the Spirit Faith World... He hasn't come back."

Zhang Xuansheng looked at Liu Jingsheng and raised a brow in surprise, "What's Kou Chongxue planning to do there? True Immortal Liu, do you have any idea?"

"Nope. Junior Brother Huang might have been taking charge of matters in the Star Beast nest there, but Kou Chongxue had already left the Star Beast Nest and his range of detection for more than 4 years now. He hadn't shown up even once since he left..."

Yang Taihe sighed with envy, "Clearly... He ran into some strange opportunity when he was out exploring again. I wonder how strong he'll be when he returns."

Kou Chongxue disappeared for 4 whole years! There was no way a True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World would leave for such a long time, especially after what happened over at the Star Origin Dao Field. Only under very specific circumstances would they not return.

"Say... Do you think Patriarch Kou might have... Disappeared?" Yin Jingxu of the Heavenly Star Palace asked suddenly, throwing a bomb no one expected.

"How did you reach that conclusion?" Li Jidao quickly asked.

Looking at the massive battle that had started without turning away, Yin Jingxu continued, "Now that the Tongyou Institution took the initiative to expose their strength, all of us would know that they have their own Star Observatory. For things to reach this point... That would mean that they also have Stargazers. Why would they keep everything hidden for so long and only reveal their cards now?"

"Are you saying that Shang Xia's decision to take on the Star Beast pack alone has something to do with Kou Chongxue's disappearance?" Li Jidao quickly followed up.

Yin Jingxu mumbled, "Any Star Observatory that is operated by a Stargazer would be used to lock on to positions in the vast sea of stars and guide high-level experts to opening spatial tunnels to their desired locations..."

Yang Taihe couldn't help but interject, "Do you mean to say that Kou Chongxue is currently lost in the sea of stars, and after the Tongyou Institution learned of the fact, they had no choice but to reveal the existence of their Star Observatory and Stargazer in order to attempt to locate Kou Chongxue? By doing so, they drew too much starlight over and brought the Star Beast over because of it?"

Yin Jingxu chuckled to himself. "I have to mention... This is just my guess."

Zhang Xuansheng suddenly reminded all of them, "I feel like we should take note of the battle rather than discussing random matters right now. The way the Tongyou Institution uses their Star Ships is rather interesting. Could it be some sort of battle formation?"

The True Immortals who weren't paying attention quickly turned to stare into the void.

"Compared to the way they deployed their Star Ships, I'm more interested in those who had the guts to rush out of their ships to face the rank five Star Beasts." Yang Taihe mentioned suddenly.

Liu Jingsheng added, "True Immortal Yang, are you talking about the fourth element Martial Dipper Realm experts?"

"No... They're not the only ones!" Yang Taihe shook his head slowly in response.

Chapter 1200: Star Beast Invasion 2, Miscalculation

"I heard that after Kou Chongxue returned from Star origin City, he brought back a bunch of Formation Masters from the Azure Oddity World?" Yin Jingxu started to

observe the battle far away with some sort of secret art and after hearing Zhang Xuansheng's description of the Star Ships' way of doing battle, he quickly brought up some information he heard.

At the side, Liu Jingsheng found some interest in what he revealed and asked, "Do you mean that the battle formation their Star Ships use came from the inheritance of those Formation Masters of the Azure Oddity World?"

Even Lu Wuzi, who had friendly relations with the Tongyou Institution, couldn't help but join in the conversation, "The Tongyou Institution already has a rank five Formation Grandmaster with a Formation Divine Artifact... It's said that it won't be long till they complete their rank six grand formation. The help of Formation Masters of the Azure Oddity is basically giving them an extra boost..."

Zhang Jianzi, who had been standing behind Zhang Xuansheng the entire time, spoke suddenly, "Those Formation Masters of the Azure Oddity World usually remain hidden..."

Shooting Zhang Jianzi a casual glance, Lu Wuzi didn't say anymore.

Instead, Yang Taihe burst out laughing at the side, "Of course they would remain hidden. After all, they're foreign experts and they would be rejected by our World's Will. They would probably remain in the Elysium to get used to the feeling of suppression before attempting to roam the world... Without several tens of years, they won't be able to integrate into our world. Moreover, they won't be able to cultivate during this period of time... We have to admit that those Formation Masters are really gutsy to agree to return to our Spirit Luxuriant World with Kou Chongxue."

Li Jidao seemed to have heard the hidden meaning in Zhang Jianzi's words and he wondered out loud, "True Immortal Zhang Jianzi, did you discover something strange with them?"

"I'm not so capable..." Zhang Jianzi muttered in a humble tone before he continued, "I'm just making a bold guess. Perhaps... When the Star Origin Dao Field hid itself in the void, True Immortal Kou had already entered the city."

The True Immortals standing above the heavenly screen fell silent for a moment.

Only after some time did Liu Jingsheng sigh, "That... That's the benefit of being a Free True Immortal..."

Li Jidao grunted in response, "From the time our world ascended, the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution managed to obtain most of the benefits and opportunities... From what we're seeing, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia probably... No... They most definitely took part in the war that destroyed the Azure Oddity World..."

A bitter chuckle left Yin Jingxu's lips. "From the looks of it, I shouldn't remain here all the time. It's not like I entered the Martial Void Realm recently... It's time for me to head out there to gain some experience."

Turning to Lu Wuzi, Liu Jingsheng muttered suddenly, "True Immortal Lu, about the Star Beast Nest near the Spirit Faith World..."



“Alright... I guess it’s time for me to replace True Immortal Huang there...” Lu Wuzi sighed with a forced laugh.

Liu Jingsheng nodded contently, and he didn’t say any more.

At that moment, Li Jidao seemed to fall deep into his thoughts and he asked, “When True Immortal Huang returns... He should have reached the level of Inner Fusion, right?”

A look of annoyance flashed across Liu Jingsheng’s face after hearing Li Jidao’s probing questions. He maintained an expressionless face when responding, “It all depends on how lucky he was...”

Zhang Xuansheng turned his attention back to the battle in the distance and muttered, “There are more and more Martial Dipper Realm cultivators of the Tongyou Institution leaving their Star Ships...”

“True Immortal Little Shang might have become a high-level True Immortal, but he seems to be even more anxious than before...” Yang Taihe sighed softly.

Zhang Xuansheng looked at him and raised an eyebrow slowly, “From the looks of it, True Immortal Yang, you seem to have discovered more than what True Immortal Little Shang told us back then...”

Yang Taihe shook his head slowly and sighed, “The Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World have sealed off all news related to what was happening. However, I managed to hear something from the Spirit Thistle World... It seems as though high-level True Immortals have been appearing frequently in those worlds...”

“Oh?” Zhang Xuansheng grunted once before he continued, “The Spirit Thistle World also seems to be feeling some sort of pressure... Could they have released some information to you in order to test our reaction?”

“I thought of that possibility... However, they seem interested in making contact with us. Those who brought back the news were Martial Dipper Realm members we stationed in the Star Origin Dao Field but the Spirit Thistle World is interested in contacting True Immortals of our worlds.” Yang Taihe explained.

There were only a few people qualified to represent the Spirit Luxuriant World to interact with the Spirit Thistle World. They were Yang Taihe, Zhang Xuansheng, or Kou Chongxue. After all, Shang Xia refused to take part in matters like that because he would rather leave it to the more experienced seniors.

Even if both worlds were to interact with each other, both sides would definitely be wary of each other. The best place to meet would be in a neutral region of space, and that basically stopped the Elysium True Immortals from taking part.

The True Immortals standing above the heavenly screen also understood the implications and fell deep into thought.

Zhang Xuansheng didn’t bother beating about the bush. “They’re probably trying to form an alliance. From the looks of it, the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and the Spirit Tinkle World seemed to have already formed an alliance. Their main target should be the hidden

Essence World True Immortal Little Shang told us about. With the weakening Star Origin Dao Field, who would dare to be sure those worlds wouldn't turn around and target other worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field?"

The reason the Star Origin Dao Field no longer had such deterrence wasn't because Tong Yutang took over Zhuge Xiang's position as the Star Origin Guards Commander. It was because the location of the Star Origin Lord had been discovered!

He was tangled with the Essence Ping World and wouldn't be able to interfere with the movements of the various worlds, and no one was afraid of the Star Origin Dao Field butting into their matters any longer.

Also... With Zhang Xuansheng's revelation, it was clear the Northern Sea Mystic Sect also had their information channels just like the Eternal Palace.

"It's not just our Spirit Worlds that are feeling the pressure. The Azure Worlds that have connected a fixed spatial tunnel to the Star Origin Dao Field are also panicking right now. The various True Immortals seemed to have discovered something, but they're planning to place all their hopes in the Star Origin Guards. Ever since Tong Yutang became the Star Origin Guards Commander, he also showed signs of trying to pull them over to his side. Instead, he didn't bother too much about his relationship with the Spirit Worlds..." Li Jidao also provided some information.

The foundations of the 3 oldest Elysiums in the Spirit Luxuriant World were put on display once again.

Yin Jingxu suddenly interjected with some news, "The Star Ships of our factions and some other powers have arrived..."

To that, Zhang Xuansheng replied without even turning his attention back to the battlefield, "It's too late. The Tongyou Institution has already completely suppressed the Star Beast pack. They had already completed their main goal of taking on the pack themselves... As for the treasures the other factions are vying over... I'm afraid the members of the Tongyou Institution wouldn't care about it at all..."

Liu Jingsheng also added with a sigh, "After this battle... Many members of the Tongyou Institution would grow stronger once again. They might even produce a few more experts at the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm... Those members will be the candidates to become True Immortals in the future..."

Li Jidao's tone suddenly changed and he grunted, "Everyone... We best not forget. Our Spirit Luxuriant World only has 33 slots for people to become True Immortals..."

The atmosphere around the True Immortals instantly turned weird. Only when they felt strange fluctuations in the distance did they turn their attention back.

The battle in the distance seemed to have frozen, as the Star Beast pack, along with the many Star Ships that went to join the battle stood in place.

The True Immortals who saw what happened started to turn frantic.

“This... What just happened?!” Yin Jingxu gasped to break the silence.

No one responded, and Yin Jingxu glanced around to try to gauge their reactions. Other than Zhang Jianzi, Lu Wuzi, and himself who were utterly confused and couldn't see what was going on, A look of disbelief could be seen on Li Jidao and Liu Jingsheng's faces. As for Yang Taihe and Zhang Xuansheng... Both of them had solemn expressions as they remained deep in thought.

It was then that the frozen region regained its activity. However, everything changed the moment time resumed. Be it the Star Beasts, or those from the Spirit Luxuriant World... Both sides seemed slightly confused.

Everything happened too suddenly and quickly, and what they felt had exceeded their scope of comprehension.

Even though everything only stopped for a moment and it ended after Yin Jingxu asked his question, the situation on the battlefield changed completely!

If the Tongyou Institution could be said to have completely suppressed the Star Beast pack earlier and the introduction of even more experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World caused the Star Beasts to fight desperately for their lives, after the momentary pause, the Star Beasts no longer bothered fighting.

Instead, they chose to run.

Giving up their defenses completely, they risked their lives to take on whatever attacks were flying at them as they tried their best to flee.

Because of their massive bodies and powerful vitality, even though they gave up fighting back, only 7 to 8 Star Beasts were slain by the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World. Of them, those that died were rank three or rank four Star Beasts.

In order to kill those beasts, the Spirit Luxuriant World also suffered a great deal of damage to their fleet.

The moment those beasts turned to flee, nothing could stop them. More than 10 of them charged out immediately, led by 2 rank five Star Beasts.

Everything that happened was caused by a solitary figure who could be seen standing quietly in the middle of the battlefield!

Shang Xia, who left to chase the 2 rank six Star Beasts, returned. No one on the battlefield other than himself knew what happened to the rank six Star Beasts...

Wasn't there just a massive blast in the void just a second ago?!

Yang Taihe, who finally regained his senses and composure, broke the silence. “True Immortal Little Shang... He restricted the void... No... He sealed everything in that region of space!”

Yang Taihe tried to describe everything the best he could.

Liu Jingsheng also built on his explanation, “Not only did he instantly deal with the 2 rank six Star Beasts, but he even sealed off the entire battlefield containing the Star Beast pack and experts of our world...”

Yin Jingxu gasped in fright before Liu Jingsheng could finish, “How... How strong is he?!”

“Once he uses his strange Rod Technique, it’s hard to imagine...” Li Jidao also sighed softly.

A look of confusion remained on Zhang Jianzi’s face and he couldn’t help but ask, “Could that be the true might of a high-level True Immortal?”

“No.” Zhang Xuansheng muttered decisively, “This is True Immortal Little Shang’s ability. It has nothing to do with being a high-level True Immortal.”

After he spoke, he turned to Yang Taihe and saw an equally bitter smile on his face. “Brother Yang, both of us intended to help if things got out of hand and they failed to handle the invasion... From the looks of it, we made a huge miscalculation... They didn’t need our help.”