

## The Heavens 1231

Chapter 1231: We Meet Again (You Little Bitch)

Looking for his weapons wasn't going to be easy with how chaotic the flow of space was in the region.

However, Kou Chongxue returned with his weapons before long.

Shang Xia's attention might be on the remains of the talismans stuck on the corpse, but he also noticed Kou Chongxue's return. At the same time, he saw that there were also talismans stuck on his weapons to block his connection to them.

"That's quick." Shang Xia spoke casually with his attention still on the talisman.

Kou Chongxue didn't destroy those talismans on them and started to speak, "Those talismans on them not only restricted the artifact spirit, but it also possessed some slight ability to stabilize the space around them. They weren't swept too far away and from the looks of it, the True Immortal you killed probably planned to retrieve them after getting away."

The talisman Shang Xia was studying seemed to twitch slightly as they conversed and it quickly crumbled into dust that drifted off into the void.

Seeing the look of regret on Shang Xia's face, Kou Chongxue couldn't help but ask, "What's the matter? Did you fail to gain much from this?"

"Not really. It helped me to gain a lot of inspiration in my research of the Illusion Talisman. However, I wanted to try to replicate the talisman, but it disappeared before I was done studying it..." Shang Xia sighed.

"Illusion Talisman?" Kou Chongxue raised an eyebrow and asked. He suddenly started to laugh, "It's good that you learned something from it. However, these talismans on your weapons haven't lost their effects yet. You might be able to replicate them and their effects should still be amazing."

Shang Xia retrieved his weapons and glanced at the talismans on them before nodding to himself, "These are rank six talismans indeed... Moreover, from how they are used to block off all connection with the owner and their ability to suppress the artifact spirit, it's clear they are used to steal weapons..."

After he was done, Shang Xia explained to Kou Chongxue the reason he was researching ways to improve his Illusion Talisman.

Kou Chongxue couldn't sit still after hearing what he said. "What are you waiting for then?! We have to head back so you can complete it."

As they made their way back, Shang Xia explained everything that happened when Kou Chongxue was away. That included the process he used to enter the level of Dao Unity, the Star Beast Nest he discovered that allowed them to come into contact with the Essence Xing World, and their plan to defend it, the situation that changed between the Star Origin Dao Field and the many worlds that connected to it, and finally, the Spirit Thistle World's intentions to form an alliance.

As they weren't delayed by Kou Chongxue's clone, Shang Xia brought them both back quickly since he recalled how he came over earlier. At the same time, Shang Xia wasn't afraid of getting lost due to his connection with his clone back in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Neither knew how long had passed, but both of them felt the chaotic streams around them grow weaker and Shang Xia could tell that his connection with his clone back in the Tongyou Elysium was growing stronger. It meant that they had already arrived in the void around the Spirit Luxuriant World.

As the void around them started to calm down, both of them started to create spatial tunnels without hesitation. They wanted to return to the Spirit Luxuriant World as quickly as they could, and they didn't bother concealing their aura while doing so.

The distance of millions of miles was nothing to a high-level True Immortal like Shang Xia. It didn't take long before they noticed the floating islands and many defensive fortresses that made up their defense system.

At the same time, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World also arrived above the heavenly screen to stare at them in shock.

The commotion they caused wasn't small, and when they returned, Liu Jingsheng seemed to be the most emotional when he saw them.

As soon as they arrived at the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent, Liu Jingsheng asked, "True Immortal Little Shang, why are you here?! Where is Junior Brother Huang?"

Shang Xia was slightly guilty, but he had to ignore the question for the time being. He quickly explained the situation to the others, "The Spirit Faith World should have submitted to the Essence Ming World and their experts might reveal the location of our first Star Beast Nest to them!"

With the exception of Liu Jingsheng, the expression of the other True Immortals changed. All of them felt a sense of danger looming over their heads.

Even though Liu Jingsheng understood the severity of the situation, he couldn't help but ask, "True Immortal Little Shang, you called Junior Brother Huang over to the second Star Beast Nest around the Essence Xing World. If they discover the spatial fluctuations over there and attack, our world will also be exposed and the risk might be even larger than the Essence Ming World's discovery!"

Even if the Star Beast Nest around the Spirit Faith World was revealed, the Essence Ming World would need to rely on the Spirit Faith World if they wished to invade. However, if the Essence Ming World took over the second Star Beast Nest, they would be able to directly attack the Spirit Luxuriant World, and it wouldn't be pretty if they did. Their world might just be exterminated by the might of a superior Essence World.

Shang Xia couldn't be bothered with his concerns at the moment and could only cup his fists towards him to express his apologies. He shot a glance at Kou Chongxue before nodding at Yin Jingxu before rushing into the spatial tunnel that led to the first Star Beast Nest around the Spirit Faith World.

Kou Chongxue cupped his fists in Liu Jingsheng's direction as well before rushing behind Shang Xia.

Yin Jingxu couldn't help but sigh softly in response, "The first Star Beast Nest might be small, but Lu Wuzi wouldn't be able to hold it on his own. True Immortal Huang should have been left over in the second Star Beast Nest after True Immortal Little Shang's disguise and he should be able to hold off for a period of time. However, True Immortal Lu won't be able to last a second if they launch an offensive..."

After he spoke, the last Free Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World also entered the spatial tunnel.

After they left, the other True Immortals above the heavenly screen stared at each other silently.

Yang Taihe might be tempted to split off a clone to follow them, but he decided against it as he was afraid he would cause more problems.

At the side, Li Jidao sneered, "What do you guys think of their approach?"

Liu Jingsheng might not have said anything, but his expression was as ugly as could be.

Zhang Xuansheng glanced at everyone present with a cold gaze, ignoring Li Jidao completely.

The only person who responded was Yang Taihe. "Everyone... We need to hasten the nurturing of our disciples... We're too passive when it comes to defending our Star Beast Nests..."

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In the first Star Beast Nest, Lu Wuzi was shocked by the sudden arrival of Shang Xia, Kou Chongxue, and Yin Jingxu. However, as an expert who also controlled a great power, he quickly understood the reason behind their arrival.

The only thing he couldn't make sense of was where the danger came from.

"It's the Essence Ming World. The Spirit Faith World might have submitted to them, and it's very likely they would reveal the location of our Star Beast Nest." Shang Xia gave Lu Wuzi a quick rundown of the situation.

Lu Wuzi's eyes widened in shock and he gasped, "What do we do now?"

If Shang Xia was able to keep the experts of the Essence Xing World at bay with his cultivation and pretending he was from another Essence World, there was no way he could do the same to the Essence Ming World. After all, they had their fair share of run-ins.

Shang Xia glanced at Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu before muttering, "If we have no other choice, we'll destroy this place and crush all traces of our spatial tunnels. We'll wipe away our existence of ever being here..."

"Are we really going to have to go so far?" Yin Jingxu sighed.

With the expansion of the Star Beast Nest, the Heavenly Star Palace had been benefiting a whole lot from it. They also spent a lot of effort in its development and they would only be able to see returns after tens, if not hundreds of years!

If they gave up the Star Beast Nest so easily, the Heavenly Star Palace would suffer a huge blow!

“That will only happen in the worst-case scenario. At the end of the day, we need to see the intentions of the Essence Ming World. If we can negotiate with them, we might be able to keep this Star Beast Nest.” Shang Xia explained.

Kou Chongxue also added, “At the end of the day, we’re still too passive...” When they first left the battlefield, Kou Chongxue had been restoring his inner qi. He hadn’t been talking much.

Yin Jingxu couldn’t help but grumble helplessly, “We’re still too weak... After all, the other party is an Essence World!”

“They might be strong, but they have a lot of considerations too. We only need to let them know that we have a way to retreat unscathed, and they won’t push us too far...” Shang Xia explained.

At the side, Kou Chongxue spoke up again, “We have too few True Immortals... Our accumulations and foundations are far weaker than those peak-tier Spirit Worlds anyway.”

Everyone else fell silent for some time. Only after a moment did Lu Wuzi think of something. He asked, “There are disciples of many great powers here. Should we clear them out first?”

Before the others could say anything, Shang Xia replied, “Nope!”

Seeing how everyone had turned to him, Shang Xia explained, “If we run into any danger, I have the ability to move everyone at once.”

Shang Xia didn’t mind sharing how powerful a high-level True Immortal was at that point in time.

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It didn’t take long before Shang Xia shifted his gaze into the distance. He spoke in a low voice, “They really came...”

“Is it a high-level True Immortal?” Kou Chongxue asked at the side.

Nodding slightly, the corners of Shang Xia’s lips raised slightly. “It’s actually someone I’m familiar with!”

Under their strange gazes, Shang Xia left the secret region and looked in the direction of the spatial fluctuations that just appeared.

Kou Chongxue and the rest followed closely behind him.

Kou Chongxue could also feel the disturbance caused in the void and he snorted coldly, “There are 2 of them, and 1 of them is someone we know well...”

The void started to shake in the distance as 2 figures emerged to face Shang Xia and the rest.

“Fellow high-level True Immortal of the Essence Ming World... It’s been long since we last met, but you’re still as amazing as ever.” Shang Xia cupped his fists at the female cultivator who arrived.

Gao Qin stared at Shang Xia with a look of suspicion. Only after Lan Zhengfeng reminded her did she reveal a look of shock. She stared at Shang Xia with her eyes widening slowly, “It’s you! You actually became a high-level True Immortal!”

Shang Xia chuckled softly in response, "I managed to run into a few opportunities along the way and advanced through luck..."

A soft sigh escaped Gao Qin's lips. "The 4 of us discovered the Essence Ping World back then, but I didn't expect you to gain the most. If I'm not mistaken, Ju Wenxiang should have died in your hands... True Immortal Shang, do you think my guess is correct?"

Chapter 1232: Holding The Fort

Perhaps because of Shang Xia's concealment in the Essence Ping World, Gao Qin failed to recognize him.

However, Lan Zhengfeng's reminder came in a timely manner and Gao Qin suddenly recalled something she learned from Hua Jianlou and the Star Origin Dao Field. She instantly completed her deduction on some matters.

For example, Wen Juxiang's death!

As a high-level True Immortal of the Essence Hong World, Wen Juxiang's death brought a huge amount of pressure onto the Star Origin Dao Field. Not to mention how he died right outside it...

Shang Xia's expression didn't change after hearing Gao Qin's accusation. Instead, he chuckled, "True Immortal Gao, you didn't see it for yourself, and it's best not to make baseless assumptions. After all, my Spirit Luxuriant World isn't as amazing as your Essence Ming World. We can't possibly withstand the revenge of the Essence Hong World if they were to believe what you said."

Gao Qin's expression also sank, and her tone became a little chilly. "You seem afraid of the Essence Hong World, but are you really not afraid of my Essence Ming World?"

Facing Gao Qin who refused to take a step back, Shang Xia spoke in an unhurried manner, "This is just a small Star Beast Nest. Why would your Essence Ming World treat it seriously? Moreover, my Spirit Luxuriant World barely ascended and it won't be of much use to your Essence World. Why don't you show some mercy and be more magnanimous?"

Gao Qin sneered in response, "What if I refuse?"

"Heh. In the worst case, I'll just destroy the Star Beast Nest and wipe out all traces of the spatial tunnel and retreat back to the Spirit Luxuriant World. You won't be able to gain anything from it anyway." The smile on Shang Xia's face didn't fade.

Staring at Shang Xia from the corner of her eye, Gao Qin growled, "It's like you said. This is just a small Star Beast Nest and it's nothing to me, much less my world. Since we can't get our hands on it, we might as well destroy it."

Shang Xia took a step forward at her provocation. "Alright, since that's the case, looks like there's no two ways about it. True Immortal Gao, please."

"That's right. It's useless to talk so much. At the end of the day, we have to rely on our fists to do the talking. However, True Immortal Shang, you are really daring indeed... You killed 2 third tier True Immortals from my world. Aren't you going to say something about that?"

Facing a fourth tier True Immortal with deep foundations like Gao Qin, Shang Xia didn't dare to be careless. He released his domain before snorting softly, "True Immortal Gao, what makes you think they had a chance to get away even if I didn't kill them?"

After he spoke, he turned to glance at Lan Zhengfeng at the side.

Lan Zhengfeng's expression changed instantly and quickly mocked, "I didn't think that you would be so good at stirring up shit!"

"What's the matter? Was I right?" Shang Xia simply glanced at him from the corner of his eyes before ignoring Lan Zhengfeng entirely.

"There's no need for so much nonsense!" Gao Qin yelled before taking a single step into the void. The region around her started to tremble violently.

In response, Shang Xia prepared himself for battle. He had seen Gao Qin's fighting style with his own eyes back in the Essence Ping World. Back then, Wen Juxiang and Hua Jianlou were only capable of assisting her from the sidelines.

"Since we're not fighting to the death, let's just decide the victor with one move!" As soon as her words fell, the fluctuating space turned into massive tsunamis that fused with her domain. A powerful wave of energy rushed at Shang Xia the very next moment.

There was no strange technique contained in the strike. It was the most direct method of exchanging pointers, and it was the most dangerous way.

Shang Xia understood Gao Qin's tyrannical combat style, but he didn't think that Gao Qin would be so crazy.

Naturally, he couldn't dodge. Behind him was the Star Beast Nest and the hundreds of cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World.

The next instant, the space void around him seemed to have come to life. It seemed as though he had been thrown into the middle of the ocean and turned into a solitary island that was being battered by massive tsunamis.

There was no technique to speak of. There was only direct confrontation!

During the collision, everything fell silent.

The silence was just too deafening...

What was more, even the True Immortals standing around were blinded by the horrifying collision of domains of high-level true Immortals. All of them seemed to have been swept away by powerful chaotic streams.

Even the Star Beast Nest that had been protected by them was affected by the fluctuations. The spatial barrier around it rippled violently.

Lan Zhengfeng had already run by the time the exchange started. Even so, his expression of terror was clearly etched onto his face when he turned to look behind him.

He didn't understand how they were so fucking powerful even though they were only a single tier stronger than him!

Could this be something that can only be achieved after reaching a high-level True Immortal?

However... It was as though he had never come into contact with other high-level true Immortals. Yan Huayi was also a fourth tier True Immortal, and even though he was strong, he wasn't so much stronger than Lan Zhengfeng! He paled in comparison to the 2 monsters before him!

Maybe... Even among fourth tier True Immortals, there are different levels of strength...

Compared to Lan Zhengfeng who still had the luxury to think about random matters like that, Kou Chongxue and the rest couldn't be distracted. The powerful fluctuations could flip the Star Beast Nest upside down if they didn't weaken them.

Everything happened in a split second, but Kou Chongxue and the rest felt like an eternity had passed. The world turned upside down around them. Eventually, the disturbance settled down.

Turning to see Shang Xia standing in mid air, everything seemed to return to its original calm. The only difference was that Gao Qin was nowhere to be seen.

She might be gone, but Gao Qin's voice rang in Shang Xia's ears. "The Star Curtain around the Star Origin Dao Field is riddled with holes... True Immortal Shang, you and your Spirit Luxuriant World better prepare to take care of yourselves..."

Kou Chongxue couldn't see Gao Qin, and didn't know the outcome of the exchange. No one dared to approach Shang Xia for the time being.

Only after a few seconds did Kou Chongxue approach him cautiously. "Did the high-level True Immortal of the Essence Ming World leave?"

Shang Xia snapped back to reality. Turning around, he smiled, "Yeah... The Star Beast Nest should be safe."

Kou Chongxue nodded slowly before asking again, "What about the exchange..."

"Luckily, I managed to gain the upper hand. However, True Immortal Gao Qin is really strong... She managed to leave unscathed in the end..." Shang Xia sighed as he thought about the exchange earlier.

Only after hearing that did Kou Chongxue heave a sigh of relief. He turned to nod at Lu Wuzi and Yin Jingxu, indicating that danger had passed.

When Shang Xia turned back to look at them, he also noticed that be it Yin Jingxu or Lu Wuzi, there was a strange look in their eyes. It looked as though they were a little more respectful of him.

Lu Wuzi couldn't help but ask, "True Immortal Little Shang, the members of the Essence Ming World won't come again, right?"

"Nope. This Star Beast Nest is a lot smaller than the one around the Essence Xing World. A single True Immortal would be enough to protect it. Moreover, Formation Grandmaster Chu Jia of our institution has already completed the Five Element

Teleportation Formation. Once we replace the spatial tunnel with it, anyone in the Star Beast Nest will be able to retreat without revealing the location of our world.”

Lu Wuzi felt a sense of relief washing over him.

As the 4 True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World returned to the Star Beast Nest, they noticed many cultivators panicking. It was clear they felt the disturbance earlier, but when they saw the return of the True Immortals, they immediately calmed down.

Lu Wuzi might still be feeling a trace of lingering fear, but he didn't stop Shang Xia and the rest from leaving.

Surprisingly, Yin Jingxu chose to stay behind and defend the Star Beast Nest with Lu Wuzi.

When Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World through the spatial tunnel, they informed Yang Taihe and the rest about what happened.

After Shang Xia described the exchange between himself and Gao Qin and promised everyone else that the first Star Beast Nest would be safe, Liu Jingsheng could no longer hold back his worry and hurried Shang Xia to quickly return to the second Star Beast Nest to take over Huang Jinghan.

Before anyone could respond, Yang Taihe swept his gaze across everyone present and muttered, “There's no rush for True Immortal Little Shang to return. There's something we have been dragging on for some time and if we still fail to give a response, the Spirit Thistle World would probably think that we are no longer interested in working with them. It's fine if we don't work together, but if they turn against us, things might get bad.”

“If my Junior Brother Huang hadn't headed over to the Star Beast Nest around the Essence Xing World, we would have settled it by now!”

“It's fine. With Patriarch Kou's return, if he agrees to head over with True Immortal Huang, it will only serve to show our sincerity.” Yang Taihe stopped him from saying anymore.

The other True Immortals also nodded slowly.

Clearly, those who had stayed behind had already discussed their terms of alliance.

Kou Chongxue might have understood a part of the situation from Shang Xia when they were returning, and he quickly chuckled after hearing Yang Taihe's suggestion. “Of course. I will definitely head over with True Immortal Huang. However, please give me a few days. I won't hide it from you guys. I was hunted down by experts of other worlds in the sea of stars and I am completely exhausted. I need some time to recover.”

“Patriarch Kou, rest assured. Even though we agreed to form an alliance with them, we still need some time to iron out the details... Hmmm... Is 10 days enough?” Yang Taihe asked.

Eventually, the True Immortals left the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent.

After Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue returned to the Tongyou Institution, Kou Chongxue entered seclusion to recover immediately.



This time, he didn't mess around. He entered seclusion for real.

Shang Xia didn't waste time either. With the guidance of the Star Observatory, he opened a spatial tunnel to the second Star Beast Nest.

However... As soon as he returned, he released his divine soul to inspect the secret region before frowning.

Chapter 1233: Peak-State of Talisman Crafting

"True Immortal Huang, I really need to meet with True Immortal Shang, please..."

Shen Chongshan of the Wanyun Association begged with a face full of worry. Even his clothes were drenched in his perspiration.

They were both in the second tier of the Martial Void Realm, but Huang Jinghan used the Illusion Talisman to look like he was at the peak of the third tier. In order to maintain his image, Huang Jinghan casually savored the cup of tea in his hands before nodding slowly, "True Immortal Shen, the spirit tea you brought is really amazing... It really relaxes me..."

A light flashed in Shen Chongshan's eyes as he nodded quickly, "Since True Immortal Huang likes it, I have 2 more taels of it back in the warehouse... I'll bring it when I come in the future!"

Huang Jinghan waved his hand and chuckled, "There is no need to be so polite. It's not that I am unwilling to let you meet with True Immortal Shang. However, he specifically told me to not let anyone disturb him now that he has entered seclusion. Unless this Star Beast Nest is on the verge of destruction, I won't annoy him..."

"This..." Shen Chongshan panicked before muttering to himself, "What am I supposed to do now...?"

Huang Jinghan could see that Shen Chongshan didn't seem to be faking his anxiety and he asked, "Did you run into a problem? Why are you so flustered?"

He didn't wait for Shen Chongshan's reply and he continued to speak, "Oh. Please don't misunderstand. I am merely curious about the reason. If it's not convenient to tell me, you don't have to."

Shen Chongshan's expression fluctuated slightly before he eventually sighed helplessly. "It's nothing I can't say... Actually, many people in my Essence Xing World also know this. My Wanyun Association ran into a bit of a problem... I need to make a large number of high-level talismans in order to make up for the shortfall, but with the time constraint, our Talisman Grandmasters aren't able to fulfill the order. I had no choice but to look for True Immortal Shang..."

"So that's it..." Huang Jinghan nodded slowly in understanding before he continued, "From what I know, you had an agreement with True Immortal Shang. You should be able to collect the talismans in half a year. However, if you wish to change them to Formation Talismans now... He might not be able to complete your request..."

Before Huang Jinghan could finish, Shen Chongshan added hastily, "The agreement before will be voided! We will change them all to Formation Talismans, and we need to quickly..."

A voice boomed from a certain direction in the Star Beast Nest before he could finish. “True Immortal Shen, why are you here? Do you think I made them a little too slowly and wish to rush me?”

Shang Xia’s tone was one of jest, but Shen Chongshan didn’t dare to show any disrespect. He quickly leaped to his feet and bowed, “Of course not! I had no choice but to come here again and I hope you can forgive me...”

Hearing that Shang Xia had arrived, Huang Jinghan heaved a sigh of relief. Naturally, his expression didn’t change in the slightest.

Shang Xia seemed to be walking over slowly, but he arrived before them after taking a few steps.

Huang Jinghan also got to his feet when Shang Xia arrived and he chuckled, “True Immortal Shang, you emerged from seclusion earlier than I thought!”

“I apologize for troubling you...” Shang Xia smiled at Huang Jinghan.

Bowing slightly, Huang Jinghan found a reason to take his leave.

When they finally sat down again, Shen Chongshan raised his request to only craft Formation Talismans, and explained the reason to Shang Xia.

Actually, Shang Xia heard a good portion of their conversation earlier.

After hearing Shen Chongshan change his request, Shang Xia agreed. After all, Formation Talismans were usually easier to craft compared to talismans of the same rank. Shen Chongshan’s change of request would make his job a lot easier.

However, Shang Xia couldn’t help but ask, “With the 20 rank six talisman paper and 70 rank five talisman papers you sent... Do you want me to craft rank five Formation Talismans first, or rank six ones?”

Without hesitation, Shen Chongshan answered, “Please make rank six Formation Talismans first.”

After he spoke, he took out another sealed spiritual case. There were another 10 sheets of rank six talisman paper within the case and he muttered, “With the 20 sheets of rank six talisman paper I brought over in the past, there are 30 sheets of rank six talisman paper. True Immortal Shang, please craft 10 rank six Formation Talismans as soon as possible...”

“Since you need it quickly, come back in 2 months.” Shang Xia replied after thinking for some time.

“2 months?” Shen Chongshan gasped in shock as he stared at Shang Xia with a face full of shock.

Shang Xia looked at Shen Chongshan with a strange expression and muttered, “What’s the matter? Is 2 months too long? If you really need it earlier, I should be able to reduce it by 10 or so days... I need 50 days at the very least. I can’t do it any faster...”

“No, no, no...” Shen Chongshan waved his hand and yelled, “2 months is fine! It’s perfect!”

After he spoke, he didn't dare to relax and he asked carefully, "True Immortal Shang, is it really possible to complete the talismans in 2 months? Thats..."

Shang Xia chuckled and interrupted him, "If it's any other rank six talismans, 2 months is really too short. However, if you only want Formation Talismans... Hehe..."

Shen Chongshan cupped his fists towards Shang Xia and gave a deep bow. "True Immortal Shang, thank you!"

He hastily bid his farewell and even though he received a huge surprise, he couldn't soothe his emotions completely.

Not too long after Shen Chongshan left, Huang Jinghan came back. Because of Shang Xia's return, there was no need for him to pretend to be at the peak of the third tier Martial Void Realm any longer.

"The Wanyun Association probably don't need so many Formation Talismans because their grand formation ran into some problems... They might have been attacked!" Huang Jinghan muttered the moment he returned.

Shang Xia might not have turned his head, but he raised his eyebrow and muttered with a slight sense of shock, "Oh? How can you tell?"

"I once heard that the first time he came to look for you was because you had a run-in with another high-level True Immortal of the Wanyun Association... Right?" Huang Jinghan asked.

Shang Xia smiled in response. "You can say that."

"If their grand formation really ran into some problems, he wouldn't be as anxious as he was. More importantly, changing the terms of your agreement isn't a small matter. How can he request to change the talismans after you already accepted his commission? At the very least, they should send someone important to renegotiate the terms of agreement. That guy's martial uncle, Gong Zhuo, should be the one to come. However, they sent him instead... Don't they know how disrespectful it is to a rank six Talisman Grandmaster to send a mere second tier True Immortal to renegotiate your terms? The only reason is that the high-level True Immortal of the Wanyun Association cannot leave because of a very specific reason and can no longer bother with such formalities..." Huang Jinghan explained.

Shang Xia nodded slowly. "This might be a guess, but it's really possible that you're right. However, the Wanyun Association is a great power in the Essence Xing World that is only second to the great dynasties! Moreover, they should have maintained pretty good relations with the Dachen Dynasty. Under such circumstances, how can they come under attack?"

Huang Jinghan shook his head and sighed, "There is too much we don't know about the Essence Xing World. We can't determine anything for sure."

Shang Xia mumbled helplessly, "It's not that we don't understand them. We don't have any avenues to understand them better... We haven't even left the chaotic space around the Star Beast Nest..."

Huang Jinghan nodded in agreement, but he quickly discovered what Shang Xia wanted to do. "Don't tell me you wish to leave the Star Beast Nest to search for the Essence Xing World, right?! I'm not going to pretend to be a third tier True Immortal to watch over this place for you!"

"Haha..." Shang Xia chuckled softly. "Of course not... I'm going to stay here to continue crafting talismans. I won't have time to head out even if I wanted to..."

Huang Jinghan bid Shang Xia farewell and was sent back to the Spirit Luxuriant World by him.

After all, he needed to be there with Kou Chongxue for the negotiations with the Spirit Thistle World.

Since the plan for the second Star Beast Nest was carrying on as per usual, Shang Xia didn't need to do anything else.

He quickly entered seclusion for real in the Star Beast Nest and decided to focus on crafting talismans rather than handling other matters. After all, he had sensed how urgently Shen Chongshan needed them.

Shang Xia was a freakish expert who could even come up with a rank six Six Direction Teleportation Talisman. Crafting Formation Talismans was far easier...

Reality proved him right. Even though he hadn't crafted talismans in a long time, he was still able to wield his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush with ease.

He completed 3 rank six Formation Talismans in less than half a month, without messing up even once.

Taking a rest for 3 days, he quickly continued again. Another half a month passed and this time, he completed another 3 rank six Formation Talismans in 5 attempts. He had another month to complete the last 4 talismans required.

With another half of a month passing, Shang Xia completed the eighth Formation Talisman, but he used up 4 sheets of talisman paper.

In the final half a month, Shang Xia felt a little tired even with his foundations as a high-level True Immortal. He stopped for 5 days to take a proper break before restoring his condition to its peak state before attempting the final 2 Formation Talismans. He managed to complete them 2 days before the deadline of 2 months.

He used a total of 14 sheets of rank six talisman paper to craft 10 rank six Formation Talismans, and the rest naturally entered his pockets.

Right on schedule, Shen Chongshan tore through the chaotic streams and arrived at the Star Beast Nest on the last day of their agreement. It was his third visit to Shang Xia.

Seeing 10 rank six Formation Talismans neatly placed in front of him, Shen Chongshan felt as though every other rank six Talisman Grandmaster he knew was a liar and a fraud.

Actually, when Shen Chongshan arrived, he was prepared for Shang Xia to not be able to produce all 10 talismans. He even thought that if Shang Xia had made 8 rank six Formation Talismans, he

would be extremely grateful. In fact, he was willing to accept if Shang Xia only made 6 or 7 of them.

However, reality proved to him that Shang Xia was true to his word. Shen Chongshan carefully inspected every Formation Talisman and saw that all of them were created the same way, and they were definitely made by the same person!

He couldn't help but feel terrified at how accomplished the other party was in the dao of talismans.

#### Chapter 1234: Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman

After Shang Xia used 2 months to craft 10 Formation Talismans and only failed 4 times along the way, he felt a wave of lethargy despite his superior cultivation.

After handing the talismans to Shen Chongshan, he planned to enter seclusion again to restore his condition.

When Shen Chongshan stared at the talismans laid out in front of him, he was greatly shocked. However, after he got over it, his expression started to fluctuate and he seemed to be struggling to make a decision.

Shang Xia seemed to have noticed his conflicting emotions and he eventually asked, "True Immortal Shen, if there is nothing else, I will have to enter seclusion for some time..."

Seeing as Shang Xia was telling him to leave, he snapped back to reality and exclaimed, "True Immortal Shang, please wait! I have another earnest request..."

"... Yes?" Shang Xia acted a little surprised, but he seemed to have seen through Shen Chongshan's thoughts already.

Shen Chongshan still hesitated slightly and still struggled with himself as he muttered, "Actually, there's something I shouldn't go around telling random people..."

"Since it's not convenient for you to say it, it's better for you not to. Our relationship can be considered friendly at the moment but if I hear something I am not supposed to, we might not be able to maintain our amicable status..." Shang Xia interrupted Shen Chongshan before he could finish.

Shen Chongshan looked constipated, and he mumbled a little awkwardly, "True Immortal Shang, thank you for the reminder. I might indeed cross the line, but... I hope you can help me once more to craft another high-level talisman..."

"Oh? Is it just a high-level talisman?" Shang Xia raised an eyebrow before gesturing for Shen Chongshan to calm down and savor more tea. "Please."

Sipping on his tea, Shen Chongshan sighed and asked, "True Immortal Shang, have you heard of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman?"

Seeing the smile on Shang Xia's face, which didn't seem like a smile, Shen Chongshan coughed softly. "Right, right... You're not from the Essence Xing World and you might not know what the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman is..."

"Is it a rank six talisman?" Shang Xia smiled in response.

Shen Chongshan nodded solemnly and explained, "It is. It is also one of the most powerful rank six talismans out there..."

Shang Xia was a little more curious, but he frowned slightly. "But, the crafting..."

Shen Chongshan stopped Shang Xia before he could go on. He seemed to have made up his mind and he sighed decisively, "I can pass on the method to craft the talisman to you, but..."

He didn't need to say more as Shang Xia understood what he needed to do. He simply continued in Shen Chongshan's stead, "I can swear an oath to never teach it to anyone else, as per the rules in our line of work."

"That would be for the best! However, True Immortal Shang, this talisman concerns the inheritance of my sect and I will be taking a massive risk to reveal the crafting method to you..." Shen Chongshan heaved a sigh of relief at his promise, but he also had to explain his difficulties.

Shang Xia nodded and chuckled in response, "True Immortal Shen, rest assured that there should be no problems. It's just that... As a top-tier rank six talisman, and a new one at that, I would need some time to study it before I can attempt to craft one. Are you in a rush to receive them?"

"No, no... True Immortal Shang, as long as you can complete them by the end of the year, that would be fine." Shen Chongshan laughed along with Shang Xia.

With the information he learned from Shen Chongshan, the Essence Xing World and the Spirit Luxuriant World seemed to be experiencing the same seasons at the same time, and it seemed as though their calendars were pretty close to each other.

"So... You will need them in 3 months? I will try my best..." Shang Xia spoke after thinking about it for a moment.

Even for an amazing Talisman Grandmaster like himself, crafting a new top-tier rank six talisman was extremely challenging.

Hearing how Shang Xia mentioned it was going to be difficult, but still accepting the commission, Shen Chongshan revealed a look of joy. He opened a sealed spiritual case with 10 sheets of rank six talisman paper and explained, "Please use these talisman paper to craft them. According to the rules, since this is a new talisman, it's 5 talisman paper for a talisman, but since the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman is a top-tier rank six talisman... I will be satisfied if you successfully craft a single one!"

"Hehe..." Shang Xia looked at Shen Chongshan's happy expression and muttered, "True Immortal Shen, from the looks of it, you seem to need a lot of talismans!"

"This..." Shen Chongshan's smile froze and he mumbled under his voice.

Shang Xia didn't bother waiting for him to speak. "If I really manage to craft 2 of them with these talisman papers, I'll give them both to you. Don't worry about it."

Shen Chongshan cupped his fists in response. "True Immortal Shang, you're an honorable man!"

Shen Chongshan handed the jade slip that contained the method to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman to Shang Xia, and Shang Xia carefully read through it before returning it to him.

After Shen Chongshan left, Shang Xia immediately looked for Hai Yuanyuan. “Is there any news from our world?”

Shaking her head, Hai Yuanyuan muttered, “They only mentioned how Patriarch Kou and True Immortal Huang went to meet with the experts of the Spirit Thistle World. There hasn’t been any news other than that...”

Shang Xia nodded in contemplation.

Looking at him, Hai Yuanyuan asked curiously, “What are you thinking about?”

Glancing at Hai Yuanyuan from the corner of his eye, he chuckled to himself when he saw the crafty smile on her face. She seemed different from the cute and naive young girl who pestered him to buy snacks in the past, but not really. “Something interesting definitely happened in the Essence Xing World. It’s a shame we don’t know too much about them...”

Hai Yuanyuan’s eyes widened in shock as she knew what type of person Shang Xia was. “Don’t tell me you’re going to sneak out of here and try to infiltrate the Essence Xing World...”

Shang Xia didn’t think that his plan would be exposed by her the moment the very second he mentioned anything to do with the Essence Xing World and he glanced at her in shock.

Hai Yuanyuan quickly followed up, “You definitely can’t go now! The only reason everyone here didn’t panic was because we hid the news of you sneaking back to our world. Otherwise, even with True Immortal Huang here, the situation would definitely become chaotic. Also... It really is a little dangerous if you aren’t here...”

Shang Xia roared with laughter and ruffled Hai Yuanyuan’s hair before taking his leave. He left Hai Yuanyuan pouting and fuming as her hair was completely messed up.

“Looks like even if I need to leave, I need to ensure that the Illusion Talisman works perfectly so that no one will dare to threaten the safety of the Star Beast Nest...”

Shang Xia thought back to the third tier True Immortals of the Essence Ming World he killed and the talisman that allowed one of them to possess the strength of a fourth tier True Immortal.

If he wanted to improve the Illusion Talisman, he would probably have to gain inspiration from the talisman they used.

It was a shame the talisman crumbled, and he could only remember what he saw right before it turned to dust. If he still had the remnant talisman, he might be able to fully restore it and create a new rank six talisman! It would definitely be an extremely valuable rank six talisman if it allowed a third tier True Immortal to possess the strength of a fourth tier True Immortal, albeit for a short while.

Shang Xia planned to focus on the Illusion Talisman after he returned to the second Star Beast Nest after saving Kou Chongxue, but he didn’t expect Shen Chongshan to approach him with a sudden request. Because of Shen Chongshan’s request, he was able to earn a good number of rank six talisman papers in just 2 months of crafting Formation Talismans.

Now that he received another request for the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, he had to push the development of the Illusion Talisman back even more.

Speaking of how he killed the third tier True Immortals of the Essence Ming World back then, there was also the talisman that could seal the artifact spirits...

Those talismans had been preserved by Kou Chongxue while retrieving the weapons and Shang Xia could study and restore them in the future.

Other than the talismans, there were also the treasures they had on them. Well... Kou Chongxue took them all away back then but they should be of considerable wealth. Shang Xia didn't think too much back then and let Kou Chongxue do whatever he wanted, but after thinking about it, he was probably not going to see a single essence crystal of whatever they had...

#### Chapter 1235: The Alliance

Changes seemed to be happening in the second Star Beast Nest every day.

In order to prevent any accidents from happening, the Spirit Luxuriant World maintained the number of experts in the Star Beast Nest at 50 as Shang Xia could bring them all away if anything happened.

Despite only having 50 of them, they were able to greatly change the structure of the secret region that was the Star Beast Nest.

It had already been a month since Shang Xia received the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman inheritance from Shen Chongshan, and he had been in seclusion in his Talisman Pagoda the entire time.

In the month that passed, he had been fully focused on studying it.

The Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman deserved its reputation as a top-tier rank six talisman. It wasn't any less difficult than Shang Xia's Six Direction Teleportation Talisman.

Right... Shang Xia's Six Direction Teleportation Talisman was also a top-tier rank six talisman...

When Shang Xia felt that he had a good grasp on the essence of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and was prepared to craft it, something happened and he had no choice but to leave seclusion before he could try his hand at it.

Hai Yuanyuan brought back news from the Spirit Luxuriant World, and the contents forced him to stop whatever he was doing for a period of time.

The contents was something related to Huang Jinghan and Kou Chongxue's contact with the Spirit Thistle World.

When they met, the Spirit Thistle World revealed news that the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World had formed an alliance to invade and split up the Azure Worlds that were connected to the Star Origin Dao Field.

After they were done, they would naturally shift their attention to the Spirit Thistle World and Spirit Luxuriant World.

Naturally, their plan was so that their worlds would be able to undergo ascension to become Essence Worlds of their own.

They had already reached an agreement and were prepared to attack an Azure World to test out their cooperation and to see if they worked well together.



The Spirit Luxuriant World had no clue any of that was happening and even with the revelation by the Spirit Thistle World, Kou Chongxue and Huang Jinghan weren't surprised.

Following the rules, Kou Chongxue also revealed some information about the Star Origin Dao Field and how they were stealing world origin from the worlds connected to them.

The news shocked the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World, and they found it hard to believe. That was because no one managed to detect the Star Origin Dao Field's theft of world origin. They even thought that Kou Chongxue was fucking with them.

Only after Kou Chongxue revealed that Shang Xia was the culprit who messed about in the Star Observatory in Star Origin City when the Star Origin Dao Field hid itself in the void did they believe him.

Following which, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World asked about the Star Curtain. Be it Shang Xia or Kou Chongxue, they had heard the term for some time now.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World knew about the Star Curtain, but they asked Kou Chongxue another question of their own first. They wanted to know if the Spirit Luxuriant World had their own Stargazer inheritance.

After receiving a confirmation, the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World started to explain how the Star Origin Lord enclosed a massive area in the void with his abilities before separating them from the rest of the sea of stars.

The world outside knew about their existence, but they couldn't find a way to enter the sealed off region of space. Anyone inside wouldn't be able to interact with those outside, and neither would those outside be able to do anything to those within.

"What is the goal of the Star Origin Lord then?" Huang Jinghan asked before Kou Chongxue could say anything.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World explained, "It was said that the Star Origin Lord was already in the higher stages of the Seventh Order when he did it, and from guesses from our seniors, the Star Origin Lord might have done this in order to further his cultivation..."

Kou Chongxue nodded slowly and muttered, "For him to carry out a massive operation like this... he's definitely not trying to break through a small bottleneck. If he's already at the higher stages of the Seventh Order... Could he have done it to break through to the Eighth Order?!"

The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World didn't confirm Kou Chongxue's guess immediately. Instead, they sighed, "The experts of our world also guessed as much, but they feel like the Star Origin Lord has missed the best opportunity to break through."

"Why so?" Kou Chongxue frowned.

"The high-level True Immortals of our world guessed that the Star Origin Lord probably wanted to fuse every world in this region of space into a single entity, using the chance to enter the legendary Eighth Order of cultivation. However, in order to do so, there is no way a Dao Field will be able to provide enough support. The Star origin Lord probably needs an Essence World to rely on, but when he went missing, the

Spirit Mammoth World, and Spirit Abundance World managed to reach the level of a peak-tier Spirit World. They won't allow the Star Origin Lord to do whatever he wishes and rule over them." One of the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World explained.

He didn't stop there. "The Spirit Tinkle World isn't far from reaching their level, and they are definitely not willing to let the Star Origin Lord succeed as well. That should be the basis of their cooperation."

Kou Chongxue shot a glance at Huang Jinghan, and both of them saw the look of terror in each other's eyes.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World didn't seem to care about the change in their expressions. After all, they thought that Kou Chongxue and Huang Jinghan were merely shocked because of their shallow foundations.

They continued, "However... The Star Origin Lord is at the Seventh Order regardless and he's been missing for the past hundreds of years. The Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World are all afraid he would appear suddenly and they still have a sense of lingering fear in them. However... Due to the time that passed, the Star Curtain that the Star Origin Lord created to seal off this region of space has been riddled with holes. It is slowly starting to lose its ability and other great powers are starting to discover us. That might be the reason why they chose to work together."

Kou Chongxue interrupted the conversation suddenly. "I'm afraid this isn't the only reason the 3 Spirit Worlds are in a rush to devour the rest of the worlds contained in this region of space..."

"What?" The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World were shocked by his sudden revelation, and they stared at him with a look of distrust.

They didn't think that the Spirit Luxuriant World knew much of the secrets of the 3 Spirit Worlds and the Star Origin Dao Field, given their recent ascension.

One had to know that the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World were the ones doing all the talking, and the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were merely listening.

If not for the fact that the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World were forming an alliance and the Spirit Thistle World had no one else to look for, they wouldn't even spare a glance at the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Whatever it was, due to the value and meaning of the alliance, the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World decided to hear Kou Chongxue out.

Unfortunately... After hearing what Kou Chongxue said, the blood of the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World ran cold and all they felt was endless fear.

Since they had established their desire to cooperate, the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World were no longer in the mood to stay behind and talk after what they just heard. They hastily returned to their world.

Naturally... What Kou Chongxue revealed to them was the most shocking news they had heard from anyone. He told them about the existence of the Essence Ping World, and the fact that the Star

Origin Lord had gone missing all those years as he was trying to replace the World's Will with his own!

Chapter 1236: New Talisman!

The history of the Spirit Thistle World was far longer than the Spirit Luxuriant World and their foundations were much stronger. They had more than a single high-level True Immortal among them.

That was why even though the Spirit Thistle World had been excluded from the alliance of the other Spirit Worlds and had no choice but to ally with the Spirit Luxuriant World, the higher-ups of the Spirit Thistle World actually looked down on their new allies.

However... Their sense of superiority disappeared after hearing what Kou Chongxue shared with them.

Instead, whatever emotions they were feeling changed to one of endless shock. That was the reason the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World left in such a hurry.

*Fuck! The Star Origin Lord already controlled an Essence World!*

The moment he devoured and replaced the World's Will, his cultivation would soar once again! Having already been in the upper stages of the Seventh Order, the Star Origin Lord would definitely reach an unbelievable level of cultivation!

When that happened, the Star Origin Lord would be unstoppable. As long as he devoured every other world one by one, he would be able to complete his ascension.

The Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World's haste to transform into an Essence World wasn't for fun. It wasn't just to resist the influence of the great worlds outside the Star Curtain. They were probably trying to stand against the Star Origin Lord and the Essence Ping World!

Even though the meeting looked like it ended haphazardly, they had already reached an initial agreement. In the future, the Spirit Luxuriant World and Spirit Thistle World would only grow closer when their members interacted more.

Shang Xia received news about what happened from the Tongyou Institution, but there were also 2 other pieces of news from the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect respectively. As it turned out, they had experts preparing to enter the Martial Void Realm!

Actually... Kou Chongxue intentionally specified that the news be brought to him.

Shang Xia's expression changed slightly. From the looks of it, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia's advancement impacted the Elysium True Immortals too heavily...

As the 3 longest standing Elysiums in the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Divine Capital Sect, and Eternal Palace used to be the leading authority of cultivation in their world.

However, the rise of the Tongyou Institution was unstoppable with Kou Chongxue reaching the third tier of the Martial Void Realm and Shang Xia becoming a high-level True Immortal. They basically became the only decision makers due to their ability to leave the world at will. The influence of the Elysium True Immortals took a nosedive with them in the way.

The changes weren't just experienced by the Elysium True Immortals of the great powers. Even cultivators of other levels were impacted and in recent years, the 3 ancient Elysiums were showing signs of decline.

In the eyes of everyone in the Spirit Luxuriant World, the Tongyou institution was the greatest faction at the moment and the Yuanchen Sect was ranked number 2! Even though the Northern Sea Mystic Sect also had 2 True Immortals with Zhang Xuansheng being a mighty third tier True Immortal, they could only rank behind the Yuanchen Sect.

Shang Xia wasn't surprised by the news. However, he understood why Kou Chongxue intentionally directed the information to him.

The birth of a new True Immortal would mean more competition, and the respective sect's desire for territory would only increase before the ascension process.

They wouldn't expand for the sake of having more land. After all, having more land would mean that they would control a greater portion of the World Origin Source and could have an easier time branding their souls into the world.

Actually... The battle for territory had already started a long time ago.

For example, the current situation with the Tongyou Institution... Shang Xia ascended with the spirituality of the You Continent, and Kou Chongxue used the spirituality of the Jiao Continent. They still had the Tongyou Elysium which could support the birth of an Elysium True Immortal, and that would mean that they had another slot to produce one.

With that exception, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue were also holding on to the Hai Continent. That would mean that the Tongyou Institution also had another slot to produce a Free True Immortal.

Kou Chongxue's intention was also to tell Shang Xia that their plan to develop the Hai Continent could no longer proceed slowly.

The reason was simple. With the Tongyou Institution's foundations with a third tier True Immortal and a high-level fourth tier True Immortal, it was the best time for them to establish dominance and reign supreme over the Spirit Luxuriant World.

With their current prestige and unstoppable might, it was the best chance for them to develop their influence in the Hai Continent.

If they continued to drag things out and the second True Immortal of the Divine Capital Sect and Eternal Palace were produced, even though Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue were the strongest experts in the world, they would lose their supremacy.

Other than those 2 pieces of news, there was another important thing he had to take note of. It was the fact that Chu Jia was preparing to deploy the Five Element Teleportation Formation to the first Star Beast Nest.

The first Star Beast Nest led to the Spirit Faith World, and in order to distinguish it from the Star Beast Nest Shang Xia was in, the members of the Spirit Luxuriant World named them Star Beast Nest No.1 and Star Beast Nest No.2.

After verifying that the Five Element Teleportation Formation would leave no traces in the void and having seen it operate for some time, the great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World finally decided that it was a viable option as a super long range transfer formation for the Star Beast Nests.

Star Beast Nest No.1 wasn't large at all and its worth couldn't be compared to Star Beast Nest No.2. Even with Lu Wuzi's cultivation level, he could take care of it all on his own.

However... Because of the run-in with the Essence Ming World, Lu Wuzi had been strongly pushing for the first Five Element Teleportation Formation to be established in Star Beast Nest No.1 after watching the exchange between Shang Xia and Gao Qin.

He received no small shock when they clashed back then...

As for Star Beast Nest No.2... They actually established a small teleportation formation to the You Continent, but it was mainly used to send information and some small pieces of equipment over.

They managed to set up the small teleportation formation as the Tongyou Institution sent 2 Formation Grandmasters among the first 50 experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World to head over to Star Beast Nest No.2. They completed the formation with Chu Jia's guidance...

One had to say that ever since Chu Jia completed the rank six grand formation around the Tongyou Institution and retrieved the Five Element Ring, her accomplishments in the dao of formations seemed to have reached a whole new level.

Shang Xia even felt that she had already reached the level of a rank six Formation Grandmaster, but she had been denying it, saying that she was still lacking in a certain aspect.

After reading all the information sent from the Tongyou Institution, Shang Xia finally returned to his Talisman Pagoda. He used 2 days to meditate and reach his peak state while recording his thoughts on the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman so that future Talisman Grandmasters of the institution had something to reference in the future.

After he adjusted his condition, he planned to start crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Even though he had received the inheritance on how to craft the talisman from Shen Chongshan, Shang Xia studied and thought over it for a month before attempting anything. After all, reading how to do something and actually doing it was completely different.

Actually, Shang Xia was wondering how the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman could be used when he first thought about it.

When Shen Chongshan showed Shang Xia the inheritance, he didn't reveal its effects.

Even though Shang Xia had his guesses, he couldn't verify them unless he actually tried crafting the talisman.

Of course, the most direct method would be to use the talisman after it was created, allowing him to observe its effects firsthand.

However, he had already promised Shen Chongshan to produce the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and he couldn't mess around until he had the promised number.

The runes used in the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman were completely different from those used in talisman crafted in the Spirit Luxuriant World, but after reaching his current state, Shang Xia

understood that different methods all led to the same result. What was more, the foundation of most runes was the same.

From his initial research, Shang Xia felt that the talisman wasn't used in frontal combat. Instead, he even managed to deduce that the talisman was useful when it came to escaping and concealment.

However... After testing it out a little, his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush drew countless runes that interacted beautifully with each other and from his experience, he discovered that the talisman should possess mighty defensive capabilities.

No... Actually...

Shang Xia started to doubt his judgment after some time. It wasn't just defensive properties. It was also great when it came to escaping and concealment.

That was a talisman of different properties, but its defensive might seemed to be even stronger than what he expected! The other properties merely provided assistance to its main function.

Perhaps... It wasn't accurate to call it a talisman with mixed properties. It should be called a compound talisman where the properties melded well with each other.

It was a pity... Because Shang Xia was slightly distracted, he made a mistake when drawing one of the runes, and the talisman paper he was using crumbled.

He barely crafted a quarter of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, but he realized that it actually surpassed his Six Direction Teleportation Talisman in terms of complexity.

Using another 7 days to ponder over his mistakes, he finally started his second attempt.

He ran through the crafting process in his mind several times, especially the part he failed earlier. He eventually reached a conclusion. He might have prepared himself for the difficulty of crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, but it seemed as though he had still underestimated it.

The talisman seemed like it was mainly used to defend the user, while also possessing escaping and concealment functions, but there might be others he hadn't noticed yet.

On his second attempt, Shang Xia completed the first phase in 2 days. The next 2 days also went smoothly and he seemed to complete a third of the talisman in one go.

When he was about to continue, a rune that didn't seem too important resonated with his inner qi and started to show signs of transformation.

Caught off guard, Shang Xia's inner qi that was flowing into the talisman paper through his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush fell into disarray, ending his second attempt.

Chapter 1237: I Got It Bitch

In the main hall of the Tongyou Institution back in the Spirit Luxuriant World...

It was where Kou Chongxue and the deputy patriarchs would meet and discuss matters related to the institution.

However, the situation has been slightly different since some time ago. As the patriarch of the Tongyou Institution, Kou Chongxue had been avoiding all his responsibilities by tossing the problems to the deputy patriarchs.

Surprisingly, there seemed to be a change as Kou Chongxue was sitting obediently in the main hall at that moment as he discussed something with the deputy patriarchs.

With a slight frown, Kou Chongxue turned to look out of the main hall as Shang Xia's clone brought a jade slip that Shang Xia had sent back from Star Beast Nest No.2.

With a slight gesture, Kou Chongxue received the jade slip from Shang Xia's clone but asked before reading anything, "Is Little Shang doing alright there?"

"My true body has been in seclusion in the Star Beast Nest crafting talismans..."  
Shang Xia's clone replied.

"Alright, thanks for your troubles." Kou Chongxue spoke politely to Shang Xia's clone.

Chuckling softly, Shang Xia's clone looked at the deputy patriarchs beside him before giving them a slight bow before leaving.

Looking at where Shang Xia had left, Ji Wenlong couldn't help but ask Shang Bo who was seated beside him, "Little Shang's clone seems different from other clones, right?"

Shang Bo nodded, but he didn't dare to confirm either. He muttered softly, "His consciousness seems a lot stronger than before..."

Shang Bo's cultivation might be leagues ahead of the other deputy patriarchs, but Kou Chongxue was present and he was far from Kou Chongxue's level.

Kou Chongxue turned his attention away from the jade slip before laughing, "When Little Shang created this clone, he separated a large portion of his divine soul, However, the clone only had a cultivation of a True Immortal who just advanced. He seems to be trying something out, but we don't know if he succeeded."

Liu Zhiyuan couldn't help but ask, "What will happen if he succeeds?"

Kou Chongxue thought for some time before he replied, "Little Shang is able to create a clone at the second tier of the Martial Void Realm. However, creating one places a huge burden on him, and his combat abilities would be affected."

"However... Since he placed a good portion of his divine soul into this clone, he might not need to maintain the burden of sustaining a second tier True Immortal clone, but if he runs into any accident, his clone would be able to quickly restore his cultivation to the second tier." Kou Chongxue mumbled.

Shang Bo revealed a look of confusion and wondered out loud, "What do you mean restore his cultivation? Is he supposed to supply his clone with his inner qi? Wouldn't it be better for him to return then?"

"It's just a test... Who knows if he succeeds?" Kou Chongxue thought for a moment before responding, "I guess that if Little Shang's clone were to gain the strength of a second tier True Immortal, he would be drawing on the World Origin Source through the You Continent."

Yun Jing seemed to understand what was going on and she sighed, “Is it because he relied on the spirituality of the You Continent when he advanced? Will he really be able to succeed?”

“That’s why I said it’s a test!” Kou Chongxue sighed helplessly.

Liu Zhiyuan finally interjected, “In that case, wouldn’t that mean that his clone is unable to leave the You Continent?”

“Hehe...” Kou Chongxue didn’t respond to him, and he turned his attention back to the jade slip Shang Xia had sent back.

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Another month quickly passed, and the end of the 16th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar quickly rolled about.

Star Beast Nest No.2 welcomed 2 visitors that day, and Shang Xia’s clone that was stationed at the entrance noticed the newcomers from far away and he asked, “True Immortal Gong, True Immortal Shen, we meet again! If I am not mistaken, there should still be a month before the agreed upon time, right?”

Gong Zhuo, the high-level True Immortal of the Wanyun Association, brought Shen Chongshan to the Star Beast Nest and created a region of safe space by quelling the chaotic streams around him before glancing at the Star Beast Nest.

He could tell that the experts of the ‘Essence Ping World’ were using the Star Beast Nest as a foundation to lay down a protection formation, but from the looks of it, their progress wasn’t as quick as he had thought.

Gong Zhuo felt that it was either their world didn’t care too much about the Star Beast Nest, or they were completely confident in True Immortal Shang’s strength.

As someone who had fought with Shang Xia before, Gong Zhuo was more inclined to believe in the latter.

After hearing Shang Xia’s clone’s question, Gong Zhuo quickly declared his intentions. “The matter regarding the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman is huge and I can’t help but personally head over to take a look. I wonder if your true body is available to meet me for a moment?”

“True Immortal Gong, you came at an unfortunate time. My true body is currently attempting to craft the talisman and he won’t be out anytime soon, moreover...”

Shang Xia’s clone was shocked by Gong Zhuo’s sudden request and started to explain.

He glanced at Shen Chongshan and continued, “... Moreover... isn’t there another month to the deadline True Immortal Shen has agreed on?”

Gong Zhuo couldn’t help but glare at Shen Chongshan and he was met with an embarrassed chuckle from the second tier True Immortal.

Shang Xia’s clone couldn’t help but frown at their interaction and he asked, “So... Are you guys here because the talisman is too important? Or...”



Shen Chongshan quickly waved his hand and muttered, “True Immortal Shang, please don’t misunderstand. Since I could hand the inheritance to you, I have absolute trust and I won’t back out on the agreement now...”

Gong Zhuo followed up before he could finish, “He might have handled this in a haphazard manner, but it’s because he had no choice. Since he has absolute trust in True Immortal Shang, my Wanyun Association will fully support his decision. You can rest assured...”

Shang Xia’s clone was confused by their intentions then. “So... What are you guys here for then?”

“It’s not that I doubt True Immortal Shang’s achievements in the dao of talismans, but our Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman is a special compound talisman. Even though it’s a rank six talisman, it contains the special properties of many talismans... It is extremely intricate and difficult to craft, and it can even be said to be the most complicated talisman under the seventh rank! Even some rank seven Talisman Grandmasters in my world have said that there are some rank seven talismans that are easier to craft...” Gong Zhuo explained.

Shang Xia’s clone didn’t say anything and waited for Gong Zhuo to continue.

“Martial Nephew Shen is too hasty to produce the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and even requested for it to be completed in 3 months... He is really pushing it too far...” Gong Zhuo sighed before finally stating his true intentions. “I came here to apologize to True Immortal Shang, and I am here to let your true body know that he can take his time to complete the talisman.”

Shang Xia’s clone stared at the both of them in shock. “I see... Looks like you aren’t confident that my true body will be able to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!”

“Definitely not!” Gong Zhuo declared hastily. “True Immortal Shang already impressed us by completing 10 rank six Formation Talismans in 2 months. Even in my Essence Xing World, there isn’t a single Talisman Grandmaster with his skills. However... The Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was created by a peak-tier rank seven Talisman Grandmaster. Even though it’s a rank six talisman, rank six Talisman Grandmasters can only sigh in amazement while still being unable to craft it...”

Gong Zhuo hadn’t completed his sentence when a light flashed in Shang Xia’s clone’s eyes and he burst out laughing. “True Immortal Gong, remember when I said it was an unfortunate time? I couldn’t be more wrong! My true body came out of seclusion to take a breather, and he actually completed the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He is bringing it over now for you to take a look to see if it’s the talisman you want.”

“What the f...?”

Chapter 1238: Who's Your Daddy?

When Shen Chongshan returned to the Wanyun Association and mentioned how he had commissioned Shang Xia to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, handed over the inheritance, and arranged for it to be completed in 3 months, Gong Zhuo nearly had a heart attack.

Gong Zhuo wasn't worried about the inheritance of their Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman being leaked to others as from the current situation, Shen Chongshan's decision wasn't actually hard to accept.

It was the fact that Shen Chongshan made Shang Xia agree to craft the talisman in 3 months!

Knowing how difficult it was to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, Gong Zhuo didn't believe that Shang Xia would be able to complete it in 3 months.

If it truly was as easy as it seemed, the last time the talisman was created in the Essence Xing World wouldn't be more than 200 years ago!

Actually, ever since the talisman was created by the rank seven Talisman Grandmaster, not a single rank six Talisman Grandmaster had successfully created it. They had only commissioned the talismans from those supreme experts in the dao of talismans back then.

It didn't matter to him that Shang Xia wouldn't be able to craft it by the deadline Shen Chongshan set. Instead, Gong Zhuo was afraid that if Shang Xia failed, he would feel enraged or humiliated, causing their relationship to be strained. He spent a lot of effort forming a relationship with the mighty rank six Talisman Grandmaster, and he didn't wish for his efforts to go up in smoke!

To him, even if Shang Xia failed to craft the talisman, he was still a super expert who had already proven his skills by crafting 10 rank six Formation Talismans in 2 months.

Even in their Essence World, Talisman Grandmasters at his level were rare, and every single one of them had an exalted status. All of them were worth the Wanyun Association's sincere effort to befriend, but even if they tried, those Talisman Grandmasters in their world wouldn't pay too much attention to them.

Shang Xia, on the other hand, only had the Wanyun Association as his avenue to trade with the Essence Xing World and Gong Zhuo didn't wish to damage the trust they had just established with the commission of the Formation Talismans.

When Shang Xia's clone barely managed to learn about their intentions, and when they were still worried about the repercussions, Shang Xia's true body sent news that he completed the talisman.

*He actually made it?!*

*What the fuck that's impossible!*

Gong Zhuo's first reaction was to doubt it.

His second reaction was to wonder if Shang Xia was actually a reclusive rank seven Talisman Grandmaster hiding his true identity.

As for Shen Chongshan... His brain basically fried itself as he muttered in a daze, "He did it... It's done... It's actually created..."

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Shang Xia looked at the talisman that was filled with countless runes of different colors that resembled clouds floating about on the talisman paper. Complex emotions filled his heart, and he felt somewhat emotional.

Even he didn't expect that he would succeed so quickly...

He thought that he would need to fail at least 2 more times in order to properly grasp the essence of crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, but as it turned out, luck would sometimes descend on someone like Shang Xia who had never believed in it.

On his fifth attempt, he had already completed his deduction of the first half of the talisman and everything went pretty smoothly. He was planning to muck about with the second half and try to follow the inheritance as closely as he could. There were many unknown factors when completing the talisman, but he actually fumbled his way into the correct answer. He didn't make any more mistakes and he completed the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Shang Xia was struck silly as he held the talisman in his hand. He couldn't understand how he succeeded when there were still so many parts he hadn't fully comprehended.

Eventually, he snapped out of his confusion.

*Well, every dog has its day!*

He didn't know if it was because of his reflection after crafting the talisman, but he actually learned a lot. What he understood surpassed each of the times he failed before.

He even discovered the other functionalities of the talisman. Other than its defensive properties, evasion properties, and concealment properties, it also contained 2 different spatial properties.

The first was to keep something floating in space. A good example would be the formations on Star Ships.

The second was the ability to shrink and enlarge space.

With his discovery, Shang Xia had his guesses on why the Wanyun Association placed such great importance on the talisman.

When he was prepared to celebrate his success, he received news from his clone that Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan had arrived, causing him to hold off on his plans for the time being.

He didn't think that they would come earlier than expected, and Gong Zhuo would come with Shen Chongshan.

When Shang Xia made his way over, he could see the strange look in their eyes when he was still some distance away.

The moment they caught sight of him, Gong Zhuo couldn't wait. He yelled, "True Immortal Shang, did you... Did you really craft the talisman?!"

Holding the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman in his hand, Shang Xia chuckled, "The difficulty of crafting this talisman is off the charts! It's the most difficult talisman I ever tried my hands at, and the only reason I completed it is through sheer luck!"

It truly was because of his luck this time. However, there wasn't anything trivial about it. It was as though lady luck had descended and held his hand when he was crafting the talisman.

Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan didn't think the same. Instead, they felt that he was only being humble!

The Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was comparable to a rank seven talisman in terms of difficulty, and there was no way an inexperienced fool would be able to craft it even with a stroke of luck...

They felt that Shang Xia was trying too hard to play it down, but they couldn't be bothered with the details at the moment. Their attention was drawn to the talisman in Shang Xia's hand that resembled a beautiful cloud.

"This... This really is the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!"

"Martial Uncle, can this talisman really get us out of what we're going through?"

"Yes." Gong Zhuo couldn't hold back and he gasped, "This really came in our time of need..."

Chapter 1239: Wanyun Association's Floating Territory

Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan were extremely moved when they received the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Shang Xia even heard something unexpected from their conversation.

However, as someone who was only responsible for crafting the talisman, he maintained his aloof expression and looked at the 2 with a soft smile.

Only after some time did they finally turn their attention back to the talisman that Gong Zhuo was surprisingly holding. He maintained a solemn expression as he placed it in a sealed spiritual case.

Composing himself, Gong Zhuo looked at Shang Xia apologetically, "We embarrassed ourselves in front of you..."

"It's alright. From the looks of it, the talisman is something very important to your Wanyun Association. I still have 5 sheets of rank six talisman paper to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and even though I luckily crafted one of it, I will continue to work hard and see if I can craft another." Shang Xia chuckled.

"On behalf of my Wanyun Association, I, Gong Zhuo, sincerely thank you!" Gong Zhuo cupped his hands towards Shang Xia and sighed softly, "Actually, I won't hide it from you. I believe you can also guess that my Wanyun Association has run into some trouble. The talisman is something that is related to our foundations, and you bought us some time to catch our breath with this..."

The smile remained on Shang Xia's face as he muttered, "Our deal benefited the both of us. I won't leak the inheritance of your Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, but after studying it for so long, I managed to gain some slight achievements in the dao of talismans."

Gong Zhuo laughed along with him, "True Immortal Shang, that's because you're a genius! It's a shame the Talisman Grandmasters of our Wanyun Association are unable to craft the talisman even with the inheritance. Otherwise... They wouldn't have been able to force us to such a point!"

Shen Chongshan finally spoke. "It's just that... We need at least 3 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman if we wish to get rid of all our troubles..."

He turned to Shang Xia and mumbled, "I will continue supplying you with rank six talisman paper... True Immortal Shang, are you willing to quickly craft 2 more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans for us?"

He didn't wait for Shang Xia to reply as he quickly added, "I... I understand that I might have gone overboard, but please..."

"I can only try my best." Shang Xia maintained a friendly smile on his face but didn't make any more promises.

Shen Chongshan wanted to say more, but Gong Zhuo gently tapped his shoulder to stop him before addressing Shang Xia. "Since that is the case, We shall not disturb you any longer. It is extremely difficult to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and it's extremely taxing for you... I hope that you will not damage your Void Origin because of this..."

After he spoke, he turned and brought Shen Chongshan away with him.

Shang Xia watched as they left into the chaotic streams outside the Star Beast Nest.

Before he knew it, Hai Yuanyuan appeared behind him and craned her neck to look into the distance. She muttered, "If you asked earlier, you might have learned why they were in trouble. At the same time, you should be able to discover the newest developments in the Essence Xing World..."

Shang Xia didn't even turn when he chuckled in response, "Other than the Dachen Dynasty bearing down on them, there is no other reason for them to be in such a position."

"How do you know?!" Hai Yuanyuan gasped in shock.

Shang Xia snorted softly, "As one of the great powers in the Essence Xing World, the Wanyun Association should possess tyrannical strength. The only thing that can cause them to be willing to reveal their core inheritances to outsiders can only be the 3 great dynasties. As the Wanyun Association is located at the border of the Dachen Dynasty, we can determine who's threatening them even if we use our butts to think..."

Hai Yuanyuan didn't seem convinced and she pouted, "That might not be the case... What if other Elysiums formed an alliance to take them down?"

Shang Xia nearly burst out laughing. "Did you forget how I told you that the Wanyun Association probably allied themselves with another Elysium?"

"Oh? Are you talking about the Qingling Palace?" Hai Yuanyuan's eyes spun as she thought back to their conversation.

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia explained, "With their alliance, even if 3 Elysiums joined forces, they should be more than capable of protecting themselves. You won't think that the other 4 Elysiums that aren't controlled by the Dynasties will actually join forces against the Wanyun Association and the Qingling Palace, right?"

Without mentioning 4 Elysiums joining hands... Even if 3 of them were to form an alliance, the dynasties would probably make a move to disrupt their plans.

“Why... Why is the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman so important to them then? It even has the power to relieve the pressure from one of the great dynasties...” Hai Yuanyuan threw out yet another question.

Shang Xia also wanted to know the reason. After crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, he actually formed several guesses of his own.

“Perhaps... It has something to do with where their faction is located!” Shang Xia mumbled. However, his answer was clearly unable to satisfy Hai Yuanyuan’s curiosity.

A frown appeared on Hai Yuanyuan’s face. “That’s what you said the last time!”

After thinking about it for a moment, Shang Xia continued, “Maybe... The core region of the Wanyun Association might be floating in the air...”

“Floating?” Hai Yuanyuan started to ponder over the implications before revealing a shocked expression. “Does their name represent where they’re situated? Could they be hidden in the massive clouds?[1] Wouldn’t that mean that their Elysium would be able to drift around like the clouds in the sky?”

“That might be the reason they need the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!” Shang Xia laughed.

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After leaving the Star Beast Nest, Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan passed through chaotic streams of space and eventually arrived at a safer spot. Shen Chongshan couldn’t help but ask, “Martial Uncle, why didn’t you ask True Immortal Shang for help? He’s a fourth tier True Immortal and even if he has been punished and his world might not give him any assistance, his presence would greatly alleviate the pressure on us.”

Gong Zhuo glanced at Shen Chongshan before warning him with a cold sneer, “Have you bothered thinking about it? No matter how bad things get, this is still an internal matter of our Essence Xing World. If we drag a foreign high-level true Immortal into the mess, the implications will be great! Don’t forget... There’s another powerful Essence World behind True Immortal Shang. We are only facing the Dachen Dynasty at the moment and we should be able to hold them off with the alliance we formed with the Qingling Palace. If we cause the Essence Ping World to be involved... We will immediately become the greatest sinners of our world and everyone will target us!”

Shen Chongshan’s expression changed slightly but he was still reluctant to accept the outcome of their discussion. “But... That’s not what it sounded like when you told him about the problems we were facing...”

Gong Zhuo shook his head helplessly and sighed, “That’s different. I didn’t state anything outright. Don’t forget, he’s not someone from our world but has amazing achievements in the dao of talismans. He also seems indifferent to anyone else. He might be able to craft the Myriad Tinted

Cloud Talisman for us today, but he would be able to craft talismans for other great powers in the future!”

“He shouldn’t, right? After all, he only knows about the 2 of us. As for members of the Qingling Palace...” Shen Chongshan hesitated slightly. “Martial Uncle, are you afraid that they would reveal our relationship with True Immortal Shang?”

Gong Zhuo shook his head slowly. “For you to bring out so many high-level talismans... Is there anyone in our Wanyun Association who doesn’t know that you found a Talisman Grandmaster? The only thing they don’t know is where you found the Talisman Grandmaster! Heh... Do you really think I came here just because I wanted to apologize to True Immortal Shang?”

Shen Chongshan’s eyes widened in shock and he gasped, “Martial Uncle, do you think that we have already exposed ourselves and someone followed us there? Not many people know where we went though...”

Seeing the cold gaze in Gong Zhuo’s eyes, Shen Chongshan couldn’t help but suck in a cold breath. “Is there a spy from the Dachen Dynasty in our Wanyun Association? For him to be able to follow our tracks... He shouldn’t be an ordinary member!”

“Obviously... Why else do you think we would be targeted by them and they are able to accurately lock on to our Wanyun Association?” Gong Zhuo muttered softly.

Chapter 1240: Successful Creation of the Three Lights Water

After Gong Zhuo got his hands on the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, he requested Shang Xia to make more of them, but he also specifically stated that their previous agreement had already been fulfilled.

There was less than a month till their original deadline, but Shang Xia had already produced a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and had fulfilled his end of the bargain in their eyes.

After they left, Shang Xia took 10 whole days to restore himself to his peak condition while digesting his gains after crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Even though he had other things to do, he still decided to try crafting another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman with the 5 sheets of rank six talisman paper from the latest batch Shen Chongshan had given him.

Without a time constraint, he felt a lot less pressure than before. Feeling slightly more relaxed than normal, he started his sixth attempt.

His amazing condition allowed him to complete half the talisman without much problems. However, when he reached the 70 percent mark of completing the talisman, the tip of his brush might have caused a slight fluctuation when he flicked it after completing one of the many runes. It distorted many talismans at the same time and ripped the talisman paper to shreds.

The resulting fluctuations were so strong that they would easily blow half the Talisman Pagoda apart if left unchecked, but Shang Xia was no newbie. He destroyed the talisman paper before stopping the source of the fluctuations. He also forcefully stabilized the space around him, protecting the Talisman Pagoda.

One couldn't see how Shang Xia managed to complete a single Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman... He hadn't fully comprehended the method to craft it.

Shang Xia's seventh attempt also ended in failure, but what annoyed him the most was that he failed the exact same way as before.

With his extensive experience in crafting talismans... He actually made the same mistake twice!

Shang Xia felt that he would have to take some time to calm himself as failing that way might have nothing to do with his technique. Instead, his mentality might have played a huge part in it.

Was I too eager?

Shang Xia thought as he sat quietly in the Talisman Pagoda. He didn't do anything and he cleared his mind. He maintained his peaceful state for half a month before he awakened.

By the time his eyes opened again, the 17th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar rolled about.

At that exact moment, he also grabbed a sheet of rank six talisman paper and dipped his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush into the talisman ink at the side.

Previously, he needed 3 days in order to complete 30 percent of the talisman. Now, it was shortened to 2 days.

By the time he reached the fifth day of his eighth attempt, he passed the point where he failed twice. He completed more than 70 percent of his talisman.

On the tenth day, he completed 90 percent of the talisman, but he actually used 3 whole days to work on the last part.

After 13 days, Shang Xia completed his second Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!

His second successful attempt caused his confidence to grow and he didn't hesitate to start his ninth attempt. Without much suspense, it failed spectacularly, along with his tenth attempt.

However, it wasn't as though he didn't gain anything from his last 2 tries. His ninth attempt failed after he reached the 80 percent mark and his tenth ended at the 90 percent mark.

If he were to stop right there, he would have completed 2 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman with 10 sheets of rank six talisman paper. His success rate, even in the Essence Xing World, would be considered an impressive feat! If they considered how it was his first few tries crafting it, it would be an even more shocking achievement.

Of course... Shang Xia wasn't satisfied with how it ended. He nearly completed another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and it showed that he was merely a step away from mastering the basics of crafting the talisman.

He had 16 more sheets of rank six talisman paper, but their quality was clearly worse than the sheets of rank six talisman paper Shen Chongshan provided to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

They might all be rank six talisman paper, but there were still differences in quality. The crafting methods and material played a part in the level of a talisman paper, and the quality of the talisman paper would impact the success rate of crafting the talisman.

Shang Xia couldn't care about the inferior quality as he was fully fixated on fully comprehending the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. After taking a short break, he continued on his quest.



Reality hit him like a truck as he failed 3 consecutive tries when he used ordinary rank six talisman paper. Moreover... He failed at the very end after passing the 90 percent completion mark.

Shang Xia understood that he ran into a bottleneck that he had rarely experienced. He chose to stop as there was no point trying the same thing over and over while expecting to get different results.

After leaving the Talisman Pagoda, Shang Xia felt a slight sense of dejection.

Fortunately, Shen Chongshan came before long and he was over the moon to hear that Shang Xia completed another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He left 5 sheets of superior rank six talisman paper before leaving happily with the other Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman in hand.

With how distracted Shen Chongshan was, Shang Xia failed to hold a proper conversation with him.

Well... With 5 new sheets of superior rank six talisman paper, Shang Xia's desire to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans started to grow again.

Unfortunately, before he could make a decision to continue crafting talismans, a piece of information came from the Tongyou Institution which made him forget everything he was planning to do.

Yuan Qiuyuan, their Stargazer, was the person who made the report. Also... He had become the main point of contact between the Star Beast Nests due to his position and influence, which was a good thing. Naturally, he only reached his current level due to his impressive relationships.

His status in the Spirit Luxuriant World and the Tongyou Institution wasn't very important though. Instead, the report he sent contained the real shocker. Through his efforts and experiments, he successfully created the Three Lights Water that concerned the inheritance of the Heaven Observation Sect!