

## The Heavens 1241

### Chapter 1241: The Shock Brought By The Three Lights Water

The reason Shang Xia named it the Three Lights Water instead of the Three Lights Divine Water was because he felt that the combination of the 3 rank five spiritual treasures was different from the Three Lights Divine Water he had heard about.

According to Yuan Qiuyuan's report, the creation of the Three Lights Water didn't go very smoothly. Even though he managed to come up with several methods to craft it, he had to test each way to see if they were feasible. After adjusting his methods with some sort of secret art, he still failed. The Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid Shang Xia collected had mostly been used up.

On the final attempt, Shang Xia's clone got involved. Even though his clone only had the cultivation level of a first tier True Immortal, he had Shang Xia's Six Direction Qi. Under Yuan Qiuyuan's request, he combined his inner qi with the spiritual treasures and produced Three Lights Water easily.

The second the Star Essence Liquid, Emperor Flow Liquid, and Golden Crow Blood fused, a rank six spiritual liquid that none of them had seen before was produced.

Yuan Qiuyuan retrieved a small drop to place on the branch of the Starry Tree and saw it growing rapidly. Only a night passed but according to Yan Ming's estimates, the time the Starry Tree needed to mature was shortened by 20 years!

Yuan Qiuyuan saved another drop before pouring the final drop of the liquid on the Star Origin Lord Robe, and a third of the damage restored itself.

During the process, the Star Origin Lord Robe sparkled with multi-colored light before slowly dimming again.

However... It looked completely different from before Yuan Qiuyuan poured Three Lights Water on it.

Yuan Qiuyuan planned to explore other uses of the spiritual liquid but his excitement was quickly squashed by Shang Xia's clone. With that little bit of Three Lights Water left, Shang Xia's clone intended to keep it for his true body in Star Beast Nest No.2.

That was right... Shang Xia spent a lot of time gathering all the spiritual treasures required and they only managed to produce 3 drops of Three Lights Water!

Shang Xia's first reaction was to return to the Spirit Luxuriant World to take a look at what was going on, but the inability to leave the Star Beast Nest as he pleased brought him no small amount of irritation.

Fortunately, they had already established a small-scale Five Element Teleportation Formation to the Tongyou Institution and his clone could easily send the Three Lights Water over.

As soon as he got his hands on it, Shang Xia carefully inspected the tiny sparkling bead that rolled about in the jade bottle.

It looked unassuming at first, and it actually looked like a more sparkly drop of water. However, Shang Xia could feel the terrifying amount of energy it contained.

What was even more surprising was that the moment Shang Xia touched the bottle, the Crimson Soul Tablet in his sea of consciousness started to thump!

The Crimson Soul Tablet had only shown interest in stuff like World Origin or high-level energy. Could the artificially made Three Lights Water also be a type of origin energy?

Well... It was more accurate to say that the Three Lights Water was like a byproduct of spiritual treasures nurtured by the world...

Shang Xia felt a trace of excitement when he thought about it.

One had to know that the Crimson Soul Tablet had already absorbed a lot of world origin from different worlds. It even absorbed world origin from an Essence World! It could be said to have tasted the delicacies from all over the sea of stars. Ordinary energy couldn't even entice it anymore.

Now... A treasure that was created by fusing different types of spiritual liquid could cause the Crimson Soul Tablet to react so strongly... Shang Xia wondered what would happen if it absorbed the energy produced by the Three Lights Water.

What if they went a little further? What if there was actually Three Lights Divine Water?

Without hesitation, Shang Xia poured the drop into his hand.

Before he could even hold it, he changed his mind and sucked the drop of water into his mouth.

Pure energy filled his stomach before spreading to his organs. The Crimson Soul Tablet in his sea of consciousness wanted to devour the energy that was spreading through his body, but Shang Xia forcefully stopped it. He allowed the energy it contained to fill his body before refining whatever couldn't be used by his physical body with the Six Harmony Flawless Rod Technique that he hadn't used in a long time. Everything was put to good use.

Just like that, the unassuming drop of liquid was used to temper his body and fill his Six Direction Origin. In a few moments, he gained energy equivalent to half a year of cultivation.

According to Shang Xia's estimates, if he didn't temper his body with it, he would be able to gain a year's worth of cultivation. From what he was feeling, it brought no negative side effects.

The might of Three Lights Water was shocking, to say the least.

One had to know that Shang Xia's foundations were already horrifyingly solid. He could be considered a peak-tier existence even in the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm. There was also no need to mention how special his Six Direction Origin and Six Direction Qi were.

For a drop of Three Lights Water to increase his cultivation by a year... How much would it benefit other fourth tier True Immortals?

Without mentioning high-level True Immortals, what about those in the third or second tier?! How much stronger would they become?

After experiencing the effects of the Three Lights Water, Shang Xia sent an order to the Tongyou Institution.

"Gather Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid with all our might and focus all our attention on producing Three Lights Water! The existence of the Three Lights

Water will be the secret of our institution and it's forbidden to reveal its existence to outsiders!"

The Three Lights Water might be the key to helping Shang Xia quickly reach the level of Returning to the Origin, to become a fifth tier True Immortal!

Of course, he wasn't the only one who could benefit from it. It would also assist Kou Chongxue and other True Immortals in the future, and it would likely become the greatest help they could receive.

From the looks of it, the Three Lights Water wouldn't just be used to increase one's cultivation. It was just that with the position the Tongyou Institution was in, increasing the cultivation of their high-level experts held the highest priority.

Further experiments could only take place after Yuan Qiuyuan produced more Three Lights Water and after he decided on what to do, he turned his attention back to the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He felt that he needed to craft the third talisman as soon as possible.

Chapter 1242: State of Inspired Flow, Deeper Understanding of the Dao of Talismans

Shang Xia seemed to have received a huge setback when he crafted the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He used 16 sheets of rank six talisman paper but only managed to complete 2 talismans. Moreover, he relied mostly on luck.

Even after so many attempts, he hadn't fully comprehended the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

However... After his consecutive failures, SShang Xia comprehended one thing. Even if he knew the method to craft the talisman, the Wanyun Association might have hidden the key to crafting it in the talisman paper.

After all, the talisman papers Shen Chongshan just delivered were similar to the 10 sheets he sent in the past.

Shang Xia didn't notice it in the past, but the talisman paper didn't merely seem better than ordinary rank six talisman paper. Instead, they seemed to be specially used to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

For him to succeed twice even though he hadn't fully comprehended the method of crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman... The special talisman paper might have something to do with it.

Of course, that didn't mean that other rank six talisman paper couldn't be used to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. It was just that the success rate was probably a lot lower than if he used special rank six talisman paper.

However... If Shang Xia could fully comprehend the talisman by crafting it with the 5 new sheets of rank six talisman paper... He might not need special talisman paper in order to succeed in the future!

He only had 5 chances...

Shoving all his random thoughts away, Shang Xia composed himself before focusing on crafting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

At the moment, he was merely a single step away and all he needed to do was to cross the final threshold.

Even though he knew how close he was, his first attempt gave him a harsh awakening. He made a mistake just as he passed the 50 percent mark, causing him to lose a precious chance.

Fortunately, Shang Xia was an experienced Taisman Grandmaster and he wasn't too affected by the failure. After adjusting his condition, he quickly started his second attempt.

Everything went pretty smoothly and he quickly arrived at the 90 percent completion mark. The only thing left for him to do was to comprehend the final portion.

He was fully focused. Every stroke was made with perfect concentration and with every movement of his brush, he inched a little closer to the completion and comprehension of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Right at the very end, the streams of energy contained in the rules lost control and caused him to fail. However, right before the talisman paper was ripped to shreds, Shang Xia was able to see the resonance of the runes that had lost control.

He could determine that the talisman didn't just focus on the attributes he discovered in the past. It also seemed to contain the effects of stability, which was somewhat contradictory to the effect that could allow something to remain suspended in the air.

However... That was indeed a very practical use...

The moment Shang Xia discovered the final effect of the talisman, the fog in his mind cleared. He finally comprehended the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. What was even more important was that from a certain perspective, Shang Xia could start breaking down the talisman into its individual components and craft 6 different high-level talismans if he wished!

Without mentioning the other talismans, if he were to craft the talismans that focused on defense, concealment, and the ability to keep things suspended in the air, they would definitely be rank six talismans.

Fully comprehending the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman also allowed his understanding of the dao of talismans to grow once again.

Even though he wouldn't be able to become a rank seven Talisman Grandmaster that way, he could be considered the best rank six Talisman Grandmaster!

Perhaps it was due to the excitement of comprehending the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, Shang Xia didn't bother resting too much before his next attempt.

It might also be related to how he failed previously, but the third attempt went really smoothly, allowing him to complete the talisman.

Just like that, Shang Xia completed everything the Wanyun Association required.

Naturally, he wouldn't be content with that. Taking out several days to adjust his condition so that he wouldn't make the same mistake as before, he started the fourth attempt.

He might have comprehended the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, but that didn't mean that he would succeed every time, and that was exactly what happened.

After a few more days, Shang Xia attempted to craft another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman with the last piece of special rank six talisman paper he was given.

Since he was no longer feeling the pressure of having to complete another talisman, Shang Xia felt a sense of ease like never before when crafting Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. The feeling was so strong that he felt he had a 90 percent chance of succeeding.

As soon as he picked up his brush again, he felt as though everything had aligned. The strange state of enlightenment he felt when crafting talismans in the past descended and it took him less than 9 days to complete another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Even with the fourth talisman complete, his special state of mind didn't disappear. He might not have any more special rank six talisman paper, but he didn't hesitate to grab an ordinary sheet to continue his craft.

He took 11 days to craft another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and the difference in time might be related to the difference in talisman paper, but that didn't matter. All it proved was that he could still create the talisman with ordinary talisman paper.

After completing 2 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans in a row, the sense of inspiration disappeared.

He used to be able to craft more talismans when he experienced the strange state of mind, but he only managed to craft 2 this time. It wasn't because he could only stay in the strange state for a short time. Instead, it was because crafting high-level talismans took too much time.

Chapter 1243: Heading Out

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Shen Chongshan came slightly later than Shang Xia expected.

Shen Chongshan looked a lot more tired and disheveled than he once was when he arrived in the chaotic region of space outside the Star Beast Nest, but Shang Xia could see the look of anticipation in his eyes.

It might be because Shang Xia had already succeeded twice in the past, but Shen Chongshan held great hopes for Shang Xia to produce another.

When Shang Xia personally went out to welcome him, Shen Chongshan didn't notice the serious look in his eyes and he asked hastily, "True Immortal Shang, about the third Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman..."

Shang Xia turned away from the void behind Shen Chongshan and revealed a smile. "Relax. I completed it."

Shen Chongshan immediately revealed a joyful expression.

"However..." Shang Xia's tone changed.

Looking at the anxious expression blooming on Shen Chongshan's face, Shang Xia chuckled with amusement, "I didn't just produce a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. I made 2 of them."

"2?!" Shen Chongshan exclaimed in fright. "Where is it?!"

As soon as the words left his lips, he realized his mistake. Knowing how rude he sounded, he coughed softly and hid the look of shock on his face. "My apologies... True Immortal Shang, you have always surprised me with your accomplishments... I wonder where those talismans are..."

Actually, Shang Xia completed 3 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. 2 of them were made with the special talisman paper Shen Chongshan provided, while the other was made with ordinary talisman paper.

According to the agreement they had, Shang Xia only needed to give a single Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman to the Wanyun Association, but because they were made with the 5 sheets of special talisman paper he was given and his desire to form a deeper connection with the Wanyun Association, Shang Xia decided to give him 2 of them.

As for the final Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman... Shang Xia decided to keep it for himself to learn of its true might.

He could see the look of excitement on Shen Chongshan's face and Shang Xia couldn't help but laugh, "I got lucky this time... Because I succeeded an extra time, your Wanyun Association will possess 4 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. Even though True Immortal Gong said that you will need 3 of them to solve your problem, I feel like having another talisman will give you an added sense of security and allow you to react to any contingencies."

Shen Chongshan was speechless at that point, and he could only give Shang Xia a deep bow.

He eventually took out a bunch of talisman paper from his spatial artifact and passed it to Shang Xia.

"This..." Shang Xia was clear. Other than 5 sheets of special rank six talisman paper, there were more than 10 types of rank six talisman paper of different color. There were also 30 or so rank five talisman papers.

Shen Chongshan finally composed himself and he hurriedly explained, "Of these talisman papers, 5 of them are specially prepared for you to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. My Martial Uncle specially informed me that whether or not you succeed in crafting the talisman, we hope that you can continue to craft other rank six talismans. It's the same for rank five talismans and we shall use the agreement you proposed with 3 sheets of talisman paper for a rank five talisman."

"What a coincidence." Shang Xia chuckled with amusement. "I feel extremely bored recently and I crafted some rank six talismans. Since you brought so many talisman paper over..."

Shang Xia's tone changed again. "... Since I already crafted some talismans, let's just take these talisman papers and those you provided before as payment. I'll give you several talismans I have already crafted."

Shen Chongshan wanted to decline Shang Xia's gesture of goodwill as he felt that it was unfair for him to get his hands on so many talismans so easily, but Shang Xia insisted. He could only accept the arrangement and get 5 rank six talismans for the 15 sheets of rank six talisman paper he provided.

Of them, there were 2 True Space Restriction Palm Talisman, an Abyss Prison Emptiness Talisman, an Illusion Talisman, and an Ice Ruins Talisman he just learned from the inheritance Shen Chongshan provided.

The Illusion Talisman was the new product that could allow an expert to pretend to be a high-level True Immortal. He managed to craft it after gaining inspiration from the talisman used by the members of the Essence Ming World.

Other than studying the talisman used to increase one's cultivation realm, Shang Xia also obtained the 2 rank six talismans used by the expert of the Essence Ming World to attempt to steal his weapons. He called them the Spirit Sealing Talisman.

Because the talismans were greatly exhausted by the time he noticed them, Shang Xia knew that it would take a lot of time and effort to restore them, and he decided to do it next time.

He only crafted the Ice Ruins Talisman because he wanted to familiarize himself with the talismans of the Essence Xing World. After the Ice Ruins Talisman was activated, the region around the user would turn into a world of ice. It was even more powerful than the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman.

The might and difficulty of crafting the Talisman were average in terms of rank six talismans.

Shen Chongshan was satisfied with the 5 rank six talismans he was provided with, but after he was done, he didn't stay for a second longer as he prepared to bring his talismans back.

Shang Xia stared at the region of chaotic space where Shen Chongshan left and he knew that the trip back would be fraught with dangers. A hazy light flashed through his eyes and he seemed to be struggling to make a decision.

However, he eventually thought of what to do.

With his figure blurring slightly, his aura started to grow weaker for a split second before steadily solidifying itself again.

Shaking his head, he turned and returned to the Star Beast Nest.

Even though his aura seemed slightly more restrained and he had the cover of the Star Beast Nest, anyone who wasn't absolutely stupid would be able to tell that there was a high-level True Immortal in the Star Beast Nest.

At the same time, a concealed figure rushed into the region of chaotic space without causing any sort of disturbance.

Chapter 1244: Ice Ruins Talisman

Shen Chongshan was extremely cautious. He knew that traveling through the region of chaotic space provided him with the greatest concealment, and even though Shang Xia was rushing in the same direction, he had long since lost track of Shen Chongshan.

He wasn't anxious though. Before Shang Xia left, he had already discovered something strange.

Someone actually managed to follow Shen Chongshan on his journey, and not only did they enter the region of chaotic space, but they followed him all the way to the Star Beast Nest!

To be able to track Shen Chongshan so accurately even in regions of chaotic space... Shang Xia knew that the problem lay with Shen Chongshan.

Tossing away the possibility of Shen Chongshan being betrayed by the Wanyun Association, that would only mean 1 thing. The person in pursuit was able to place some sort of tracking method on

Shen Chongshan without him noticing. However, the person who did it didn't attack on his way here.

There were only 2 possibilities. The first was to locate the Star Beast Nest by following Shen Chongshan, or more simply put, it was to locate the Talisman Grandmaster he had been contacting. The second was to kill Shen Chongshan on his way back so that they could get their hands on more treasures.

According to logic, Shang Xia should also be a target of the person pursuing Shen Chongshan, and under such circumstances, Shang Xia shouldn't have left the Star Beast Nest.

However, Shang Xia wasn't one to play by the rules. With everyone thinking about how he wouldn't venture out of the Star Beast Nest, he decided to head out secretly.

Of course, he left a clone with the Illusion Talisman in the Star Beast Nest to intimidate anyone who tried to get close.

To Shang Xia, the more dangerous the situation was, the safer it actually was. When everyone thought that he couldn't easily leave the Star Beast Nest, it could be his best opportunity to infiltrate the Essence Xing World.

However, Shang Xia wasn't actually crazy. He quickly banished the thought from his mind. He didn't dare to leave too far so that he would be able to rush back in case anything happened.

He believed that the person following Shen Chongshan would most likely make a move within the region of chaotic space. Not only would he be able to gain Shen Chongshan's treasures, but he would also be able to show off his prestige to Shang Xia.

An abrupt fluctuation in space caused a void vortex to appear all of a sudden, but strangely enough, when the vortex tried to swallow Shang Xia, the region of space around him was forced into a state of calm. It couldn't affect him in the slightest.

The spatial disturbance might be able to disrupt Shang Xia's perception of the battle that was taking place, but the disruption worked both ways. They would be unable to determine how close Shang Xia had gotten.

Shang Xia was also more than willing to get closer to them as he was absolutely confident in himself.

Even so... When he slowly closed in on the battlefield, Shen Chongshan was already in an extremely sorry state.

"Are you... Still waiting... Someone to help you...?" A distorted voice came from the battlefield but Shang Xia could vaguely hear what they were saying.

"Heh... Hmph... Hmm..." Shen Chongshan's snort echoed several times, and he didn't give a definitive answer.

"Gong... Not... Coming... Do you think... Save you...? Since... Made a move... Obviously... Prepared..." The distorted voice came again, and Shang Xia could probably guess what they were trying to say at that point. He still decided to get closer.



As he concealed his aura and approached the battlefield while attempting to remain as sneaky as possible, he stopped suddenly as he discovered a trace of another hidden aura.

*Someone else is actually observing the battle!*

*No... Could they be a part of the plan? Are they here to swoop in at the very last second to grab all the benefits?*

*Hmm... I wonder where he is from...*

Shang Xia was sure the other party hadn't discovered him, but he concealed his aura even more before moving around the hidden expert.

Because he had to make a larger round to avoid the hidden expert, he was unable to learn more information from Shen Chongshan and the person attacking him.

When he finally passed the hidden expert to arrive on another side of the battlefield, the topic seemed to have changed.

"Do you really think... Information leak... Spy? Wanyun Association... Attacked on all sides... Resources..." The voice of Shen Chongshan's opponent became a little clearer, and Shang Xia learned a little more.

However, Shang Xia continued to pull closer and could hear a little more.

"Only Martial Uncle Gong... My whereabouts... I thought... Dachen Dynasty's spy... Heh, I didn't think... Ten Winged Gate... Collude with those..." Shen Chongshan's voice was still distorted, but Shang Xia could hear the disappointment and rage he was feeling.

"We have to adapt to our circumstances... Ten Winged Gate... Stopped... Qingling Palace... No one will come to save you!"

Shang Xia finally arrived at a spot close enough to listen to their conversation.

"So what?! Do you really think you can take me down all by yourself?" Shen Chongshan roared and released all the energy he had stored.

Shang Xia could feel a subtle fluctuation along with Shen Chongshan's outburst, and with his sharp perception, he could tell that a rank six talisman was activated!

It was Shang Xia's Ice Ruins Talisman that he had given Shen Chongshan not too long ago.

It was an offensive talisman that was even stronger than the True Space Restriction Palm Talisman. Since it was created by Shang Xia with his inner qi, the power contained within was comparable to a strike by a fourth tier True Immortal!

The expert from the Dachen Dynasty who had been suppressing Shen Chongshan the entire time, wasn't surprised by Shen Chongshan's final outburst, but their difference in cultivation caused him to forget that the other party might be hiding some powerful trump cards.

The expert from the Dachen Dynasty tore through Shen Chongshan's defenses, but facing the sudden activation of the Ice Ruins Talisman, he was caught off guard and his domain was nearly completely frozen!

The talisman actually had the ability to affect one's domain, and the moment it invaded one's domain and turned it into ice, it would render the target defenseless. That was the true meaning of the Ice Ruins Talisman!

When Shen Chongshan felt that he had turned the tables, the hidden expert could no longer sit still. A figure tore through the void and a powerful wave emerged, crashing into the battlefield between the expert from the Dachen Dynasty and Shen Chongshan.

"Useless fool!"

Chapter 1245: A Great Show, Activating the Myriad Cloud Talisman

Shen Chongshan left the secret region of the mysterious Talisman Grandmaster and even if he was poor, he definitely had a lot of talismans on him! It was especially so for rank six talismans, and even against a third tier True Immortal, he was able to turn the situation around to favor him.

If things went on, Shen Chongshan would definitely be able to escape, causing the plan of the Dachen Dynasty to go up in smoke.

Helpless, the hidden expert had to show himself. The fourth tier True Immortal who thought of staying hidden to obtain more benefits was forced to make a move.

The difference between the third and fourth tier was like the gap between the heavens and the earth, much less the difference between the fourth tier and the second tier!

The moment the high-level True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty made his move, Shen Chongshan's defense crumbled.

However... The high-level True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty had the ability to heavily injure Shen Chongshan when he appeared with his domain alone, but he chose not to. It displayed his incredible control and the absolute difference in strength between them.

The high-level True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty turned in a certain direction and flicked his finger all of a sudden, creating a ball of inner qi that entered the chaotic space before exploding.

"Oh no!" A surprised cry came from the void as a sorry figure tumbled out. He didn't seem injured by the sudden explosion, but the newcomer rushed to Shen Chongshan's side.

The high-level True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty naturally wouldn't allow backup to reach Shen Chongshan so easily. Reaching for a Jade Ruler, he swung it horizontally once. The void that was fluctuating unsteadily started to lengthen as the figure that was rushing towards Shen Chongshan started to get further and further away.

"Divine Weapon, Space Distortion Ruler!" A surprised gasp came from the figure who emerged from the void. At the same time, he tossed out a long rope-like treasure that crossed the region of elongated space to somewhere Shen Chongshan could grab.

Shen Chongshan naturally wouldn't give up an opportunity like that. He reached for the end of the rope that was nearby.

The figure that seemed banished tens or even hundreds of miles away by the Space Distortion Ruler became only 30 feet away from Shen Chongshan after tossing the rope out. That was also the total length of the rope.

"Sea Dragging Rope! Are you from Seven Pillar Island of the Cliff Sea?" The high-level True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty instantly determined the other party's affiliation the moment the treasure was used.

"Hehe... Hou Tang of the Seven Pillar Island greets Duke Zhang of the Dachen Dynasty." The blurry figure in the void finally started to solidify and a black robed man that looked extremely skinny could be seen. From his appearance, he looked strangely crafty.

Duke Zhang, the fourth tier True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty, didn't stop attacking just because the other side revealed their faction. He simply snorted casually, "What's the matter here? Is your Seven Pillar Island tired of living a normal life and wants some excitement? Are you planning to hinder my Dachen Dynasty?"

Hou Tang was a third tier True Immortal, and he continued to pull Shen Chongshan around the void while dodging Duke Zhang's pursuit. His expression didn't change as he replied, "My Seven Pillar Island wouldn't dare to go against your mighty dynasty! I made a move today purely because I owe them a favor. It has nothing to do with my Seven Pillar Island!"

"Personal favor?" The third tier True Immortal of the Dachen Dynasty who first appeared to attack Shen Chongshan sneered. "Your Seven Pillar Island has always been sealed off. When did you find the time to get favors from them?"

Hou Tang ignored the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty as he maneuvered nimbly through the region of space. As he flew, he yelled, "Old Shen, do you have any other trump cards or not?! I'm at my limit here!"

He received no answer, and he couldn't help but scream again, "Old Shen?!"

Shen Chongshan heaved a sigh of relief all of a sudden as beads of perspiration filled his forehead. "I fucking found it!"

When Hou Tang turned to glance at him, he saw that there was a strange treasure that was made up of a bunch of silver strands in Shen Chongshan's hand.

Hou Tang gulped in shock. "Is that the Flying Silkworm from the Ten Winged Palace? Is this how they tracked you?"

Shen Chongshan's expression sank as he nodded slowly. "I didn't think that the Ten Winged Gate had already submitted to the Dachen Dynasty. When we were cleaning out spies in our Wanyun Association, we didn't think that the Ten Winged Gate would be the real threat!"

After he spoke, the Flying Silkworm was covered in a ball of inner qi. It started to make strange screeching noises as it was burned to a crisp before long.

After taking off the mark that they were using to track him, he quickly joined hands with Hou Tang and started to resist the attacks from the experts of the Dachen Dynasty.

Well... As a second tier and third tier True Immortal, they couldn't even match up to Duke Zhang of the Dachen Dynasty, especially when he also had a third tier True Immortal helping him.

Both of them could only struggle about death's door with Hou Tang's Sea Dragging Rope and Shen Chongshan's talismans.

"We won't be able to last for long like this... Does your Wanyun Association really not have any way to send help? That asshole is clearly trying to wait for us to use up all our energy and become unable to resist. He probably set his sights on my Sea Dragging Rope already..." Hou Tang growled.

With Duke Zhang restraining himself, Hou Tang felt even more desperate.

However, Shen Chongshan shook his head and sighed with a solemn expression, "No... The experts of my Wanyun Association have already been intercepted by the experts of the Dachen Dynasty and Ten Winged Gate... Hmph, Ten Winged Gate... Fuck!"

What do we do now?" Hou Tang yelled before quickly dropping his volume, "I heard that you befriended a rank six Talisman Grandmaster who is also a high-level True Immortal... Why don't we..."

Hou Tang wasn't finished when Shen Chongshan stared at him with a chilly gaze.

Waving his hand helplessly, he sighed, "Come on... I was just saying... We can't fall out now. It will be the biggest joke in the world if we do..."

However, he felt a lot more relaxed after he spoke. He was no longer as desperate as before.

For Shen Chongshan to still be unwilling to reveal the existence of the Talisman Grandmaster and to not bring trouble to the Star Beast Nest meant that things weren't as bleak as they seemed! He definitely still had more trump cards up his sleeves!

Hou Tang no longer mentioned the Star Beast Nest or the Talisman Grandmaster as he continued to drag them out of harm's way the best he could with the Sea Dragging Rope.

Shen Chongshan's defenses grew weaker and weaker as time went on, and it slowly looked as though he was relying completely on Hou Tang to live.

His actions might seem strange, but Shang Xia, who was hiding in the void not too far away, could tell exactly what Shen Chongshan was doing. He was actually activating a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!

With a frown on his face, Shang Xia muttered to himself, "This... Does it really take so long to activate a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman?"

Chapter 1246: Knock Knock

The Sea Dragging Rope used by Hou Tang of the Seven Pillar Island truly possessed some miraculous properties. However, Shang Xia refused to believe that it would be able to hold out so well against a high-level True Immortal and a third tier True Immortal.

They failed to take care of Shen Chongshan and Hou Tang, even though Shen Chongshan was not doing much.

“They’re clearly not giving it their all...”

Even though his senses were disrupted by the chaotic space, Shang Xia could easily judge the situation there.

When he noticed Shen Chongshan activating the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, he finally guessed why the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty had been going easy the entire time.

Their true goal was probably for Shen Chongshan to activate the talisman!

However... From how slow it was being activated, one could tell that it needed a lot of energy... Even Shen Chongshan, a second tier True Immortal, needed to give it his all and be protected by someone else while doing it.

From the looks of it... The talisman wasn’t suitable to be used in an intense battle if everything was happening quickly!

When Shang Xia was still deep in thought, Shen Chongshan finally activated the talisman. A burst of energy that even the fluctuating space couldn’t distort was produced, as Hou Tang and Shen Chongshan’s figures disappeared within. Even Shang Xia was unable to determine their presence once they were swallowed up in that burst of energy.

That wasn’t all. As the energy produced by the talisman continued to spread, it resembled a small island that appeared in the region of chaotic space.

Shang Xia gasped softly as he retreated, but he was also swallowed by the rapidly expanding ball of energy.

Fortunately... By the time it reached Shang Xia, it seemed to have reached its limit. Although Shang Xia was swallowed by the ball of energy, he was barely at the edges. He could still tell the direction back to the Star Beast Nest in case anything happened.

As such... Even though he was swallowed into the ball of energy that had turned into a strange cloud, and his divine soul was slightly disrupted, he didn’t panic at all.

“Oh? What an amazing talisman...” Shang Xia was still in the mood to appreciate his work. “In the past, I have been thinking of finding a way to verify the power of the talisman... I didn’t think that I would be dragged into this mess the moment Shen Chongshan left.”

Fortunately... I ran quickly. If I was stuck in the middle of that, I might not be able to find my way out easily.

Feeling the presence of his clone outside the cloud, Shang Xia rushed out from it.

The moment he left, he could feel the strangely twisted feeling of his divine soul disappearing.

“This... This is only the effect I felt at the edge of the cloud...” Shang Xia couldn’t help but turn to stare at the giant cloud that appeared in the region of chaotic space with a trace of lingering fear.

Of course, with the activation of the talisman, Shang Xia lost his opportunity to follow Shen Chongshan. So did the experts of the Dachen Dynasty, and they probably wouldn't even know where they were in the giant cloud.

As Shang Xia watched the cloud in the region of chaotic space slowly becoming blurry, Shang Xia could tell that the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty were probably still alive. However, there was no way they were catching up with Shen Chongshan and Hou Tang.

The might of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was much stronger than Shang Xia anticipated.

Actually... Shen Chongshan wasn't even able to bring out the greatest effects of the talisman. He only revealed the defensive, evasive, and concealment properties of the talisman and was able to escape from the pursuit of the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty.

Strictly speaking, Shen Chongshan wasted the talisman in order to escape!

Of course, he couldn't care less since his life was on the line.

Shang Xia, on the other hand... He saw everything clearly. During the battle earlier, Shang Xia saw how the high-level True Immortal from the Dachen Dynasty let them go on purpose. He actually had 3 chances to get rid of Hou Tang's strange technique and stop him from using the Sea Dragging Rope to pull Shen Chongshan away, but he didn't do so.

Only after Shen Chongshan activated the talisman did Shang Xia realize that their true goal was probably for him to waste it!

Shang Xia clearly recalled how Gong Zhuo said that they would need 3 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans if they wished to be certain of their chances of success. Shen Chongshan had already gotten 2 of them from Shang Xia previously.

If he wasted the only Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman he got his hands on... That would mean that the Wanyun Association wouldn't be completely safe!

Shang Xia frowned and wondered how the members of the Dachen Dynasty were so sure that Shen Chongshan only had a single Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

As he watched the cloud slowly dissipate, it seemed to clash with the flow of space around as the region turned increasingly chaotic.

Shang Xia might not be afraid that he would be affected by the streams of chaotic space, but he didn't wish to waste his inner qi if he could help it.

Everything looked like a giant farce as their massive offensive turned out to be useless.

Of course, that was what it seemed like to the members of the Essence Xing World. To Shang Xia, it wasn't as though he gained nothing. At the very least, he gained some information about the state of conflict in the Essence Xing World and understood that the situation was a lot more chaotic than he expected.

Turning around, Shang Xia prepared to make his way back.

Because he hadn't received any reports from his clone, he flew back in a relaxed manner. However, as he slowly made his way back, the connection between his clone and himself grew stronger and he stopped suddenly. It was as though his gaze could pierce through the region of chaotic space to see what was happening, and he saw that some people actually came to look for him.

There was also more than 1 batch of experts who came, and they were waiting outside the Star Beast Nest.

After his observation, he noticed 2 batches of experts and they seemed really respectful as they patiently waited for the Talisman Grandmaster who remained within the Star Beast Nest. Even though both groups looked like they were on extremely unfriendly terms, they didn't attack each other outside the Star Beast Nest.

Of course... The main factor that was stopping them from doing anything stupid was probably the aura of a fourth tier True Immortal residing in the Star Beast Nest.

Slowly making his way closer, Shang Xia's connection with his clone grew stronger and he could see the individuals waiting outside. What surprised him was the fact that he actually knew those who came!

Chapter 1247: Qingling Palace and Dachen Dynasty

“The Qingling Palace is really daring indeed... You even dare to interfere with the internal affairs of my Dachen Dynasty... Do you really think you can do whatever you want just because you're located in the Great Snowy Mountains?”

Shang Xia heard Duke Zhang sneering at a pair of male and female True Immortals as soon as he arrived.

What Shang Xia found strange was the fact that even after they were swallowed by the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, they didn't suffer much injuries. At the very least, they were doing much better than Shang Xia expected.

That didn't really come as a surprise as Shen Chongshan wasn't planning to injure or even kill them. He was only focused on escaping and didn't bother whether Duke Zhang and the other True Immortal were affected.

After everything, the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty actually arrived at the Star Beast Nest before Shang Xia and he had to admit that anything could happen in the region of chaotic space.

Shang Xia's attention turned to the male and female true Immortal from the Qingling Palace. Shang Xia was familiar with them because they fought back then. They were the ones he ran into when he first arrived in the Star Beast Nest. Shang Xia managed to snatch their Tribulation Pearl to obtain a large amount of resources from them. They were Lin Jingya and Feng Yasong.

They were clearly displeased with Duke Zhang's lecture, and their expressions showed it. Liu Jingya snorted coldly in response, “Duke Zhang, what a joke. Does my Qingling Palace have to report our actions to you? Heh... Let's not talk about how your emperor hasn't reached the level of Extreme Harmonization. Even if your Dachen Dynasty produced a second expert at that level, do you think my Qingling Palace will be afraid of you?”

Duke Zhang chuckled coldly, “For you guys to be plotting so actively with the Wanyun Association... Aren't you just trying to stop our Dachen Emperor from entering the level of Extreme Harmonization? It's a shame all of you failed to plan properly. I managed to locate Shen Chongshan! That's not all... I even know about the existence of the Talisman Grandmaster in this Star Beast Nest!”

Before Lin Jingya could say anything, Feng Yasong, the third tier True Immortal asked, “Did you guys kill Shen Chongshan?”

Duke Zhang didn’t respond, but the third tier True Immortal beside him started to chuckle. “Why should we kill him? As long as the Wanyun Association fails to get a third Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, their territory will fall. With the power of our Dachen Dynasty, they’ll have to submit if they know what’s good for them!”

The Dachen Dynasty’s tactic to deal with the Wanyun Association seemed to consist of threats and intimidation...

The expressions of the True Immortals of the Qingling Palace sank even further after hearing what he said.

In order to let Shen Chongshan retrieve the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman from Shang Xia and return to the Essence Xing World, and also to bait out all the spies in the Wanyun Association, they not only sent out Gong Zhou, a fourth tier True Immortal to secretly protect Shen Chongshan. The Wanyun Association also invited the True Immortals of the Qingling Palace and Seven Pillar Island in order to play it safe.

What no one expected was that the Ten Winged Gate, the other great power that bordered the Dachen Dynasty with the Wanyun Association, would submit! They even joined forces with the dynasty to stop the experts of the Qingling Palace while the dynasty intercepted both Gong Zhou and experts of the Seven Pillar Island.

If not for the fact that Hou Tang managed to free himself and run over to save Shen Chongshan, Shen Chongshan might have already been taken alive!

Whatever it was... Shang Xia pretty much understood what was going on after hearing so much.

The next moment, the fourth tier True Immortals turned at the same time to stare at the spot where Shang Xia was.

“Who’s there?!” Duke Zhang was the first to yell.

On the other side, True Immortal Lin Jingya stared at Shang Xia with lights flickering in her eyes.

Not too long after Duke Zhang yelled, Shang Xia emerged from the region of chaotic space.

“Is something the matter? Why are all of you blocking the entrance to my Space Beast Nest?” Shang Xia glanced at those who were there like they weren’t worthy of his time. However, because he had to remain polite, he turned to Lin Jingya and Feng Yasong. “Oh? True Immortal Lin, True Immortal Feng... We meet again.”

If Duke Zhang was still suspicious at Shang Xia’s sudden arrival, he understood everything. That was the Talisman Grandmaster they had been looking for!

Be it the experts of the Dachen Dynasty, or the members of the Qingling Palace, everyone turned to face Shang Xia in unison and cupped their fists respectfully.

“Lin Jingya and Feng Yasong of the Qingling Palace greet True Immortal Shang!”



“I Duke Zhang, Zhang Mingjie, and the Constellation Finding Marquis, Rui Baofang, of the Dachen Dynasty greet Grandmaster Shang!”

As it turned out, Duke Zhang’s real name was Zhang Mingjie...

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback, but he quickly replied, “Greetings. There’s no need to be so polite.”

“Our Qingling Palace is here to commission some talismans, and we have no ill intentions.” Lin Jingya quickly revealed her intentions.

Zhang Mingjie also quickly followed up, “We have also come to request for you to craft talismans. Also, we have received orders from our emperor to invite you to our Essence Xing World. His Majesty wishes to bestow you a position and provide all the resources you need to cultivate and craft talismans.”

Hearing Zhang Mingjie’s obvious attempt at pulling Shang Xia over to the Dachen Dynasty’s side, Lin Jingya couldn’t help but snort coldly. However, she didn’t say anything to stop him. Instead, her expression simply turned even more ugly.

Shang Xia looked at the members of the Qingling Palace before staring at the experts of the Dachen Dynasty. A smile eventually appeared on his face. “I apologize. I am just a foreign cultivator after all... I am still bound by duty to my world even though I am exiled and I still have to remain in the Star Beast Nest to finish the remainder of my sentence.”

Zhang Mingjie wasn’t surprised by the rejection. He simply raised an eyebrow and asked, “Isn’t there another fellow fourth tier True Immortal in the Star Beast Nest? Why do you need to punish yourself by staying there?”

“Haha... I only invited another expert to take my place because I had to take a break after crafting talismans. How can I trouble them to stay here all the time? Since I have returned, my companion will be going back soon.” After he spoke, he turned and gestured to the Star Beast Nest. “Fellow cultivators, please. Let’s chat inside.”

The 4 other True Immortals followed Shang Xia into the Star Beast Nest as Shang Xia restrained his aura. It quickly disappeared from Zhang Mingjie and Lin Jingya’s perception.

How is it possible for him to hide himself so effectively?

Zhang Mingjie and Lin Jingya glanced at each other and they saw the restraining fear the other had for the Talisman Grandmaster of the Essence Ping World.

After they finally found a place to sit, Hai Yuanyuan, who had already made preparations, brought tea for everyone. She retreated to the side and sneakily glanced at those who arrived.

Shang Xia was too lazy to bother with her at the moment and he chuckled in amusement, “Since everyone is here to commission talismans, why don’t you start by stating what type of talismans you want?”

The high-level True Immortals on both side glanced at each other and didn’t say a word.

Eventually, Zhang Mingjie couldn't take the silence any longer and he burst out laughing. "I heard True Immortal Shang crafted Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans for the Wanyun Association. I wonder if that is true?"

Shang Xia snorted silently to himself.

You saw the fucking talisman for yourself... Why the hell are you asking?

However, he wouldn't reveal the fact that he noticed their battle and he simply laughed along. "Indeed..."

Zhang Mingjie turned serious all of a sudden. "I have been ordered by His Majesty to commission you to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans as well. We will pay any price!"

The True Immortals of the Qingling Palace sucked in a cold breath in shock.

Zhang Mingjie turned to look at the both of them with a smile that didn't seem like a smile as he continued, "Heh... If I'm not mistaken, the 2 of you probably came to request for Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans too, right?"

Chapter 1248: Fighting Over Talismans

The Dachen Dynasty actually wanted to commission Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans from Shang Xia!

Shang Xia stared at Zhang Mingjie with his eyes widening with shock. He wondered how the Dachen Dynasty was so confident that the Wanyun Association didn't place any restrictions when they handed the inheritance to him.

Before he could respond, Lin Jingya added, "My Qingling Palace also wishes for the same thing. Also... We are willing to foster a stronger relationship with your Essence Ping World if you are willing to craft the talisman for us."

It was just a rank six talisman... Even if it was a special talisman which was comparable to a rank seven talisman in terms of complexity, Shang Xia didn't understand why 2 great powers of the Essence Xing World would spare no expense to get them.

One had to know that he hadn't even named his price!

What the hell is happening?!

Is there something the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman can do that I don't know about? What does it really concern...?

Also... For the Wanyun Association to be targeted by the Dachen Dynasty... Was it really only because they were interested in strengthening themselves?

Shang Xia knew that the situation in the Essence Xing World was a lot more complicated than he imagined, and what was happening might very possibly be the fuse that would blow the Essence Xing World apart.

Interesting... This is really interesting...

However, Shang Xia had to suppress the mocking smile that was going to spread across his face and he continued indifferently, "Do you guys really believe that the Wanyun Association would impart the full inheritance to me without some assurances?"

They seemed to have anticipated his response and True Immortal Zhang Mingjie spoke with a straight face, “Regardless if it’s an oath or an agreement... There are bound to be ways around it. If push comes to shove, we’ll just use the most primitive method... If the people you made the oath to don’t exist anymore...”

Shang Xia chuckled in a hoarse voice while shaking his head.

True Immortal Lin Jingya snorted coldly at Zhang Mingjie’s blunt revelation, but she continued in a serious voice, “Our Qingling Palace is willing to pay double what the Wanyun Association paid. You can freely choose the treasures you wish to obtain once you craft the talisman!”

The Qingling Palace was still the Wanyun Association’s alliance mate in name, but they were still lusting after the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. However, rather than proposing to wipe out the Wanyun Association, they still preferred to tempt Shang Xia into creating it somehow.

Shang Xia would be lying if he said that he wasn’t tempted by their conditions.

However, he thought about it for a moment and decided to stick to his morals a little and he shook his head and sighed, “I don’t think you should waste your time with me...”

Pausing slightly, he coughed softly and his tone changed. “Of course, even though I don’t know much about the situation in your Essence Xing World, I would like to ask... Why don’t you guys work with the Wanyun Association?”

After thinking about it, he decided not to reject them completely even though he still wished to retain a portion of his morals. He was unwilling to give up a chance to learn more about the Essence Xing World, and he dropped them a pretty big hint of what he desired.

He didn’t know if they understood what he meant, but they no longer harped on the topic of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman after what he said. However... For them to meet a rank six Talisman Grandmaster like Shang Xia... Even if they couldn’t get their hands on the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, they wouldn’t leave empty-handed!

This time, the True Immortal of the Qingling Palace was the first to speak. “Other than the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, is it possible for my Qingling Palace to commission other talismans?”

Zhang Mingjie interjected before Shang Xia could respond. “My Dachen Dynasty also hopes that we can get some high-level talismans!”

Shang Xia wanted to agree immediately, but he suddenly thought of something and asked, “How many would you need?”

“As many as possible! We will never complain of having too many!” Lin Jingya replied instantly.

Glancing at Lin Jingya who had a cold sneer on her face, Zhang Mingjie chuckled suddenly, “My Dachen Dynasty only requires rank six talismans.”

From how they were acting, they weren’t there to commission any special talismans at all. They seemed to be stocking up their reserves...

That would mean...

Why would great powers like those need to stock up on talismans?!

A single thought flashed in Shang Xia's mind, clearing up any confusion he felt.

They are preparing for war!

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia muttered, "As long as you don't need Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and you won't affect my cultivation, I'm prepared to make the same offer to you. 3 talisman paper for 1 talisman. If you need talismans I have never created before, the price will increase accordingly."

Zhang Mingjie looked at Shang Xia and burst out laughing before glancing at Lin Jingya on the other side. "What a nice guy! This is actually a great deal..."

Before he could finish, Shang Xia waved his hand and interrupted, "Wait. I'm not done. That's the general method we'll be conducting our business, but I hope that during the process, you can bring over more talisman paper or spiritual treasures of equivalent value. As long as they are worth the same number of talisman paper, it's fine."

Lin Jingya's frosty voice rang through the air again. "True Immortal Shang, do you have any needs or requirements right now?"

After pondering for a moment, he brought out 2 lists he prepared. "There are 24 high-level treasures listed here and they can replace talisman paper to a certain extent. Please, take a look."

Of the 24 spiritual treasures, 8 were of the sixth rank and the others were of the fifth.

Shang Xia had run through those spiritual treasures with Shen Chongshan before, and they were pretty much spiritual treasures that had different names but possessed the same properties as treasures of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Naturally, he listed Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid among the treasures he wanted as they could be used to craft Three Lights Water!

Be it Zhang Mingjie or Lin Jingya, they kept the list with solemn expressions on their faces.

After a period of silence, Lin Jingya finally asked again, "If we commission talismans at the same time, will you prioritize one side over the other?"

Shang Xia thought for a moment before giving his response. "I'll craft 6 rank six talismans in half a year and alternate between both sides."

With his current abilities, crafting 6 rank six talismans in half a year was just too easy.

The reason he mentioned that he needed such a long time was because he wanted to ensure he would have enough time to cultivate while also factoring in some time in case of any troubles when crafting talismans.

After they left, Shang Xia sat in place, deep in thought.

No one knew when, but Hai Yuanyuan approached him cautiously. When she finally got too close, Shang Xia turned and stared at her with a smile on his face. "What's the matter? How do you feel after seeing other True Immortals?"

"I can't see their faces clearly at all! I didn't dare to look in their eyes either..." Hai Yuanyuan pressed her lips together and pouted.

Bursting into laughter, Shang Xia stroked her head. "Smart. However... You better not try something like that again when meeting True Immortals unless you become one yourself."

Hai Yuanyuan wasn't satisfied and she mumbled at the side, "But... But... I'm about to reach the Five Element Realm!"

Essence Realm, Yin Yang Realm, Triple Command Realm, Four Constellation Realm, Five Element Realm, Six Direction Realm...

Those were the classifications of Shang Xia's cultivation that had only been spread among the Tongyou Institution, but many people simply called it according to the mainstream name.

In the Tongyou Institution, there was only Shang Xia and Hai Yuanyuan, the uncle niece duo, who walked the path from the very beginning.

Shang Xia seemed to have heard the hidden meaning in her words and he turned to stare at her. "Oh? Is the Five Element Teleportation Formation finally about to be deployed here?"

Chapter 1249: Combined Formation Talisman and Star Origin Lord Robe

The speed at which the Five Element Teleportation Formation could be deployed surprised Shang Xia.

Actually, after getting the agreement the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World reached, Chu Jia's speed at which she deployed the Five Element Teleportation Formation in Star Beast Nest No.1 was extremely quick.

The first was because a high-level True Immortal of the Essence Ming World appeared outside Star Beast Nest No.1, and Lu Wuzi had been strongly pushing for the deployment of the formation. The second was because Chu Jia had the assistance of all the great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

As for Star Beast Nest No.2... After Hai Yuanyuan confirmed his guess, Shang Xia stared at her and asked, "Is your cultivation stable at the moment? Are you confident in establishing your Five Element Origin?"

With a look full of confidence, Hai Yuanyuan harrumphed, "Just relax! I'll definitely succeed! Moreover, you're going to be assisting me if anything goes wrong... You can't possibly watch as I fail without helping, right?"

Shang Xia shook his head and sighed in a serious tone, "You better not think this way. Otherwise, I would rather delay your attempt to break through if all you're relying on is my assistance."

Hai Yuanyuan could only promise Shang Xia she was only joking when she said that.

Finally, Shang Xia changed the topic and asked, "Right, what's the patriarch doing right now? Has there been news from the institution?"

"He went missing again! It's said that after he completed the agreement with the Spirit Thistle World, he handed his responsibilities to the rest and he left behind a clone just for the sake of it before taking his leave. Our deputy patriarchs are responsible for everything as per usual..." Hai Yuanyuan pouted at his question.

Shang Xia pretty much understood what Kou Chongxue was planning to do and he simply nodded in response. "Sounds alright to me."

With her eyes swirling about, Hai Yuanyuan mumbled, “Do you know what the patriarch is up to?” “This isn’t something you should know. You better cherish this chance to cultivate properly... Stop thinking about things you shouldn’t bother yourself with...” Shang Xia chided while glancing at her from the corner of his eye.

Sticking out her tongue at him, Hai Yuanyuan ran away before he could continue nagging.

Standing in place silently, Shang Xia eventually sighed, “The storm is coming...”

Star Beast Nest No.2 Shang Xia had been stationed in eventually returned to its original calm, but no one knew how long it could last for.

Shang Xia might be interested in checking out the Essence Xing World, but he eventually decided not to venture too far away from the Star Beast Nest.

As for what was happening in the Spirit Luxuriant World... Shang Xia had a good guess of what was happening, but he couldn’t take part in any of it personally since he was stationed in the Star Beast Nest.

Everything seemed to be happening as usual, but Shang Xia’s attention quickly turned back to researching high-level Talismans. To be more exact, it was the Formation Talisman that he crafted for Tong Yutang back then.

After everything he went through, he was sure that the Formation Talisman Tong Yutang commissioned in the past was related to the Star Robes.

However... What he created back then was only a portion of the runes used in a Star Robe.

Shang Xia wanted to deduce the rest of the runes from the talisman, but that was obviously something he couldn’t complete in a short period of time. He had too much to do after, and he couldn’t pay too much attention to the talisman.

Also... There seemed to be some key factor missing that might stop him from deducing the entire set of talismans.

That was also why Shang Xia hadn’t started the process despite obtaining the Star Origin Lord Robe.

Since he wasn’t able to fully deduce the talismans or runes required, there was no way for him to produce Star Robes on his own!

That was right! Reproducing Star Robes was Shang Xia’s final goal!

If the Tongyou Institution were to produce Star Robes, and they could learn the battle formation from Feng Ziyang, they would immediately be able to gain enough strength to challenge experts stronger than themselves.

Shang Xia gained inspiration from the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and he was struck by a sudden thought about how he should go about deducing the entire set of talismans and runes required to craft Star Robes!

Strictly speaking, the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was a talisman that was created after combining 6 different types of talismans...

The method of seamlessly fusing the effects of different talismans together... It gave Shang Xia the most direct way to complete his formation!

Taking the chance where he was unable to get too far away from the Star Beast Nest for the next 2 to 3 years, he wanted to attempt fusing the effects of the Star Robes together, properly replicating it.

Of course, he needed to complete the deduction of the rest of the talismans and runes before he could do anything like it. The easiest way would be to copy the runes on the Star Robes, especially since he had the best Star Robes of them all!

Shang Xia originally thought that every single Star Robe was the same, but after watching how Zhuge Xiang fought against so many experts using the combined battle formation, he understood that not all Star Robes were made equal.

From his understanding, ordinary star robes might only have 1 set of runes. However, the Star Origin Lord Robe had 3 sets!

The runes on the Star Origin Lord Robe were also extremely intricate. It seemed that it would be able to integrate into any battle formation used by the Star Origin Guards to form an even stronger battle formation.

Once again, Shang Xia refreshed his understanding of the talisman he crafted for Tong Yutang. He felt that the complete talisman was probably of the seventh rank. That was also another reason he decided to work on it then. He wanted to restore the talisman in order to obtain the rank seven talisman inheritance.

If he was merely hesitating if he should go for it when the idea struck him in the past, he was fully committed now that he created the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He had a feeling his chance had come.

That was why Shang Xia ordered Yuan Qiuyuan and the others to send the Star Origin Lord Robe to Star Beast Nest No.2 through the formation, and he had been in seclusion ever since.

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It had only been a month or so since he entered seclusion when the True Immortals of the Dachen Dynasty and Qingling Palace returned, forcing him to leave seclusion for some time.

This time, Duke Zhang was the only one who came from the dynasty, but Ling Jingya and Feng Yasong came together.

“Fellow cultivators, this...” Shang Xia looked at them who were shooting angry glares at each other and chuckled in amusement.

Duke Zhang turned his gaze away from the other 2 and he quickly formed a smile. “Apologies for interrupting your cultivation again... However, after I reported your intentions to His Majesty, he expressed interest in getting you to craft talismans for us and quickly gathered materials for me to make another trip over.”

Shang Xia laughed along. “It’s alright. Can I ask, what type of talismans do you need?”

Before Zhang Mingjie could say anything, Lin Jingya interrupted, “True Immortal Shang, after the Palace Master heard your intentions, I was also instructed to gather as much resources as I could to request for talismans. He has said that we will take as many rank six talismans as you can make.”

Shang Xia was stunned for a moment. He looked at Duke Zhang whose expression sank and tried to lighten the mood slightly. “True Immortal Lin, your Palace Master thinks very highly of me...”

Zhang Mingjie turned to Lin Jingya before turning back to Shang Xia. He mumbled, “True Immortal Shang, it looks like it doesn’t matter which faction we come from. We all hope to obtain talismans from you. Half a year for 6 talismans is really too few... On average, we’ll only be able to obtain 3 of them even if we split them up... True Immortal Shang, how about crafting 12 rank six talismans in half a year? We’ll split them up equally...”

Even after he spoke, Lin Jingya didn’t say anything else. It was clear they had reached an agreement on the allocation of talismans...

After all, they were the only buyers. If Shang Xia was able to increase his production, they would benefit either way.

Shang Xia chuckled slowly before asking again, “From the looks of it, the situation over on your side is really messy. I wonder what’s happening to the Wanyun Association now? Speaking of them, I haven’t seen Shen Chongshan for some time now.”

Zhang Mingjie’s expression turned even uglier. The reason he rushed to look for Shang Xia was because the Wanyun Association successfully dealt with the pressure from the Dachen Dynasty. The dynasty also saw the might of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and they raised their evaluation of Shang Xia who crafted those talismans to a sky-high level.

None of them expected that the strange talisman master of the Essence Ping World would be able to craft 4 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans instead of 3!

From news they received from their spies in the Wanyun Association, Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan only brought a total of 5 special talisman papers during their second visit to Shang Xia!

That would mean that he managed to craft 2 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans in 5 attempts!

For a talisman as complicated as the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, that was a terrifyingly high success rate! It was no wonder everyone would raise their evaluation of Shang Xia!

Lin Jingya was also of the same mind, but as the Wanyun Association’s ally, she didn’t think that Shang Xia’s question was inappropriate. She also wanted to see the ugly expression on Zhang Mingjie’s face and she chuckled happily, “The Wanyun Association was able to safely disengage from the pressure the Dachen Dynasty had placed on them. True Immortal Shang, the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans you produced really helped them out... I believe it won’t be long before True Immortal Gong and True Immortal Shen will come to offer their thanks!”

#### Chapter 1250: Strange Situation in the Essence Xing World

Shang Xia had always been interested in the Essence Xing World and what they were going through at the moment.

Unfortunately, he was unable to leave the Star Beast Nest due to the lack of True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. He had huge responsibilities, and he didn’t have the luxury to head over to the Essence Xing World.

As for the other high-level experts in the Star Beast Nest... Without the protection of a True Immortal, leaving the region of chaotic space would prove to be too difficult. There wasn’t even a



need to mention they would have a problem locating the Essence Xing World, much less infiltrating it.

Shang Xia once tried to probe out the Essence Xing World from Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan. However, they were also extremely vigilant, and they skirted about his question as much as possible. Otherwise, they would only give him some information that wasn't relevant to their current situation any longer.

With Zhang Mingjie and Lin Jingya coming to request talismans, Shang Xia planned to casually ask if the situation arose, but Lin Jingya didn't seem too guarded. She revealed matters regarding the Dachen Dynasty and the Wanyun Association without a second thought.

The Wanyun Association was truly located on a floating region called the City Among the Clouds. It had always been hovering between the territories of 2 dynasties, and it was also where the Wanyun Elysium was located.

The reason behind the beef between the Dachen Dynasty and the Wanyun Association was that the dynasty wanted the City Among the Clouds to remain stationary and hover above a certain spot they had demarcated and to submit to the dynasty. The Dachen Dynasty also requested for them to open up their territory to be governed by officials of the dynasty.

Naturally, the Wanyun Association were no fools. For them to have existed so long outside the Dachen Dynasty's rule, they had some abilities. The City Among the Clouds was a massive threat itself.

If they gave up the floating city, that would mean that they would lose their advantage altogether. When that happened, they might become the next Ten Winged Gate and crumble to the might of the Dachen Dynasty.

With both sides unable to reach an agreement, the Wanyun Association decided to leave the control of the dynasty.

Merely being able to float about in the clouds wasn't enough to leave the influence of the Dachen Dynasty. Neither was having alliance mates ready to assist them. What they needed was the ability to resist an assault from the high-level experts of the dynasty.

When Shen Chongshan first looked for Shang Xia to obtain rank six Formation Talismans, that was because their grand formation was shattered by the experts of the Dachen Dynasty! Their City Among the Clouds nearly fell from the skies!

Even though they received 10 rank six Formation Talismans to stabilize their grand formation and prevent themselves from being grounded, the Dachen Dynasty didn't stop there. They continued to hunt the Wanyun Association Down and the crisis was not resolved.

When everyone in the Essence Xing World thought that the Wanyun Association would eventually fall under the hands of the Dachen Dynasty as they would fail to secure the City Among the Clouds and the Wanyun Elysium, the city disappeared before their very eyes!

As soon as it happened, the great powers of the Essence Xing World recalled a distant memory and reached the same conclusion.

*The Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman has reappeared!*

That was a rank six talisman that left its mark hundreds of years ago. It was also the foundation of the Wanyun Association as a great power!

The only reason it wasn't seen often was because it was too difficult to craft! It was comparable to a rank seven talisman, and the Wanyun Association no longer had the capabilities to craft it. That was also one of the reasons the Dachen Dynasty would launch an offensive against them. They finally determined that the Wanyun Association no longer had any Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans through their channels.

No one expected that the Dachen Dynasty's plan would be thwarted with the reappearance of another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Originally, the dynasty made ample preparations. Even if the Wanyun Association received strong support from outside powers, all that would happen would be an increase in difficulty in besieging the city. They even made multiple plans in case their plans went awry. The only thing they didn't count on was the reappearance of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

After the Dachen Dynasty pretty much surrounded the city and was about to take it down, the world was struck silly by the revelation of a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. The moment it was used, the city escaped from the encirclement.

Only then did the high-level experts of the Dachen Dynasty shift their focus. They were no longer concerned about the Wanyun Association, but the Talisman Grandmaster who managed to craft the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman!

After all... No matter how well a talisman could be preserved, its effects would eventually diminish.

The talismans the Wanyun Association used seemed to be at full power, and it contained terrifying might. Anyone could tell it was a newly made talisman!

Only 1 thought was left in the minds of the experts of the Essence Xing World.

*When did another hidden Talisman Grandmaster appear?!*

The high-level Talisman Grandmasters in the Essence Xing World were also flabbergasted by the sudden turn in events as basically every single great power sent a representative to look for them for more information. Eventually, they narrowed down their scope and all evidence pointed to the mysterious high-level True Immortal in the Star Beast Nest!

With Shen Chongshan obtaining the third Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman from Shang Xia, the Essence Xing World basically exploded in a flurry of struggles.

What Shang Xia observed in the region of chaotic space was merely a very tiny portion of what happened!

The Wanyun Association eventually managed to struggle free from their fate from the jaws of certain death when Shen Chongshan brought back the third Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and his return shocked the entire world. The mysterious Talisman Grandmaster didn't craft 1 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. He successfully created 2 of them for Shen Chongshan!

Shen Chongshan might have utilized a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman to escape from Zhang Mingjie which was a massive waste of resources, but it allowed him and Hou Tang to successfully return to the Essence Xing World.

When he brought the third Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman back to the city, they escaped from the encirclement yet again and saved their foundations.

Of course... Their escape didn't mean that the situation in the Essence Xing World had eased up. Instead, the actions of the Wanyun Association seemed like a stimulant that pushed the conflict between the dynasties and other great powers in the Essence Xing World to the edge of eruption.

Lin Jingya might have ignored Zhang Mingjie's expression which was getting uglier by the second as she revealed more and more information to Shang Xia, but she clearly knew her limits. She didn't mention more after saying how the Wanyun Association escaped.

Shang Xia couldn't possibly grasp the situation in the Essence Xing World well just from what...

Zhang Mingjie quickly shifted the topic back to the talismans, and Lin Jingya agreed with him.

Shang Xia might not be able to gain more information about the Essence Xing World from them, and after he learned that they didn't need any special talismans, he simply gave them an introduction of the rank six talismans he could craft for them. With that, he also no longer had a chance to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman from them...

When they heard how Shang Xia revealed 4 to 5 rank six talismans and their abilities, they sucked in a cold breath and suffered no small amount of shock.

It was like what Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan had experienced back then. Ordinary rank six Talisman Masters would be able to craft 1 or 2 types of rank six talismans at most.

Who the hell could be like Shang Xia who knew how to make so many different types of talismans?

They also knew that Shang Xia was still hiding the full extent of his abilities. At the very least, he also knew how to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman which he wasn't willing to make for them.

Shang Xia wasn't stupid. He didn't reveal the existence of the Variant Talisman that made up the Star Robes, and his Six Direction Teleportation Talisman. The Illusion Talisman he told them about was a rank six talisman, but it couldn't allow one to disguise as a high-level True Immortal.

Shang Xia hadn't completed the deduction of the Spirit Sealing Talisman he obtained from the remains of the talismans the True Immortal of the Essence Ming World stuck to his weapon, and that was clearly out of the question for the time being.

To realize the true extent of Shang Xia's abilities, he could actually craft 9 different types of rank six talismans! Giving them a choice of 5 different rank six talismans was already very kind of him.

Eventually, Shang Xia agreed to craft 10 rank six talismans in half a year, with the Dachen Dynasty and the Qingling Palace getting 5 each.

With Shang Xia's success rate in crafting rank six talismans, it wasn't difficult for him to complete 10 of them in half a year. Moreover, it wouldn't affect his cultivation. He would even have a bunch of time in case other matters cropped up.

In line with his expectations, they wanted True Space Restriction Palm Talismans, Ice Ruins Talismans, and Abyss Prison Emptiness Talismans. They were regular talismans with offensive and defensive capabilities. They weren't interested in Illusion Talismans or Formation Talismans.

Finally sending them away, Shang Xia looked at the talisman paper and treasures they left behind. He realized that they didn't give him too much Golden Crow Blood or Emperor Flow Liquid.

Calling Hai Yuanyuan over to sort out the treasures, he asked, "Did the institution send news about the collection of Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid?"

Hai Yuanyuan revealed a strange look on her face and stared at Shang Xia with a weird gaze.

Seeing her reaction, Shang Xia frowned. "What's the matter?"

"They can't be bothered with that at the moment... Almost all the high-level experts of the institution have been gathered by the deputy patriarchs. The patriarch went missing again, but he seemed to have left behind explicit instructions before he left this time!"

Shang Xia turned serious as he mumbled to himself, "Are they preparing for an expedition? Hmm... The feeling of being left out is a little annoying... I wonder which world is going to be the first sacrifice for the alliance of our Spirit Luxuriant World and the Spirit Thistle World..."

Scratching her head, Hai Yuanyuan mumbled, "Should I inform the deputy patriarchs to send whoever else we can to gather Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid?"

Shang Xia looked at her eager face and chuckled while shaking his head, "There's no need for that. My clone can handle matters regarding it as long as he's in the institution. Moreover..."

Shang Xia placed the sealed spiritual case that contained Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid down and smiled. "Look at that. Someone came all the way here to deliver these goodies to me!"