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Chapter 1251: Three Lights Water and The Star Origin Lord Robe

Time flowed quickly as Shang Xia was fully focused on his tasks.

In the blink of an eye, the 17th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar passed and the later half of the 18th year arrived.

During that time, Shang Xia completed 2 cycles of talisman commission for the Dachen Dynasty and the Qingling Palace. He made a total of 20 talismans, and the trust both sides had for each other increased accordingly.

Shang Xia tactfully declined their request to craft even more talismans on the basis that he couldn't delay his cultivation.

Actually, as soon as the 18th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar arrived, Gong Zhuo came to the Star Beast Nest with Shen Chongshan.

It might be due to the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman being of great help to the Wanyun Association, or something might have changed in them after they survived the great sect-ending calamity, but other than requesting for Shang Xia to craft more talismans, Gong Zhuo voluntarily revealed more information of the Essence Xing World. Naturally, the information was focused around the situation of his Wanyun Association.

Despite having prepared himself, Shang Xia tried to give his wildest predictions, but he didn't expect a powerful Essence World that had 3 Seventh Order Ancestors to be thrown into such chaos!

Even though it was said that all big problems accumulated over time, Shang Xia concluded that the spark was actually the Wanyun Association escaping from the claws of the Dachen Dynasty.

The 3 Dynasties of the Essence Xing World were no longer holding back. They were assimilating or conquering factions left and right, and even the great powers that had their Elysiums weren't spared! It didn't matter if they had high-level True Immortals holding the fort... No one was safe!

As for the smaller powers, they naturally wouldn't sit still and be conquered without a fight. There were many alliances and powers that existed in remote regions that weren't really accessible. It was a shit show, to say the least.

"What is all this for? Why don't the Seventh Order Ancestors behind the dynasties do anything?" Shang Xia wondered.

It was what he was most curious about. Since the dynasties had Seventh Order supreme experts supporting them, he couldn't understand why the other powers would be able to go against the dynasties in the first place!

Even if the dynasties weren't moving according to their ancestors' will, those supreme experts ought to have been alerted to the massive commotion they caused with things in their current state.

However... Reality showed that those Seventh Order Ancestors weren't doing anything!

Gong Zhuo chuckled slowly and clearly had no intentions of going deeper into the matter.

Why... Why is he even telling me all these?

Shang Xia thought to himself. As a high-level True Immortal of a foreign world, he should be the spokesperson of the Essence Ping World in the eyes of the experts of the Essence Xing World!

Shang Xia wondered if Gong Zhuo wasn't worried that his Essence Ping World would try anything funny with the revelation...

Or maybe... That was his intention all along!

Shang Xia's mind spun rapidly, but his train of thought was interrupted by Shen Chongshan.

"True Immortal Shang, the reason we came here is naturally to request more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. Here are 5 special sheets of talisman paper! Also... We have 10 sheets of ordinary rank six talisman paper for you, along with a bunch of spiritual treasures and essence crystals. We hope that we can obtain 3 True Space Restriction Palm Talismans, 3 Ice Ruins Talismans, and 4 Abyss Prison Emptiness Talismans..."

Shen Chongshan handed multiple sealed spiritual cases to Shang Xia, among them were Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid which he urgently required.

Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid might be rank five spiritual treasures, but one would only be able to gather Golden Crow Blood when they were close to the sun. Unless one was a True Immortal, they wouldn't be able to get close enough to gather them. That was why the collection speed was extremely slow. As for Emperor Flow Liquid that would appear during the full moon, they would need to deploy many people in order to increase their odds of finding any.

Shang Xia looked at the treasures he was given and muttered, "It will take half a year... 10 rank six talismans and a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman... I'll need half a year in order to craft them and you can come and collect them when the time comes."

After agreeing on a timeline, Gong Zhuo and Shen Chongshan of the Wanyun Association left.

Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and he asked casually, "Is it really easy to collect Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid in the Essence Xing World?"

To Shang Xia, collecting either one gave him a massive headache.

However, he seemed to have been given them from every single faction...

He couldn't help but feel a little curious. That was why he would pop the question.

Shen Chongshan was about to respond when Gong Zhuo beat him to it. A soft chuckle escaped the high-level True Immortal's lips. "No matter what, our Wanyun Association's foundations in the Essence Xing World stretch back a long time. Now that we managed to escape from our predicament, we would naturally be able to bring out treasures like this."

Shang Xia nodded without a change in expression. "Looks like I wasn't looking deep enough..."

After sending them off, Shang Xia didn't enter seclusion right away. Instead, he sat quietly in his courtyard as he thought of something.

Hai Yuanyuan popped out of nowhere all of a sudden and pounced at the treasures and started scanning through them.

Glancing at the mischievous and daring little lass, Shang Xia muttered, "Haven't you prepared all the fate dipper essences you would need to advance?"

"Hehe..." Hai Yuanyuan giggled and replied, "Yeah... I even gathered the required spiritual treasures to craft my advancement medicine. With my contributions to the institution and the essence crystals I provided, while also owing many favors because I had to get what I needed... I should be able to advance successfully. However... The moment I succeed, I'll probably have to spend some time repaying them all! Well if I fail... There's nothing much to do then..."

Shang Xia could obviously tell what she was thinking of and he snorted with amusement. "Don't place your hopes on me returning those favors for you. Do you really think those favors are going to be easy to repay? Hehe... Anyway, I am already very gratified that you managed to gather all the resources you need."

Hai Yuanyuan revealed a proud look and snorted, "Of course I know! Fortunately, many people agreed to help the moment I looked for them. Well, it's clearly because of you that they agreed to help, but come on! Your great successor is broke here... Are you really not going to help your niece out?!"

Shang Xia started rubbing his fists together, and Hai Yuanyuan knew better than to stay. She giggled and ran to the far end of the courtyard.

Looking at the bunch of treasures in front of him, Shang Xia noticed several missing sealed spiritual cases before glancing at Hai Yuanyuan. "By the way, inform Yuan Qiuyuan to continue making Three Lights Water. He doesn't have to supply them to the patriarch for the time being. Send everything to me."

Hai Yuanyuan poked her head out from the end of the courtyard and mumbled, "Oh? That isn't too good, is it? What happens if the patriarch gets angry?"

"Heh. That old man reached the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm. Three Lights Water will only go to waste if he uses it!" Shang Xia snorted.

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A month later... Yuan Qiuyuan used the Golden Crow Blood and Emperor Flow Liquid Shang Xia sent back, along with the Star Essence Liquid from the Star Observatory to produce another batch of Three Lights Water. This time, there were 5 drops and he sent them all to Shang Xia in Star Beast Nest No.2.

Shang Xia immediately started cultivating the moment it arrived. He swallowed a drop and used 2 drops on the Star Origin Lord Robe right before he entered seclusion.

Several days later... Shang Xia emerged from seclusion with an ugly expression on his face.

"The effects of Three Lights Water are actually growing weaker!" Shang Xia mumbled to himself as he went to check on the Star Origin Lord Robe. He discovered that the drop of Three Lights Water only managed to give him 11 months worth of cultivation. In the past, the effects produced were about a year of cultivation!

With a deep frown on his face, he finally arrived at where he stored the Star Origin Lord Robe. After using 2 drops on it, the tear was less than an inch.

He didn't hesitate to use the final 2 drops on the robe. If there were no accidents, the Star Origin Lord Robe would be fully restored then.

Using another month or so and 4 sheets of special talisman paper, Shang Xia completed another Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

By then, the Star Origin Lord Robe had already absorbed the final 2 drops of Star Origin Liquid and the tear was basically gone.

He then allocated another 2 months to craft a good number of talismans for the Dachen Dynasty, Qingling Palace, and Wanyun Association before he received the next batch of Three Lights Water from the institution.

There were also only 5 drops, and from the looks of it, that was Yuan Qiuyuan's limit.

Shang Xia placed 1 drop on the Star Origin Lord Robe that may or may not be fully restored. After all, he felt that there might still be hidden defects that needed to be repaired.

After that, he swallowed a drop of Three Lights Water and continued to cultivate. He could clearly feel its weakened effects then, and he only gained about 10 months of cultivation.

Chapter 1252: Five Element Teleportation Formation

As Shang Xia refined more and more Three Lights Water, he would only be able to gain 1 less month worth of cultivation every time.

By the time he received the third and final batch of Three Lights Water from the institution, he only gained a month worth of cultivation after refining the final drop.

After refining 12 drops of Three Lights Water, Shang Xia's cultivation actually increased by 6 years!

To a True Immortal at the level of Dao Union, especially to an expert with strong foundations like Shang Xia, 6 years of cultivation was far from being able to reach the level of Returning to the Origin to become a fifth tier True Immortal. However, it couldn't be denied that it was a huge step forward!

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It was the third time the experts of the Dachen Dynasty and Qingling Palace had arrived. After taking 5 talismans, they left behind another batch of resources for the next round of talisman commissions before taking their leave.

Shang Xia actually wanted to get his hands on some rank six talisman inheritances, but they skillfully dodged his requests every time. It was clear they weren't willing to reveal their inheritances. The only reason the Wanyun Association was willing to hand over some rank six talisman inheritances was because they had been pushed to their limits back then.

In his free time, Shang Xia continued to look into the Variant Formation Talisman that he had crafted for Tong Yutang back then. His goal was to recreate the full set of talismans, and even though it was difficult to recreate it by just referencing the Star Origin Lord Robe, it was a matter of time...

The truly difficult part wasn't deducing the different types of talismans required. It was combining all 7 of them Shang Xia had discovered to exist as part of the entire set. Even if he had the Star Origin Lord Robe, Shang Xia knew that he couldn't do it in a short amount of time. Speaking of his research into the talisman... He had already run into an obstacle as the combination method was different from that of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

No matter what, the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was a rank six talisman at the end of the day. Once Shang Xia completed the deduction and fusion of the Variant Formation Talisman Tong Yutang commissioned, it would probably undergo some sort of transformation into a rank seven talisman!

Shang Xia didn't stop progressing down the path despite running into an obstacle. Instead, the most direct method he could think of to improve was to continue dissecting the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. Actually, he had long since thought of creating talismans containing the individual effects that made up the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Of those, he was sure he would be able to derive at least 3 different rank six talismans from them.

The only thing Shang Xia felt that he needed to do was to actually use a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman for himself so that he could witness its effects.

With a flick of his wrist, a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman appeared in his hand. It was the only other Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman he crafted with ordinary talisman paper after completing the ones of Shen Chongyun.

However... Just by holding the talisman in his hand, he could tell that its effects would be way weaker than the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman Shen Chongshan used back then.

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After half a year, Shang Xia finally emerged from the Star Beast Nest again. He entered the region of chaotic space and activated the talisman without hesitation.

As a dense cloud formed around him, it forced the chaotic streams around him away. 1000 feet around him was turned into a region of separate space and not the slightest fluctuation could be felt.

No matter how hard the chaotic streams tried to invade the region that was covered by the cloud, they were wiped clean.

It was then that Shang Xia took a step out from the cloud and he arrived in the region of chaotic space again.

He continued to test the limit of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman once he was out. He blasted his Six Direction Qi against it, and he tried reaching his divine soul into the cloud.

That wasn't all. He raised his Stone Rod to test out the physical strength of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman's defense. He also played around with its speed until the talisman was completely exhausted.

He returned to the Star Beast Nest soon after to continue pondering over the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. While he was still stuck deep in thought, he noticed Hai Yuanyuan walking in his direction with a strange look on her face.

“Is something the matter?” Shang Xia could tell that there was something on her mind and he couldn’t help but ask.

Hai Yuanyuan seemed to think for a moment before she replied. “It’s the Five Element Teleportation Formation... The formation in the Tongyou Institution is complete but because it has to be deployed on both sides, Hall Master Chu needs to come over to personally lay it down. She sent a notification for you to bring her over from the institution...”

“Oh? That is an important matter. Why didn’t you tell me earlier?” Shang Xia muttered before rushing over to the Anchor in the Star Beast Nest which was also where the small scale Five Element Teleportation Formation was.

Hai Yuanyuan could only stomp her feet as she watched Shang Xia leave, but she quickly raced after him.

For her to complete the formation of her Five Element Fate Dippers, she would have to borrow the power of the five elements during the formation of the Five Element Teleportation Formation. That would mean that she had to ask Chu Jia for help.

Actually... The foundation of the Five Element Teleportation Formation had already been laid down in the Star Beast Nest. However, only Chu Jia was able to fully control it, and to prevent anything from going wrong from deploying the super long range Five Element Teleportation Formation, she had to head over personally.

That was also why the Formation Grandmasters who arrived could only lay down the foundation of the formation with explicit instruction from Chu Jia. She had to be the one to complete the final step.

After Shang Xia brought her over, she dropped a massive bomb on Shang Xia before they could do anything.

“The upper echelons of the Spirit Thistle World seemed to have reached an agreement with the True Immortals of our world during the negotiations with Patriarch Kou... We agreed on the expedition against an Azure World. The only thing is to select our target...” Chu Jia said while looking at Shang Xia. “Even though Patriarch Kou is missing, he should return to the institution soon and will probably look for you to get your opinion... After all, you’re the only high-level True Immortal in our world. You’re also the biggest trump card we have in the cooperation with the Spirit Thistle World...”

Shang Xia chuckled in response, “From what we know, there are only 6 Azure Worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field... I’m afraid we don’t know too much. What opinions can I have? Right... Did they decide on a time they would start the expedition?”

“I don’t know about that... From what I know, we should be launching the expedition after the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World start theirs...” Chu Jia replied while shaking her head.

Nodding, Shang Xia muttered, "Of course... Do we have news on the latest update on the alliance of the 3 Spirit Worlds?"

Chu Jia thought for a moment before she replied, "I heard the deputy patriarchs talking about it before... The other alliance seems interested in the Azure Abyss World... I don't know where they got their intelligence from though."

"Azure Abyss World?" Shang Xia thought for a moment before grunting under his breath. "Could it be because it's the world closest to ascending?"

Chu Jia needed to tell Shang Xia more information, but she saw Hai Yuanyuan shuffling her feet in the distance while making her way over.

When Hai Yuanyuan saw Chu Jia, she quickly bowed. "Teacher Chu..."

Covering her mouth, Chu Jia looked at Shang Xia and tried to hold back her laughter. She eventually replied, "I heard that you are preparing to enter the Five Element Realm. You're also planning to refine your fate dippers at once... Are you ready?"

Hai Yuanyuan heaved a sigh of relief after hearing how Chu Jia brought the topic up. "With the care of so many seniors and all the merits I saved up, I have completed my preparations and obtained the fate dipper essences required. All that is left is to obtain Teacher Chu's assistance!"

"Right. However... You might need to wait around 2 months. Wait for me to modify the formation slightly before establishing a connection with the Tongyou Institution. Only then can I activate the formation and maintain the passage." Chu Jia smiled.

Nodding slightly, Hai Yuanyuan glanced at Shang Xia before looking back at Chu Jia. After looking several more times, she whispered, "I.. I.. I guess I'll head back and cultivate now."

Before hearing either of their replies, Hai Yuanyuan turned and sped away countless times faster than when she shuffled over.

Chu Jia couldn't help but burst out laughing at her antics.

Shang Xia's reaction was the complete opposite. He shook his head and mumbled, "Alright, I'll hand this over to you now. After you're done with the modification, you might need to handle the grand formation too."

Chu Jia understood what Shang Xia was thinking and she snorted in amusement, "What's the matter? Are you really in such a rush to leave this place?"

"At the very least, I have to wait till the Five Element Teleportation Formation is established." Shang Xia sighed.

Chu Jia started to nod, but she thought of something else and she asked, "Right. Do you have any more Three Lights Water here?"

Slightly taken aback, Shang Xia gasped, "Do you need it?"

"Don't you know? After Yuan Qiuyuan made a batch of them, the patriarch would use it to temper the artifact spirit of his Hidden Frost Sword. It's said that it's extremely effective.." Chu Jia explained.

Shang Xia's eyebrows twitched uncontrollably and he growled, "How many times did he use it to temper his artifact spirit?!"

"He completed 3 cycles... Yuan Qiuyuan made 3 batches, and he took a drop every time..." Chu Jia thought for a moment before stating it casually.

"HEH?! That sneaky old..." Shang Xia cursed.

Chapter 1253: Wearing the Star Origin Lord Robes, Increased Combat Abilities!

Shang Xia felt that the expedition that the Spirit Luxuriant World and the Spirit Thistle World wanted to embark on was a little too rushed.

The pressure they were feeling from the alliance of the other Spirit Worlds might be a reason, but Shang Xia felt that there were other factors in play.

Be it the Spirit Thistle World or his Spirit Luxuriant World, they couldn't not consider the Star Origin Dao Field! Shang Xia hadn't heard much about the Star Origin Dao Field recently either...

It wasn't as though he hadn't reminded them to pay more attention to the Star Origin Dao Field, but from the looks of it, the Star Origin Guards seemed to be internationally reducing their presence and consolidating their strength.

It seemed as though the Star Origin Guards were planning to roll over and let the Spirit Worlds do what they wanted.

Shang Xia couldn't shake the feeling that the Star Origin Guards were plotting something huge. At the very least, Tong Yutang didn't seem like someone who would suffer in silence. There was also the Star Origin Lord Manor that hadn't made a move yet.

Since he had to remain in the Star Beast Nest, Shang Xia was only able to exchange information with the Tongyou Institution. He couldn't return easily, but there were things he could only convey clearly if he spoke in person.

With the construction of the Five Element Teleportation Formation, his problems would be solved.

The moment cultivators could travel easily between the Spirit Luxuriant World and Star Beast Nest No.2 like Shang Xia, he wouldn't have to worry about anything and he would be able to head out to handle anything he wished to.

He had to complete his preparations to leave the Star Beast Nest when the time came.

Maybe it was because he refined the Three Lights Water and repaired the Star Origin Lord Robe, he was able to feel it pulsing with energy when he approached. It emitted power of starlight and dense vitality.

Rather than calling the Star Origin Lord Robe some sort of divine artifact, it was more appropriate to call it a massive talisman.

The only difference it had with other Star Robes was the runes on it. They were a lot denser and contained more power. Even without doing anything, it was able to draw over the power of starlight and it would emit a glow from time to time as though it was breathing along with the stars.

It was a robe made from multiple talismans, but it also had special properties like a divine artifact.

Shang Xia wore the Star Origin Lord Robe for the first time... The moment he did, he felt the robe adjusting itself to his body to fit him perfectly.

When Shang Xia emerged from the Star Beast Nest into the region of chaotic space, he released his aura completely and felt the amplification coming from the Star Origin Lord Robe.

The robes might have experienced some sort of improvement after Three Lights Water was used to repair it, but Shang Xia could vaguely feel like he had touched on a whole new realm with the boost from the robe.

He was sure it was an all-round improvement and it wasn't just an increase in combat strength. However, his cultivation base hadn't actually reached the next level and the aura around him wasn't fully stable.

There was one thing he was sure of the moment he released his aura. His cultivation might not have reached the level of Returning to the Origin, but his combat strength most definitely reached that level!

While he was shocked, he felt that it was an extremely reasonable achievement.

When Zhuge Xiang was surrounded by Tong Yutang and True Immortals of other worlds, his cultivation had barely reached the level of Returning to the Origin. With the Star Origin Lord Robe, he achieved combat strength at the peak of the fifth tier of the Martial Void Realm!

Because the Star Origin Lord Robe had been strengthened by the infusion of Three Lights Water, it wasn't a stretch for it to be able to raise Shang Xia's strength to the next level.

Shang Xia hadn't completed the advancement of his Six Direction Origin and even with the boost provided by the Star Origin Lord Robe, if he were to fight with a fifth tier True Immortal for real, he would have to utilize a large amount of inner qi to keep up.

Even if that was the case, Shang Xia would be able to act like a fifth tier True Immortal and scare his enemies. After all, the difference in a single tier was still a great deterrent.

The Star Origin Lord Robe might have great effects, but he couldn't actually use it in the Spirit Luxuriant World as he was afraid the Star Origin Dao Field might find out.

He couldn't use the Star Origin Lord Robe in the Star Beast Nest either. The Wanyun Association, Qingling Palace, and Dachen Dynasty were already acquainted with Shang Xia. He couldn't pretend to be a fifth tier True Immortal!

With a single intention, he created a clone and wrapped the Star Origin Lord Robe around him. He stuck an Illusion Talisman on his clone and it emitted the aura of a peak-level fourth tier True Immortal the next instant.

However... His clone's aura couldn't reach the fifth tier no matter what he tried.

Shang Xia fell deep in thought as he poured more Six Direction Qi into his clone. His clone's actual cultivation reached the second tier of the Martial Void Realm and his aura started to transform once again with the Illusion Talisman and the Star Origin Lord Robe. The aura around his clone surpassed his own. It felt like he was looking at the fifth tier True Immortal version of himself.

Shang Xia nodded silently to himself.

I've done it now!

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After another month, Shen Chongshan returned to the Star Beast Nest alone and it was a clear indication that the situation in the Wanyun Association had calmed down.

However... When he entered the Star Beast Nest again, he felt the presence of a fifth tier True Immortal and his heart started palpitating.

“True Immortal Shen, we’ve known each other for a long time now! Why do you react like that?” Shang Xia chuckled with a teasing smile.

Shen Chongshan forced a smile. “True Immortal Shang, you might be messing with me... With your presence, the Star Beast Nest is completely secure. Why is there another high-level True Immortal of your world here now?”

“Haha...” Shang Xia chuckled. “Isn't it because your world has been very lively recently? This senior of mine has always been someone interested in parties. When he heard about the situation of your world, he decided to come to have a look.”

“True Immortal Shang, this... My world is about to fall into chaos... If another high-level True Immortal of your world joins...” Shen Chongshan chuckled bitterly.

“Hahaha!” Shang Xia roared with laughter and interrupted Shen Chongshan. “It’s a joke, it’s a joke. True Immortal Shen, don’t worry about it!”

Even though he revealed a look of joy after receiving the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, he looked like he was deep in thought as he left the Star Beast Nest.

“Aren’t you startling the enemy by doing this?” Chu Jia appeared behind Shang Xia suddenly after Shen Chongshan left and asked with a confused look.

Shang Xia sighed helplessly, “It’s so that we can put up a better facade so that they take our Essence Ping World more seriously.”

“Are you really so interested in heading over to the Essence Xing World?” Chu Jia frowned in response.

Turning around to look at her, Shang Xia laughed, “Before heading over to the Essence Xing World, I need to head back to the You Continent!”

Chapter 1254: Eager For Quick Success

The 19th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar rolled around and the Five Element Teleportation Formation that connected to Star Beast Nest No.2 had been established.

Hai Yuanyuan borrowed the power of the five elements during the activation of the Five Element Teleportation Formation and swallowed her advancement medicine. She successfully established her foundation in the Five Element Realm and became the second practitioner after Shang Xia to walk down the complete path.

The only pity was that even though she entered the Five Element Realm, she refined 5 types of fate dipper essences like Chu Jia rather than 10 types of fate dipper essences like Shang Xia.

When she entered the Four Constellation Realm in the past, she refined Four Direction Extermination Origins and with the assistance of the energy produced during the activation of the Five Element Teleportation Formation, her understanding of the dao of space deepened even further.

After she consolidated her foundation, Shang Xia discovered that she was able to travel around the Star Beast Nest easily. Her movements far surpassed other Martial Dipper Realm experts!

That wasn't all. What made him even more speechless was that she expended less energy than others of the same level when traveling through space. She didn't have to use essence crystals when utilizing the Five Element Teleportation Formation and could go back and forth to the Tongyou Institution and Star Beast Nest No.2 however she liked!

Observing the full extent of her abilities, Shang Xia eventually gave the young lass a bunch of reassurance before tossing her out into the region of chaotic space outside the Star Beast Nest.

An expert who just broke through to the Five Element Realm and consolidated her foundation actually could move like a fish in water in the region of chaotic space!

She might not be able to move as quickly as in regions of regular space, and she might have exhausted a good portion of her energy in a short amount of time, but her achievement was enough to cause True Immortals to gasp.

“Once you cultivate properly, there shouldn't be any Martial Dipper Realm experts who will be able to catch up to you!” Shang Xia explained after verifying her abilities. He heaved a sigh of relief at the same time.

Pouting, Hai Yuanyuan grumbled, “What do you mean no one can catch me?! Will I only be running away?! I'm not weak, you know!”

Shang Xia didn't respond to that and simply asked another question, “Since you managed to break through, what type of martial art do you plan on training in?”

In the Five Element Realm, Shang Xia cultivated his Five Element Annihilation Yin Yang Ring. However, it didn't really seem suitable for her.

Without mentioning anything else, it wouldn't really be possible to craft another Five Element Ring. Shang Xia succeeded back then because he had another half-complete divine artifact and he also needed to nurture the artifact spirit alone. He used a large number of fate dipper essences and completed it through a stroke of luck.

Chu Jia also modified the Five Element Ring into a Formation Divine Artifact and it wouldn't be realistic for Hai Yuanyuan to try making another. She didn't even have enough fate dipper essences to cultivate at the moment, much less throw them into the crafting of a weapon.

Hai Yuanyuan seemed prepared for the question and snorted softly. “I came up with the Five Element Lightning Art after gaining inspiration from your Five Element Annihilation Yin Yang Ring. I plan to turn it into a complete martial art for the Five Element Realm.”

“Hmm...” Shang Xia nodded in response. “This isn't a bad idea. The Five Element Lightning Art might possess powerful might, but you shouldn't be fixated on chasing pure power. You should also train in some evasion arts and it's best to build on your

achievements in the dao of space. Come up with a Five Element Lightning Evasion Art if possible..."

Shang Xia continued before Hai Yuanyuan could respond. "Anyway, you're talented in the dao of space and you better not waste it. Try to make the fullest extent of your talent!"

Hai Yuanyuan thought for a moment before nodding hesitantly.

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With the successful connection of the Five Element Teleportation Formation, Star Beast Nest No.2 became a lot more lively.

However, the main mission was still to establish a grand formation around it. At the very least, they couldn't let the Star Beast Nest be washed about in space because of the chaotic streams.

Chu Jia had to remain in the Star Beast Nest to take charge of everything.

"Are you really planning to make a trip over?!" Chu Jia knew about Shang Xia's plan, but she couldn't help but ask, "Once you leave... The Star Beast Nest will really lose the ability to protect itself..."

"Relax. I'll leave my clone behind. With the Illusion Talisman and Star Origin Lord Robe, it's enough to pretend to be a fifth tier True Immortal for a period of time. Moreover, with the Five Element Teleportation Formation established, if something really happens, everyone will be able to leave quickly and not reveal traces of our world." Shang Xia explained. He paused for a second before he continued, "Actually... It's precisely because of the Five Element Teleportation Formation that I dare to leave without another True Immortal taking my place!"

With Chu Jia personally controlling the formations in the Star Beast Nest, Shang Xia's return to the You Continent wasn't discovered by anyone.

He didn't alert anyone when he returned. Instead, he looked for Kou Chongxue's clone and asked him about the patriarch's whereabouts.

He didn't have to wait too long before Kou Chongxue returned.

"Why are you back?!" Kou Chongxue was shocked to see him. However, he quickly realized what had happened. "Did Little Chu complete the formation?"

"Yup." Shang Xia grunted once before examining Kou Chongxue. He could tell that the patriarch had reached the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm and asked, "Actually, I'm here to ask how far the cooperation between our world and the Spirit Thistle World has reached."

After Shang Xia reached the Five Element Realm, he worked together with Kou Chongxue and they brought the Tongyou Institution on an abrupt rise.

It had been so many years, and even though the 2 of them were separated by 2 different generations, their teamwork was pretty much perfect.

Kou Chongxue could pretty much guess what Shang Xia was thinking of the moment he spoke.

“Do you think that the cooperation between us is proceeding too smoothly?” Kou Chongxue asked.

Shang Xia nodded. “From the information I received, the Star Origin Dao Field and Star Origin Guard don’t seem too concerned about our alliance... Our actions should have already disrupted the balance they had been striving to maintain. The higher ups of the Star Origin Dao Field definitely wouldn’t sit still and let us do as we please. Moreover... The moment a world is destroyed, their plan to steal world essence would be severely impacted.”

Kou Chongxue also agreed. He understood Shang Xia’s concerns, and he continued, “Our experts think that the problem isn’t too serious. At the very least, we’re only trailing behind the alliance between the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World. Even if the Star Origin Dao Field wishes to do anything, they can’t possibly stop us and do nothing to the other alliance...”

“Are we really so confident?” Shang Xia snorted coldly.

With a soft sigh, Kou Chongxue explained, “The Elysium True Immortals of our world also hope to devour other worlds in order to use the blessing of the world to assist their disciples in breaking through to the Martial Void Realm so that they can also possess Free True Immortals among their ranks.”

Chapter 1255: Please Stop

Shang Xia thought that there were some unspeakable reasons behind their rush, but he didn’t expect for it to be because the higher ups of their world wanted to nurture Free True Immortals of their own.

After thinking for a moment, Shang Xia gasped, “Wait... That’s not right. Is the Spirit Thistle World planning to let us do as we please?”

Kou Chongxue forced a chuckle. “The Spirit Thistle World also wishes to produce more True Immortals...”

Shang Xia was struck speechless. As it turned out, they had the same intentions!

Looking deeper into it, it was understandable. With the Spirit Luxuriant World as an example, they might have 10 True Immortals, but a good half of them were Elysium True Immortals. Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia also far surpassed the others in terms of cultivation and combat strength...

As the World’s Will would bless those who benefited from it, and both of them were usually the greatest contributors, they only grew stronger at a rapid pace. Not only did their speed of growth not stagnate in recent years, but they pulled ahead even further.

It was especially so for Shang Xia who was the first to break through to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm to become a high-level True Immortal.

Under such circumstances, it would be impossible for the other great powers to not feel any pressure.

That was why they wished to use the opportunity to join hands with the Spirit Thistle World to devour other worlds.

Kou Chongxue even suspected that there were experts of Holy Lands who were pushing for it to happen.

The great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World were clearly unwilling to watch the Tongyou Institution dominate over everyone, but in a similar sense, the Holy Lands were probably unwilling to watch on as the 6 great powers were the only ones to call the shots in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

What was more... A world could hold 24 Free True Immortals and 9 Elysium True Immortals. There were limits to the number of True Immortals who could be produced. Any cultivator who wasn't actually useless would definitely be unwilling to watch their path ahead be severed. No matter what, they would fight for a chance to grow stronger!

One had to know that before the Spirit Luxuriant World ascended, any power with a Holy Land could be considered blessed land for cultivation!

However... After the ascension, other than the great powers that possessed an Elysium, there was no other faction that dared to call themselves a blessed land for cultivation!

As such... The alliance with the Spirit Thistle World wasn't just pushed forth by the great powers. The various smaller factions also agreed.

Under such circumstances, it didn't matter if Kou Chongxue tried to veto the decision. Even if Shang Xia, the only high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World, decided to try, he might not be able to succeed in stopping the cooperation!

Of course... They didn't know that Kou Chongxue had already reached the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm and was a step away from becoming a high-level True Immortal. Otherwise... Their desire to push for the expedition to other Azure Worlds would probably be even stronger!

That was also why Kou Chongxue didn't plan to expose his cultivation level. He planned to let them do as they wished for the time being. Moreover, he could take the chance to break through to the fourth tier after they succeeded.

He might have already been plotting to obtain the ruined world around the Spirit Faith World, but if he could save a bunch of resources he was planning to use up to lay down the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation, he might be able to save them for other experts of the Tongyou Institution! He was more than happy to do so!

"So... Are you not planning to do anything to the ruined world?" Shang Xia asked with a strange expression.

"The Spirit Faith World and the other worlds there already submitted to the Essence Ming World, and it's best for me to stay low-key for now. Also, the other True Immortals aren't fools. If I enter Star Beast Nest No.1 frequently, they will probably be able to guess my intentions eventually." Kou Chongxue sighed.

Shang Xia thought for a second before he replied, "I guess this works too. Anyway, Chu Jia should have crossed the standard to become a rank six Formation Grandmaster. Actually, from what the

Essence Xing World calls it, she should be considered a Formation Sage after reaching that level. With her to deploy the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation in the future, things will be a lot easier.”

Kou Chongxue hesitated for a second before he asked, “Are you planning to take part in the expedition now that you’re back? Is your clone going to be enough deterrence in Star Beast Nest No.2?”

Shang Xia fell silent for a long while before eventually shaking his head. “Forget it. It’s just an Azure World. It won’t benefit us much even if we manage to bring a portion of it back. What’s more, the Spirit Thistle World is a lot stronger than us. They’re definitely going to take the lion’s share after the expedition... Anyway, I was planning to take a look at the Essence Xing World...”

Kou Chongxue’s expression turned serious and he muttered, “It’s fine if you don’t take part in the invasion of an Essence World, but I’m afraid we will need you to come and provide protection when the expedition is over.”

“Are you afraid accidents might occur?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow curiously.

“Probably. We might be making a move after the alliance of the other Spirit Worlds, but don’t you think they will be prepared to deploy a portion of their strength to mess with us? After all, they’re so much more powerful than us!” Kou Chongxue explained.

A frown found its way onto Shang Xia’s face but he eventually mumbled in a low voice, “Alright, that makes sense!”

He knew that he would have to delay his plans for the Essence Xing World with the request. After all, he was the only high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World and he couldn’t sit by and do nothing during the expedition.

Since they didn’t know the exact date they were going to attack, Shang Xia could only wait.

Seemingly having thought of something, Shang Xia asked suddenly, “What is the situation like in the Star Origin Dao Field? Did we receive any news from the Star Origin Guards?”

No one knew why, but Kou Chongxue’s expression twisted but it quickly disappeared from his face. Regaining his composure, he spoke casually, “They greatly restrained their actions and we haven’t been able to gain any useful information for the time being. Also...”

Shang Xia found it a little weird. After all, the Tongyou Institution’s super spy was in the Star Origin Guards. He couldn’t help but look at Kou Chongxue with a look of confusion. “And?”

“Feng Ziyang sent news that he would enter seclusion for some time...” Kou Chongxue sighed helplessly.

“Seclusion?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and hesitated before asking, “How far has he reached in terms of cultivation?”

Kou Chongxue paused for a moment before he replied, “He should have reached the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm. When he sent the latest report, he said that he had some idea of how to comprehend his martial intent. He might have already reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm by now.”

“So...” Shang Xia wondered out loud.

Nodding, Kou Chongxue could already guess what Shang Xia was about to ask and he answered without waiting for Shang Xia to finish the question. “He should have already become a key candidate for the Star Origin Guards to nurture. He hadn’t sent any information back the whole time, and he should be located in some secret region that is closely monitored.”

Shang Xia nodded instinctively and continued, “I have always suspected that the Star Origin Guards had some way to leave their soul imprint when advancing to the Martial Void Realm.”

“When I first discovered the Essence Ping World, I thought that they were using it to produce their True Immortals. However, that doesn’t seem like the case now. Only the Star Origin Lord knows about it. Hmm...” Shang Xia’s eyes widened in shock.

“Did you think of something?” Kou Chongxue asked.

Raising his head to look at Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia gasped, “Could it be? The Star Origin Lord Manor?!”

Both of them sank into silence for some time and Kou Chongxue eventually sighed, “Let’s hope that everything goes well...”

Shang Xia could only nod in acknowledgment.

If Feng Ziyang could break through to the Martial Void Realm, his position in the Star Origin Guards would rise greatly and he would come into contact with a lot of their secrets.

Even so... Shang Xia wore a worried expression and he asked Kou Chongxue after hesitating for some time, “Entering the Martial Void Realm is something completely different. Hmm... I mean, if Senior Feng really becomes a True Immortal, will he choose a different path?”

As the Tongyou Institution’s super spy, Feng Ziyang had taken on many different identities. He poured his heart and soul out for the institution, and someone like him shouldn’t be suspected.

However, once he becomes a True Immortal, he would be able to control his fate. Would someone like him be willing to continue serving the Tongyou Institution?

Shang Xia didn’t notice the weird look on Kou Chongxue’s face after asking the question, and he only heard the reply that came next. “There’s no need to worry about him. There is no way he changes his allegiance...”

Shang Xia couldn’t help but heave a sigh of relief. After all, suspecting Feng Ziyang already brought Shang Xia endless guilt. He felt ashamed that he would even question the loyalty of someone like Feng Ziyang, and with Kou Chongxue’s affirmation, Shang Xia no longer had any doubts.

He wondered why Kou Chongxue was so sure about it, but since the patriarch no longer elaborated, he didn’t continue asking.

Learning everything he came for, Shang Xia no longer remained in the You Continent. He quickly returned to Star Beast Nest No.2.

His desire to infiltrate the Essence Xing World was suppressed and he decided to think about it after some time.

... He barely warmed his buttocks in his seat in Star Beast Nest No.2 when he was summoned urgently by an emergency transmission.

Shang Xia left his clone and the Star Origin Lord Robe behind and stuck an Illusion Talisman on his clone before informing Chu Jia to prepare to bring everyone away in case anything happened before rushing back to the You Continent.

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“What?! What happened?!” Shang Xia gasped the moment he returned. However, after his clone fused back into him, he understood what had happened.

Kou Chongxue’s clone also arrived as he explained, “We received news from the Spirit Thistle World that the alliance of the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World launched their expedition to the Azure Abyss World yesterday!”

“Yesterday?!” Shang Xia frowned.

“The Spirit Worlds sealed off the news to the outside world and we needed time to get the information out. The Spirit Thistle World has a much stronger intelligence network than us, but we managed to confirm the validity of the expedition.” Kou Chongxue’s clone continued.

Shang Xia nodded and asked, “Where’s the patriarch now?!”

Before Kou Chongxue’s clone could reply, Shang Xia gestured for him to stop and he raised his head to look in the direction of the heavenly screen.

“Stay here and protect the institution.” Shang Xia said before disappearing from his position.

In the depths of space outside the Spirit Luxuriant World, a blurry figure eventually took shape.

“Who are you?” Shang Xia stood opposite the figure who appeared hundreds of miles away from him and asked.

Chapter 1256: Stop, Stop, Stop!

“Who are you?” Shang Xia asked with a serious expression while staring at the high-level True Immortal who appeared out of nowhere.

The fourth tier True Immortal who arrived looked at Shang Xia who arrived right after he did and a look of shock flashed across his face. However, he quickly wore a smile as he asked, “Fellow cultivator, for you to be so young and already be a high-level True Immortal... you must be True Immortal Shang Xia!”

Shang Xia looked at the person who appeared as their formless divine souls clashed against each other. He didn’t respond for some time.

Eventually, the high-level True Immortal who appeared was completely suppressed and his smile became strained.

The pressure disappeared suddenly and Shang Xia muttered, "Are you from the Star Origin Dao Field?"

The casual expression on the newcomer's face had already faded, but he didn't seem panicked at all. Instead, he looked at Shang Xia with a profound gaze and mumbled, "How are you so sure I came from the Star Origin Dao Field?"

"Not only do I know you came from the Star Origin Dao Field. I can even guess that you came from the Star Origin Lord Manor." Shang Xia answered in a low voice after shooting him a glance.

With his pupils shrinking slightly, the high-level True Immortal who came growled, "Looks like True Immortal Shang is really familiar with my Star Origin Dao Field. It's no wonder you had the ability to turn my Star Observatory upside down alone back then."

Shang Xia chuckled softly in response. "Please... Don't joke around like this. The Star Origin Dao Field has always been a dangerous place for outsiders. Why would I dare to cause trouble like that?"

It wasn't scary for the other party to expose his involvement. However, with no solid evidence, Shang Xia wasn't stupid enough to admit anything. Moreover, even if they had the evidence, he had to deny it till the end.

At his current level, he had the capabilities to speak on even grounds with the other party.

Clearly, the high-level True Immortal who arrived also understood he wasn't going to be able to bait a confession from Shang Xia so easily and he simply shifted the topic. He cupped his fists suddenly. "I am Dou Jie, once a Camp Commander of the Star Origin Guards. Now, I am merely a guardian of the Star Origin Lord Manor."

Shang Xia nodded. He wouldn't harp on the term the expert used and he simply asked another question, "True Immortal Dou, is something the matter for you to approach my Spirit Luxuriant World?"

They might be several hundreds of thousands of miles away from the Spirit Luxuriant World at the moment, but when Shang Xia intercepted Dou Jie, he naturally alerted the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. However, there didn't seem to be any spatial fluctuations coming from behind which would indicate their arrival which was really weird.

Other than Dou Jie, Shang Xia was sure the Star Origin Dao Field sent other experts over!

He had a bold guess on what was going on, but he didn't show any expression.

True Immortal Dou Jie might be slightly afraid of the young high-level True Immortal who arrived, but he didn't seem to be in a rush. He simply laughed, "It's nothing much. I was just planning to interrupt your plans and maintain the balance between the various worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field."

"Are you really only here to try to stop us?" Shang Xia sneered in a mocking way.

He might have understood that their ploy to ally with the Spirit Thistle World to attack another Azure World might have gone up in smoke with Dou Jie's arrival, but he wished to obtain more information.

A soft laugh escaped Dou Jie's lips again. He seemed to understand the meaning behind Shang Xia's question but he wasn't against revealing more information. "Of course not. The Star Origin Dao Field naturally has the responsibility to maintain the balance between the various worlds. I came to stop your Spirit Luxuriant World and the previous Star Origin Guards Commander went to stop the Spirit Thistle World."

A look of ridicule appeared on Shang Xia's face the next instant. "What about the alliance of the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World? Is your Star Origin Lord Manor going to stop them?"

There might be high-level True Immortals hiding in the Star Origin Lord Manor, but high-level True Immortals weren't cabbages that grew by the side of the road. Even with the thousand year inheritance of the Star Origin Dao Field, how many high-level True Immortals could they have produced?

In order to stop the Spirit Luxuriant World, they needed another high-level True Immortal other than Dou Jie. After all, they needed someone to hold Shang Xia back and another to hold the rest of the world back. That was probably why the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World hadn't appeared.

Since they needed 2 fourth tier True Immortals just to stop the Spirit Luxuriant World, how many would they need to stop the even stronger Spirit Thistle World? How many high-level True Immortals could the Star Origin Lord Manor send out?

The Spirit Luxuriant World and the Spirit Thistle World were troublesome enough to deal with, much less the even more monstrous alliance.

Shang Xia refused to believe the Star Origin Lord Manor could deploy so many experts.

Dou Jie didn't seem offended by Shang Xia's mockery. Instead, he smiled and replied, "Of course we'll stop them all."

"Are you serious?" The smile on Shang Xia's face faded slightly.

"Of course!" Dou Jie finally regained his composure after being suppressed by Shang Xia.

"How are you going to stop them?" Shang Xia followed up with another question.

If the Star Origin Lord Manor still had the ability to stop the other alliance, that could only mean that they had the ability to suppress every single world that was connected to the Star Origin Dao Field!

However, if they truly had such terrifying strength, how could they sit by and watch as Zhuge Xiang was killed by True Immortals of other worlds?"

"True Immortal Shang, you seem to have forgotten that the Star Origin Guards and the Star Origin Lord Manor are a single entity. Naturally, the Star Origin Guard Commander would be responsible for stopping them."

Shang Xia snorted in response, "Can your Star Origin Guard Commander even stop them?"

“Commander Tong has already brought the Star Origin Guards to the Azure Abyss World and activated their grand battle formation. True Immortal Shang, do you understand the true extent of the strength of the grand battle formation?” Dou Jie grinned.

Shang Xia’s expression finally changed slightly, but he didn’t try to push for an answer.

Dou Jie continued to speak as though he didn’t care about anything else in the world. “The grand battle formation being deployed means that they can stop even an expert at the Seventh Order!”

Shang Xia didn’t bother replying. After all, there was no need for Dou Jie to lie to him about things like that.

Seeing as Shang Xia wasn’t replying, Dou Jie no longer spoke. He remained suspended in the void and acted as though he was merely there to prevent Shang Xia from making a move.

Finally, Shang Xia broke the silence and asked, “Why did your Star Origin Lord Manor sit by and watch as Zhuge Xiang was killed?”

He refused to believe the Star Origin Lord Manor didn’t know anything about Tong Yutang’s plot.

What was more, Tongy Yutang could retain his position as the Star Origin Guards Commander even though Shang Xia had the Star Origin Lord Robe and could control the grand battle formation around the Azure Abyss World... That would mean that he definitely obtained new Star Origin Lord Robes, and the most plausible explanation was that it was provided by the Star Origin Lord Manor!

Dou Jie was slightly taken aback by Shang Xia’s abrupt question, but he eventually chuckled softly. “Speaking of which... I believe Grandmaster Shang had a huge hand in Tong Yutang’s promotion.”

Shang Xia snorted coldly in response, “I didn’t know anything back then. How was I supposed to know that the Variant Formation Talisman was related to the Star Robes?”

Dou Jie nodded to himself and he didn’t care if Shang Xia knew or not. He simply continued, “Zhuge Xiang’s thinking was outdated and he betrayed the ideology left behind by the Star Origin Lord which had been upheld by our Star Origin Lord Manor for the longest of time.”

“What exactly is that then?” Shang Xia pressed.

With a change in expression, Dou Jie snapped curtly, “That’s not something you need to know.”

“Alright.”

At the end of the day, it could be simply summarized into a simple case of internal strife. The only problem was the volatile Spirit Worlds who set the Azure Worlds as their targets. Everything happened because after Tong Yutang obtained the position of the Star Origin Guards Commander, their prestige had been greatly lowered.

Dou Jie seemed to have received some sort of news as he turned to stare in another direction of the void.

Shang Xia followed his gaze and saw a region of dark space.

Dou Jie's cheerful voice soon rang in his ears. "Alright. From the looks of it, my companion is done with his matters there. I believe you understand that your far-fetched alliance with the Spirit Thistle World ends here."

How could Shang Xia not understand? From the moment Dou Jie appeared, their plan went up in smoke!

Reality was cruel. Without absolute strength, they could only swallow the bitter pill of listening to the whims of others.

Shang Xia's expression was terrifyingly dark. Even though he wasn't responsible for the alliance and operation, the effort of the Spirit Luxuriant World which consisted of nearly all their strength was put to a stop just like that. Their losses because of the preparations they made didn't matter, but the psychological blow they were dealt was probably something that would be hard to recover from even in the next hundred or so years.

From that point alone, Shang Xia was sure that it was the Star Origin Lord Manor's intention to deal them a heavy blow at the crucial moment.

However... Shang Xia discovered something strange in the void the next moment.

Dou Jie couldn't help but laugh at the discovery. "Oh? Looks like my companion is here. Perhaps I can make the introductions..."

Before he could finish speaking, his expression changed.

Shang Xia's cold gaze locked into the void to watch everything that was happening.

Dou Jie failed to react in time and he could only yell, "Huh?! What's going on? I..."

"Hah!" Shang Xia snorted in response and interrupted Dou Jie before he could finish. "Oh? This is pretty interesting!"

He emphasized every part of his sentence and he released his aura completely. He even stabbed a rod-like weapon that was condensed with this Six Direction Qi into the void.

Shang Xia didn't know who the other high-level True Immortal who came with Dou Jie was, but the other party clearly still planned to beat the only high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World to establish his prestige.

Shang Xia wasn't one to disappoint. He couldn't be happier that the other party came knocking since he was looking for somewhere to vent his frustrations.

He wasn't really able to find an excuse to start beating up Dou Jie because of how slippery he was. Dou Jie also didn't really seem interested in fighting because of how he had been suppressed at the start.

Now that an opportunity has arrived... Shang Xia reacted to the other party's provocation happily! He didn't even bother using his Holy Artifact.

Chapter 1257: Bitch.

There were many specially built floating islands outside the Spirit Luxuriant World for Star Ships to dock.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had already gathered, and they were helpless against the figure who appeared and could only submit under the terrifyingly strong pressure of a high-level True Immortal.

They had to cancel their plan to invade another Azure World.

Chang Kun, the other fourth tier True Immortal who came from the Star Origin Dao Field, was extremely satisfied with himself.

He felt that he basically suppressed the Spirit Luxuriant World alone and forced all 8 True Immortals back all by himself! He was able to stop the Star Ship fleet from leaving, making their plans go up in smoke and cause massive losses to the Spirit Luxuriant World in terms of resources used.

His actions probably dealt them a heavy blow psychologically as well...

He happily sent a transmission to Dou Jie to inform him about the success, and after receiving Dou Jie's confirmation, he felt that since he had already offended the Spirit Luxuriant World, he might as well go all the way and crush their confidence.

Since the Spirit Luxuriant World only had 1 high-level True Immortal, who was also the youngest True Immortal with the greatest potential who might pose a threat to them in the future, he planned to teach Shang Xia a lesson and crush his dao heart!

Actually, his thinking wasn't actually too far-fetched. He was an old expert in the Martial Void Realm and Shang Xia was a junior who merely entered the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm. He felt that he also had Dou Jie beside him in case anything went wrong, and there was no way they would lose if they joined hands.

As such, he decided to make his move.

After learning where Dou Jie and Shang Xia were, he rushed over without concealing his presence. He charged at Shang Xia without concealing his malice and disdain towards the high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Dou Jie didn't think too much about it either despite being suppressed by Shang Xia during their first interaction. He wasn't afraid as one's divine soul didn't represent the full extent of their abilities.

The only thing that made Dou Jie frown was that they had already completed their mission by stopping the Spirit Luxuriant World and there was no need to complicate things. He still planned to make peace with them by making some introductions before taking their leave.

Everything happened so quickly that the situation quickly spiraled out of his control.

Shang Xia, who was already pissed by the Star Origin Dao Field's actions, released all his anger when he saw that they weren't even willing to leave nicely.

Without even taking out his weapon, he wanted to thrash the other side so hard while also showing his disrespect towards the high-level True Immortal who had the guts to attack him. He welcomed Chang Kun with the third move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique, Void Emptiness!

He didn't hold back either when he unleashed his attack.

The second he stabbed the rod created with his Six Direction Qi into the void, Dou Jie's expression changed drastically.

As Chang Kun's good friend and comrade, they had been cultivating in the Star Origin Lord Manor and had a good gauge of each other's strength. The second Dou Jie felt the power of the strike, he knew that there was no way Chang Kun would be able to receive it.

Dou Jie knew that he couldn't watch as his teammate suffered a loss at the hands of the high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World and he instinctively moved to assist by attacking Shang Xia.

However... The second he moved, a powerful burst of starlight appeared where Shang Xia stood and seemed to turn into a massive sun that came from nowhere. It blinded everyone present.

Even though Dou Jie lost his sense of sight, his divine soul firmly locked onto Shang Xia's original position.

It was a shame... By the time he attacked, he heard a deep grunt from the other side. He couldn't mistake the familiar voice for anyone else. It was his fellow comrade in arms, Chang Kun!

From the grunt that came, Dou Jie could tell that Chang Kun had been injured from that strike. He was actually injured by a single attack!

Terror ran through his mind as he poured even more inner qi into his attack that was directed at Shang Xia.

It was also at that moment that he discovered he had lost track of Shang Xia's aura.

Oh no!

Dou Jie's heart sank and he stopped his hand that was extended halfway. He released the remnant energy around him, causing spatial ripples to surround him, forming a layer of protection.

Anyone who tried to approach would immediately be discovered!

With the situation as messy and confusing as it was, he decided to protect himself before all else.

That was exactly Shang Xia's intention.

If Dou Jie were to join in the battle suddenly, he would have to fight 2 high-level True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field. However, with Dou Jie focused on self-preservation, he would be able to take on the other True Immortal alone!

Shang Xia wasn't afraid of the violent spatial storm that was kicked up when Void Emptiness struck Chang Kun. He released his domain and stabilized the void around him before rushing in the direction of the cocky asshole who tried to attack him instead of leaving the Spirit Luxuriant World.

While Chang Kun was still stunned from the injuries he sustained, Shang Xia quickly closed in.

Chang Kun was no inexperienced fool. He might have been stunned by Shang Xia's sudden strike and overwhelming strength, and his confidence suffered a huge blow, but he was still an experienced fourth tier True Immortal. He didn't panic in the crucial moment and he created a hand seal and pressed it into the space before him. It created a formless barrier that would serve as the first line of defense.

Like Dou Jie, Chang Kun managed to think of the best way to protect himself. At the same time, he also released his domain.

The next second, he felt someone forcing their way into his domain before ripping the formless barrier he created to shreds.

With a loud roar, Chang Kun sent a punch into the space in front of him and shattered the void. Everything around him seemed to be dragged towards his fist and it looked as though it had the power to crush anything in his way.

The next thing he knew, his fist came into contact with a Stone Rod.

Bang!

One had to say that his fist was as hard as steel and possessed considerable might.

It was a shame what he was up against was a Holy Artifact that had been infused with Shang Xia's tyrannical Six Direction Qi.

After the loud blast, Chang Kun's right arm was completely crushed. Became like a noodle that was flapping about helplessly as he quickly grabbed it with his left hand. Using everything he had, he retreated desperately.

Shang Xia casually kept his Stone Rod as he watched Chang Kun fleeing like a headless fly tens of miles away.

At the same time, Dou Jie, who realized he had been tricked, tore through the void as he quickly rushed in the direction of Shang Xia. As he made his way over, he prepared himself for a messy battle.

He saw Shang Xia staring at his comrade who was fleeing desperately and revealed a resentful expression. However, he quickly regained his composure and sighed helplessly. Getting rid of all the energy he had stored up, he also released his domain.

When he slowly drifted over to the space between Shang Xia and the fleeing Chang Kun, he cupped his fists towards Shang Xia. "True Immortal Shang, many thanks for showing mercy."

Staring at Dou Jie with an expressionless face, Shang Xia muttered, "Your Star Origin Dao Field can take control of the overall situation with your overwhelming strength, but that doesn't mean you can do whatever you please."

"You..." Chang Kun's enraged cry came from behind Dou Jie right after Shang Xia spoke.

Standing between Shang Xia and Chang Kun, Dou Jie's tone was chilly as he growled, "True Immortal Shang, I will convey whatever you said to the Star Origin Dao Field. I won't bother you anymore."

Chapter 1258: The Juiciest of News

The void that had been stirred up due to their exchange started to return to its original state as the True Immortals from the Star Origin Dao Field took their leave. Shang Xia stared at their departing figures and fell deep in thought.

Only after the void calmed down to a certain extent did several figures appear behind him.

“Are those experts from the Star Origin Dao Field gone?” Kou Chongxue took a step forward after exchanging a look with the others around him.

Shang Xia turned slowly and nodded. “Both of them retreated...”

Retreated...

The True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World who arrived looked at each other with a strange gaze and they understood what Shang Xia meant by that. After all, the turbulent space was a clear indication a battle happened recently.

From how composed and injury-free Shang Xia was, they could guess that he gained an absolute advantage when fighting both high-level True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field!

Why else would they be retreating?!

The next second, their thoughts returned to Chang Kun’s haughty face when he stopped the Star Ship fleet of the Spirit Luxuriant World and experienced a mix of emotions.

Their expressions were a sight to behold. On one hand, they wanted to clap in joy at the defeat of the cocky asshole from the Star Origin Dao Field, but when they thought about the humiliation they suffered when their entire fleet was held back by a single expert, they didn’t know how they should be feeling.

Kou Chongxue was slightly stunned, and he looked at those around him. Eventually, he asked in their stead, “What is their attitude towards this?”

Shang Xia knew that he might have vented their frustrations by beating up the True Immortal of the Star Origin Dao Field, but the others were definitely afraid that they would take revenge in the future.

The others didn’t dare to ask, but that was most likely what they were thinking. Now that Kou Chongxue spoke on their behalf, they no longer had to be so awkward about it.

Shang Xia understood that he couldn’t really ignore the question since Kou Chongxue was the person who asked, and he replied slowly, “It was an ordinary exchange and all of us held back earlier.”

Hearing that the situation didn’t reach an irreversible state, the expressions of the True Immortals present became a lot better than before.

They knew that the experts of the Star Origin Dao Field were arrogant, but they couldn’t really do anything about it considering the Star Origin Dao Field’s strength! They had to carefully maintain their attitude towards them.

“Shame... Several years of preparations went down the drain after they said a few words to us...” Li Jidao growled angrily.

Yang Taihe looked at the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution and asked, “Patriarch Kou, True Immortal Little Shang, what are you planning to do next?”

At that moment, every single True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World was present and they looked at Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia in unison.

Even though Shang Xia's cultivation and combat strength was the highest among them, he wouldn't make any decision with Kou Chongxue present.

With a helpless gesture, Kou Chongxue sighed, "I can't come up with anything now. Why don't we play it by ear?"

Yang Taihe clearly wasn't satisfied with Kou Chongxue's answer and he turned to look at Shang Xia. "True Immortal Little Shang, what do you think?"

"I'm entering seclusion." Shang Xia shot a glance at him before replying casually.

Kou Chongxue's gaze swept across Yang Taihe who was deep in thought and he chuckled, "True Immortal Yang, you sound like you have another plan?"

"It's not really a plan... It's just an idea for now..." Yang Taihe hesitated slightly before he replied.

Kou Chongxue laughed, "I'm all ears."

The other True Immortals also requested for Yang Taihe to speak.

After thinking for some time, Yang Taihe explained, "Even though we cannot attack the Azure Worlds, our alliance with the Spirit Thistle World can still go on. At the very least, we can't get rid of the alliance before we discover the stance of the Star Origin Dao Field."

The other True Immortals nodded in agreement.

Li Jidao added, "Do you mean for us to send a powerful True Immortal to the Spirit Thistle World to help them out?"

Yang Taihe nodded. "Also, since we gathered every single power and assembled the Star Ship fleet, we might as well start exploring the region. We don't know too much about this region of space we are in and we might even be able to draw a few Earth Stars over..."

Everyone turned to look at Yin Jingxu before Yang Taihe was done talking. Everyone knew that he only advanced because of the Earth Star he drew over from the remnants of the Manyu Continent.

His expression turned ugly at that very moment, as Yang Taihe's intention was clear. He was using the moral high ground to force Yin Jingxu to hand over the method of advancement by relying on an Earth Star.

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue exchanged a glance and could tell what each other was thinking. Since the possibility of devouring another world was out, Yang Taihe and Li Jidao set their sights on the other method to ensure their disciple would be able to break through to the Martial Void Realm.

However, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia both tacitly chose to remain quiet at the moment and allow them to force Yin Jingxu to spill his secrets.

With the pressure from the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect, Yin Jingxu's face flushed red with anger and he snapped angrily, "I don't care if you wish to draw more Earth Stars to our world, but if you wish to obtain my rank six inheritance or advancement method, you better be prepared to trade it with your own!"

An Earth Star was like a sieve that was leaking world origin. It couldn't gather a World's Will, and there were also many mortals living on it.

With the current state of the Spirit Luxuriant World, obtaining an Earth Star would cause them to suffer a massive loss. In order to integrate something with no World's Will, their Spirit Luxuriant World would have to nurture it on its own, using up a lot of world origin. Ignoring the possibility of being blessed by the Spirit Luxuriant World, the ones who brought the Earth Star should thank the heavens if the World's Will doesn't punish them for wasting its resources.

The only reason Yin Jingxu was able to advance successfully wasn't just because of his secret art. It was because of the special properties of the Earth Star! It contained a portion of the Manyu Continent's World's Will.

Ordinary Earth Stars weren't like that, and if they didn't have the Heavenly Star Palace's secret art, there was no way to break through.

The discussion ended just like that, with no one gaining an advantage. However, the Star Ship fleet didn't remain idle and continued along with Yang Taihe's plan to scour the sea of stars around the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Kou Chongxue was sent to the Spirit Thistle World to act as reinforcements, but Yin Jingxu chose to go along with him. He might be scheming something, but Shang Xia was too lazy to care about him for the time being.

When he returned, he planned to head back to Star Beast Nest No.2 after a few days. He didn't expect to receive shocking news from the Star Origin Dao Field just 1 day later. The alliance that consisted of the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World returned from the Azure Abyss World empty handed due to the Star Origin Guards' protection. However, the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet was annihilated by the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World on the way back.

Chapter 1259: Going On Another Trip On My Favorite Rocket Ship

The Spirit Tinkle World's fleet was actually destroyed by the joint forces of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World!

Shang Xia thought it was a joke when he first heard the news, but reports quickly flowed in from the other great powers to the Tongyou Institution. After the deputy patriarchs read the news, they handed it over to Shang Xia.

It didn't take too long before every single power connected to the Star Origin Dao Field learned of what happened. The Spirit Luxuriant World also bustled with excitement from the news.

Only then did Shang Xia realize that things were getting real.

If that was truly the case, the situation that had been stabilized by the Star Origin Dao Field was going to be thrown into chaos once again!

Shang Xia knew what would happen even if he used his buttocks to think. Also, he knew that the other True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World had already gathered above the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent.

Soon after, the deputy patriarchs informed Shang Xia that the other True Immortals requested for him to also be present.

Above the heavenly screen, other than Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu who hadn't returned from the Spirit Thistle World, everyone else was present. Even Lu Wuzi rushed back from Star Beast Nest No.1.

“Can we confirm what happened?” As soon as he arrived, Li Jidao asked the others impatiently.

Liu Jingsheng forced a chuckle. “Whatever it is, news of it has already spread through the Star Origin Dao Field.”

“Did we receive news about this from any other worlds?” Yang Taihe asked.

Zhang Xuansheng replied in a low voice, “Even if anyone tries to send information out from the other worlds, it will take some time. We might as well wait for Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu to return to verify the information.”

Yang Taihe fell silent for a moment before turning to Shang Xia. “True Immortal Little Shang, we will have to trouble you to make a trip over to the Star Origin Dao Field and try to find out the reason behind the sudden action of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World to eliminate the fleet of the Spirit Tinkle World...”

Shang Xia frowned, but he didn't reject the proposition. Instead, he turned to Huang Jinghan and asked, “Senior Huang, can you head over to Star Beast Nest No.2 and take my place for now?”

Before Huang Jinghan could agree, Liu Jingsheng asked, “How is the situation over at Star Beast Nest No.2 right now?”

Shang Xia chuckled in response, “The Five Element Teleportation Formation has already been deployed and the protection formation around it is complete. My second tier Martial Void Realm clone is also there and should be enough to deter anyone from messing with us.”

Liu Jingsheng wanted to continue, but Huang Jinghan responded before he could say anything. “Alright, I'll head over right now.”

Opening and closing his mouth slowly, Liu Jingsheng didn't say any more.

Shang Xia smiled before looking at the other True Immortals. “Since that is the case, I'll leave matters regarding our Spirit Luxuriant World to you.”

After he spoke, he turned to leave.

The matter regarding the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World's betrayal of their alliance to eliminate the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet was too big to ignore. The implications were also too serious. Shang Xia knew he had to find out the reason behind what was going on. Moreover... If they eliminated the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet, they might set their sights on the Spirit Tinkle World next.

Shang Xia understood the intricate balance between the Spirit Worlds. If the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World actually manage to devour the Spirit Tinkle World, they would be unstoppable! As long as they joined forces, they would easily take over the other worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field.

Shang Xia needed to know what was going on. He had to learn what the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World was relying on for the confidence to attack the Spirit Tinkle World.

With his interaction with the experts of the Star Origin Lord Manor, Shang Xia understood that they had absolute confidence in preventing the various worlds from falling into disarray.

Their might was on full display when Tong Yutang brought the Star Origin Guards to prevent the invasion of the Azure Abyss World by the alliance of the 3 Spirit Worlds.

Even with all 3 of them forming an alliance, they had to retreat empty handed against the grand battle formation of the Star Origin Guards. If the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World were the only ones left...

Were they supposed to fight against the Star Origin Dao Field themselves? One had to know that the moment the grand battle formation consisting of all the Star Origin Guards was deployed, they would possess the strength of a Seventh Order expert!

How were the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World going to stop that?

When Shang Xia arrived on the Star Origin Dao Field, he could feel the anxious atmosphere.

He quickly discovered that not a single Star Origin Guards was left in the city as powerful fluctuations could be felt from the Star Relay. High-level experts were traveling to and from the Star Origin Dao Field, and the aura of True Immortals would appear frequently.

It was clear Shang Xia wasn't the only one who was there to look for more information.

Even though there were no Star Origin Guards left in the city, there was a terrifying aura that came from the center of the Dao Field, preventing anyone from doing anything stupid.

Shang Xia once witnessed the strength of a fifth tier True Immortal who was at the level of Returning to the Origin. It was when Zhuge Xiang was surrounded. He also experienced the might of one when he donned the Star Origin Lord Robes himself and knew how powerful an existence at that level actually was.

The aura he felt from the center of the city clearly surpassed that of a fifth tier True Immortal!

Could there actually be a sixth tier True Immortal in the Star Origin Lord Manor?

The moment Shang Xia arrived, the aura had already locked onto him. He could feel that the moment he made any inappropriate actions, he would be struck down mercilessly.

After familiarizing himself with the feeling, Shang Xia was sure about it. There was definitely an existence at the level of Extreme Harmonization overlooking the Star Origin Dao Field!

“At the very least, the actions of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World allowed us to discover the existence of an expert at that level in the Star Origin Lord Manor. Otherwise, we would have been caught by surprise...” Shang Xia thought to himself before he continued, “Could this just be a probe by the Spirit Worlds? Aren't they going a little too far by doing so?”

Only then did Shang Xia notice the other experts of the various worlds gathering around one of the Transfer Halls in the Star Relay.

That wasn't all. With his divine soul, he could tell even more True Immortals who had concealed their aura were rushing in that direction.

It was where the spatial tunnel that was connected to the Spirit Tinkle World was!

He quickly understood what was going on. For so many experts to be rushing over, there was no way they were there only to watch the battle. It was especially so when there were so many True Immortals rushing over. There was only 1 possibility. They were heading over to prevent the Spirit Tinkle World from collapsing!

The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World wouldn't destroy the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet for no reason. They would definitely start killing the talented high-level experts of the Spirit Tinkle World next before launching an all-out invasion.

The information network of the Tongyou Institution in the Star Origin Dao Field also sent a report to him to inform him that Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu had already rushed to the aid of the Spirit Tinkle World with the experts of the Spirit Thistle World.

They didn't receive any more news, but it was clear that Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu didn't bother heading to the Star Origin Dao Field for a transit journey. They probably ran straight over from the Spirit Thistle World.

Passing through the spatial tunnel connected to the Star Origin Dao Field placed great burden on it, especially if they were True Immortals. When True Immortals were passing through, no one else would be able to use the spatial tunnel due to the dangers of the instability it would cause.

Shang Xia frowned as he looked in the direction of the people passing through to the Spirit Tinkle World. There was only a single spatial tunnel, and unless he revealed his aura to cut the queue, it would need a lot of time for him to finally get to head over. Moreover... There were many True Immortals already hiding their aura in the queue.

When Shang Xia was thinking of what to do, a familiar aura emerged from the Star Origin Lord Manor and rushed in his direction.

Shang Xia couldn't help but stop walking as he stood in place to wait for the person who came.

"True Immortal Shang, we meet again." Dou Jie passed through the city easily to look for him and he didn't attract too much attention to himself.

Shang Xia chuckled in response, "True Immortal Dou, you're here too. Is something the matter?"

Laughing along, Dou Jie eventually turned serious and asked, "True Immortal Shang, are you also planning to head over to the Spirit Tinkle World?"

Shang Xia didn't deny his intentions and spoke casually, "How can I not be curious now that something so big is happening?"

Dou Jie looked at the queue and continued laughing, "What perfect timing. I was also planning to head to the Spirit Tinkle World. Shall we go together?"

As he spoke, he gestured for Shang Xia to move in another direction. Instead of heading to the Star Relay, they headed out of the Star Origin Dao Field.

Shang Xia's eyelids started to twitch. It seemed as though other than the Star Relay, the Star Origin Dao Field also had other methods to travel to the various worlds connected to it.

Shang Xia didn't continue asking about it. Instead, he changed the topic. "True Immortal Dou, are you the only one from the Star Origin Lord Manor heading over?"

Dou Jie laughed in a hoarse voice. "True Immortal Shang, you might not know but 2 others have already rushed over. I was planning not to go because I had to ensure Brother Chang was alright, but since you're here, an impulse came over me to take a trip over as well."

Chang Kun was clearly not going to be able to head over with them because of the injuries Shang Xia dealt to him.

Of course, Shang Xia wouldn't feel bad about injuring Chang Kun either. However, Dou Jie's words allowed Shang Xia to have a better gauge of the strength of the Star Origin Lord Manor.

The Spirit Tinkle World was in serious threat of destruction with the alliance of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World. Because the Star Origin Dao Field didn't wish to see the delicate balance be broken, they had to step in and give it their all to prevent it from happening.

For them to already send 2 experts over and with Dou Jie joining him, Shang Xia understood that the Star Origin Lord Manor was a lot stronger than he could imagine. There was also an expert suspected to be at the level of Extreme Harmonization who was stationed in the city...

As they spoke, they left the Star Origin Dao Field and arrived on the stone platform everyone would arrive on.

Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and he asked, "Right, the senior in the Star Origin Lord Manor..."

Dou Jie knew what he wanted to ask and he chuckled casually, "Oh, that's the third Star Origin Guards Commander since the establishment of the Star Origin Dao Field, True Immortal Zhuo Gudao. Commander Gudao is close to 500 years old and he's an extremely powerful sixth tier True Immortal at the level of Extreme Harmonization!"

Shang Xia revealed an expression of shock and he gasped, "500 years old?! Extreme Harmonization? Wouldn't that mean that the first and second Star Origin Guards Commanders..."

"Hahahaha!" Dou Jie burst out laughing. "I knew you would ask about them."

Before Shang Xia could finish his question, Dou Jie continued, "I'm sorry to disappoint. Even though they are also extremely talented, their cultivation couldn't fight against the flow of time. They were only in the fifth tier when they died of old age..."

Shang Xia might have been shocked, but he understood that the explanation was completely reasonable. Even if they were high-level True Immortals, it would be difficult to live as long as that.

However, he couldn't help but continue to ask, "Can I know how many Star Origin Guards Commanders have been in existence since the establishment of the Star Origin Dao Field?"

Dou Jie retrieved a tiny model of a Star Ship before replying, "Elder Zhuo is the third Star Origin Guards Commander, Elder Yuan is the fourth. Zhuge Xiang was the fifth, and Tong Yutang is the sixth."

As he was speaking, he tossed the model into the void and poured his inner qi into it. It quickly expanded into a small ship that was several dozen feet long and wide.

Gesturing for Shang Xia to board the ship, Dou Jie continued, “This is a Divine Evasion Boat left in the Star Origin Lord Manor. It’s said that the treasure was something used by the Star Origin Lord in the past, and because I mentioned I was going to head over to the Spirit Tinkle World with you, I managed to borrow it from Elder Zhuo. It moves extremely quickly in space and even though it’s not going to be as quick as a spatial transfer by the spatial tunnel, it beats revealing our identities and cutting the queue in the Star Relay.”

Shang Xia didn’t stand on ceremony and he simply stepped onto the Divine Evasion Boat.

When Dou Jie also boarded the boat, he stood on the stern of the boat and held a long crystal-like rod that looked like a massive essence crystal. As he poured his inner qi into the boat, Shang Xia could feel everything around him turning blurry as they rushed through the void.

Chapter 1260: Sneaky Bastards!

The Spirit Tinkle World was a Spirit World, unlike any other.

Many of their paths of cultivation were related to spiritual beasts, and the True Immortals of the Spirit Tinkle World usually addressed themselves with names of spiritual beasts. For example, True Immortal He, True Immortal Qing, True Immortal Yi... And the like. [1]

The Spirit Tinkle World seemed similar to the Azure Spiritual World of the past, but they could be considered a much more perfect version of it.

The Spirit Tinkle World had 22 continents and 7 Elysiums.

Comparing the Spirit Tinkle World to the Spirit Faith World, they were still a notch weaker. When Shang Xia first arrived in the Spirit Faith World back then, they had 8 great Elysiums.

The only difference was that the Spirit Faith World consolidated the essence of 3 different worlds and obtained the foundations of the Spirit Emptiness World in order to produce their Elysiums.

When Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue led an expedition against them in the past, 3 or 4 Elysiums only had a single True Immortal holding the fort, which allowed their invasion to succeed.

The Spirit Faith World might possess more Elysiums, but their foundations were far from comparable to the powerful Spirit Tinkle World. Almost every one of their 22 continents had stronger foundations than the Spirit Faith World and more than half of their continents had reached the grand completion stage.

If they had to compare the Spirit Luxuriant World to it... They would pale even more in comparison.

Other than the 7 great Elysiums, The Spirit Tinkle World had other factions with True Immortals. There were even several wandering cultivators who reached that level.

The Spirit Luxuriant World had once estimated there to be 15 or so True Immortals in the Spirit Tinkle World, and they probably had 3 or 4 high-level True Immortals. There was even a possibility that among those high-level True Immortals, 1 might even have reached the level of Returning to the Origin!

After a short exchange with Dou Jie, Shang Xia learned that the Spirit Tinkle World actually had 19 True Immortals! There were 4 fourth tier True Immortals, and 1 fifth tier True Immortal called True Immortal Zhu.

The only thing Dou Jie didn't know at the moment was the state of the Spirit Tinkle World and the casualties they had already suffered.

Ever since the news of the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet being eliminated by the sudden alliance of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World returned, all sorts of news had been spreading like wildfire.

Most of the rumors going around confirmed the fact that the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet had been wiped out, but the True Immortals of the Spirit Tinkle World, especially high-level True Immortals, were most definitely able to escape.

At the very least, in the eyes of Shang Xia and Dou Jie, even if the fifth tier True Immortal of the Spirit Tinkle World was surrounded by 3 to 4 fourth tier True Immortals from the alliance, he should still be able to stay alive while running.

As they conversed, the Divine Evasion Boat passed through powerful chaotic streams and arrived in another region in the sea of stars. According to Dou Jie, it was where the Spirit Tinkle World was.

Actually, even without his introduction, they could already feel powerful fluctuations coming in all directions. It was clear to them that a massive battle was happening all over the place, even if they were fighting outside their field of vision.

Dou Jie and Shang Xia glanced at each other and saw the look of shock in each other's eyes.

Clearly, they managed to discover some information from the spatial fluctuations around them.

They might have been relaxed when they made their way over, but they immediately raised their guards.

"The situation changed again... I thought that they wouldn't actually go so far and fight so close to the Spirit Tinkle World!" Dou Jie forced a chuckle.

For such a massive brawl to take place so close to the Spirit Tinkle World, they would have to act fast and clearly indicate which side they were on. At the very least, they needed to show those fighting if they were friend or foe in case they were attacked by both sides.

The problem was... Be it Dou Jie or Shang Xia, both of them arrived confused and they didn't even know how to establish contact with those in the battle.

Dou Jie eventually forced a chuckle. "Looks like we'll have to split up for now."

Shang Xia nodded and cupped his fists towards Dou Jie. "Many thanks for the lift. I will have to quickly gather with the True Immortals of the Spirit Tinkle World seeing how chaotic this is. I shall take my leave now."

Shang Xia didn't hesitate and he turned into a streak of light that disappeared into the sea of stars.

Looking in the direction Shang Xia had gone, Dou Jie mumbled to himself in a low voice, "Let's hope that we never meet as enemies... It's just... How the hell did the situation turn so bad so

quickly?! From what I know, the Spirit Tinkle World should have at least a high-level Elysium True Immortal...”

Shang Xia was also slightly panicked when he arrived. The closer he got to the Spirit Tinkle World, the more intense the spatial fluctuations were. He couldn't create spatial tunnels as easily as before and he eventually decided to make use of an Abyssal Emptiness Talisman to make his way towards the world.

With his speed that far surpassed any cultivators of the same level, he was traveling quickly through the battlefield. However, he soon felt someone flying past him quickly and he understood that Dou Jie was probably making use of the Divine Evasion Boat which was even faster than himself.

Grabbing a talisman that was made with the special technique of the institution, he activated it and it turned into a faint streak of light that flew in many different directions. As long as Kou Chongxue caught any part of it, they would be able to establish their communication line.

However... Shang Xia wasn't too optimistic that Kou Chongxue would be able to catch it successfully. As he made his way closer to the main battlefield, he could feel the intensity of the battles happening. He was afraid those beams of light he sent out would be destroyed before it could even get close.

While that was happening, Shang Xia tried to conceal his aura as he made his way closer to the world. Unfortunately, in massive battles like that where there were extremely intense spatial fluctuations and everyone was on guard, he would quickly draw suspicion to himself. In fact, he might even turn himself into a common target.

The moment he arrived at the main battlefield, he pretty much understood how the battle started.

Even though he was confident in the defensive abilities of his domain, he didn't hesitate to activate the Abyss Prison Emptiness Talisman. The talisman turned the region of space around him into an abyss that could swallow almost all sorts of attacks. At the same time, it could weaken others' domain to a certain extent. It was especially useful for preventing assassination attempts.

Next, Shang Xia grabbed his Stone Rod and stabbed it into the void before him. There were dozens of phantoms that appeared as he unleashed the second move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique, Starry Disorder!

It was followed by a massive blast in the void as several experts hidden in the void were sent flying. The spatial fluctuations that were kicked up tore the space around him to shreds and at the same time, it managed to stop others from locking on to him with their divine souls.

Shang Xia stepped into the chaotic space around him that was stirred up without a moment's hesitation.

A spatial tunnel was created in the void all of a sudden, to the surprise and horror of anyone around. Shang Xia's Holy Artifact stabbed straight for those who tried to sneak up on him.

He unleashed the third move in his Six Harmony Rod Technique, Void Emptiness!

Not only was the move great when it came to piercing through domains, it could even create a spatial tunnel with its penetrating abilities for someone to pass through if needed.

It was something Shang Xia came up with on the spot after observing its properties, and it was a new use of his move.

Earlier, there were more than 10 experts who tried to sneak up on Shang Xia. Even though his divine soul was slightly disrupted, he could still tell that there were at least 4 to 5 True Immortals among them.

As for the rest... They were cultivators in the Martial Dipper Realm.

Even Martial Dipper Realm cultivators dare to butt into a battle at this level?

Shang Xia thought to himself.

After confirming that everyone around him didn't consist of anyone he knew, Shang Xia unleashed Starry Disorder again. This time, the number of phantom rods that was sent out was the exact number of those who tried to attack him.

Actually, there were actually a lot more people who wanted to attack Shang Xia after noticing his arrival. However, they quickly gave up on the idea and ran away after he thwarted the plan of those in the first wave.

From Shang Xia's aura, which he wasn't concealing any longer, they could tell that he was a high-level True Immortal!

Many people who were in the surroundings who were just lurking about the battlefield or fighting sucked in a cold breath. Those who were fighting could be bothered by their opponents as they turned to flee.

They didn't think that Shang Xia would react so quickly and decisively!

From his actions, he was clearly not planning to let a single person who tried to sneak attack him go!

They didn't quite understand where he got his confidence to fight so many experts from, as there were several True Immortals among them.

They felt that even if the person who arrived was a high-level True Immortal, he couldn't possibly take them all down with a single rod technique...

Also, in the eyes of the True Immortals who were targeted, they felt that Shang Xia was humiliating them!

With the exception of those in the Marital Dipper Realm, those who planned to attack Shang Xia earlier stopped escaping. None of them tried to run any longer and they turned their attention to the phantom rod flying their way.

Rumble... Boom...

The space 1000 miles around Shang Xia quickly erupted with massive explosions as the entire region turned into a mess.