

The Heavens 1271

Chapter 1271: No Longer Afraid?!

Even with Void Seal, Shang Xia failed to stop the powerful wave of energy that had already been weakened by the heavenly screen.

Fortunately, he was still able to slow it down by ten times and gave everyone a better chance to escape.

Only then did Shang Xia and the others heave a sigh of relief.

Soon after, the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World found them. Seeing as Shang Xia and the rest were perfectly alright, True Immortal Qu Guan gasped softly, "True Immortal Shang, you should have come down sooner! Of course, with your strength, it won't be difficult if you wish to avoid that strike alone. However, True Immortal Kou and True Immortal Yin aren't as strong as you."

Shang Xia understood that the other party was saying it out of goodwill and he nodded slightly. However, he couldn't help but ask, "What exactly was that earlier? Was that Zhuo Gudao's martial intent that he comprehended after breaking through to the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm?"

Qu Guan was initially afraid that Shang Xia would possess an overinflated ego due to his achievements and was actually a little apprehensive of their alliance. However, hearing that Shang Xia didn't ignore what he said, he felt more relieved. He quickly replied, "The martial intent of an expert at the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm might be able to pass through space to carry out long-range strikes, but it wouldn't be able to maintain such power even after passing through a heavenly screen."

Shang Xia's eyes widened in shock. "Could it be the power of a Seventh Order? Did Zhuo Gudao actually pass the final barrier to enter the Martial Emptiness Realm?"

Before Qu Guan could say anything, Zuo Li chuckled at the side, "Of course not. Zhuo Gudao probably made use of something the Star Origin Lord left behind or other external strength to launch that strike. There is no way he did it alone."

"Of course, what he used was an attack that had reached the level of something that would be unleashed by an expert in the Martial Emptiness Realm. It's stronger than what the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation is capable of." Zuo Li concluded.

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue exchanged a glance and saw the helplessness in each other's eyes.

Inheritances at that level or stuff that had been left behind by experts at that level wasn't something worlds with shallow history like theirs would know about.

Shang Xia eventually asked again, "What will happen now? What is the situation like outside? When will we be able to leave?"

Shang Xia looked exactly like everyone else who was being suppressed by the World's Will. His expression of discomfort was also perfectly in line with the rest.

Zuo Li and Qu Guan exchanged a look before Zuo Li laughed, “Their main goal is the expert who’s stealing their world origin. What does that have to do with us?”

Shang Xia raised an eyebrow in shock. “But... We hid in the Spirit Tinkle World and avoided the powerful attack. If the members of the Star Origin Dao Field still can’t find anyone, wouldn’t we become the prime suspects?”

“Heh, they’ve been looking at us the entire time. If we were really suspicious, would we be able to avoid detection by their sixth tier True Immortal?” Qu Guan snorted with amusement.

Shang Xia seemed to fall deep in thought and he wondered out loud, “Is that why they are sure the culprit is still hiding somewhere?”

Qu Guan nodded with a smile on his face as Zuo Li continued, “Well... They’re also using the opportunity to suppress us a little and have a better time absorbing world origin.”

Raising his head to look at the heavenly screen that wasn’t fluctuating as violently as before, Qu Guan muttered, “Everything should have calmed down... Let’s head up.”

After he spoke, the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World made their way over to the heavenly screen.

The 3 True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World followed closely behind. Kou Chongxue muttered in a low voice, surprising Shang Xia, “I’m about to break through...”

Turning to look at Kou Chongxue in shock, he wanted to say something about the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation, but he quickly controlled himself. He also saw the dumbfounded Yin Jingxu next to him and it was clear the other party also heard what Kou Chongxue said. He knew he couldn’t remain silent after that and he quickly reminded, “You better hold it in and not try anything right now...”

“No shit! From how you entered the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm, your connection to the continent which spirituality you relied on to break through seems extremely important. I naturally have to wait till I get back before trying anything.” Kou Chongxue snorted.

With their extensive experience, they should have already realized that the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation wasn’t enough to facilitate a breakthrough to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm. It would increase their chance, but at the end of the day, they still had to rely on the spirituality of the land that allowed them to become True Immortals in the first place.

Shang Xia thought even deeper and noticed what happened to Kou Chongxue when he was absorbing world origin earlier.

The amount of world origin actually wasn’t enough for him to break through to the fourth tier. That could only mean that the patriarch actually gained quite a few opportunities since his trip to the Spirit Thistle World and when he followed them to the Spirit Tinkle World.

Whatever it was, looking at the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation again, Shang Xia had to think of more possibilities. He even wondered if the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field branded their souls into the dao field itself during the ascension.

If that was the case, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue would feel even more reassured with the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation. After all, that would mean that it was a purely assistive formation with extremely low risks!

Shang Xia frowned suddenly and asked, "What do you plan to do now then?"

"That's our problem now. I can't absorb any more world origin. Otherwise, I'm going to expose the fact that I'm about to break through!" Kou Chongxue mumbled.

For a powerful expert like Kou Chongxue who stood at the peak of the third tier of the Marital Void Realm, his advancement to the fourth tier was basically guaranteed. The moment he showed signs of breaking through, he would immediately become the target of most True Immortals present. After all, no one wanted to see a foreign world growing stronger.

However... If they didn't leave the Spirit Tinkle World, they might become even larger suspects in the eyes of those from the Star Origin Dao Field. In fact, they might just put the blame on him.

Shang Xia noticed that even though they seemed to be stuck in a sticky situation, Kou Chongxue didn't seem panicked at all. He snorted softly and asked, "Did you already think of something?"

"I knew I couldn't hide it from you!" Kou Chongxue smiled before he brought out something from his sleeves. "Take a look at this!"

He revealed a shell that was the size of his palm. The shell was filled with cracks and looked like it would shatter the next second.

With a strange look in his eyes, Shang Xia examined the shell. Soon after, he revealed a look of shock. "This... Is this an Origin Holy Artifact?! How the fuck did you steal another one?!"

Shang Xia quickly connected the dots and realized why Kou Chongxue was able to reach his current state where he was about to enter the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm.

Kou Chongxue sneered derisively at the comment. "Go steal one for me if you think it's so easy to get your hands on one! I obtained it by chance when I first arrived and was flying over the massive gap in the heavenly screen above the 6 continents... It should have flown out when some other people were fighting over it. However... It suffered great damage and it looks like it's just getting worse..."

This lucky motherf... He actually picked up an Origin Holy Artifact just by flying around above the exposed continents...

Shang Xia was struck speechless, but he understood Kou Chongxue's intentions when he took out the damaged artifact. He nodded and explained, "I'll use my domain to disrupt everyone's senses around us. All you need to do is to use it to absorb world origin to make it look like you're the one devouring world origin. You'll be able to restore the artifact at the same time..."

There were definitely Elysiums among the 6 continents that had been exposed. The shell was most likely the Origin Holy Artifact of one of them.

"Hahaha!" Kou Chongxue broke out laughing the next second. "What are we waiting for then?! Let's head up now!"

Shang Xia also knew that Kou Chongxue had another plan in mind. He might be using his domain to cover what the patriarch was doing, but Kou Chongxue most likely also hoped that he would be able to draw over even more world origin to help restore the Origin Holy Artifact.

That was right. Kou Chongxue was no fool. He had already guessed that Shang Xia was the culprit who was stealing world origin from the Star Origin Dao Field! Of course, that was something he concluded with his wealth of experience. He hadn't learned of the existence of the Crimson Soul Tablet because it was something sixth tier True Immortals were unable to learn of, but he knew a lot about Shang Xia! He knew how Shang Xia had been running around everywhere and absorbing an astronomical amount of world origin from various worlds. It wasn't difficult for him to reach his conclusion.

Since Shang Xia was unwilling to mention how he did it, Kou Chongxue never asked. Naturally, he wouldn't do so with Yin Jingxu beside them.

Speaking of Yin Jingxu... He had been completely listless ever since Kou Chongxue mentioned he was about to break through to the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm.

When he finally snapped back to reality, he stared straight at the Origin Holy Artifact that had appeared in Kou Chongxue's hand. Even though Kou Chongxue was swinging his arms about while talking, Yin Jingxu's gaze never left the shell.

"Palace Master Yin?" Shang Xia called out softly.

"Uh... Huh?!" Yin Jingxu turned to look at Shang Xia as his face flushed red. "I'm sorry!"

Shang Xia chuckled to himself and no longer said anything.

Instead, Kou Chongxue, who had been flying beside him, slowed slightly and laughed, "It's alright. This Origin Holy Artifact isn't actually useful to my institution..."

After he spoke, he rushed towards the heavenly screen.

Shang Xia snickered softly before following behind the patriarch.

Yin Jingxu was overjoyed by Kou Chongxue's revelation and he pretty much understood why the patriarch of the Tongyou Institution would be saying something like that to him. His emotions changed as he felt the inner turmoil in his heart. Eventually, his expression hardened and he followed the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution and rushed out of the heavenly screen.

By the time they emerged, the situation up top had turned really strange.

Rather than being afraid of Zhuo Gudao's strength and the strike he released that contained the might of a Seventh Order expert, everyone rushed over as soon as the threat was gone. They no longer seemed to care about the Star Origin Dao Field as they started to absorb world origin without a care in the world. They didn't even give half a shit to the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field deployed.

"What's going on? Why are they acting like this even though it has only been a short while since Zhuo Gudao's attack came?" Shang Xia frowned and asked the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World not too far away.

Chapter 1272: Giving Up

“What’s happening?!” Shang Xia asked the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World nearby.

Qu Guan didn’t forget to continue absorbing world origin as he explained, “The True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field failed to find the culprit.”

“Oh?” Shang Xia gasped in ‘shock’ and continued, “That’s the power of the Seventh Order.. They still failed to find their target? Also... Is everyone really no longer afraid of them?”

Shang Xia might be asking, but he didn’t forget to release his domain to continue absorbing the world origin from the exposed continents of the Spirit Tinkle World along with everyone else.

The True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field seemed completely indifferent to what they were doing at that point.

Qu Guan seemed to notice some strange treasure while he was absorbing world origin and fought with someone else for it. After sending out a single strike, he managed to obtain his spoils and he revealed a contented look. He revealed a smile after he was done and continued, “Of course not. After you entered the heavenly screen, the fifth tier True Immortals of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World seemed to have discovered Zhuo Gudao wouldn’t be able to send a clone out of the Star Origin Dao Field and were no longer afraid. With nothing holding them back, they called over the experts on their side and started to shatter the continents to absorb more world origin.”

“Aren’t they killing their golden goose then?” Shang Xia frowned. However, he recalled that the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World also seemed to be doing the same and he quickly changed the topic. “How are the True Immortals of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World sure that Zhuo Gudao wouldn’t be able to make an appearance? Didn’t the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field do anything to prevent the situation from getting worse?”

Zuo Li replied, “The reason the sixth tier True Immortal of the Star Origin Dao Field cannot appear might be because he’s consolidating his foundations, but it’s even more possible that Zhuo Gudao has branded his soul into the core of the Star Origin Dao Field and become an existence similar to that of an Elysium True Immortal.”

“Aren’t the souls of all the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field branded into their Dao Field?” Shang Xia gasped.

“That’s why I said the core of the Star Origin Dao Field.” Zuo Li chuckled.

“Oh...” Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something else and he continued, “Wait a second... If Zhuo Gudao is able to brand his soul into the core of the Star Origin Dao Field, would that mean that others wouldn’t be able to do so?”

Qu Guan and Zuo Li exchanged a glance while smiling to each other. They seemed to be in awe of Shang Xia’s keen senses.

Qu Guan eventually explained, “That might be the real reason behind Zhuge Xiang’s death... Of the experts who took part in killing him, other than Tong Yutang who entered the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm secretly, the others came from the Spirit Abundance World, Spirit Mammoth World, and Spirit Tinkle World. The experts of the Star Origin Lord Manor didn’t make a move, but they were definitely supporting Tong Yutang. One has to know that the Star Origin Lord Manor has at least 3 experts at the fifth tier of the Martial Void Realm. Killing Zhuge Xiang wouldn’t be too difficult for them... However, they still chose to get outside help.”

Shang Xia mumbled in response, “Do you mean to say that the True Immortals of the Star Origin Lord Manor are unable to take action and kill Zhuge Xiang such that they had to get outside help? They didn’t even hesitate to reveal the secret of the Star Origin Guards battle formation... As it turned out, the sixth tier True Immortal wanted to brand his soul into the core of the Star Origin Dao Field after getting rid of Zhuge Xiang...”

When they killed Zhuge Xiang that day, everyone noticed how the attackers used the battle formation of the Star Origin Guards. Shang Xia saw it with his very own eyes. It was also no secret to experts at Shang Xia’s level.

Zuo Li knew what Shang Xia wanted to ask, and he simply continued speaking, “According to the fifth tier True Immortals of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World, Zhuo Gudao had been stuck in the fifth tier for a very long time. From the time he was the Star Origin Guards Commander... His lifespan should be reaching its end. He might have branded his soul into the Star Origin Dao Field to reach the sixth tier while extending his lifespan and quickly reaching a state where he was able to start comprehending his martial intent. The only price he had to pay was that he wouldn’t be able to leave the Star Origin Dao Field...”

As it turned out... Everything happened because Zhuo Gudao was afraid to die!

Shang Xia’s doubts were greatly cleared up.

Of course... While listening to the explanation, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn’t remain idle. They also started to shatter the 6 continents like the others to plunder more world origin.

Suddenly thinking of something else, Shang Xia frowned and asked, “Wait a second. Since they hadn’t been able to find the mysterious expert who was stealing their world origin, why don’t they continue to absorb world origin?”

The Star Origin Dao Field’s weakness might have been exposed and True Immortals of the various worlds were starting to plunder world origin without holding back, but the threat of the Star Origin Dao Field was still present. Even without Zhuo Gudao, they had the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation, and would be enough to threaten any major power!

Even so... The True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field seemed to have restrained themselves. They no longer tried to cover all 6 continents. Instead, they focused on holding down 2 continents at the side.

Different from what happened earlier, with their reduced range, the curtain of starlight they created was much stronger and no one was able to break it. Even if they did, they didn’t dare to try pissing the Star Origin Dao Field more than they already had.

The Star Origin Dao Field wasn't able to plunder as much world origin as before, but they were able to maintain around 50 percent of their original amount.

Qu Guan spoke suddenly, "Maybe the mysterious expert is also afraid of the Star Origin Dao Field. After all... The sixth tier True Immortal did use Seventh Order strength... Or maybe they obtained enough and didn't wish to make things difficult for the Star Origin Dao Field any longer..."

Shang Xia nodded and agreed. "Yeah, that makes sense!"

After he spoke, he seemed to no longer care as he strengthened his domain and smashed his Stone Rod into a continent below, blowing a massive hole into it.

He started to absorb world origin like Qu Guan and Zuo Li.

It might be because he was too excited, or he might be feeling safer since he was with his allies, but in the eyes of many True Immortals, Shang Xia expanded his domain to also cover Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu!

Shang Xia looked like he was extremely interested in absorbing world origin, but he was paying attention to what the Star Origin Dao Field was up to.

Only after he noticed that they didn't seem to have set any traps did he activate his Crimson Soul Tablet again. This time, he snatched 60 percent of their world origin.

Of course, it was much less than he took earlier because of the Star Origin Dao Field's weakened stream, but that was almost all he could do. It wasn't that he didn't wish to take more. However, with the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation controlling a smaller area, he wasn't able to go all out like before.

Even so... With 60 percent of whatever they were taking disappearing, the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field flew into a rage once again.

They thought that the mysterious faction or powerhouse who was stealing world origin had already been scared off by Zhuo Gudao. They didn't expect the crazy asshole to return again!

The disturbance at their side quickly alerted the True Immortals present. Those with sensitive divine souls discovered that the stream of world origin the Star Origin Dao Field was drawing from the Spirit Tinkle World had weakened by 60 percent and started to gloat about their misfortune. However, they couldn't help but wonder who had such a huge grudge against the Star Origin Dao Field that they would risk it all to come back to cause more trouble.

Strangely enough, the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field didn't rage for long. They quickly calmed down and tried to increase their control of their stream of world origin.

They discovered that they were able to contend with the mysterious expert in terms of how much world origin they could retrieve. The only problem was that they couldn't discover the other side because of their masterful control.

Exerting all their effort, they managed to retain 50 percent of world origin they could draw.

While fighting with them, Shang Xia thought of something.

If the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation allows them to utilize pseudo-Seventh Order energy, I can challenge them with the Crimson Soul Tablet... Would that mean that the tablet is a rank seven treasure?

Of course, the Crimson Soul Tablet hadn't been fully restored despite all his efforts. The cracks inside the tablet still existed, and Shang Xia knew that it would only grow stronger once it was fully repaired.

He had a strange feeling that after he entered the Seventh Order, the secrets of the Crimson Soul Tablet would be revealed to him.

... The True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field seemed to have accepted their fate after stopping the mysterious expert from taking more than 50 percent of their world origin.

Chapter 1273: Martial Intent

Facing the mysterious force that was stealing their world origin, they no longer bothered trying to smoke them out. Even the sixth tier True Immortal in the Star Origin Lord Manor gave up and accepted his fate.

Shang Xia was surprised by their reaction, but he continued to focus on Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu as they continued to draw world origin.

The actions, or rather, inaction, of the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field quickly caught the attention of the other True Immortals.

Fourth tier True Immortals like Qu Guan quickly dragged Shang Xia and True Immortal Ban into their discussion.

“Did the Star Origin Dao Field give up just like that?”

“Did they admit their defeat?”

The True Immortals started to joke around about the Star Origin Dao Field, but they didn't dare to go overboard.

After all, the Spirit Tinkle World suffered the most and the others were profiting off them at the moment.

“Maybe they're unwilling to waste their energy...”

“What if... What if they have already achieved their goal, or they are about to achieve it?” True Immortal Ban threw out a random possibility.

Shang Xia thought of something and gasped, “True Immortal Ban, do you mean that Zhuo Gudao in the Star Origin Lord Manor has already achieved his breakthrough or might have reached the grand completion stage and won't need so much world origin any longer?”

“All of you might not be able to feel as clearly as I can, but the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field seem to have given up. They don't seem concerned at all...”

Without the protection of the heavenly screen above the continents, they became the prime target behind everyone's plundering. Even the Spirit Tinkle World has given up on them. However... Whatever happened to them, the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field would definitely possess more acute senses than the True Immortals of the various worlds.

“Then...” Shang Xia thought of something, but Zuo Li quickly interrupted.

Zuo Li said, “The True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field definitely wouldn’t give up like this. If I were Zhuo Gudao, the moment I reach the grand completion stage, I would definitely help the experts of the Star Origin Dao Field to try to catch the culprit stealing my world origin!”

Everyone agreed with the Star Origin Dao Field’s next course of action.

No one knew how long had passed, but Shang Xia estimated that they had practically absorbed all the world origin off the various continents, but a sudden change happened in the spatial tunnel connecting the Spirit Tinkle World to the Star Origin Dao Field.

A blood-red gourd appeared in the void and flew at the Spirit Tinkle World. A terrifying suction force appeared from it and it seemed as though it wanted to absorb the souls of everyone present.

Shang Xia’s heart sank as he quickly wrapped Kou Chongxue and Yin Jingxu up in his domain and tried to bring them into the Spirit Tinkle World to be protected by the heavenly screen.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Tinkle World also started to grab the experts of their world and revealed a look of lingering fear.

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“What the hell is this?! How can it affect our souls?!” Zuo Li gasped in fright.

Shang Xia muttered in shock, “Is this Zhuo Gudao’s martial intent?”

“It’s not as simple as a mere martial intent... After all, the gourd seems to be able to amplify his soul. Maybe he’s using the amplification to strengthen the attack on us while trying to locate the culprit behind the theft of the Star Origin Dao Field’s world origin...” Qu Guan muttered in a calm voice.

The next second, Shang Xia asked, “Did they find the culprit? I was focused on bringing True Immortal Kou and True Immortal Yin into the Spirit Tinkle World and I didn’t see much.”

The look of fear on Zuo Li’s face had disappeared some time ago and he muttered with a look of schadenfreude, “My ass... It would be great if they didn’t find that person! After all... With that person bearing the brunt of their wrath, we will be able to get away with a lot more...”

The alliance of the Spirit Thistle World, Spirit Luxuriant World, and Spirit Tinkle World looked to be something they made in desperation, but the difference between each faction was massive and it was difficult for anyone to make the first move.

That was also why despite the strength of their alliance, they had to admit that the alliance of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World was much stronger.

If a strange and powerful faction that had the ability to affect the plans of the Star Origin Dao Field appeared, they would be more than happy to watch the situation devolve into chaos. After all... To their alliance, nothing worse could happen.

True Immortal Ban spoke suddenly, “If the Star Origin Dao Field is still unable to find the culprit, I guess everyone will start leaving soon. I hope fellow True Immortals will stay for some time in my Spirit Tinkle World...”

With the 6 continents being sucked dry of world origin, Shang Xia and the others could guess True Immortal Ban’s intentions.

He was worried that the other worlds would loop back and catch the Spirit Tinkle World off guard and would like to keep their allies there a little longer in order to prevent anything like that from happening.

Shang Xia and the high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World exchanged a glance before agreeing.

A moment later, True Immortal Ban raised his head to look at the heavenly screen above. His gaze seemed to be able to pass through it to see what was happening above.

“It calmed down up there... The gourd is also nowhere to be seen...” True Immortal Ban explained. After he spoke he started to rise into the air to make his way over to the heavenly screen.

Shang Xia and the rest followed closely behind.

The curtain of starlight above the 2 continents the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field set their sights on had disappeared, and they were also nowhere to be found.

Shang Xia looked around and noticed that the True Immortals of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World were taking their leave. The spatial fluctuations they left behind as they left were really obvious.

The True Immortals of other worlds who arrived also left...

As for the Spirit Tinkle World that just experienced a massive battle, everything quickly regained its calm. It was as though nothing happened and a massive battle didn't just take place!

The continents that had been exposed under the broken heavenly screen, they had been smashed to pieces by the True Immortals who were taking advantage of the situation before. A portion of the fragments were scattered in the space around the world, and they turned into giant floating islands. Only two-thirds of the landmass were left behind...

As a whole, those continents turned into barren lands after the True Immortals were done with their plunder.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World and Spirit Luxuriant World remained in the Spirit Tinkle World for some time after receiving True Immortal Ban's request.

In their days there, the True Immortals of the various worlds assisted to restore the heavenly screen and help True Immortal Ban rebuild some of their defenses.

Even though they retrieved all the landmasses that were floating in space, they only managed to obtain landmasses worth 2 continents...

“The world origin of the continents had decreased by more than 90 percent, and even though I managed to retain a part of it, I am only able to restore a single continent at best. Even if I reintegrate it back into the world, the heaven and earth qi it contains cannot be compared to before...” True Immortal Ban explained to the True Immortals of the other worlds.

Even though there were other reasons like the dispute of the experts of the Spirit Tinkle World, the True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World and Spirit Thistle World were clearly not interested in them.

However, after seeing the random chunks of land that had been abandoned by the Spirit Tinkle World, Kou Chongxue shot Shang Xia at a glance.

Shang Xia understood what he was thinking of and he glanced at the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World before asking True Immortal Ban, “True Immortal Ban, since you’re planning to give up on those land chunks, can I bring them back to my world?”

True Immortal Ban revealed a look of shock, but Shang Xia forced a chuckle and continued, “As you all know... My Spirit Luxuriant World barely completed its ascension and our foundations are shallow. The northern part of our world is extremely barren and there are a few continents that are barely 5,000 miles there... Even though these land chunks lost their connection to the World Origin Source, they are extremely vast. There are also remnant heaven and earth qi there, despite it being a little weak. If all of you have no use for it, I wish to bring it back. It will be of great help to my world.”

True Immortal Ban chuckled softly and replied, “Since True Immortal Shang needs them, feel free...”

Shang Xia waved his hand and laughed along, “Just a portion of them will be enough. We won’t be able to bring back the rest anyway.”

True Immortal Ban shot Shang Xia a glance before looking at the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World, “If you need them...”

Before he could finish, Zuo Li and Qu Guan rejected the offer.

Not too long later, they bade farewell to True Immortal Ban.

Shang Xia and the others, who managed to obtain the land chunks they desired, stationed Yin Jingxu on them while Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue took the front and back as they made their way back to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

As they had to travel back by flight, they could only bring it back slowly. When they finally entered the chaotic streams a distance away from the Spirit Tinkle World, Yin Jingxu finally asked, “Patriarch Kou, True Immortal Little Shang, about the Origin Holy Artifact...”

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue exchanged a glance and Shang Xia was eventually the person who replied, “Oh. The Origin Holy Artifact is a pretty impressive treasure. It recovered greatly after we absorbed enough world origin from the Spirit Tinkle World...”

Yin Jingxu was shocked by his random statement and fell silent for a moment. Eventually, he sighed, “True Immortals... What will it take for me to trade the Origin Holy Artifact you have?”

Chapter 1274: Spirit Entrustment Art

Yin Jingxu’s desire to obtain the Origin Holy Artifact didn’t come as a surprise. The real question they had to ask was how much was he willing to pay for it.

An Origin Holy Artifact was a key to whether a Holy Land will be able to ascend into an Elysium. There were 5 Elysiums in the Spirit Luxuriant World at the moment, the Tongyou Institution, the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, the Yuanchen Sect, the Eternal Palace, and the Divine Capital Sect.

The Ice Essence Sect Lu Wuzi established already possessed an Origin Holy Artifact that came from the Azure Flame World. In fact... It was also obtained with the help of Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia.

Even though they were the faction with the best Stargazer inheritance in the Spirit Luxuriant World and a True Immortal like Yin Jingxu, they were unable to stand on the same level as the other great powers who had their own Elysiums.

Because of how difficult it was to enter the Martial Void Realm, an Elysium was the most secure way of ensuring their rank six inheritance lived on.

When the lucky asshole, Kou Chongxue, revealed the existence of the Origin Holy Artifact to Shang Xia and Yin Jingxu, the meaning could be more clear. He was dangling the treasure in front of Yin Jingxu and asking if he wanted it or not.

With no other choice, there was no way Yin Jingxu could give up the opportunity. The Heavenly Star Palace also couldn't resist the temptation of gaining a chance to ascend to an Elysium. As for why Kou Chongxue was so generous... That was because the Spirit Luxuriant World would also be able to grow stronger with the birth of another Elysium.

The True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution held all the cards, and Yin Jingxue knew that he would be taken advantage of without any way to avoid it.

Speaking suddenly, Yin Jingxu wanted to probe the attitudes of Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia. "I know that the Tongyou Institution plans to split up the Hai Continent to create the 24th continent in our world, and my Heavenly Star Palace fully supports your decision..."

By splitting the Hai Continent, the Spirit Luxuriant World would possess their 24th continent, and the Tongyou Institution would gain another slot for a member to enter the Martial Void Realm. Their intentions were no secret.

Every time a continent was born, a True Immortal would be able to ascend. If they added all the Elysiums their world could hold, there would be 33 slots for True Immortals in a world. As such, the control of a continent was extremely important to any faction.

Even with a terrifyingly strong faction like the Tongyou Institution who possessed the strongest experts of their world, with the exception of the You Continent and Jiao Continent whose spirituality they relied on to ascend, didn't control other territories. They only held an advantage over the Divine Capital Sect over the Bing Continent, and it hadn't fallen completely under their control. Of course, they still had the Tongyou Elysium which could birth an Elysium True Immortal, but looking at the larger picture, they had enough territory to possess 3.5 True Immortals at best.

If Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were able to create the 24th continent, they would gain another opportunity to produce a True Immortal!

Once they were successful in their conquest of the Bing Continent and the development of the 24th continent, producing so many True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution, their spot as the strongest

faction in the Spirit Luxuriant World would be set in stone. No one would be able to shake their position no matter what happened!

Exchanging a glance, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue saw the look of amusement in each other's eyes.

Shang Xia eventually replied, "Do you fully support us regarding our decision of the Hai Continent? I don't think anyone would go against us anyway..."

The birth of a continent was something every great power would fight over, due to the implications.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia's original intention was to allow the Heavenly Star Palace and their Stargazers to safely leave the Jiao Continent and return to the Yi Continent in exchange for their support.

However, with Kou Chongxue about to become a high-level True Immortal, the Tongyou Institution would possess 2 high-level True Immortals and they really didn't need to care about the opinions of the other great powers any longer. Moreover, the Spirit Luxuriant World would greatly require the protection of the 2 high-level True Immortals, and they wouldn't go against any of their decisions.

Yin Jingxu was slightly taken aback at Shang Xia's comment and his expression sank slightly. He quickly started to think about what else he could offer.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were in no rush. They continued to escort Yin Jingxu and the land chunks they obtained from the Spirit Tinkle World along the chaotic streams of space as they made their way back to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Even with experts at the level of Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue leading the way, it took them several months before they finally arrived in the region of space around the Spirit Luxuriant World.

With the help of the Star Observatories of the Tongyou Institution and Heavenly Star Palace, they weren't afraid of losing their way. When they finally left the chaotic streams and arrived in a relatively calmer space around the Spirit Luxuriant World, Yin Jingxu seemed to have finally made up his mind. "Fellow True Immortals, what do you think about the advancement method of my Heavenly Star Palace?"

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia exchanged another glance, but this time, their eyes widened slightly in shock.

Shang Xia was still the one to respond. "Palace Master Yin, the way you entered the Martial Void Realm shocked every single faction in our world, and even till today, we are still in awe of your advancement method."

A look of self-satisfaction flashed across Yin Jingxu's eyes, but he quickly forced a smile to continue, "Actually, my Spirit Entrustment Art will have to be made at the fourth tier of the Martial Dipper Realm. The risks start then, but it will be spread throughout your cultivation which greatly reduces the danger of entering the Martial Void Realm."

"However... The secret art is something my Heavenly Star Palace will never give out to others. The Origin Holy Artifact is not enough to trade for such a treasure. If we add True Immortal Shang's Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, it will barely be enough." Yin Jingxu was really going for it when asking for so many treasures.

Kou Chongxue chuckled in a hoarse voice, and Shang Xia simply shook his head and no longer spoke.

Shang Xia's Stone Rod being a Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar didn't seem to be a secret to anyone anymore.

Glancing at Yin Jingxu, Shang Xia snorted once before chuckling coldly, "Let's not mention if your rank six inheritance is worth 2 Holy Artifacts... It might be a priceless treasure to you, but do you think our Tongyou Institution lacks rank six inheritances? It's not like we have to get our hands on yours."

Yin Jingxu frowned and wanted to say more, but Shang Xia interrupted him and continued, "Your Spirit Entrustment Art might be able to lower the risk of entering the Martial Void Realm, but is it really without any weaknesses?"

Seeing the look of shock on Yin Jingxu's face, Shang Xia didn't stop there. "Palace Master Yin, when you branded your soul into an Earth Star made by the remnants of the Manyu Continent, you weren't able to avoid detection by other Martial Dipper Realm experts, right? You were lucky the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our worlds hadn't arrived back then and couldn't discover your tricks. I noticed what happened by chance, and I also discovered the Earth Star being drawn to our world a long time ago. I even followed it quietly for a period of time to ensure nothing went wrong..."

Yin Jingxu's eyes widened in shock and he stared at Shang Xia, dumbfounded. "Then... You... How... Why would you not..."

"Why didn't I use your chance to ascend to blackmail you or destroy the Earth Star to prevent you from advancing?" Shang Xia chuckled softly, "Why should I do that? Our Spirit Luxuriant World needs more True Immortals anyway, especially a Free True Immortal!"

Yin Jingxu finally calmed down and thought back to what happened when he broke through to the Martial Void Realm.

"Actually... You should have felt it. When the Earth Star approached our Spirit Luxuriant World, all of us discovered your plan. Your schemes were exposed a long time ago. Even Lu Wuzi had an opportunity to mess with your hope of entering the Martial Void Realm back then, but no one did anything. We even assisted with the Star Beast Invasion while you were advancing." Shang Xia mumbled.

Seeing how Yin Jingxu was completely flabbergasted at the moment, Shang Xia continued, "Your Heavenly Star Palace's Spirit Entrustment Art might be a special way of breaking through, but the weaknesses are extremely obvious. It's too easy to interrupt the breakthrough process. Even if you invite True Immortals to protect you during the process, who would waste years escorting an Earth Star?"

Eventually, Yin Jingxu spoke again. However, his voice was hoarse as he muttered softly, "What are your thoughts then?"

“Let’s just trade your Spirit Entrustment Art for Patriarch Kou’s Origin Holy Artifact...”
Shang Xia thought for a second before replying.

In a low voice, Yin Jingxu sighed, “The Origin Holy Artifact has been damaged in the past and even though it was restored to a certain extent with the infusion of world origin, it hasn’t fully recovered. I’m afraid we will need to use a great deal of effort to restore the treasure, and we will be getting the short end of the stick if we do this trade.”

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia looked at each other, but once again, Shang Xia was the person to speak in their stead. “Palace Master Yin, what do you suggest then?”

“Patriarch Kou, please give the world origin you stored into the Origin Holy Artifact to my Heavenly Star Palace...” Yin Jingxu finally thought of something.

Kou Chongxue chuckled in response, “Palace Master Yin, you have truly thought of everything... However, it’s alright, I agree.”

A light flashed in Shang Xia’s eyes and he felt that Yin Jingxu got too great of a deal, but since Kou Chongxue already agreed, he would go along with the decision.

Yin Jingxu also knew that his Heavenly Star Palace had taken advantage of the Tongyou Institution in their deal, and he quickly cupped his fists towards Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue. He took out a jade slip before recording the information regarding his Spirit Entrustment Art into it before handing it to Kou Chongxue.

The palm-sized shell was handed over to Yin Jingxu, and both of them quickly kept their treasures. By the time they completed their deal, they closed in on the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Chapter 1275: Battle Report

Their return with land masses that were close to 10,000 miles wide brought about a massive storm among the higher-ups of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

However, the True Immortals seemed like they wanted to keep it under wraps, and it didn’t cause too many waves among the other factions.

With the True Immortals gathering above the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent, Shang Xia and the rest described what had happened. The 3 of them didn’t care about the strong impact their experience had on the others as they hastily returned to their factions.

Yin Jingxu made his way back to the Heavenly Star Palace and completed the preparation to move the Star Observatory. He also placed the Origin Holy Artifact he obtained from Kou Chongxue into their Holy Land before rushing into secluded cultivation.

The important members of the Heavenly Star Palace wanted to ask him more about what happened but seeing how big of a rush he was in, they couldn’t catch him before he started to cultivate.

Like Yin Jingxu, Kou Chongxue was also in a rush to enter seclusion. His cultivation had reached the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm and he even got Shang Xia to seal his cultivation back in the Spirit Tinkle World at the very end when he was nearly unable to control his inner qi any longer to prevent him from wasting his energy.

Shang Xia was the only one who was pretty free. After retrieving the land chunks from Yin Jingxu, he looked for a suitable place to lay them down. At the same time, he needed to take care of the mortals who lived on it and several low to mid-level cultivators.

The mortals who lived on those continents were barely 1 to 2 percent of the original population who lived there. After all, a good portion of them died during the chaotic battles and a portion of them had already run off to other continents of the Spirit Tinkle World...

After bringing the land chunks to sea, the Tongyou Institution's plan to establish the 24th continent was revealed to the world.

However, Shang Xia was still polite and civil when dealing with the continent. He didn't place those land chunks however he liked. Instead, he discussed the matter with Lady Yu of the Tianya Pavilion, and it was something they agreed upon in the past.

Establishing a continent wasn't as easy as dumping a few land chunks into the sea. There was a lot to prepare and they needed a few more years in order to complete the development.

The Tongyou Institution managed to get off easy in their preparation phase because of the agreement they had with the Tianya Pavilion back then. As for the other factions that existed alongside the Tianya Pavilion... Well, they were nothing in the eyes of the Tongyou Institution and they wouldn't be able to cause any significant problems even if they tried.

Slightly more than a year passed in the blink of an eye, and the latter half of the 20th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar rolled about.

During that time, the details of the battle that happened in the Spirit Tinkle World gradually trickled down to the rest of the Spirit Luxuriant World. Piecing all the information together, people eventually obtained a complete story of what happened there.

Everything started when the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Spirit Tinkle World formed an alliance to take over the Azure Abyss World. However, they were forced to leave empty handed because of the grand battle formation the Star Origin Guards deployed.

They weren't satisfied with the resources they wasted and someone suggested using the chance to deal a deadly blow to the Star Origin Guards for their interference in their plans.

No one knew what happened next, or who came up with the new plan, but there were several experts who fanned the flames and the 16 True Immortals of the 3 great Spirit Worlds who took part in the operation started to discuss how they could plot against the Star Origin Guards. In the end, they wanted to put on a show where the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World pretended to work together to attack the weaker Spirit Tinkle World before catching the Star Origin Guards off guard.

Even though their plan seemed unbelievable, no one knew what happened in the dark and all the schemes and plots that took place. However, the ambush on the Spirit Tinkle World seemed all too real when their fleet was completely wiped out.

The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World continued to put on the show as they hunted down the True Immortals of the Spirit Tinkle World back to the heavenly screen, and news of what happened quickly reached the Star Origin Dao Field and was heard by Tong Yutang and the others.

The show they put on was all too real and Tong Yutang and the rest quickly brought their experts over to prevent the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World from devouring the Spirit Tinkle World.

When they arrived, they were caught off guard. Before they could deploy their grand battle formation, or because of the massive plot that had been cooked up by the 3 great Spirit Worlds, they took a huge hit and had to defend themselves with everything they had.

They seemed enraged by the sudden betrayal and right after they regained their footing and deployed their grand battle formation, they took their anger out on the heavenly screen of the Spirit Tinkle World.

The combined strike of more than 200 Star Origin Guards could rival a blow from a Seventh Order expert. The attack Zhuo Gudao unleashed where Shang Xia and the rest managed to escape by hiding in the heavenly screen contained the same power, but it traveled too far and became a lot weaker by the time it arrived. The blow unleashed by the Star Origin Guards smashed straight at the heavenly screen at full force!

With that, True Immortal Zhu, the strongest True Immortal of the Spirit Tinkle World was slain instantly. 2 other fourth tier True Immortals were heavily injured and weaker True Immortals were also killed. The heavenly screen was so damaged that it couldn't restore itself, and continents were exposed!

Because of that, the scheme that was cooked up by the 3 great Spirit Worlds quickly devolved into an actual betrayal. The experts of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World attacked for real in order to plunder the benefits from the Spirit Tinkle World.

After that battle, the Spirit Tinkle World lost the most. 10 of their 19 True Immortals were slain, leaving True Immortal Ban as the only high-level Elysium True Immortal to take charge of the situation.

As for the Star Origin Guards... It wasn't as though they didn't suffer any losses either. Of the 200 or so Star Origin Guards who arrived, everyone who hadn't reached the Martial Void Realm was killed. They also lost True Immortals Tian Moran and Feng Ziyuan in the process. Of which Tian Moran was even killed by Shang Xia personally!

The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World also lost several True Immortals due to the chaos that happened.

There were more than 10 True Immortals who were heavily injured and a good portion of them suffered grave injuries when Shang Xia unleashed his terrifying Void Seal.

Speaking of which, the Spirit Thistle World also suffered a little. They lost a True Immortal and 2 of them suffered grievous injuries.

The only group that was perfectly alright were the 3 True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World. Not only were they not injured, but they even obtained quite a bit from the world origin they absorbed.

Speaking of which, the True Immortals of the Azure Worlds who took part in the operation couldn't be forgotten either. Although most of them were following the instructions of the Spirit Worlds to mess around, some of them were caught in the crossfire and 3 of them died.

There were 20 to 30 True Immortals who were killed, or heavily injured in the chaotic battle, and there was no need to even count those in the Martial Dipper Realm or Martial Extermination Realm.

With the Star Origin Guards who had basically been wiped out, the Spirit Tinkle World's fleet that was decimated, and the countless other experts who died, the Spirit Tinkle World's martial inheritance suffered a huge blow.

The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World might have sustained some losses, but with their strong foundations, they were more than capable of making a complete recovery soon.

Chapter 1276: Level of Dao Union, Kou Chongxue!

Yin Jingxu didn't enter seclusion in the Star Observatory. Instead, he went back to the Heavenly Star Holy Land in the Yi Continent.

After he emerged from seclusion, he listened to whatever information the rest of the higher-ups of the Heavenly Star Palace managed to piece together and revealed a solemn expression.

Ha Deqing always knew how scheming their Heavenly Star Palace Master was, and the only reason they had their current achievements was because of Yin Jingxu's schemes against the other great powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Seeing the strange expression on Yin Jingxu's face, Ha Deqing couldn't help but ask, "Senior Brother Yin... Why does something seem strange here?"

No matter what, Yin Jingxu was someone who took part in the battle personally. He could pretty much discern the truth in the information they gathered.

Actually, Ha Deqing was slightly confused when he was ordered by Yin Jingxu to gather information about the War of the Spirit Tinkle World while the Palace Master was rushing to enter seclusion.

Yin Jingxu's gaze sank and he shook his head and mumbled, "Something doesn't seem right here... How did the Spirit Tinkle World fall into such a massive conspiracy without noticing anything wrong? The high-level True Immortals of their world aren't that stupid! There are also the Star Origin Guards... Their grand battle formation hadn't been broken for hundreds of years... Now that the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World worked together, they managed to destroy it so easily and kill all the Star Origin Guards who are under the Martial Void Realm. Is that even possible?"

"Could it be because Tong Yutang just took up his post and is unable to properly control the battle formation?" Ha Deqing guessed.

To that, Yin Jingxu only shook his head and sighed, "Tong Yutang was able to bide his time for so many years and scheme against Zhuge Xiang... We cannot underestimate his true strength. His mental resilience is also top-notch and so is his intelligence. How can he not work on a weakness like that the moment he becomes the Star Origin Guards Commander?"

Ha Deqing lowered his gaze awkwardly and mumbled, "So... Why would that be..."

"We have another guess, but there are many factors that cannot be properly explained. However... For the Star Origin Guards to use their grand battle formation to tear open a massive hole in the Spirit Tinkle World's heavenly screen accidentally

and their sixth tier True Immortal hiding in the Star Origin Lord Manor to coincidentally absorb world origin from the Spirit Tinkle World to reach the grand completion stage... The timing of everything that happened is too perfect!" Yin Jingxu said while shaking his head.

Ha Deqing was thinking about the possible implications of what was happening when Yin Jingxu continued, "Has there been anything new happening in our world recently?"

Caught off guard by the question, Ha Deqing was slightly astonished but he quickly regained his composure and made the report. "After our expedition was stopped by the Star Origin Dao Field, the various powers had been in low spirits. With the news of a massive war happening in the Spirit Tinkle World coming right after that, no one dares to make any strange moves. The only thing we received was a piece of interesting news. Other than the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Eternal Palace, and Divine Capital Sect whose disciples were planning to attempt a breakthrough to the Martial Void Realm, there seem to be several other Holy Lands who are planning to do the same."

"Oh?" Yin Jingxu shot Ha Deqing a look of surprise. "It's not surprising that the other Elysiums would attempt a breakthrough. However, for Holy Lands to get their hands on rank six advancement formulas or advancement medicine... Looks like there are quite a few hidden dragons among the smaller factions of our Spirit Luxuriant World!"

Ha Deqing hesitated slightly before he asked again, "Senior Brother... Do you think that there are other powers in our world backing them up? Or are foreign factions trying to plot against our world?"

Yin Jingxu thought for a moment before he muttered, "There might be someone behind the scenes, and they should be using those smaller factions as tools to mess with their enemies. If we were in the place of their hidden backers, we would only provide incomplete rank six advancement formulas. They wouldn't know that those advancement formulas are incomplete and should be fighting head over heels for them. If they manage to break through with some luck, we would be able to confirm the validity of our advancement formulas. There wouldn't be much losses in any case. After all, those who died weren't from our Heavenly Star Palace."

"Yes... That's right." Ha Deqing chuckled in response.

"How has Jingzi been recently?" Yin Jingxu seemed to have thought of something and asked.

Raising an eyebrow, Ha Deqing responded, "She has been in seclusion most of the time and she would head out to explore our world whenever she has the time. She would interact with cultivators of other powers and she would occasionally head out to hunt spirit beasts. Sometimes, she would head out to the sea of stars to make her rounds. Her life is really disciplined and her cultivation is slowly rising."

Yin Jingxu fell silent for some time before he finally spoke again. "No... She's still too slow."

Ha Deqing was shocked by his response and wanted to say something else, but he didn't know why the words failed to leave his lips.

Yin Jingxu didn't care about Ha Deqing's expression and started to mutter to himself, "Call her back and let her enter seclusion. There is still a good portion of world origin we obtained from the Spirit Tinkle World within and let's hope she can quickly reach the fifth element of the Martial Dipper Realm."

"Senior Brother, isn't this a little too rushed?" Ha Deqing frowned.

"Rushed?" Yin Jingxu looked at the experienced elder of the Heavenly Star Palace and sighed softly, "Kou Chongxue is about to enter the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm soon and the only 2 high-level True Immortals of our world are from the Tongyou Institution. Do you know what this means?!"

Ha Deqing's eyes widened in shock as he didn't expect to hear such an important piece of news. "What?! Kou Chongxue is about to break through again? When did this happen?"

He realized his lack of decorum as soon as he spoke and he hastily apologized to Yin Jingxu.

Waving his hands, Yin Jingxu didn't seem to care too much. Instead, he mumbled, "You should understand why I am in such a rush to nurture a second True Immortal now, right? The times are moving too quickly and we have to keep up! Moreover, the threat from other worlds in the sea of stars... There are some things you will only understand after you reach a certain level. Anyway, now you should understand why no one came out to stop True Immortal Little Shang when he established the 24th continent, right?"

Ha Deqing looked at Yin Jingxu all of a sudden and asked, "Oh yes, Senior Brother, for you to enter seclusion..."

Yin Jingxu knew what he wanted to ask and nodded before he finished the question. "I gained quite a bit in the Spirit Tinkle World and am not far from the second tier of the Martial Void Realm."

"Congratulations, Senior Brother Yin!" Ha Deqing grinned immediately.

However, Yin Jingxu only shook his head while remaining extremely calm. "There are 2 important things we need to do now. The first is to move the Star Observatory back to our Yi Continent, and the second is to complete the ascension of our Heavenly Star Holy Land to the Heavenly Star Elysium. We have an Origin Holy Artifact now and we only need a Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar and an Elysium Boundary Marker."

His pupils constricted suddenly and he glanced towards the southeast. His gaze seemed to pass through everything.

"Senior Brother Yin, this..."

Before allowing the confused Ha Deqing to finish, a powerful heavenly phenomenon appeared in the skies in that direction, drawing the attention of every high-level cultivator in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

"Dao Union with the Jiao Continent... Kou Chongxue succeeded..." Yin Jingxu's voice rang clearly in Ha Deqing's mind.

The second high-level True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World was born!

At almost the exact same time Kou Chongxue became a fourth tier True Immortal and reached the level of Dao Union, a loud blast came from the distant sea. Soon after, the Spirit Luxuriant World seemed to resonate with it.

Ha Deqing might be in the Martial Dipper Realm, but he could feel the heaven and earth qi around the Yi Continent boiling over. It was as though the entire world was responding to the blast from before.

Yi Jingxu turned to look in the direction of the commotion and walked out of the hall, with Ha Deqing following closely behind. “Senior Brother Yin, should we head over?”

Without turning his head, Ha Deqing muttered, “Kou Chongxue completed his ascension and the new continent has been established. The True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution acted at the same time... We should know our place and it’s time to move the Star Observatory back...”

Chapter 1277: Feng Ziying’s Revelation

The Spirit Luxuriant World was unusually quiet ever since Kou Chongxue and the others returned. It was so peaceful that many mid to high-level experts could feel the strange atmosphere.

After the heavenly phenomenon appeared and alerted the cultivators of the Spirit Luxuriant World and the rumble that could be heard by everyone happened, the only thing that was left was for the new continent to properly fuse into the world.

What everyone found strange was that establishing a new continent with Shang Xia’s abilities at the fourth tier of the Martial Void Realm wouldn’t have taken so much time.

Soon, information from the Heavenly Star Palace arrived. It was said that the land used to create the new continent came from the Spirit Tinkle World and it had been sapped dry of world origin a long time ago. The only reason it took so long was that they needed to nourish the land again with the world origin of the Spirit Luxuriant World before integrating it with their world.

It wasn’t an easy task, and since the Tongyou Institution wanted to take the continent as their own, they had to think of a way to accomplish the revitalization themselves.

That was the main reason behind the delay.

The best way to nourish the land was to channel world origin from other continents into the new continent. The best way was for the Tongyou Institution to channel world origin into the new continent from the Jiao and You Continents.

Their actions would definitely weaken the foundation of the 2 continents, and it would affect Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue’s strength.

At the very least, they couldn’t easily channel world origin into the new continent from the Jiao Continent when Kou Chongxue was making his breakthrough.

If they channeled world origin from the You Continent, Shang Xia wouldn’t be the only one who was affected. The foundation of the Tongyou Institution and their progress would be impacted. At the very least, the Tongyou Elysium would be weakened to a certain extent.

However, from how long it took, it was clear Shang Xia wasn’t willing to channel all his resources into the new continent to complete its integration.

Above the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent, 3 True Immortals were sitting around a round table. They looked under the heavenly screen from time to time and observed the disturbance caused by the creation of the new continent. Natural disasters ravaged the land during its creation. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and even massive storms swept across the continent.

“The landmasses we brought back from the Spirit Tinkle World is at least 13,000 miles wide in total...” Kou Chongxue said.

Since he just broke through, he hadn't consolidated his foundations and his inner qi would leak from time to time. The space above the heavenly screen would be covered by the aura of a fourth tier True Immortal from time to time, and no other True Immortals dared to approach other than those already there.

From that point alone, it was clear Kou Chongxue's control over his strength was a little weaker than Shang Xia when they broke through.

However, the inner qi that was leaking was sharp, causing everyone who felt it to feel fearful. With the successful advancement of the strongest swordsman of the Spirit Luxuriant World, it was obvious his combat strength reached an unreasonably high level!

That was also why there were only 3 of them present. Other True immortals might not dare to approach because of his powerful aura, as they were afraid they would feel oppressed, but cultivators who hadn't reached the Martial Void Realm would be torn to shreds if they tried to come close.

“From what we're seeing, we can't even maintain half the landmass in the new continent... Having 7,000 miles is already impressive. Anyway, did the rest sink into the sea?”

The person who spoke wasn't Shang Xia. However, he was also someone connected to the Tongyou Institution. He was the legendary spy who had lots of connections in the Spirit Luxuriant World and other different worlds, Feng Ziyong.

He, who used to be in the Martial Dipper Realm, finally stepped into the Martial Void Realm. Because he had been in seclusion in the Star Origin Dao Field, he managed to avoid the War of the Spirit Tinkle World.

Kou Chongxue grunted once before pointing to Shang Xia beside him and laughing, “Go ask him then? This little piece of shit only has himself to blame. He tossed his responsibilities to the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our institution and refused to do it himself.”

Glancing at Shang Xia in shock, Feng Ziyong asked, “If you personally established the continent, how much of it could be maintained? It wouldn't take so long either, right?”

Shang Xia chuckled softly but didn't give an answer.

At the side, Kou Chongxue replied in his stead, “He wanted to leave the blessing of the world to the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our institution. Even if the landmasses we brought back had been sapped clean of world origin, they are massive! Our World's Will would definitely bless those who integrated it and even though its size shrank by half, it's a lot stronger than it would have been if the entire area was kept.”

He also continued to explain, “The blessing of our world wouldn’t mean much to us for bringing back this continent, but it’s a good opportunity for the Martial Dipper Realm experts of our institution.”

Feng Ziyong’s eyebrows started to jump and he looked at the new continent. He eventually asked without raising his head, “I heard that Old Man Shang has reached the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm... Why didn’t he take part in it?”

“Grandpa Bo went to patrol the sea of stars but it seemed as though he was intentionally leaving the opportunity to the others...” Shang Xia forced a chuckle.

Pressing his lips together, Feng Ziyong grunted softly and no longer responded.

Kou Chongxue looked at the 2 of them as a smile that was imperceptible appeared on his face. He simply pretended he hadn’t heard them.

Soon after, he changed the topic. “The reason we left the opportunity to them was because we wanted them to strengthen their foundations. It’s especially so for Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei. We hope that they can enter the Martial Void Realm as soon as possible.”

Feng Ziyong continued to stare into the Spirit Luxuriant World and raised his head slightly before lowering it again. “What’s the matter? Are you feeling the pressure?”

Shang Xia didn’t deny. Yeah... Compared to the other Spirit Worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field, our world is still too weak. In the War of the Spirit Tinkle World, we only managed to send 3 True Immortals to battle. I was even risking it all to leave my clone in Star Beast Nest No.2 to act like a high-level True Immortal...”

He couldn’t help but sigh before he continued, “No matter what, our Spirit Luxuriant World needs more True Immortals...”

Feng Ziyong finally raised his head and sighed, “You’re not the only one who is thinking this way. The other great powers also think so...”

When Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue turned to stare at him, Feng Ziyong revealed, “The Divine Capital Sect and Eternal Palace had been buying several high-grade spiritual treasures from the Star Origin Dao Field at high prices some time ago. They stopped suddenly, catching a lot of us by surprise. What do you think triggered the change?”

“Looks like it won’t be long till they produce Free True Immortals...” Kou Chongxue laughed.

Shang Xia thought for a second and asked, “Is telling us this the only reason you came all the way back there?”

Chapter 1278: Coming In Hot

Shang Xia wasn’t the only person caught off guard by Feng Ziyong’s sudden visit. Kou Chongxue was equally perplexed. It was especially since his visit came at a strange timing, right after Kou Chongxue advanced. Everyone couldn’t help but think that there was another reason.

Feng Ziyong chuckled at Shang Xia’s question and spoke as a matter of factly, “Of course not. Can’t I feel like showing off to the 2 of you after I entered the Martial Void Realm?”

Showing off his cultivation after he broke through to the Martial Void Realm to 2 high-level True Immortals?!

My man... Are you thinking too much into it? Or do you think that we're idiots?

Seeing how they were staring at him like he was a fool, he pressed his lips together and sighed, "Alright, alright... Actually, I was sent by the Star Origin Lord Manor to congratulate Patriarch Kou on entering the fourth tier and the Spirit Luxuriant World for obtaining another high-level True Immortal."

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia continued to stare at him without a word.

Putting on a helpless expression, Feng Ziying sighed, "Of course, it would be best if I could sow some discord between the 2 of you and try to strain your relationship..."

Finally, Shang Xia broke out laughing, "So... You're supposed to be a shit stirrer?"

Kou Chongxue's expression turned solemn and a frown appeared on his face, "Why did they send you instead of anyone else then?"

The smile on Feng Ziying's face was greatly restrained and he muttered, "Maybe because I'm a new face among the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field. Right, I also have something else to do and I was supposed to inform all the True Immortals of the Star Origin Dao Field that the Star Origin Guards will be rebuilt soon and they will be much stronger than before."

"Oh? What do you mean?" Shang Xia revealed a look of interest and asked.

"After the reorganization, every single Camp Commander will be a True Immortal." Feng Ziying explained.

Glancing at him from the corner of his eye, Kou Chongxue sneered, "I'm sure this is why you're so cocky when you came back to show off in front of us... Are you going to be one of those Camp Commanders?"

"Hehehe..." Feng Ziying revealed a sinister smile. "Told you I would catch up and become even more useful..."

To that, Shang Xia could only frown and asked with worry, "Do they really trust you?"

Feng Ziying grinned and spoke with confidence, "I'm just going along with Tong Yutang..."

"So?" Kou Chongxue grunted suddenly, "Do you really think that Tong Yutang still calls the shots in the Star Origin Dao Field? Even an outsider like me knows that there's a grand completion stage True Immortal in the Star Origin Dao Field called Zhuo Gudao!"

Shang Xia added, "It's also said that True Immortal Zhuo Gudao was the third Star Origin Guards Commander..."

Feng Ziying glanced at them before speaking in a serious tone, "You know all that, but do you know he's the person supporting Tong Yutang? The reason Tong Yutang could succeed in plotting against Zhuge Xiang and obtain the position of Star Origin Guards Commander is because of Zhuo

Gudao! He took his position without causing any trouble at all... Everything was because of True Immortal Zhuo Gudao's support!"

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia exchanged a glance, and eventually, Kou Chongxue broke out laughing. "From the looks of it, you really learned a lot of secrets regarding the Star Origin Guards ever since breaking through to the Martial Void Realm."

"From what you're saying, the Star Origin Dao Field seems split into different factions. Do you know Dou Jie? He's a high-level True Immortal of the Star Origin Lord Manor." Shang Xia asked suddenly.

Feng Ziyang replied casually, "Of course there are different factions. The Star Origin Lord Manor houses 2 past Star Origin Guards Commanders. Zhuo Gudao is one of them, and the other is True Immortal Yuan Yan, a fifth tier True Immortal and the fourth Star Origin Guards Commander."

Shang Xia continued, "Does that mean that there are 2 great factions around those 2 former Star Origin Guards Commander?"

Glancing at Shang Xia, Feng Ziyang sighed, "That's far from it. Before Zhuge Xiang died, there were 4 great factions in the Star Origin Dao Field."

"Oh? That would mean that the Star Origin Guards Commander has their own faction... Where did the last one come from?" Kou Chongxue couldn't help but chuckle.

Shang Xia quickly thought back to the War of the Spirit Tinkle World and recalled how there were 2 fifth tier True Immortals who set up the Seven Stars Seven Tribulation Formation.

Indeed... Feng Ziyang quickly introduced, "The other faction is backed by True Immortal Pei Lu, the other fifth tier True Immortal of the Star Origin Dao Field. He Yingrui and Feng Ziyuan, the other female Martial Void Realm True Immortals, were supported by her. However, their faction had always kept a low profile in the Star Origin Guards and it might have something to do with how the strongest experts of their factions were fully made up of female cultivators... They had always stood neutral in most conflicts."

Shang Xia nodded slowly and understood why True Immortal He Yingrui didn't try to take the position of Star Origin Guards Commander despite her cultivation at the third tier of the Martial Void Realm. Instead, she maintained her stance of neutrality and coordinated with Tong Yutang after he consolidated his power.

However... If anyone underestimated True Immortal Pei Lu because she maintained her neutral stance and kept a low profile, they would be really stupid.

Kou Chongxue suddenly asked, "Do you think that there are still hidden experts among them?"

"There are definitely more hidden True Immortals in the Star Origin Dao Field. Those in the Star Origin Guards won't be the only ones. At the very least, I know that there are at least 2 True Immortals who were once Camp Commanders. 1 of them remained in the city while the other found a home in the wilderness. Both of them aren't young, and they wouldn't reveal themselves in normal times. There will

definitely be more experts like that among the residents of the Star Origin Dao Field..." Feng Ziyong explained.

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue noticed the grave look in each other's eyes.

With the Star Origin Lord missing, the Star Origin Dao Field was still able to prevent the various worlds from going crazy for hundreds of years... It was clear the power they showed was far from everything they had. Even the Star Origin Guards themselves might only be the strength the Star Origin Dao Field shows on the surface, with lots more hidden in the darkness along with mysterious trump cards.

Shang Xia also understood Feng Ziyong's true purpose in coming over. He was probably telling them not to mess around after learning about the secrets of the Star Origin Dao Field.

Shang Xia said suddenly, "Why don't you tell us more about Zhuge Xiang? What was the true reason behind the scheme to kill him? How much information about the Star Origin Lord Manor have you obtained and why do I feel like Zhuge Xiang's death has something to do with Zhuo Gudao's lifespan?"

Feng Ziyong's eyes widened in shock as he turned to stare at Shang Xia. He chuckled softly suddenly and mumbled, "A formidable opponent is usually never destroyed in frontal combat. The problem usually starts from the inside. The Star Origin Dao Field is no exception. There were many reasons behind Zhuge Xiang's death, and there are some things even I don't know about. However, from what I have learned, Zhuo Gudao wanting to lengthen his lifespan was one of the reasons behind the plot against Zhuge Xiang. However, how did you know about it?"

Chapter 1279: Tea Has Been Spilled

"How did you know that Zhuo Gudao's lifespan was coming to an end?" Feng Ziyong's eyes widened in shock while looking at Shang Xia.

Shang Xia explained what he heard from Zuo Li and Qu Guan of the Spirit Thistle World.

Upon hearing that, Feng Ziyong revealed a strange expression and wondered out loud, "This is strange... How did the True Immortals of the Spirit Thistle World learn about it? They grew to prominence later than the Spirit Tinkle World and Zhuo Gudao should have long since given up his position and entered the Star Origin Lord Manor to cultivate..."

Shang Xia thought of something and gasped, "To stop us from meeting the Spirit Thistle World's fleet, the Star Origin Dao Field sent Dou Jie and Chang Kun to stop us. They were fourth tier True Immortals... The Spirit Thistle World was held back by 2 fifth tier True Immortals and they should be Yuan Yan and Pei Lu..."

"Are you saying that they revealed the reason behind Zhuge Xiang's death? There might be some reasons we don't know yet, but they have their own factions..." Feng Ziyong frowned and fell deep into thought. The next second, his eyes widened in shock and he looked at the other 2 and saw the look of realization on their face.

Feng Ziyong gasped, "Unless they have already formed a secret alliance with each other!"

Kou Chongxue muttered, "It doesn't matter if they are 3 of 4 factions in the Star Origin Dao Field. Whatever it is, with Zhuo Gudao entering the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm, your faction will be the strongest of them all. It's completely reasonable for the others to form alliances."

Shang Xia added, "Is Tong Yutang or Zhuo Gudao behind your assignment to be sent to our world?"

"What do you mean..." Feng Ziyong asked in confusion.

Shang Xia quickly continued, "If the Spirit Thistle World's information source was really from the 2 fifth tier True Immortals, other than trying to sow discord between us, do they really not have anything else for you to do?"

Feng Ziyong thought for a moment before he grunted softly. "Actually, Tong Yutang did ask me to invite you for a meeting. After all... You guys can be considered old acquaintances, right?"

Shang Xia looked at Kou Chongxue before snorting softly. "Yeah... Because of that old fuck, I was nearly silenced by a long-range ultimate attack..."

Feng Ziyong's expression instantly sank. He knew how a super long-range strike injured Shang Xia, but it was the first time he was hearing who the culprit was. "Are you sure it was him?"

"Yeah, I'm almost sure it's him. Back then, Tong Yutang should have been trying out their battle formation to kill Zhuge Xiang and sent out that strike. Also, Xing Xingtian should have been in charge of aiming that strike. Otherwise, he wouldn't be so accurate..." Shang Xia nodded slowly.

With his expression turning completely black, Feng Ziyong seemed to be lost in thought as he thought of some other things while nodding slowly, "I see..."

Kou Chongxue looked at Shang Xia before looking at Feng Ziyong whose expression was as ugly as could be before coughing once, "Looks like after the War of the Spirit Tinkle World, the Star Origin Dao Field realized that they wouldn't be able to easily control the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World. They progressed too far and even with Zhuo Gudao's progression into the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm, they have to start drawing other powers to their side..."

Shang Xia wasn't too caught up in Tong Yutang's scheme against him and he added to whatever Kou Chongxue was saying, "They chose the right people to try to pull to their side. If the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World wish to ascend, ordinary Azure Worlds are unable to cause the change. The most direct method would be to devour either one of our Spirit Worlds. At the very least, in the eyes of the Star Origin Dao Field, saving us is the same as saving themselves..."

Feng Ziyong finally spoke again, "The War of the Spirit Tinkle World caused many high-level True Immortals of the 2 great Spirit Worlds to suffer injuries of varying degrees, none of them died. They might have lost 2 or 3 True Immortals, but with their powerful foundations, it won't be long before they produce new True Immortals. From what I know, Hua Jianlou of the Spirit Abundance World became a high-level True Immortal. In fact, he entered his current realm before you, Patriarch Kou."

Kou Chongxue nodded with a calm expression.

During the War of the Spirit Tinkle World, Kou Chongxue had already obtained the advantage in the battle against Hua Jianlou during the later part of their battle. Since both of them had entered the level of Dao Union, Kou Chongxue didn't have any reason to be afraid of him any longer.

Shang Xia asked again, "How much do you know about Zhuo Gudao? During the War of the Spirit Tinkle World, we heard that he advanced because of the world origin obtained from the Spirit Tinkle World. However, because he used the core of the Star Origin Dao Field to reach his current level, he is unable to leave the Dao Field... That is also why the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World went all out and were no longer in fear of any repercussions..."

Feng Ziyang shook his head and sighed, "I don't know too much about it either. I only heard from those around that initially, Zhuo Gudao, Yuan Yan, and Pei Lu maintained their posts in the Star Origin Lord Manor together. However, because Zhuo Gudao's lifespan was coming to an end, he chose to take the risk to break through. With the others not knowing about it, he refined a portion of the Star Origin Dao Field's core and managed to reach the sixth tier..."

"That also seems related to the scheme against Zhuge Xiang's death. It might be because the core of the Star Origin Dao Field has been controlled by the Star Origin Guards and the hidden members in the Star Origin Lord Manor and both sides would restrain each other from going overboard. From the looks of it... The Star Origin Guards should have completely become the subordinates of the Star Origin Lord Manor..." Feng Ziyang concluded.

Kou Chongxue also asked a question he suddenly thought of, "The War of the Spirit Tinkle World caused the death of almost every single Star Origin Guard under the Martial Void Realm. Is that also a scheme of the Star Origin Lord Manor?"

Feng Ziyang shook his head in response, "I just emerged from seclusion and I don't know too much. However, during the initial exchange where they were ambushed by the experts of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World, only Tian Moran was actually killed... For there to only be a single casualty..."

Shang Xia interrupted before he could finish. "Wasn't there another True Immortal who was slain?! I mean... she went missing, but it's extremely likely she perished, right?"

Feng Ziyang chuckled in response. "Feng Ziyuan was swept into the void during the chaos but she didn't actually die. She even obtained a huge opportunity and advanced her cultivation... She actually already returned to the Star Origin Dao Field..."

Shang Xia frowned and felt that something wasn't right, but he couldn't actually think of what the problem was.

Kou Chongxue decided to insert himself into the conversation next. "Let's talk about the other 2 high-level True Immortals. What do you think of Dou Jie and Chang Kun?"

Feng Ziyang thought for a moment before he responded, "I didn't interact much with them and I don't know much. All I know is that Chang Kun is Yuan Yan's follower and they have a great relationship. Since you guys injured Chang Kun, you basically formed a grudge with Yuan Yan. As for Dou Jie... He seems to have a great relationship with everyone and he should be one of Zhuo Gudao's followers..."

“Should be?” Kou Chongxue immediately caught on to his strange use of words.

Feng Ziyang quickly added, “It’s said that he has always been weaving around the Star Origin Dao Field and his stance is blurry. However, with Zhuo Gudao’s faction being the strongest, he would have thrown himself over...”

Chapter 1280: Kou Chongxue’s Order

Feng Ziyang spoke with Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue for a long time before leaving.

Before he left, Kou Chongxue gave him a batch of Three Lights Water that was made by Yuan Qiuyuan. Even though there were only several drops in the batch and they might provide an exaggerated effect to him as Shang Xia, they were still extremely precious treasures.

After bidding them farewell, Feng Ziyang didn’t immediately leave the Spirit Luxuriant World. He went to pay the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Yuanchen Sect, Divine Capital Sect, and Eternal Palace a visit before heading back to the Star Origin Dao Field.

During that time, the establishment of the Hai Continent was nearing its end and the World’s Will finally integrated it into the lands.

Because of how withered the continent was, even after reducing its land mass, it was comparable to the most desolate of continents on the Spirit Luxuriant World.

If that was all they did, even if the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution integrated the continent into the world, they would be unable to receive a strong blessing.

As such... After everything returned to its original calm, Sun Haiwei and Ge Qingzhu who were most likely to enter the Martial Void Realm quickly headed to the heavenly screen above the Jiao Continent as they were instructed.

“Ever since you brought the continent back, you have remained above the heavenly screen. Other than sending your clones in from time to time, you didn’t try to enter our world... I pretty much guessed that you were the one who stole the world origin from the Star Origin Dao Field...” Kou Chongxue felt the surging world origin Shang Xia transferring into the vessels prepared by Sun Haiwei and Ge Qingzhu as he chuckled.

What they prepared was something similar to an Origin Holy Artifact, but wasn’t quite one yet. The imitation treasure was extremely weak and was pretty much a one-time use item to transfer world origin.

At the very least, the Weapons Hall of the Tongyou Institution wasn’t completely useless as they managed to at least come up with something like that after the higher-ups tried to make up for their weaknesses.

Shang Xia wasn’t surprised that Kou Chongxue could make that guess. He simply laughed while explaining to Sun Haiwei and Ge Qingzhu, “If I entered the world with the world origin of the Spirit Tinkle World, I will definitely steal a part of the blessing of our World’s Will. As such, I can only wait for you to complete the establishment of the continent above the heavenly screen.”

Ge Qingzhu couldn’t help but ask with worry, “Wouldn’t this affect your cultivation?”

Shang Xia waved his hand and chuckled, “There’s no need to worry about that. In my current realm, the blessing of the World’s Will from the formation of a continent wouldn’t help much.”

Sun Haiwei still seemed worried as she continued, “If we fail to break through, nothing much would change, but if we do, won't the final 2 slots to become True Immortals belong to us? Wouldn't that mean that no one in the future will be able to break through?”

“It’s too early for you to worry about things like that. We are still fighting over the Bing Continent with the Divine Capital Sect and the Hai Continent wouldn’t be ready to experience the birth of a True Immortal even with the world origin I am giving you.” Shang Xia smiled.

The Hai Continent might only span 6000 miles across, but even with the world origin Shang Xia provided, it would be far from enough to turn the continent into one with rich resources. It was barely enough to make it into a continent that was of a considerable standard a Spirit World would have.

Kou Chongxue was the next to speak, “The Bing Continent and Hai Continent were obtained by Little Shang and me. If you enter the Martial Void Realm in the future, you can continue to fight for opportunities for the later generation of the Tongyou Institution. After all, our Spirit Luxuriant World can birth 33 True Immortals if we include all the Elysiums... How many True Immortals do we have right now? It’s far from the maximum number we can possess!”

Kou Chongxue’s tone was harsh when he spoke. Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei put on serious expressions when listening to him and they bowed their heads slightly. “Many thanks for your teachings, Patriarch Kou. We will follow it closely...”

At the side, Shang Xia laughed, ‘If we wish to obtain ways for disciples of our institution to break through in the future, we have another method. It’s to help our world ascend to an Essence World. The moment we succeed, our world will be able to birth experts in the Martial Emptiness Realm, and when that happens, there won’t be such an intense restriction on the number of True Immortals!’

Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei forced a smile. They knew that the Spirit Luxuriant World was far from being able to ascend into an Essence World.

Kou Chongxue raised an eyebrow and looked at Shang Xia with a profound gaze, but he didn’t say anything anymore.

Only after Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei left with their vessels full of world origin did Kou Chongxue hesitate slightly before asking Shang Xia, “Are you really planning to start already?”

Shang Xia smiled in response, “We can’t avoid it. We’re going to be dragged into it sooner or later. The worlds connected to the Star Origin Dao Field have remained peaceful for more than a thousand years. However, everything seems to be going to the shits. Even they have been starting to draw some powers to their side. Why should we not start to get ready? Moreover... The Spirit Abundance World and us won’t stop till one side is destroyed!”

“What about the Essence Ping World?” Kou Chongxue asked in a low voice, “I’m afraid the higher-ups of the great Spirit Worlds already know of its existence. If the Star Origin Lord is able to successfully replace its World’s Will...”

“No one is willing to see him succeed!” Shang Xia shook his head and sighed, “Perhaps Zhuge Xiang was the only one who was on his side, and that is why he was killed!”

Kou Chongxue’s pupils shrank slightly and he muttered, “Do you really think Zhuge Xiang’s death is because the various worlds have chosen to go against the Star Origin Lord?”

“Even Zhuo Gudao chose to betray the Star Origin Lord. Why else would the True Immortals of the great Spirit Worlds join Tong Yutang in his crusade against Zhuge Xiang?” Shang Xia explained.

Looking at Shang Xia, Kou Chongxue muttered in a low voice, “What do you plan to do next?”

Shang Xia thought for a moment before responding, “I should head back to Star Beast Nest No.2 soon. I plan to head to the Essence Xing World to take a look around since the situation there is pretty interesting. Moreover, I also wish to experience the true might of an Essence World.”

Shang Xia had been to the Essence Ping World in the past, but that was a special case as it was a desolate world.

Kou Chongxue frowned in response, “I feel that you shouldn’t be in a rush to explore the Essence Xing W world. The Ruined World close to Star Beast Nest No.1 might no longer have a use for me, but it might help with your cultivation...”

The main use of the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation was to assist a third tier True Immortal step into the fourth tier, and since Kou Chongxue succeeded without it, the Tongyou Institution wouldn’t be able to produce another expert at the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm anytime soon anyway.

With the increasingly chaotic situation, Kou Chongxue naturally didn’t wish to waste the Ruined World and thought of the best way to utilize it.

Fortunately, the Tongyou Institution had a rank six Formation Grandmaster and could make certain modifications to the Essence Refining Void Returning Formation.

After thinking for some time, Shang Xia mumbled, “We can modify it, but I think you should use it instead. After all, it was prepared for you to become a high-level True Immortal...”

Shaking his head, Kou Chongxue laughed, “Even if we succeed in modifying it, it won’t help me much. It will only increase my cultivation by 8 to 10 years. However, its effects would be much greater on you. It might even be able to bring you close to the fifth tier! Don’t forget... The Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World have fifth tier True Immortals of their own. Moreover, they have more than 1...”

Shang Xia wanted to continue rejecting Kou Chongxue’s goodwill, but the patriarch simply waved his hand and declared, “Alright, that’s it. This is an order from your patriarch!”