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Chapter 1331: The Shocking Birth of the Sixth Elysium

From the thickness of the Star Map, they could see that half of the pages were open and that would mean that there were only 8 more left.

Shang Xia couldn't help but ask, "What do you think the remaining 8 pages contain? Do you think it's still related to the space outside the Heaven Observation Field?"

"You can continue helping Little Yuan and we'll know." Ge Qingzhu laughed.

Yuan Qiuyuan wasn't too exhausted due to Shang Xia's assistance, and he stood with his back straighter after hearing Ge Qingzhu. "Even though the possibility of me opening the next page is very small, I still wish to give it a shot. True Immortal Shang, please assist me."

Shang Xia had no reason to reject the request. However, no matter how Yuan Qiuyuan drew on the power of starlight, the 9th page showed no signs of budging.

Shang Xia looked at Kou Chongxue to see if he was willing to let Shang Xia force the next page open with his Six Harmony Qi.

After some hesitation, Kou Chongxue shook his head and turned to Yuan Qiuyuan, "Alright, that's it for now. Let's not try to force things. Right now, these Spirit Worlds we have discovered will be enough on our plates for some time."

Yuan Qiuyuan scattered the power of starlight he gathered and sighed with exhaustion, "To open the 9th page... I'm afraid I will need to achieve a breakthrough in both my cultivation and art of stargazing."

Shang Xia smiled but didn't say anything else.

Instead, Kou Chongxue quickly chimed in, "Then you will have to continue working hard..."

After more encouragement, Kou Chongxue asked about the various worlds' actions around the Essence Ping World. He was especially focused on the Spirit Mammoth World, Spirit Abundance World, and Star Origin Dao Field.

With Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia not heading over personally, the only way to observe the region of space around the Essence Ping World was through Yuan Qiuyuan, the Grand Stargazer of the Tongyou Institution.

Yuan Qiuyuan didn't disappoint them. He quickly revealed huge news on it. The 3 great powers seemed to be constructing spatial tunnels to the Essence Ping World, and the Spirit Abundance World's spatial tunnel was almost at completion because of their close proximity with the Essence Ping World.

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After leaving the Star Observatory, Kou Chongxue sighed, "It's a shame... We can't do anything because we're just lacking in manpower!"

Shang Xia and Ge Qingzhu could feel how reluctant Kou Chongxue was to accept their fate. However, they could also tell that the newest discovery of the Spirit Worlds was an opportunity for their Spirit Luxuriant World.

Unfortunately, the Tongyou Institution only had 4 True Immortals in total. Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were fully focused on the Essence Ping World for the time being and they wouldn't be able to explore the other Spirit Worlds in the near future. The other True Immortals barely broke through, and they couldn't possibly head over. Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue weren't willing to easily reveal news of the other Spirit Worlds either...

Eventually, Ge Qingzhu released a soft sigh. "I'm just someone who stands guard at home... There's no need to place any hope on me..."

Kou Chongxue thought for a moment before looking at Shang Xia. "Can we trust the Star Pirate?"

From the looks of it, Song Zhen was the only person the Tongyou Institution could make use of in terms of exploration.

Shang Xia hesitated slightly before replying, "I'm afraid we still need to wait for some time. He probably needs some time to find his footing and establish himself in the Chaotic Sea of Stars, and we need him to completely submit to us. Also... We should wait for him to contact us before trying anything."

"What's the matter? Wasn't he acting very obediently in front of you?" Kou Chongxue joked.

"That's a True Immortal Star Pirate who has been running free for countless years. His foundation in the Chaotic Sea of Stars is definitely strong, and at the end of the day, he's still a second tier True Immortal. His mental state and willpower are extraordinary. How can he easily submit to anyone or any power willingly? Only after he messes about and realizes he wouldn't be able to escape from my control will he finally settle down and work for us." Shang Xia muttered.

At the side, Ge Qingzhu laughed and added, "From the looks of it, True Immortal Song Zhen doesn't know the true might of Hall Master Shang's restriction on his dantian..."

All 3 of them roared with laughter soon after.

When they finally left the Tongyou Elysium, Kou Chongxue seemed to have thought of something as he asked Ge Qingzhu, "Your cultivation increased rapidly and surpassed Little Sun who has been staying in the Hai Continent... Is the Three Lights Water as effective for you as Little Shang?"

Looking at Shang Xia, Ge Qingzhu gasped in shock, "I don't think so. The ability of the Three Lights Water is miraculous, and it allowed me to save 2 years of cultivation. The Tongyou Elysium Source is what allowed me to grow so rapidly!"

Seeing the look of confusion on Kou Chongxue's face, Ge Qingzhu continued to explain, "There are 2 reasons... The first is that no Elysium True Immortal has been drawing on the energy of the Elysium since it was established and the energy the Elysium Source contains is extremely dense and abundant. I gained a lot from absorbing it. The second is that with the You Continent's size at 12,000 miles, the World Origin Source connected to us is also extremely powerful. Heaven and earth qi is dense and it greatly benefits our Elysium."

Kou Chongxue nodded with reassurance. “Very good... If it’s possible you should try to grow stronger as soon as possible. Of course, you cannot damage your foundations. After all, a first tier Elysium True Immortal isn’t really enough to keep us safe.”

Even though Kou Chongxue spoke casually, Ge Qingzhu was still a seasoned expert with vast experience in the way of life. He turned serious after hearing Kou Chongxue and asked, “Patriarch, is something the matter?”

In a hoarse voice, Kou Chongxue laughed, “It’s nothing much... It’s just that I feel like with the operation to plunder the Essence Ping World, it’s very likely the Star Curtain will disappear soon and the great powers in the vast sea of stars will descend on us. They will only keep coming and even Little Shang and I don’t dare to say for sure that we will remain perfectly alright. The moment any of us meets with an accident... We will need to rely on you and Little Sun to protect the foundations of our Tongyou Institution!”

The Tongyou Institution’s influence had stretched across multiple continents and they were able to maintain their power over them because of Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia’s absolute advantage in terms of cultivation level over the other True Immortals. The moment they left, the Tongyou Institution would definitely be attacked on all sides. Even with Ge Qingzhu and Sun Haiwei’s existence, they wouldn’t be spared. Under the worst circumstances, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia had already devised their final countermeasure and that was for everyone to withdraw into the You Continent and hold it like a turtle shell.

No matter what, Kou Chongxue’s call for him to grow stronger sounded like he was raising a flag...

Ge Qingzhu couldn’t help but frown, “Patriarch Kou, what is with the sudden depressing talk?”

“Haha...” Kou Chongxue waved his hand and muttered, “We’re just preparing for the worst. No matter what, Little Shang and I have to take part in the operation of the Essence Ping World. Since we’re going, Little Sun doesn’t have to. However, we cannot rest easy because of this! Our Spirit Luxuriant World is filled with powerful Elysium True Immortals like Zhang Xuansheng, Yang Taihe, and Li Jidao... There’s even Liu Jingsheng we cannot underestimate... Compared to them, you’re just too young and inexperienced!”

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As Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were about to leave the Tongyou Institution, powerful rays of light appeared in the direction to the north. Dense heaven and earth qi rose into the air and if not for the presence of the heavenly screen, it might have already filled the space around their world.

“Hiss... This...” Ge Qingzhu looked in the direction of the north with a strange expression on his face. To be more accurate, he was looking into the skies in the Northeastern direction.

“Heaven and earth qi filling the skies, the World Origin Source is trembling... The World’s Will is calling out to them and this phenomenon... It’s the birth of an Elysium!” Kou Chongxue mumbled to himself, but his expression wasn’t too good.

“Elysium? Yeah, it’s an Elysium indeed. It’s the 6th Elysium of our Spirit Luxuriant World, but in that direction...” Ge Qingzhu was an Elysium True Immortal and he was extremely sensitive to changes in the world. It was especially so during the birth of an Elysium.

That might be the case, but he was a first tier Elysium True Immortal after all. There were 2 high-level True Immortal monsters who couldn’t be evaluated like ordinary True Immortals standing beside him and they should have a more accurate feeling of what was happening.

“That’s the Bing Continent... The Ice Essence Sect managed to elevate their Ice Essence Holy Land to the Ice Essence Elysium! At the same time, an Elysium True Immortal appeared to take charge of them!” Shang Xia’s voice was cold even though he spoke as calmly as possible.

Ge Qingzhu was caught completely by surprise. “The Ice Essence Sect?! Are you talking about Lu Wuzi’s Ice Essence Sect?! How did they already produce another True Immortal?”

The Ice Essence Sect was created when Lu Wuzi left the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. He brought along a batch of experts who were willing to leave the Northern Sea Mystic Sect with him.

Even though they were mid to high-level experts and managed to establish a strong foundation for the Ice Essence Sect the moment it was established, the foundation of a superpower wasn’t something that could be developed in such a short time. The Bing Continent was also the 2nd most barren continent in the Spirit Luxuriant World, and it was difficult for them to get enough cultivation resources, much less birth a second True Immortal.

In the recent 20 or so years, the Ice Essence Sect gave it everything they had. Lu Wuzi also did everything in his power to grow his faction. They intentionally sided with the Tongyou Institution and he managed to get a split of the benefits in many operations led by Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia. The Ice Essence Sect could be said to have been growing rapidly and they even obtained an Origin Holy Artifact from the Azure Flame World with Kou Chongxue’s help.

Even so... It was amazing for them to establish an Elysium! There was no need to talk about an Elysium True Immortal.

However... Shang Xia seemed to have felt something and he muttered in a soft voice the next moment, “The Ice Essence Sect didn’t nurture a second True Immortal... Lu Wuzi used himself as a medium during the ascension... Perhaps, the only reason behind the birth of the Ice Essence Elysium is because he chose to sacrifice his freedom...”

As he spoke, there was a slight trace of mockery in Shang Xia’s tone.

Ge Qingzhu stared at him in shock.

“Everyone has their aspirations and sometimes, it’s good to know their limits. Enough talk. The birth of the Ice Essence Elysium is a call for celebration for our world. We ought to congratulate him.” Kou Chongxue spoke from the side.

Once he was done, he rose into the air and flew towards the Bing Continent.

Shang Xia and Ge Qingzhu followed closely behind.

Chapter 1332: The Deal

Even though the Elysium True Immortals and Free True Immortals of a Spirit World should have responsibilities of their own, they wouldn't split themselves according to status. However, a Free True Immortal could do much more and had a lot more choices. They could move about freely and would be able to progress much further on the martial path.

Those were undeniable truths.

Especially with the current situation where many powers were still vying over control of the various continents. Even though Lu Wuzi was only a first tier True Immortal, he was still a peak-tier existence in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Who would have thought that he would borrow the ascension of the Ice Essence Elysium to become an Elysium True Immortal? He might have saved on crafting a Holy Artifact, but he restrained himself into the Spirit Luxuriant World. It also seemed as though he was avoiding taking on greater responsibilities that were required of a Free True Immortal...

That was also why Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue felt a little annoyed when they discovered his actions.

However... The Ice Essence Sect had always been followers of the Tongyou Institution. They managed to gain a lot of benefits by blindly following the institution in recent years, but they spared no efforts in supporting the institution in every decision they made.

The Tongyou Institution still needed an ally like that, and even though they weren't happy with his decision, they still had to head over to take a look. At the very least, the development of an Elysium was worth celebrating. No other faction would look down on them.

Actually, their worries came true and by the time Kou Chongxue, Shang Xia, and Ge Qingzhu descended onto the Bing Continent, other True Immortals had already arrived.

"What an impressive decision you made. You also choose the best time to do this... Just as Free True Immortals are preparing for the operation to the Essence Ping World, you shifted your soul into your Elysium so you'll be safe... We lost a Free True Immortal of our world and gained another coward hiding in his Elysium." The person who spoke was clearly mocking Lu Wuzi, and he wasn't hiding his intention at all.

Ge Qingzhu, who stood beside Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue, couldn't help but sneer in response, "Oh? There are 2 Elysium True Immortals in the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Wouldn't that mean that Zhang Xuansheng and Zhang Jianzi are also cowards in your eyes?"

Fei Xuzi of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect who arrived nearly flew into a rage when he heard what was said, but when he turned to see Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia standing beside him, he decided to shut his mouth. He respectfully bowed to the 2 high-level True Immortals.

Shang Xia glanced at him with a smile that wasn't quite a smile.

At least Shang Xia acknowledged his presence. Kou Chongxue simply looked past him and stared at the silent Lu Wuzi before his pupils constricted slightly. "Oh? You managed to restore your dantian by relying on the Ice Essence Elysium... I kind of understand why you did it now."

Lu Wuzi chuckled helplessly in response, “It can’t be helped... My Ice Essence Sect has shallow foundations and I didn’t take this risk, the inheritance of my sect will be at risk.”

Lu Wuzi was a traitor of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, and he brought his followers to the Bing Continent to establish the Ice Essence Sect back then.

Because of his betrayal, Zhang Xuansheng heavily injured his foundations when he was entering the Martial Void Realm and no one stepped up to stop him. In the end, Lu Wuzi’s cultivation was stuck at the first tier of the Martial Void Realm, with no hope of ever improving. Even his combat abilities were at the bottom of the ranking in the Spirit Luxuriant World.

In his current state, he might just die in some random battle out in the sea of stars and the moment the Ice Essence Sect lost its True Immortal, they would be completely crushed by the Northern Sea Mystic Sect.

Moreover, even if Lu Wuzi didn’t die in a battle somewhere... Without an Elysium to protect their foundations, he might not be able to nurture a second True Immortal in the future to be his successor. Once he exhausted his lifespan, the fate of the Ice Essence Sect was also sealed.

He might have chosen to become the Elysium True Immortal of the Ice Essence Sect and chained himself to the world, but that would ensure the safety of his Ice Essence Sect. Moreover, the longevity of Elysium True Immortals was longer than Free True Immortals. Now that he controlled an Elysium, it would be much more conducive to nurture the disciples of his sect.

Everyone understood the meaning behind his actions the moment he spoke. From a certain standpoint, an Elysium True Immortal also made a huge sacrifice for their sect and was still an important part of a world’s growth.

While Lu Wuzi was exchanging pleasantries with the members of the Tongyou Institution, the awkward air faded, and the experts of the other great powers arrived. They gave their greetings while harboring their own intentions, but they left quickly after seeing that the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution were present.

Ge Qingzhu slowly understood that even though Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were initially angered by Lu Wuzi’s decision to become an Elysium True Immortal, they were still standing on his side. At the very least, they showed their presence to ensure no one else tried to mock Lu Wuzi openly on the day of his Elysium’s ascension. It was like how Fei Xuzi of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect left not long after greeting Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue.

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When they finally left sometime later, on the way back to the You Continent, Ge Qingzhu gasped. “Wait! That would mean that Lu Wuzi made some sort of deal with Zhang Xuansheng to shift his soul away from the Northern Sea Continent in order to establish his Elysium!”

Seeing how the expressions of Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue weren’t changing, Ge Qingzhu muttered, “You guys... Already guessed it?”

Kou Chongxue laughed in response, “Lu Wuzi relied on the spirituality of the Northern Sea Continent to become a True Immortal and no matter how weak he was, it’s an undeniable fact that no one else can use the spirituality of the Northern Sea Continent... Zhang Xuansheng has always been angered by that and now that Lu Wuzi became an Elysium True Immortal, the Northern Sea

Mystic Sect is able to develop even more experts. Zhang Xuansheng will be more than willing to exchange a Holy Artifact or two for it. After all... With the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, taking out treasures like that isn't too difficult."

Ge Qingzhu nodded instinctively and added, "Also... Lu Wuzi seems to have also restored his damaged dantian like you said. He will be able to progress further in his path of cultivation in the future... Right, what do you guys think of his cultivation? Will he be able to become a second tier True Immortal anytime soon?"

"How can it be that easy? Do you think cultivating in the Martial Void Realm is so simple? Anyway... After restoring his dantian, he shouldn't be the weakest in our Spirit Luxuriant World anymore..." Kou Chongxue explained.

"Ahem..." Ge Qingzhu grunted once and no longer spoke.

Shang Xia continued, "The Bing Continent is 7,000 miles wide, and supporting an Elysium is already its limit. Lu Wuzi definitely knows about it. However, from the phenomenon that appeared during its ascension, the World Origin Source connected to the Bing Continent showed no signs of withering. Instead, it even looked like it grew a lot. That can only mean that Zhang Xuansheng used the World Origin Source connected to the Northern Sea Continent to assist his advancement..."

He couldn't help but sigh before he continued his explanation, "Zhang Xuansheng's accomplishments in the Northern Sea Continent are truly worthy of envy. It's said that the Northern Sea Continent has already reached a size of 17,000 miles. It is even stronger than the Yong Continent that supports 2 Elysiums and has a size of 15,000 miles... It's no wonder they managed to nurture 4 True Immortals, even if 1 of them isn't theirs anymore..."

Kou Chongxue interrupted suddenly with a low growl, "Don't forget... Be it the Yong Continent or the Northern Sea Continent... The reason they could grow to such a size is because the various border continents paid the price. Hmph... If not for them, how can the You, Bing, Liang, Qing, Sha, Mo, Bing, and Xing Continents be so weak?!"

Shang Xia and Ge Qingzhu stared at each other before replying in unison, "Patriarch Kou, rest assured we won't forget what they did!"

Chapter 1333: Shang Xia's Special Understanding of Star Robes

After the True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution returned, Ge Qingzhu returned to take care of the Tongyou Elysium and prepared to adjust the connection with the other Elysiums for the deployment of the Elysium Grand Formation.

With the appearance of the Ice Essence Elysium, the Spirit Luxuriant World possessed 6 Elysiums. With the Elysium Grand Formation that covered the world as provided by Zhang Xuansheng, they weren't too far off from the 7 Elysiums they required in order to resist the might of a Martial Emptiness Realm expert.

That was a grand formation that touched on Seventh Order energy and the strongest protection for the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Because the grand formation required huge amounts of resources and preparation, the various Elysiums were making their preparations for its deployment.

Many powers of the Spirit Luxuriant World were helping the Heavenly Star Palace develop its Elysium, and now that the Ice Essence Sect silently completed theirs, they would be able to deploy the grand formation much faster than originally planned.

As for the Heavenly Star Palace... Many powerful Blacksmith Grandmasters had gathered there and they even used a huge sum to hire 2 Blacksmith Grandmasters from the Spirit Thistle World and Spirit Tinkle World to craft the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar and Elysium Boundary Marker that was required for their ascension.

With such a huge amount of resources and manpower, the progress of their Holy Artifacts' development was impressive. It wouldn't take long before the 7th Elysium of the Spirit Luxuriant World was born.

Kou Chongxue instructed the deputy patriarchs something after his return before heading to the Spirit Thistle World.

It was said that they received news from the Spirit Thistle World regarding the Star Origin Guards' battle formation and the Spirit Abundance World's Seventh Order energy control. He went over for a short discussion of what to do.

As for Shang Xia, he left behind a clone to take charge of matters in the institution. His clone would be responsible for teaching mid to high-level experts and spreading his cultivation ideology and system.

The Tongyou Institution had long since developed more than a single system of cultivation. However, it didn't matter if they obtained it from other sources... They usually weren't as complete or safe as what was developed by Kou Chongxue or Shang Xia.

Even so... The development of a completely new cultivation system wasn't something that could be done in a short period of time. Moreover, everyone had their own path and Shang Xia didn't dare to claim that his cultivation ideology and system would suit everyone.

His clone was left in the Tongyou Institution, and his true body quickly returned to Star Beast Nest No.2. He left 6 of the 7 batches of Starlight Silk in the institution and he only brought 1 along with him to test out the feasibility of inscribing talismans on them. At the same time, he took away 3 detailed manuals on different levels of the Star Origin Guards' battle formation.

In the Star Origin Guards, their battle formation was built on the Star Origin Battle Formation Manual. The manual was all-encompassing and it covered their 58 battle formations.

Of the 58 battle formations, 49 were used within a camp where they would be able to utilize whichever depending on the number of experts they had present. The 7 Camp Commanders could use 7 different types of battle formations, and if the Star Origin Guard Commander was present, they could also deploy the mighty combined battle formation that comprised all 343 Star Origin Guards. It was also the basis of their might that could threaten the various worlds. Other than that... The Camp Commanders could also utilize another battle formation that could allow them to utilize Seventh Order energy.

Of course, the manuals came from Feng Ziyang and 1 of them was obtained when he was still a captain back then. That manual was the most detailed as it was the battle formation he knew the most about. However, there were 48 other battle formations like it if they wanted to get technical.

The 2nd manual was something he learned after becoming the Sixth Camp Commander, which would allow him to use the battle formation that comprised all 49 people in his camp, and the manual was the thickest. Even he hadn't studied it completely and was still trying to familiarize himself with it since he got his hands on it not too long ago. He was only able to make some simple adjustments according to the rules of the battle formation.

Even though it was only in its elementary stages, with his cultivation at the first layer of the Martial Void Realm, he would be able to contend against a high-level True Immortal with the support of 48 other members who were in the Martial Dipper Realm.

The contents of the manual were extremely complicated and even Feng Ziyang hadn't learned its core essence. Shang Xia naturally didn't have the time to do so, and he merely used it as reference material.

What Shang Xia was focused on was the 3rd manual.

The contents of the 3rd manual were the most simple, and it merely contained the instructions of how an individual was supposed to move along his predetermined route in the battle formation.

Even though it was wholly incomplete, the manual was something Feng Ziyang obtained in order to utilize the 7 Camp Commanders' battle formation. It would allow the Camp Commanders, under the lead of the Star Origin Guard Commander, to wield Seventh Order energy and contend against a Sage in the Martial Emptiness Realm.

Each of the Camp Commanders was only given a manual that showed what they were supposed to do, and only the Guard Commander knew the whole thing.

After making some copies, Shang Xia wasn't the only person who got his hands on the manuals. Kou Chongxue, Sun Haiwei, Ge Qingzhu, and Chu Jia obtained the same copies.

Shang Xia casually browsed through the contents of the manuals before shaking his head helplessly. He decided to focus on replicating the Star Robes before trying anything else.

To be more exact, he would place his full attention on fusing all 7 Variant Formation Talismans and how they could use its power over and over again.

To any Talisman Grandmaster, using the power of a talisman over and over again was something that truly intrigued them. The moment they managed to achieve something like it, they would be able to reach a whole new understanding of the art of talismans. Of course, not all talismans would be able to display its might over and over again, but there were still some that could.

It was a mystery that eluded many rank six Talisman Grandmasters...

However, Shang Xia might really be able to use the opportunity to gain enlightenment!

That was because he already made something like that in the past, even though the actual use was a little different. He developed Talisman Seals!

Speaking of which, his research into them might have slowed, but he never actually gave up on them. He was still trying to develop a rank five Talisman Seal with the last bits of Impaled Stone he had left.

The Impaled Stone that was a giant boulder in the past had pretty much been used up and there were people in the Talisman Hall who were studying other treasures that could be used in its place. They even managed to gain some headway into it.

The cost of replicating treasures that could support low-level Talisman Seals of the third rank and below wasn't too high, but similarly, they weren't able to use the Talisman Seal for long. It would shatter after several dozen uses.

From Shang Xia's understanding, what he needed to do was to pretend Starlight Silk was a material he could use to replace his Impaled Stone. He would inscribe the Variant Talismans on it before turning it into the Star Robe. At the same time, he would use starlight as his ink, and a Star Robe would be something like a complicated Talisman Seal... Once that was achieved, he could unleash the power it contained multiple times...

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Chapter 1334: News and Secret

After trying for such a long time, Shang Xia finally saw hope in the creation of Star Robes.

However, inscribing the Variant Formation Talisman into Starlight Silk, to turn it into something like a Talisman Seal, that would still allow the user to use it while flying around in battle, was still a tall task...

Moreover, Starlight Silk was completely different from the Impaled Stone he was using to craft Talisman Seals. The Impaled Stone was a hard material that he could manipulate however he wanted, but the Starlight Silk was flowy and soft. The difference between both materials was too large and even if Shang Xia understood the general direction of how he should go about crafting it, he wasn't too confident he would succeed.

That was because he would require extremely intricate crafting methods, and it wasn't something he could achieve just because his knowledge in the art of formations was sound. Physical capabilities and skill was also very important.

As such, Shang Xia paid more attention to training his ability to inscribe seals. He didn't even dare to play with the Starlight Silk as he tried his hand at other low-level materials that had similar properties.

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When Shang Xia was working hard to replicate the Star Robes, Kou Chongxue brought back 2 pieces of news from the Spirit Thistle World.

The first was when True Immortal Shao was arranging the treasures of her senior brother who took part in the operation to kill Zhuge Xiang, she discovered a secret manual that was well hidden that described the Camp Commanders' battle formation.

True Immortal Shao brought out the manual and after the high-level True Immortals of the various worlds made their copies, they brought it back to their respective factions.

Kou Chongxue compared the manual he received with those from Feng Ziyang and discovered that the manual True Immortal Shao provided was indeed real. Also, it was slightly different from the one provided by Feng Ziyang.

That would mean that the Tongyou Institution held 2 of the 7 manuals that described the Camp Commanders' battle formation.

The second piece of news was that they received news of the Seventh Order energy controlled by the Spirit Abundance World. It seemed as though they didn't just control a single type. Instead, they had 2 different types of Seventh Order energy at their disposal.

The first was an Elysium Grand Formation. The 9 great Elysiums of the Spirit Abundance World had already forced a powerful formation and it could draw on the power of the Elysiums to protect their world. It was the strongest formation in the Spirit Abundance World and it was said to be able to resist any invasion from Martial Emptiness Realm experts.

However, they didn't just use it for defense. It also managed to devour the Frost Wave that was produced by the leaking world origin from the Essence Ping World and could turn it into world origin for themselves.

The next way they controlled Seventh Order energy was a type of battle formation that was created using 7 special Star Ships. They would be able to borrow the power the others contained and attack and retreat together, and the strength they revealed would be enough to threaten a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage.

That was all the information they could gather. As for the actual battle situation, how many people there were controlling those Star Ships, how those Star Ships were controlled... The Spirit Thistle World didn't manage to learn much.

Whatever it was, the information transmitted back to the Spirit Luxuriant World were extremely important to them.

As soon as Kou Chongxue informed the Tongyou Institution of what he learned, it was quickly shared with the other great powers in the Spirit Luxuriant Hall.

By the time Shang Xia learned about it in Star Beast Nest No.2, his reaction was pretty much the same as Kou Chongxue. It was that the Elysium Grand Formation Zhang Xuansheng shared with them was pretty much similar to that of the Spirit Abundance World.

The Tongyou Institution wasn't the only one who noticed something strange. Everyone else reacted the same way.

After a short moment of contemplation, Shang Xia sent a transmission to Kou Chongxue to ask who actually discovered the Manyu Continent back when the Azure Worlds first decided to launch an expedition over. He also wished to know who led the entire operation.

Kou Chongxue's reply came quickly and he seemed to understand what Shang Xia was curious about. However, he also said that it wasn't time to dig deeper into the Northern Sea Mystic Sect.

Shang Xia could only leave it at that. Instead, he placed his attention on the Elysium Grand Formation of the Spirit Abundance World which was powered by 9 great Elysiums and could resist the Frost Wave from the Essence Ping World.

Shang Xia was no stranger to the Frost Wave as he experienced it before he entered the Six Direction Realm when he was in the Spirit Abundance World.

Back then, he saw how the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake was devoured by the other great powers because of Dugu Yuanshan's death, and he even stole their Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar to use as his weapon. He also saw how they trapped True Immortal Tang Yu, a Free True Immortal in the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake to turn her into an Elysium True Immortal.

Speaking of which, True Immortal Tang Yu seemed to have experienced the same thing as Lu Wuzi. Shang Xia even suspected that Lu Wuzi chose to use his soul to replace the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar to develop the Ice Essence Elysium because he mentioned Tang Yu's predicament to him in the past.

Of course... Zhang Xuansheng could also be behind it!

When Shang Xia was sighing to himself, he seemed to have discovered something related to the 9 great Elysiums of the Spirit Abundance World.

9 great Elysiums... Azure Island... Frost Wave... World origin leaking from the Essence Ping World...

Shang Xia leaped to his feet all of a sudden.

As someone who personally barged into the Essence Xing World and fought the clone of the Star Origin Lord, Shang Xia knew what was happening when the Star Origin Lord was trying to replace the World's Will.

The energy the Star Origin Lord controlled was the endless starlight, while the Essence Ping World contained the power of frost...

Under Hai Yuanyuan's shocked gaze, Shang Xia activated the Five Element Teleportation Formation and returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World in the blink of an eye.

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"The Spirit Abundance World is helping the Star Origin Lord weaken the Essence Ping World's Will?!" Kou Chongxue stared at Shang Xia in disbelief and continued, "You won't be able to fuck with the rest and sow discord with this. Moreover, the Spirit Abundance World won't try to cause trouble at this juncture..."

With a serious look on his face, Shang Xia explained, "But the Spirit Abundance World has been absorbing power from the Frost Wave since a long time ago and they won't be able to hide the fact that they have been devouring the world origin from the Essence Ping World. They had been doing it for hundreds of years, and their actions strengthened the Star Origin Lord's position when it came to taking over the World's Will!"

"What do you plan to do with this information?" Kou Chongxue frowned.

Shang Xia looked at him and mumbled, "Do you think we can use the power of the Spirit Thistle World and Spirit Tinkle World to get the Star Origin Dao Field and Spirit Mammoth World to question them?"

Kou Chongxue shook his head and sighed, "I'm afraid they might already know something..."

“What about Zhang Xuansheng? We should call him over for a chat. He might know something...” Shang Xia asked suddenly.

Shooting Shang Xia a profound gaze, Kou Chongxue mumbled, “What exactly are you planning?”

Understanding he couldn’t hide his thoughts any longer, Shang Xia sighed, “I wish to infiltrate the Spirit Abundance World again to take a closer look. The Azure Island is definitely a key stronghold in their scheme to plunder the Essence Ping World.”

Knowing that Kou Chongxue would probably try to stop him, Shang Xia added before the patriarch could say anything, “It doesn’t matter that they haven’t tried anything at the moment, but we might be able to force them to reveal their actions!”

Kou Chongxue understood that Shang Xia probably already thought of a plan, but he couldn’t help but warn, “You might be able to conceal your aura and hoodwink the World’s Will to avoid being suppressed, and you might even be able to hide your cultivation completely. However, the moment you make a move, your concealment will disappear!”

“If what you’re saying is true, the Spirit Abundance World will definitely heavily protect the Azure Island even if they stop their plans completely. There will very likely be a high-level True Immortal standing guard there and you won’t be able to gain an advantage if you try to make a move on them...” Kou Chongxue analyzed. When he was done, he turned to Shang Xia and knew that the line of reasoning still wouldn’t be able to convince him. His tone changed suddenly, “Rather than heading straight into danger, why don’t you make a trip over to the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake?”

Chapter 1335: Source of Northern Sea Mystic Sect’s Inheritance

Kou Chongxue felt that Shang Xia had become a little complacent ever since becoming a fifth tier True Immortal, but he had to admit that Shang Xia’s methods were really extraordinary. He was also terrifyingly strong. No one was better suited to infiltrate a world either.

After realizing that Shang Xia was adamant about infiltrating the Spirit Abundance World, Kou Chongxue changed his approach. He knew that there was no stopping him, and rather than pointing him in the direction of the Azure Island, he changed the target to the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake which was much safer.

Before the operation, they felt that they had to clear something up.

On the 10th month of the 23rd year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia entered the Northern Sea Continent.

Looking at the endless continent, they felt as though their mind opened up as their souls became a little more free.

“The Northern Sea Continent is 17,000 miles wide and it has abundant resources. It’s the uncontested number 1 continent in our world. The sea in the very core of the continent is 3,000 miles across and it contains the essence of the Northern Sea Continent.” Kou Chongxue had heard about the Northern Sea Continent countless

times and he even observed it from above the heavenly screen. However, it was his first time stepping into it and seeing it for himself.

Shang Xia, who was also there for the first time, agreed. "It's said that the Northern Sea Mystic Sect once reared a giant tortoise and this sea is where the tortoise grew up... There are even some who say that the Northern Sea Mystic Sect is established on the shell of the tortoise..."

"If that's true, wouldn't that mean that my Northern Sea Mystic Sect will be at risk of sinking into the Northern Sea if anything happens?" Zhang Xuansheng's voice arrived and the third tier Elysium True Immortal appeared before the 2 of them.

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia weren't surprised by his sudden arrival. They seemed to have detected his movement the second he emerged from his Elysium and it was their intention to draw him over anyway.

Shooting him a glance, Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and gasped, "Your essence qi is overflowing and you can't fully contain your aura... True Immortal Zhang, are you planning to break through to the level of Dao Harmony? I thought you would wait for some time... At least until True Immortal Yang of the Eternal Palace becomes a high-level True Immortal..."

From Shang Xia's tone, it was clear he had long since discovered Zhang Xuansheng's extent of cultivation and he wasn't surprised that he was suppressing his cultivation. Instead, he was surprised now that he learned Zhang Xuansheng was going to attempt the breakthrough.

Zhang Xuansheng chuckled softly in response, "With the situation at hand, I can't suppress my cultivation any longer..."

He seemed to be talking about the matter of the Spirit Luxuriant World, but both Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue could tell that was not what he was referring to.

"Oh?" Kou Chongxue turned serious suddenly. "True Immortal Zhang, could it be that you had your reasons for suppressing your cultivation?"

"Hehe..." Zhang Xuansheng paused slightly before he sighed, "Aren't you guys here because of that exact reason?"

"That depends on whether you are willing to be honest with us." Shang Xia smiled but there was a profound light shining in his eyes when he addressed Zhang Xuansheng.

Looking at Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia, Zhang Xuansheng seemed to have reached a conclusion as he gestured behind him. "Please. Let's head over there for a chat."

With his gesture, a stone island appeared as the sea rippled. As the water receded, a clean stone platform was revealed and there were tables, chairs, and everything they would need to converse in comfort.

"Looks like True Immortal Zhang was long prepared for this..." Shang Xia laughed.

Zhang Xuansheng led the way and indicated for them to sit as he laughed, “My Northern Sea Mystic Sect has been here for hundreds of years... It’s just a stone island that is raised above the surface of the sea... It’s nothing special.”

A ripple approached the stone island from the side. When it approached, they noticed it was actually made up of many spiritual tortoises whose shells were as clear as the water below, bringing over several items. There were all sorts of things on their shells, like small furnaces, teapots, jars of clear water, spiritual tea...

“True Immortal Zhang is truly a refined and elegant man... We are honored for the treatment...”

Zhang Xuansheng laughed and reached over to retrieve the treasures on the shells. After pouring both Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue a cup of fragrant tea, he spoke again, “What do you wish to talk about?”

Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia exchanged a glance before Kou Chongxue took the lead and started asking, “Let’s talk about the Elysium Grand Formation... No... We can start from the Manyu Continent if you like. True Immortal Zhang, feel free to start wherever you’re comfortable.”

Nodding slightly, Zhang Xuansheng maintained a natural expression as he muttered, “Indeed... Looks like these 2 were the greatest slip-ups I had... Also, it seems like the rumor about True Immortal Little Shang once infiltrating the Spirit Abundance World is true.”

“I’ve been to the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake and the other continents in the north. There, I even experienced the Frost Wave and learned about some matters regarding the Azure Island. I also became suspicious of another world being hidden in the sea of stars above the heavenly screen north of the Spirit Abundance World.” Shang Xia said casually.

A look of admiration flashed across Zhang Xuansheng’s eyes and he sighed, “True Immortal Little Shang’s experiences are truly admirable. Alas... I’m trapped in my Elysium and there’s not much I can experience.”

Realizing that what he said sounded like he was trying to avoid the topic, he quickly continued, “The martial inheritance of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, and the Northern Sea Elysium itself indeed belongs to the Spirit Abundance World. To be exact, it belonged to the Xuanming Continent which was 1 of the 4 continents in the northern region of the Spirit Abundance World.”

“Wait, wait, wait. Slow down.” Shang Xia interrupted him suddenly. “From what I know, there should be 3 continents in the northern region of the Spirit Abundance World. They have 23 continents right now, and they haven’t reached the state of perfection of a Spirit World that should have 24 continents ready to ascend... Huh? 23 continents?”

“True Immortal Shang, do you think it’s weird that even though the Spirit Abundance World is known as a peak-tier Spirit World, they don’t have their 24th continent? Don’t

you think with their foundations they should be more than capable of developing another continent?” Zhang Xuansheng laughed.

In a low voice, Kou Chongxue continued, “I heard that the Spirit Abundance World once tried to explore outside the Star Curtain back then and suffered a heavy blow from a suspected Martial Emptiness Realm Sage. It was why they lost a continent in the north and lost a lot of land that became the Manyu Continent as we knew it...”

Zhang Xuansheng looked at Kou Chongxue with a strange gaze and muttered, “Patriarch Kou, you actually know about this? Looks like I have to reevaluate you... However, there’s something you said that wasn’t accurate. The Martial Emptiness Realm Sage’s sword strike didn’t just sunder the Xuanming Continent from the Spirit Abundance World. It also separated the Xuanming Elysium of the Spirit Abundance World, which was once the strongest sect of the Spirit Abundance World. Or rather... You guys should know the Xuanming Elysium as the Northern Sea Elysium now.”

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue fell deep into thought. The martial inheritance of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect actually came from the Spirit Abundance World, and that would explain why their inheritance and foundations were so fucking strong! It was no wonder they were able to bring out a grand formation that could contend against Seventh Order energy. The grand formation was also so similar to that of the Spirit Abundance World!

Also... Speaking of the Manyu Continent that was devoured by the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World of the past, it was said to be the remnant of the Xuanming Continent that couldn’t be saved.

Shang Xia asked suddenly, “Since the Xuanming Sect and the Xuanming Elysium were cut away from the Spirit Abundance World at the same time. Why did the inheritance be in the Spirit Luxuriant World instead of the Manyu Continent?”

Forcing a chuckle, Zhang Xuansheng explained, “How can a Barbaric World support an Elysium and the inheritance of a powerful sect?”

Chapter 1336: Nothing But The Truth

As Zhang Xuansheng slowly spoke about things that happened back then, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue didn’t believe their ears. It seemed as though the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage that attacked the Spirit Abundance World back then was terrifyingly powerful!

One had to know that Zhang Xuansheng wasn’t there to experience it for himself. He was a member of the sect that grew only after everything that happened. He wasn’t born in the Spirit Abundance World either. He was only brought into the world when the Xuanming Elysium was tumbling through the spatial streams. He heard what happened from his seniors and records kept in the sect.

Kou Chongxue eventually asked, “Since the Xuanming Sect has an Elysium, there would definitely be True Immortals present. Why didn’t they try to return to the Spirit Abundance World after the separation? There is no way the Spirit Abundance World would abandon a superpower that possesses an Elysium...”

“It’s not that they didn’t think about it. They just couldn’t under those circumstances.” Zhang Xuansheng explained. Seeing the confused expressions, he continued, “The Xuanming Sect had 1 Free True Immortal and an Elysium True Immortal. When the

powerful blow arrived, the Free True Immortal was slain instantly. The Elysium True Immortal gave it his all and barely managed to protect the Xuanming Elysium, and suffered heavy injuries while doing so. His life force eventually ran out not too long after. Without a True Immortal, the Xuanming Elysium could only float about in space. Without a True Immortal, how would we dare to easily return to the Spirit Abundance World even if we had the opportunity to?"

Shang Xia couldn't help but follow up with another question. "Did the Spirit Abundance World just allow the entire continent to drift away without doing anything?"

"Heh... Back then, the Spirit Abundance couldn't even take care of themselves..."

Zhang Xuansheng continued, "The terrifying attack that came through the spatial tunnel scared them shitless. The shockwave sent the Xuanming Continent tumbling into the depths of space, and it was obvious the impact it left on the Spirit Abundance World. I went to look for information regarding what happened back then and I learned from the Star Origin City that the fluctuations caused by the terrifying attack in the northern region of the Spirit Abundance World lasted for tens of years. They couldn't even try to look for the Xuanming Sect..."

"Moreover, a blow from an expert that could split a continent from a world definitely had a heavier impact on the world. From the dying Elysium True Immortal, when the Xuanming Sect was separated from the world, it seemed to break through some sort of secret realm in the void. When the sect was tumbling through the sea of stars, he once looked back and saw that frost qi was escaping from a broken spatial barrier. The frost qi was so powerful it could even freeze everything around it... That's most likely where the Frost Wave of the Spirit Abundance World originated from."

"Now... It seems like the blow not only affected the Xuanming Continent, but it also affected the hidden Essence Ping World and caused a weakness in its heavenly screen. Its frost qi would escape from time to time, causing the Frost Wave known in the Spirit Abundance World and affecting the northern continents..." Zhang Xuansheng eventually concluded.

"So that's what happened..." Shang Xia couldn't help but gasp.

However, Zhang Xuansheng didn't seem to be done as he became more excited the more he spoke. "In order to seal the weakness in the heavenly screen in the northern region to prevent the Frost Wave from affecting life in the Spirit Abundance World, they gathered a batch of high-level experts who would stand guard there all year round. Very quickly, they discovered the Frost Wave contains another type of world origin which is even stronger than that of the Spirit Abundance World."

"As such, the experts there no longer stopped its intrusion. Instead, they tried to draw in the energy the Frost Wave contains and the northern region became a special type of cultivation ground. They established another Elysium in order to

replace the Xuanming Elysium, and it became known as the Azure Island we all know today." Zhang Xuansheng sighed.

Thinking for some time, Kou Chongxue asked, "In that case, back when the Xuanming Continent was separated, the Spirit Abundance World already deployed the Elysium Grand Formation, right? That is how you have it in your inheritance."

"That's right. However, it was like paper that was destroyed instantly by the strike that came through the spatial tunnel... No... Actually, it already mitigated a lot of damage. If not for it, the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't have lost just 1 continent and 1 Elysium..." Zhang Xuansheng explained in a low voice after shooting him a glance.

Shang Xia also asked, "How much do you know about the Essence Ping World then?"

Zhang Xuansheng shook his head slowly and mumbled, "As I said, the Xuanming Continent's destruction and the revelation of the Essence Ping World happened one after another. The ancestor of the Xuanming Sect barely saw it before he died. He didn't even determine it was an Essence World. What I know about the Essence Ping World should be less than you..."

Shang Xia thought for a second before asking another question, "In that case, how much does the Xuanming Sect... Or rather, the Spirit Abundance World, know about the Star Origin Lord back then? Do you also know about the Heaven Observation Field?"

"I understand what you wish to know, but it's just that the Xuanming Sect was greatly damaged in the past and many seniors were killed. Many records were lost during the process and we were tumbling around in space for dozens of years... We even entered several dangerous spatial currents and it was great we managed to retain a portion of our inheritance. How much do you think we have left?" He paused slightly before he continued, "We know little about the Star Origin Lord, and all the records we have of him stated that he's unfathomable and hard to predict. However... There is a single record that states that when the legacy of the Heaven Observation returns, so will the Star Origin Lord. I was originally confused about what that means, but now that I know about the existence of the Heaven Observation Field and Star Curtain, it's not that difficult to understand now."

Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue looked at each other and saw the solemn look in each other's eyes.

Finally, Kou Chongxue spoke. "Speak about the Xuanming Sect and your Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Since a portion of the Xuanming Continent became the Manyu Continent, how did the Xuanming Sect end up in the Azure Spiritual World and how did the Xuanming Sect become your Northern Sea Mystic Sect..."

"I've said it before. A Barbaric World is unable to support an Elysium and after realizing it was impossible for us to return to the Spirit Abundance World, the Elysium True Immortal used the last of his energy and the help of Martial Dipper Realm experts to look for a way out. However... How can it be that easy to find a way to live in the massive sea of stars?" Zhang Xuansheng forced a chuckle.

“After dozens of years of drifting around, the experts of the Xuanming Sect were getting worn out fighting back the threats we ran into. With the Elysium True Immortal on his last legs, everyone fell into despair. Many people were planning to forsake the sect and head out for themselves when we found ourselves in a foreign region of space. They discovered an Azure World which had an extremely elementary martial inheritance. It was an Azure World void of many high-level experts. Strangely enough, the Azure World was also drifting around in the void. It was as though it suffered the same damage as the Xuanming Continent. However, in their desperate state, the experts of the Xuanming Sect no longer hesitated. They needed to get themselves into the world in order to survive...”

“... However, they ran into another problem. The energy that came from the terrifying blow that sundered the Xuanming Continent still remained. Our weakened Elysium True Immortal who was on his last breath was too weak to shift the Elysium to fuse with the world. Helpless, he sacrificed himself and by burning the final bit of his lifeforce, he separated the Elysium and a portion of land from the Xuanming Continent. It slammed into the Azure World and fused with the World Origin Source. With that, the Elysium True Immortal’s life also came to an end and the Azure World was known as the Azure Spiritual World. The Northern Sea was created because of the descent of the Xuanming Elysium.”

“Next, the Xuanming Elysium changed its trajectory and transformed into the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. After close to 100 years of recuperation, we started a war against the natives of the Azure Spiritual World. That battle allowed my sect to secure our inheritance and completely fuse with the Azure Spiritual World, becoming a part of them.”

“Well... We don’t need to mention what happened next. All of us know what happened during the fusion of the Azure Origin World and Azure Spiritual World...”

Chapter 1337: Zhang Xuansheng’s True Motive

When Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia decided to pay Zhang Xuansheng a visit, they knew that he would definitely reveal something. However, they didn’t expect him to be so honest and state the entire history of his Northern Sea Mystic Sect.

Zhang Xuansheng seemed to discover the look of suspicion deep in their eyes and he decided to explain himself. He chuckled, “Since our Northern Sea Mystic Sect is deeply rooted in the Spirit Luxuriant World, there is no way we will ever think of betraying our world. The reason I told you guys so much is so that you will trust that I will not even think of changing alliances...”

Shang Xia said in a low voice, “So... True Immortal Zhang, you have been suppressing your cultivation the entire time because of the matter with the Spirit Abundance World? Is the appearance of the experts from the Spirit Abundance World on the Manyu Continent also related to this?”

Because they ran into the experts of the Spirit Abundance World when they were trying to take control of the Manyu Continent, they learned that the continent once belonged to the great Spirit World.

The current Spirit Abundance World didn't seem to care too much about losing a continent as much as losing an Elysium. At the very least, they didn't bother restoring the lost continent.

When the Spirit Abundance World tried to invade the Azure Ascension World for the first time, Shang Xia thought that they found a better way to replenish the loss to their world by devouring their world instead and that was why they chose to give up on the Xuanming Continent.

It seemed as though there was another reason... The Spirit Abundance World might want to devour the Azure Ascension World, but there was another possibility. They might be trying to take back the Xuanming Elysium!

It was just that after hundreds of years, the Spirit Abundance World had long since established another Elysium to replace the Xuanming Elysium, but that brought other questions. Why would the Spirit Abundance World go looking for the Xuanming Elysium even after fully restoring the 9 great Elysiums of their world? Why was Zhang Xuansheng suppressing his cultivation at the peak of the third tier of the Martial Void Realm?!

“The Northern Sea Mystic Sect's inheritance might be traced back to the Spirit Abundance World, but everything passes with time. The Xuanming Sect disappeared long ago and no one other than me remembers. There is no connection to the Spirit Abundance World as well. The Xuanming Sect's inheritance also changed a lot, and the Spirit Abundance World isn't lacking a mere martial inheritance. It's not like they have to get their hands on my inheritance...” Zhang Xuansheng sighed. It was clear he was no longer planning on hiding anything or found a point in concealing the truth. He could pretty much guess Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia's true intentions and he simply revealed, “I once pondered over the reason they wanted to take back the Xuanming Elysium... I looked through everything left behind, and even inspected the Holy Artifacts again and again. Only after several checks did I discover a certain item which might be what they are looking for.”

Before Kou Chongxue could probe, Shang Xia was the first to speak. “What is it?”

“It's a piece of spatial barrier... To be exact, a portion of the heavenly screen above the Xuanming Continent broke off back then and it was obtained by the Elysium True Immortal of the Xuanming Sect. The piece of heavenly screen played an important role in the protection of the Elysium when it was drifting about in space.” Zhang Xuansheng explained.

With a curious look on his face, Shang Xia raised an eyebrow. “A piece of the heavenly screen? The heavenly screen is something produced by the world so it can protect itself. Even though a piece is severed, can't it just regenerate?”

“Heh...” Zhang Xuansheng snorted softly. “If it’s really just birthed by the world and could be regenerated, the piece of heavenly screen should have dissipated...”

“Is it caused by the person who attacked the Spirit Abundance World?” Shang Xia gasped and he turned serious suddenly.

Zhang Xuansheng replied, “That’s the only explanation. The unknown existence who attacked the Spirit Abundance World seemed to unleash a type of energy that forces a law onto its target. It shattered a continent in the Spirit Abundance World and the Spirit Abundance World will lose a continent forever. It also shattered a part of the heavenly screen and with that, the Spirit Abundance World will forever lose a portion of it.”

“... Unless... They are able to find the complete set of the Xuanming Continent or the piece of heavenly screen!”

Shang Xia nodded slowly. “I understand now... The Xuanming Continent transformed into the Manyu Continent, and it lost a portion of its world essence because of the separation of the Xuanming Sect. The Manyu Continent regressed into an Earth Star because of its weak foundations soon after and the Xuanming Continent can never be restored. However... The heavenly screen has always been in your possession and the Spirit Abundance World never gave up their pursuit.”

Shang Xia couldn’t help but pause for a moment before he continued, “It’s hard to imagine that the heavenly screen of the Spirit Abundance World has always been damaged... Back when I infiltrated the Spirit Abundance World for the first time, I didn’t notice anything like it!”

“No... You already discovered it... Otherwise, how could the Frost Wave affect the Spirit Abundance World?” Kou Chongxue interjected.

Zhang Xuansheng agreed with him, “That’s right. The Frost Wave is actually utilized by the Spirit Abundance World to freeze over the gap in the heavenly screen...”

Feeling like they made sense, Shang Xia nodded slowly. However, he thought of another question. “If the Spirit Abundance World truly has a gap in their heavenly screen and is unable to produce the 24th continent... Wouldn’t that mean that they would never be able to ascend into an Essence World?”

Surprisingly, Zhang Xuansheng shook his head and mumbled, “That might not be the case. Even though the impact of the blow remains... If an expert in the Spirit Abundance World steps into the Martial Emptiness Realm, it’s not impossible to get rid of the remnant energy from the blow. Moreover... The Frost Wave contains the world origin from an Essence World in the first place and it might be able to wash away the effects of the attack from the unknown expert.”

Kou Chongxue added at the side, “The Spirit Abundance World clearly has many plans to deal with their problem and they never went all in on any one of them. They’re tackling it from all angles...”

“Exactly.” Zhang Xuansheng agreed, but he thought for a moment and changed his tone. “No matter what, I won’t easily return the piece of heavenly screen to them. Moreover...”

He hesitated slightly before he continued, "... Moreover, the piece of heavenly screen concerns Zhang Jianzi's existence. The moment it's gone, the partition in my Northern Sea Elysium will..."

Zhang Xuansheng didn't say anything else and he simply shook his head slowly.

The impact of his sudden revelation struck Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia with full force. They didn't think that a piece of the heavenly screen could be used like that, allowing 2 Elysium True Immortals to exist in 1 Elysium. Wouldn't that mean that they would be able to break the limit of 33 True Immortals in 1 world?

Of course... Just the piece of heavenly screen alone wouldn't be enough to accomplish something like that easily. The Northern Sea Elysium's powerful foundation was also a very important reason for them to be able to support 2 Elysium True Immortals.

Even though all of them were sighing, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue realized something. Shang Xia thought for a moment and decided it would be best if he asked. "True Immortal Zhang, the reason why you're planning to break through now..."

"If I wish to become a high-level True Immortal, I will need to control the entirety of the Northern Sea Elysium Source... Zhang Jianzi will also lose his land of ascension. Also, because the piece of heavenly screen doesn't belong to our world, it might be revealed to everyone. The rumor that was only going around in the Spirit Abundance World will become the truth." Zhang Xuansheng sighed helplessly.

"Is that why Lu Wuzi made a deal with you?" Kou Chongxue asked suddenly.

After a short pause, Zhang Xuansheng nodded in resignation. "Exactly."

"What about the Heavenly Star palace?" Kou Chongxue asked another question that shocked even Shang Xia.

Before Zhang Xuansheng could answer, Shang Xia couldn't help but interrupt, "What do you mean?"

In a cold voice, Kou Chongxue snorted, "In the past, the reason why the Xuanming Sect could forsake the Xuanming Continent easily and integrate their Elysium into the Azure Spiritual World, and how Lu Wuzi is able to shift his soul away from the Northern Sea Continent is probably the same. I believe shifting Zhang Jianzi's soul from the Northern Sea Elysium into another Elysium won't be too difficult, right?"

Shang Xia was too shocked for words, but he didn't continue asking. He simply turned to Zhang Xuansheng to wait for an answer.

With a soft smile, Zhang Xuansheng clapped slowly. "Patriarch Kou, your senses are really sharp. I envy you sometimes. I had to do this because I had no choice, but it's also beneficial to our world. Patriarch Kou, shouldn't you feel happy that our world produced another True Immortal without sacrificing one?"

Chapter 1338: Zhang Xuansheng's gift

Shang Xia was truly shocked by Zhang Xuansheng's manipulations.

From Kou Chongxue's tone, it also seemed as though he was sure of something.

It seemed as though Zhang Xuansheng's plan was to shift Zhang Jianzi's soul to another Elysium so that he could consolidate the strength of the Elysium for himself to enter the fourth tier!

That begged the question... Where was Zhang Jianzi's soul going to go?

Of the original Elysiums of the Spirit Luxuriant World, they had 6 in total and all of them had Elysium True Immortals. Where could Zhang Jianzi go?

Even if Zhang Xuansheng was willing to take out the piece of heavenly screen, how could any other Elysium True Immortal agree to share their Elysium?

The only way was for a new Elysium to be born and a deal to be struck...

Shang Xia couldn't help but ask, "Is it the Heavenly Star Palace?! Yin Jingxu is actually willing to let Zhang Jianzi take charge of his Elysium?! Is he crazy?!"

"The Heavenly Star Elysium will soon be born and when that happens, you should receive the announcement that I'll kick Zhang Jianzi out of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect." Zhang Xuansheng smiled.

Seeing the incredulous look on Shang Xia's face, Zhang Xuansheng continued laughing, "True Immortal Little Shang, did you forget the difficulty of entering the Martial Void Realm? Oh right, Neither you nor Patriarch Kou, or the experts of your Tongyou Institution experienced any difficulty... Your journey has been smooth sailing the whole time. From what I know, you 4 were the only high-level experts who were nurtured by the institution to enter the Martial Void Realm and that means that your success rate is 100 percent! Hmm... If we expose this face, I'm afraid our Spirit Luxuriant World won't be the only one who is shocked. Every single expert in our Heaven Observation Field will go crazy!"

"Entering the Martial Void Realm might be difficult, but the Heavenly Star Palace can slowly nurture their disciples. There will definitely be talented ones in the future to take over their Elysium. Zhang Jianzi has only entered the Martial Void Realm for a few years... With his longevity, the experts in the Heavenly Star Palace who are talented enough to break through to the Martial Void Realm will have their martial path severed for the next 200 to 300 years... Even if Yin Jingxu agrees, what will the other members of the Heavenly Star Palace think?" Shang Xia growled in a low voice.

Zhang Xuansheng looked at Shang Xia with a smile that didn't seem like a smile. "True Immortal Little Shang, why are you so worked up over it? After all... This is something that concerns my Northern Sea Mystic Sect and the Heavenly Star Palace, not you."

"You..." Shang Xia frowned but he couldn't think of a reason Yin Jingxu would agree.

One had to know that even if the Heavenly Star Palace was in a rush to establish their Elysium, they had the support of the Spirit Luxuriant World. There was no need for them to agree to Zhang Xuansheng's request.

Even if the Northern Sea Mystic Sect provided the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar or the Elysium Boundary Marker, or both of those treasures, it would only hasten the birth of the Heavenly Star

Palace by 2 or 3 years. Yin Jingxu didn't need to leave his Elysium to an outsider and give up the chance of his sect producing an Elysium True Immortal.

As for Zhang Xuansheng saying he would kick Zhang Jianzi out of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect... Even 3 year olds wouldn't believe him...

Zhang Xuansheng sensed that the look in the eyes of the 2 high-level True Immortals was turning a little hostile and he sighed helplessly, "Fellow True Immortals... In the next tens of years, the situation in the Heaven Observation Field will become extremely violent and danger will be everywhere. True Immortal Yin's cultivation at the second tier of the Martial Void Realm is extremely precious and if he doesn't have an Elysium True Immortal, he won't be able to follow you guys to battle in the sea of stars. After all... I believe you haven't forgotten about your Elysium being infiltrated by a high-level True Immortal of the Essence Hong World."

If not for the sincere tone Zhang Xuansheng used when speaking about the infiltration where Shang Xia couldn't hear a trace of mockery, he might have just smashed his Stone Rod down at the old man.

However... One had to say that Zhang Xuansheng's approach was truly logical and benefited the general situation in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia had no way to retort.

In a cold voice, Kou Chongxue continued, "What else?"

"Since the 6 Elysiums of our Spirit Luxuriant World have been established and the 7th is on its way, we will be able to deploy the Elysium Grand Formation soon. Even though we wouldn't be able to unleash its full might with 9 Elysiums, we will still be able to protect ourselves against Seventh Order energy... Even though it's not the real deal, it's better than nothing!" Zhang Xuansheng continued to describe the rest of his plan, "However, in order to fully utilize the power of the grand formation, we need a True Immortal to take charge of every one of them. It would be for the best if they were Elysium True Immortals. However, when will the Heavenly Star Palace be able to nurture their second True Immortal? 3 years? 5 years? It's going to be more like 30 or 50 years!"

Realizing he still wasn't convincing enough, Zhang Xuansheng continued, "There's also a matter about successfully entering the Martial Void Realm. Let's talk about my Northern Sea Mystic Sect. Even if I count Lu Wuzi, only 3 of my disciples succeeded in recent years. Our results are second only to your institution. However... Do you know how many disciples I had who tried to enter the Martial Void Realm other than them?"

Before they could respond, Zhang Xuansheng sighed, "There were 11 of them!"

This time, Kou Chongxue and Shang Xia were finally moved. They were shocked at the fact that it was actually so difficult to enter the Martial Void Realm, and that the Northern Sea Mystic Sect actually had that many experts who had the qualifications to attempt the breakthrough in the first place!

One had to know that any expert who could even try to enter the Martial Void Realm had to reach the large completion stage of the Martial Dipper Realm at the very least.

Only after integrating the Spirit Dusk World Fragment did experts of the Tongyou Institution other than Sun Haiwei, Ge Qingzhu, and Shang Bo start to become high-level Martial Dipper Realm experts.

Zhang Xuansheng wasn't done. "Out of the 11 who tried, only 3 succeeded. Lu Wuzi even took advantage of the expedition to the Azure Flame World with you guys. Otherwise, he wouldn't..."

A look of disdain flashed in his eyes as he growled, "Whatever. Don't think that it's impossible for the success rate to be so low. In fact, we're already envied by the others... Of course, your Tongyou Institution doesn't count."

"From what I know, in order to quickly produce a True Immortal, the Eternal Palace allowed 6 of their experts to attempt their breakthrough. I don't know if any of them lived, but even if 1 or 2 survived, they should thank the gods. The Divine Capital Palace is much worse. Their elites that had the qualifications to attempt the breakthrough were basically wiped out. Otherwise, how could Jiu Jing, that old fellow whose lifespan is about to be exhausted be allowed to try? Hah... Who would have thought that life would be so unpredictable... That old fellow who was about to die managed to extend his lifespan after he entered the Martial Void Realm!"

"Do you think that's it? No... The Yuanchen Sect, Heavenly Star Palace, and other factions with Holy Lands had been risking it all to produce a True Immortal. None of them succeeded! It isn't that Yin Jingxu is not willing to wait to nurture his disciples... He can't afford to!" Zhang Xuansheng stared at the 2 of them with a gaze sharper than what they were shooting him and growled, "Do you think it's unimaginable? Hehe... In our Spirit Luxuriant World, failing to ascend is nothing strange. You True Immortals of the Tongyou Institution are the strange ones in our eyes!"

His tone suddenly changed to one of calm again and he sighed, "Fellow True Immortals... What do you think about this now?"

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On the way back from the Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue were completely silent.

Only after they arrived at the heavenly screen above the You Continent was Shang Xia no longer able to hold it in and he asked, "Patriarch Kou, The Northern Sea Mystic Sect, Ice Essence Sect, Heavenly Star Palace, and the Eternal Palace and Divine Capital Sect that had always been colluding with each other, already knew about this... The Yuanchen Sect might not be completely clueless either... Without us knowing, Zhang Xuansheng managed to play such a huge game of chess while keeping us in the dark..."

Kou Chongxue's expression was solemn and he mumbled, "The pressure we gave them because of our institution's abrupt rise was too large. Zhang Xuansheng probably used us to bring everyone together. Even the Ice Essence Sect is trying to ease their relationship with the others and they managed to all band together..."

“Heh... They’re just thinking we’ll do to them what they’ll do to others if they get strong enough...” Shang Xia snorted softly.

Expressionless, Kou Chongxue shot him a glance and muttered, “Zhang Xuansheng was only showing us a possibility of what could happen. That doesn’t mean that the Ice Essence Sect and Heavenly Star Palace is on their side. Otherwise... If their true intention was to deal with us, Zhang Xuansheng wouldn’t have said all that.”

“Hehe...” Chuckling sinisterly, Shang Xia muttered, “It’s not like I don’t have the experience of killing an Elysium True Immortal in their territory. It’s just a bunch of first and second tier True Immortals... If they really enrage me, it’s not like I can’t kill Zhang Xuansheng or Yang Taihe either. At worst, I’ll just destroy a few Elysiums and rebuild them in the future!”

“I always thought you were getting cocky after becoming a fifth tier True Immortal... I just didn’t want to say it.” Kou Chongxue muttered.

Shang Xia coughed, “This... Your words are a little...”

Before he could finish, Kou Chongxue interrupted him. “How many people do you think will keep you in check if you grow arrogant? In a few years, when you grow even stronger, even if I’m still your patriarch, I’ll still have to address you courteously and formally.”

Hesitating for a long while, Shang Xia eventually nodded slowly, “Patriarch Kou, I will take your advice to heart!”

Finally looking at Shang Xia properly, a profound light flashed in Kou Chongxue’s eyes and he nodded when he saw the look of understanding in Shang Xia’s eyes. “Anyway, Zhang Xuansheng can be considered pretty sincere. He basically told us everything about his Northern Sea Mystic Sect. He revealed his origins and extent of foundations to us. It’s to dispel any suspicions we might have of him, and to tell us that protecting the Spirit Luxuriant World is also his intention. Before we left... He even gave you the piece of heavenly screen from the Spirit Abundance World!”

Shang Xia took out a gray banner Zhang Xuansheng handed to him earlier and sighed, “I didn’t think that the banner would be created with the piece of heavenly screen from the Spirit Abundance World. I didn’t think that he would give me such a precious treasure either.”

“You need to make full use of it. If you are able to maximize its use when you head to the Spirit Abundance World, you might even be able to avoid being suppressed by the World’s Will when you fight with them. However.. If you fail to keep it a secret and news of it gets out, the True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World will most likely put aside all their differences and attack you without holding anything back to retrieve their heavenly screen.” Kou Chongxue explained.

Chapter 1339: I'M BAACK

With the Star Origin Dao Field shooting the starting pistol, the Spirit Abundance World, Spirit Mammoth World, and the alliance of the 3 lesser Spirit Worlds started to prepare for the operation to the Essence Ping World. News regarding the Heaven Observation Field, Star Origin Lord,

Essence Ping World, and Martial Emptiness Realm Sages started to spread through the Star Origin City and the worlds connected to it.

The topic spread like wildfire, and it continued to spread, there were those who twisted what they heard, exaggerated, or even ignored them completely.

Whatever it was, there was a piece of information that was consistent throughout. More than a single faction seemed to be intentionally fanning the flames. Not only did everyone pay more attention to it, but even the higher-ups of the Star Origin Dao Field and the Spirit Worlds heard about it.

“The Spirit Abundance World has been absorbing the frost qi leaking from the Essence Ping World with their Elysium Grand Formation for the past hundreds of years... They have been intentionally weakening the World’s Will to assist the Star Origin Lord’s recovery!”

Clearly, rumors like that couldn’t be created by ordinary experts. Just the Essence Ping World alone wasn’t something they could easily spread the name of around. The true upper echelon of the various worlds understood that someone was intentionally revealing the information and from the looks of it, it was extremely likely the source was reliable.

Moreover... The true intentions of the people spreading the news intentionally spread information about sensitive information like the Essence Ping World, Elysium Grand Formation, frost qi, and the Star Origin Lord was to catch as much attention as possible.

Transmission talismans flew everywhere and the various worlds quickly learned about it. Even some Azure Worlds learned about them.

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Not too long after Shang Xia silently infiltrated the Spirit Abundance World with his Six Harmony Teleportation Formation, the rumor didn’t just continue to spread. It was quickly verified by experts of the various worlds and the Star Origin Dao Field!

In the northern region of the Spirit Abundance World, Shang Xia strolled about the Heavenly Lake City disguised as a wandering doctor. He was yelling to promote his services as he made his way down the street, and he only stopped after he arrived at an outdoor food stall. He smelled an amazing aroma and a sudden feeling of temptation washed over him and he quickly found a seat before ordering a bowl of piping hot wontons and 2 baked sesame cakes.

While waiting for his food, he looked really interested in the weather the city was experiencing and he raised his head to stare at the clouds above. He seemed really content with life.

Above the heavenly screen where mortals couldn’t see past, Shang Xia could see 9 intense spots of light as the world origin of the Spirit Abundance World was drawn towards them. Layers of light screens appeared around the 9 balls of world origin before covering the rest of the world. Even the World’s Will seemed to be affected as it prepared to deal with external threats.

“Oh? Did the rumors finally spread too far? Is the Spirit Mammoth World and the Star Origin Dao Field finally making their move?” Shang Xia chuckled as he thought back

to what Zhang Xuansheng said. While he was thinking, he received the bowl of wontons and slurped up one of them, tasting the succulent meat and paper-thin skin.

When Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue looked for Zhang Xuansheng back then, the old monster had already guessed that Shang Xia was planning to infiltrate the Spirit Abundance World. That was also why he gave away the piece of heavenly screen that was supposed to be a core treasure of the Northern Sea Mystic Sect. He even informed them of the Spirit Abundance World's inability to restore its 24th continent unless certain conditions were met. Once the remnant energy that came from the terrifying blow was finally removed, the Spirit Luxuriant World would be able to restore their continent and repair their heavenly screen.

As for where the 24th continent would be... The decision had long since been made by the Spirit Abundance World and was hiding in plain sight. It would be where the Xuanming Continent once was, where the Azure Island was currently located!

The Azure Island and its Elysium were created as a fortress to resist the Frost Wave and they had been tempered for hundreds of years with the world origin of the Essence Ping World. Even though the effects of the Frost Wave would cause great damage every time, the benefits they gained were definitely more than their losses. The moment a new continent was established, they would immediately be able to replace the Xuanming Sect as one of the strongest factions in their world.

Zhang Xuansheng's meaning of giving Shang Xia the piece of heavenly screen was probably because he felt it was most likely Shang Xia was going to mess with Azure Island. Of course, that was the easiest way to cause trouble for the Spirit Abundance World and would make the greatest impact.

However... Shang Xia seemed more comfortable to start the entire operation from the eastern region of the Spirit Abundance World which he was the most familiar with.

Lowering his head to take a bite of his sesame cake, Shang Xia could feel that foreign high-level True Immortals had arrived. Moreover, there was most definitely more than 1. Otherwise, the Spirit Abundance World wouldn't have activated their Elysium Grand Formation.

The only question Shang Xia had was if they would actually come to blows!

He clearly hoped that the battle would start as soon as possible and for it to be as intense as it could be. The best case would be for a few powerful experts to beat each other to death such that there would be no dissolving the grudge between these great powers.

Well... He wasn't the only one thinking that way. Experts of other worlds were most likely hoping for the same thing!

However... It seemed as though the higher-ups of the Spirit Abundance World and those who came were intentionally restraining themselves. They didn't start fighting immediately. Despite that, from how the Spirit Abundance World immediately activated their Elysium Grand Formation, it was clear the pressure they were feeling was great.

The other factions' stance was quite obvious. Even though they didn't seem like they were going to fight, from the looks of it, they were definitely going to force the Spirit Abundance World to give up something.

At the very least, the members of the Star Origin Dao Field wouldn't allow them to continue absorbing energy from the Frost Wave. They might even be hastening them to quickly close up the gap in the heavenly screen or the weakness in the spatial barrier around the Essence Ping World that was causing the leak.

As for the Spirit Mammoth World... They were most likely unwilling to see the Spirit Abundance World ascending to an Essence World before them.

Whatever it was, how could the weaknesses in the heavenly screen of the Spirit Abundance World and Essence Ping World be closed up so easily?

Also, more importantly, with the various factions getting ready to invade the Essence Ping World, they understood that the Spirit Abundance World probably knew a lot more about the Essence Ping World than any of them.

The Spirit Mammoth World and Star Origin Dao Field would definitely force some information out of them...

After thinking so far, Shang Xia narrowed his eyes slightly and looked at the banner he placed on the table beside him with the words 'Instant Treatment' written on it.

A frown slowly formed on his face, "Zhang Xuansheng's plan wasn't to make me bring this back to the Spirit Abundance World so that they can close up their heavenly screen so that they can't make any excuses to the others, right?!"

Fortunately, he quickly dispelled the thought after a little more consideration.

The uses of the banner were exactly as Zhang Xuansheng had described. It would be extremely useful once he went to the northern region. However... Shang Xia had another easier and more straightforward method to deal with all of them.

Tossing several copper plates onto the table, Shang Xia grabbed the banner and started to walk towards the Five Links Ridge.

It was much easier for him to infiltrate the Spirit Abundance World, but Shang Xia was a lot more careful than before.

The reason it became easier was because he no longer used the Five Element Teleportation Formation, but the even stronger Six Harmony Teleportation Formation. He could choose the direction he wished to travel in and he arrived in the Heavenly Lake Continent the moment he entered the world.

As for why he was even more careful... That was because he could feel a lot more True Immortals in the Spirit Abundance World at the moment. There was also no lack of high-level True Immortals. It was something he didn't feel when he came the last time.

It seemed as though all the high-level True Immortals or other ordinary True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World had returned from the Star Beast Nests or whatever stronghold they had outside.

Shang Xia's secret art could allow him to transform his aura to avoid the rejection of the World's Will, but that would only hold if he didn't reveal his true strength to fight anyone. The moment he took action, news of his presence would immediately spread through their world.

However, with the banner that was created with the heavenly screen in hand, Shang Xia would be able to seal off the space around wherever he took action and avoid the suppression of the World's Will. In fact, the region of space would be separated such that the impact of the battle would be greatly reduced.

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After leaving Heavenly Lake City, Shang Xia quickly arrived at the foot of the Five Links Ridge.

The Five Links Ridge was just a massive mountain with a heavenly lake at the very top. The reason behind the name was because of 5 smaller hills around the heavenly lake.

Returning to where he once messed around, he discovered that the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake was a lot more flourishing than before. At the very least, there were a lot more young cultivators which brought quite a bit of life to the region.

When he first arrived in the Five Links Ridge, Dugu Yuanshan had just been killed by the combined efforts of the Spirit Luxuriant World and Shang Xia played a crucial role in grinding away his soul. The entire sect was in a state of despair and there was an aura of desolation that surrounded them. Many young talents from the sect left, and the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake looked to be in a bleak state.

They welcomed a foreign True Immortal soon after, but because Tang Yu was sealed into the Elysium and forced to become the Elysium Immortal, a huge wave was kicked up in the Spirit Abundance World.

Well... Shang Xia caused it anyway and he watched everything as it happened. [1]

The only thing he wanted to know at that moment was how she was doing! [2]

Looking at the situation with the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, Shang Xia wondered if she had already accepted her fate of being plotted against by the Heaven Embroidery Palace.

When he was slowly climbing to the peak like an ordinary cultivator, a powerful wave of qi could be felt coming from the distance. It seemed to have caught his attention and he decided to start walking towards the disturbance.

Chapter 1340: Method of Returning to the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake

Shang Xia might not be considered a scheming bastard who thought about every move he made and the implications it would have, but he was still pretty prudent.

During his first infiltration of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake where he stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, he left many different hidden markings in the Elysium.

Even though he didn't know if he would return to the Spirit Abundance World back then, or the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake even if he did, leaving behind those hidden markings didn't cost him anything anyway.

Now that he returned, he discovered that he had been thinking too simply about matters back then.

Originally, he thought that he only required a Five Element Teleportation Talisman to sneak into the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake as a Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman might be overkill. Also, he became a high-level True Immortal and felt that with his cultivation, it would be a piece of cake to infiltrate the Elysium.

When he arrived, he discovered he had underestimated the grand formation around the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake.

Normally, most grand formations would be able to protect against external threats while still possessing some slight capabilities to deal with problems if anything happened within. However, the old grand formation of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake only defended against external threats. That was why Shang Xia could escape without the slightest resistance with his Five Element Teleportation Formation back then.

However... Things were different. The Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman might be an improved version, but the grand formation received an upgrade and there was also an Elysium True Immortal in the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake. Infiltrating wouldn't be that easy.

It was also why Shang Xia traveled to the Five Links Ridge on foot back then.

Halfway up the mountain, Shang Xia's attention was drawn over by a sudden battle.

Actually, a battle of that level shouldn't have caught his attention normally, but he seemed to be in a special mood recently. It was a battle between cultivators in the Martial Extremity Realm and Martial Intent Realm, and even though it was intense, everyone fighting seemed to restrain themselves to a certain extent. They would immediately back off if they injured their opponent, and those who were injured would retreat and stop fighting.

It seemed more like a competition to settle some sort of dispute.

When he finally arrived, Shang Xia stared at the battle happening at the side and quickly understood what was going on.

It seemed to be a battle between the cultivators of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake. On one side were those who learned the original inheritance and the other trained in the new inheritance.

Tang Yu, the current Elysium True Immortal of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, was considered an outsider. That being the case, the creation of a cultivation system had never been a 1 man operation. Tang Yu was able to reach the Martial Void Realm because she received the teachings of those before her. There were many people who gave her pointers along the way. She would always gather a lot of people around her to settle many miscellaneous matters regarding her cultivation. They would even collect treasures she required to cultivate. As she grew stronger and her position in the Spirit Abundance World rose, the number of people around her grew along with it.

She might have been a wandering cultivator, but she managed to receive huge support from the Heaven Embroidery Palace when entering the Martial Void Realm. Even though the relationship between both sides broke down because of the matter with the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, there were still many close allies who supplied her with a large number of resources after she took control of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake.

All of them helped her at some point and in order to properly control the Solitary Peak Heavenly Peak, she needed everyone to be of a single mind. She also needed a batch of trusted members.

Other than that, her cultivation system and ideology were completely different from those used in the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake and since she was going to become their Elysium True Immortal, she naturally had to pass down her inheritance.

Be it her followers entering the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake with her, or the passing down of her inheritance, they would definitely clash with those who followed the original teachings.

The clash would be a little more restrained among the higher-ups of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, but lower-leveled cultivators wouldn't bother holding themselves back.

Because True Immortal Tang Yu handled things fairly, the cultivators of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake would still show her enough respect not to fight under her nose. They would look for secluded regions around the sect when they challenged each other, and the middle of the mountain was one of those places.

Shang Xia managed to bump into such an interesting show when he approached the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake.

The chaotic battle was already entering its last stages and because both sides were holding back, no one suffered heavy injuries. However, Shang Xia still felt that it was a great opportunity he could make use of to muck his way into the sect.

Of course... The level of chaos was far from enough from what he was expecting.

With a light wave of his sleeves, strands of heaven and earth qi gathered into the battlefield. At the same exact moment, a Martial Intent Realm cultivator discovered a small opening and sent a punch flying at his opponent's ribs. Ordinarily, the punch would shatter a few ribs, but that was it. However, with Shang Xia's interference, his punch dropped slightly from its original trajectory and smashed directly into his opponent's kidneys.

Due to the power it contained, his opponent's kidneys were immediately crushed.

"ARGH! *Pfft...*"

A miserable cry left his lips, and he spat out a mouthful of blood below falling into a coma.

"They... They went all out! They're no longer holding back!" A furious scream came from the side which immediately ignited the tense situation. Everyone's emotions were already heightened from the battle, and with someone suffering heavy injuries, the intensity of the battle grew even stronger.

Shang Xia, who was standing at the side, concealed himself before approaching close to the grand formation around the sect.

The battle that was rapidly growing in intensity was quickly discovered by the higher-ups of the sect and a bunch of Martial Extermination Realm and Martial Dipper Realm experts rushed out, without discovering the hidden Shang Xia next to them.

Despite the barrier opening slightly, Shang Xia didn't rush in immediately. Instead, he continued to wait quietly at the side.

Chu Jia once explained to him in detail how it would be difficult for anyone to enter the grand formation when it was opened from the inside compared to when it was opened from the outside. Even though he didn't quite understand the principles behind it, he only needed to conclude the fact that going in with them would be much better.

With the higher-ups of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake making an appearance, the battle quickly ground to a halt. Because several disciples suffered heavy injuries in the process, those who arrived couldn't be bothered finding fault with the rest at the moment and simply grabbed the injured for emergency treatment.

When they opened the protection formation again, Shang Xia immediately activated a Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman. When he reappeared, he was already at the peak of the mountain.

Surprisingly enough, his use of the Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman was still detected by the experts of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake as it happened precisely when they opened a gap in the formation and everyone was paying attention to it. Formation Masters of the Solitary peak Heavenly Lake detected the slight disturbance and quickly reported it to the experts of the sect.

Those who received the report weren't fools either. They knew that the person who infiltrated their sect was no ordinary expert if they could still remain hidden despite being detected and they quickly alerted Tang Yu.

They might have discovered his actions, but since he infiltrated their sect, Shang Xia no longer had a need to conceal his presence.

The only reason he couldn't enter the Elysium directly was because of their multiple layers of protection and he couldn't feel the presence of the markers he left behind in the past. Now that he had passed through their protection formation, he could feel several markers he left behind and he quickly activated his 3rd Six Harmony Teleportation Talisman that led straight into it.

At the same time it happened, Tang Yu, who just received the report from the members of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, chuckled in a low voice. "Heh... I didn't get rid of the markings you left on purpose. I didn't think that someone would still come over despite knowing it's a trap!"

"Hehe... How dare you..." Tang Yu continued without a trace of panic on her face. Instead, there was a look of mockery that was clear for anyone to see. "Barging into an Elysium that holds an Elysium True Immortal... Even if you're a high-level True Immortal, nothing will change."

Opening her arms, the energy contained in the Elysium started to boil. She looked like the godly ruler of the Elysium who controlled everything with a single intention and she wanted to deal a heavy blow to whoever had entered the Elysium.

After discovering those markings that were left behind, Tang Yu left behind countless formations around them, waiting for a day for someone to try using them to infiltrate her Elysium.

Along with the void being torn open, Shang Xia's figure emerged.

As soon as he appeared, everything around him seemed to grind to a halt. Even raising his hand became difficult.

"Hehe... Just a first tier True Immortal and you dare to try infiltrating my Elysium. Who the hell do you think you are?" Tang Yu snorted as the power of her Elysium turned into countless chains that wrapped around him.

“Oh? You’re a foreign True Immortal?! Let me take a look at which crazy fool dares to come here.” Tang Yu chuckled coldly and stretched her hand out slightly. A streak of red light emerged from her sleeve and she wanted to capture the trapped Shang Xia.

The next second, the figure that was bound by the chains created by the energy in the Elysium started to become a little blurry.

“It’s just a clone?! Oh no!” Tang Yu’s expression changed.

An intense fluctuation appeared from another direction in the Elysium as another spatial tunnel opened around another marking.

“Hmph!” A cold snort left her lips as she glanced at the clone that had been captured before taking a step to arrive at the second location. When she left, she placed a clone to watch over the clone that appeared in the Elysium.

She had already reached the second tier of the Martial Void Realm and creating a clone was nothing special.

When she arrived at the second spatial tunnel, she sneered, “Creating a diversion? It’s a shame I hadn’t been wasting my time this whole time!”

Looking at the spatial tunnel and feeling the aura that was several times stronger than the clone that appeared before, Tang Yu drew more power from the active formations and waited for Shang Xia to walk straight into her trap.