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Standing in the streams of chaotic space, Shang Xia revealed an overcast expression while looking at the Twin Star Pirates' Spirit Ark.

They were injured and were a lot weaker as a result. If he wanted to kill them, that would be his best shot.

Shang Xia knew that there was a world fragment that contained 3 continents of the Spirit Dawn World in their Spirit Ark.

It wasn't difficult for him to defeat them both, and it wasn't impossible to kill them in the chaotic streams. However, if that were to happen, he might not be able to retain the world fragment.

A brilliant smile appeared on his face suddenly. "So that's it! Looks like I came over at the wrong time and acted too rashly. This region is really dangerous and it's no wonder you are so careful."

Hearing how Shang Xia's tone softened, the Twin Star Pirates felt a lot more reassured.

"True Immortal Shang, what are your intentions then? Where is the Wanyun Association's fleet?"

"This is too much of a coincidence... To think that we actually ran into each other here..."

Shang Xia gave a simple description of what happened, casually skipping the part where he destroyed the attack of the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage. In the end, he chuckled bitterly, "I believe both of you know how difficult it will be for cultivators in the Martial Dipper Realm to survive in the chaotic sea of stars... They managed to run into me while drifting around the wreckage of their ship and we started to travel together..."

What the heck?!

The Twin Star Pirates stared at each other in shock. It was truly unbelievable for them to run into each other in the endless chaotic streams.

Even though Shang Xia didn't lie about how they ran into each other, their initial thought was that Shang Xia was lying. However, there was no need for him to make up lies about the matter.

“The Wanyun Association is truly a bunch of snakes... We are truly in awe of your benevolence to save the members the Wanyun Association had abandoned.”

“As it turned out, you guys ran into an attack from a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage... However, with your cultivation, the Wanyun Association shouldn’t have been able to stop you. You could have left, leaving those who were abandoned to fend for themselves. Why did you need to exhaust yourself to help them?”

Shang Xia chuckled at their questions. “Let’s say I just felt like doing it. However, the Wanyun Association is from an Essence World and Zhang Shun is no weakling. Even if I wish to take revenge in the future, I will have to keep myself in check...”

“You are truly wise!”

“Well said!”

It didn’t matter if they were sincere or not. Both of them quickly praised Shang Xia.

“Since that’s the case, I hope you guys can guide us out of the chaotic streams... I will be grateful for the assistance.” Shang Xia took the chance to ask for the favor.

“True Immortal Shang, please instruct them to follow behind us.”

“Heh... Those fools of the Wanyun Association who ran into you really lucked out...”

Shang Xia smiled, but he didn’t leave his spot. Instead, he created a clone that returned to the Star Ship to relay the news.

The reason he remained was because he was afraid they would take the chance to run away before he could catch up, leaving them in the chaotic streams.

The moment he lost them, it would be impossible to find them again. He wouldn’t be so lucky every time, and he wouldn’t make such a low-level mistake.

It didn’t take too long for the Star Ship to arrive with Shang Xia’s clone’s guidance. Jing Hui and the others could be seen in the mostly destroyed ship.

After seeing the Twin Star Pirates’ Spirit Ark, they couldn’t help but gasp in shock.

Shang Xia didn’t have to say anymore. Jing Hui and the others quickly followed behind the Spirit Ark of the Twin Star Pirates as they started moving again. Shang Xia might have returned to their ship, but frequently looked for the Twin Star Pirates for dao discussions when he was bored and he learned a lot about the Chaotic Sea of Stars from them.

There was no day or night in the chaotic streams, and they were unable to determine the time. However, high-level experts were able to measure the time with the circulation of their inner qi.

Since he stopped the attack from the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage, Shang Xia didn't know how long exactly had passed. However, after running into the Twin Star Pirates, it didn't take long for him to learn that they weren't actually far from leaving the streams of chaotic space.

He also learned that the Twin Star Pirates were known as Ying Lianxi and Ying Lianquan, with them being older and younger respectively.

"When you arrived, we actually completed more than half the journey!" Ying Lianxi was the person who spoke.

"Hehe... True Immortal Shang, if you were unlucky and failed to locate us brothers, you might not be able to traverse the rest of the journey and remain drifting around until god knows when..." Ying Lianquan was a lot more direct when speaking.

The Twin Star Pirates didn't just lose their other Star Ship when they were attacked previously. They also lost the second tier True Immortal. The Twin Star Pirates suffered heavy injuries and they only escaped the pursuit after using some secret art.

After their experience, they lost too much and if not for the fact that they had the world fragment, they might never be able to rise again.

Another half a month later... The chaotic streams around them started to weaken. Everyone could feel that they had distanced themselves from the Essence Ling Heavenly Field and the Twin Star Pirates seemed a lot less worried than before.

It was then when Shang Xia decided to enter negotiations with them in order to obtain a piece of the world fragment.

"True Immortals, have you thought about it? What is the best way for me to obtain those fragments?"

Shang Xia would be lying to himself if he said that he didn't have plans to deal with the members of the Twin Star Pirates in order to get his hands on the world fragment.

However, the Twin Star Pirates were hardened veterans who had been through many battles. How could they show weakness so easily?

From the first time they ran into Shang Xia, they never stepped out of their Spirit Ark.

Shang Xia saw that he wasn't able to take advantage of them, but he still wanted the world fragment. He had no choice but to finish the deal before they completed their journey.

However... They threw out a bomb of a question that stumped Shang Xia.

"True Immortal Shang, it's not impossible to make a deal. However, how are you going to bring the world fragment back?" Ying Lianxi asked softly.

Ying Lianquan quickly added, and he didn't hide the mockery in his voice. "True Immortal Shang, you say that you're from the Essence Ping World, but everyone knows that's a lie. It's nothing new for an expert of the Heaven Observation Field to emerge from time to time, but who would have thought that you're someone famous in the Essence Xing World? After many of them heard about you, your identity as someone from the Spirit Luxuriant World has already been revealed. The reason Zhang Shun dared to betray you and send you over as bait for the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage is probably because he already learned of your background and is no longer afraid that you are backed by an Essence World..."

Chapter 1382: The Plan

Shang Xia communicated with the Twin Star Pirates through secret transmission. Even though they were still in the chaotic streams, as long as they were within a set range of each other, they could communicate through their divine souls.

When Shang Xia set his sights on the world fragment, he received a huge shock from Ying Lianxi and Ying Lianquan. His lie about the Essence Ping World had already been seen through!

Shang Xia fell silent instantly as thoughts about the implication of his lie being uncovered filled his mind.

As for how his identity was blown or who did it... He didn't have time to think of all those implications at that moment.

Before his identity was exposed, only the upper echelons of the Essence Xing World knew that he came from the Essence Ping World. It was difficult to conceal it completely. After all, the appearance of a fifth tier True Immortal who was also a pseudo rank seven Talisman Grandmaster who could craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans wouldn't be able to avoid catching their attention even if he tried.

They might know of his existence, but only the Chen Dynasty, Wanyun Association, and the Qingling Palace knew of the location of the Star Beast Nest he occupied.

In the past, they might be afraid of the Essence Ping World who stood behind Shang Xia, but the moment they discovered the Essence Ping World was nothing but a scam

and it was a mere Spirit World, there would be nothing holding them back. In fact, they might burst into rage after being lied to for so long.

It didn't matter if it was the Qingling Palace or the Chen Dynasty. They might take the chance to attack the Star Beast Nest while Shang Xia was away.

The only thing that they would find fortunate was the fact that the Wanyun Association probably wouldn't be able to take part in the battle. After the War of the Spirit Dawn World, they would require a lot of time to restore their foundations. Even if they lusted over the Spirit Luxuriant World, they couldn't do a thing.

Whatever it was, be it the Chen Dynasty or the Qingling Palace... The Spirit Luxuriant World wouldn't be able to keep the Star Beast Nest if either attacked. Fortunately, Shang Xia wasn't worried about their eventual assault. They already made preparations and at most, they would give up the Star Beast Nest and use the Five Element Teleportation Formation to retreat. It wouldn't leave behind any traces and the members of the Essence Xing World wouldn't be able to track them with it.

After traveling around the region outside the Heaven Observation Field, Shang Xia was certain the Stargazers outside were completely useless. Their Stargazer inheritance was extremely scattered and incomplete.

Even so... He had to be prepared for the worst.

When he was traveling outside, he also learned that many Heavenly Fields have been paying attention to the Heaven Observation Field.

Since the Spirit Luxuriant World was able to take over a Star Beast Nest to come into contact with the Essence Xing World, the experts out there weren't fools. The Spirit Luxuriant World might have given up their base of operations, but the various Heavenly Fields could gather all the Stargazers they had to try to look for a way into the Heaven Observation Field.

The Five Element Teleportation Formation might not leave any tracks, but the gaps in the Star Curtain were there forever. Everyone outside might have incomplete Stargazer inheritances, but if they messed about long enough, eventually someone would luck out and find them.

If they really gathered dozens of Stargazers to look for gaps in the Star Curtain and a safe path through, they would be able to gather a massive force for invasion. In the face of so many Heavenly Fields, there was no way to fight back.

The more he thought about it, the more Shang Xia loathed the person who revealed his identity. In fact, the feeling he was feeling was more akin to pure hatred.

There was no doubt the person who revealed information on him came from within the Heaven Observation Field. The members of the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World held the greatest suspicion as they had the greatest number of high-level True Immortals and strongholds in the sea of stars outside the Heaven Observation Star Field.

Naturally, that didn't mean that the experts of the other worlds were cleared of suspicion.

Is the revelation of our Star Beast Nest not going to affect them?! Aren't they afraid that they will be targeted by the great powers outside the Star Curtain once the invasion starts?! Why?! WHY?!

After thinking about it, Shang Xia transmitted another question over to the Twin Star Pirates. "Dare I ask... Where did information on me come about?"

They didn't reply immediately. They seemed to be discussing whether or not they should tell Shang Xia what really happened, but Ying Lianquan eventually responded, "It's fine to tell you anyway. The Wanyun Association and us received our information from the Essence Hong World."

Essence Hong World?! The Spirit Mammoth World is most likely to be the one to have done it then!

When Shang Xia ran into Song Zhen in the vicinity of the Spirit Faith World, he learned that the Spirit Mammoth World most likely controlled strongholds around the Essence Hong Heavenly Field. The Spirit Mammoth World was looking to purchase Hollow Heaven Stones to craft a Spirit Ark back then.

"Many thanks." Shang Xia cupped his hands in the direction of the Twin Star Pirates, ignoring whether or not they would be able to see his gesture.

They might not be able to see it, but they could feel the sincerity from his tone.

Eventually, Ying Lianquan broke out laughing, "Not a problem at all. Actually, you will be able to learn about it even if we don't say anything. We only told you before you found out for yourself."

Shang Xia's impression of them grew better because of what they said and he laughed, "Since that's the case, let's continue negotiating for the world fragments. Oh... I haven't asked... Have you already made a deal with others for it?"

"No. This matter was kept secret. Other than us, know one knew that we were going to attack the Spirit Dawn World." Ying Lianxi replied.

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia understood that if they hadn't told anyone of their intentions, no one would have been able to make a deal with them.

Joy filled his heart as he had a chance to obtain the world fragment since no one else had their eyes on it.

"Um... True Immortal Shang, your world is about to be invaded... Aren't you afraid of what might happen? Why are you still interested in the world fragment?" Ying Lianquan asked in confusion. At the same time, he wanted to learn more about Shang Xia's intentions from his reply.

Ignoring his petty tricks, Shang Xia replied candidly, "I naturally have my plans for it. Moreover, the Heaven Observation Field has been hiding for more than 1,000 years. How will it be that easy for them to invade whenever they wish?"

They fell silent at his explanation and started to discuss among themselves. In the end, Ying Lianxi asked, "True Immortal Shang, are you really planning to make a deal with us?"

"Of course. The world fragment is right here. I naturally won't give up a chance like that." Shang Xia spoke seriously.

A soft sign escaped Ying Lianquan's lips. "True Immortal Shang, I'm afraid you can't afford it."

"What do you mean?" Shang Xia frowned.

"True Immortal Shang, do you know about the deal the Chen Dynasty made with the Piercing Cloud Bandits?" Ying Lianxi asked suddenly.

In a deep voice, Shang Xia mumbled, "Of course. I robbed them."

He heard them sucking in their breaths as soon as he made the revelation.

"It really is you!" Ying Lianquan gasped in shock.

They fell silent once again, but it didn't take long for Ying Lianquan's surprised cry to come again. "That's a world fragment far larger than what we obtained! I also heard that there was a larger portion of world origin than what we obtained."

Shang Xia replied softly, "The landmass definitely surpassed the 3 continents you obtained, but it was made up of many smaller pieces of land. The World Origin Source that was obtained wasn't complete either. It was large, but it was created from the combination of many smaller parts. Quality-wise, it can't match up to what you obtained." Nôv(el)B\jnn

Ying Lianquan's bitter laugh came again, "True Immortal Shang, you should know what happened. After the battle, we suffered a catastrophic loss. We are left with only 3 True Immortals from our original 6 and we're only left with this Spirit Ark..."

Shang Xia was getting annoyed that they weren't getting to the point and he couldn't help but snap, "Hurry up. What do you want to say? Stop beating about the bush!"

"1 World!" Ying Lianxi spoke up this time. He heard how annoyed Shang Xia was and he quickly explained, "We help to control a world we can use to recuperate!"

Slightly taken aback, Shang Xia snorted the next moment, "Are you joking or are you messing with me?"

"We are not." Ying Lianquan followed up, "We are sincerely asking you for your help."

This time, Shang Xia was surprised by how serious they sounded. "Are you serious about controlling a world?!"

"An Azure World will be enough." Ying Lianxi answered.

After all... A Spirit World wasn't so easy to conquer!

Thinking about the possibility, Shang Xia asked, "Why... Why do you wish to control a world?"

"We can't be Star Pirates forever. It's not sustainable!" Ying Lianxi, the more astute of the 2, answered.

Shang Xia didn't know how to respond to that.

However, Ying Lianquan quickly added, "We're just finding a way to live. In the hundred or so years that passed, we have been running rampant through the Chaotic Sea of Stars. We managed to gather a bunch of twins by traveling across the Heavenly Fields and their families. Even though twins were hard to find, after traveling so far, we managed to gather a lot of people nonetheless. Even though we settled them down on a distant Earth Star, it's barren and the future generations found it hard to cultivate. With us alone, we won't be able to nurture them into a considerable force. That is why we wish to control a world where we can settle down. We planned to do so after attacking the Spirit Dawn World, but he didn't think we would suffer such massive losses."

Shang Xia thought for a second before he replied, "I won't hide it from you guys. Your intentions truly shocked me. However, for you to manage a world... Do you already have a target in mind? Even if I'm willing to help, how can you feel assured to reveal the information of the world to me?"

Chapter 1383: Worth of the Stargazing Art

The chaotic streams around them had weakened and the experts on the Spirit Ark and the Wanyun Association were able to explore around to pick up valuable treasures from time to time.

It seemed as though Shang Xia's interaction with the Twin Star Pirates was about to come to an end.

The Ying brothers recovered a lot near the end because of Shang Xia's protection, and they revealed a lot of information regarding the Chaotic Sea of Stars and various Heavenly Fields, teaching him a lot.

To Shang Xia, the most important thing he had to do was to complete the deal for the world fragment.

The Twin Star Pirates had been trying to explain the matter with the Azure World for some time.

"... It's something we discovered by accident. However, the world barely ascended past a Barbaric World and even though there were many tribes on them, they hadn't developed too much past their savage nature." Ying Lianquan gave him a basic introduction.

Shang Xia gasped, "Barely ascended? Are the tribes in the world powerful?"

Ying Lianquan chuckled in a hoarse voice, "Our targets aren't those tribes. After all, they're the foundation of our integration into the world. What we need to do is to take care of the spiritual beasts. There are rank four, rank five, and even rank six spiritual beasts thriving in that world."

"Oh?!" Shang Xia couldn't help but ask, "I didn't think that there would be worlds like that in the vast sea of stars..."

"There is nothing impossible in the vast sea of stars... We just haven't discovered them yet." Ying Lianquan muttered suddenly.

Shang Xia nodded. "Indeed... I haven't seen much of it."

Shang Xia's origin from the Heaven Observation Field was no longer a secret. As such, Shang Xia didn't have to pretend like he knew everything. He could express his doubts freely.

Ying Lianquan chuckled bitterly, "Conquering a world like that might be difficult even with the full strength of our Twin Star Pirates, but it's not like we couldn't have tried. However... True Immortal Shang, you've seen the state we're in. With our current

strength, we won't be able to take over it alone. However, those who died left behind a lot of dependents and we have no choice but to hasten the takeover of the Azure World..."

Ying Lianquan then introduced the current state of the Twin Star Pirates to Shang Xia and continued, "As for why we wish to invite you to help us... The first reason is naturally because we saw you when you were fighting for the Wanyun Association. Be it your cultivation, combat abilities, or secret techniques, they leave us in awe. The Wanyun Association was a fool to betray you without trying other methods. Also... to be very honest, with the state of your Heaven Observation Field, you won't be able to mess with us because you will be dealing with your own problems in the foreseeable future. As such, we won't be threatened by you. As for the possibility of the location of our world being exposed, all we need you to do is to swear that you won't leak it to others."

Shang Xia thought for a second and answered, "If that's the only requirement, I will gladly accept the deal. As for how I'm supposed to transport the world fragment back to the Heaven Observation Field, I will call over my Spirit Ark. I will also need the help of those the Wanyun Association abandoned. As such all of us will have to board your Spirit Ark..."

"It's not impossible..." Ying Lianquan nodded.

However, Shang Xia simply continued, "However, to obtain the world fragment from you guys with a deal like that, I will be taking advantage of you. I don't wish to do so and I do not want to owe you guys anything. Please tell me if you need help on any other matters."

A world fragment that consisted of 3 continents of a Spirit World at a state of perfection for the help of a fifth tier True Immortal, Song Zhen, a second tier True Immortal Shang Xia would call over, along with the several odd Martial Dipper Realm and Martial Extermination Realm experts abandoned by the Wanyun Association, was really too much. No matter how they looked at it, the Twin Star Pirates were taking a huge loss.
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"If I'm not mistaken, you guys not only wanted to conquer the world. You wanted to hasten its growth with the world fragment you obtained, right?" Shang Xia continued.

The Twin Star Pirates fell silent.

Just as Shang Xia was wondering what they were about to say, Ying Lianquan spoke, "Indeed. There is something we will need help with."

With his expression turning serious, Shang Xia probed, "What is it?"

“It’s the Stargazer inheritance!” Ying Lianquan paused for a second before adding hastily, as if afraid Shang Xia would misunderstand, “We need a rank five Stargazer inheritance!”

The Twin Star Pirates had Stargazers among their ranks, and they used to be a pair of True Immortal twins. In the various Heavenly Fields, they were considered to be of extremely high rank.

The Twin Star Pirates were feared because of their existence.

However, the inheritance they used was incomplete and there wasn’t even a need to mention if they had a rank five Stargazer inheritance. The one they used was so incomplete that they relied on luck in order to reach their current level.

Now that they had lost 1 of the twins, their Stargazing art that was accompanied with the use of their secret twin cultivation art couldn’t be unleashed.

The reason why the Twin Star Pirates would request the inheritance from Shang Xia was because they knew that as someone from the Heaven Observation Field, he would only be able to find his way out with the help of a Grand Stargazer...

Shang Xia understood the reason behind their request. However, it seemed as though he had still underestimated the value of the inheritance!

After staying silent for a moment, he agreed readily.

“I am able to make the decision to pass on the inheritance to become a rank five Grand Stargazer, but that’s the limit. Also, your Stargazer has to swear an oath to never pass on the secret art to reach the fifth rank to others without my permission.”

Shang Xia didn’t stop them from passing on the rest of the art of Stargazing to their disciples. He only prevented them from passing on the arts of the fifth rank.

The Twin Star Pirates made up their mind quickly and Ying Lianxi’s response soon came. “Deal!”

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After passing through the streams of chaotic space, a Spirit Ark and battered Star Ship emerged into a foreign region of space.

The Stargazer from the Twin Star Pirates calculated the general direction and they quickly continued on their journey, arriving at an asteroid belt where it would be easy to hide their tracks.

With the information provided by the Twin Star Pirates, Shang Xia learned that it had been more than 5 months since he joined the Wanyun Association on their conquest and the 27th year of the Spirit Luxuriant Calendar had already arrived.

In the time that passed, they spent more than a month wandering around the chaotic streams before they found the Twin Star Pirates.

The time that passed would be more than enough for the Wanyun Association to return to the Essence Xing World. If everything went smoothly, they would have established their 34th continent and an invasion of Star Beast Nest No.2 might be underway.

Realizing he couldn't waste more time, he left a clone on the ship to maintain contact with the Twin Star Pirates before grabbing a simple Star Chart of the Chaotic Sea of Stars and leaving.

Be it the survivors who had been abandoned by the Wanyun Association or the Twin Star Pirates, they all needed to recover. They were heavily injured and would be staying in the asteroid belt for the time being. Without them to drag him down, he was able to travel much more quickly than before.

From Song Zhen's introductions back then, along with his interaction with the Twin Star Pirates, Shang Xia realized that the Chaotic Sea of Stars could be considered to be anywhere outside the Heavenly Fields.

They were currently in the Chaotic Sea of Stars, and Shang Xia was able to follow the Star Chart he had taken to determine the general direction he should be traveling in.

He didn't plan to return to the Essence Xing Heavenly Field. Instead, he rushed in another direction and flew at top speed.

At the same time, he brought out an exquisitely crafted Star Ship to take a break while traveling.

Approximately 20 days later and after passing through 2 Heavenly Fields without alerting anyone, while also passing through 2 different fleets of different sizes, the obstruction of a Star Pirate group, and the pursuit of 2 rank six Star Beasts, Shang Xia arrived at a place called the Ruined Market of the Sea of Stars.

It was a place where dragons and fishes gathered, and it was where members of the Chaotic Sea of Stars gathered to trade.

According to Song Zhen's report, he had already gathered another small merchant fleet and used the Ruined Market of the Sea of Stars as his foundation. They also managed to establish several posts there that could be used to communicate with Shang Xia and the others.

Chapter 1384: Essence Du World and Spirit Tip World

When Shang Xia contacted him through an outpost, Song Zhen raced over. However, it had already been 10 or so days since Shang Xia arrived.

Suppressing the curiosity in his heart, Song Zhen ignored how tired he was from rushing over and gasped in shock the moment he arrived, "Lord, why did you come?"

Shang Xia didn't answer the question. Instead, he asked one of his own. "Have you heard anything about the Heaven Observation Field and the Spirit Luxuriant World recently?"

Song Zhen was taken aback by the sudden question and he hesitated slightly before responding, "I have been taking care of keeping tabs on the Spirit Mammoth World and looking for the thing you requested. The only thing I heard about the Heaven Observation Field was that the Spirit Mammoth World managed to get their hands on a Hollow Heaven Stone with the help of the Essence Hong World and they are currently crafting their Spirit Ark. As for news of the Spirit Luxuriant World... Nothing important has been sent over from the Star Beast Nest around the Spirit Faith World."

Shang Xia nodded and asked yet another question, "What about the Essence Xing World? Has there been any information on them?"

Not knowing what Shang Xia was actually trying to ask, Song Zhen didn't know what exactly to zoom in on and he simply stated everything he learned. "It's said that they established their 34th continent recently and the commotion they stirred up wasn't small. After all, the Piercing Cloud Bandits... Ahem, when I was with them in the past, we learned about the power structure of the Essence Xing World. Surprisingly, the Wanyun Association that barely managed to escape from the covetous gaze of the Chen Dynasty actually established the 34th continent. It was said that they managed to obtain a massive world fragment in order to do so, but they paid a huge price for it. 4 True Immortals died along the way..."

Shang Xia's expression didn't change as he continued, "What else is there about the Essence Xing World?"

Song Zhen fell deep into thought and he continued, "A lot of things happened recently... It was said that an envoy of the Qi Dynasty was assassinated, revealing a hidden ancient clan of the world. The Qi Dynasty Emperor also revealed his cultivation at the peak of the Martial Void Realm. Not only did they catch the attention of the rest of the world, but the relations between the Elysiums within their territory became extremely tense. The Wanyun Association brought back the world fragment to establish the 34th continent when everything was happening and was questioned by the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage about how they colluded with the Twin Star Pirates to attack another world while he was away. They plundered a massive world fragment and caused massive loss of life in the process. Eventually, the Sage was sent packing by

the Sages of the Essence Xing World, but the grudge between the Heavenly Fields had been created. Because of the surprise attack, the Essence Ling Heavenly Field has been blamed by many others. The Essence Xing World has become a hot topic among those in the Chaotic Sea of Stars since it had been a long time since they caused such a big commotion.”

Shang Xia’s eyes narrowed slightly. From what Song Zhen had been saying, the Essence Xing World was in a state of chaos. They probably didn’t have the energy to mess with their Star Beast Nest for the time being.

The Wanyun Association’s act of obtaining a world fragment from the Essence Ling Heavenly Field provided great benefits for the Essence Xing World and there was no way the Sages of the Essence Xing World would allow a foreign Sage to run rampant in their territory. They fought off the enemy, but that brought them to the next problem. The help of a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage wasn’t so easily enlisted. The Wanyun Association would have to pay them back one way or another.

Shang Xia couldn’t help but think of all the implications once again. He was worried that the Wanyun Association would reveal the truth behind the Star Beast Nest and the Heaven Observation Field because of it.

However, he realized that the possibility wasn’t too scary. The Chen Dynasty also knew about their existence and since the Wanyun Association and the Twin Star Pirates could hear the truth of their background, so could the Chen Dynasty.

Song Zhen glanced at Shang Xia cautiously and saw the look of unease on his face. Song Zhen couldn’t help but feel a little worried and he couldn’t help but ask, “Lord, what exactly happened?”

Shang Xia shook his head slowly and sighed, “I was behind what happened in the Essence Xing World, but it’s not time to talk about things like that. Have you found the places I marked out? You said you have been working on finding them, right? Have you discovered anything?”

Song Zhen felt his heart thumping violently in his chest when he heard Shang Xia’s revelation that he was behind what happened in the Essence Xing World. However, he didn’t know if Shang Xia meant that he was the cause of all of it!

Thinking about how Shang Xia had been asking about matters regarding the Heaven Observation Field and the Spirit Luxuriant World, along with realizing how Shang Xia had been protecting Star Beast Nest No.2 the whole time, Song Zhen managed to connect the dots. An absurd thought formed in his mind.

Don't tell me he's actually behind all of it?!

That was what he was thinking, but Song Zhen didn't show any of it. He adjusted his composure before responding, "Lord, we have investigated those coordinates you left and discovered 2 worlds there..."

Shang Xia's eyes widened in shock and he muttered, "Oh? Quick, tell me about it. How is the situation there now?"

"They are located in an extremely hidden part of the sea of stars..." Song Zhen glanced at Shang Xia while speaking, but he couldn't tell what Shang Xia was thinking from the serious expression on his face. Lowering his gaze, he continued, "We investigated the region around them and noted down several paths leading over. They might be hidden, but they aren't completely separated from the rest of the sea of stars."

"What are the worlds called? Tell me about them." Shang Xia asked.

"We only managed to learn a little about those worse because of the limited time we had. Of them, 1 is called the Essence Du World..."

"Essence World?!" Shang Xia frowned and mumbled softly.

However, he quickly reacted and stared at Song Zhen. "Continue."

"The Essence Du World ascended around 300 years ago. If not for the fact that they caused such a huge commotion, the various powers in the sea of stars might not even have noticed they were there. Because of their ascension and the presence of a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage, the Essence Du World managed to change their original low-key approach and started to interact with the other worlds in an ordinary manner. However, they are still considered a little lacking in terms of trades with the other worlds." After a short pause, Song Zhen continued, "The Essence Du World might be a newly ascended Essence World. But their foundations are weak. They only have a first tier Sage among them and 28 continents. They have 13 Elysiums but no Dao Field. Of them, 10 are..."

"Wait!" Shang Xia stopped him suddenly. "From what I know, an Essence World can only hold 12 Elysiums!"

Song Zhen quickly explained, "That is because the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage didn't establish a Dao Field. Without a Dao Field, an Essence World can hold up to 15 Elysiums!"

Shang Xia grunted in understanding before he added, "So... In that case, the Essence Xing World that has 3 Dao Fields and 11 Elysiums can be considered a considerable force among Essence Xing World?"

"Exactly." Song Zhen confirmed and continued, "The Essence Du World has only been in existence for a short time, but because of their secluded location and there being few

other worlds around, only 2 Azure Worlds submitted to their rule. However, they had been eyeing the Spirit Tip World in recent years and wished to integrate them into the Heavenly Field. The situation between both worlds is really tense.”

“Spirit Tip World?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow slowly. Nôv(e)B\jnn

Song Zhen didn’t miss a beat as he expected Shang Xia’s question. “The Spirit Tip World is the other world you asked me to find.”

Shang Xia was surprised by the coincidence and he asked, “So those worlds aren’t exactly far apart?”

“The Spirit Tip World is so close to the Essence Du World that they’re the best Spirit World to attack...” Song Zhen nodded.

Seeing how Shang Xia wasn’t speaking anymore, he continued to talk about the Spirit Tip World. Compared to the Essence Du World, information of the Spirit Tip World was a lot more lacking. “The Spirit Tip World is much more secluded than the Essence Du World. However, they’re a lot more mysterious. Based on the information we gathered, the Spirit Tip World has more than 15 continents, and 7 Elysiums. They had no less than 20 True Immortals and they even have 4 high-level True Immortals among them. They’re no weaker than the Spirit Tinkle World before they were invaded. These are what we could find so far...”

Shang Xia’s expression didn’t change. He nodded slightly in response, “To be able to withstand the might of the Essence Du World, it’s no surprise they’re strong.”

Song Zhen revealed a hesitant expression and he could no longer hold back his curiosity and asked, “Lord, please forgive me for being bold but can I ask what you want us to do now that we discovered those worlds?”

Shang Xia glanced at him from the corner of his eye. “It’s nothing much. Just find me a path from the Heaven Observation Field to those worlds.”

“Do these worlds actually have... Lord, didn’t you already find a safe passage out of the Heaven Observation Field into the vicinity of the Essence Xing World and Spirit Faith World?” Song Zhen’s eyes widened in shock and he mumbled.

Shang Xia sighed in a soft voice, “Anyway, do you think our Spirit Ark can take the passage from the Spirit Faith World to the Spirit Luxuriant World?”

“Huh?!” Song Zhen was confused by the question.

Shang Xia didn’t care about his reaction and continued in a low voice, “You better head back with me as soon as possible. We need to think of a way to bring out the Spirit Ark.”

Chapter 1385: Muhai Sect, Yuhai Sect

After passing down more instructions to his merchant group, Song Zhen followed Shang Xia back to the Spirit Luxuriant World through the hidden passage between the Essence Ming World and the Spirit Faith World.

Although it was a path frequently used to smuggle people or treasures in and out of the Heavenly Field, it was practically void of danger. When they arrived in the vicinity of the Spirit Faith World, Shang Xia and Song Zhen rushed to Star Beast Nest No.1 to return to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Actually, after entering Star Beast Nest No.1, Shang Xia learned that Star Beast Nest No.2 was still intact. They weren't being invaded at all.

He didn't have time to learn of everything that happened and rushed back to the Spirit Luxuriant World at top speed. Before he could return to the Tongyou Institution, he was stopped by Zhang Xuansheng outside the heavenly screen.

"Did you antagonize the members of the Essence Xing World?" Zhang Xuansheng asked the moment they met.

Shang Xia's expression changed slightly and asked, "Did something happen to Star Beast Nest No.2?"

Revealing a look like he had expected as much. "3 or so months ago, the Essence Xing World started to watch the Star Beast Nest a lot more closely than before. Fortunately, your Illusion Talisman managed to confuse them. Your clone also sent news back to our world as soon as possible. We could only call Patriarch Kou back to take charge of matters there. Right now, my clone has been dealing with the members of the Spirit Tinkle World and Spirit Thistle World regarding our alliance."

Shang Xia heaved a sigh of relief. A high-level True Immortal's presence in a Star Beast Nest was truly able to prevent anyone from doing anything stupid. Shang Xia's clone might only be acting like one with the Illusion Talisman, but Kou Chongxue was the real thing!

Since the Essence Xing World didn't attack the Star Beast Nest immediately, that would mean that they didn't actually have the resources to do so with the chaos in their world.

Also... Shang Xia knew that they would have to station a high-level True Immortal there from now on.

Since the Spirit Mammoth World revealed the secret of the Spirit Luxuriant World to the other powerful factions, that would mean that the Spirit Luxuriant World was basically completely exposed. There was no way they would be able to hide the fact that they only had 3 high-level True Immortals.

Shang Xia, who had just heaved a sigh of relief, realized what a shitshow it had become and his expression sank.

The Spirit Mammoth World's actions had truly disgusted him. Since they were going to play dirty, Shang Xia decided to settle the score with them in the future.

No matter what, the Spirit Luxuriant World and Spirit Mammoth World were worlds in the Heaven Observation Field. No matter how they fought each other within, they still had to remain united when faced with external threats. Who would have thought that the Spirit Mammoth World didn't seem to have a bottomline? As a Spirit World standing at the peak of the Heaven Observation Field, Shang Xia refused to believe they were fools who didn't understand that everyone within had to be united. However, they seemed hell-bent on fucking over the Spirit Luxuriant World and Shang Xia would respond in kind.

Seeing the overcast expression on Shang Xia's face, Zhang Xuansheng frowned. "How serious is it?"

Shang Xia thought for a second and didn't hide anything from the old expert. He spoke of his experiences without hiding matters regarding the world.

From that point on, Shang Xia and Kou Chongxue would definitely need to work with Zhang Xuansheng closely. The Star Curtain was about to crumble and they needed to be united to deal with the enemies from outside. Only then would they be able to face the dangers that would come. To work together, they naturally had to build their trust by being honest to each other.

After hearing Shang Xia's experience in months that passed, his eyes widened in shock. As it turned out, everything he heard about the chaos in the Essence Xing World that caused them to be unable to deal with the Heaven Observation Field and Spirit Luxuriant World for the time being was actually caused by the mighty troublemaker in front of him!

When he heard how the Wanyun Association and Twin Star Pirates were attacked by a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage, he couldn't help but reveal an envious expression.

The desire to adventure was carved into the bones of every cultivator. How could one cultivate without taking risks and experiencing near-death situations? It was too bad Zhang Xuansheng was an Elysium True Immortal and was restricted to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

After hearing how Shang Xia escaped and made a deal with the Twin Star Pirates for the world fragment that consisted of 3 continents at a state of perfection, Zhang Xuansheng couldn't help but tell him to hurry up and bring it back.

Shang Xia understood that he could only move so fast as the Spirit Ark had to be prepared and a path had to be chartered, so he asked Zhang Xuansheng what happened recently in the Spirit Luxuriant World. Nôv(el)B\jnn

“Yuhai Sect?” Shang Xia revealed a strange expression after hearing Zhang Xuansheng’s explanation. “Why do they sound so familiar? What did the Tianya Pavilion say about them?”

Zhang Xuansheng replied, “They’re different now, Members of other worlds might have infiltrated their sect and taken over control. The Tianya Pavilion thinks that even if foreign experts took over their sect, the inheritance they used is probably very similar.”

Shang Xia frowned and no one knew what he was thinking of. Soon after, he looked at Zhang Xuansheng and laughed, “What’s the matter? True Immortals of other worlds infiltrated us and took over a sect. Aren’t you going to personally take charge of the matter and look at what happened?”

Zhang Xuansheng laughed casually at that. “I might be curious, but True Immortal Sun and True Immortal Ge of your Tongyou Institution, along with True Immortal Jiu Jing of the Divine Capital Sect and True Immortal Yifan of the Eternal Palace have been taking charge of the matter. Fei Xuzi of my sect is also doing the same. With 5 True Immortals involved, they will probably think that I’m overriding their authority if I step in...”

Shang Xia understood that even though the Yuhai Sect caught the attention of those of the various Elysiums, the danger level was still under control. Otherwise, there wouldn’t be a need to mention Zhang Xuansheng, Shang Xia, or Kou Chongxue. Yang Taihe and the others would have leaped into action before them and not let the Yuhai Sect grow stronger.

Since there was a good chance to let the first tier True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World temper themselves, the real experts wouldn’t let the chance go easily. All 5 of them gathered over the sea and created an encirclement around the Yuhai Sect. They prepared to completely eradicate the faction that posed a threat to their world, and the other factions wouldn’t be stupid enough to butt in.

Shang Xia suddenly recalled why the Yuhai Sect sounded so familiar. When he helped the Tianya Pavilion in the past, Lady Yu was attacked by experts from the Muhai Sect. Those experts were able to control the sea spiritual beasts and were called Muhai Envoys.

Shang Xia would rather slam his head into a wall and die than to believe that the Muhai Sect and Yuhai Sect weren’t related. After all, their names were too similar.

What was even more important was the fact that the Muhai Envoys could hide in the body of the beasts. They might look like humans, but because of their interactions with

those sea beasts, their bodies had already transformed. Their ability to speak had also degenerated and they usually had a strange accent.

“They seem strangely familiar to Beast Warriors...” Shang Xia mumbled to himself.

“Beast Warriors?” Zhang Xuansheng asked curiously since he was hearing the term for the first time.

Earlier, Shang Xia mentioned his experience outside the Heaven Observation Field and how he suffered an attack from a Beast Warrior controlling Star Beasts.

Hearing his question, Shang Xia explained what a Beast Warrior was to him.

Zhang Xuansheng’s expression sank when he heard the explanation.

After Shang Xia was done, Zhang Xuansheng sighed, “The important thing we need to do now is not to verify whether or not they’re Beast Warriors. We need to learn how they managed to enter our world and whether or not they discovered the existence of the Heaven Observation Field and if they know of a way to enter and leave as they please. We also need to know if there are more Beast Warriors who will try to infiltrate us or the Heaven Observation Field as a whole.”

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback. “What’s the matter? True Immortal Zhang, can we not verify their origins?”

“Many people think that you were the one who brought them in...” Zhang Xuansheng raised an eyebrow and explained.

“Me?” Shang Xia found it funny, but he quickly reacted, “Do they suspect that those people have been hiding in the Spirit Dusk World’s remains?”

The world fragment of the Spirit Dusk World contained massive oceans. Moreover, the Yuhai Sect’s appearance came after the world fragment was integrated into the Spirit Luxuriant World. With the rapid growth of the world, they grew along with it. The Spirit Luxuriant World also produced high-level spiritual beasts and sea spiritual beasts that were not seen before.

That was why many people felt that it was only possible for the members of the Yuhai Sect to enter the world after the incident.

Zhang Xuansheng looked at Shang Xia and muttered, “Aren’t you afraid that the True Immortals of the Yuhai World will try to steal our world origin?”

Shang Xia thought for a second before asking, “Wait. Tell me... Are the True Immortals of the Yuhai Sect humans or beasts?”

“Originally, I thought they were beasts. But after hearing how they’re hiding in the beasts they control, I can’t be sure anymore. Moreover, we can also be sure that they’re not suppressed by the World’s Will!”

“What?!”

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Chapter 1386: Man and Beast as One

The Sixth Order experts of the Yuhai Sect weren’t suppressed by the World’s Will, which meant that they would be able to exert their full strength!

Shang Xia naturally wouldn’t suspect Zhang Xuansheng of lying to him for a matter like that. However, that brought on the next problem. Were the True Immortal level fighting strength part of the Spirit Luxuriant World or not?!

If they were, how did they ascend to become a True Immortal without detection?! How could they ascend without relying on the spirituality of a continent?

Be it Shang Xia or Zhang Xuansheng, both were sure that among the 24 continents of the Spirit Luxuriant World, there were no new True Immortals born other than those they already knew about using the spirituality of the continents.

There was no way they could hide anything like that from the high-level True Immortals. Whenever a True Immortal was born, the fluctuations of the World Origin Source couldn’t be hidden from the likes of them.

“Things seem really complicated then...” Shang Xia mumbled. Even though he was surprised, he seemed a little more curious.

“Do we have any guesses as to their identities or their origin?” Shang Xia asked again. He didn’t think that Zhang Xuansheng would really leave all the matters to the first tier True Immortals of the various factions. Even if he didn’t personally take part, he would have conducted his own investigation.

It was true that Zhang Xuansheng had been paying attention to the matter. He replied, “I have 2 guesses at the moment. The first is that the members of the Yuhai Sect managed to conceal themselves in the world fragment before integrating into our world, gaining the recognition of our World’s Will. They managed to become one with us and wouldn’t be affected by the rejection. The second is that the members of the Yuhai Sect were once members of the Muhai Sect. They received some inheritance from the world fragment that we integrated into our world and created the Yuhai Sect with it.”

Shang Xia looked at Zhang Xuansheng and mumbled, "You don't seem to believe that those people are outsiders who managed to infiltrate our Heaven Observation Field..."

Nodding slowly, Zhang Xuansheng confirmed, "It's like you said... It's not easy for the members outside the Heaven Observation Field to infiltrate. Even if they managed to find a way in, they wouldn't be able to form a sect so quickly..."

"As for their strength at the Martial Void Realm... It feels like how we tried to control Seventh Order energy while still being True Immortals. They might be able to control Sixth Order energy while hiding in the body of a sea beast. If they were able to superimpose their strength, it's not impossible for a Martial Dipper Realm expert and a rank five sea spiritual beast to unleash attacks at the True Immortal level."

Shang Xia couldn't help but nod in agreement. However, Zhang Xuansheng wasn't done. "If this is really the case, they wouldn't need to rely on the spirituality of any continents..."

"Maybe that's it..." Shang Xia mumbled after hearing the explanation.

Zhang Xuansheng continued, "We still need to verify if that is really the case, but no matter what it is, I'll be the one to pay attention to this. You can't possibly try to think about the implications of this matter with everything you have going on right now."

"Alright, looks like I'll have to trouble you to take care of this." Shang Xia smiled before bidding his farewell.

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After leaving Zhang Xuansheng's company, he returned to the You Continent. Along the way, he thought back to the conversation and everything that happened in the Spirit Luxuriant World. On the surface, Zhang Xuansheng seemed to be providing him with information. If he read deeper into it, Zhang Xuansheng was expressing his willingness to work together against external threats.

It was a good thing for all parties involved. At the very least, from the current situation, the high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Luxuriant World were united. It would prove valuable for the situation they were about to face.

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It didn't take long for Shang Xia to return to the You Continent. However, Song Zhen arrived before him.

The Spirit Luxuriant World's suppression on Song Zhen was still terrifyingly strong, and it was even stronger than when he first arrived. That alone proved how much stronger the Spirit Luxuriant World had progressed.

Of course, the suppression only worked when they were a Spirit World. Once they advanced to become an Essence World, the World's Will might not suppress True Immortals as much as before. Nôv(e)B\jnn

The reason was simple. It was because the world could afford to take the risk of ordinary True Immortals infiltrating their world once they reached the level of an Essence World since ordinary True Immortals wouldn't be able to harm them much.

After receiving Shang Xia's protection, Song Zhen felt the pressure decreasing a lot.

Returning to the Tongyou Institution, Shang Xia didn't alarm anyone who didn't need to know. Instead, he rushed straight into the Elysium to meet with Yuan Qiuyuan and the others.

"Huh? You're back?" Yan Ming was slightly taken aback. But she quickly continued, "Patriarch Kou ran to Star Beast Nest No.2 after coming back from the Spirit Tinkle World. The higher-ups of the institution heard rumors that you ran into trouble out there. If not for your clone being completely fine, everyone would have gotten extremely worried."

Shang Xia laughed. "I did indeed cause some troubles out there, but fortunately, Patriarch Kou reacted in time. My luck was pretty good as well, and that's how we kept the Star Beast Nest No.2."

Yan Ming frowned. Shang Xia might have spoken casually about what might have happened, but she knew that the true situation was a lot more dangerous than he had described. Moreover, from how hastily Shang Xia returned to the Tongyou Institution, it was clear he had something to take care of. She eventually asked, "Is there something you need us to do?"

Originally, Shang Xia wanted to say that he didn't actually need their help, but he thought for a second before he continued, "I'm afraid I'll need you to personally make a move. Let's call Yuan Qiuyuan and Xin Lu over first. We should discuss this matter with them."

Yan Ming guessed what Shang Xia wanted to do, but she didn't ask anymore. In the end, she sent a transmission for them to head over to the Star Observatory.

Eventually, the Stargazers and Grand Stargazer of the Tongyou Institution gathered.

With all of them gathered, probably only the Star Origin Dao Field would be able to surpass them in terms of knowledge of Stargazing. Comparing that to the time Shang Xia first saw Yuan Qiuyuan when he was only a rank two disciple, Yuan Qiuyuan had already refined his second fate dipper. Xin Lu's cultivation also reached the grand completion stage of the Martial Extermination Realm. Instead, it was Yan Ming who had remained stagnant at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

If they were to evaluate all of them normally, Yan Ming's cultivation speed would be the most logical among them all. Xin Lu and Yuan Qiuyuan improved so quickly because of the immense support from the Tongyou Institution.

Even with her cultivation not improving as quickly as the others, Yan Ming could already be considered a top tier expert. How many people could be as strong as her?

Shang Xia looked at the trio before his gaze came to a stop on Yuan Qiuyuan. He smiled and said, "The situation is a little urgent and let's cut to the chase. We received news of the worlds recorded in the Star Map. I need you to find a safe passage to them. Do any of you have suggestions?"

Xin Lu and Yan Ming turned to look at Yuan Qiuyuan in unison.

Clearly, he had already become the pillar of the Star Observatory in the Tongyou Institution.

Compared to his original meek attitude, Yuan Qiuyuan gave off a much more stable and reliable air.

Hearing his question, Yuan Qiuyuan thought for a second before he replied, "There are 2 coordinates... Which do you want me to explore first?"

... Shang Xia explained what he had learned from Song Zhen before throwing the question back to them. "What do you think is the best choice?"

Yuan Qiuyuan replied quickly, "If you and True Immortal Song are the only ones going to take part in the operation, going to the Essence Du World would be the best. However, if you are going to bring the Spirit Ark along, trying to escape from the senses of the members of both worlds is going to be difficult. I will suggest the Spirit Tip World if that is the case."

Yan Ming frowned suddenly, and she seemed to realize what Shang Xia needed her help with.

"Can you find a path that leads to the Spirit Tip World that is least affected by the chaotic streams that can also pass through the Star Curtain?" Shang Xia asked.

Yuan Qiuyuan revealed a rare smile as an aura of confidence suddenly emerged from him. "Since the time we learned about the coordinates of both worlds, I have been studying them to deduce a path. I might not dare to make huge promises on the matter regarding the chaotic streams, but I have already discovered 2 different paths out of the Star Curtain to reach them."

"Good." Shang Xia grunted once and he looked a lot more relaxed than before after hearing how confident he was.

What Yuan Qiuyuan said he could do far surpassed what Shang Xia expected. He thought that Yuan Qiuyuan would need some time, but they were actually able to set off immediately!

Turning to Yan Ming, Shang Xia asked, “Our Grand Stargazer might already have a general idea of how we should travel through the sea of stars, but from the experience I gathered outside, fleets would often bring a Stargazer along with them. In times of danger, having a Stargazer will allow us to find our way out of some pretty sticky situations. Naturally, the higher the cultivation of the Stargazer following the fleet, the better. I hope I can trouble you to make the trip with us.”

Yan Ming broke into laughter as though she had been waiting for him to ask. “Actually, I am very curious about the sea of stars outside our Heaven Observation Field. I can’t wait to make the trip!”

Shang Xia nodded and remained a little longer in the Star Observatory to look at the growth of the Starry Tree. He obtained the batch of Three Lights Water crafted by Yuan Qiuyuan and obtained the Star Chart before leaving the Tongyou Elysium with Yan Ming in tow.

Watching how they disappeared, Xin Lu giggled suddenly and looked at Yuan Qiuyuan beside her. “Should I be trying to enter the Martial Dipper Realm as soon as possible?”

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Shang Xia wasn’t willing to waste too much time when he brought Yan Ming to meet with Song Zhen.

When Song Zhen separated from Shang Xia outside the institution, he went to look for Chu Jia who had heard of what was going down. The both of them started to examine the Spirit Ark from top to bottom.

Before Shang Xia obtained the Spirit Ark, the Spirit Luxuriant World didn’t actually have any large-scale Star Ships. Everything they constructed up to that point could only be considered mid-sized at best when compared to Star Ships outside the Heaven Observation Field.

After Shang Xia brought the Spirit Ark back to the Spirit Luxuriant World, they immediately started to research it the best they could. It wasn't to replicate another but they wanted to craft a large-scale Star Ship.

Not too long after Shang Xia brought Yan Ming to meet up with them, the deputy patriarchs also sent over a batch of disciples the Tongyou Institution had been nurturing in recent years. They would follow Shang Xia out of the Heaven Observation Field as a form of training.

Chu Jia wanted to follow Shang Xia, but as the only rank six Formation Grandmaster of the Tongyou Institution, she had too much to do. She was in such a rush that she had to leave right after she completed inspecting the ship and the formations on it.

Shang Xia moved quickly and the moment the preparations were complete, he moved in a batch of resources and immediately activated the Spirit Ark to fly out of the Spirit Luxuriant World. Under Song Zhen's familiar control, it started to accelerate into the sea of stars.

Shang Xia never stepped foot into Star Beast Nest No.2 the entire time to greet Kou Chongxue or to tell him of any plans.

If Zhang Xuansheng was the only person who discovered his presence the moment he returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World, the departure of the Spirit Ark alerted everyone else. True Immortals weren't the only ones affected too. Even Martial Dipper Realm cultivators felt its presence.

Once again, the Spirit Luxuriant World realized that the Tongyou Institution was going to pull some shit out of their ass again.

Carefully thinking about it, from the fusion of the Azure Worlds to their ascension to the Spirit Luxuriant World, everything that happened that hastened the growth of their world was related to the Tongyou Institution in one way or another.

The members of the Spirit Luxuriant World might tremble in their boots whenever the Tongyou Institution moved out, and most of the time, they would suffer heavy casualties, but they had to say that the benefits the Tongyou Institution brought back were far greater than their losses.

That was also the reason why many people had been throwing in their alliance to follow the institution. Other than their terrifying strength, which was the main reason, the Tongyou Institution didn't avoid bringing their members and alliance mates out during expeditions. They would take the greatest benefits, but everyone else wouldn't be forgotten. The institution would still give them a share.

With the members of the Tongyou Institution familiarizing themselves with the control of the ship under Song Zhen's leadership, they flew faster and faster. It wouldn't take long before they would enter the chaotic streams around the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Shang Xia brought Yan Ming over to the bridge of the ship seeing as they were about to enter the chaotic streams and smiled. "We'll have to rely on you from now on."

On a slightly raised platform that was on the bridge, tiny specks of light flickered. One of them was moving rapidly, signifying the Spirit Ark.

Yan Ming laughed in response, "I might not have left the chaotic streams around our Spirit Luxuriant World before, but I heard many stories about it. With an expert like True Immortal Song with us, we should not run into any problems."

Song Zhen stood at the side and forced a chuckle, "Young Lady Yan, you are overestimating me. You're a Stargazer and your importance here far overshadows me."

Yan Ming blinked once and smiled, "True Immortal Song, please give me pointers on how to proceed once we enter..."

"I wouldn't dare! We're trying to traverse the passage that has been charted for the first time and I will fully focus on controlling the ship according to your instructions. You are the key navigator who will be in charge of our safety. True Immortal Shang and I are in your care." Song Zhen waved his hand hurriedly.

Glancing at Shang Xia, Yan Ming laughed, "Isn't the Spirit Ark the greatest protection for all of us?"

Song Zhen turned serious suddenly and shook his head. "No... I'm not intentionally flattering you or anything, and True Immortal Shang is no ordinary expert. Even so, your abilities will still be able to ensure our safety. Young Lady Yan, you will understand once you see what happens."

Shang Xia sighed softly at the side suddenly. "It's a shame we are in a rush. Otherwise, if I am able to craft more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans and deploy the Talisman Formation on the ship, we will be in a much better spot."

As he spoke, the Spirit Ark pierced through the formless barrier that led into the streams of chaotic space and everything started to rock slightly. It was clear the impact was great.

However, compared to the time Shang Xia entered the streams of chaotic space around Essence Worlds with the Wanyun Association, it was nothing. The chaotic streams couldn't do anything to the protection around the ship.

The ship vibrated slightly as they traveled across the streams of chaotic space, and even though Shang Xia knew it was nothing, the experts on board felt their hearts pounding in fright. There were even some who turned pale when feeling the effects of chaotic streams battering against the ship.

With them traveling through the chaotic streams, Yan Ming's ability became clear.

Combining her skills with Yuan Qiuyuan's Star Chart, they were able to avoid several chaotic bursts with Song Zhen's skillful control of the ark. Throughout the process, she adjusted the direction they were traveling 4 times.

Even though the chaotic streams were unable to break the ark's defenses, it placed huge pressure on the main body of the ark. A lot of energy would be used up maintaining its defenses.

Song Zhen grew more surprised the more he watched Yan Ming's navigational skills.

She didn't notice the change in his expression as she was fully focused on where they were going and the changes happening all around.

As the Stargazer who reached her current achievements the latest while having the highest cultivation among the rest, she fully immersed herself in the role of being a navigator of the Spirit Ark.

She might be in a state of focus and failed to notice Song Zhen's expression, but Shang Xia was different. He saw the look on Song Zhen's face and mocked, "This is just the start. She's still trying to get used to this... Anyway, haven't you been trying to kiss up to a Stargazer? Here's your chance."

Song Zhen frowned and revealed a strangely solemn expression. "From what you said, you saw Stargazers outside the Heaven Observation Field. How do they compare to Young Lady Yan?"

It was true that Shang Xia had seen Stargazers in action outside the Heaven Observation Field, but he hadn't seen them personally activating their secret art as he was too far from the Twin Star Pirates back then. Nôv(e)B\jnn

"Do you think there's a difference?" Shang Xia threw the question back to him.

Shaking his head, Song Zhen mumbled, "How many Stargazers out there can notice the chaotic bursts before they happen? Before it happens, barely any sign is shown. Not even our divine souls will be able to notice anything wrong before it's too late. Even though those freak accidents wouldn't shatter our defenses, they might cause the ship to shake violently. When that happens, the True Immortal on board would have to personally act to stabilize the Star Ship to prevent any accidents."

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"Now you understand why I'm so shocked, right?!" Song Zhen mumbled at the side while walking over to interrupt Yan Ming.

Shang Xia grunted at the side. "Are you saying that her skills are better than ordinary Stargazers?"

"Better? It's not just better." Song Zhen gestured for Yan Ming, who he had interrupted, to not speak first and to focus on restoring her expended energy. He turned to Shang Xia and continued, "In the Chaotic Sea of Stars, Stargazers wouldn't be able to notice the changes in the flow of chaotic streams so accurately! What's more, if I hadn't seen it for myself, I wouldn't have believed that she actually comprehended so many different methods of art! If I'm not mistaken, she used 4 different techniques earlier, right?"

Yan Ming couldn't help but speak out after hearing his description. "What do you mean?! I'm the worst of the Stargazers in the Tongyou Institution... However, you're right. I used 4 different types of techniques earlier. 2 of them were things I am merely trying out, and the other 2... I'm not as good as them as Xin Lu."

Song Zhen's jaws dropped and he didn't know what to say. However, brilliant lights were flashing in his eyes.

Shang Xia smiled when he saw Song Zhen's reaction. He turned to Yan Ming and explained, "The Stargazer inheritance outside the Heaven Observation Field is few and far between. They're not complete either. With many powers keeping their inheritances to themselves, there is no exchange of knowledge. As such, they are really lacking when it comes to the art of Stargazing."

Song Zhen finally snapped back to reality and sighed, "Should I say that the Heaven Observation Field truly deserves its reputation as the final spot the Star Origin Lord chose to hide himself? A single Elysium in a Spirit World already produced 3 Stargazers... If we add the other powers in the Spirit Luxuriant World..."

Shang Xia raised his hand to stop Song Zhen from overthinking and continued, "You don't have to think too much about it. In our Spirit Luxuriant World, the number of Stargazers won't exceed 5. Even in the Star Origin City, they don't have too many Stargazers. It's still a very rare profession."

Song Zhen replied quickly, "I understand. Lord, do you mean to say that the Tongyou Institution is standing at the peak of the Spirit Luxuriant World in terms of your Stargazer inheritance and even in the Heaven Observation Field, you can be considered one of the most important powers? It's amazing indeed!"

Yan Ming burst out laughing after hearing what he said.

Shang Xia coughed once before he continued, “Even though it sounds exaggerated, no matter our institution’s combined fighting strength or other talents, I am sure we will not be afraid of any other faction in the Heaven Observation Field!”

Song Zhen chuckled softly before turning to Yan Ming to explain, “In the sea of stars outside the Star Curtain, any Stargazer who learned a technique or 2 can already establish their own sect. Every powerful Star Pirate group will also extend invitations to you. If you manage to learn 3 or 4 different techniques, your status will be comparable to True Immortals! No matter where you go, everyone will show you the proper respect. If you comprehend more than 5 techniques, even in the vast sea of stars, you will gain the qualifications to meet with even Martial Emptiness Realm Sages. That is because you are very likely to become a legendary Grand Stargazer who has only existed in the legends.”

Even though Yan Ming heard Shang Xia mention how rare Stargazers were, she was shocked by Song Zhen’s explanation.

“I will be able to comprehend my sixth technique soon and will soon be able to catch up to Xin Lu in terms of skill... Well, let’s not talk about that freak, Yuan Qiuyuan. Not only has he comprehended all 7 techniques of the institution’s inheritance, he even completed the deduction and perfection of 2 other techniques brought back from the scattered inheritance from the sea of stars.”

Yan Ming was stopped by Shang Xia before she could finish.

“Alright, enough.” Shang Xia waved his hand and stopped them. Even though they were all members under the Tongyou Institution’s banner, he didn’t wish to reveal too much information on Yuan Qiuyuan and the inheritance of the Tongyou Institution. After all, Stargazers were supposed to be a mysterious profession even in the institution.

“Let’s not rile up Old Song anymore...” Shang Xia smiled at Yan Ming.

Song Zhen extended his arms with his palms facing the sky and chuckled helplessly.

Seemingly having thought of something, Yan Ming turned to Song Zhen to ask, “Right, you haven’t told me why you interrupted me earlier.”

Speaking of which, it had already been some time since Song Zhen stopped her from navigating the ship. As there was no Stargazer to guide their path, the Spirit Ark has been blasted many times by the chaotic bursts that happened.

Most of the time, the ark’s protection barrier would be enough to allow it to move unobstructed. Even if there were powerful bursts, the body of the ark was sturdy enough. It might be trembling violently, but there were no signs of damage for the time being.

Song Zhen chuckled and started to explain, "Our journey has just begun and you managed to help us avoid many random chaotic streams. However... How much energy did you already use up?"

Seeing the look of surprise on Yan Ming's face, Song Zhen knew that she understood what he had meant. However, he maintained a serious look on his face and continued, "We still have a long way to go. According to the chart, our ark is merely in the streams of chaotic space around the Spirit Luxuriant World. We haven't even left the Heaven Observation Field where the chaotic streams will be even more powerful. Things will only be more dangerous there and if you exhaust yourself here, how will you take care of matters there?"

As she sank deep into contemplation, Song Zhen added, "Young Lady Yan, that is why you need to reasonably split up your energy consumption. Not only do you need to arrange for some time to rest, but you also need to ensure the safety of our ark. As for the small storms and random streams we might encounter, we can allow the protection barrier of the ark to do its job. It's not as weak as you think it is."

Shang Xia chuckled at the side, "He's speaking from experience."

Nodding slowly, Yan Ming cupped her fists towards Song Zhen and said solemnly, "Many thanks for the pointers!"

In the next leg of their journey, Yan Ming started to maximize the use of her abilities and she managed to work with Song Zhen a lot better. They might be traveling deeper and deeper into the chaotic streams, but instead of facing obstructions, they were traveling even faster!

Soon, the ark entered the vicinity of another world as the chaotic streams grew weaker.

With Song Zhen's rich experiences, he reacted quickly. Along with Yan Ming's reminder, they quickly concealed themselves while traveling along the border of the chaotic streams without revealing themselves.

Shang Xia emerged from the ship to examine the world for himself and quickly discovered its identity. It was the Azure Sea World that was still under the jurisdiction of the Star Origin Dao Field!

Flying over himself, he moved around the heavenly screen for some time to take a closer look. The True Immortals within failed to detect his presence.

As they were on a mission, he didn't stop. After observing the Azure Sea World from outside the heavenly screen, he returned to the Spirit Ark.

With Yan Ming's navigation, they had already arrived on the other side. It was where the Star Curtain was located and all they had to do was to pass through to leave the Heaven Observation Field.

If Yuan Qiuyuan didn't make any mistakes during their calculation, and if Yan Ming didn't mess up, they would quickly arrive close to where the Spirit Tip World would be once they emerged from the chaotic streams outside the Star Curtain.

Chapter 1389: Domain Barrier and Crack

Strictly speaking, this was Shang Xia's first true journey through the domain barrier crack of the Guantian Domain.

Previously, Shang Xia had traversed domain turbulence to establish the first and second Nest Sanctuaries as bases, but those traversals were direct void transits through spatial channels already pierced by celestial beasts. Even when Shang Xia returned from the Yuanxing Realm with Song Zheng aboard the spirit-class ark, they used array power under the guidance of the Observatory, without truly observing or touching the miraculous entity that had hidden the entire Guantian Domain in the starry sky for a thousand years.

This time, however, Shang Xia was truly fulfilling his desire.

However, when the ark, following the star map's guidance, arrived at a location in the void turbulence where the domain barrier was presumed to cross, everyone aboard was momentarily dumbfounded. The chaotic, unordered flow of void turbulence swirled around, making it impossible to see any sign of the supposed barrier.

"Could it be that there was a miscalculation in our deductions?" Song Zheng cautiously asked.

Yan Ming shook her head firmly and asserted, "There's no mistake, we have repeatedly observed, deduced, and verified it. There definitely is a domain barrier in this region!"

"But..." Song Zheng was skeptical about the existence of a domain barrier, or perhaps he believed more in the notion that the "domain barrier" was some form of special divine power. How vast and expansive was the Guantian Domain, and what kind of barrier could possibly encompass an entire heavenly domain?

Shang Xia then smiled and said, "Verifying the existence of a domain barrier is actually quite simple. If we now deviate from our course and forge a new path from another location using the coordinate of the Lingmang Realm, whether we can reach it will confirm its existence!"

"No, we can't!"

"This is not the time to verify such things!"

Both Song Zheng and Yan Ming almost simultaneously rejected Shang Xia's suggestion.

The void turbulence was fraught with dangers; how could they experiment with an ark as if it were a toy based on a mere hypothesis?

Moreover, their group was on a mission, needing to quickly meet with the Twin Thieves for a transaction... Where was the time to waste on such matters?

Shang Xia laughed heartily upon hearing this; he was merely making a suggestion, not actually proposing to implement it.

However, neither the ark nor Yan Ming could readily undertake such verification, but Shang Xia himself could try.

Thus, under the astonished gazes of Song Zheng and Yan Ming, Shang Xia left the ark and ventured deep into the void turbulence alone.

Yan Ming looked at Song Zheng in alarm, "Could there be danger?"

Although Song Zheng was also slightly worried, he casually reassured her, "Don't worry, he's no ordinary high-grade True Immortal. These void turbulences can't bother him, and besides, he certainly left a mark on the ark, so there's no need to worry about him getting lost in the void turbulence."

One of the marks Shang Xia had left was on Song Zheng himself, a complex prohibition within his soul and core that, among its simplest functions, was to locate his position.

As soon as Shang Xia stepped out of the ark's protective formation, he was nearly swept away by a spatial undercurrent.

This surprised Shang Xia; the domain turbulence of the Guantian Domain was much more fierce than that of the Yuanling Domain.

However, Shang Xia was merely caught off guard. Once the Qi of the Six Unions surged within him and his domain fluctuated, he stabilized his form in the void turbulence, but he could feel the increased consumption of his Qi.

Behind him, the spirit-level ark controlled by Song Zheng and Yan Ming gradually moved away and soon vanished into the distorted void.

Shang Xia silently sensed the mark he had left on the ark and then arbitrarily chose a direction to break through the obstacles of the void turbulence and moved forward.

During this process, he tried to understand the changes in the surrounding void turbulence, hoping to find clues about the domain barrier.

However, as Shang Xia counted the time he had been away from the ark, about half an hour by now, the turbulent space around him seemed unchanged, and he encountered nothing like a "barrier."

Could it be that the so-called "domain barrier" truly didn't exist, or was it some kind of intangible entity, even undetectable by himself?

Shang Xia didn't doubt Yuan Qiu Yuan's observations at the Observatory, nor did he think Yuan Qiu Yuan would deceive him. It was just hard to believe there was no tangible evidence of the domain barrier's real existence.

Just as Shang Xia was hesitating whether to end this venture and return to the ark first, he suddenly noticed that the intensity of the spatial turbulence around his domain seemed to have decreased a bit from before!

Originally, Shang Xia didn't pay much attention to this, as the void turbulence was inherently chaotic. Although it was full of dangers, these could vary greatly in intensity, and it was possible that he was just in a lull. Alternatively, he might soon encounter an even more violent undercurrent. Such things were unpredictable.

However, now that some time had passed and the space turbulence remained dangerous yet seemed to lessen in intensity overall, Shang Xia felt encouraged. He instinctively linked this change to the domain barrier.

Yet when he extended his divine sense as far as possible, he still couldn't detect anything resembling a "barrier."

Despite the significant interference from the void turbulence, in his quest to find evidence of the domain barrier, Shang Xia continued to change locations and delve deeper, hoping to physically encounter the "domain barrier."

However, the results were increasingly disappointing until Shang Xia felt the connection to the mark he had left on the ark weakening, forcing him to temporarily give up the search for the "domain barrier" and swiftly pursue the ark's vague location.

His heart, however, pondered continuously. Perhaps the "domain barrier" was something only a grand Stargazer could see, and other warriors simply couldn't find it, which could be why the domain barrier had successfully hidden the Guantian Domain in the void for thousands of years.

If the "domain barrier" was indeed tangible, then powers outside the Guantian Domain would have likely broken through it long ago, not to mention that the high-level warriors within the domain itself would have punctured it thoroughly.

Half an hour later, Shang Xia felt the intensity of the void turbulence suddenly increase again, and as he followed the mark and pursued the ark, he increasingly felt the force of the void turbulence intensifying. Gradually, he realized that the turbulence wasn't just chaotic and unordered but began to concentrate in the direction he was moving, giving him the sensation of swimming upstream.

Upstream... the crack in the domain barrier!

This occurrence was because the ark needed to pass through a crack in the domain barrier within the void turbulence!

Was the initially chaotic void turbulence now concentrating in a relatively fixed direction and surging back towards the Guantian Domain through the crack in the domain barrier, indirectly proving the existence of the domain barrier?

As Shang Xia advanced against the surge of the void turbulence, though he used more of his Qi, his speed hardly decreased. After another half an hour, he caught up with the ark, which appeared like a toy being tossed about in the void turbulence from afar.

Shang Xia's return greatly relieved everyone aboard the ark.

However, Shang Xia was not in the mood to share his exploratory experiences within the void turbulence; instead, he immediately asked Song Zheng and Yan Ming upon entering the ark, "Have you noticed any resistance to the ark's progress?"

Song Zheng and Yan Ming looked at each other before Song Zheng spoke, "Indeed, the speed of the ark has significantly decreased, and the consumption has spiked, but everything is still within controllable limits. Miss Yan speculated that we are currently traversing the crack in the domain barrier, hence the originally chaotic void turbulence, due to the internal and external dynamics of the barrier, has become ordered. Unfortunately, it seems our luck isn't great. We are currently in an upstream state."

Clearly, the conclusions drawn by Song Zheng and Yan Ming matched those of Shang Xia.

Song Zheng was about to inquire further about Shang Xia's findings regarding the domain barrier, but just then, the spiritual perceptions of everyone aboard the ark were triggered. In a fleeting moment, a pure stream of energy suddenly permeated the entire ark's hull, causing everyone to subconsciously immerse in meditative cultivation.

Shang Xia also felt this pure power penetrate deep into his body, merging into his Qi of the Six Unions almost effortlessly and integrating into his core, serving as nourishment for his cultivation base growth.

Even though he was currently a fifth-tier Returning to the Origin realm True Immortal, he distinctly felt his cultivation growing at a visible rate.

If not for the Crimson Soul Tablet in his mind throbbing against his forehead, he might have wished to remain immersed in this state of rapid cultivation advancement.

The reminder from the Crimson Soul Tablet instantly woke Shang Xia from his deep meditation, and he quickly noticed the others were still in a state of meditative cultivation. As he extended his divine sense, he suddenly discovered that the void turbulence outside the ark was no longer chaotic and unordered, but was flowing in a stable state opposite to the ark's direction of progress.

At this moment, a clear thought from the Crimson Soul Tablet in his mind moved Shang Xia, and the projection of the Crimson Soul Tablet appeared above the ark. The originally stable flow of the void turbulence suddenly surged with dense stardust light towards the projection of the Crimson Soul Tablet.

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Even though they didn't have concrete evidence, Shang Xia was sure that they had passed through the gap in the Star Curtain just a moment ago!

The Spirit Ark continued to travel through the relatively calm belt, and the powerful intent that was contained in the Star Curtain descended, causing everyone to fall into a state of stupor and start to cultivate.

It wasn't exactly a good thing. Shang Xia could tell once he was awakened by the Crimson Soul Tablet. The strange intent that swept over the ship was very powerful. Even Shang Xia's Six Direction Qi could barely assimilate it into his body.

The others might be unable to extricate themselves from the feeling of their cultivation soaring, but that was actually a mere illusion. If they lost themselves in it, the strange energy that allowed them to grow rapidly would turn on them, transforming them into something similar and becoming a part of the strange energy.

Only after feeling the energy in his dantian and receiving the warning from the Crimson Soul Tablet did Shang Xia realize how dangerous the entire situation was.

He managed to awaken because of the superior quality of his Six Direction Qi, and the moment he did, he no longer absorbed the strange energy. Perhaps it was because not too much energy had entered his body, but the moment he stopped absorbing more, the small amount that remained in him was quickly assimilated by his dantian into usable energy for himself, allowing his cultivation to really take a step forward.

Shang Xia couldn't care about interrupting the others from their state of 'cultivation'. He could care less about exposing the Crimson Soul Tablet either as a giant phantom appeared above the ship. He reached out to Song Zhen and Yan Ming who were the closest to him and yelled, "Wake up!"

He infused his Six Direction Qi into his voice and a powerful soundwave spread through the Spirit Ark. It rippled through the ship, causing those who hadn't reached the Martial Dipper Realm to faint instantly. Those in the Martial Dipper Realm slowly awakened and they stared at each other in a state of confusion. They clearly didn't realize what had happened.

The only people who experienced different reactions were Yan Ming and Song Zhen. Yan Ming's eyes snapped open and rage overwhelmed her as she felt that her state of enlightenment had been broken. She glared at Shang Xia, and if anyone else was in her place, they might have been blinded by their anger and rushed at him. However, she knew that Shang Xia wouldn't interrupt her cultivation for nothing and she quickly regained her composure. Of course, she still stared at him, waiting for an explanation.

Song Zhen's brows were locked together. He was a True Immortal at the end of the day and despite Shang Xia's yell, he wasn't willing to awaken from the mystical state.

Helpless, Shang Xia slapped out several hand seals, and the restriction in Song Zhen's dantian activated. It sealed off the qi flowing in his body, forcing Song Zhen to awaken.

"Shang... Lord... What is the matter?" Song Zhen frowned.

Even though his cultivation was the highest among the rest and he was in a much deeper state of concentration earlier, he awakened quickly and composed himself.

Despite his reaction, a trace of worry flashed through Shang Xia's eyes when he looked at Song Zhen.

It wasn't a good sign when Song Zhen didn't awaken earlier when he was called. That meant that he was obsessed with his path of cultivation. It was likely he would be more extreme when cultivating in the future and his risk of experiencing cultivation deviation would be higher.

From his reaction, Shang Xia could tell that Song Zhen hadn't noticed the problem in his body.

Giving him a profound glance, Shang Xia looked at Yan Ming and the other cultivators on board. He explained while maintaining a solemn expression, "Don't you think that there's something strange for everyone to experience a sudden rise in cultivation? Check the condition of your inner qi right now. Make sure to pay special attention to your origin source in your dantian."

With his reminder, everyone started to inspect themselves. Even Song Zhen sat down to circulate his energy with a suspicious look on his face.

A Martial Dipper Realm expert from the institution yelled suddenly, "What is this?! A quarter of the energy in my dantian has been contaminated!"

"Same!"

"Me as well. What is this strange energy? Why do I feel like it's extremely dangerous, but I can still control it like it's my own energy? It's like... It's like the danger isn't there at all."

"If the mysterious energy doesn't pose any danger, my cultivation will be able to rise a lot! It will save me 3 months' worth of time!"

"..."

Everyone started to discuss among each other and tried to figure out what the mysterious energy was.

Yan Ming didn't join them. After discovering the foreign energy in her dantian, she turned to look at Shang Xia for an explanation.

As for Song Zhen, his expression was even uglier than before. He was a True Immortal and was much more knowledgeable than the Martial Dipper Realm cultivators of the institution. He knew how dangerous it actually was. Fear lingered in his heart and he looked at Shang Xia with a tinge of embarrassment and gratefulness.

Coughing softly once, Shang Xia was about to explain what happened when the Spirit Ark shook violently. Several Martial Dipper Realm cultivators failed to keep their footing and fell, and several Martial Extermination Realm cultivators who had fainted earlier rolled about the ship.

Shang Xia's expression changed slightly and he seemed to have discovered something. He arrived above the ship and got rid of the projection of the Crimson Soul Tablet.

Song Zhen might have reacted a little slower, but he quickly looked into the void only to see a massive shadow disappearing above the ship.

He couldn't care what relationship the strange shadow had with Shang Xia. He stared deeper into the void and discovered a powerful current they were quickly approaching.

"Quick!" Song Zhen yelled at the Martial Dipper Realm cultivators still stuck in a state of shock and he started to control the ship that was tumbling through the chaotic streams. The next moment, they were caught in the powerful streams and were tossed about relentlessly.

The Spirit Ark was like a melon seed that was shot out from the mouth of a giant as they flew forward with terrifying speed.

Shang Xia also managed to hide in the protection barrier of the Spirit Ark right before it was shot out, right after he retrieved the projection of the Crimson Soul Tablet.