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As they tumbled through the chaotic streams, anyone still conscious on the ark felt the world spinning around them. Even Song Zhen was starting to feel uncomfortable from the intense motion.

No one knew how long had passed, but the power that sent them flying finally weakened. Song Zhen, who finally stabilized his body, rushed over to the bridge. He saw how the chaotic streams battered against the protection screen around the Spirit Ark as the protection barrier started to dim. It was as though it would shatter the next moment.

With his expression changing, he wanted to increase the strength of the protection barrier when a powerful domain covered the ship.

“Do not panic.” Shang Xia’s voice caused Song Zhen to calm down. “Go check on the rest before getting Senior Sister Yan to deduce our current location. I’ll defend the ship until everyone recovers.”

Song Zhen cupped his fists at Shang Xia before rushing to check on the rest.

Many Martial Dipper Realm cultivators started to regain control of their bodies. Earlier, they were tossed into an extremely sorry state because of the chaotic streams, but experts at the Martial Extermination Realm and Martial Dipper Realm wouldn’t be injured because they were tossed about a little.

Song Zhen quickly gathered everyone again to increase the power of the protection formation. The protection barrier around it stabilized and started to glow with powerful might.

The only problem they were facing then was that Yan Ming’s deduction of their position in the sea of stars didn’t go as smoothly. The chaotic streams pushed them a little too far off course...

With the protection barrier operating at full strength again, Shang Xia retracted his domain and walked over to the bridge. He saw Yan Ming making her calculations anxiously and laughed, “There’s no need to rush. We’re in a much safer spot than earlier.”

She didn’t seem to hear him as she continued to make her calculations. She compared everything she could to the chart Yuan Qiuyuan made before they set off.

Song Zhen also approached after stabilizing the ship. He asked the moment he saw Shang Xia, "Lord, what should we do with the mysterious energy in our dantian?"

"Oh..." Shang Xia frowned. "It's actually a troublesome matter, but it's not exactly impossible to deal with."

Song Zhen raised his head to look at Shang Xia in admiration.

Not noticing the look on Song Zhen's face, Shang Xia continued, "If you get rid of all the energy that has been contaminated, your cultivation will definitely suffer slightly. Even though your foundations will not be affected, you will need some time to recover. You might as well seal off all the energy and slowly assimilate it into your body. When you manage to fully control it, you will be able to improve your cultivation slightly."

Song Zhen gasped in shock, "Is that really possible?"

Shang Xia glanced at him before he explained, "This was a good opportunity to begin with. It's just that the level of energy contained in the Star Curtain is too high and if absorbed without a proper plan, it will bring about endless harm. If you manage to make use of it properly, you will be able to save a lot of time during your path of cultivation."

While they were conversing, Yan Ming completed her calculations. She heard what he said and the other Martial Dipper Realm experts who heard his explanation also revealed looks of excitement.

Without a question, those with lower cultivation realms would benefit the most. They would be able to save the most time cultivating after properly refining the mysterious energy. Other than Shang Xia who was awakened by the Crimson Soul Tablet and didn't take in too much mysterious energy and had already turned them into his own, all they needed to do was to spend some time to convert the energy into something they can use.

Shang Xia laughed suddenly, "Actually, using this experience to improve your cultivation is the most basic application. Comprehending the properties behind the mysterious high-level energy should be the greatest gain you should be striving for. The higher your cultivation, the more you will be able to discover from it.

Shang Xia turned to Song Zhen and continued, "If you manage to properly study the energy and comprehend its mysteries... It will prove very useful when you try to become a high-level True Immortal in the future."

Raising his brows in shock, Song Zhen yelled in excitement, "Many thanks for your pointers, Lord!"

Shang Xia nodded slowly before addressing Yan Ming and the others. "All of you should try to unravel the mysteries behind the strange energy. However, do not sink too deep into it and affect your cultivation during the process."

Everyone nodded in affirmation.

Finally, the Martial Extermination Realm cultivators were left. However, no one went over to wake them up.

It wasn't that they couldn't but it might prove detrimental for their progress in the future. As such, Shang Xia sealed off their dantians for the time being. After all, the mysterious energy would only circulate much faster if they were awake and it might be too late for them to try to reverse its effects.

With Shang Xia making his move, the mysterious energy couldn't harm any of them. After that, he infused a bit of his Six Direction Qi into their dantian to maintain balance with the mysterious energy. He also left behind a method for them to get rid of the seal once they awakened.

When he was done with that, he started to help the Martial Dipper Realm experts on board seal off the energy temporarily so that they could refine it for themselves. After he was done, he finally helped Song Zhen to control the mysterious energy in him.

When he helped Song Zhen, he suddenly instructed, "You shouldn't be in a rush to convert the energy into your own. It won't help your cultivation by too much. Instead, you should study the mysterious energy as it will greatly assist your breakthrough to the third tier immensely."

After he was done, Shang Xia turned to Yan Ming.

She had corrected their trajectory some time ago and seeing as Shang Xia was looking at her, she quickly explained, "We are close to arriving in the region of space around the Spirit Tip World."

Shang Xia wasn't too surprised. After they were sent flying by the strangely powerful chaotic space current, even he couldn't determine how far they had traveled. All he knew was that they had been sent flying an ungodly distance.

"We'll keep going. Other than those who have to control the Spirit Ark, everyone should properly examine the ark and repair any damage we sustained."

Shang Xia left behind a simple order before preparing to take his leave.

When the mysterious energy descended earlier, there was no doubt that Shang Xia benefited the most. He was actually rushing to check the condition of his dantian and he was especially concerned with the Crimson Soul Tablet.

Seeing as Shang Xia was about to walk away, Song Zhen quickly followed from behind and muttered in a low voice, “Lord, what is the mysterious energy? Could it be Seventh Order energy?”

“It’s just a guess, but all words have their own world origin. The world origin of a Spirit World is stronger than that of an Azure World and the world origin of an Essence World is even stronger than that. Would a Heavenly Field possess its own origin source that produces another type of energy?”

Shang Xia wasn’t throwing out random guesses. He absorbed world origin from Azure Worlds, Spirit Worlds, and even Essence Worlds.

When he came into contact with the mysterious energy earlier, Shang Xia could tell that the energy that the Crimson Soul Tablet absorbed was of an even higher tier than that of the Essence Xing World.

“Origin Source of a Heavenly Field?” Song Zhen mumbled in shock. “Can a Heavenly Field really possess its own Origin Source? Hmm... Is that why those Essence Worlds out there don’t devour the Spirit Worlds and Azure Worlds in the same Heavenly Field to hasten their growth and choose to control them instead? Then, a Heavenly Field...”

Shang Xia stared at Song Zhen in shock. He didn’t think that Song Zhen would be able to make the connection so quickly!

However, he was more focused on the Star Curtain and the gap they passed through. Even though it was a powerful current that pushed them out, Shang Xia felt that it was more like the entire Heaven Observation Field had spat them out.

There’s no way the Heaven Observation Field possesses its own consciousness, right?

When the thought flashed through his mind, he was shocked by the possibility.

Maybe it has something to do with the Essence Ping World, or more accurately, the soul of the Star Origin Lord...

Shang Xia shook his head in an attempt to get rid of the strange thought as he tried to calm himself to examine the changes to the Crimson Soul Tablet.

When the tablet pulsed in his sea of consciousness, Shang Xia could tell that it swallowed a lot more energy than all of them combined.

After the projection of the tablet returned, Shang Xia discovered several words flashed on its surface.

It was something he had never seen before.

According to everything he experienced in the past, any time words appeared on the tablet, they would describe his martial intent or the advancement formula he required to reach the next cultivation realm.

The appearance of worlds on the tablet was probably related to the Heavenly Field's Origin Source and Shang Xia's deduction about its existence.

Chapter 1392: True Immortal of the Spirit Tip World

The words that appeared on the surface of the Crimson Soul Tablet looked pretty mottled, and they looked like they would disappear the next second.

No matter how hard Shang Xia tried to examine the words on them, he was unable to make out what they were trying to say. The further he got from the Star Curtain, the weaker the energy became. In the end, the words dimmed and he failed to see anything else recorded on it.

At the end of the day, Shang Xia felt that his cultivation was still lacking. If he was at the level of Extreme Harmonization, he felt that he would be able to see the words that described his martial intent.

Before he could regret even further, a stream of energy that was even purer than when the Crimson Soul Tablet absorbed the world origin from the Essence Xing World poured into his body.

Shang Xia didn't let down his guard as he immediately circulated his Six Harmony Flawless Rod Technique using his original qi, only taking in a little from the tablet at a time. After ensuring there was no trace of the mysterious energy did he absorb them all into his dantian to use them to cultivate.

The only thing that was a pity was the short time they were in contact with the Star Curtain. Even though the Crimson Soul Tablet absorbed as much energy as it could, there was a limit to how much it could do in a short span. The amount of energy the tablet returned to Shang Xia after purification wasn't too much.

Of course, it was still enough to give Shang Xia a considerable boost to his cultivation. It could be considered a pretty good experience.

If Shang Xia found it to be a good experience, it would be a godly blessing for the rest of the members of the Tongyou Institution.

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When the Spirit Ark finally returned to its original course, Yan Ming acted really prudently. The most dangerous part of the journey was over and she was more than capable of charting another path to the Spirit Tip World, but she didn't do so. She chose

to follow the original plan like what Yuan Qiuyuan, Xin Lu, and herself came up with back in the Tongyou Institution.

Returning to the bridge, Shang Xia was shocked.

He was very familiar with the aura of everyone on the Spirit Ark, but in the time he took to examine his condition and the Crimson Soul Tablet, at least a quarter of those on board seemed to have transformed their aura.

Some of them were unable to grow stronger in the short term because they lacked Origin Dippers or Extermination Origins. Otherwise, there would only be more of them.

Nodding in admiration while staring at Song Zhen who was controlling the ship, Shang Xia walked over to Yan Ming to ask, "What's the matter? Did you not prepare an Origin Dipper for yourself? You should be ready to refine your next fate dipper now."

Yan Ming stared at him before looking back at the Star Chart. "It's just a matter of time before I refine it. I can do it after we leave the chaotic streams of space."

Shang Xia nodded again before asking another question, "How far out do you think we are?"

"We shouldn't be too far away. The Spirit Ark isn't small and as you said, the Spirit Tip World is most likely in the Essence Du Heavenly Field. It's not weak and they most definitely have a defense system in place. We might be discovered by their high-level True Immortals the moment we emerge from the streams of chaotic space." Yan Ming explained.

"Relax. As long as we don't run into a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage or an expert at the grand competition stage of the Martial Void Realm, I can deal with anyone else." Shang Xia laughed.

Several more days passed quickly and the impact of the chaotic streams on the ark grew weaker. Everything pointed to the fact that they were quickly closing in on the Spirit Tip World.

Because the danger they would face grew smaller and smaller with their approach, the experts on board started to enter a state of cultivation to prepare for whatever might come next. Up till that point, at least 5 cultivators managed to improve their cultivation, and Yan Ming was one of them. After ensuring the Spirit Ark was traveling on course, she decided to return to her cabin to refine her fourth fate dipper.

The members of the Tongyou Institution who boarded the Spirit Ark were members who were nurtured by the faction. All of them predicted that they would run into huge opportunities along the way and brought resources they would need with them. They might be taking a huge risk along with it, but no risk no reward.

Before they even completed half their journey, they were already blessed with a chance to greatly increase their cultivation!

Compared to the excitement felt by the rest, Shang Xia and Song Zhen maintained their cool.

Yan Ming returned to the bridge to ensure that they were still on course and after making some small adjustments, she felt that if they were lucky, they might actually be able to emerge from the chaotic streams without alerting the Spirit Tip World.

Even if they were down on their luck and were discovered, the Spirit Ark would be able to return to the streams of chaotic space to run immediately, preventing them from being surrounded on all sides.

As for Song Zhen... He hoped that Shang Xia would be able to give him a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman before they approached. The talisman would not only greatly assist their mission, it could also ensure their safety with its many functions.

It was too bad Shang Xia didn't really care about his request. The reason was simple. He only had 2 of them left, and he only managed to craft 2 of them during their journey.

Without the Talisman Formation deployed on the Spirit Ark, the effects of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman wouldn't be able to last for too long. Shang Xia felt that the talismans would be more effective in his hands.

Helpless, Song Zhen could only hope that the Spirit Tip World failed to detect their presence. However... His hopes were about to be dashed.

After emerging from the chaotic streams, they hovered around its border for a day or so and were discovered by the members of the Spirit Tip World. Star Ships would appear from time to time, but because the Spirit Ark was tens of times larger than an ordinary patrol ship from the Spirit Tip World, none of them dared to go close. However, they hovered at the side and didn't leave.

Shang Xia looked at Song Zhen and laughed, "Looks like the experts of the Spirit Tip World are about to appear soon."

"Of course. The Spirit Tip World reacted very quickly and it shows how strong their control over their region of space is. It's no wonder they can resist the invasion of an Essence World. Let's hope that they don't make things difficult for us." Song Zhen responded.

Shang Xia looked unusually relaxed and he replied, "You're right. But because they can resist the invasion of the Essence Du World, they won't try to make things difficult for us."

After he spoke, Shang Xia disappeared.

Song Zhen was stuck deep in contemplation as he thought about what Shang Xia said.

As he was thinking, Shang Xia reappeared hundreds of miles away from the Spirit Ark and looked into the distance only to be met with complete silence. He eventually muttered, "Since you're already here, why don't you show yourself?"

He still didn't receive a response.

Unperturbed, Shang Xia maintained the smile on his face and didn't say anything.

A moment later, an awkward chuckle rang in his ears. "Ahem... I wonder where you came from... Why would you appear in the vicinity of our Spirit Tip World?"

After he spoke, a figure that had a large forehead appeared in the void. From his aura, Shang Xia could tell that he was a fourth tier True Immortal.

Chuckling softly, Shang Xia cupped his fists at the person who arrived. "I come from the Spirit Luxuriant World. I have no ill intentions and only wish to pass through this region of space. We will leave in a few days and we will not trouble your world."

"Spirit Luxuriant World?" The expert with the large forehead gasped. It was obviously the first time he had heard of them. However, he suddenly turned serious and spoke with a little more aggression. "You definitely didn't come here for no reason! You might say so, but you better hand over your Star Chart so we can verify some matters."

Shang Xia wasn't surprised by his sudden change in attitude.

As a peak-tier Spirit World, the high-level True Immortals might be afraid of the intrusion from Essence Worlds, or their fellow allies, but definitely not members of other Spirit Worlds.

As for pretending to be from the Essence Ping World... Shang Xia felt that there was no point in doing it since the Spirit Mammoth World was already fucking them over.

Getting them to hand over their Star Chart was only a matter of self preservation. After all, no world would want others to hold a map of their location.

Naturally... Handing it over was impossible!

Not only did the chart contain the passage to the Spirit Tip World, it contained how to pass through the Star Curtain and the presence of the Heaven Observation Field.

Shang Xia chuckled softly, "There's no way I'm handing it over. It's the fruits of labor of the Stargazers of my world. Please believe that we hold no ill intention. If we can trust

each other, our worlds might be able to conduct trade, benefiting both sides. In the future when our relationship gets even better, we might even...”

“Forming a better relationship? Fellow True Immortal, what are you referring to?” A voice interrupted Shang Xia before he could finish.

Turning to look to the side, Shang Xia didn’t show any trace of surprise. After all, he wasn’t talking to the fourth tier True Immortal earlier. His words were actually directed to the person hidden in the void.

“I am Shang Xia of the Spirit Luxuriant World. I hope I did not offend you by passing through this region of space. How should I address fellow True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World?” Shang Xia didn’t respond to their question immediately. Instead, he asked about their identities.

The person who spoke last finally emerged from the void but even though he was standing there, he seemed to be part of the space around him. It was as though he had been there unnoticed by everyone else all along.

Without a doubt, the True Immortal who appeared was someone who surpassed Shang Xia. He was an expert at the level of Extreme Harmonization, a sixth tier True Immortal!

Chapter 1393: The Battle in the Dark

There was actually a sixth tier True Immortal in the Spirit Tip World!

Shang Xia wasn’t actually too surprised. Not too long after the fourth tier True Immortal appeared, he already discovered his presence. He just didn’t expose it at the start.

What Shang Xia was more interested in was how many high-level True Immortals the Spirit Tip World possessed other than those before him.

Shang Xia wasn’t naive enough to think that those were the only high-level True Immortals they had. To be able to resist the invasion of an Essence World, even if 2 other high-level True Immortals appeared the next moment, Shang Xia wouldn’t be surprised.

Naturally, he didn’t panic at all. With the appearance of the sixth tier True Immortal, Shang Xia was even more sure they wouldn’t dare to move against him easily. It was especially since they were facing the threat of the Essence Du World.

Indeed... After Shang Xia disclosed his origins, the sixth tier True Immortal of the Spirit Tip World smiled. “I am Guan Ziqing of the Spirit Tip World. He’s True Immortal Yang Cha.”

Shang Xia cupped his fists towards them and they quickly got acquainted.

Guan Ziqing continued, "True Immortal Shang, for you to reach our territory after traveling through the chaotic streams of space... Where are you planning to go next?"

Shang Xia didn't hide his intentions. "My world is located in a relatively desolate region of space. It's not easy to leave and we were looking for coordinates recorded by our predecessors. We were fortunate enough to avoid death while traversing the streams of chaotic space and we're planning to enter the Chaotic Sea of Stars."

Guan Ziqing exchanged a glance with Yang Cha and the latter eventually spoke, "You will need to be careful on your journey then. Since you wish to enter the Chaotic Sea of Stars, you will definitely pass through the region of space controlled by the Essence Du World. They won't let you pass easily."

"Why not?" Shang Xia raised an eyebrow curiously.

Yang Cha chuckled, "Looks like the records your predecessors left you are a little outdated. They don't know that our world and the Essence Du World are at odds. Since we allowed you to pass, the Essence Du World wouldn't do the same. Moreover, they're trying to establish a Heavenly Field at the moment and our world is the only choice they used to have. With the appearance of your Spirit Luxuriant World, they have another target. They won't let you leave easily."

Shang Xia pretended to be astonished and he wondered out loud, "What can I do then?"

Seemingly having thought of something, Shang Xia cupped his fists at the 2 of them and asked, "Fellow True Immortals, do enlighten me..."

Guan Ziqing revealed a reluctant look before answering, "True Immortal Shang, it's not that we aren't willing to help. However, our world is also not in the best of positions to help you. We won't be able to answer to the others and if you rush into our world, you will definitely make things difficult for us..."

Shang Xia thought for a moment before he proposed something. "I know that it's a little rude to ask, but my journey is extremely important to my world. If you trust me, I will establish trade relations between our worlds once I return. How about it?"

For a random power to chart a path through the streams of chaos and for their world to be completely exposed... There was no way a powerful Spirit World like theirs could accept something like that from happening.

The Spirit Tip World wouldn't dare to turn on the Spirit Luxuriant World that easily. However, they couldn't allow Shang Xia and the rest to leave so easily either when they didn't know how to get to the other side.

Shang Xia seemed to understand their intentions, but he also had his concerns. He was afraid that if he revealed a path to the Spirit Luxuriant World, they would sabotage his return since he would no longer be of value to them.

One had to know that Shang Xia and the rest were planning to bring a world fragment back to their world to hasten its growth. It was extremely important, and they couldn't allow anyone else to learn of their route back to their world.

Fortunately, Guan Ziqing changed the topic suddenly, "True Immortal Shang, what do you think about the Essence Du World's intention to establish a Heavenly Field?"

Acting a little interested, Shang Xia asked, "Establishing a Heavenly Field is their problem. However, the other worlds around them have to be willing to follow their lead. However... If an Essence World tries to force my Spirit Luxuriant World to establish their Heavenly Field with them, I will resist to my last breath."

Guan Ziqing nodded with a smile. He seemed very satisfied with Shang Xia's answer.

For him to ask a question like that suddenly, it was clear he had his reasons. Yang Cha quickly added, "Your Spirit Luxuriant World is able to pass through the chaotic streams to arrive here... I believe the distance between our worlds isn't too large. We're located in a rather desolate region of space and the Essence Du World cannot find enough worlds around to establish their Heavenly Field. That is why they had their sights set on us. If they know that you are also around... They won't give up a chance to change their target to you in order to establish the Heavenly Field."

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia chuckled, "I understand. Once I complete my business, our worlds will definitely work together. We will form an alliance to prevent being swallowed up by the Essence Du World. After all, we understand the principle behind us being interdependent on each other for survival."

"Alright. If you understand, we will agree to your terms!" Guan Ziqing spoke suddenly. He reached a conclusion and established the alliance with Shang Xia without further debate.

Shang Xia didn't mess around either. Even though they were separated by hundreds of miles of space between them, both sides slapped the air before them thrice with their right hand, forming a sort of handshake in the void.

Both sides lowered their hostility after they came to an agreement. However, Guan Ziqing asked again, "True Immortal Shang, since all of you plan to enter the Chaotic Sea of Stars, you will have to pass through the space controlled by the Essence Du World. However, because our world has been carrying out many operations to contact other worlds in the sea of stars, we established several spatial tunnels. Even though they're not stable or 100 percent safe, you will be able to avoid the prying eyes of the Essence Du World. If you wish, we are willing to open up those passages to you."

Yang Cha stared at Guan Ziqing in shock. He didn't expect the sixth tier True Immortal to give them such an offer.

However... How could Shang Xia allow high-level True Immortals to board their Spirit Ark to lead the way easily? Thinking about how he couldn't get them on board while still needing their spatial tunnels, he responded, "How can we trouble you for this? As long as you point us to one of the passages, we can head over ourselves. Of course, you can also lend us your Star Chart."

Shang Xia wasn't surprised they had other passages to the Chaotic Sea of Stars. After all, he had some level of understanding of powers outside the Star Curtain. Be it from Song Zhen or from the Twin Star Pirates and Wanyun Association, he learned a lot.

According to Song Zhen's explanation, those paths should be used for smuggling and the risk of using them was large. However, they would most likely be able to avoid being detected.

In the end, Guan Ziqing handed a Star Chart to one of the spatial tunnels to Shang Xia before both sides bade each other farewell.

After seeing Shang Xia and the Spirit Luxuriant World's fleet pass, Yang Cha suddenly asked, "True Immortal Guan, are we really going to form an alliance..."

"Do you think I decided on it too hastily?" Guan Ziqing completed what Yang Cha wanted to say.

With an awkward expression on his face, Yang Cha quickly composed himself. "Let's not mention his identity at the moment. It doesn't matter if he lied or not... How can you agree to an alliance so easily? Not only did you allow them to leave, you even revealed a secret spatial tunnel to them. We don't even know where they're located!"

The more he said, the more he felt that they had suffered a massive loss in their territory. Anger clouded his mind and he felt that the sixth tier True Immortal of their world failed to handle matters properly.

Guan Ziqing didn't seem to care as he spoke casually, "Follow me."

"Where are we going?" Yang Cha asked instinctively, but Guan Ziqing ignored his question and entered the void.

Yang Cha followed and both of them appeared in an asteroid belt tens of thousands of miles away in an instant.

After they arrived, Guan Ziqing asked, "Do you see what's here?"

“Someone made a move in this place?” Yang Cha swept his gaze across his surroundings and asked in shock.

In the center of the asteroid belt was an empty region of space hundreds of miles wide. There was only a single massive rock in the middle that was tens of miles wide that was covered in 2 giant palm prints.

Guan Ziqing no longer spoke as he brought Yang Cha over to another region of space.

Yang Cha was no stranger to the region of space. He recalled there was an Earth Star 3,000 miles wide where many mortals lived.

He saw 2 massive parts completely stripped off the surface of the Earth Star after he arrived.

Guan Ziqing didn't say anything else as he brought Yang Cha somewhere even further. They were hundreds of thousands of miles away from where they first met Shang Xia.

Yang Cha saw 3 patrolling Star Ships of their Spirit Tip World hovering in mid air.

With Yang Cha appearing, the streaks of light emerged from the ships and started to fly at them. Both True Immortals could see the look of the joy of staying alive in the eyes of those on board.

“How is it?” Guan Ziqing's voice rang in his mind.

As they spoke, Guan Ziqing waved his sleeves, releasing the restriction on the Star Ships that were frozen in the void.

Yang Cha's expression became a lot more serious than before and he muttered in a low voice, “Have you already come to blows with True Immortal Shang?”

Guan Ziqing nodded. “It's like you have seen. When we were negotiating earlier, True Immortal Shang and I exchanged 3 blows. I failed to gain the advantage over him each time.”

“How is this possible?! He's just a fifth tier True Immortal!” Yang Cha mumbled to himself.

As a high-level True Immortal himself, Yang Cha wouldn't suspect Guan Ziqing of lying. However, that was precisely why he found it unbelievable.

As a fellow high-level True Immortal, he had to admit that Shang Xia's achievements were legendary. Earlier, he didn't even realize the other True Immortals went off to fight in the distance!

That only proved how big the gap between them was!

It was something he found hard to accept as he felt that the True Immortal of the Spirit Luxuriant World was only a single realm higher than him, but already had such godly skill.

“Do you get it now?” Guan Ziqing’s voice rang in his mind again. “I regard the world behind him highly, not just him alone.”

“There’s no need to mention a Spirit World. Someone of his skills is rarely seen even in an Essence World! If his world is willing to form an alliance with us, that would be for the best. As long as they are willing to help out to resist the Essence Du World, it would be great for us.” Guan Ziqing concluded.

Yang Cha was finally convinced. “I get it now. What amazing foresight...”

Guan Ziqing waved his hand and sighed, “We’re stretched too thin trying to resist the invasion of the Essence Du World. True Immortal Cai and Kuai are monitoring the Essence Du World’s movements and we can’t make more enemies now. Moreover... Both of us might not be able to take him down anyway!”

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When the True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World were conversing, Shang Xia and the fleet returned to its original course. However, Shang Xia heaved a sigh of relief.

Song Zhen had been hovering outside the ship earlier while controlling it to continue flying forward. He couldn’t help but worry when Shang Xia was speaking to the True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World. Now that Shang Xia had returned, he could finally relax.

Even though Shang Xia also had a look of lingering fear on his face, Song Zhen knew that the danger had passed with his return. He couldn’t help but ask, “Lord, what did they say?”

Song Zhen wasn’t the only person who was curious. The members of the Tongyou Institution turned to stare at Shang Xia in unison.

With a smile reappearing on his face, Shang Xia mumbled, “Relax. The Spirit Tip World won’t be making things difficult for us for the time being. They even gave us a way to pass the Essence Du World.”

Even though the situation wouldn’t be as simple as he described, everyone on board nearly jumped in joy. They even sped up slightly.

Chapter 1394: Smooth Sailing

In a quiet cabin of the Spirit Ark, Shang Xia heaved a sigh of relief.

Earlier, he came to blows with Guan Ziqing of the Spirit Tip World.

They had 3 exchanges without alerting anyone else, but their true bodies remained where they were while conversing with each other. They were even able to speak freely in front of the fourth tier True Immortal of the Spirit Tip World.

Because of the exchange, Shang Xia shocked the sixth tier True Immortal with his strength. In the end, they chose to compromise and accept his deal. Shang Xia and the others were able to leave without a fight and they even agreed to an alliance.

Actually, Shang Xia felt that he was at a slight disadvantage when they fought earlier.

Of course, he didn't give it his all as he had many trump cards up his sleeves he was skill hiding.

Both sides were merely probing each other out earlier and they never planned to go all out. Shang Xia understood that even if he was strong, he wouldn't be able to fight them in their home field. Also, he might have his trump cards, but the other side was a sixth tier True Immortal and he definitely had his own methods.

Whatever it was, neither side lost out much during their exchange earlier. In fact, they might have learned a lot from each other.

The stronger one became, the rarer it would get for them to obtain chances like that to learn from their peers.

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Getting to his feet, Shang Xia could feel the improvements he made and the dense Six Direction Qi flowing in his dantian. He looked pretty satisfied with himself.

"Where are we now? Did they feed us false information?" Shang Xia asked the moment he arrived at the bridge.

Song Zhen chuckled in response, "Everything seems to be going smoothly for the time being. Our Spirit Ark has been traveling close to the chaotic streams."

Yan Ming also answered, "The Spirit Tip World providing the Star Chart means that we only need to follow and travel along the path. It's just that... The spatial passage might not be able to contain our massive Spirit Ark."

“Whatever it is, we should be able to pass the Essence Du World without alerting them. Once we return to the streams of chaotic space, nothing will stop us from reaching the Chaotic Sea of Stars.” She concluded.

Shang Xia nodded in satisfaction. “Looks like we aren’t as unlucky as we thought. It would be great if we can avoid conflict the entire journey.”

Thankfully, he didn’t plant a flag for them by saying that. Nothing happened to them along the way and they eventually arrived at the region of space between the calm space around the Essence Du World and the chaotic streams of space.

Close to a month had passed since they started their journey, and Song Zhen asked with some worry, “Nothing will happen with the Twin Star Pirates, right?”

“They’re still recovering from the loss. You should be clearer about the situation in the Chaotic Sea of Stars. The matter of the Spirit Dawn World being attacked should have already spread and the Twin Star Pirates suffered heavy losses then. No one knows how many people are looking for their tracks and they won’t show themselves so easily.” Shang Xia chuckled. “Also, I left a clone with them. Even though we are extremely far apart, I’ll be able to sense that something is wrong if my clone is destroyed.”

There were smaller currents as they passed through the chaotic streams, but it was pretty smooth overall. After several days, they entered the Chaotic Sea of Stars.

Even with a Stargazer as a navigator, traveling through the void was a dangerous endeavor. If they didn’t run into some strange danger, they would experience weird phenomena. All they could do was to see if they would be able to withstand the strong currents with their abilities.

Fortunately, with the massive Spirit Ark and experts like Shang Xia and Song Zhen personally taking charge, nothing rattled them.

After entering the Chaotic Sea of Stars, they picked up speed again. Even though they were still slower than a True Immortal flying at top speed, they would be able to fly for much longer.

Traveling through the Chaotic Sea of Stars for some time, they started to look for the Twin Star Pirates by using Shang Xia’s connection with his clone.

He directed them to the depths of a certain asteroid belt and successfully met the Twin Star Pirates.

As expected, the Twin Star Pirates had been hiding in the same place and didn’t run into any accidents.

According to their deal, the Twin Star Pirates didn't hesitate to transfer the world fragment over to the Tongyou Institution's Spirit Ark and the atmosphere between them seemed pretty harmonious.

Of course, both sides had made battle preparations in secret in case the other side went back on their word.

The Twin Star Pirates were surprised that Shang Xia managed to bring his Spirit Ark out of the Heaven Observation Field. They revealed looks of understanding after seeing Song Zhen.

Clearly, Song Zhen's reputation when he was in the Piercing Cloud Bandits wasn't low at all.

After both sides transferred the world fragment successfully, Shang Xia once again reiterated his promise to help the Twin Star Pirates conquer the Azure World and exchanged contacts with them before grabbing the rest of the cultivators abandoned by the Wanyun Association and their broken Star Ship.

As they made their way back, Song Zhen didn't beat about the bush. He asked directly, "Lord, how do you plan to deal with the members of the Wanyun Association?"

Shang Xia laughed, "What's the matter? Do you have a plan in mind?"

"Hehe..." Song Zhen grinned, "All of them are useful people. They come from an Elysium-level power in an Essence World and have strong foundations. They have a lot of skills as well. They're stronger than experts of the same level in the Chaotic Sea of Stars. If you don't need more people... Why don't you lend them to me for the time being?"

That was his intention in the first place. After all, he didn't know what to do with them even if he brought them back. If they could become Song Zhen's subordinates, they would be able to strengthen his merchant group. Moreover, Song Zhen was a second tier True Immortal and could suppress them easily.

He nodded immediately. "It's not a bad idea. Alright, not only am I going to lend them to you, but you can also have their broken ship. However, all of them came from the Wanyun Association and you will need to change their identities a little. Moreover, the Star Ship suffered great damage. You need to find a way to repair it."

Song Zhen was only thinking of getting his hands on the group of people. Now that Shang Xia had given him the large Star Ship, he was overjoyed.

From what he discovered, other than the Spirit Ark, the Spirit Luxuriant World wouldn't even possess a single large-scale Star Ship.

Song Zhen thought that he would bring it back to the Heaven Observation Field for restoration. Song Zhen was only trying his luck but he didn't expect Shang Xia to give it all to him.

A large-scale Star Ship like that wasn't something ordinary merchant groups could control. Even in ordinary Star Pirate groups, they would rarely find a Star Ship of such a caliber.

In the Chaotic Sea of Stars, owning a large-scale Star Ship was a symbol of power. Only with one could a Star Pirate group show off their might. It was also a sign that they were backed by other greater powers.

Even though the Star Ship Shang Xia gave Song Zhen was damaged and there were many patch-jobs on it, making it look extremely worn, it was a large-scale Star Ship nonetheless!

Song Zhen went over to examine the ship and he discovered that even though it suffered heavy external damage, the core of the ship was pretty well-maintained. After some reconstruction, it would be as good as new.

With a large-scale Star Ship, Song Zhen's merchant group would be able to end their tiny skirmishes and reach a higher level in the Chaotic Sea of Stars.

As for Shang Xia... He gave the ship away because he already obtained a lot of materials needed to craft a large-scale Star Ship from scratch from the Twin Star Pirates and the Wanyun Association. After the Spirit Ark returned to the Spirit Luxuriant World, he would immediately start the construction of one.

The Spirit Ark and ordinary large-scale Star Ships differed in many points, but since a Spirit Ark was more difficult to craft, crafting a large-scale Star Ship wouldn't be a problem for them.

Seeing the look of joy on Song Zhen's face, Shang Xia couldn't help but laugh, "Don't celebrate too early. There's a catch."

Song Zhen wasn't surprised at all and he bowed to Shang Xia while asking in a serious tone, "Lord, go ahead."

Shang Xia nodded lightly and mumbled, "Look for more news regarding the Essence Hong World and Spirit Mammoth World. Especially the matter of their Spirit Ark construction."

"Lord, are you..." Song Zhen gasped in shock.

A frosty light flashed through Shang Xia's eyes and he growled, "To not reciprocate in kind is not my style. Since they fucked with me, they can't blame me for doing the same!"

Chapter 1395: Meeting Beast Warriors Again

On their way back to the Heaven Observation Field, Song Zhen split off with the rest of them and brought the abandoned experts of the Wanyun Association back to the Ruined Market of the Sea of Stars.

Song Zhen needed to repair it there, and he needed to find a place to settle those experts down. He needed to get them new identities to prevent his connection to Shang Xia from being exposed. After leaving them there, he returned alone to the Spirit Ark and assisted Shang Xia in bringing it back to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Song Zhen wasn't afraid that those members would run away after he left. After all, if Shang Xia wasn't adept at controlling cultivators who had submitted, he wouldn't have been serving Shang Xia so faithfully the whole time.

After Song Zhen returned, Shang Xia and the others weren't too far away from the Essence Du World.

Because of their experience, they weren't strangers when traveling through the region of space. With Yan Ming, their Stargazer, the journey went pretty smoothly.

It was a shame they weren't as lucky this time. 2 Star Beasts rushed at their Spirit Ark.

This time, Shang Xia didn't do anything. Even Song Zhen didn't move. Instead, the many Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution started to make preparations to defend the Spirit Ark.

Only after reaching the Martial Void Realm would one be able to travel through the chaotic streams with ease. Martial Dipper Realm experts might be able to withstand the chaotic streams, but they couldn't travel however they liked. They would only be able to hover about at best.

Also, if ordinary first and second tier True Immortals ran around randomly and was swept away by a stray current, they might not be able to find their way back.

As the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Tongyou Institution remained in the safety of the Spirit Ark, all of them could feel the rocking of the ark from the deck.

There, the feeling was completely different to the time they were hiding in the safety of the ship. They could feel how dangerous the chaotic streams were.

In such circumstances, protecting themselves wasn't going to be easy. Defending against the attacks of 2 Star Beasts was going to be even more difficult.

Shang Xia was planning to train them, but he wasn't planning to let them die randomly! He would step in if things got out of hand.

During the entire process, Shang Xia didn't give those on board any instructions. He simply passed his responsibility to Song Zhen as he released his divine soul to observe the void further away.

As soon as the Star Beasts appeared, Shang Xia discovered the presence of hidden Beast Warriors. There was no way Star Beasts would be able to choose such a perfect time and coordinate with each other when attacking.

Compared to the danger they were facing from the Star Beasts, Shang Xia was more concerned about how the situation would change with regards to the Essence Du World.

Those Star Beasts only had strength at the initial stages of the sixth rank, and even though they could reveal their might in the chaotic streams, Shang Xia could tell that the Beast Warrior controlling them was not that strong.

However, for a Beast Warrior to appear in the vicinity of the Essence Du World, Shang Xia wondered if more would come. He also knew that those Beast Warriors might be a part of a group and he really didn't know what their true motive was.

Shang Xia didn't forget that there were still Beast Warriors in the depths of the sea in the Spirit Luxuriant World and was causing trouble for the major sects there.

As the Star Beasts continued to fly around the ark, they started to launch attacks from time to time.

The experts of the institution worked together pretty well. With the battle formation the institution passed down, along with the protection formation on the ship, they fought the Star Beasts off. Even Song Zhen couldn't help but praise them. In the Chaotic Sea of Stars, he rarely saw cultivators at their level so powerful.

From that point alone, it seemed like the elite disciples of the Tongyou Institution weren't that far off from the elite disciples of the great powers in the sea of stars.

The next second, Song Zhen felt a faint spatial fluctuation coming from behind him and just as he was about to turn back, Shang Xia disappeared from the ship.

Song Zhen looked around, trying to learn what was causing the disturbance.

However, before he could feel anything, the Star Beasts turned around and started to flee.

“Heh? Do you really think you can come and go as you please?” Song Zhen sneered before preparing to leave the ship.

The next second, Shang Xia’s voice rang in his mind. “Don’t. Be careful. They might be trying to lure you out.”

A chill ran down Song Zhen’s heart. He was a Star Pirate at the end of the day and his expression didn’t change too much. Spatial fluctuations appeared around him and his aura rose into the air slightly before disappearing.

With the only 2 True Immortals on board taking their leave, the cultivators on board didn’t show any sign of fear. They controlled the Spirit Ark to hover in its place and wait for their return.

Not too long after Song Zhen’s aura disappeared, a Star Beast that was running made a sharp turn and rushed back towards the Spirit Ark.

Yan Ming discovered it the moment it moved and quickly warned the rest.

The Martial Dipper Realm experts on board weren’t able to observe the chaotic streams around the ark as clearly as Shang Xia and they failed to move away from the charging beast.

Everyone knew that without the protection of a True Immortal, the moment an Ark was damaged, everyone on board would be dead. As such, they might as well take the charge head on and try to injure the Star Beast the best they could in order to find a chance to live.

The Martial Extermination Realm cultivators on board weren’t able to take part in the operation of attacking the beasts while taking its charge as they had to control the ship. Also, they wouldn’t be able to hurt rank six Star Beast in the slightest.

Despite suffering injuries all over its body, the Star Beast continued to barrel towards the Spirit Ark.

Right before the protection barrier around the ark could be torn open, a burst of multicolored light emerged from above the ship. It started to spread at a shocking speed and swallowed the Spirit Ark along with the Star beast. Even the chaotic streams failed to shatter the multicolored light.

“I’ll leave this beast to you. As long as you don’t leave this cloud created by the strange light, do whatever you want.” Song Zhen’s voice rang in the ears of the Martial Dipper Realm experts present.

Before their eyes, the Star Beast became a mouse trapped in a maze in the multicolored cloud. It looked like it was rushing aggressively at them, but it started to spin around in circles.

With Song Zhen's reminder, it was time for them to make use of the chance to kill the rank six Star Beast!

Looking at the Spirit Ark and Star Beast covered in the multicolored cloud, Song Zhen turned to look into the depths of the void and rushed to where Shang Xia left earlier.

He didn't travel too far when he felt a familiar aura descending. He noticed everything in front of him freezing as even the chaotic streams stopped moving.

Feeling the solid space around him, he didn't try to break it open. Instead, he peered deeper.

Soon after, he saw a region of frozen space shattering, and the speed at which the region of space was being destroyed grew rapidly.

Without a second thought, he turned to flee.

Not long after he left, a formless shockwave spread through the entire region. Even the massive body of a Star Beast was sent flying along with it. The half of the body that was thrown through the void started to break down rapidly.

Song Zhen returned to the safety of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and watched as the shockwave smashed into it.

As he turned around in shock, he saw the last few parts of the beast turn to dust from the impact. The multicolored cloud also started to slowly dissipate.

Shocked, he wanted to rush back to the ship to stabilize it. Otherwise, if another shockwave of that level smashed into the ship, it would be sent flying god knew how far away.

Before he could return to the ship, Shang Xia was already standing there waiting for him.

The moment he saw Shang Xia, Song Zhen knew that he was worried for nothing. There was no way they would be sent tumbling through the void.

Chapter 1396: Essence Du World's Reaction

Song Zhen wasn't shocked by how powerful Shang Xia was when he suppressed the enemies. He was surprised at the fact that he couldn't even begin to comprehend Shang Xia's move.

One had to know that Song Zhen was a second tier True Immortal to begin with. In recent years, he gained several opportunities when working under Shang Xia, and he was close to becoming a third tier True Immortal.

Even so, Shang Xia's abilities were outside his scope of understanding!

He might have found it hard to accept, Song Zhen knew that there was a massive difference between himself and Shang Xia. The difference between them wasn't as simple as their mere cultivation realm. It was a fundamental gap between their understanding of their path of cultivation.

With Shang Xia standing guard on the ship, Song Zhen wasn't afraid it would be blown away.

He slowly made his way back and saw Shang Xia staring at the battle between the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the institution and the rank six Star Beast.

Staring in the same direction, Song Zhen discovered that even though those Martial Dipper Realm experts looked to be in a sorry state, they weren't in any danger. He couldn't help but ask, "Lord, what happened in the void earlier? Did you take anyone alive?"

Shang Xia didn't even turn his head when he replied, "They were just bait. In the bellies of 1 of them was a Martial Void Realm expert and the other was controlled by a Beast Warrior. Those Beast Warriors seem a little strange as they see death as regaining their freedom and they wouldn't allow themselves to be taken alive if possible."

Song Zhen continued to observe the battle led by Yan Ming below and mumbled, "We stopped here for so long... Do you need me to make a move to end this now?"

He was afraid they would draw over other hidden experts in the chaotic streams of space and wanted to leave as soon as possible.

Shang Xia maintained his composure and he smiled, "There's no need to rush things. This is a valuable training experience for the members of the institution. Waiting a little more doesn't matter."

"Yes..." Song Zhen looked like he wanted to say more, but he stopped himself.

He felt that Shang Xia was intentionally trying to stay a little longer where they were.

As the battle slowly came to an end, the Star Beast looked like it was still struggling to stay alive, but its fate was sealed.

With the combined bombardment of multiple Martial Dipper Realm experts, they eventually split up the corpse of the beast and obtained everything of value.

As for the Star Beast Shang Xia killed out there... He already sealed whatever he got after killing it into the world fragment in the Spirit Ark.

Looking at them returning to the Spirit Ark, Shang Xia instructed Song Zhen next to him, "Pay more attention to matters regarding Beast Warriors from now on."

"Yes." Song Zhen replied instantly before asking, "Lord, did you discover anything new?"

Shang Xia shook his head silently and sighed, "Let's go."

Song Zhen knew that Shang Xia definitely discovered something. However, he wasn't willing to say, and Song Zhen wasn't willing to keep pressing for an answer. After everyone returned, they continued their journey towards the Essence Du World.

No one knew how long had passed and Yan Ming reminded Song Zhen that they were about to leave the chaotic streams of space around the Essence Du World.

Shang Xia, who left his cabin without anything noticing, stood on the deck of the ship and stared at the region of space ahead.

Song Zhen thought for a second before relaying the instruction, "Go straight ahead, we're speeding up!"

He turned to Yan Ming and asked, "Can you try to find another path through the chaotic streams?"

"Are you joking?!" Yan Ming didn't care that the other party was a True Immortal. She snapped at him all the same. "We haven't left the chaotic streams. How can we change it so easily..."

Before she could finish, she stopped.

Everyone turned to stare at her in shock when they saw the fright on her face while looking at the void straight ahead.

Song Zhen knew that something was wrong and he quickly followed her gaze. He was greeted with a giant palm that appeared in the void above the Spirit Ark, which came slapping down.

"Seventh Order..." Song Zhen completely lost his voice as he gasped for air.

After following Shang Xia for so long, he naturally heard stories about Shang Xia's experiences when fighting off the attacks of a Sage.

Facing the giant palm that covered the heavens, Song Zhen felt true despair.

The Martial Dipper Realm experts on board could also feel the strength contained in the palm and they were staring at it in silence as they awaited their fates.

Song Zhen might be able to maintain his composure, but the thought of fleeing crossed his mind. He even felt that he would rather die in the chaotic streams than to face the endless might of the palm that was crashing down on them.

No, wait! There is still hope!

A thought flashed through Song Zhen's mind.

The Lord has stopped an attack from a Sage before, and he stopped it more than once!

Song Zhen raised his head as a familiar figure rose into the air slowly.

Before he knew it, the Spirit Ark trembled and even someone with his cultivation realm was sent tumbling around.

Song Zhen understood what had happened as he desperately crawled to his feet. As he looked into the distance, he noticed that they were flying rapidly in another direction, away from the giant palm.

At the same time, everyone else was starting to crawl to their feet. Only then did they realize they were no longer in danger.

Before they could celebrate, Song Zhen roared, "Hurry, stabilize the ship!"

They were already adept at controlling the Spirit Ark with Song Zhen's guidance and once they heard his yells, they rushed into action. All of them completed their preparations and once they were done, they peeked out of the Spirit Ark.

What they saw nearly caused their souls to scatter.

The giant palm descended and caused a powerful wave of chaotic space to rush in their direction.

Only experts like Song Ming and Yan Ming noticed that a small hole had been pierced in the giant palm.

Even though they didn't know what actually happened, they understood that the hole had to be created by Shang Xia.

With the powerful spatial wave rushing at them, the Spirit Ark was once again sent flying. This time, no one knew how far they were flung.

The only difference was that the ark was a lot more stable than the last time and they quickly managed to stabilize themselves again.

Of course, that was because the attack had already been greatly weakened and the spatial current that crashed into them wasn't as powerful as it could be.

As the members on the Spirit Ark remained alive, they didn't celebrate immediately. They knew that the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage would definitely be enraged by the failure to kill them all and would definitely send other attacks.

That wasn't the worst. If the Sage personally descended, there was no way Shang Xia would be able to stop him.

Shang Xia's figure returned to the Spirit Ark suddenly and the moment he stepped onto the deck, everyone felt the Spirit Ark sinking slightly.

Song Zhen stared at him in shock. He saw that after Shang Xia kept the rod in his hand, he turned to look into the direction of the giant palm earlier.

Song Zhen couldn't tell how far they were from the location of the exchange, but his footsteps stalled slightly.

It was then that a strange cry rang in their ears.

When everyone turned to stare in the direction they thought the voice came from, 3 Star Beasts appeared where the giant palm once was. They were much larger than the 3 that appeared before.

Surprisingly, those Star Beasts looked to be in an extremely miserable state. 1 of them had a third of its body blown away and the other was missing half. The last seemed to be the most powerful and could keep itself intact, but it was urging its companions to run away.

"This..." Song Zhen thought of something and revealed a look of lingering fear.

It was then that Shang Xia appeared before all of them again and sighed, "You probably guessed right. There were even stronger Beast Warriors chasing us and the Martial Emptiness Realm Sage wasn't targeting us earlier. He was stopping the Beast Warriors behind us."

Chapter 1397: The Path

The Beast Warriors hiding in the void were naturally also looking for the Essence Du World.

Shang Xia and the others caught their attention as they traveled through the void as those Beast Warriors thought that they came from the Essence Du World.

Originally, they were planning to capture the Spirit Ark and Shang Xia and the rest to lead them to the Essence Du World.

They didn't think that they kicked an iron board. Shang Xia killed several Star Beasts earlier when he unleashed his mighty strike, not just those who were fleeing, and he even discovered 2 Beast Warriors.

Beast Warriors had a strange way of communicating with each other and most of them didn't gather together to begin with. After seeing how Shang Xia killed their companions, other Beast Warriors started to surround them in all directions.

They learned their lesson and didn't attack the Spirit Ark immediately. Instead, they used some sort of tracking art in an attempt to locate the Essence Du World first.

Shang Xia could tell that there were other Beast Warriors hiding in the void. He was trying to bait them out by staying longer earlier. He actually wanted to use them to muddy the waters, but he didn't think that the Essence Du World's Sage would actually make a move!

Fortunately, his target was the Beast Warriors and Shang Xia and the others were merely collateral damage. The person who attacked also barely entered the Martial Emptiness Realm and was far from comparable to the expert in the Essence Ling Heavenly Field. That was how Shang Xia managed to get away so easily while still protecting the Spirit Ark.

"Is the Sage going to attack again?" Song Zhen asked, slightly worried.

Shang Xia's expression sank and he didn't respond. He wasn't confident either as he had pierced a hole through the palm earlier despite the attack not being aimed at him.

Well, the answer came quickly. The void started to churn once again and another giant palm formed. It slapped at the rank six Star Beasts the next moment.

Both injured Star Beasts struggled desperately as they tried to escape with the help of the third. However, the third Star Beast acted decisively and ditched both of them. Its huge body turned into a streak of light that disappeared into the chaotic streams of space.

Rumble...

Another powerful shockwave slammed into the Spirit Ark, but with Shang Xia present, it remained motionless in the void.

After the slap landed, both Star Beasts were turned into dust.

Shang Xia looked into the distance and no one knew what he was thinking about. A moment later, he turned to Song Zhen and waved his arm. "Let's go. We won't run into any dangers on our way back."

"Oh..." Song Zhen instinctively followed Shang Xia's instructions, and as the Spirit Ark started to move, he suddenly thought of something and gasped, "Lord... Won't the Essence Du World's Sage move against us? Is there something we don't understand?"

"I have my guesses, but they aren't baseless. I need to seek confirmation about it but I might only know when I actually peer into the Martial Emptiness Realm..." Shang Xia didn't hide anything and said casually.

Song Zhen was slightly taken aback, but his eyes lit up the next moment. "Lord, are you going to take another step forward in your journey of cultivation?!"

Shang Xia grinned, but he shook his head slowly. "I'm still lacking a little. However, if we manage to return to our Spirit Luxuriant World without any hiccups, I don't plan to split this World Fragment with anyone else. It might be enough for me to reach the level of Extreme Harmonization."

"Congratulations in advance!" Song Zhen bowed before he continued, "Lord, you obtained the world fragment. You should be the one who obtains the benefits of the World's Will blessing."

Shang Xia laughed in response, "Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. The Martial Emptiness Realm Sage of the Essence Du World won't move against us and there's no need for us to conceal our tracks. If I'm not mistaken, there should be a bunch of experts from the Essence Du World surrounding the region outside the chaotic streams."

Song Zhen's expression changed again, but he soon made up his mind and roared, "I am willing to follow the Lord's instructions! Even if I have to jump into a sea of fire, I won't hesitate!"

Shang Xia waved his arms and sighed, "Go steer the ship. Ask Yan Ming if we can change our course slightly to escape their encirclement. However, if that is really the case, the secret passage provided by the Spirit Tip World will be revealed."

Song Zhen nodded solemnly before rushing back to the bridge.

What came next was exactly as Shang Xia had expected. They didn't encounter any danger while traveling through the chaotic streams and they eventually arrived at a calm belt between the chaotic streams and the region of space around the Essence Du World.

Everyone on board prepared for battle as they got ready to be surrounded by the experts of the Essence Du World. However, Shang Xia and Yan Ming discovered a massive battle breaking out in the distance. Originally, they would try to avoid the battle as much as possible to prevent the Spirit Ark from being damaged.

However, they couldn't do that! That was because the battle was happening directly in their path!

"The Spirit Tip World's secret passage might have already been exposed and both sides might be fighting now!" Shang Xia guessed.

Song Zhen, who learned about the battle in the distance from Yan Ming, sighed helplessly, "What a coincidence! How did the members of the Spirit Tip World run into them?! We can't avoid the battle this time and we have to help those of the Spirit Tip World..."

Shang Xia nodded in response. "Let's go!"

Song Zhen directed the Spirit Ark towards the great battle while also preparing to join the battle.

As they approached, Shang Xia instructed, "Stay here and protect the ark. I'll head over and open a path for us. Follow behind me closely and ensure the ark is alright at all costs."

Song Zhen was slightly taken aback and he didn't know how Shang Xia could make creating a path through the major battle sound so easy. However, he felt that Shang Xia would be able to achieve it easily.

Giving Song Zhen one last look, Shang Xia stepped out of the ark and disappeared into the chaotic streams.

Recovering from his shock, Song Zhen yelled at the other cultivators on board who also snapped out of confusion. "Hurry! Follow him!"

Yan Ming and the rest followed his order and the Spirit Ark started to accelerate. However, Yan Ming's worried cry soon followed. "How fast should we go?!"

Song Zhen gnashed his teeth and growled, "Fuck it! The faster the better!"

Everyone's expression changed slightly, but they followed Song Zhen's order to the letter. They chose to believe in Shang Xia.

With the intense fluctuation caused by the battle, the chaotic streams became even more unsteady. As they continued to accelerate, they started to rush straight into the heart of the battle and the spatial storms they were experiencing only grew stronger.

The Spirit Ark had lost the protection of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman a long time ago, and the protection barrier around it was growing increasingly fragile. It looked like it would pop even with the control of the experts of the institution, and the sound of glass cracking filled their ears.

“We won’t be able to hold on for much longer! The Spirit Ark will break...” Yan Ming yelled at Song Zhen who wasn’t far away.

Even though they were standing close to each other, her voice was still distorted.

However, Song Zhen didn’t seem to hear her as he stared at the battle, which increased in intensity in front of them. They looked like a moth flying straight into the fire as they sped up continuously.

“Fuck! This is crazy! 2 crazy fools...” Yan Ming yelled. Even so, her voice could no longer be heard by anyone.

The next instant, a mighty rod descended from above the battlefield. Under the shocked gazes of those present, the battlefield which consisted of even high-level True Immortals was split apart, with the void shattering wherever the rod passed.

One had to know that they were close to the chaotic streams and the void was extremely unsteady. With many high-level True Immortals fighting there, the void was already mighty fragmented.

A path was created through the battlefield, and that wasn’t all. As it passed, the void that shattered around it froze suddenly and became extremely stable.

Both sides might have been frightened by the appearance of the sudden strike, but they were able to engage their opponent quickly after getting over their shock.

The path might have been created, but another strange energy appeared suddenly to try to destroy it by eating away at the sealed space.

The Stone Rod that created the path through the battlefield appeared again, and this time, it stabbed towards the right of the sealed path.

A miserable grunt left the lips of a fourth tier True Immortal as the sound of space splitting filled the ears of those present. The fourth tier True Immortal spat out a mouthful of blood before tumbling away in an extremely sorry state. He didn’t dare to stay as he looked at the Stone Rod in complete fear before running away.

Chapter 1398: Breaking World, Void Seal, Void Emptiness

The battle against the Essence Du World was actually led by Guan Qingzi.

True Immortal Yang Cha was a loyal supporter of Guan Qingzi and he was also present, despite his disagreement with the sixth tier True Immortal's decision.

It was the other fifth tier True Immortal, Yu Tieshan, who was dragged over by them to do battle that found the entire situation absurd. After hearing what happened from Guan Ziqing and Yang Cha, he felt that both of their brains weren't working properly.

For a high-level True Immortal they met for the first time, Guan Ziqing actually chose to bring the 2 of them to hide in the vicinity of the Essence Du World!

If not for the fact that the Spirit Tip World had been united when resisting the invasion of the Essence Du World and Guan Ziqing managed to establish his prestige in his world, Yu Tieshan would probably ask them to fuck themselves.

Even though Yu Tieshan agreed to their absurd plan, he still laid down his bottom line. He would operate with his safety in mind. The moment a life-threatening danger approached, they would have to retreat without hesitation. They wouldn't risk themselves for a mysterious foreign expert they had no connection to.

Guan Ziqing agreed immediately. Even though the Spirit Tip World's battle with the Essence Du World caused high-level True Immortals to die, others had risen accordingly. They had 5 high-level True Immortals in total and other than a fourth tier Elysium True Immortal who was left to watch over their world and a fifth tier True Immortal who was doing something important. The remaining 3 had all come.

Without mentioning Yu Tieshan, Guan Ziqing didn't wish for anyone to die in the hands of the Essence Du World. All he planned to do was to help Shang Xia so as to gain a favor in the future.

Of course... It wasn't as though they didn't have other intentions.

It was true that reality was harsh. Things rarely went according to plan. As soon as the 3 arrived in the vicinity of the Essence Du World, they tried to secretly head over to the spot where Shang Xia and the Spirit Ark would pass through. They didn't expect to run into a bunch of True Immortals of the Essence Du World!

When they saw the members of the Spirit Tip World, they also understood that their secret passage had been exposed and they were probably waiting to catch them off guard.

They had been fighting for tens of years and both sides knew each other well. They could be considered old friends. There was nothing more to say once they ran into each other. All they had to do was to leap straight into battle.

The members of the Essence Du World were also equally as surprised to see their acquaintances of the Spirit Tip World. They received orders from their Martial

Emptiness Realm Sage and all they knew was an approximate location. They didn't think that the moment they surrounded the area, 3 high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World would pop out of nowhere.

Thinking about how they were warned that Beast Warriors might be behind some sort of invasion attempt, along with the appearance of the 3 high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World, the experts of the Essence Du World jumped into battle immediately.

Both sides didn't hold back and the battle immediately reached its climax.

The experts of the Spirit Tip World may be outnumbered, but all of them were high-level True Immortals! They had terrifying combat capabilities and they could move about unhindered in the chaotic streams if they wished.

There were 4 members of the Essence Du World who came, and 2 of them were high-level True Immortals. The other 2 were of the second and third tier respectively.

The moment the battle started, the second tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World was focus fired by the experts of the Spirit Tip World and was killed instantly.

The Essence Du World lost a second tier True Immortal the moment the battle started and the other 3 quickly distanced themselves to call for reinforcements.

Even so, by the time the experts of the Essence Du World arrived to help, the third tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World suffered heavy injuries at the hands of Guan Ziqing.

The experts of the Spirit Tip World also showed ugly expressions as they didn't expect help to arrive so quickly.

Of course, the reason they rushed over so quickly was because they were nearby to begin with. They were another team that received orders from their Sage to surround the Spirit Ark!

Another 4 True Immortals arrived, and like the previous team, 2 of them were high-level True Immortals. There were 2 fifth tier True Immortals of the Essence Du World present at the moment and 2 fourth tier True Immortals. The experts of the Spirit Tip World were quickly forced back.

If not for the fact that Guan Ziqing and the others were high-level True Immortals and injured the third tier True Immortal without caring for their image, they might have already sustained some injuries.

Realizing their plan had failed, Guan Ziqing and the rest also realized that it would be difficult to retreat.

Just as Guan Ziqing and the others were suppressed by the experts of the Essence Du World and when things were taking a turn for the worst, the Tongyou Institution's Spirit Ark arrived. Shang Xia also entered the battle in an extremely tyrannical manner.

The moment he made his move, he unleashed the fifth move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique, Breaking World!

Shang Xia didn't care about friend or foe. He had been storing energy for some time and even though the strike didn't come too quickly, it was powerful enough to force everyone to back away.

That was exactly what he wanted. That was, he would be able to carve a path through the void for the Spirit Ark behind him.

To be able to do so, not only did he have to stabilize the space around it, he would also have to ensure no one tried to destroy the sealed space.

Preventing anyone from causing trouble was the most dangerous part.

Shang Xia might be able to create the path with his abilities, but that would mean that he wouldn't be able to unleash a strike as powerful as the previous one without storing up enough energy!

If anyone thought that Shang Xia was weaker because he couldn't unleash Breaking World... Well, that would be a mistake. As the Spirit Ark barreled towards the path he created, he tapped the void with his Stone Rod, causing a fourth tier True Immortal locked in combat with Guan Ziqing to be sent flying.

Shang Xia separated the battlefield, but he didn't separate the individual fights that were happening all around.

Guan Ziqing was besieged by a fourth and fifth tier True Immortal and even though they were unable to take him, a sixth tier True Immortal down, they were able to keep him busy in order for the rest to get a chance at dealing with the other high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World.

Shang Xia saw the battles on both sides and even though he didn't know who was from the Essence Du World, he could recognize Guan Ziqing and Yang Cha.

The members of the Essence Du World didn't know who Shang Xia was, and because of the way he had made his entry earlier, they didn't know if he was a friend or foe. Even Yang Cha had a fear lingering in his heart from witnessing the blow and didn't know of Shang Xia's intentions.

Of course, that didn't stop everyone from raising their guard against him.

It was too bad in front of absolute strength, being cautious was useless.

Shang Xia's seemingly casual tap in the void with his weapon earlier destroyed the domain of a fourth tier True Immortal and caused him to suffer some internal injuries, and he seemed to have lost his ability to fight.

The fifth tier True Immortal entangled with Guan Ziqing couldn't care about the fight any longer as he covered his teammate to retreat.

That wasn't all. The fifth tier True Immortal notified everyone to meet up with him as soon as possible.

After sending out his move earlier, Shang Xia didn't do anything else. That was because Song Zhen had already entered the passage he created through the battlefield.

He was fully focused on protecting the fragile protection barrier around the Spirit Ark, preventing it from shattering.

All of a sudden, he swung his Stone Rod in the other direction.

With Guan Ziqing holding back the fifth tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World who was protecting his comrade, Yu Tieshan was also holding back another fifth tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World. However, that meant that Yang Cha was fighting everyone else!

Not only was he attacked by a fourth tier True Immortal, he also had to fight off second and third tier True Immortals helping at the side. His situation was turning back really quickly.

Because of the fifth tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World's summons, those holding Yang Cha back started to hesitate slightly. Even though they were called over to regroup with their fellow experts, a third tier True Immortal managed to creep behind Yang Cha without being noticed. As long as they continued to fight, they might be able to severely injure the fourth tier True Immortal of the Spirit Tip World!

As they hesitated slightly, Shang Xia's Void Emptiness arrived.

There was no suspense. Facing the overwhelmingly powerful Shang Xia, the fourth tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World could only desperately defend.

The divine weapon in his hand was sent flying as his domain was shattered. The defensive talisman he used was pierced through, and his secret art hadn't been fully unleashed when he was sent flying through the void. The impact also caused him to spit out a mouthful of blood.

The fourth tier True Immortal couldn't even heave a sigh of relief for living through the blow when the warnings of the other True Immortals came.

The fourth tier True Immortal's inner qi was still extremely chaotic and his reactions were a little slow. He tried to escape the best he could with his injuries, but he was still a step too late.

A terrifying aura descended and before he could fully react, it entered from his back and started to spread across his body. A majority of his internal organs were destroyed.

Because of his strong vitality, he didn't die instantly. When he turned around to look at what was coming from behind, he noticed blood streaming down Yang Cha's lips as he revealed a twisted smile.

Yang Cha was the weakest high-level True Immortal the Spirit Tip World sent, and he was an arrow at the end of his flight after being surrounded and attacked by so many True Immortals.

Shang Xia assisted him at the very last moment, but he didn't choose to escape. Instead, he didn't hesitate to take on the attacks from the second and third tier True Immortals of the Essence Du World so that he could deal a heavy blow to kill the fourth tier True Immortal of the Essence Du World.

In the stable void path he created above, Shang Xia couldn't help but do a double take when he saw Yang Cha's decision. Of course, he merely took a second glance at it before turning his attention away.

Chuckling softly, Yang Cha cupped his fists in Shang Xia's direction as the True Immortals of the Essence Du World who surrounded him retreated into the void to regroup with the others.

Not too long after they left, Yu Tieshan rushed over only to see Yang Cha standing alone in the void. He couldn't help but raise an eyebrow in shock.

At the same time, the Tongyou Institution's Spirit Ark passed through half the passage.

Because of Shang Xia's horrifying powerful strikes, the battle drew to a close.

The experts of the Essence Du World retreated and the True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World also regrouped with each other. Together, Yu Tieshan and the rest wanted to give Shang Xia a greeting.

If Yu Tieshan was originally opposed to the entire plan and was only persuaded by Guan Ziqing and Yang Cha, after witnessing the extent of Shang Xia's abilities, his views on the matter started to change.

However, Yang Cha grabbed his sleeves to stop him before he could fly over.

“Don’t head over now.” Yang Cha coughed several times because of his injuries.

“Why not?” Yu Tieshan couldn’t understand the reason.

Isn’t it time to show that we came all the way here to assist him and strengthen our relationship?

Guan Ziqing revealed a helpless expression and sighed, “The timing is not right. We originally came here to help him so that he would owe us a favor, but he saved us from the encirclement of the Essence Du World instead and even helped us kill a high-level True Immortal. We truly embarrassed ourselves this time...”

Yu Tieshan was shocked and he hesitated slightly before growling reluctantly, “Without us, he would have run into those people! How can he deal with them alone...”

“Enough! We’re not talking about this anymore.” Guan Ziqing shut him down instantly. “He would have run into them, but he didn’t because of us!”

Yang Cha quickly tried to change the topic seeing as things were turning sour. “Hey, their ship is about to pass through the passage. We should go over and give our greetings now.”

As they started to move, Guan Ziqing, whose cultivation level was the highest among those present, turned to stare behind them. His expression sank again. “Not good... The Essence Du World has even more backup!”

Chapter 1399: Returning

With Shang Xia’s assistance, the high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World managed to escape from the encirclement of the Essence Du World for the time being.

Because of his actions, the spatial fluctuations grew even stronger and Shang Xia had to continue to maintain the passage he carved out earlier.

Fortunately, Song Zhen pushed the Spirit Ark to its limit and it wouldn’t take long for them to completely pass through the passage.

Shang Xia turned to look behind him and after he saw the high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World, he sent a voice transmission over to them, “Please forgive me for not being able to greet you now as I have to maintain the spatial passage. However, the reinforcements from the Essence Du World have arrived and I hope you can move out of the way...”

Their expressions changed slightly as they turned to look in the same direction as Shang Xia.

Yang Cha frowned in confusion. "Why do we have to move out of the way?"

"Just do as he says!" Guan Ziqing growled as he seemed to have thought of something.

Ignoring the confused Yang Cha who was still asking questions at the side, he gestured to Yu Tieshan and both of them started to fly towards Shang Xia.

Seeing as they were both ignoring him, Yang Cha flew over and yelled from behind, "Hey, wait for me! I'm injured..." Nôv(ê)B\jnn

As they made their way over, the Spirit Ark passed through the passage Shang Xia created and appeared more than 100,000 miles away. They managed to avoid the spatial storms created during the battle.

Song Zhen didn't slow down in the slightest. Instead, he continued to fly at full speed while Shang Xia went to meet the 3.

Guan Ziqing and the rest didn't fly slowly but by the time they arrived, they saw that Shang Xia was the only person waiting for them. The Spirit Ark had already disappeared from their view.

Yang Cha felt extremely aggrieved as he thought that Shang Xia was intentionally defending against them to prevent them from learning about the secrets related to the Spirit Ark.

He also felt that Shang Xia should have invited him on board to recuperate because of the injuries he sustained and they might even be able to turn the situation around with the help of the Star Ship to kill any reinforcements who might come.

Before Yang Cha could say anything stupid to mock Shang Xia, Guan Ziqing broke the silence. "Many thanks, True Immortal Shang, for staying behind."

Shang Xia's expression didn't change as he looked at the 3 of them. "Why did you 3 appear here?"

Yang Cha was even more angry after seeing how Guan Ziqing lowered himself yet again in front of the foreign True Immortal. He was also annoyed after hearing Shang Xia's question as he felt that their intentions to help him were obvious enough. He couldn't help but snap, "Isn't this because..."

Yu Tieshan coughed once to interrupt him, preventing him from saying any more.

Guan Ziqing also shot him a warning gaze before laughing softly, “I apologize. We were planning to hide in the void to scout out the Essence Du World while also seeing if we could help you during your return. We didn’t think that they would be waiting for us outside our secret passage! If not for True Immortal Shang’s timely assistance, we might not have been able to escape!”

Shang Xia’s gaze landed on Yang Cha who was wearing an indignant expression before muttering softly, “It wasn’t anything too difficult. Since we made a deal, it’s only right for me to help you when you are in trouble...”

Shang Xia finally smiled as he addressed Yang Cha. “Anyway... You guys planned to help me return, right? I have to return the favor...”

Guan Ziqing forced a chuckle and quickly changed the topic. “The members of the Essence Du World are about to catch up. True Immortal Shang, do you think we should leave or fight?”

“There’s no need for you to trouble yourself. I alone am enough to stop them.” Shang Xia chuckled.

The True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World were greatly taken aback by his statement, and Yang Cha couldn’t help but look at him with a trace of mockery in his eyes.

Who would have thought that Shang Xia would suddenly point towards the passage behind them and growl, “Break!”

As they stared at him in shock, the sealed passage he created started to crumble as a mighty spatial current swept in all directions. Everything within a 100,000 mile radius turned into a region of chaotic space, stopping the reinforcements of the Essence Du World from getting closer.

There were even a few of them who slammed into the spatial currents, suffering from the impact.

The other True Immortals of the Essence Du World didn’t dare to continue chasing and some of them even retreated rapidly, afraid they would be swept into it and unable to extract themselves.

Shang Xia grinned with satisfaction on the other side before addressing the experts of the Spirit Tip World. “No matter what, we haven’t left the streams of chaotic space. It won’t be easy for them to pass through this region and we definitely have enough time to leave. Fellow True Immortals, please...”

“Oh, right. Go, go, go!” Guan Ziqing snapped back to reality and he urged his fellow companions to leave with Shang Xia.

Yu Tieshan smiled at Shang Xia to express his friendly intentions before grabbing the dumbstruck Yang Cha.

Maybe Shang Xia's overwhelming strength had shocked the members of the Essence Du World, but they didn't face any resistance as they made their way back to the Spirit Tip World.

During the journey, Shang Xia might be traveling with the 3 of them, but he didn't invite them on board the Spirit Ark. Guan Ziqing and the rest also seemed to reach a mutual understanding as they didn't ask anymore about the ark. Passing through the Spirit Tip World, they bade each other farewell when Shang Xia and the ark arrived at the other side before returning to the Heaven Observation Field.

Right before they left, he reiterated their desire to cooperate.

When Shang Xia and the others entered the chaotic streams and disappeared, 2 other figures appeared behind the 3 high-level True Immortals of the Spirit Tip World. Both of them looked really blurry and it was clear they were only clones.

"Are we going to let them leave like this? If we're not mistaken, that Star Ship thing should be the legendary ark only seen in the Chaotic Sea of Stars. From how serious they are taking it and how True Immortal Shang has been keeping you guys away from the ship, can they be transporting a world fragment?" The person who spoke was someone who looked pretty ordinary with a big red nose, the only thing notable about his appearance.

That was Wu Zhang, the fourth tier Elysium True Immortal of the Spirit Tip World.

Yang Cha was slightly taken aback and he looked at Guan Ziqing in shock. "Can it really be a world fragment?"

Guan Ziqing didn't answer, but from his expression, he wasn't surprised by the fact that they were carrying a world fragment.

Yang Cha and Guan Ziqing went way back and from the sixth tier True Immortal's expression, Yang Cha knew that Guan Ziqing knew it all along. He couldn't help but grumble, "Shit! We should make our move earlier! They won't be able to protect the ship from all 3 of us. Only two thirds of the continents in our world reached the state of perfection. The others are close. If the world fragment is big enough, we might be able to raise 4 or 5 continents to the state of perfection and we will be close to becoming an Essence World!"

Guan Ziqing didn't even need to say anything when Yu Tieshan spoke. "Stop dreaming. You saw how powerful he was during the battle back then. Even if you weren't injured, do you think you can take a single hit from his rod?"

Yang Cha's mouth opened, but he failed to say anything. He seemed to have thought of something and his expression sank.

The other fifth tier True Immortal, Cai Qiao, who hadn't spoken broke out into laughter suddenly. "From the looks of it, you 3 ran into something really interesting! Why don't you share it with me? I'm actually quite interested!"

"It won't be difficult for all 3 of us to hold him off, and stealing the ship might be possible. We might even be able to retreat safely... However, if that really happens, we will have to face the retaliation of an expert whose abilities are comparable to someone in the sixth tier while he's going crazy..." Guan Ziqing finally muttered. "With the Essence Du World closing in on us, do you think it's a good idea to make an enemy out of someone so powerful?!"

Yang Cha lowered his gaze, but he still wore a look of reluctance.

Standing to the side, Yu Tieshan patted his shoulders. "We don't know where their world is, but they know where we are. We have no choice."

Yang Cha frowned while pointing in the direction Shang Xia left. "Don't tell me we don't have a way to track them? Can't we find out where their world is?"

From what he said, it was clear the Spirit Tip World had their own Stargazers.

Seeing the bitter smiles on the faces of Yu Tieshan, Wu Zhang, and the others, he knew that they didn't have the ability to do that.

"Hmm... It's not like we can't guess what they're relying on..." Guan Ziqing raised another point after thinking of something.

Everyone turned to stare at him, and even the Elysium True Immortal seemed to have realized what he was referring to as a light flashed in his eyes.

Guan Ziqing swept his gaze across those present and he asked, "Do you remember the Heaven Observation Field?"

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After several days, Shang Xia and the others finally approached the gap in the Star Curtain.

Chapter 1400: Last Hurdle

The members of the Tongyou Institution revealed looks of excitement as they returned as they hoped that they would be able to receive the blessing of the strange energy so they could raise their cultivation again.

Even though the quality of the energy was extremely high. Other than Shang Xia, no one could easily integrate it with their inner qi.

However, not being able to do it easily didn't mean that they couldn't do it. If they were able to fully digest the energy, improving once again wouldn't be a problem.

Shang Xia couldn't say anything when he saw their expectant expressions.

Of course, nothing went as planned. When they closed in on the gap in the Star Curtain, Shang Xia and the others discovered that they weren't actually pushed away by the chaotic streams. Instead, they seemed to be drawn in.

According to Shang Xia's guess when they first left the Star Curtain, the Heaven Observation Field was like a living creature. With every breath it took, the streams of space would change directions and they didn't seem to be very lucky at the moment. They approached the Star Curtain when they were passing into the Heaven Observation Field. Moreover, at their speed, they wouldn't be able to experience the effects of the mysterious energy for long.

Shang Xia and Song Zhen weren't the only ones who discovered that. Even the Martial Dipper Realm experts realized what was happening.

They quickly begged Shang Xia and Song Zhen to slow the Spirit Ark so that they could experience the mysterious energy for a little longer.

Song Zhen didn't respond. He looked at Shang Xia for a decision.

Shang Xia thought for a second and mumbled, "We'll leave it to fate. I'll do my best, but it's up to you."

Shang Xia didn't actually plan on staying in the gap of the Star Curtain for too long. The pulsating of the Heaven Observation Field actually made him feel extremely uncomfortable and if anything went wrong, he had a feeling they wouldn't be able to pass through the gap in the Star Curtain easily from then on.

As the chaotic streams continued to flow, they soon arrived at the very spot they experienced the mysterious streams of energy back then. Everyone sucked in a deep breath as they awaited its descent.

Indeed... It arrived the next moment.

Because Shang Xia was present, everyone started to absorb as much energy as they could.

The members of the Tongyou Institution weren't the only ones. Song Zhen and Shang Xia did the same.

While everyone on board was absorbing energy, the Crimson Soul Tablet's projection also appeared above the ship to start absorbing the energy.

However, because Shang Xia didn't seem comfortable, half his attention was placed outside the Spirit Ark.

He discovered that they had been absorbing energy for a little too long, and the Spirit Ark seemed to be hovering in the gap in the Star Curtain.

It was supposed to be something good, a fortuitous encounter for all of them. However, Shang Xia could feel that because of the pulsating, they had stopped dead center in the gap of the Star Curtain.

If the Heaven Observation Field was inhaling earlier... The next thing it would do was exhale!

Shang Xia thought back to the time he was sent flying when they first left and he snapped awake.

"Wake up! Quick, we have to rush out of here!"

Shang Xia's voice was filled with his inner qi and he jolted everyone awake with him.

Song Zhen and the others heard his instruction and even though they weren't clear what was happening, they instinctively followed what he said.

The Spirit Ark that was hovering in the void started to speed up again and they started to pass through the Star Curtain. The mysterious energy disappeared and many members on board showed disappointed expressions.

It didn't take long for them to realize the meaning behind his actions.

As the chaotic streams grew stronger, the Spirit Ark was nearly flipped over.

Facing something like that, the Tongyou Institution had to push quickly through the storm to reach the safest point.

The protection barrier around the Spirit Ark seemed like it would shatter the next moment, but it still remained intact.

Everything inside started to rock violently and those on board were afraid that it would shatter beneath their feet.

Song Zhen's yell came next. "We can't hold the protection screen any longer!"

Shang Xia's gaze landed on him the next moment.

“The force is a lot stronger than the last time...” Song Zhen explained.

Nodding, Shang Xia disappeared into the void outside. He experienced the spatial storm for himself, but he remained motionless in the void.

The next moment, his Stone Rod came crashing down in front of the Spirit Ark.

A strange whistling filled the air and even with the twisting of space, everyone on board heard it clearly.

“True Immortal Shang’s cultivation is truly impressive. It reached a level even I cannot comprehend...” Song Zhen mumbled as the Spirit Ark accelerated yet again.

Actually, it wasn’t as though the Spirit Ark itself had the ability to go faster. It was because Shang Xia carved out a passage of sealed space for them.

Speaking of which, when he did it, he discovered that when he used the fourth and fifth move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique at the same time, he would be able to shatter the void before sealing it off, allowing it to remain relatively more stable.

It was the same as when he forced a path through the battlefield in the Essence Du World, but back then, he was only able to create a passage that was 100,000 miles or so.

At the Star Curtain, there was an unprecedented level of resistance. With his abilities, he could only carve out a path that was 40,000 miles long.

However, the distance was enough for the Spirit Ark to leave the most dangerous region, and the pressure on Shang Xia was greatly reduced.

They might have a safer passage to take, but those on board weren’t fools. They continued to push the Spirit Ark faster to leave the region as soon as they could.

“Finally. We’re safe!”

After leaving the region, Song Zhen couldn’t help but yell in celebration.

Shang Xia shook his head slowly and his expression looked even worse than when they left the Essence Du World.

Song Zhen’s heart thumped violently and he asked in worry, “Lord, are there other powers capable of trying to kill us after entering the Heaven Observation Field?”

“We have been concealing our tracks the entire time and not many people know about our Spirit Ark. However, the moment we reveal ourselves, there may be people forming alliances to steal our gains.” Shang Xia nodded and continued, “If we’re just going to

fight, I won't be afraid of anyone under the Martial Emptiness Realm in our Heaven Observation Field. However, you guys wouldn't be able to avoid being caught up in it. We are also carrying the world fragment right now. We can't go back the way we came!"

After he spoke, his gaze landed on Song Zhen and Yan Ming.

Yan Ming muttered casually, "As long as the 2 of you aren't afraid of trouble, we'll just travel through the chaotic streams. Whatever it is, we're in the Heaven Observation Field and the chaotic streams aren't as strong. We won't get lost either."

Shang Xia turned to Song Zhen to ask after hearing her response, "There isn't any problem with the Spirit Ark, right?"

"No. There won't be any problem if we travel through the chaotic streams." Song Zhen laughed.

Nodding, Shang Xia muttered, "Alright, we'll do it your way. We'll change our path but before that, let me seal up the mysterious energy in your dantians."

After he spoke, everyone who was feeling a little bored on the ship because they would be traveling through the chaotic streams revealed happy expressions.