

# **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1441: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.2 - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1441: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.2**

*Chapter 1441: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.2*

It was rare to enter such a flow state and after fusing 3 Variant Talismans, it was pretty much gone. However, he still wanted to continue fusing talismans.

He had a feeling fusing those talismans would be a gateway to becoming a rank seven Talisman Grandmaster.

Grabbing the second sheet of special talisman paper, Shang Xia could tell that the quality was different from the previous one. Not only did it contain more silk, but the spiritual ingredients that made it up were also different from before.

One could even say that they couldn't be classified as the same type of talisman paper in the first place. Even Ren Huan couldn't say for sure that the quality was better.

Shang Xia used his divine soul to inspect the composition of talisman paper. He used too many talisman papers in recent years and was able to determine their quality from experience. However, looking at the sheet before him he didn't know how to start evaluating it and could only try to do so when crafting the talisman.

Opening a bottle of rank six talisman ink that was made with Star Essence Shang Xia looked at the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush that had dimmed slightly. Even so, he didn't choose to use the Greenwood Wolf Bristle Brush. Instead, he filled the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush with inner qi and started the next talisman.

The first Variant Talisman's runes were quickly completed, and so was the second. Next came the third...

Just as he started on the rune of the third talisman, the starlight that had gathered clashed with the energy contained in the talisman paper so suddenly that Shang Xia failed to suppress it with his soul. In the end, the talisman paper burst into rays of starlight that shot out of the protection formations of the chamber.

Starlight filled the Star Beast Nest and because it was a secret region to begin with, the sudden change in the skies above caught the attention of everyone and they raised their heads to take a look.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World didn't know what happened to cause it, but Xin Lu had been camping outside Shang Xia's secret courtyard since she was called over by his External Avatar. Watching the burst of starlight, she revealed a look of shock.

Ren Huan and Shang Xia's External Avatar arrived next and they looked at how she was immersed in the power of starlight that filled the air. Ren Huan looked at Shang Xia's External Avatar and he saw the strange look on the External Avatar's face while staring at Xin Lu.

He didn't know what was happening, but he could tell that there was some sort of special transformation happening and he asked, "What's happening to her?"

Shang Xia's External Avatar replied, "Her opportunity has come. She's refining her second fate dipper at the moment and the sudden burst of starlight helped to accelerate the progress."

Ren Huan was taken aback by the revelation and he looked at the courtyard that was surrounded by protection formations and muttered, "What exactly happened within? Can you tell?"

Shang Xia's External Avatar shook his head and sighed, "The second attempt to craft the talisman failed, but the qi that escaped should be very useful."

Naturally, he was referring to the help it would bring to Xin Lu.

However, Ren Huan was more focused on the first part of his sentence and he started to mumble to himself, "The second talisman failed... Doesn't that mean that he succeeded on his first try?"

"Hahaha! That's right! He completed the fusion of 3 Variant Talismans on the first sheet, and the effects of the talisman will be comparable to the Star Origin Lord Robe. The only thing that cannot be compared to the robe is that the effects of the talisman can only last for a short time." Shang Xia's External Avatar chuckled and explained.

Ren Huan nodded and wanted to say something, but he noticed that Shang Xia's External Avatar was turning in another direction.

Ren Huan followed his gaze and saw a transmission talisman flying over and landing in his hand.

"Interesting..." Shang Xia's External Avatar scanned through the transmission and mumbled. He handed it over to Ren Huan before laughing, "Let's go outside together to take a look!"

Ren Huan followed quickly behind him while reading its contents. He couldn't help but gasp, "Brother Shang, do you think what happened outside had something to do with the sudden burst of starlight?"

Shang Xia's External Avatar didn't respond and increased his speed while heading out of the Star Beast Nest.

In the blink of an eye, they emerged from the Star Beast Nest and saw that there was a layer of starlight that covered the entire region. In fact, the chaotic streams of space seemed a lot more mellow where the starlight shone.

“This... Don’t tell me it really has something to do with the talisman that failed...” Ren Huan couldn’t help but mumble as he looked at the region of space around him.

“Actually, the effects of the starlight weakened a lot. When I sent the transmission, the void hundreds of feet outside the Star Beast Nest turned completely still. Now, the effects only cover 30 or so feet. I’m afraid the effects will wear out soon.” Hai Yuanyuan, who had been waiting outside, interrupted.

As soon as the words left her lips, the final bit of starlight faded and the streams of chaos returned. The Star Beast Nest started to tremble lightly and the protection formations around reactivated.

Shang Xia’s External Avatar looked at Hai Yuanyuan and a frown appeared on his face, “When did you arrive?! Who allowed you to come out here?”

Hai Yuanyuan didn’t seem too afraid of Shang Xia’s External Avatar. She even sized him up and down before mumbling, “Uncle, didn’t you say that your External Avatar had the ability to think individually? Why do you look exactly the same and speak the same way as him?”

Shang Xia’s External Avatar released his divine soul and his expression changed slightly. He growled in a low voice, “Did you enter the chaotic streams alone?!”

Hai Yuanyuan didn’t seem too concerned by his reaction and she muttered in a low voice, “Come on... What’s the matter? The space was completely calm earlier and I only went out to take a look. I didn’t enter the chaotic streams for real. Also...”

“Also?!” Shang Xia’s External Avatar’s expression was completely dark as he glared at her.

Hai Yuanyuan knew that she couldn’t hide what she did from Shang Xia’s External Avatar and she pouted and sighed, “You were the one who assisted in my refinement of my Five Element Fate Dippers. You should know exactly how I can progress. If I enter the chaotic streams, I should be able to condense another set of fate dipper essence...”

“No! The chaotic streams are too dangerous. Only True Immortals have the qualifications to travel through them freely and condense fate dipper essence.” Shang Xia’s External Avatar snapped and seeing as she was about to continue speaking, he interrupted her. “My true body will definitely learn of this and you can just explain it to him yourself. Right, you’re not allowed to try to enter the chaotic streams in the future, not even half a step!”

Hai Yuanyuan knew that she wouldn't get anywhere even if she tried to go argue with his External Avatar and she pouted angrily before returning to the Star Beast Nest in anger.

"Brother Ren, I apologize you had to see that." Shang Xia's External Avatar sighed helplessly.

To that, Ren Huan only chuckled, "Actually, I really envy you for having such an interesting niece who is also your successor. Among the later generation disciples of the institution, she has the greatest hope of entering the Martial Void Realm."

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The way the Tongyou Institution nurtured disciples was different from the other factions. There was no direct discipleship, and even though they had teacher and student relationships, it wasn't as though they would pass down their inheritances so easily.

Of course, it wasn't as though none of them trained the next generation. The stronger experts would have to choose their inheritors eventually. The Tongyou Institution wouldn't forbid or interfere in the process, and they might even work to find someone to take over a certain person's inheritance to prevent it from disappearing altogether.

Naturally, the selection process happened from within the institution. They wouldn't allow others to easily get their hands on the inheritances.

The most prominent example of experts passing down their inheritances was Shang Xia to Hai Yuanyuan, Shang Lubing to Dou Zhong, and several others...

Every year, when the institution accepted disciples, they would enter the same curriculum as the others and there was no seniority among them. That was the point the other factions found annoying, especially the situation with Shang Xia.

If they used the seniority of Kou Chongxue and Shang Bo as a reference, Shang Xia would be a third generation disciple. If he met people like Yang Taihe and Li Jidao, he should address them as his martial ancestors.

Of course, Shang Xia wouldn't show them so much respect. Not a single True Immortal in the Spirit Luxuriant World would dare to act high and mighty in front of him, a sixth tier True Immortal!

Moreover, if they wanted to truly count generations, they would have already been off if the True Immortals considered themselves to be of the same seniority as Kou Chongxue.

In the Azure Origin World, Kou Chongxue was already considered a junior among the greatest swordsmen. However, his cultivation rose so rapidly and his status became comparable to theirs after reaching the Martial Void Realm.

Even if they considered Shang Xia as a fourth generation disciple compared to themselves, it would be a stretch!

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Shang Xia's External Avatar looked at Ren Huan and mumbled, "Brother Ren, you have entered the Martial Dipper Realm for a long time and your dantian seems extremely full. It's not impossible for you to refine your fourth fate dipper. Have you not thought of becoming a True Immortal in the future?"

"Me?" Ren Huan was caught by surprise and he forced a chuckle, "No matter what, I cannot be considered to be a direct member of the institution. I only got to where I am now because of your care all these years. It's fortunate for me to have my current achievements and I wouldn't dare to dream of stepping into the Martial Void Realm. I heard that there can only be a limited number of True Immortals in our world. Even if our institution obtains a few more slots, how can I take the opportunity away from others?"

Shang Xia's External Avatar burst out laughing in response, "You have to put yourself first at times. Brother Ren, you need to be prepared for anything. Even if your hope of entering the Martial Void Realm is miniscule, you will have hope at the very least. If your cultivation remains stuck here, there won't be a chance."

"Brother Shang..." Ren Huan revealed a laugh that didn't seem like one and he looked a little unsure. Eventually, he seemed to have made up his mind and he cupped his hands in Shang Xia's direction, "Many thanks for the pointers!"

Shang Xia's External Avatar didn't move to the side and he accepted Ren Huan's thanks.

Ren Huan wasn't exactly unqualified, and his cultivation met the mark. He was also an amazing craftsman and had pretty good luck. He wasn't lacking when compared to the elite experts of the institution.

In recent years, his cultivation stagnated after he reached the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. When Shang Xia's External Avatar saw him, he noticed that Ren Huan had slackened off in his cultivation and his drive was nowhere to be seen.

If one didn't try to progress in their cultivation, they would eventually regress and it wasn't difficult if Shang Xia wanted to find out the reason behind his reluctance to cultivate. He purposely pointed it out now that they had met.

It was true that there was a limited number of True Immortals a world could produce, but one didn't have to rely on their world if they wanted to become one...

Also, at the rapid pace of the Spirit Luxuriant World's improvement, they had closed the gap between the Spirit Mammoth World and Spirit Abundance World. Who could be sure how quickly they would progress in the future?

As the 2 of them chatted outside the Star Beast Nest, they ensured that no other changes occurred and the chaotic streams returned to their original strength before returning.

Ren Huan seemed to have thought of something and he opened his mouth slightly, but the words failed to emerge.

Shang Xia's External Avatar noticed the look on his face and asked with interest, "Brother Ren, is there something on your mind?"

Raising his head to look at the External Avatar, Ren Huan suddenly tossed out a bomb that caught Shang Xia by surprise. "Brother Shang, can you tell me the truth? Is Wei Zheng your son?"

No matter how Shang Xia prepared himself for what Ren Huan might ask, he didn't expect a question like that. His External Avatar trembled slightly and turned slightly blurry. "Ahem... Cough, cough!"

Shang Xia's External Avatar forcefully composed himself and asked, "How is that possible?! Who's coming up with this nonsense?!"

Ren Huan's eyes widened in shock and he continued, "What do you mean nonsense? The kid pretty much resembles you. He has been staying with his mother beside Lady Hai in the city and everyone isn't blind..."

The evidence was right before their fucking eyes!

Shang Xia's External Avatar didn't even need to share his thoughts with his true body to know how his true body would react.

"Right, that kid has always been favored by your aunt, Shang Xi, who frequently brings him into the Shang Clan. It's also said that your grandfather takes really good care of him..." Ren Huan continued.

Hearing Ren Huan mention evidence after evidence, Shang Xia's External Avatar eventually interrupted him, "Alright, alright, Brother Ren, there's no need to continue. No matter what, that kid isn't mine! Wait... I mean, it's not what you guys are thinking of anyway!"

Ren Huan narrowed his eyes slightly and revealed a knowing smile after hearing the flustered response. “No matter what we’re thinking, the kid is related to you anyway! Brother Shang, that kid has already grown up. Even if no one else says anything, do you think he doesn’t know what is going on? You better prepare yourself...”

“Ahem... Strictly speaking... This matter really doesn’t concern me. I mean, it doesn’t concern my true body. Ah fuck! Let’s not talk about it anymore!” Shang Xia’s External Avatar sighed.

The next moment, a huge commotion broke out in the Star Beast Nest again and a powerful stream of starlight poured out from the courtyard and dyed the skies in the Star Beast Nest a pretty color.

“This... Did he fail the third attempt as well?” Ren Huan couldn’t help but ask.

Shang Xia’s External Avatar fell silent for a moment before mumbling, “No... Something happened, but he didn’t fail.”

## **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1442: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.3 - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1442: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.3**

### **Chapter 1442: Peering into a Rank Seven Talisman Pt.3**

To be honest, after Shang Xia failed in his second attempt, he wasn’t too optimistic about his third.

Shang Xia could tell that of the 3 sheets of talisman paper, the first contained the least amount of Star Devouring Silkworm’s silk. Even though it was the lowest quality among the 3, it was the talisman paper Ren Huan was most confident in.

When he succeeded in crafting the talisman earlier, Shang Xia was sure that it would be comparable to the Star Origin Lord Robe, if not a little weaker.

The second sheet contained a little more silk, which meant that the process of crafting it was a little more difficult. It was more likely for Ren Huan to fail, and Shang Xia could tell that it was more fragile than the first sheet.

Fortunately, it wasn’t as though he gained nothing after the second sheet was destroyed. After the Star Essence filled the Star Beast Nest, it seemed to bring out some sort of suppressive effect on the chaotic streams around.

In the future, Shang Xia would get Ren Huan to continue researching in that direction.



Because of that, Shang Xia knew that even though the third sheet of talisman paper was of even higher quality, it would also be the most fragile. Of course, he had to test it out regardless so as not to waste the special talisman paper.

When he borrowed the last bit of inspiration he had to experiment on the third sheet, he found everything flowing unnaturally smoothly.

Shang Xia soon completed the fusion of the third Variant Talisman, and he started to focus fully on integrating the fourth.

The difficulty instantly doubled and the consumption of his Six Direction Qi increased proportionally.

It was something he never felt when fusing the third talisman, and he also felt that the talisman paper had yet to reach his limit, but it would be many times more difficult to infuse the fourth talisman, and he would need a long time to do so.

He used 7 days to complete the fusion of the first 3 Variant Talismans, and just completing the runes of the fourth took him 5 more days!

More than 10 days had passed since he started to craft the talismans and it was something he had never done in his years of experience crafting talismans. Surprisingly, after completing the fourth Variant Talisman, the talisman wasn't completed!

He didn't dare to relax in the slightest. Taking a deep breath, Shang Xia continued to pour more Six Direction Qi into his brush. He didn't hesitate to start the fusion of the fifth talisman!

His brush flowed without obstruction and runes started to take shape one after another. Shang Xia could feel the slight trembling that came from the tip of his brush with every stroke.

He understood that the limit of the talisman paper had most likely been reached, and no matter what, he had to succeed!

Shang Xia sank into a strange state of focus and forgot the flow of time as he continued. The brush had already become a part of him and with each stroke, the talisman paper slowly integrated itself into his senses.

Each strand of silk from the Star Devouring Silkworm could be seen by him in the strange state and with each stroke of his brush, the power of starlight would stain the talisman paper before fusing perfectly with each strand of silk.

The silk of the Star Devouring Silkworm was produced after they refined the power of starlight, and with every movement of his brush, he brought out the true essence it contained.



Throughout the process, tiny streams of energy would leak out from his secret courtyard, and even with the layers of protection formation, the skies outside were filled with the power of starlight.

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With a final stroke of his brush, the fifth Variant Talisman had been fused into the talisman paper. It was a sign the talisman was complete and the power it contained had reached the peak.

The brilliant rays of starlight in the Star Beast Nest started to recede into his courtyard and filled the talisman paper that was barely 7 inches in length.

The instant he raised his brush, the strange state of enlightenment disappeared. His frustrations at its departure surpassed the lethargy he felt after crafting the talisman for 25 straight days.

However, joy quickly took over when he realized he had completed the talisman. At the very least, his comprehension in the dao of talismans increased. He was merely 2 Variant Talismans away from being able to craft a rank seven talisman!

## **Splitting the Heavens #Chapter 1443: Heaven Liberation Talisman - Read Splitting the Heavens Chapter 1443: Heaven Liberation Talisman**

### **Chapter 1443: Heaven Liberation Talisman**

To Shang Xia, the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman had always been at the peak of rank six talismans.

According to the Wanyun Association, the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman was created by a Martial Emptiness Realm Sage. It was an attempt to create a rank seven talisman, but it failed and became a peak-tier rank six talisman.

After completing the fusion of 5 Variant Talismans, Shang Xia finally realized that from a certain standpoint, it surpassed the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

The notion was born in his mind when he completed the fusion of the third Variant Talisman. That was because after fusing 3 Variant Talismans, the resulting Fusion Talisman was barely inferior to the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman.

Back then, he wondered what would happen if he completed the fusion of the fourth, or even fifth...

It was quickly verified. When Shang Xia made his third attempt and completed the fusion of the fourth Variant Talisman, he could tell that the quality of the talisman wasn't inferior to the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman in the slightest. It even showed signs of surpassing it. When he completed the fusion of the fifth talisman, it was clear it had already reached a class of its own.

With its completion, Shang Xia could tell how amazing it actually was. If the fusion of 5 Variant Talismans were already that strong, he wondered how powerful a rank seven talisman would actually be.

Shang Xia didn't dare to imagine it, and he didn't try to estimate it either.

After all, there was still quite a distance for him to successfully fuse the rest of the Variant Talismans in a single talisman. He knew that every subsequent fusion would pose an extreme challenge. Without a doubt, talisman paper at the current level wouldn't be enough and even if he had suitable talisman paper, he was afraid he wasn't capable of completing the talisman at the moment.

As for when he would use the talisman he just created, Shang Xia had a vague idea in mind. He was reluctant to use it up just to test its effects like the rest of the talismans he created for the first time.

Anyway, it was clearly not the time for him to think about it as he was utterly exhausted from the entire process. He rested for many days before finally emerging from seclusion.

Outside his courtyard, Xin Lu had been waiting for such a long time that she was already feeling numb. Finally, when the protection formations around stopped operating, she started to walk over to make her report.

"Are you really in such a hurry to take a trip over to a foreign world?" Shang Xia might have been in seclusion, but he wasn't completely ignorant of anything that happened outside. He knew that Xin Lu would pace about the entrance to the courtyard every other day despite feeling bored.

"My art of stargazing seemed to have reached a bottleneck. I feel like an opportunity will come when I'm out traveling and the moment I surpass it, I should be able to become a Grand Stargazer." Xin Lu revealed suddenly, shocking Shang Xia.

She was extremely serious when she spoke about it, and the look of anticipation in her eyes was clear.

Originally, with her talent, being a Stargazer should be the limit of her abilities.

However, one had to admit that she had great luck. She might not be a cultivator that was born and bred in the Spirit Luxuriant World, but because of the constant

assimilation in the Tongyou Elysium, along with the growth of the world which she had taken part in everytime, she received the blessing of the World's Will like everyone else. With that, she was also able to grow stronger like everyone else.

What was important to Shang Xia though, was the fact that she was one of the only 3 Stargazers of the Tongyou Institution. Great emphasis had been placed on her by the Tongyou Institution and other than the core of the stargazer inheritance, she could access anything she wanted. That was how she had a chance to break through to become a Grand Stargazer.

"Alright. In that case, let's move up the plan to head over." Shang Xia replied seriously.

As they conversed, a figure tore through the air and raced towards them rapidly. Xin Lu barely caught the afterimage when she arrived before Shang Xia.

"Uncle..." Hai Yuanyuan's voice arrived before she could stabilize her body.

Shang Xia reached out to help her, and he poked her forehead with his forefinger. "You're already a young lady. How can you act so carelessly?"

Hai Yuanyuan stuck her tongue out at him and giggled, "Isn't it because I heard you emerged from seclusion and I ran here immediately to see you..."

After she spoke, she turned to look at Xin Lu. Recognizing her as one of the 3 Stargazers of the Tongyou Institution, she quickly revealed a friendly smile.

Xin Lu might not be familiar with Hai Yuanyuan, but she had clearly heard of the talented individuals of the institution.

Already receiving Shang Xia's promise, Xin Lu understood that both of them wanted to continue their conversation in private and she quickly spoke up, "Alright, just let me know when you plan to head out. I will make my preparations soon."

After they saw Xin Lu walk away, Hai Yuanyuan revealed a crafty smile. "Uncle, do you know what happened? Stargazer Xin Lu crafted a Star Platform here."

"Star Platform?" Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and asked.

"Oh. It's a platform that is several dozen times smaller than a Star Observatory. According to her, it helps with her comprehension of the art of stargazing." Hai Yuanyuan explained.

Shang Xia found it interesting and smiled. "Is she really that amazing?"

Hai Yuanyuan continued, "According to her, she planned to move the Star Platform into a Star Ship in order to maximize its functions when navigating through the void."

“Huh?” Shang Xia finally felt a little surprised. “If that’s true, the Star Platform will be amazing.”

After he spoke, Shang Xia’s pupils constricted slightly and he glared at the lass before him. “Alright, enough of this useless talk. Speak. Why did you run all the way here in such a hurry??”

Hai Yuanyuan wanted to pout and complain to Shang Xia, but seeing the solemn expression on his face, she knew that there was no way she would be able to mess around any longer. “I wish to head out to the chaotic streams!”

Shang Xia already knew the reason behind her request. As someone who received his inheritance, he understood her path of cultivation better than herself. He also knew that she had already gone out once and was caught by his External Avatar.

“It’s too dangerous...” Shang Xia didn’t reject her request instantly, but his intention was clear.

Hai Yuanyuan continued, “Uncle, do you still have the talisman you can use to calm the chaotic void?”

“Am I supposed to mess up an attempt to craft a rank six talisman just so you can head out to the chaotic streams alone?!” Shang Xia frowned.

“Ah... So that’s what happened...” Hai Yuanyuan’s joy disappeared instantly. However, she quickly noticed that Shang Xia had already stretched out his hand and a talisman was sitting quietly on it.

“Is this...”

Shang Xia sighed, “it’s a special talisman I created and it contains a strand of my divine soul. As long as you’re within a certain range, you will be able to borrow a portion of my strength. I call it the Heaven Liberation Talisman. You can keep it on you when you try to head out to the chaotic streams. Staying safe won’t be a problem with this talisman in hand.”

*Chapter 1444: Buy 0 Get Many Free*

Hai Yuanyuan had a superior affinity for the five elements and she used the process of Chu Jia’s construction of the Five Element Teleportation Formation to refine her fate dippers. Her starting point was higher than Shang Xia who was mucking his way about to learn about the essence of the five elements back then.

With her constant growth, the problems she faced in her cultivation was also getting a lot more obvious.

She needed to refine fate dipper essences of the five elements, and as she grew stronger, she should also be able to refine them faster. If she didn't find a way to refine more of them, her cultivation would stagnate and even show signs of regressing.

It was extremely simple for her to solve the problem. That was to enter the weaker streams of space to condense fate dipper essences. However, that was exactly where the danger lay.

Since it was her path of cultivation, she had to do it herself. No one would be able to help her. Otherwise, her future progress would be affected and that was also why Shang Xia didn't try to do anything.

Knowing full well the condition behind her advancement, Shang Xia had been thinking of methods the entire time. However, he failed to come up with anything and only after coming up with the sixth move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique did he vaguely have a clue on how to proceed.

After a lot of experiments, he created a new talisman called the Heaven Liberation Talisman after gaining inspiration from the creation of his External Avatar.

Hai Yuanyuan played with the talisman and mumbled, "Uncle, is this talisman really so special that I can borrow some of your strength?"

Shang Xia nodded, but he spoke seriously the next moment, "Let's be clear on one thing. You will be making use of my power, and my soul will not descend to help you. This is an extremely important point you need to take note of."

Hai Yuanyuan could tell how serious Shang Xia was and she didn't joke around either. She continued to ask, "That would mean that I will be in control, right?"

"Yes." Shang Xia nodded and knew that she understood his meaning.

"How long will its effects last and how far can I be?" Hai Yuanyuan asked again.

Shang Xia chuckled in response, "If we're outside the Spirit Luxuriant World, you can pretty much go anywhere you like before you enter the chaotic streams. However, we're no longer in the Heaven Observation Field and this is the region of chaotic space. Don't run too far. Just head out far enough for you to cultivate."

After he spoke, Shang Xia retrieved another artifact that resembled a compass and handed it to her. "This is a Star Observation Compass. It was damaged, but Xin Lu fixed it. You should bring it with you to ensure you will be able to locate the Star Beast Nest."

"Is it really that amazing? With the talisman you gave me, wouldn't that mean that nothing can go wrong?" Hai Yuanyuan gasped. She was a powerful Martial Dipper Realm expert and she knew the worth of those treasures.

“That might be an exaggeration, but with Xin Lu and her Star Platform here, you should be able to communicate with us with the compass. At the very least, if you’re lost in the chaotic streams, it will be easier for me to locate you.” Shang Xia explained.

Hai Yuanyuan simply rolled her eyes at him. She knew he was downplaying the ability of the compass so she would be more careful.

However, Shang Xia continued seriously, “Danger is everywhere in the streams of chaotic space. If you’re not careful, you might be swept to some unknown region. You better not head out too far. Otherwise, I won’t be able to save you if anything happens.”

A light flashed in Hai Yuanyuan’s eyes suddenly. “Right, are you going to leave soon? “

“I might leave, but the power contained in your Heaven Liberation Talisman should work anyway. My External Avatar is also a source of my strength>” Shang Xia didn’t hide his intention to head out from her.

Even after hearing his reassurance, she suddenly felt the need to be a lot more careful. If Shang Xia was personally stationed in the Star Beast Nest, she wouldn’t be afraid of anything! However, if it was his External Avatar... She felt that even though his External Avatar had high-level True Immortal combat strength, he wouldn’t be comparable to his true body. However, she also knew how important his mission to head out was and he couldn’t keep himself cooped up in the Star Beast Nest because of her.

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Shang Xia cultivated a little more in the Star Beast Nest and learned more about the current situation in the Heaven Observation Field before sending another batch of talismans back. At the same time, he sent back his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush.

Ever since he completed the fusion of 5 Variant Talismans, the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush suffered heavy damage. Because of his heavy usage, the brush was showing signs of cracking.

Clearly, he wouldn’t be able to use it well before it was restored. Even after they tried to fix it, it wouldn’t be as good as before.

If it was sent to be fixed several more times in the future, the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush might not even be a divine artifact for long.

Whatever it was, artifacts weren’t indestructible. The more they were used, the more damage would accumulate. Divine artifacts and even Holy Artifacts were no exception.

Fortunately, Shang Xia still had the Greenwood Wolf Bristle Brush. It was also a divine grade brush and it was even slightly better than the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush. It would be enough for the time being.

Shang Xia brought any talisman he thought he would need before summoning Xin Lu. He decided to bring her over to the Essence Xing World.

“Here, take any rank four or rank five talisman you think you might need. Even though I’ll be protecting you while we travel, you still need to ensure you can protect yourself.” Shang Xia handed a bunch of talismans to her under her shocked gaze. In the end, he even took out a True Space Restriction Palm Talisman and an Ice Ruins Talisman to hand to her. They were of the offensive and defensive properties respectively and he felt that they might come in handy.

“These 2 rank six talismans are your true trump cards. It’s not that I don’t have better ones, but you won’t be able to make full use of them with your cultivation level.” Shang Xia mumbled.

“Huh? Oh... Oh!” Xin Lu snapped back to reality before stuttering, “Aren’t these... Aren’t they too precious?”

“Since we’re heading to another world, you need to ensure your safety above all else.” Shang Xia laughed.

Other than the rank six talismans he handed her, he brought along a Void Capture Talisman, 2 Six Direction Teleportation Talismans, a Golden Phoenix Leaving Flame Talisman, a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and the newly made Fusion Talisman that was made with 5 Variant Talismans. He left the other Fusion Talisman of 3 Variant Talismans with his External Avatar before sending all the other talismans he had back to the institution.

As he headed out of the Star Beast Nest with Xin Lu, both of them stared into the chaotic streams and Xin Lu gulped, “How... How are we going to head out of here? Are we flying through this?”

Shang Xia looked at her with a smile that didn’t seem like a smile before waving his hand once. A miniature model of a Star Ship emerged from his sleeves before expanding slightly. It became several feet long and hovered in the void.

“Get in.” Shang Xia stepped onto the Star Ship before gesturing for Xin Lu to do the same.

#### *Chapter 1445: I’m Back*

The void around the Essence Xing World was vast. Shang Xia experienced how big it actually was when he tried looking for it.

After interacting with Zhang Shun, Gong Zhuo, Feng Nanze, and others, he understood that during the rise of the Essence Xing World, they destroyed many other worlds around them and integrated others. Because of the constant growth, the void around



the Essence Xing World also became rather massive. Shang Xia flew aimlessly around the void for a long time back then without catching sight of the Essence Xing World on his first attempt.

Due to their aggressive expansion, the Essence Xing World pretty much destroyed any world near them. Only those further away were integrated under their banner, and because of that, it was difficult for them to expand further in their current state.

The Essence Xing World was one of the strongest Essence Worlds Shang Xia had come across, but due to the lack of other worlds around them, they were unable to establish a proper Heavenly Field like the other worlds. They might possess the Essence Xing Heavenly Field, but any knowledgeable expert would be able to tell that it wasn't an actual Heavenly Field. It was supported by the Essence Xing World alone, and it was also the reason the Essence Xing World was in such desperate straits.

Shang Xia used the Star Ship he obtained from Dou Jie to quickly fly through the chaotic streams, rushing in the direction of the Essence Xing World. After they exited the chaotic streams to the peaceful space around, Shang Xia took a huge detour in order to not attract any attention. After that, they started to fly towards the Earth Star most experts from the Chaotic Sea of Stars would choose to go.

After they settled down on the Earth Star, Shang Xia raised his head to look at the heavenly screen of the Essence Xing World in the distance. It might not be his first time seeing such a majestic heavenly screen, but he still stared at it in awe.

Xin Lu, who was beside him, was utterly dumbfounded by what she was seeing.

"Are you able to locate the Stargazer of the Essence Xing World?" Shang Xia asked.

The reason an Essence World was called an Essence World wasn't just because of its size. The strength of their heavenly screen was also the reason, along with the power of the World's Will.

Back in the Star Beast Nest, Xin Lu was able to easily detect his presence because he was right outside. Now that he had returned to the Essence Xing World and had the protection of the heavenly screen, she might not be able to do the same.

Shang Xia's question caused her to snap back to reality. After composing herself, she muttered hesitantly, "I... I need to make some preparations. However, I feel like I should be able to find him. Moreover, I also have this!"

She brought out a new Star Observation Compass and waved it in front of Shang Xia before keeping it again.

The compass was different from the one Shang Xia had previously. Xin Lu returned to obtain another Star Observation Compass from Yuan Qiuyuan when Shang Xia was still

in seclusion, and she repaired the compass Shang Xia originally had and he gifted it to Hai Yuanyuan before he left.

“This isn’t the Star Beast Nest. You better be careful when locating him. If anything goes wrong, the Essence Xing World will probably hunt us down.” Shang Xia reminded her.

With a soft chuckle, Xin Lu replied, “I know. Also, I won’t cause such a huge commotion during my preparation phase. Oh, but...”

“What?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and stared at her in confusion.

“Even if I manage to locate the Stargazer or even their Star Observatory, what do you plan to do next? Are you going to infiltrate their world and destroy it? Wouldn’t it be a little too much? They can’t threaten our Spirit Luxuriant World anyway...” Xin Lu laughed.

Shang Xia shook his head and explained, “Rather than our Spirit Luxuriant World, the Essence Xing World is probably more interested in the gap in the Star Curtain. They probably wish to enter the Heaven Observation Field before the other worlds or powers out there.”

Xin Lu wondered out loud, “But... Stargazers don’t have the ability to find the gap in the Star Curtain.”

Shang Xia shook his head with a solemn expression, “How do you know they don’t have Grand Stargazers? What if they only brought out a Stargazer to hoodwink everyone else?”

Seeing the look of disdain on Xin Lu’s face, Shang Xia continued, “We can’t be too careful, and we can’t gamble with the safety of the Heaven Observation Field. If they really find a gap in the Star Curtain, the 3 Martial Emptiness Realm Sages will most definitely go all out and personally take part in the invasion. They will send out all the experts of their worlds and when that happens, our Spirit Luxuriant World will definitely bear the brunt of their invasion.”

Xin Lu also turned serious after hearing his explanation. “I understand. I will locate the Star Observatory as soon as possible.”

Shang Xia nodded slowly. He gave her a few more instructions before leaving his residence.

Returning to the Essence Xing World again, Shang Xia could feel a sense of familiarity calling out to him.

In the following days, he strolled around the Earth Star and tried to probe out the changes in their world.

It had been 5 to 6 years since Shang Xia followed the Wanyun Association's fleet to the Spirit Dawn World. Since the Wanyun Association dragged their world fragment back, they established a continent for themselves and gained a foothold in the world. That prompted a series of changes in the Essence Xing World.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World had also been probing out the situation in the Essence Xing World from the merchant groups that would come, but the merchants seemed to have already been ordered not to give out any proper information. As such, Shang Xia was unable to learn too much about the situation inside the Essence Xing World. There was even some conflicting information which made it difficult to make a proper conclusion. Now that he had personally arrived, he was able to verify it for himself.

"The Qi Dynasty's Sage is probably about to reach the end of his lifespan."

"Also, the situation in the Chen Dynasty seems to be the most tense. However, since their Sage is still perfectly fine, the various factions located in their territory should be the ones trembling in fear. The Chen Dynasty Emperor had been placing immense pressure on them, sucking them dry."

"The Yu Dynasty in the south seems to be the most peaceful. It maintained a stance of neutrality, regardless of the actions of the other dynasties."

"Unlike what was happening with the dynasties, the Wanyun Association's establishment of the Wanyun Continent greatly impacted their foundations. However, their influence in the Essence Xing World was also limited."

"Maybe the lifespan of the Qi Dynasty's Sage will be the key to set everything off and the Qi Dynasty Emperor's ascension to the Martial Emptiness Realm will also determine many things..."

#### *Chapter 1446: Meeting Gong Zhuo Again*

As Shang Xia went around the Earth Star gathering information, he would verify it with what he had heard. He started to gain a clearer picture of what was happening within.

When he returned, Xin Lu brought good news. She managed to locate an approximate area where the Star Observatory might be.

"I learned how the continents are distributed in the Essence Xing World and those weren't a secret. I think that the Star Observer should be located on the Cheng Continent north of the Chen Dynasty. It's a region of elevated land there and the weather is clear all year round. It's the best place for them to build the Star Observatory." Xin Lu explained and brought out the Star Compass and a jade pendant. "After you enter the Cheng Continent, you will be able to locate the Star Observatory with the pendant the moment they try to use any stargazing art."

“Not bad.” Shang Xia praised as he took the pendant.

Xin Lu’s expression changed slightly and she gnashed her teeth while asking, “Are you really going to infiltrate their world?”

Raising his head, Shang Xia replied in a low voice, “Yes.”

“But... They have 3 Martial Emptiness Realm Sages...” Xin Lu couldn’t help but remind him.

Before she could say more, Shang Xia laughed and interrupted her, “They will have to locate me if they wish to try anything.”

After he spoke, he turned to her and instructed in a low voice, “Wait here for 3 months. If I’m not out by then, you should find a way to leave. You know about Song Zhen’s merchant group and they would come from time to time. As long as you find them, hand them our token and remember our code phrase.” After speaking, he also informed her about the secret code they used.

As he saw her nodding silently, he seemed to have thought of something else and he took out a talisman from his sleeves. “This is called the Heaven Liberation Talisman. If you run into danger around the Essence Xing World, you will be able to use my strength and allow you to gain combat strength comparable to a True Immortal. Of course, it would be for the best if you didn’t have to use it. Once you leave the vicinity of the Essence Xing World, this talisman will not be effective.”

Xin Lu revealed a shocked expression while looking at the talisman.

Shang Xia nodded slightly before he disappeared. When he reappeared, he had already arrived in the vicinity of the heavenly screen. With the activation of a Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, he entered the Essence Xing World.

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In the Wanyun Continent...

If it was said that the minimum requirement for a continent of an Essence World to be 10,000 miles wide, to reach a state of perfection at the level of an Essence World, the continent would have to reach the size of 20,000 miles!

The Wanyun Association obtained a piece of world fragment that was 30,000 miles wide after plundering the Spirit Dawn World. When they returned, they fused the world fragment into their world to create the Wanyun Continent. The 30,000 miles wide world fragment contained 3 continents, and with the integration of the first, they managed to create a new continent that was barely shy of 8,000 miles. With the second, their

Wanyun Continent surpassed 12,000 miles but because it became more difficult to expand. With the third, it reached a size of 16,000 miles.

The Essence Xing World was considered a peak-tier Essence World. There were many continents that had reached the state of perfection. There wasn't a single continent that was smaller than 15,000 miles.

With the establishment of the Wanyun Continent that was 16,000 miles, the Essence Xing World gained their 34th continent, which was also the weakest among the others.

Despite their weak foundations compared to the other continents, the Wanyun Association finally managed to obtain a foothold in their world. Compared to the other Elysiums who lowered their heads to the dynasties, no one lorded over the Wanyun Association!

Since they established the continent on their own, they didn't even need to worry about other factions messing around in their territory since they were the only overlords there!

The Wanyun Continent might not be large, but it was progressing in the correct direction.

Of course, they paid a huge price in order to obtain their very own continent.

Shang Xia infiltrated the Essence Xing World with his Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, and because of his powerful control over its effects, he appeared directly on the newly established Wanyun Continent.

Even though he used the Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, like before, he was still unable to hide his tracks completely from the Sages.

Fortunately for him, he had experience infiltrating their world, and being unable to hide his tracks completely didn't mean that they would be able to find him. They didn't have so much spare time to keep looking for an intruder in their world either and could only send True Immortals to search slowly.

The Essence Xing World was too massive and no one knew how many experts entered and left the heavenly screen every day. There were many intruders every day and they used all sorts of methods. There was no need to mention the Sages. Even True Immortals were used to finding people of other worlds.

Since Shang Xia chose the newly created Wanyun Continent that was out of the way, it would be even more difficult for them to find him.

He knew that the reason the Sages of the Essence Xing World placed so much emphasis on him back then was that he chose the wrong place to appear. Back then,

he appeared at the borders of both dynasties, and there was a reason for them to suspect he was targeting them. As such, their search was a lot more thorough.

Choosing the territory of an Elysium would be much easier.

Actually, choosing a barren land or somewhere chaotic would reduce the risks of being hunted down even more, but Shang Xia clearly didn't care about what happened. He knew that if he entered the Wanyun Continent and concealed his aura, the members of the Wanyun Association wouldn't be able to tell that he had come.

Despite that, he didn't hide his aura once he arrived. Not too long after he appeared, he noticed a streak of light coming from the heart of the continent, flying straight at him.

Before waiting for the person to arrive, a straight light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes and he stared at the incoming light with a look as though he had expected as much.

"Brother Shang, it's been so long..." A familiar voice rang in his ears, and it belonged to none other than Gong Zhuo of the Wanyun Association.

He was no longer a fourth tier True Immortal like before. He had already entered the level of Returning to the Origin, becoming far stronger than before!

*Chapter 1447: Rebirth From the Ashes*

"Brother Shang, it's been too long! Apologies for being late to welcome you." Gong Zhuo's voice rang in Shang Xia's ears as the streak of light approached.

"Heh, looks like I should be congratulating you for reaching the next level in cultivation and for your Wanyun Association to gain a footing in the Essence Xing World. It's a matter of time before your Wanyun Association rises to new heights." Shang Xia sneered. He wasn't surprised Gong Zhuo would be able to accurately locate him after he arrived.

However, it seemed as though Gong Zhuo had come alone, and the Wanyun Association didn't seem to make any preparations to attack. Their attitude was clearly laid out to Shang Xia.

Shang Xia knew their attitude towards him at the moment, but he didn't know how shocked Gong Zhuo was after seeing him. The complicated emotions on his face couldn't be hidden.

He had already entered the level of Returning to the Origin to become a fifth tier True Immortal, and he also had many treasures of the Wanyun Association on him, but he failed to see through Shang Xia's cultivation.

One had to know that they were in the Essence Xing World at the moment! No matter what, Shang Xia's cultivation should have been suppressed by the World's Will because he was an expert from another world.

Even if he had a method to avoid the suppression of the World's Will, for Gong Zhuo not to be able to see through his cultivation could only mean one thing. His cultivation had far surpassed Gong Zhuo! That could only mean that...

*Is he a sixth tier True Immortal?! Or did he already surpass that level?*

*He should have barely entered the sixth tier, but...*

He was shocked by Shang Xia's speed of progression and he wondered if he ran into some sort of opportunity after being left behind to fend for himself. No matter what, he couldn't think of a reason for Shang Xia's explosive growth.

"True Immortal Gong, is something the matter?" Shang Xia's senses were sharp and he could easily tell that Gong Zhuo was stuck in a daze.

If he had any bad intentions, he would have taken the opportunity to carry out a sneak attack earlier. Killing Gong Zhuo in a single blow wouldn't be impossible and even if he didn't slay the True Immortal, heavily injuring him would be easy.

Gong Zhuo quickly snapped back to reality and forced a chuckle. "I am shocked every time I see you, Brother Shang. I thought that I would be able to close the gap between us after my improvement, but alas... I'm ashamed of even thinking about it!"

Shang Xia laughed once and the awkward air between them disappeared instantly. He continued, "Brother Gong, you're exaggerating. I only managed to grow stronger because I was lucky. Why don't I see Director Zhang?"

Shang Xia entered the Essence Xing World to seek an explanation from the Wanyun Association for their betrayal back then and he wasn't surprised Zhang Shun was avoiding him. He also pretty much expected them to send Gong Zhuo out to ease the tension because of the relationship between them, but even so, Shang Xia didn't detect a trace of Zhang Shun's presence in the Wanyun Continent which made him a little suspicious.

Gong Zhuo's expression sank and he muttered, "After the establishment of the Wanyun Continent, Director Zhang passed while in seated meditation. I know that Director Zhang made a mistake and left you to fend for yourself in the streams of chaotic space outside the Essence Ling Heavenly Field, causing you to fall into danger, but... Everything happened in the past and Director Zhang is no longer with us. I hope Brother Shang can forgive us and not vent your frustrations on our Wanyun Association."



After he spoke, he took out a jade slip and handed it to Shang Xia. "This is our Wanyun Association's Magnificent Talisman Records. It's something Director Zhang instructed me to give you before he passed. The person who created the Magnificent Talisman Records is the senior who came up with the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and it contains all his knowledge in the dao of talismans. Other than the talisman inheritances, all his experience has also been noted down. A portion of those concern the Martial Emptiness Realm. Director Zhang wanted to use these as compensation to ask for your forgiveness."

Shang Xia didn't show too much emotion, but he didn't reject the jade slip.

Also, from the way they called the senior who created the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. They didn't call him their ancestor, which was odd.

Holding the slip in hand, Shang Xia revealed a complicated expression and muttered, "Director Zhang has strong foundations in his foundation and he's barely a step away from entering the sixth tier. After establishing the 34th continent of the Essence Xing World, he should have received the blessing of the World's Will. How did he die so suddenly?"

A trace of anger flashed in Gong Zhuo's eyes and his voice was low as he growled, "How can the others watch as we establish the continent without doing anything? How can they not wish to obtain any benefits from our actions?"

A guess formed in Shang Xia's mind, but he continued to ask, "The establishment of another continent benefits the world... How can someone try to stop you?"

"Of course there are some who refuse to see others doing well. If they could obtain such a massive world fragment for themselves, they would be able to greatly reduce their burden. They would be able to free themselves from the binding of the world and find a little more success when breaking through to the Martial Emptiness Realm." Gong Zhuo spat with barely concealed killing intent.

"Are you talking about the Chen Dynasty Emperor?" Shang Xia didn't care too much. He simply spoke the name out loud. However, he continued to ask in a strange voice, "Since they wished to fight for the world fragment, why didn't their Sage make a move?"

Gong Zhuo snorted coldly, "If a Sage made a move, they wouldn't be able to get rid of their karmic ties with the world. Instead, it would grow even stronger. Also, the others wouldn't allow their Sage to do as he wished. However, even without a Sage making his move, my Wanyun Association still paid a huge price. Not long after the Wanyun Continent took shape, Director Zhang succumbed to his wounds."

Shang Xia nodded slowly. "In that case, Brother Gong, you're in charge now, right?"

Gong Zhuo didn't deny it, and he simply continued, "Right now is when my Wanyun Association is at its weakest. Even though I managed to become a fifth tier True Immortal, the number of True Immortals we have is extremely pitiful. Other than our Elysium True Immortal, the other 2 are first tier True Immortals who recently advanced. We don't even have the prestige of an Elysium any longer..."

Shang Xia didn't respond. After all, the Tongyou Institution was also an Elysium-level power, but they also only had 4 True Immortals...

The difference between an Essence World and a Spirit World was clearly displayed at that moment.

Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and he asked, "Does anyone else know about Director Zhang's death?"

Gong Zhuo sighed softly in response. "Brother Shang, looks like you noticed. Other than our Elysium True Immortal and myself, you're the third person to know. Everyone thinks that Director Zhang is attempting to break through to the sixth tier..."

He sighed softly again after speaking and continued, "Actually, after we escaped from the Chen Dynasty's territory, Director Zhang had already suffered hidden injuries. He used some sort of secret art to suppress it during our expedition to the Spirit Dawn World, but it became even more serious after the battle to establish the Wanyun Continent."

Shang Xia knew what Gong Zhuo was planning to ask next, but he still pressed on with his line of questioning, "Brother Gong, what do you plan to do next?"

Straightening his back, Gong Zhuo looked at Shang Xia with a profound gaze before asking in a serious tone, "I hope Brother Shang can help me to prevent the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension!"

*Chapter 1448: The Real Behemoths*

"I hope Brother Shang can help me to prevent the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension! At the same time, you can protect the safety of your Spirit Luxuriant World!" Gong Zhuo didn't bother to hide what he knew about Shang Xia. At the same time, he took a deep bow.

"There's no need for that." Shang Xia quickly tilted his body to the side to avoid the bow before helping Gong Zhuo up. He laughed, "Brother Gong, why are you learning from others and scaring yourself? How will this matter concern the safety of my world?"

Gong Zhuo looked at the smile on Shang Xia's face that wasn't really a smile and explained, "Brother Shang, why ask when you already know the answer? The Chen Dynasty Emperor is trying to reduce the karmic ties between him and the world in order

to ascend, and the moment he succeeds, he will definitely set his sights on your Spirit Luxuriant World and the Heaven Observation Field.”

Shang Xia replied, “Wouldn’t the ascension of the Chen Dynasty Emperor assist your Essence Xing World in overcoming the strange Heavenly Field state you’re in? Why would you try to stop it? Wouldn’t that mean that you’re going against your world?”

To that, Gong Zhuo growled in a low voice, “The Chen Dynasty Emperor’s success might be a benefit to the Essence Xing World, but not to my Wanyun Association! Furthermore, the moment he ascends and helps the growth of our world, how much benefit would we be able to gain? The biggest fist calls the shots and if he really succeeds, we might not even be able to protect ourselves.”

“The Chen Dynasty already has a Sage. They have tons of experts, and the Chen Dynasty Emperor is at the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm. If not to reduce the karmic ties he has with your world, he might have already tried to ascend. Even though your cultivation isn’t bad, even with the support of the Wanyun Association and my help, wouldn’t we be powerless before the mighty dynasty?” Shang Xia frowned.

In a serious tone, Gong Zhuo continued, “How can my Wanyun Association be the only one thinking about this? Actually, the moment the Chen Dynasty Emperor ascends, there will be people much more nervous than us!”

“Are you talking about the Qi Dynasty?” Shang Xia asked after a short moment of silence.

Even though he sounded like he was asking a question, he seemed pretty certain.

Gong Zhuo nodded with a smile on his face. “Indeed... I can’t hide anything from you, Brother Shang. Sage Qi Jing’s lifespan is about to end and the Qi Dynasty Emperor revealed his cultivation to be at the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm, he is unable to take the final step. The Qi Dynasty’s Dao Field will definitely be a target for the Chen Dynasty Emperor. Once he offers an entire Dao Field to the world as a sacrifice, he would be able to reduce the risk of failure of his ascension to the very least. It’s much more effective than offering Elysiums, Holy Lands, or Mysterious Worlds.”

Shang Xia nodded while deep in thought. After some time, he muttered, “In that case, the Qi Dynasty Dao Field would be the Chen Dynasty Emperor’s target in order to weaken his binding to the world... If the Qi Dynasty Emperor is unable to protect the Dao Field, he will also lose the strongest support he has to break through to the Martial Emptiness Realm. Also, with the loss of their Dao Field, the Qi Dynasty will also cease to exist...”

“That is exactly why the 2 dynasties would be going head to head. All we need to do is to help to restrain a portion of the Chen Dynasty’s strength.” Gong Zhuo concluded.

However, Shang Xia asked another question. "What would happen if the Sage of the Chen Dynasty interfered?"

Gong Zhuo seemed to have expected the question and he replied extremely confidently, "It's a battle among True Immortals and their Sage wouldn't interfere easily. Also, there is another Sage in our world even if Sage Qi Jing passes. He won't be willing to watch a second Sage born in the Chen Dynasty."

Unlike Gong Zhuo, Shang Xia wasn't so optimistic. They hadn't reached the level of those beings and none of them knew how experts at that level thought. How could they predict what those experts would do?

Shang Xia also had a strong premonition that if they carried out their plan, they would suffer huge setbacks.

Of course, Shang Xia wouldn't reject Gong Zhuo's request right away. From a certain perspective, stopping the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension would also benefit his world and the Heaven Observation Field.

He knew he had to be extremely careful now that he was dealing with an Essence World. He had to retreat at the perfect time and even if there were great benefits sitting in front of him, he couldn't get greedy. He understood that he had to be careful above all else. No matter which factions were fighting, he was still an outsider!

"Since that's the case, we can start planning." Gong Zhuo revealed a look of joy after hearing how Shang Xia didn't outright reject his plan. "With Brother Shang's involvement, we will definitely be able to achieve great results!"

As a fifth tier True Immortal and the person in charge of the Wanyun Association, he was more than qualified to take part in such a massive undertaking.

Due to the damage they suffered when establishing the Wanyun Continent, the Wanyun Association was only left with an Elysium True Immortal and 2 first tier True Immortals. Even though Gong Zhuo was a fifth tier True Immortal, if he took part in the operations alone, he might not be able to gain great benefits. However, if he obtained Shang Xia's help who took part in their name, the outcome might be totally different.

Even in the Essence Xing World, there would only be 3 to 4 factions that would be able to send out 2 high-level True Immortals at once. Not to mention if their high-level True Immortals consisted of a fifth tier True Immortal and a suspected sixth tier expert. No one in the Essence Xing World would dare to look down on them.

As for Shang Xia being suppressed by the World's Will because of his identity... The large banner surrounding him after he entered the Wanyun Continent was enough to counter the suppression to a great extent.

He would even be able to transform his aura to pretend to be an aboriginal expert of the Essence Xing World. As long as he didn't go all out in a battle, his disguise wouldn't be destroyed.

Also, there was something else...

Shang Xia played with the Magnificent Talisman Records in his hand and asked casually, "Did Director Zhang really tell you to hand this to me without any other conditions?"

"Brother Shang, I believe that Director Zhang has already given you the inheritance of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and the way to craft the talisman paper we use, right? Other than not passing the slip to anyone else and imparting the knowledge within, you can do as you please." Gong Zhuo forced a chuckle.

"Oh? I see. Director Zhang is really generous!" Shang Xia played with the jade slip in his hand and felt Zhang Shun's sincerity through it.

After talking for such a long time, all Gong Zhuo wanted was to pull Shang Xia over to his side and make use of his strength.

Shang Xia wasn't unwilling to let others make use of his strength. As Gong Zhuo analyzed, stopping the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension would greatly reduce the threat to the Heaven Observation Field. However, he wasn't stupid enough to be made use of for free.

The Magnificent Talisman Records was something Zhang Shun used to compensate Shang Xia, and it had nothing to do with Gong Zhuo's invitation to challenge the Chen Dynasty.

Obtaining benefits was what mattered at the end of the day. What was more, Shang Xia would have to take a huge risk when taking part in the operation.

Gong Zhuo knew that it would be impossible to get Shang Xia to help him for free, but he didn't know how to entice Shang Xia. Eventually, he could only grit his teeth and mumble, "Brother Shang, what will it take for you to help us?"

Shang Xia laughed in response, "Brother Gong, does your Wanyun Association possess rank seven inheritances? I mean those that include the advancement formula..."

Gong Zhuo shook his head without hesitation. "Brother Shang, please don't joke around. Even without mentioning whether we have rank seven inheritances, even if we do, we can't use it to make a deal like this."

It was a casual question, and seeing how adamant Gong Zhuo was, he decided to no longer speak of it. Instead, he continued, "Brother Shang, what about the secret art that allows your city to float in the air?"

"This..." Gong Zhuo revealed a conflicted expression.

Shang Xia broke out into laughter again. "There's no need to worry about it. Brother Gong doesn't have to take me so seriously."

However, Gong Zhuo knew that he had already rejected Shang Xia's request once. If he did it again, the relationship between them would most likely sour, and he also guessed that Shang Xia had been after the secret art to establish a floating city the entire time.

*The Spirit Luxuriant World and our Essence Xing World aren't even in the same Heavenly Field... So what if I reveal this secret?*

Gong Zhuo thought for some time and he reached his hand out to stop Shang Xia from speaking further. "Wait. Brother Shang, I can provide the secret art to craft a floating city. However, you need to swear an oath that the secret art will only stay in your faction, never to be revealed to others."

Shang Xia burst out laughing instantly. "Of course. How can I spread such a secret art so openly? The fewer people know about it, the better it will be for me!"

*Chapter 1449: \*Dramatic Intro Begins\**

"Huh?! Why are you back already?!" Xin Lu asked when she saw Shang Xia return. Even though she was confused, she revealed a joyful expression.

She was a Martial Dipper Realm expert and was also a Stargazer. However, she didn't have much experience traveling outside. Ever since Shang Xia left to infiltrate the Essence Xing World, she had been staying on the Earth Star worried that danger might arrive at any moment.

After seeing Shang Xia return, she couldn't contain the joy she was feeling.

However, Shang Xia was about to disappoint her really soon.

"There has been a change of plans. The situation in the Essence Xing World changed and I'm afraid I will need to stay here for a very long period of time. I don't know how long exactly, but it's going to be long..." Shang Xia glanced at Xin Lu and continued, "I will arrange for you to leave the Essence Xing Heavenly Field and head to the Chaotic Sea of Stars to meet up with Song Zhen and Yan Ming."

Xin Lu quickly asked, "Since you need to stay there for a long time... Can you bring me with you?"



Xin Lu understood her situation very well. Even though he might be staying in the Essence Xing World for a long time, she knew that there was nowhere safer than staying right beside an expert of his level.

Shang Xia hesitated slightly before shaking his head. “No.”

“Why not? Are you afraid my cultivation will be too low and will get in your way?” Xin Lu pouted, and he could hear the hidden bitterness in her voice.

Actually, Shang Xia was really planning to bring her along with him when he hesitated earlier. He thought that he would be able to hide her in the Wanyun Association and not worry about her safety, but he quickly decided against it.

Shang Xia explained patiently, “That’s not it. I just can’t let a Stargazer of the institution, especially one with the potential to become a Grand Stargazer, fall into the hands of any factions of the Essence Xing World.”

Xin Lu gasped and she didn’t know how to react to that.

Shang Xia could only continue, “Also, while staying in the Earth Star, you cannot reveal your identity as a Stargazer. Do you understand?”

“Fine...” Xin Lu grumbled softly. She knew how serious the implications were.

Shang Xia sighed softly before chuckling with embarrassment, “I didn’t consider things through. However, after you meet Song Zhen, if you are willing, they will bring you over to a Star Pirate group called the Twin Star Pirates. You can be their navigator and there, you won’t have to worry about using your stargazing art. They will definitely do their best to protect you.”

After placating her, Shang Xia returned to the Wanyun Continent. This time, he had a token from the Wanyun Association and he had already concealed his aura. He was able to pass through the heavenly screen freely, and he managed to save a Six Direction Teleportation Talisman.

After he returned, he didn’t follow Gong Zhuo to take action immediately. He would act as a hidden trump card of the Wanyun Association and would only make a move at a critical moment.

Gong Zhuo left the Wanyun Association and rushed out in high spirits. Shang Xia remained in a secluded courtyard in the Wanyun Continent, once again beginning his talisman crafting journey.

Naturally, the Wanyun Association was the one to provide the talisman paper and other resources. With his high success rate, he would be able to keep some talismans for himself.



The Wanyun Association obviously hoped that they would be able to get their hands on more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans from him as they used up everything they had during the invasion on the Spirit Dawn World.

Due to the rift between them, they were unable to request Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans from Shang Xia after establishing their continent.

With both sides burying the hatchet, how could the Wanyun Association give up the amazing opportunity where Shang Xia was in the Wanyun Continent to craft talismans? They didn't bother about anything else as they sent him resources without end.

After Zhang Shun handed over the inheritance to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans, the Tongyou Institution had already been attempting to craft the special talisman paper under Ren Huan's lead. Due to their lack of experience, the success rate had never been high.

When Shang Xia entered seclusion in the Star Beast Nest, Ren Huan and the Talisman Hall managed to hand over 7 sheets of special talisman paper. 3 of them were used to experiment fusing Variant Talismans and he only managed to complete 2 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

Now that he decided to craft talismans in the Wanyun Association, they provided 16 sheets of talisman paper right away. Shang Xia's hands became itchy and he couldn't help but want to craft a few more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. The only concern he had was that according to the agreement of 3 talisman papers in exchange for a single completed talisman, even if he used up most of the talisman paper, a majority of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans would belong to the Wanyun Association...

Whatever it was, he laid down several formations around his courtyard before starting to craft talismans.

As he was crafting talismans, he received a transmission from Gong Zhuo mentioning how the operation had begun.

At the same time, the Wanyun Association would also send over news from time to time to report the movements of other smaller factions in the Essence Xing World.

Shang Xia didn't look too deeply into the information that was sent, but it was clear to him that they were preparing to do something big. More accurately, they were waiting for Qi Jing's lifespan to come to an end.

He couldn't help but sigh. No matter what, he had already been dragged into the storm. The only thing he was afraid of was Qi Jing doing something right at the very end of his lifespan.

Qi Jing was a mighty third tier Martial Emptiness Realm Sage. He was the strongest among the Sages in the Essence Xing World, and that was also why the various factions had been marking their preparations in case anything went wrong. They didn't dare to do it too obviously, and the stronger their factions were, the smaller the disturbance they caused. They were afraid that they would catch the attention of the Qi Dynasty and be buried with Qi Jing.

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Having spent the entire time, Shang Xia used the first 9 sheets of special rank six talisman paper to craft 5 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

According to their agreement, 3 of the talismans would belong to the Wanyun Association while the rest would belong to Shang Xia.

After adjusting his mental state and restoring some energy, he continued to craft talismans with the remaining 7 and completed 4 Myriad tinted Cloud Talismans, bagging 2 for himself.

Perhaps it was because he lacked a sense of security as it was somewhere he wasn't familiar with, but Shang Xia barely managed to maintain an acceptable success rate for himself.

With that, he created 9 talismans from 16 sheets of talisman paper, keeping 4 for himself. With what he brought with him from the Star Beast nest, he had 5 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans in total.

Having so many peak-tier rank six talismans at his disposal, Shang Xia felt a lot safer in an instant.

However, the feeling didn't last for too long. As the skies darkened, the world was covered in rays of brilliant light that only dissipated after an hour.

The density of heaven and earth qi in the Essence Xing World started to rise, and everything that contained inner qi felt it flowing quicker in their bodies. Shang Xia was no exception.

That very moment, even if Shang Xia didn't receive any reports, he knew what had happened. Qi Jing, the third tier Martial Emptiness Realm Sage, has passed!

*Chapter 1450: Little Sneaky Boy Back At It Again*

Shang Xia had seen a True Immortal falling, and he was taken aback by the heavenly phenomena that was produced.

He wondered what kind of disturbance a Sage would cause...

It was the day he was finally going to witness it for himself. At the same time, he was going to experience firsthand the aftermath.

Tossing aside the rays of brilliant light that brought warmth to everything it touched, the density of heaven and earth qi in the Essence Xing World rose so sharply that Shang Xia was surprised.

One had to know that they were already on an Essence World. The Essence Xing World could also be considered much stronger than the average Essence World. There was also a need to note that the Qi Dynasty wouldn't allow the remnant energy from the death of Qi Jing to spread to the outside world, placing huge formations to contain as much as they could. For a Dao Field, the energy would be better used to nourish themselves, and they could even use it to allow the Qi Dynasty Emperor to attempt a breakthrough to the Martial Emptiness Realm!

The death of Qi Jing was no doubt a signal flare for the other factions to put their plans into motion.

It was a shame that the energy overflowed from the Qi Dynasty and filled the world, creating such a majestic sight.

What Shang Xia found to be a pity was that he was too far away from the Qi Dynasty. The remnant energy produced from the death of the Sage failed to reach him completely. At his current level and accumulations, he was able to examine the energy that was produced that came from the late Sage.

“At least I didn't come in vain.” Shang Xia sighed helplessly to himself. “However, the factions of the Essence Xing World have probably started to make their move. Gong Zhuo's transmission should be arriving soon...”

As if on cue a stream of light tore through the south and landed in his hands.

Shang Xia scanned through the information recorded within and he couldn't help but gasp while mumbling to himself, “So this is what he plans to do. Interesting...”

“However, all of them seem to have forgotten something... With the death of Sage Qi Jing, the energy contained in his body would return to the world. The Essence Xing World would be the greatest benefactor from the sudden influx of energy!” Shang Xia already came up with a plan on what to do. From what he was seeing, his plan didn't interfere with what Gong Zhuo wanted to do. Whatever it was, he would be able to interfere with the Chen Dynasty Emperor and the Qi Dynasty Emperor anyway. After all, if he messed with the World Origin Source, they would have to use it while ascending and he would thus be able to screw up their plans.

For an outsider like Shang Xia, that was also the perfect time for him to take action! He even felt that he would let down Sage Qi Jing if he didn't do anything at the moment.

As for what Gong Zhuo wanted to do by cooperating with the other powers... Shang Xia could pretty much guess. After receiving the transmission, he became even more certain.

He wasn't too optimistic about their plan anyway, and he was even about to sneer and spit at it if he could. He felt that they really thought the emperors of the 2 super dynasties only concerned the dynasties and the remaining 2 Sages would just sit by idly and watch those True Immortals do as they wished.

According to Shang Xia, since Qi Jing passed due to his lifespan ending leaving a power vacuum in the Essence Xing World, the other Sages would definitely make their moves to prevent the situation from going out of hand.

The conflict between the emperors of the dynasties was something they were allowing to happen. After all, Qi Jing might also have had a hand in that before he died.

Shang Xia wouldn't expect Qi Jing not to leave behind anything after knowing that his life was about to come to an end. In fact, everything that was happening was probably something Qi Jing had fought for before he died.

If Gong Zhuo and other True Immortals tried to fuck with the process, they might very well draw some unwanted attention to their factions!

After thinking about the consequences, Shang Xia made up his mind to work alone. He didn't wish to easily expose his involvement to the Sages.

Fortunately, Shang Xia still held on to his principles. He might have made a move on the World Origin Source of the Essence Xing World, but he didn't do anything to the Wanyun Continent.

The banner made from the heavenly screen fragment wrapped itself around him, allowing him to conceal his identity as he flew towards the central continents of the Essence Xing World. When he arrived, he could feel the heightened intensity of the effects after Qi Jing died.

He didn't stop for too long. Instead, he turned to another direction and flew to a certain location where the borders of the 3 dynasties met. Due to its location, it was a buffer region the 3 dynasties agreed upon.

A buffer region was one way to call it, but it actually maintained a strange sense of balance. Every dynasty wanted to control it, but none of them were able to claim it for their own. Everything was chaotic there, forming a strange equilibrium.

With the death of Qi Jing, the peace of the region that was called the 'Dynasties Edge', was broken!

As several people with hidden intentions started to cause trouble, a massive war was waged outside the Qi Dynasty Dao Field and the chaos quickly spread to the Dynasties Edge.

Shang Xia successfully entered the chaotic region because of that and with his current cultivation, as long as he didn't wish for anyone to discover him, there was practically no one who could notice his tracks.

What was more, a good portion of the Essence Xing World had been drawn to the battle that would determine the control of the Qi Dynasty Dao Field. The trouble brewing in Dynasties Edge couldn't catch their attention. They felt that as long as the dynasties decided to put a stop to the chaos, they would be able to stomp it out any second.

However, that was exactly where Shang Xia wanted to make his move. He would take the chance when the Sages' senses were dulled due to the powerful fluctuations of the World Origin Source to openly steal world origin!

If anyone else was in his shoes, creating some sort of connection to the World Origin Source might not be difficult, but controlling and moving it as he wished wouldn't be possible. In order to do something like that, one would need a Holy Land at the very least, or some sort of powerful grand formation. It wasn't something that could be created in an instant.

However, that was Shang Xia, the monster who had the Crimson Soul Tablet!

Using his Five Element Movement Art to hide hundreds of feet in the earth, he laid down some simple concealment formations before raising his hand to tap his glabella. A small phantom of a tablet appeared, and it was 3 inches or so long. He didn't hesitate to stab it straight in the ground below.

Shang Xia's divine soul sank into the world through the tablet, and in an instant, he felt the mighty existence of the World Origin Source.

No... Actually, he felt 3 distinct separated seas of world origin!

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*Chapter 1444: Buy 0 Get Many Free*

Hai Yuanyuan had a superior affinity for the five elements and she used the process of Chu Jia's construction of the Five Element Teleportation Formation to refine her fate dippers. Her starting point was higher than Shang Xia who was mucking his way about to learn about the essence of the five elements back then.

With her constant growth, the problems she faced in her cultivation was also getting a lot more obvious.

She needed to refine fate dipper essences of the five elements, and as she grew stronger, she should also be able to refine them faster. If she didn't find a way to refine more of them, her cultivation would stagnate and even show signs of regressing.

It was extremely simple for her to solve the problem. That was to enter the weaker streams of space to condense fate dipper essences. However, that was exactly where the danger lay.

Since it was her path of cultivation, she had to do it herself. No one would be able to help her. Otherwise, her future progress would be affected and that was also why Shang Xia didn't try to do anything.

Knowing full well the condition behind her advancement, Shang Xia had been thinking of methods the entire time. However, he failed to come up with anything and only after coming up with the sixth move of his Six Harmony Rod Technique did he vaguely have a clue on how to proceed.

After a lot of experiments, he created a new talisman called the Heaven Liberation Talisman after gaining inspiration from the creation of his External Avatar.

Hai Yuanyuan played with the talisman and mumbled, "Uncle, is this talisman really so special that I can borrow some of your strength?"

Shang Xia nodded, but he spoke seriously the next moment, "Let's be clear on one thing. You will be making use of my power, and my soul will not descend to help you. This is an extremely important point you need to take note of."

Hai Yuanyuan could tell how serious Shang Xia was and she didn't joke around either. She continued to ask, "That would mean that I will be in control, right?"

"Yes." Shang Xia nodded and knew that she understood his meaning.

"How long will its effects last and how far can I be?" Hai Yuanyuan asked again.

Shang Xia chuckled in response, "If we're outside the Spirit Luxuriant World, you can pretty much go anywhere you like before you enter the chaotic streams. However, we're no longer in the Heaven Observation Field and this is the region of chaotic space. Don't run too far. Just head out far enough for you to cultivate."

After he spoke, Shang Xia retrieved another artifact that resembled a compass and handed it to her. "This is a Star Observation Compass. It was damaged, but Xin Lu fixed it. You should bring it with you to ensure you will be able to locate the Star Beast Nest."

“Is it really that amazing? With the talisman you gave me, wouldn’t that mean that nothing can go wrong?” Hai Yuanyuan gasped. She was a powerful Martial Dipper Realm expert and she knew the worth of those treasures.

“That might be an exaggeration, but with Xin Lu and her Star Platform here, you should be able to communicate with us with the compass. At the very least, if you’re lost in the chaotic streams, it will be easier for me to locate you.” Shang Xia explained.

Hai Yuanyuan simply rolled her eyes at him. She knew he was downplaying the ability of the compass so she would be more careful.

However, Shang Xia continued seriously, “Danger is everywhere in the streams of chaotic space. If you’re not careful, you might be swept to some unknown region. You better not head out too far. Otherwise, I won’t be able to save you if anything happens.”

A light flashed in Hai Yuanyuan’s eyes suddenly. “Right, are you going to leave soon? “

“I might leave, but the power contained in your Heaven Liberation Talisman should work anyway. My External Avatar is also a source of my strength>” Shang Xia didn’t hide his intention to head out from her.

Even after hearing his reassurance, she suddenly felt the need to be a lot more careful. If Shang Xia was personally stationed in the Star Beast Nest, she wouldn’t be afraid of anything! However, if it was his External Avatar... She felt that even though his External Avatar had high-level True Immortal combat strength, he wouldn’t be comparable to his true body. However, she also knew how important his mission to head out was and he couldn’t keep himself cooped up in the Star Beast Nest because of her.

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Shang Xia cultivated a little more in the Star Beast Nest and learned more about the current situation in the Heaven Observation Field before sending another batch of talismans back. At the same time, he sent back his Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush.

Ever since he completed the fusion of 5 Variant Talismans, the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush suffered heavy damage. Because of his heavy usage, the brush was showing signs of cracking.

Clearly, he wouldn’t be able to use it well before it was restored. Even after they tried to fix it, it wouldn’t be as good as before.

If it was sent to be fixed several more times in the future, the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush might not even be a divine artifact for long.

Whatever it was, artifacts weren’t indestructible. The more they were used, the more damage would accumulate. Divine artifacts and even Holy Artifacts were no exception.



Fortunately, Shang Xia still had the Greenwood Wolf Bristle Brush. It was also a divine grade brush and it was even slightly better than the Silver Branch Star Splendor Brush. It would be enough for the time being.

Shang Xia brought any talisman he thought he would need before summoning Xin Lu. He decided to bring her over to the Essence Xing World.

“Here, take any rank four or rank five talisman you think you might need. Even though I’ll be protecting you while we travel, you still need to ensure you can protect yourself.” Shang Xia handed a bunch of talismans to her under her shocked gaze. In the end, he even took out a True Space Restriction Palm Talisman and an Ice Ruins Talisman to hand to her. They were of the offensive and defensive properties respectively and he felt that they might come in handy.

“These 2 rank six talismans are your true trump cards. It’s not that I don’t have better ones, but you won’t be able to make full use of them with your cultivation level.” Shang Xia mumbled.

“Huh? Oh... Oh!” Xin Lu snapped back to reality before stuttering, “Aren’t these... Aren’t they too precious?”

“Since we’re heading to another world, you need to ensure your safety above all else.” Shang Xia laughed.

Other than the rank six talismans he handed her, he brought along a Void Capture Talisman, 2 Six Direction Teleportation Talismans, a Golden Phoenix Leaving Flame Talisman, a Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman, and the newly made Fusion Talisman that was made with 5 Variant Talismans. He left the other Fusion Talisman of 3 Variant Talismans with his External Avatar before sending all the other talismans he had back to the institution.

As he headed out of the Star Beast Nest with Xin Lu, both of them stared into the chaotic streams and Xin Lu gulped, “How... How are we going to head out of here? Are we flying through this?”

Shang Xia looked at her with a smile that didn’t seem like a smile before waving his hand once. A miniature model of a Star Ship emerged from his sleeves before expanding slightly. It became several feet long and hovered in the void.

“Get in.” Shang Xia stepped onto the Star Ship before gesturing for Xin Lu to do the same.

*Chapter 1445: I’m Back*

The void around the Essence Xing World was vast. Shang Xia experienced how big it actually was when he tried looking for it.

After interacting with Zhang Shun, Gong Zhuo, Feng Nanze, and others, he understood that during the rise of the Essence Xing World, they destroyed many other worlds around them and integrated others. Because of the constant growth, the void around the Essence Xing World also became rather massive. Shang Xia flew aimlessly around the void for a long time back then without catching sight of the Essence Xing World on his first attempt.

Due to their aggressive expansion, the Essence Xing World pretty much destroyed any world near them. Only those further away were integrated under their banner, and because of that, it was difficult for them to expand further in their current state.

The Essence Xing World was one of the strongest Essence Worlds Shang Xia had come across, but due to the lack of other worlds around them, they were unable to establish a proper Heavenly Field like the other worlds. They might possess the Essence Xing Heavenly Field, but any knowledgeable expert would be able to tell that it wasn't an actual Heavenly Field. It was supported by the Essence Xing World alone, and it was also the reason the Essence Xing World was in such desperate straits.

Shang Xia used the Star Ship he obtained from Dou Jie to quickly fly through the chaotic streams, rushing in the direction of the Essence Xing World. After they exited the chaotic streams to the peaceful space around, Shang Xia took a huge detour in order to not attract any attention. After that, they started to fly towards the Earth Star most experts from the Chaotic Sea of Stars would choose to go.

After they settled down on the Earth Star, Shang Xia raised his head to look at the heavenly screen of the Essence Xing World in the distance. It might not be his first time seeing such a majestic heavenly screen, but he still stared at it in awe.

Xin Lu, who was beside him, was utterly dumbfounded by what she was seeing.

"Are you able to locate the Stargazer of the Essence Xing World?" Shang Xia asked.

The reason an Essence World was called an Essence World wasn't just because of its size. The strength of their heavenly screen was also the reason, along with the power of the World's Will.

Back in the Star Beast Nest, Xin Lu was able to easily detect his presence because he was right outside. Now that he had returned to the Essence Xing World and had the protection of the heavenly screen, she might not be able to do the same.

Shang Xia's question caused her to snap back to reality. After composing herself, she muttered hesitantly, "I... I need to make some preparations. However, I feel like I should be able to find him. Moreover, I also have this!"

She brought out a new Star Observation Compass and waved it in front of Shang Xia before keeping it again.

The compass was different from the one Shang Xia had previously. Xin Lu returned to obtain another Star Observation Compass from Yuan Qiuyuan when Shang Xia was still in seclusion, and she repaired the compass Shang Xia originally had and he gifted it to Hai Yuanyuan before he left.

“This isn’t the Star Beast Nest. You better be careful when locating him. If anything goes wrong, the Essence Xing World will probably hunt us down.” Shang Xia reminded her.

With a soft chuckle, Xin Lu replied, “I know. Also, I won’t cause such a huge commotion during my preparation phase. Oh, but...”

“What?” Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and stared at her in confusion.

“Even if I manage to locate the Stargazer or even their Star Observatory, what do you plan to do next? Are you going to infiltrate their world and destroy it? Wouldn’t it be a little too much? They can’t threaten our Spirit Luxuriant World anyway...” Xin Lu laughed.

Shang Xia shook his head and explained, “Rather than our Spirit Luxuriant World, the Essence Xing World is probably more interested in the gap in the Star Curtain. They probably wish to enter the Heaven Observation Field before the other worlds or powers out there.”

Xin Lu wondered out loud, “But... Stargazers don’t have the ability to find the gap in the Star Curtain.”

Shang Xia shook his head with a solemn expression, “How do you know they don’t have Grand Stargazers? What if they only brought out a Stargazer to hoodwink everyone else?”

Seeing the look of disdain on Xin Lu’s face, Shang Xia continued, “We can’t be too careful, and we can’t gamble with the safety of the Heaven Observation Field. If they really find a gap in the Star Curtain, the 3 Martial Emptiness Realm Sages will most definitely go all out and personally take part in the invasion. They will send out all the experts of their worlds and when that happens, our Spirit Luxuriant World will definitely bear the brunt of their invasion.”

Xin Lu also turned serious after hearing his explanation. “I understand. I will locate the Star Observatory as soon as possible.”

Shang Xia nodded slowly. He gave her a few more instructions before leaving his residence.

Returning to the Essence Xing World again, Shang Xia could feel a sense of familiarity calling out to him.

In the following days, he strolled around the Earth Star and tried to probe out the changes in their world.

It had been 5 to 6 years since Shang Xia followed the Wanyun Association's fleet to the Spirit Dawn World. Since the Wanyun Association dragged their world fragment back, they established a continent for themselves and gained a foothold in the world. That prompted a series of changes in the Essence Xing World.

The experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World had also been probing out the situation in the Essence Xing World from the merchant groups that would come, but the merchants seemed to have already been ordered not to give out any proper information. As such, Shang Xia was unable to learn too much about the situation inside the Essence Xing World. There was even some conflicting information which made it difficult to make a proper conclusion. Now that he had personally arrived, he was able to verify it for himself.

"The Qi Dynasty's Sage is probably about to reach the end of his lifespan."

"Also, the situation in the Chen Dynasty seems to be the most tense. However, since their Sage is still perfectly fine, the various factions located in their territory should be the ones trembling in fear. The Chen Dynasty Emperor had been placing immense pressure on them, sucking them dry."

"The Yu Dynasty in the south seems to be the most peaceful. It maintained a stance of neutrality, regardless of the actions of the other dynasties."

"Unlike what was happening with the dynasties, the Wanyun Association's establishment of the Wanyun Continent greatly impacted their foundations. However, their influence in the Essence Xing World was also limited."

"Maybe the lifespan of the Qi Dynasty's Sage will be the key to set everything off and the Qi Dynasty Emperor's ascension to the Martial Emptiness Realm will also determine many things..."

#### *Chapter 1446: Meeting Gong Zhuo Again*

As Shang Xia went around the Earth Star gathering information, he would verify it with what he had heard. He started to gain a clearer picture of what was happening within.

When he returned, Xin Lu brought good news. She managed to locate an approximate area where the Star Observatory might be.

"I learned how the continents are distributed in the Essence Xing World and those weren't a secret. I think that the Star Observator should be located on the Cheng Continent north of the Chen Dynasty. It's a region of elevated land there and the weather is clear all year round. It's the best place for them to build the Star

Observatory.” Xin Lu explained and brought out the Star Compass and a jade pendant. “After you enter the Cheng Continent, you will be able to locate the Star Observatory with the pendant the moment they try to use any stargazing art.”

“Not bad.” Shang Xia praised as he took the pendant.

Xin Lu’s expression changed slightly and she gnashed her teeth while asking, “Are you really going to infiltrate their world?”

Raising his head, Shang Xia replied in a low voice, “Yes.”

“But... They have 3 Martial Emptiness Realm Sages...” Xin Lu couldn’t help but remind him.

Before she could say more, Shang Xia laughed and interrupted her, “They will have to locate me if they wish to try anything.”

After he spoke, he turned to her and instructed in a low voice, “Wait here for 3 months. If I’m not out by then, you should find a way to leave. You know about Song Zhen’s merchant group and they would come from time to time. As long as you find them, hand them our token and remember our code phrase.” After speaking, he also informed her about the secret code they used.

As he saw her nodding silently, he seemed to have thought of something else and he took out a talisman from his sleeves. “This is called the Heaven Liberation Talisman. If you run into danger around the Essence Xing World, you will be able to use my strength and allow you to gain combat strength comparable to a True Immortal. Of course, it would be for the best if you didn’t have to use it. Once you leave the vicinity of the Essence Xing World, this talisman will not be effective.”

Xin Lu revealed a shocked expression while looking at the talisman.

Shang Xia nodded slightly before he disappeared. When he reappeared, he had already arrived in the vicinity of the heavenly screen. With the activation of a Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, he entered the Essence Xing World.

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In the Wanyun Continent...

If it was said that the minimum requirement for a continent of an Essence World to be 10,000 miles wide, to reach a state of perfection at the level of an Essence World, the continent would have to reach the size of 20,000 miles!

The Wanyun Association obtained a piece of world fragment that was 30,000 miles wide after plundering the Spirit Dawn World. When they returned, they fused the world

fragment into their world to create the Wanyun Continent. The 30,000 miles wide world fragment contained 3 continents, and with the integration of the first, they managed to create a new continent that was barely shy of 8,000 miles. With the second, their Wanyun Continent surpassed 12,000 miles but because it became more difficult to expand. With the third, it reached a size of 16,000 miles.

The Essence Xing World was considered a peak-tier Essence World. There were many continents that had reached the state of perfection. There wasn't a single continent that was smaller than 15,000 miles.

With the establishment of the Wanyun Continent that was 16,000 miles, the Essence Xing World gained their 34th continent, which was also the weakest among the others.

Despite their weak foundations compared to the other continents, the Wanyun Association finally managed to obtain a foothold in their world. Compared to the other Elysiums who lowered their heads to the dynasties, no one lorded over the Wanyun Association!

Since they established the continent on their own, they didn't even need to worry about other factions messing around in their territory since they were the only overlords there!

The Wanyun Continent might not be large, but it was progressing in the correct direction.

Of course, they paid a huge price in order to obtain their very own continent.

Shang Xia infiltrated the Essence Xing World with his Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, and because of his powerful control over its effects, he appeared directly on the newly established Wanyun Continent.

Even though he used the Six Direction Teleportation Talisman, like before, he was still unable to hide his tracks completely from the Sages.

Fortunately for him, he had experience infiltrating their world, and being unable to hide his tracks completely didn't mean that they would be able to find him. They didn't have so much spare time to keep looking for an intruder in their world either and could only send True Immortals to search slowly.

The Essence Xing World was too massive and no one knew how many experts entered and left the heavenly screen every day. There were many intruders every day and they used all sorts of methods. There was no need to mention the Sages. Even True Immortals were used to finding people of other worlds.

Since Shang Xia chose the newly created Wanyun Continent that was out of the way, it would be even more difficult for them to find him.

He knew that the reason the Sages of the Essence Xing World placed so much emphasis on him back then was that he chose the wrong place to appear. Back then, he appeared at the borders of both dynasties, and there was a reason for them to suspect he was targeting them. As such, their search was a lot more thorough.

Choosing the territory of an Elysium would be much easier.

Actually, choosing a barren land or somewhere chaotic would reduce the risks of being hunted down even more, but Shang Xia clearly didn't care about what happened. He knew that if he entered the Wanyun Continent and concealed his aura, the members of the Wanyun Association wouldn't be able to tell that he had come.

Despite that, he didn't hide his aura once he arrived. Not too long after he appeared, he noticed a streak of light coming from the heart of the continent, flying straight at him.

Before waiting for the person to arrive, a straight light flashed in Shang Xia's eyes and he stared at the incoming light with a look as though he had expected as much.

"Brother Shang, it's been so long..." A familiar voice rang in his ears, and it belonged to none other than Gong Zhuo of the Wanyun Association.

He was no longer a fourth tier True Immortal like before. He had already entered the level of Returning to the Origin, becoming far stronger than before!

*Chapter 1447: Rebirth From the Ashes*

"Brother Shang, it's been too long! Apologies for being late to welcome you." Gong Zhuo's voice rang in Shang Xia's ears as the streak of light approached.

"Heh, looks like I should be congratulating you for reaching the next level in cultivation and for your Wanyun Association to gain a footing in the Essence Xing World. It's a matter of time before your Wanyun Association rises to new heights." Shang Xia sneered. He wasn't surprised Gong Zhuo would be able to accurately locate him after he arrived.

However, it seemed as though Gong Zhuo had come alone, and the Wanyun Association didn't seem to make any preparations to attack. Their attitude was clearly laid out to Shang Xia.

Shang Xia knew their attitude towards him at the moment, but he didn't know how shocked Gong Zhuo was after seeing him. The complicated emotions on his face couldn't be hidden.

He had already entered the level of Returning to the Origin to become a fifth tier True Immortal, and he also had many treasures of the Wanyun Association on him, but he failed to see through Shang Xia's cultivation.



One had to know that they were in the Essence Xing World at the moment! No matter what, Shang Xia's cultivation should have been suppressed by the World's Will because he was an expert from another world.

Even if he had a method to avoid the suppression of the World's Will, for Gong Zhuo not to be able to see through his cultivation could only mean one thing. His cultivation had far surpassed Gong Zhuo! That could only mean that...

*Is he a sixth tier True Immortal?! Or did he already surpass that level?*

*He should have barely entered the sixth tier, but...*

He was shocked by Shang Xia's speed of progression and he wondered if he ran into some sort of opportunity after being left behind to fend for himself. No matter what, he couldn't think of a reason for Shang Xia's explosive growth.

"True Immortal Gong, is something the matter?" Shang Xia's senses were sharp and he could easily tell that Gong Zhuo was stuck in a daze.

If he had any bad intentions, he would have taken the opportunity to carry out a sneak attack earlier. Killing Gong Zhuo in a single blow wouldn't be impossible and even if he didn't slay the True Immortal, heavily injuring him would be easy.

Gong Zhuo quickly snapped back to reality and forced a chuckle. "I am shocked every time I see you, Brother Shang. I thought that I would be able to close the gap between us after my improvement, but alas... I'm ashamed of even thinking about it!"

Shang Xia laughed once and the awkward air between them disappeared instantly. He continued, "Brother Gong, you're exaggerating. I only managed to grow stronger because I was lucky. Why don't I see Director Zhang?"

Shang Xia entered the Essence Xing World to seek an explanation from the Wanyun Association for their betrayal back then and he wasn't surprised Zhang Shun was avoiding him. He also pretty much expected them to send Gong Zhuo out to ease the tension because of the relationship between them, but even so, Shang Xia didn't detect a trace of Zhang Shun's presence in the Wanyun Continent which made him a little suspicious.

Gong Zhuo's expression sank and he muttered, "After the establishment of the Wanyun Continent, Director Zhang passed while in seated meditation. I know that Director Zhang made a mistake and left you to fend for yourself in the streams of chaotic space outside the Essence Ling Heavenly Field, causing you to fall into danger, but... Everything happened in the past and Director Zhang is no longer with us. I hope Brother Shang can forgive us and not vent your frustrations on our Wanyun Association."

After he spoke, he took out a jade strip and handed it to Shang Xia. "This is our Wanyun Association's Magnificent Talisman Records. It's something Director Zhang instructed me to give you before he passed. The person who created the Magnificent Talisman Records is the senior who came up with the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and it contains all his knowledge in the dao of talismans. Other than the talisman inheritances, all his experience has also been noted down. A portion of those concern the Martial Emptiness Realm. Director Zhang wanted to use these as compensation to ask for your forgiveness."

Shang Xia didn't show too much emotion, but he didn't reject the jade slip.

Also, from the way they called the senior who created the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman. They didn't call him their ancestor, which was odd.

Holding the slip in hand, Shang Xia revealed a complicated expression and muttered, "Director Zhang has strong foundations in his foundation and he's barely a step away from entering the sixth tier. After establishing the 34th continent of the Essence Xing World, he should have received the blessing of the World's Will. How did he die so suddenly?"

A trace of anger flashed in Gong Zhuo's eyes and his voice was low as he growled, "How can the others watch as we establish the continent without doing anything? How can they not wish to obtain any benefits from our actions?"

A guess formed in Shang Xia's mind, but he continued to ask, "The establishment of another continent benefits the world... How can someone try to stop you?"

"Of course there are some who refuse to see others doing well. If they could obtain such a massive world fragment for themselves, they would be able to greatly reduce their burden. They would be able to free themselves from the binding of the world and find a little more success when breaking through to the Martial Emptiness Realm." Gong Zhuo spat with barely concealed killing intent.

"Are you talking about the Chen Dynasty Emperor?" Shang Xia didn't care too much. He simply spoke the name out loud. However, he continued to ask in a strange voice, "Since they wished to fight for the world fragment, why didn't their Sage make a move?"

Gong Zhuo snorted coldly, "If a Sage made a move, they wouldn't be able to get rid of their karmic ties with the world. Instead, it would grow even stronger. Also, the others wouldn't allow their Sage to do as he wished. However, even without a Sage making his move, my Wanyun Association still paid a huge price. Not long after the Wanyun Continent took shape, Director Zhang succumbed to his wounds."

Shang Xia nodded slowly. "In that case, Brother Gong, you're in charge now, right?"

Gong Zhuo didn't deny it, and he simply continued, "Right now is when my Wanyun Association is at its weakest. Even though I managed to become a fifth tier True Immortal, the number of True Immortals we have is extremely pitiful. Other than our Elysium True Immortal, the other 2 are first tier True Immortals who recently advanced. We don't even have the prestige of an Elysium any longer..."

Shang Xia didn't respond. After all, the Tongyou Institution was also an Elysium-level power, but they also only had 4 True Immortals...

The difference between an Essence World and a Spirit World was clearly displayed at that moment.

Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and he asked, "Does anyone else know about Director Zhang's death?"

Gong Zhuo sighed softly in response. "Brother Shang, looks like you noticed. Other than our Elysium True Immortal and myself, you're the third person to know. Everyone thinks that Director Zhang is attempting to break through to the sixth tier..."

He sighed softly again after speaking and continued, "Actually, after we escaped from the Chen Dynasty's territory, Director Zhang had already suffered hidden injuries. He used some sort of secret art to suppress it during our expedition to the Spirit Dawn World, but it became even more serious after the battle to establish the Wanyun Continent."

Shang Xia knew what Gong Zhuo was planning to ask next, but he still pressed on with his line of questioning, "Brother Gong, what do you plan to do next?"

Straightening his back, Gong Zhuo looked at Shang Xia with a profound gaze before asking in a serious tone, "I hope Brother Shang can help me to prevent the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension!"

*Chapter 1448: The Real Behemoths*

"I hope Brother Shang can help me to prevent the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension! At the same time, you can protect the safety of your Spirit Luxuriant World!" Gong Zhuo didn't bother to hide what he knew about Shang Xia. At the same time, he took a deep bow.

"There's no need for that." Shang Xia quickly tilted his body to the side to avoid the bow before helping Gong Zhuo up. He laughed, "Brother Gong, why are you learning from others and scaring yourself? How will this matter concern the safety of my world?"

Gong Zhuo looked at the smile on Shang Xia's face that wasn't really a smile and explained, "Brother Shang, why ask when you already know the answer? The Chen Dynasty Emperor is trying to reduce the karmic ties between him and the world in order

to ascend, and the moment he succeeds, he will definitely set his sights on your Spirit Luxuriant World and the Heaven Observation Field.”

Shang Xia replied, “Wouldn’t the ascension of the Chen Dynasty Emperor assist your Essence Xing World in overcoming the strange Heavenly Field state you’re in? Why would you try to stop it? Wouldn’t that mean that you’re going against your world?”

To that, Gong Zhuo growled in a low voice, “The Chen Dynasty Emperor’s success might be a benefit to the Essence Xing World, but not to my Wanyun Association! Furthermore, the moment he ascends and helps the growth of our world, how much benefit would we be able to gain? The biggest fist calls the shots and if he really succeeds, we might not even be able to protect ourselves.”

“The Chen Dynasty already has a Sage. They have tons of experts, and the Chen Dynasty Emperor is at the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm. If not to reduce the karmic ties he has with your world, he might have already tried to ascend. Even though your cultivation isn’t bad, even with the support of the Wanyun Association and my help, wouldn’t we be powerless before the mighty dynasty?” Shang Xia frowned.

In a serious tone, Gong Zhuo continued, “How can my Wanyun Association be the only one thinking about this? Actually, the moment the Chen Dynasty Emperor ascends, there will be people much more nervous than us!”

“Are you talking about the Qi Dynasty?” Shang Xia asked after a short moment of silence.

Even though he sounded like he was asking a question, he seemed pretty certain.

Gong Zhuo nodded with a smile on his face. “Indeed... I can’t hide anything from you, Brother Shang. Sage Qi Jing’s lifespan is about to end and the Qi Dynasty Emperor revealed his cultivation to be at the grand completion stage of the Martial Void Realm, he is unable to take the final step. The Qi Dynasty’s Dao Field will definitely be a target for the Chen Dynasty Emperor. Once he offers an entire Dao Field to the world as a sacrifice, he would be able to reduce the risk of failure of his ascension to the very least. It’s much more effective than offering Elysiums, Holy Lands, or Mysterious Worlds.”

Shang Xia nodded while deep in thought. After some time, he muttered, “In that case, the Qi Dynasty Dao Field would be the Chen Dynasty Emperor’s target in order to weaken his binding to the world... If the Qi Dynasty Emperor is unable to protect the Dao Field, he will also lose the strongest support he has to break through to the Martial Emptiness Realm. Also, with the loss of their Dao Field, the Qi Dynasty will also cease to exist...”

“That is exactly why the 2 dynasties would be going head to head. All we need to do is to help to restrain a portion of the Chen Dynasty’s strength.” Gong Zhuo concluded.

However, Shang Xia asked another question. "What would happen if the Sage of the Chen Dynasty interfered?"

Gong Zhuo seemed to have expected the question and he replied extremely confidently, "It's a battle among True Immortals and their Sage wouldn't interfere easily. Also, there is another Sage in our world even if Sage Qi Jing passes. He won't be willing to watch a second Sage born in the Chen Dynasty."

Unlike Gong Zhuo, Shang Xia wasn't so optimistic. They hadn't reached the level of those beings and none of them knew how experts at that level thought. How could they predict what those experts would do?

Shang Xia also had a strong premonition that if they carried out their plan, they would suffer huge setbacks.

Of course, Shang Xia wouldn't reject Gong Zhuo's request right away. From a certain perspective, stopping the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension would also benefit his world and the Heaven Observation Field.

He knew he had to be extremely careful now that he was dealing with an Essence World. He had to retreat at the perfect time and even if there were great benefits sitting in front of him, he couldn't get greedy. He understood that he had to be careful above all else. No matter which factions were fighting, he was still an outsider!

"Since that's the case, we can start planning." Gong Zhuo revealed a look of joy after hearing how Shang Xia didn't outright reject his plan. "With Brother Shang's involvement, we will definitely be able to achieve great results!"

As a fifth tier True Immortal and the person in charge of the Wanyun Association, he was more than qualified to take part in such a massive undertaking.

Due to the damage they suffered when establishing the Wanyun Continent, the Wanyun Association was only left with an Elysium True Immortal and 2 first tier True Immortals. Even though Gong Zhuo was a fifth tier True Immortal, if he took part in the operations alone, he might not be able to gain great benefits. However, if he obtained Shang Xia's help who took part in their name, the outcome might be totally different.

Even in the Essence Xing World, there would only be 3 to 4 factions that would be able to send out 2 high-level True Immortals at once. Not to mention if their high-level True Immortals consisted of a fifth tier True Immortal and a suspected sixth tier expert. No one in the Essence Xing World would dare to look down on them.

As for Shang Xia being suppressed by the World's Will because of his identity... The large banner surrounding him after he entered the Wanyun Continent was enough to counter the suppression to a great extent.

He would even be able to transform his aura to pretend to be an aboriginal expert of the Essence Xing World. As long as he didn't go all out in a battle, his disguise wouldn't be destroyed.

Also, there was something else...

Shang Xia played with the Magnificent Talisman Records in his hand and asked casually, "Did Director Zhang really tell you to hand this to me without any other conditions?"

"Brother Shang, I believe that Director Zhang has already given you the inheritance of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talisman and the way to craft the talisman paper we use, right? Other than not passing the slip to anyone else and imparting the knowledge within, you can do as you please." Gong Zhuo forced a chuckle.

"Oh? I see. Director Zhang is really generous!" Shang Xia played with the jade slip in his hand and felt Zhang Shun's sincerity through it.

After talking for such a long time, all Gong Zhuo wanted was to pull Shang Xia over to his side and make use of his strength.

Shang Xia wasn't unwilling to let others make use of his strength. As Gong Zhuo analyzed, stopping the Chen Dynasty Emperor's ascension would greatly reduce the threat to the Heaven Observation Field. However, he wasn't stupid enough to be made use of for free.

The Magnificent Talisman Records was something Zhang Shun used to compensate Shang Xia, and it had nothing to do with Gong Zhuo's invitation to challenge the Chen Dynasty.

Obtaining benefits was what mattered at the end of the day. What was more, Shang Xia would have to take a huge risk when taking part in the operation.

Gong Zhuo knew that it would be impossible to get Shang Xia to help him for free, but he didn't know how to entice Shang Xia. Eventually, he could only grit his teeth and mumble, "Brother Shang, what will it take for you to help us?"

Shang Xia laughed in response, "Brother Gong, does your Wanyun Association possess rank seven inheritances? I mean those that include the advancement formula..."

Gong Zhuo shook his head without hesitation. "Brother Shang, please don't joke around. Even without mentioning whether we have rank seven inheritances, even if we do, we can't use it to make a deal like this."



It was a casual question, and seeing how adamant Gong Zhuo was, he decided to no longer speak of it. Instead, he continued, "Brother Shang, what about the secret art that allows your city to float in the air?"

"This..." Gong Zhuo revealed a conflicted expression.

Shang Xia broke out into laughter again. "There's no need to worry about it. Brother Gong doesn't have to take me so seriously."

However, Gong Zhuo knew that he had already rejected Shang Xia's request once. If he did it again, the relationship between them would most likely sour, and he also guessed that Shang Xia had been after the secret art to establish a floating city the entire time.

*The Spirit Luxuriant World and our Essence Xing World aren't even in the same Heavenly Field... So what if I reveal this secret?*

Gong Zhuo thought for some time and he reached his hand out to stop Shang Xia from speaking further. "Wait. Brother Shang, I can provide the secret art to craft a floating city. However, you need to swear an oath that the secret art will only stay in your faction, never to be revealed to others."

Shang Xia burst out laughing instantly. "Of course. How can I spread such a secret art so openly? The fewer people know about it, the better it will be for me!"

*Chapter 1449: \*Dramatic Intro Begins\**

"Huh?! Why are you back already?!" Xin Lu asked when she saw Shang Xia return. Even though she was confused, she revealed a joyful expression.

She was a Martial Dipper Realm expert and was also a Stargazer. However, she didn't have much experience traveling outside. Ever since Shang Xia left to infiltrate the Essence Xing World, she had been staying on the Earth Star worried that danger might arrive at any moment.

After seeing Shang Xia return, she couldn't contain the joy she was feeling.

However, Shang Xia was about to disappoint her really soon.

"There has been a change of plans. The situation in the Essence Xing World changed and I'm afraid I will need to stay here for a very long period of time. I don't know how long exactly, but it's going to be long..." Shang Xia glanced at Xin Lu and continued, "I will arrange for you to leave the Essence Xing Heavenly Field and head to the Chaotic Sea of Stars to meet up with Song Zhen and Yan Ming."

Xin Lu quickly asked, "Since you need to stay there for a long time... Can you bring me with you?"



Xin Lu understood her situation very well. Even though he might be staying in the Essence Xing World for a long time, she knew that there was nowhere safer than staying right beside an expert of his level.

Shang Xia hesitated slightly before shaking his head. “No.”

“Why not? Are you afraid my cultivation will be too low and will get in your way?” Xin Lu pouted, and he could hear the hidden bitterness in her voice.

Actually, Shang Xia was really planning to bring her along with him when he hesitated earlier. He thought that he would be able to hide her in the Wanyun Association and not worry about her safety, but he quickly decided against it.

Shang Xia explained patiently, “That’s not it. I just can’t let a Stargazer of the institution, especially one with the potential to become a Grand Stargazer, fall into the hands of any factions of the Essence Xing World.”

Xin Lu gasped and she didn’t know how to react to that.

Shang Xia could only continue, “Also, while staying in the Earth Star, you cannot reveal your identity as a Stargazer. Do you understand?”

“Fine...” Xin Lu grumbled softly. She knew how serious the implications were.

Shang Xia sighed softly before chuckling with embarrassment, “I didn’t consider things through. However, after you meet Song Zhen, if you are willing, they will bring you over to a Star Pirate group called the Twin Star Pirates. You can be their navigator and there, you won’t have to worry about using your stargazing art. They will definitely do their best to protect you.”

After placating her, Shang Xia returned to the Wanyun Continent. This time, he had a token from the Wanyun Association and he had already concealed his aura. He was able to pass through the heavenly screen freely, and he managed to save a Six Direction Teleportation Talisman.

After he returned, he didn’t follow Gong Zhuo to take action immediately. He would act as a hidden trump card of the Wanyun Association and would only make a move at a critical moment.

Gong Zhuo left the Wanyun Association and rushed out in high spirits. Shang Xia remained in a secluded courtyard in the Wanyun Continent, once again beginning his talisman crafting journey.

Naturally, the Wanyun Association was the one to provide the talisman paper and other resources. With his high success rate, he would be able to keep some talismans for himself.

The Wanyun Association obviously hoped that they would be able to get their hands on more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans from him as they used up everything they had during the invasion on the Spirit Dawn World.

Due to the rift between them, they were unable to request Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans from Shang Xia after establishing their continent.

With both sides burying the hatchet, how could the Wanyun Association give up the amazing opportunity where Shang Xia was in the Wanyun Continent to craft talismans? They didn't bother about anything else as they sent him resources without end.

After Zhang Shun handed over the inheritance to craft Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans, the Tongyou Institution had already been attempting to craft the special talisman paper under Ren Huan's lead. Due to their lack of experience, the success rate had never been high.

When Shang Xia entered seclusion in the Star Beast Nest, Ren Huan and the Talisman Hall managed to hand over 7 sheets of special talisman paper. 3 of them were used to experiment fusing Variant Talismans and he only managed to complete 2 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

Now that he decided to craft talismans in the Wanyun Association, they provided 16 sheets of talisman paper right away. Shang Xia's hands became itchy and he couldn't help but want to craft a few more Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans. The only concern he had was that according to the agreement of 3 talisman papers in exchange for a single completed talisman, even if he used up most of the talisman paper, a majority of the Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans would belong to the Wanyun Association...

Whatever it was, he laid down several formations around his courtyard before starting to craft talismans.

As he was crafting talismans, he received a transmission from Gong Zhuo mentioning how the operation had begun.

At the same time, the Wanyun Association would also send over news from time to time to report the movements of other smaller factions in the Essence Xing World.

Shang Xia didn't look too deeply into the information that was sent, but it was clear to him that they were preparing to do something big. More accurately, they were waiting for Qi Jing's lifespan to come to an end.

He couldn't help but sigh. No matter what, he had already been dragged into the storm. The only thing he was afraid of was Qi Jing doing something right at the very end of his lifespan.

Qi Jing was a mighty third tier Martial Emptiness Realm Sage. He was the strongest among the Sages in the Essence Xing World, and that was also why the various factions had been marking their preparations in case anything went wrong. They didn't dare to do it too obviously, and the stronger their factions were, the smaller the disturbance they caused. They were afraid that they would catch the attention of the Qi Dynasty and be buried with Qi Jing.

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Having spent the entire time, Shang Xia used the first 9 sheets of special rank six talisman paper to craft 5 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans.

According to their agreement, 3 of the talismans would belong to the Wanyun Association while the rest would belong to Shang Xia.

After adjusting his mental state and restoring some energy, he continued to craft talismans with the remaining 7 and completed 4 Myriad tinted Cloud Talismans, bagging 2 for himself.

Perhaps it was because he lacked a sense of security as it was somewhere he wasn't familiar with, but Shang Xia barely managed to maintain an acceptable success rate for himself.

With that, he created 9 talismans from 16 sheets of talisman paper, keeping 4 for himself. With what he brought with him from the Star Beast nest, he had 5 Myriad Tinted Cloud Talismans in total.

Having so many peak-tier rank six talismans at his disposal, Shang Xia felt a lot safer in an instant.

However, the feeling didn't last for too long. As the skies darkened, the world was covered in rays of brilliant light that only dissipated after an hour.

The density of heaven and earth qi in the Essence Xing World started to rise, and everything that contained inner qi felt it flowing quicker in their bodies. Shang Xia was no exception.

That very moment, even if Shang Xia didn't receive any reports, he knew what had happened. Qi Jing, the third tier Martial Emptiness Realm Sage, has passed!

*Chapter 1450: Little Sneaky Boy Back At It Again*

Shang Xia had seen a True Immortal falling, and he was taken aback by the heavenly phenomena that was produced.

He wondered what kind of disturbance a Sage would cause...

It was the day he was finally going to witness it for himself. At the same time, he was going to experience firsthand the aftermath.

Tossing aside the rays of brilliant light that brought warmth to everything it touched, the density of heaven and earth qi in the Essence Xing World rose so sharply that Shang Xia was surprised.

One had to know that they were already on an Essence World. The Essence Xing World could also be considered much stronger than the average Essence World. There was also a need to note that the Qi Dynasty wouldn't allow the remnant energy from the death of Qi Jing to spread to the outside world, placing huge formations to contain as much as they could. For a Dao Field, the energy would be better used to nourish themselves, and they could even use it to allow the Qi Dynasty Emperor to attempt a breakthrough to the Martial Emptiness Realm!

The death of Qi Jing was no doubt a signal flare for the other factions to put their plans into motion.

It was a shame that the energy overflowed from the Qi Dynasty and filled the world, creating such a majestic sight.

What Shang Xia found to be a pity was that he was too far away from the Qi Dynasty. The remnant energy produced from the death of the Sage failed to reach him completely. At his current level and accumulations, he was able to examine the energy that was produced that came from the late Sage.

"At least I didn't come in vain." Shang Xia sighed helplessly to himself. "However, the factions of the Essence Xing World have probably started to make their move. Gong Zhuo's transmission should be arriving soon..."

As if on cue a stream of light tore through the south and landed in his hands.

Shang Xia scanned through the information recorded within and he couldn't help but gasp while mumbling to himself, "So this is what he plans to do. Interesting..."

"However, all of them seem to have forgotten something... With the death of Sage Qi Jing, the energy contained in his body would return to the world. The Essence Xing World would be the greatest benefactor from the sudden influx of energy!" Shang Xia already came up with a plan on what to do. From what he was seeing, his plan didn't interfere with what Gong Zhuo wanted to do. Whatever it was, he would be able to interfere with the Chen Dynasty Emperor and the Qi Dynasty Emperor anyway. After all, if he messed with the World Origin Source, they would have to use it while ascending and he would thus be able to screw up their plans.

For an outsider like Shang Xia, that was also the perfect time for him to take action! He even felt that he would let down Sage Qi Jing if he didn't do anything at the moment.

As for what Gong Zhuo wanted to do by cooperating with the other powers... Shang Xia could pretty much guess. After receiving the transmission, he became even more certain.

He wasn't too optimistic about their plan anyway, and he was even about to sneer and spit at it if he could. He felt that they really thought the emperors of the 2 super dynasties only concerned the dynasties and the remaining 2 Sages would just sit by idly and watch those True Immortals do as they wished.

According to Shang Xia, since Qi Jing passed due to his lifespan ending leaving a power vacuum in the Essence Xing World, the other Sages would definitely make their moves to prevent the situation from going out of hand.

The conflict between the emperors of the dynasties was something they were allowing to happen. After all, Qi Jing might also have had a hand in that before he died.

Shang Xia wouldn't expect Qi Jing not to leave behind anything after knowing that his life was about to come to an end. In fact, everything that was happening was probably something Qi Jing had fought for before he died.

If Gong Zhuo and other True Immortals tried to fuck with the process, they might very well draw some unwanted attention to their factions!

After thinking about the consequences, Shang Xia made up his mind to work alone. He didn't wish to easily expose his involvement to the Sages.

Fortunately, Shang Xia still held on to his principles. He might have made a move on the World Origin Source of the Essence Xing World, but he didn't do anything to the Wanyun Continent.

The banner made from the heavenly screen fragment wrapped itself around him, allowing him to conceal his identity as he flew towards the central continents of the Essence Xing World. When he arrived, he could feel the heightened intensity of the effects after Qi Jing died.

He didn't stop for too long. Instead, he turned to another direction and flew to a certain location where the borders of the 3 dynasties met. Due to its location, it was a buffer region the 3 dynasties agreed upon.

A buffer region was one way to call it, but it actually maintained a strange sense of balance. Every dynasty wanted to control it, but none of them were able to claim it for their own. Everything was chaotic there, forming a strange equilibrium.

With the death of Qi Jing, the peace of the region that was called the 'Dynasties Edge', was broken!

As several people with hidden intentions started to cause trouble, a massive war was waged outside the Qi Dynasty Dao Field and the chaos quickly spread to the Dynasties Edge.

Shang Xia successfully entered the chaotic region because of that and with his current cultivation, as long as he didn't wish for anyone to discover him, there was practically no one who could notice his tracks.

What was more, a good portion of the Essence Xing World had been drawn to the battle that would determine the control of the Qi Dynasty Dao Field. The trouble brewing in Dynasties Edge couldn't catch their attention. They felt that as long as the dynasties decided to put a stop to the chaos, they would be able to stomp it out any second.

However, that was exactly where Shang Xia wanted to make his move. He would take the chance when the Sages' senses were dulled due to the powerful fluctuations of the World Origin Source to openly steal world origin!

If anyone else was in his shoes, creating some sort of connection to the World Origin Source might not be difficult, but controlling and moving it as he wished wouldn't be possible. In order to do something like that, one would need a Holy Land at the very least, or some sort of powerful grand formation. It wasn't something that could be created in an instant.

However, that was Shang Xia, the monster who had the Crimson Soul Tablet!

Using his Five Element Movement Art to hide hundreds of feet in the earth, he laid down some simple concealment formations before raising his hand to tap his glabella. A small phantom of a tablet appeared, and it was 3 inches or so long. He didn't hesitate to stab it straight in the ground below.

Shang Xia's divine soul sank into the world through the tablet, and in an instant, he felt the mighty existence of the World Origin Source.

No... Actually, he felt 3 distinct separated seas of world origin!