

The Heavens 981

Chapter 981: Familiar Aura In the North

“Senior Sister Su, even though a part of the Elysium is gone, there is still some time before the Elysium is completely destroyed! 2 of the 3 Holy Artifacts are still here and there is no need to trap me in here! If we join hands, we should be able to hold the Heavenly Lake Elysium up for more than a year! Such a long time is more than enough to locate the thief who stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar or we can even craft another!”

Since she was trapped in the Heavenly Lake Elysium, she had been trying to suppress her rage to negotiate with the others for the time being. The most important thing she needed was for them to let her out.

There were even traces of pleading in her voice...

However, True Immortal Su Kun and True Immortal Chong Shan remained unmoved.

True Immortal Chong Shan eventually broke the silence. “True Immortal Tang, please stop the collapse for now. We’ll discuss everything else eventually.”

True Immortal Su Kun’s sign soon followed. “Junior Sister Tang Yu, there’s no need to panic. Our fellow True Immortals have already gone out to track down the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar. The Heavenly Lake Elysium is one of the 9 great Elysiums of our Spirit Abundance World and this concerns the safety of our world. They will definitely do their best to get the pillar back.”

True Immortal Tang Yu knew that she wasn’t able to forcefully shatter the seal placed by the other True Immortals, but she remained close to the entrance of the Heavenly Lake Elysium nonetheless. With a faint voice, she questioned, “What if we can’t find the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar?”

True Immortal Su Kun didn’t respond.

It might have only been several breaths of time since the other Martial Void Realm True Immortals left, the speed of a True Immortal was frightening. They would have been able to search the region right outside the heavenly screen or even the entire Spirit Abundance World several times over with their divine souls!

Since no one returned yet, it was more than likely they wouldn’t be able to retrieve the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar!

Finally, True Immortal Chong Shan responded, “If we can’t find it, we can only trouble True Immortal Tang Yu to remain and protect the Heavenly Lake Elysium for the next 3 to 5 years...”

Anger smoldered in her voice as True Immortal Tang Yu growled, “After so long, my Void Origin will definitely merge with the origin of the Elysium... When that happens, what will be the difference between myself and those True Immortals who used an Elysium to break through?”

As soon as the words left her lips, the expressions on the faces of True Immortal Su Kun and True Immortal Chong Shan turned unsightly.

The Spirit Abundance World might be one of the Spirit Worlds standing at the peak of its realm, but there were still quite a number of Martial Void Realm cultivators who broke through using the support of an Elysium. Actually, True Immortal Su Kun and True Immortal Chong Shan were both cultivators who used that method to break through!

That was also one of the reasons experts like them remained in the Spirit Abundance World even though an expedition to the Azure Oddity World was about to happen!

Both of them were exactly like Liu Jingsheng and the others from the Spirit Luxuriant World and their true bodies would not be able to venture too far away from their world!

True Immortal Chong Shan's mocking sneer rang loudly in the Heavenly Lake Elysium the next moment, "So what if you become an 'Elysium Immortal'?! Whatever it is, you're still in control of the Heavenly Lake Elysium. Won't you be unable to leave once you have to deal with matters there? Moreover, once you fuse with your Elysium, you will be much harder to kill than experts of the same level!"

True Immortal Su Kun's indifferent voice also arrived the next moment. "Junior Sister Tang Yu, when you learned that you would be given the chance to obtain the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake, weren't you happy celebrating the chance? You should know that with authority comes responsibility. Since you promised to take over the Heavenly Lake Elysium, you would have to assume responsibility for it once you stepped through its spatial barrier earlier!"

"I'm not saying I won't take on the responsibility, but you guys can't trap me in here!" True Immortal Tang Yu screamed.

"Hmph, the moment True Immortal Su Kun and I release the barrier, you'll definitely escape from the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake." True Immortal Chong Shan snorted.

True Immortal Tang Yu wasn't resigned to her fate as she yelled, "The two of you can obviously help me in supporting the collapsing Elysium, but you're not!"

"This is something related to your Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake. It's not right for the both of us to butt into the problems of other Elysiums." True Immortal Su Kun muttered in a frosty voice.

Seeing as they were unwilling to let her out, or give her any sort of assistance in a situation like that, she no longer held back with her threats. "Are you really not going to let me out? Fine! I'll just stay here and wait for the Elysium to collapse. Even if I die, I won't allow myself to be confined to an Elysium."

True Immortal Chong Shan chuckled in amusement. "I didn't think that True Immortal Tang Yu would possess such determination! I'm truly in awe... There's no need to worry. This old man will stay here the whole time to watch how things play out."

A soft sigh escaped True Immortal Su Kun's lips. "It's just going to be a lose-lose situation. Junior Sister Tang, if you merge your Void Origin with the Elysium, all that will happen is that you won't be able to leave our Spirit Abundance World. If you choose not to do anything now, you will fall, along with the Heavenly Lake Elysium. You should understand the consequences of your actions!"

“This is a plot! This is something you guys planned!” True Immortal Tang Yu’s wretched scream came from within the Elysium. “Su Kun, did you plan for this to happen? Were you the one who sent a disciple to steal the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar?”

True Immortal Su Kun sighed and turned to True Immortal Chong Shang. “She seems to have already lost her mind...”

“Oh? I don’t think so. This old man thinks that she finally saw through her veils of deception...” True Immortal Chong Shan chuckled with a brilliant smile on his face.

True Immortal Su Kun was taken aback. A profound light shone in her eyes when she looked at True Immortal Chong Shan again. “You should be very satisfied with yourself after seeing what’s going on here, right? Junior Sister Tang is definitely going to hold a grudge against the Heaven Embroidery Palace after this...”

She paused slightly before she continued, “Perhaps... You’re the one who colluded with the foreign expert to steal the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar... If such... I have to admit that your schemes truly run deep...”

True Immortal Chong Shan was shocked by the accusation, but he replied quickly. “True Immortal Su, please don’t misunderstand. The Xiong Family or the Rainbow Pagoda might be behind this!”

“Is that really so?”

“Do you think it’s not possible for them to be involved in this?”

“Hehe...”

In their eyes, there was no way a Martial Dipper Realm cultivator could escape under the nose of a True Immortal! Much less retreat unharmed after multiple True Immortals went after them!

No matter how they looked at it, things didn’t make sense. The only explanation was if the Martial Dipper Realm cultivator was a pawn placed by another True Immortal and he received their help to get away!

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Shang Xia’s rank five Teleportation Talisman allowed him to ignore the heavenly screen to escape the confines of the world. It was difficult for anyone to see his traces when he used it too. However, there was one very unstable factor and that was where it would transport him to after it was used!

Even after trying many times and gaining the ability to control the general direction in which he would be transported, the control he had over his movements was too crude. It was especially so when he used it to pass through the heavenly screen...

Earlier, when Shang Xia felt that he wouldn’t be able to stop True Immortal Tang Yu from getting closer, he activated his rank five Teleportation Talisman decisively. He managed to escape from the right under her nose!

What he didn't expect was that his luck was pretty bad. It might have something to do with the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar he had stolen, but the moment he activated the talisman, he realized that he didn't actually leave the confines of the heavenly screen!

Watching the setting sun and feeling the chill around him, Shang Xia carefully felt the ground beneath him and discovered that it was pretty much frozen solid. He instantly determined that he had arrived at one of the 3 continents in the Northern Region!

More accurately to say, he arrived in the territory of the Azure Island that resided in the Northern Region of the Spirit Abundance World!

Even though he was in a rush to leave, he didn't rush towards the heavenly screen immediately to run away into the vast sea of stars. He concealed his aura and assimilated his Five Element Origin into the world around him. Avoiding the feeling of rejection from the World's Will and its hostility, he seemed no different from an ordinary cultivator of the Spirit Abundance World.

Even if a high-level expert stood in front of him, they wouldn't be able to tell that he was a cultivator from another world!

It was an ability unique to Shang Xia's Five Element Origin and it allowed him to retain his full combat abilities in the Spirit Abundance World.

Starting to walk down the frozen wasteland before him, Shang Xia looked like an ordinary cultivator out for a stroll. It didn't take long before his sensitive divine will noticed a powerful divine soul sweeping through the frozen wasteland. As it continued to look around, it started to rise before passing the heavenly screen.

Shang Xia was nearly certain the divine soul that appeared earlier came from a True Immortal looking for him!

It seemed as though the matter in the Heavenly Lake Elysium had already attracted the attention of True Immortals from the various powers. Shang Xia discovered that the impact of his action might not be as simple as he imagined. He didn't know what would happen to the Heavenly Lake Elysium after he stole their Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, and how True Immortal Tang Yu would deal with the situation.

However, no matter what happened, Shang Xia knew for sure that True Immortal Tang Yu probably hated him to the bone!

Thinking about how he incurred the wrath of a Martial Void Realm expert, it was surprising that he didn't feel a trace of fear. Instead, his heart was filled with a sense of exhilaration!

"Heh, heh, heh..." Shang Xia couldn't help but chuckle in a low voice. He continued to travel through the frozen wasteland and after moving for close to 100 miles, he scanned his surroundings with his divine will and ensured that there was no one else before cupping his right ear and swinging his head around.

Opening his palm, a tiny rod that was the size of a toothpick appeared in his hand.

The treasure was none other than the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar he stole from the Heavenly Lake Elysium!

The Holy Artifact Spirit was extremely powerful and it already developed intelligence. It was nearly impossible for Shang Xia to store it in a spatial artifact.

Fortunately, he was able to control its size at will after refining it. In order to prevent True Immortals from discovering its presence, he shrank it down and placed it inside his ear.

“I wonder how Senior Huang Yu is doing...” Shang Xia mumbled to himself. Huang Yu escaped from the Heavenly Lake Elysium earlier than him and if Shang Xia wasn’t mistaken, Huang Yu would have already passed through the heavenly screen to escape.

With how careful Huang Yu was, there was no way he would wait for Shang Xia outside the heavenly screen. He most likely already ran off somewhere to hide while changing his identity.

Shang Xia understood that it wouldn’t be appropriate for him to appear outside the heavenly screen at the moment as he would probably run into the True Immortals looking for him. No matter how confident he was in his ability to disguise himself, he knew that there was no need to take the risk.

Moreover... As he traveled through the frozen wasteland. He had a faint sense of familiarity as though he had been there before...

Looks like things are getting interesting...

Chapter 982: Frost Wave!

Shang Xia was sure it was his first time in the Spirit Abundance World and its Northern Region...

How could there be a familiar feeling originating from the frozen wasteland?

As Shang Xia continued to venture deeper into the wasteland, he discovered that the feeling of familiarity didn’t come from the geography of the place nor the environment. Instead, it seemed to come from the world origin in the region!

The World Origin naturally originated from the World Origin Source but for a world like the Spirit Abundance World that was extraordinarily vast, the special properties of each individual continent might affect the world origin it contained.

The familiar feeling originated from the strange properties in the world origin that existed in the frozen wasteland!

Continuing his journey, the sense of familiarity only grew stronger.

When he finally arrived at a small city located on the frozen wasteland and came into contact with cultivators of the Northern Region, Shang Xia finally learned about the location of the Azure Island that reigned supreme in the 3 continents in the North. They were located in the northernmost region on a floating sea of ice.

According to the records, there used to be 5 continents in the Northern Region. Due to something that happened thousands of years ago, 2 of the 5 continents in the Northern Region split off and disappeared in the vast sea of stars.

During the change, a landmass from one of the main continents broke off and drifted over to where the Azure Island is today.

Because of the disappearance of the continents, the heavenly screen above the Northern Region was also torn back in the day. In order to restore it to prevent foreign experts from entering the Spirit Abundance World through the tear, many experts of the Spirit Abundance World gathered in the Northern Region and used the drifting landmass as their base camp of operations.

The heavenly screen was eventually restored and most of the experts of the Spirit Abundance World took their leave. However, a portion of them chose to remain where they were and eventually formed the Azure Island which was recognized as one of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World.

After recalling the legends, Shang Xia understood where the sense of familiarity came from. If he wasn't mistaken, the continents that broke off from the Northern Region probably formed the Manyu Continent that was drifting in the vast sea of stars!

In the past, Shang Xia had personally witnessed the destruction of the Manyu Continent. He took part in splitting the spoils and obtained a portion of its world origin and merged it with the World Origin Source of the then Azure Origin World. It was no wonder he was no stranger to the world origin of the Manyu Continent. If the Manyu Continent originated from the Northern Region of the Spirit Abundance World, it would explain the similarity in world origin and the sense of familiarity he was feeling.

After conversing with the cultivators in the small city he passed, he managed to learn that he was currently in the Moba Continent. It was the northernmost continent and the city he was in was one of the hotspots of cultivators. If he headed up further north, he would arrive at the coast of the Ice Ocean.

“Does that mean that we're close to the Azure Island?” Shang Xia casually asked as he ordered a flask of Ice Fire Wine that was a specialty most traveling cultivators would buy when passing through the area. It cost a pretty penny, but Shang Xia was fucking loaded!

The cultivator he was asking didn't respond immediately. Instead, he waited for the Ice Fire Wine to be served before pouring himself a cup. Downing it in one gulp, a burning white mist emerged from his lips. He seemed a lot more relaxed than before and replied, “Is this your first time in the Northern Region?”

Shang Xia chuckled softly and poured the cultivator another cup without responding.

“You should be here for the Frost Wave outside the heavenly screen of the Northern Region, right?” The cultivator didn't touch his cup enough though it was filled. Instead, he stared intently at Shang Xia.

Cupping his fists in response, Shang Xia muttered, “Please give me any advice you have!”

Nodding slightly, the cultivator explained, “It's your lucky day... Actually, it's more accurate to say that you made the right choice. Today, many mid to high-level cultivators responded to the call to arms by the 9 great powers. Even though our victory is assured, everyone plans to head over to fish for more benefits. There are fewer people here in the Northern Region to try their luck at the Frost Wave. You didn't choose to head out for the expedition and came to the North instead... Now that there are fewer people fighting for opportunities here, you will stand a much better chance.”

Shang Xia waved his hand and ordered another grilled fish that was covered in glistening icy scales that came from the Ice Ocean before he continued to ask, "Brother, please tell me more about the Frost Wave!"

Watching the giant grilled fish being brought to the table, the cultivator swallowed a mouthful of saliva and mumbled, "Looks like I'm going to be able to eat my fill today!"

He sliced off a fragrant and fatty part of the fish's belly before placing it straight into his mouth. Smacking his lips, he mumbled in a slightly inaudible voice, "Fellow cultivator, rest assured. I'll tell you everything I know!"

The Frost Wave outside the heavenly screen of the Northern Region was a special phenomenon that happened in the Spirit Abundance World!

It happened after the 2 continents broke free from the Northern Region and it would appear once every 5 years. Every time it arrived, the Frost Wave would pass through the heavenly screen and enter the northernmost part of the world.

As the Frost Wave contained the properties of extreme Yin and Frost, frost extermination origins would usually appear during the Frost Wave and rare treasures would also be born. Experts of various factions would fight for those treasures when the time came.

"From what I know, there will definitely be some sort of hidden regions that would appear during the Frost Wave. Even True Immortals would gather to fight for treasures. The Azure Island was able to become one of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World because of the Frost Wave..." The cultivator explained as he ate the fish with gusto while downing cups of wine. He didn't seem tired at all as he ate mouthful after mouthful. While he ate, he told Shang Xia everything he knew. He didn't care if the information was useful or not, or if it was related to the Frost Wave. He basically poured his life experiences and every rumor about the Northern Region he heard out during his meal.

Shang Xia thought for a second and asked, "Did no one in the Northern Region guess the origin of the Frost Wave? Also... When True Immortals look for treasures in the Frost Wave, do they do it outside the heavenly screen?"

"Is there anyone who can be sure of what is happening?" The cultivator was pretty tipsy after drinking so much and he no longer restrained himself. "There were people who said that the Frost Wave was related to the disappearance of the continents. There are also some who say that the Frost Wave comes from a broken Frost World hidden somewhere in the sea of stars. A portion of its world origin would leak from time to time, causing the phenomenon. There were even legends that said that the continents were actually torn from the world because of a battle between several supreme beings. The shockwaves of their battle affected the world and flung those continents deep into space. Their remnant energy was said to be the cause of the Frost Wave..."

“... There were even some powerful experts who guessed that the death of True Immortals during the massive battle that took place caused the continents to be torn apart. Because of that, their death qi might have caused the appearance of the Frost Wave. But there were also people who refused to believe any True Immortals died. They might have fallen into deep slumber because of their injuries and the Frost Wave was caused by the recovery process...”

“As for the True Immortals...” The cultivator finally paused before pointing to himself. “Do you think I would know anything about True Immortals?! Well... At the very least. It’s most likely they would be outside the heavenly screen to look for the truth of the Frost Wave.”

The Frost Wave had been happening for thousands of years...

Since it happened once every 5 years, that would mean that the True Immortals of the Spirit Abundance World tried hundreds of times to look for the secret of the Frost Wave!

Shaking his head slightly, Shang Xia decided to bid farewell and take his leave when he knew that the other party wouldn’t be able to give him any more information.

He didn’t expect the cultivator to seem to think of something that very instant in his drunken stupor. “Oh, right! I heard that dozens of years ago, those True Immortals managed to find traces of the continents that had been torn apart because of some strange factors in the Frost Wave.”

Shang Xia was slightly taken aback and he turned to stare at the cultivator. However, by the time he turned around, the cultivator was already sprawled on the tablet in a drunken sleep.

The Ice Fire Wine truly deserved its name. The cultivator who gave Shang Xia the information he wanted was close to the Martial Dipper Realm, but he was drunk after drinking a single flask. It would probably take half a day before he woke up.

Of course, the wine was also extremely helpful to one’s cultivation. It had assistive properties when combating the frosty qi in the north.

It was a shame the wine wasn’t something easy to come by. Shang Xia wanted to buy several vats before leaving, but he was only able to purchase a small jar.

After leaving the small city, Shang Xia continued to make his way to the coast. He didn’t see many signs of life in the area as no one would want to stay there if they could help it. After all, the weather conditions were just too horrible.

As the Azure Island was located in the depths of the Ice Ocean, the conditions there were supposed to be worse, but that wasn’t actually the case. The Azure Island was formed by a massive volcano and the heat coming from the earth turned the island into a mystical place. The intense cold and heat allowed strange treasures that couldn’t be found in other parts of the world to be produced on the Azure Island!

Shang Xia didn’t venture deep into the Ice Ocean after arriving at the coast. In fact, he didn’t even plan to do anything when the Frost Wave arrived.

From what he learned, the Frost Wave should arrive in 3 days and the northernmost point of the Spirit Abundance World should be the first to experience it.

According to his calculations, the attention of nearly every single high-level expert would be drawn to the Frost Wave when it arrives. If even Martial Void Realm True Immortals were to head over... It would be his best shot at escaping the Spirit Abundance World!

3 days passed in a flash. No one knew when, but a thick gray mist covered the skies above the Ice Ocean. Shang Xia could feel that the frosty qi in the surroundings grew stronger as a bone-chilling wind blew against him.

If even peak-tier experts like Shang Xia found the wind cold, one could imagine how others would feel.

The Frost Wave might have descended on the northernmost point, but it had yet to reach the shore where Shang Xia was. However, he was still surprised by the fact that the heaven and earth qi in the world was becoming denser.

However, the sharp rise in heaven and earth qi didn't mean that it was pure energy. Through the Crimson Soul Tablet, Shang Xia could feel that the heaven and earth qi that emerged seemed to contain traces of world origin from another world!

Chapter 983: Spirituality of the North

Shang Xia might be interested in the Frost Wave, but after stealing the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, he understood that he would be in danger as long as he remained in the Spirit Abundance World.

He had a strange premonition that there were True Immortals waiting outside the heavenly screen for him to reveal himself.

The moment he rushed out, he would most likely have to face the projections of more than a couple of True Immortals.

Shang Xia might be confident in his abilities, but there was no need to mess with them if he could help it.

The Frost Wave would prove to be a good opportunity for Shang Xia once it drew their attention away. Originally, his plan was to use the chance when they were distracted by the Frost Wave to leave the Spirit Abundance World.

However, there seemed to be a change of plans as when the Frost Wave arrived for real, Shang Xia felt the world origin of a foreign world through the Crimson Soul Tablet.

Is the cause of the Frost Wave another world as the rumors say?!

However... If that was the case, how could the world avoid being detected by the Spirit Abundance World for thousands of years or possibly longer?

Unless... The world that caused the Frost Wave is of an even higher level than the Spirit Abundance World... If that is truly the case...

Shang Xia felt that if that were true, it would be a true cause for concern. The Spirit Abundance World would be under threat of invasion at any moment! How could they deploy such a huge portion of their fighting force to invade the Azure Oddity World?

Even though he didn't understand what their reasoning was, curiosity was burning in his heart. It seemed to be compelling him to learn the truth of the matter.

Despite his conflicting emotions, his sense of reasoning and desire to live suppressed the curiosity he was feeling. He decided that no matter what happened during the Frost Wave, he still didn't have the qualifications to interfere in matters when True Immortals were involved.

At the shore leading to the Ice Ocean, Shang Xia waited for another day. The Frost Wave that started at the northernmost point finally arrived and even with his cultivation base, he had to circulate his energy to resist the frosty qi. He felt that the foreign world origin became much stronger than before as he fought against the frosty qi. Because of its presence, the Crimson Soul Tablet became a lot more excited.

If Shang Xia was merely curious about the foreign world origin before, the feeling became several times stronger because of the Crimson Soul Tablet. It started to tremble violently in his sea of consciousness and seemed to be sending him some sort of message that it needed to be nourished by the strange world origin.

One had to know that even though the Frost Wave was powerful and affected the growth of many strange spiritual treasures and herbs, the world origin hidden in it wasn't too noticeable. Shang Xia only felt its presence because of the Crimson Soul Tablet.

Examining the Crimson Soul Tablet, Shang Xia noticed that it seemed a lot more excited than when it absorbed the world origin of the Spirit Abundance World. From its reaction, the world origin contained in the Frost Wave might be of even higher quality than the world origin of the Spirit Abundance World!

A bold guess formed in Shang Xia's mind. The Spirit Abundance World stood at the peak of Spirit Worlds, and the foreign world origin to be of an even higher quality... *Could it originate from the legendary 'Essence World' that is said to be above Spirit Worlds?*

Did the Spirit Abundance World really find an Essence World?!

With doubts in his heart, Shang Xia decided to stick to his plan despite the strong reaction from the Crimson Soul Tablet. He chose to leave the Spirit Abundance World and meet up with Huang Yu before deciding on their next course of action.

When Shang Xia arrived at the heavenly screen and was ready to pierce a hole in it to escape, a sea of resplendent light emerged from the north before turning into streaks of light that spread in all directions.

The Crimson Soul Tablet shook violently in his sea of consciousness, but it was ruthlessly suppressed by Shang Xia.

Unwilling to give up, the Crimson Soul Tablet threw out a final piece of information before it was suppressed by Shang Xia.

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His actions stopped abruptly and he no longer tried to tear a hole in the heavenly screen. He turned to stare in the direction of the light. *Isn't this... Isn't this just the aurora borealis?!*

Thinking back to his advancement formula, Shang Xia recalled that the Four Extremity Spirituality didn't say anything about it being a physical object. Anything that could contain one of the spiritualities would probably do!

Rank four, or rank five spiritual treasures could contain one of the spiritualities, but so could a blade of grass or a random pebble along the street!

As he thought about it, 2 streaks of light disappeared. It was possible they had been retrieved by other experts.

There were 3 other streaks of light in total, and one of them didn't seem too far away from Shang Xia.

With conflicting emotions, Shang Xia eventually chose to stay. He wanted to obtain the Spirituality of the North that was contained in the aurora borealis! He understood that the spirituality of the four extremities needed to be from the same world and it might be difficult to obtain the other extremities from the Spirit Abundance World, but that didn't matter at the moment!

Faint five colored light flashed behind him as it stained the clouds around him a brilliant shine as he disappeared from his original position.

Hundreds of miles from where he left, the Ice Ocean that was beneath his feet had been frozen to a single giant block of ice. However, as the aurora borealis passed through the area, a portion of the ice became a lot thinner and the layers beneath seemed to be stained with its color.

Shang Xia's figure appeared above the block of ice as he scanned his surroundings. He wore an expression of disbelief as it seemed as though he had seen something completely out of the ordinary.

Realizing that something was wrong, Shang Xia shielded his soul with his divine will. He snapped out of his daze the next second.

"Illusion..." Shang Xia stared at the dreamy light that had disappeared into the distance and sighed.

It was no wonder only 2 streaks of light had been obtained earlier. The light seemed like it had the power to confuse Martial Dipper Realm experts!

If even someone like him had fallen for the illusion, there was no need to mention other Martial Dipper Realm experts. Unless a Martial Void Realm True Immortal personally took action...

Thinking back to what happened when the aurora borealis emerged... Shang Xia felt that it was an opportunity the True Immortals might have intentionally left for the Martial Dipper Realm experts of the Spirit Abundance World.

Whatever it was, Shang Xia was sure that the aurora borealis was a rank five treasure. As it contained the spirituality of the North, its illusory effects were enhanced. If he wasn't able to quickly retrieve the aurora borealis, True Immortals would probably set their sights on it.

No longer concerned with hiding himself, a five colored light appeared beneath his feet and his figure disappeared into the void. A moment later, a divine will arrived as a soft glow disappeared from the surface of the ice below.

“Hm... There seems to be something else other than the illusory effect. It managed to avoid our detection for so long... It’s no wonder the juniors were confused and were unable to get their hands on it. However... What’s the matter with the remnant inner qi in this place? Someone managed to resist the effects of its illusion and even managed to chase after one of them! It’s just... Why does this remnant energy feel so familiar?! No... I mean repulsive?”

Shang Xia passed through space thrice by using his Five Element Dipper Qi and finally caught up to one of the streaks of light.

After resisting the illusion he was put under, obtaining the aurora borealis became much easier.

With brilliant rays of his Five Element Qi forming a massive ball to trap the streak of light, it failed to escape no matter how hard it struggled.

The next second, a loud chuckle rang through the skies as a powerful divine soul descended.

“Hehe... Look who it is! Isn’t this a surprise? If not for the fact that someone had such a unique five colored inner qi, I would have thought that my Spirit Abundance World managed to nurture a powerful expert at the peak of the Martial Dipper Realm!”

Facing the strong suppression from the divine soul, Shang Xia not only didn’t restrain his five colored inner qi. Instead, he released it with even greater might to force the void before him open and resist the pressure put on him.

With a calm expression, he faced the source of the pressure and a name quickly popped up in his mind. “Azure Island... Zhao Wuhen?”

A shocked cry came from the divine soul that arrived. “You... You actually recognized me?! Brat from the Spirit Luxuriant World, looks like you’re pretty courageous. You even dare to infiltrate my world. You...”

Zhao Wuhen seems to have recognized me, but he doesn’t seem to know what happened in the Heavenly Lake Elysium!

The next second, Shang Xia realized that Zhao Wuhen wouldn’t be speaking to him and wasting time for no reason. He pushed the Five Element Space around him to the extreme before opening a spatial tunnel beneath his feet.

“Brat from the Spirit Luxuriant World, do you think you can escape now that you’re here?” The powerful divine soul emerged and fused with the region of space around Shang Xia before freezing the entire region in an attempt to stop Shang Xia from escaping. However, no matter how he tried to twist space or cause spatial ripples, the region of five colored space that was created wasn’t affected. A spatial tunnel was created before Shang Xia stepped into it to arrive at the heavenly screen.

Breaking through the heavenly screen, he quickly passed through it to arrive at the sea of stars outside.

Everything happened too quickly and Shang Xia didn’t expect that his identity would be revealed!

Zhao Wuhen, who took part in the invasion of the Spirit Luxuriant World back then, was injured by Li Jidao who worked together with Shang Xia. Some might say that Shang Xia's involvement was a coincidence, but it was an undeniable fact that Zhao Wuhen was screwed over by them.

Because of his injuries, he was unable to take part in the expedition against the Azure Oddity World!

After passing through the heavenly screen, Shang Xia quickly cleared his mind of all random thoughts. The only thing he should be thinking of now was how he should escape from a True Immortal!

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Actually, he was able to hide his true cultivation realm with the Illusion Talisman and he could also disguise his aura with his Five Element Origin to avoid being detected by the world. He even managed to fool True Immortal Tang Yu with his disguise in the Heavenly Lake Elysium. However... He couldn't do the same to Zhao Wuhen!

His Five Element Origin was just too special and Zhao Wuhen's impression of it was too deep!

Shang Xia didn't think that he would be so unlucky and run into Zhao Wuhen of all people. However... After thinking about it, the Northern Region was dominated by the Azure Island where Zhao Wuhen originated from. He weighed the risks back then and tried to suppress his desire to obtain treasures during the Frost Wave, but he failed to resist the urge to obtain the Spirituality of the North in the end.

It was too late for regrets and Shang Xia knew that the most important thing he had to do was to get rid of the True Immortal in pursuit.

He might have easily passed through the heavenly screen by creating an opening like he did back then, but that didn't mean that the experts of the Spirit Abundance World would be unable to discover him. As long as they were close enough, they would be able to notice him!

When he arrived above the heavenly screen, Shang Xia's divine will noticed several experts patrolling the region and they were rushing to surround him.

Despite arriving outside the heavenly screen, Shang Xia wasn't in a rush to run into the depths of the sea of stars. Instead, he concealed his aura once again before storing energy in his dantian. At the same time, his divine will also enveloped his surroundings to look for any traces of life.

In several breaths of time, a spatial gate formed several thousand feet from where he stood. A majestic aura accompanied a middle-aged man in white robes as he arrived above the heavenly screen.

Indeed... It's just an ordinary projection!

Shang Xia rejoiced in his heart as a trace of excitement started to form.

Even though it had only been a few breaths of time, it was more than enough for Shang Xia to retrieve the stone rod from his ear.

When Zhao Wuhen discovered Shang Xia in the Northern Region earlier, only his divine soul had arrived. Even though it was able to disrupt space, it wasn't able to affect Shang Xia's Five Element Space and even allowed him to escape the Spirit Abundance World!

He might be surprised by Shang Xia's ability, but it also gave him a better understanding of who he was dealing with.

As Zhao Wuhen had been recuperating in the Azure Island since he returned, he didn't know anything that happened in the Heavenly Lake Elysium! Moreover, he wasn't willing to send his true body out to deal with Shang Xia and he felt that a projection should be enough to handle the situation.

The instant his projection appeared outside the heavenly screen, a massive phantom of a giant rod came crashing down on him. A look of fright could be seen on his face as he gasped in shock, "Holy Artifact?!"

That wasn't just any Holy Artifact! It was one that had been fully refined by the other party! Even in the hands of a Martial Dipper Realm cultivator, it was able to draw on the power of the world!

Not to mention the person wielding it was no ordinary Martial Dipper Realm expert...

The phantom of the giant rod that spanned tens of miles long came crashing down. A majestic aura of heaven and earth burst forth above the heavenly screen. Powerful gales that were formed from dipper qi swept in all directions and the 2 patrol teams that were rushing to surround Shang Xia turned tail and ran.

The rod hadn't fully descended when a giant dent was forced into the heavenly screen. The dent reflected the shape of the rod and it stretched all the way from Shang Xia to Zhao Wuhen.

Zhao Wuhen, who barely stepped out from his spatial gate, couldn't react in time!

Rumble...

A dull blast rang above the heavenly screen of the Spirit Abundance World and god knew how many existences were alarmed by it.

Powerful streams of green light emerged at the very last second as Zhao Wuhen's projection made a last-ditch attempt to protect himself. Facing the powerful strike from the stone rod, the green light scattered in all directions.

When it finally came crashing down, a tear tens of miles long was created in the heavenly screen.

Cultivators who resided in the Northern Region of the Spirit Abundance World were alarmed by the changes happening above and when they raised their heads to look, they saw a massive rift nearly a thousand miles long! The shadow of a giant rod slowly retracted from the gap in the heavens.

Shang Xia, who unleashed the extremely powerful strike, disappeared without a trace as soon as the blow landed.

The void that was heavily disrupted due to the use of a Holy Artifact, along with the rapidly escaping world origin from the tear in the heavenly screen, disrupted the sense of True Immortal Chong Shan who arrived the moment Zhao Wuhen's projection was scattered. He was unable to catch a trace of Shang Xia's presence after that.

A moment later, a powerful sword qi tore through the void and another True Immortal's projection stepped out from the void. The projection stared at True Immortal Chong Shan who was recovering the green light that dispersed everywhere before muttering in slight shock, "When did Zhao Wuhen regress to such a sorry state?"

Grunting once, True Immortal Chong Shan sighed, “The portion of his divine soul in his projection had been wiped away by a strange energy. It’s no longer possible to recover a portion of the Void Origin he lost...”

The True Immortal who arrived grunted, “Who did it?” He quickly felt the remnant aura of the Holy Artifact, and raised an eyebrow in shock, “Is that the person from the Heavenly Lake Elysium?”

“Probably... He not only stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, but from the looks of it, he seems to have already fully refined it. He was even able to draw on the power of the world when attacking. True Immortal Zhao was already injured in the past, and now...” True Immortal Chong Shan muttered.

Back then, True Immortal Chong Shan left a trace of his Void Origin and divine soul in his disciple, Shan Yunchao. However, it remained in a dormant state. As Shang Xia was shrouded in layers of concealment, True Immortal Chong Shan was unable to discover his real identity.

“I’m afraid his injuries are only going to become more serious!” Another void came from above the heavenly screen again. A figure that was clad in green appeared beside the True Immortal who was covered in a layer of sword light after making his appearance earlier. The person who spoke sounded to be rejoicing in Zhao Wuhen’s misfortune.

“I have already sent experts with the Aura Seeking Mirror to the Yuanhu Earth Star’s transfer platform. Anyone who wishes to head to the Star Origin City will be identified by it!” True Immortal Su Kun’s projection also arrived above the heavenly screen at that moment. Her gaze landed on the True Immortals who arrived before her. “True Immortal Hua and True Immortal Zhu... Greetings!”

Hua Jianlou was one of the True Immortals from the Spirit Infusion Sword Sect, one of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World.

Zhu Qingyi was an expert from the Rainbow Pagoda, also one of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World.

True Immortal Chong Shan tried his best to collect Zhao Wuhen’s Void Origin, but according to his estimates, a good half of it was irrecoverable. With the divine soul that had been wiped out, Zhu Qingyi was right. Zhao Wuhen was most likely going to suffer even heavier injuries.

Speaking of the devil...

A ray of green light emerged and Zhao Wuhen arrived with a face full of fury. His expression was downcast as he stared at the True Immortals who arrived.

“Why haven’t you guys personally gone after the person who stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar?” Zhao Wuhen asked. He clearly heard their conversation from before, and he turned to thank True Immortal Chong Shan who recovered as much of his Void Origin as possible. From the amount that was recovered, Zhao Wuhen felt

that it would be lucky if a quarter of the Void Origin he provided to the projection could be restored.

His words instantly enraged Zhu Qingyi of the Rainbow Pagoda. A sneer quickly left his lips. “Your Azure Island fucked around with the Frost Wave outside the heavenly screen and caused a bunch of chaos on our world. You even caused so many projections to be sent over. Who the hell has the time to care about your fuckups?”

Zhao Wuhen burst with rage the instant the words left Zhu Qingyi’s lips. “The Frost Wave concerns... Do you think my Azure Island is the one messing with things here? Do you think I’m responsible for the person who stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar?”

Zhao Wuhen seemed utterly enraged, but when he spoke about matters regarding the Frost Wave, he seemed to regain a bit of clarity and he didn’t blurt out the truth.

Zhu Qingyi maintained the sneer on his face as he continued, “My Rainbow Pagoda isn’t interested in the Frost Wave. At the very least, we’re not interested in it yet. Your Azure Island has always been the one to meddle with that. As for the matter regarding the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar. You guys should at least be worried about it!”

Of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World, the Emptiness Drifting Mountain, Azure Island, and Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake had the greatest relationship with each other. The Rainbow Pagoda followed the Dajun Dynasty blindly. As for the Heaven Embroidery Palace, they seemed to be pretty close with the True Immortal who ‘took control’ of the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake. However, because of matters regarding the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, True Immortal Tang Yu was showing signs of turning against the Heaven Embroidery Palace.

Seeing as things were getting tense, True Immortal Chong Shan quickly interrupted, “The Frost Wave concerns the safety of our Spirit Abundance World, and the Azure Island’s actions are recognized by all of us... I believe Pagoda Master Zhu can’t deny that. As for matters regarding the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, True Immortal Su already sent our experts over to the Yuanhu Earth Star. It’s a matter of time before that person reveals himself.

The next second, Zhao Wuhen growled, “What do you guys know?! The bastard who stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar came from the Spirit Luxuriant World! He’s Kou Chongxue’s successor... No... He’s an expert with even greater talent than Kou Chongxue! This is their revenge! Dugu Yuanshan’s death in the Spirit Luxuriant World was caused by them and the mission to infiltrate the Solitary Peak Heavenly Lake was most likely planned a long time ago!”

“WHAT?!” The projections of the True Immortals who arrived yelled in shock. With the exception of Zhao Wuhen, none of them took part in the second invasion of the Spirit Luxuriant World. However, that didn’t mean they didn’t know anything about it. The expedition against the Spirit Luxuriant World was of great importance in the Spirit Abundance World. High-level experts of the Spirit Abundance World had been keeping tabs on the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

From what all of them knew, Kou Chongxue was publicly recognized as the expert in the Spirit Luxuriant World who had the greatest potential! At the same time, his combat abilities were also

seen as the strongest among the experts of the Spirit Luxuriant World even though he just entered the Martial Void Realm.

As for Shang Xia... The high-level experts of the Spirit Abundance World heard of him and he had already entered their radar. It was especially so during the second invasion where Lu Pingyuan was forced to escape because he suffered critical injuries while Zhao Wuhen also suffered heavy injuries. Both their plights were related to Shang Xia in one way or another!

Now that Zhao Wuhen confirmed the identity of the thief who stole the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, everyone's attention turned to the Martial Dipper Realm junior of the Spirit Luxuriant World.

Zhu Qingyi didn't forget to chide Zhao Wuhen. "Why didn't you say so earlier?! This is such an important piece of news!"

Looking at the panicked looks on the faces of the various projections, Zhao Wuhen suddenly felt a lot better about himself. However, he sneered, "When did you guys give me a chance to speak?!"

"Enough! What are we going to do now? Should we personally give chase?" Hua Jianlou grunted suddenly. Naturally, Hua Jialou was speaking to the 5 projections who had gathered.

The suggestion was immediately shot down by True Immortal Su Kun. "Forget it. It's too late now. The Frost Wave will only increase in intensity soon and we will need to stay in our Elysiums to resist the pressure. After all, the bulk of our forces are concentrated on the expedition to the Azure Oddity World. We can't make any more mistakes."

Pausing slightly, True Immortal Su Kun muttered, "After battling the Frost Wave for more than a thousand years, we barely managed to gain an advantage over them. It's the best opportunity for our world to ascend and we cannot mess up in the slightest! Otherwise... I believe all of you understand the implications."

The 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World already had an agreement regarding the Frost Wave, but she couldn't help but emphasize the importance of such an event again.

Right before the projections left, Zhu Qingyi asked suddenly, "How are things with that person in the Heavenly Lake Elysium? Nothing should go wrong, right?"

True Immortal Su Kun's chilly voice rang in everyone's ears the next moment. "Unless she wants herself to become a Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, otherwise, she will probably take the big picture into account..."

"That's good..."

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As the True Immortals from the various factions sent their disciples to the Yuanhu Earth Star to wait for Shang Xia, they didn't know that he had no intentions of returning to the Star Origin City. He flew into the depths of the sea of stars in a completely different direction.

Shang Xia wasn't messing around. In fact, it was one of the plans he and Huang Yu came up with to retreat!

They wouldn't return to the city. Instead, they would take the chance to head over to the Azure Oddity World!

The only slight disturbance along the way was that as Shang Xia traveled tens of thousands of miles away from the heavenly screen, the Crimson Soul Tablet started to react to something else.

When Shang Xia turned to look in the direction of the Spirit Abundance World, he noticed 9 massive vortexes above the heavenly screen.

After gaining a certain understanding of the Spirit Abundance World, Shang Xia could tell that the 9 vortexes corresponded to the locations of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World.

The 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World seem to have constructed a massive formation with the core of the Spirit Abundance World as their support... They should be facing something...

Shifting his gaze over to where the Crimson Soul Tablet indicated, Shang Xia realized that he was staring straight at the northernmost point of the Spirit Abundance World!

“Could it be the Frost Wave that originated from the sea of stars...”

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“Brother Huang, when is your companion going to arrive? The fourth batch of cultivators is about to depart. If he can't make it, he should just wait for the next wave... Whatever it is, I'll be here to send him with the rest of the experts of the other factions. His safety is definitely assured...” Tang Fengxiang grumbled after he was dragged out by Huang Yu. They were waiting in a certain camp in the sea of stars while getting ready to be sent to the Azure Oddity World and he was in a state of panic.

If not for Huang Yu's recent return to help him out by allowing him to show himself off to several disciples of the Heaven Embroidery Palace while receiving a lot of praise, he might have already flipped out.

Huang Yu could see that Tang Fengxiang was getting impatient and he chuckled softly while apologizing. “Brother Tang... Or should I say, Amazing Deacon Tang, please calm down. I believe you have seen him back then and he's really reliable. He won't make a mistake with such important matters. Brother Tang, you might not know, but my friend has an amazing ability! The moment he comes, you will be able to save a bunch of essence crystals! When that happens, it doesn't matter if you take the chance to gain credit with the Heaven Embroidery Palace or if you use those essence crystals saved to.... Hehe, you understand!”

The annoyed look on Tang Fengxiang's face disappeared in an instant. He grunted once, but he didn't seem fully convinced, “Is your friend really that amazing? Why didn't I notice it the first time we met?”

“Brother Tang, you can't judge people based on their appearances. My friend might not look too friendly and might not be able to speak eloquently, but he was able to establish himself in the Star Origin City. If he didn't have great skills, how would a wandering cultivator like himself reach the Martial Dipper Realm?” Huang Yu grinned.

Tang Fengxiang's doubts seemed greatly diminished and he chuckled softly, "Since that's the case... Let's wait a little more. I have been too busy arranging and deploying all sorts of resources these days... I'll just take this chance to catch a short break. After all, I deserve it..."

"Of course you do!" Huang Yu immediately responded.

As they continued to chat to pass the time, Huang Yu's pupils trembled slightly and he turned to stare in a certain direction. A moment later, he gasped, "Hey! He's here, he's here!"

Tang Fengxiang was pleasantly surprised and he turned to stare in the same direction. He noticed a ray of gray light rushing over from the void and it arrived in the next instant. Who else could it be but Shang Xia?

"Haha! Brother Shang, you really made us wait!" Huang Yu revealed a look of pretend annoyance, but he was heaving a sigh of relief in his heart.

Cupping his fists, Shang Xia responded, "I apologize for making you wait!"

Tang Fengxiang immediately roared with laughter to lighten the mood, "Brother Shang, there's no need to act with such formality! Did anything happen during your trip here?"

Grunting once, Shang Xia seemed to think about something. He muttered, "I guess nothing much happened. However, when I was at the heavenly screen, I discovered that there were a lot more experts than before and they seemed a lot stricter. They seem to be looking for people who sneaked into the Spirit Abundance World and I was stopped by several squads along the way. That was why I was delayed..."

Huang Yu was slightly taken aback and he asked, "Did something happen there? They even have multiple patrol squads now..."

Tang Fengxiang chuckled and interrupted, "Brother Huang, you might not know, but I received news from several friends. Chaos broke out in one of the Elysiums... That's probably why there are a lot more squads on patrol now..."

"One of the Elysiums?" Huang Yu gasped in shock. However, when he saw the profound light in Tang Fengxiang's eyes, he didn't dare to probe further. He quickly brought the topic away. "Brother Tang, your connections are truly brilliant. I can't believe you managed to learn about matters regarding the 9 great powers!"

"Heheh!" Tang Fengxiang laughed twice before continuing in an aloof tone, "Not really... I just managed to overhear the conversation between some experts!"

"Haha! I haven't even seen a disciple of those great powers, unlike Brother Tang!" Huang Yu revealed an envious look as he continued to praise.

Shang Xia couldn't help but sneer in his heart. *Haven't seen a disciple from those powers... Heh, who knows how many of them you killed?*

Of course, Shang Xia didn't lose out to Huang Yu in terms of acting skills and a look of envy also appeared on his face. Tang Fengxiang felt a great sense of satisfaction when he saw their reactions.

All of a sudden, Tang Fengxiang asked, “I heard that Brother Shang has a way to greatly improve the formation on flying ships! I wonder if we can save some essence crystals by doing so...”

Shang Xia glanced at Huang Yu who was smiling at the side and chuckled, “I have little accomplishments in it... However, I’m not the best at it.”

“Brother Shang, every flying ship consumes a great number of essence crystals when sending people and goods through the sea of stars. No matter what, you have to help Brother Tang out! After all, he has been taking good care of me all this time! We will also need Brother Tang’s help when we head out to the Azure Oddity World...”

Shang Xia hastily replied, “Alright, I understand! Brother Huang, Deacon Tang, please rest assured. I’ll deal with the formation on the flying ship!”

Of course Shang Xia knew jack shit about improving the formation on the flying ship! However, he knew the principles of the Five Element Spirit Gathering Formation which had been developed by Chu Jia and if he used his Five Element Dipper Qi to supplement its effects, the formation would become much more effective!

Tang Fengxiang was extremely pleased with Shang Xia’s reaction. The 3 of them laughed and chatted as they returned to one of the camps in the sea of stars outside the Spirit Abundance World. Occasionally, they would run into patrol squads who were checking the identities of those who entered and left the camp. When they saw Deacon Tang who was a pretty influential figure at the moment, they allowed them to pass without any questions.

Just like that, Shang Xia and Huang Yu, 2 foreign cultivators from the Spirit Luxuriant World, managed to saunter into one of the camps where experts from the Spirit Abundance World would be sent to the Azure Oddity World.

Rather than heading to the Azure Oddity World immediately, Huang Yu and Shang Xia went to modify some formations on several flying ships.

Shang Xia tried replicating whatever he remembered from Chu Jia’s formation and it actually allowed the formations to work a lot more efficiently. When traveling through the sea of stars, it would definitely save them a few pieces of essence crystals.

As someone who had a pretty important role, Tang Fengxiang had close to 20 flying ships under his command. With Shang Xia working his half-assed magic on all of them, the number of essence crystals saved would be a considerable sum!

As for where Tang Fengxiang would use those essence crystals... Shang Xia and Huang Yu wouldn’t care and neither would they ask.

During their time in the camp, there were orders to check everyone to ensure they weren’t spies from another world, but the matter fizzled out eventually.

Obviously, without a True Immortal personally taking charge of the operation, no one had the confidence to find the tracks of foreign experts.

During that period of time, Huang Yu learned what happened to the Heavenly Lake Elysium after he left. He also heard what happened next. Not only did Shang Xia steal the Heaven Supporting Jade Pillar, but he even managed to destroy a True Immortal’s projection that contained a portion of his

divine soul and Void Origin! Even after experiencing countless storms in his time as a spy, Huang Yu was utterly dumbfounded by Shang Xia's achievements.

When he heard about the Frost Wave and Shang Xia's analysis, he eventually sighed, "This matter isn't something you or I can take part in at the moment. Even our Spirit Luxuriant World don't have the qualifications to stick our leg in this if we're alone..."

"Do you mean..." Shang Xia seemed to understand the hidden meaning behind his words.

"If the Frost Wave really originated from a world that the Spirit Abundance World set their sights on thousands of years ago, the level of the words would be extraordinarily high. It doesn't matter if the Spirit Abundance World plans to risk it all to obtain a portion of benefits from them, or if they wish to seek out the actual location. I'm afraid they will need to gather a lot of power to do so!" Huang Yu explained.

During the process, Shang Xia also carefully examined the Spirituality of the North.

With Huang Yu's assistance, Shang Xia managed to extract a formless ball of light that emitted a faint glow.

Carefully inspecting it, Shang Xia noticed that the Spirituality of the North seemed to resemble some sort of ointment. After keeping it in his Spatial Pouch for a day, he discovered a good half of it had disappeared. His Spatial Pouch also grew much larger than before and it gained a whole 10 cubic feet worth of space!

That wasn't all. Shang Xia also discovered that the space contained in his Spatial Pouch was much sturdier as the quality of the pouch increased slightly.

Since Shang Xia obtained the Spirituality of the North, the aurora borealis was left for Huang Yu.

Currently, Huang Yu's cultivation was at the third element of the Martial Dipper Realm. He already made preparations to refine his fourth fate dipper, but the energy contained in the aurora borealis wasn't suited for his fourth fate dipper. Shang Xia felt that it would be more appropriate for him to use it as his fifth fate dipper.

After Shang Xia completed the modifications of the formations on the flying ships, Deacon Tang kept his promise and sent Huang Yu and Shang Xia to the Azure Oddity World.

Before they left, Tang Fengxiang managed to produce 2 identity tokens from the Heaven Embroidery Palace that he got from god knows where. He handed it to Shang Xia and Huang Yu as a token of appreciation for their work on the flying ships.

However... According to Huang Yu, there was no need to think too much of his token of gratitude. Tang Fengxiang's position in the Heaven Embroidery Palace was pretty much at the same level as inner disciples. Obtaining 2 outer disciple tokens was nothing too difficult for him.

Of course, in the eyes of the 9 great powers of the Spirit Abundance World, the identity tokens were as good as scrap metal. However, to those smaller powers, the identity token would work well to prove their status.

At the very least, they didn't run into any trouble or people intentionally making things difficult for them as they made their way to the Azure Oddity World. They even received quite a few perks along the way.

Of course... Even without the identity tokens, those 2 weren't going to suffer any sort of grievances.

After half a month of flight, passing through several regions of space, Shang Xia and Huang Yu finally arrived on the closest populated landmass in the vast sea of stars around the Azure Oddity World.

Tens of thousands of miles away from the Azure Oddity World, the powers of various worlds had already gathered. The protection formation of the Azure Oddity World had been torn apart a long time ago as the high-level experts who arrived back then already infiltrated the world. The Azure Oddity World had been taken over and it was a matter of time before the various powers went to split up their spoils.

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"Looks like there was an accident..." Huang Yu mumbled. After they arrived, Huang Yu went around the camp of the Spirit Abundance World and heard the breakdown of what happened during the expedition thus far.

"The heavenly screen has already been destroyed, but the Azure Oddity World is still standing on its last legs at the moment..." Huang Yu muttered.

Seeing as Shang Xia wasn't interested in the news he brought back and was playing with the stone rod in his hand that shone with the luster of jade, he couldn't help but snap, "Didn't you already fully refine the treasure? Why the hell are you staring at it all day?"

Shang Xia finally raised his head to look at Huang Yu. "I'm communicating with its Artifact Spirit. It will be of great help when I try to unleash most of its might in the future. After all, I haven't reached the Martial Void Realm..."

Pressing his lips together, Huang Yu snorted, "So... What have you guys been talking about?"

Glancing at Huang Yu again, Shang Xia snorted, "It says it doesn't like you!"

With his eyes widening in shock and his lips twitching slightly, Huang Yu growled, "Fuck! That's a load of bullshit."

At the same time, the rod started to shrink in Shang Xia's palm. Only when it became small enough to put in his ear did Shang Xia keep it well. "Actually, this is something Patriarch Kou taught me. After all, he refined the Stellar Cauldron before entering the Martial Void Realm back then."

Without a change in expression, Huang Yu snorted, "Yeah, yeah, there's no need to listen to that old fart for everything..."

With a frown forming on his face, Shang Xia couldn't help but mumble, "You seem to have some sort of grudge with the patriarch... You shouldn't speak so disrespectfully about him in the future, especially when you return to the You Continent in the future!"

As soon as the words left Shang Xia's lips, Huang Yu's expression sank. He growled with a trace of dissatisfaction, "Damn kid, what do you know? Do you know what that sinister old bastard did back then?!"

"What did he do?" Shang Xia asked.

Taken aback by Shang Xia's sudden question, Huang Yu grunted once before replying, "That's something between the 2 of us a long time ago. Hmph, there's no need to tell a kid like you stories of the past!"

After he was done, he still seemed extremely unresigned. He couldn't help but mutter, "Anyway... Don't listen to him blindly in the future! You should develop your own views and stick to them!"

Shang Xia could tell that Huang Yu was sincerely giving him advice and he sighed, "Relax, I know what to do and I know what I'm doing..."

"That would be for the best..." Huang Yu nodded. Finally, his expression loosened up and he chuckled, "Right, about that sinister old fuc... I mean... Did that old fellow come to the Azure Oddity World?"

Raising an eyebrow, Shang Xia wondered out loud, "How is he supposed to come? He probably doesn't even know where the Azure Oddity World is! Even if the experts of other worlds know the location of the Azure Oddity World, they won't tell him! Also, even though we ascended to a Spirit World, the threat of the Spirit Abundance World is still present. I don't think it would be easy for him to leave..."

"Don't use your ordinary sense of reasoning to deduce Kou Chongxue's actions!" Huang Yu shook his head at Shang Xia's analysis. "If someone like you can guess what he's doing, he wouldn't have lived till now... That old man might just be hiding in some stupid corner over here watching the world burn... He's probably going to pop out at the last moment and give everyone a huge surprise. Don't you know? The Triple Frost of the You Continent got their name from being assassins. Can you imagine Kou Chongxue as an assassin?"

Shang Xia couldn't keep up with whatever Huang Yu was saying. By the time he reacted, a strange scene with Kou Chongxue hiding in a corner and jumping out to kill his enemies ruthlessly played out in Shang Xia's mind. He couldn't help but feel a trace of lingering fear when he thought about it.

Shaking the disturbing scene out of his mind, Shang Xia muttered, "Well... Patriarch Kou isn't that old..."

"Oh? Do you know how old he is?" Huang Yu sneered in response.

Seeing Shang Xia's speechless face, Huang Yu laughed coldly, "I'm afraid he's much older than your grandpa..."

Finally, Shang Xia had enough of talking about Kou Chongxue. He forcefully changed the topic, "Right, what's going to happen to your wife and child that you left in the Spirit Abundance World?! Are you going to think of a way to get them out after the matter with the Azure Oddity World?"

Huang Yu shook his head slowly. “There’s no need. I already made preparations for them and she’s someone from the Lou Family to begin with. She’s also a Martial Extermination Realm expert. Even if I disappear, no one will be able to bully and humiliate them. The only thing I’m afraid of is that they’ll be closely monitored by the members of the Lou Family for some time... If you and I return right now, we’ll definitely fall into the Lou Family’s trap!”

Shang Xia nodded slowly before finally pushing the topic back on track after god knew how many sidetracks. “Right, you said something about how the Azure Oddity World is on its last legs... What do you mean by that? Are the cultivators of the Azure Oddity World still guarding their factions? Wouldn’t it just be a matter of time before they are completely taken over?”

Huang Yu shook his head and sighed, “Things have gone completely outside our expectations. True Immortal Yong Si, one of the second tier Martial Void Realm experts of the Azure Beginning World, was killed in the Azure Oddity World. The True Immortals of the various worlds became a lot more reserved and careful, grinding the entire operation to a halt.”

Shang Xia’s jaws dropped but eventually, he muttered, “Isn’t the heavenly screen of the Azure Oddity World destroyed? The mid to high-level experts of the various worlds should have already poured into the Azure Oddity World... How can a True Immortal be slain under such circumstances?”

“True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu’s formation artifact was damaged, and he gave up on protecting the entire world. Instead, he chose to retreat into his sect.” Huang Yu explained.

After thinking for a moment, Shang Xia asked, “Even though the artifact was damaged and wouldn’t be able to use its full power... Huh? Wait... You’re saying that he’s only using it to power the grand formation of his sect?”

Huang Yu knew what Shang Xia was getting at and he nodded in response, “Other than the grand formation protecting the various continents in the Azure Oddity World, Meng Yuanxiu also established a massive formation system in multiple factions. Even though it’s not comparable to the grand formation that encompasses several continents that could draw on half the Azure Oddity World’s origin to allow him to obtain the combat strength of a fourth tier Martial Void Realm expert, the properties of the smaller formation are still pretty solid.”

“Even though he would be able to last for a much longer time, a sect protecting grand formation is still a mere formation at the end of the day. It would be a matter of time before he is defeated.” Shang Xia muttered.

Huang Yu was in agreement. “That might be the case, but what if the Azure Oddity World is also hiding a third Martial Void Realm True Immortal?”

Shang Xia was caught off guard, but he quickly recalled how True Immortal Yong Si had fallen and the true meaning behind it. “Wouldn’t the other worlds have felt the presence of another True Immortal if that was truly the case?”

The birth of any True Immortal would definitely cause a massive commotion. Even if they hid in an Elysium to undergo the breakthrough, they might not be able to hide the spatial fluctuations and the disturbance to the World Origin Source. Martial Dipper Realm experts would be able to feel any

changes to the World Origin Source, and even stronger experts at the Martial Extermination Realm might be able to do so.

After True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu was injured in the Star Relay, the various worlds started to act. Moreover, from how quickly they made their preparations and how quickly they were able to start the invasion, it was clear that those worlds had long developed a plan to invade the Azure Oddity World. Shang Xia refused to believe that they didn't bribe anyone to be their informants.

Huang Yu sighed, "Ever since True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu returned to the Azure Oddity World after the defeat, an expert from the Azure Oddity World managed to break through. Meng Yuanxiu made use of the protection formation around his sect to hide the process to the best of his abilities. Before that, he also entered seclusion with another True Immortal and using the excuse of cultivation, they managed to hide the birth of the new True Immortal..."

Shang Xia also sighed at the discovery. "Looks like they're pretty lucky. They actually managed to push another expert into the Martial Void Realm in such a short amount of time."

"Yeah... Who would have thought... Whatever it is, with the birth of the third True Immortal in the Azure Oddity World, True Immortal Yong Si was caught off guard. When he was trapped by True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu's grand formation, there was actually a chance for other True Immortals to save him. However, the third True Immortal made his move at that moment and heavily injured True Immortal Yong Si who had been suppressed by the World's Will and True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu's formation. Due to the sudden change, True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu was able to work together with the new True Immortal of the Azure Oddity World to drag True Immortal Yong Si into their Elysium..."

Shang Xia gasped. "Wait... Just the 2 of them?"

"That's right. The other True Immortal of the Azure Oddity World is said to be hiding somewhere to avoid being surrounded by the experts from the various worlds. He can't help True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu..." Huang Yu added.

Having thought of something, Shang Xia asked, "What about the Azure Beginning World? What's their reaction to losing a True Immortal?"

With his eyes widening slightly, Huang Yu understood what Shang Xia was getting at and he thought for a moment before responding, "The Azure Beginning World also seems to have 3 True Immortals. However, no one knows how many of them actually joined the expedition to invade the Azure Oddity World. Moreover, the location of the Azure Beginning World hasn't been revealed. I think..."

Shang Xia shook his head and mumbled, "I'm afraid it won't be long before the Azure Beginning World retreats."

Seeing the look of shock on Huang Yu's face, Shang Xia quickly elaborated, "Of course, that's only if there are still True Immortals from the Azure Beginning World present. If they didn't send another True Immortal... With True Immortal Yong Si's death, I'm afraid there won't be too many experts of the Azure Beginning World capable of returning."

“Do you think... Do you think the various worlds would set their sights on the Azure Beginning World after they deal with the Azure Oddity World?” Huang Yu wondered in a low voice.

To that, Shang Xia could only shake his head. “It’s hard to say... We need to see what the Azure Beginning World does. Moreover, it’s not easy to uncover the plans of the other True Immortals.”

After he was done, he turned his body to stare at the Azure Oddity World in the vast sea of space. “Anyway. Since the situation has changed, Looks like we should hurry and make a trip over and take a look for ourselves.”

“Now? Why don’t we wait a little more? The greatest benefits of the Azure Oddity World have most likely already been taken away by those who arrived before us.” Huang Yu muttered.

Shang Xia and Huang Yu were basically part of the last batches to arrive at the Azure Oddity World. Even though Meng Yuanxiu’s sect was still standing, the other parts of the world had most likely been wiped clean. Even if they entered the world, they would be fighting for the dregs left behind.

However, Shang Xia started to walk out of their camp and muttered, “You seem to have forgotten what happened when the Manyu Continent reached its end back then. Wouldn’t the eruption of world origin at the end cause many treasures to form?”

Huang Yu hastily ran behind Shang Xia while yelling, “Do you really think that Azure Oddity World will crumble and start to separate so quickly? That isn’t really possible... Meng Yuanxiu’s sect is holding up well and more than half the high-level cultivators of the Azure Oddity World have already gathered there. With the use of his formation, all of them possess extremely high combat abilities! It won’t be easy to break through their protection formation... Especially after True Immortal Yong Si was killed there.”

Stopping suddenly, Shang Xia turned around and asked, “If... I’m saying if... What if, True Immortal Yong Si’s death was a conspiracy the True Immortals from the other worlds cooked up? What if it’s exactly like how they made use of Patriarch Kou to injure Meng Yuanxiu’s divine artifact?”

Chapter 987: Discovering the Spirituality of the East

Not too long after they left their camp, Shang Xia seemed to think of something else as he stopped walking to stare in a certain direction in the void.

Huang Yu followed his gaze and extended his divine will over. The only thing he discovered was faint spatial fluctuations in that direction.

“Did you discover something?” Huang Yu asked.

Shang Xia shook his head slowly. However, he still asked, “Which world does that camp over there belong to?”

Huang Yu thought for a moment, but he eventually shook his head. He spent half a day going around to gather information, but he only focused on the Azure Oddity World. He didn’t know too much about the other worlds.

“There seems to be intense spatial fluctuations that have been lasting a long time in that direction. They seem to be hiding it well, but it’s not exactly undetectable. They’re either retreating on a large scale, or they’re sending a new batch of reinforcements over...” Shang Xia muttered.

“Do you think the cultivators from the Azure Beginning World are retreating?” Huang Yu asked.

“When we arrived, we were most likely the last batch of reinforcements the Spirit Abundance World sent. Other than peak-tier Spirit Worlds like the Spirit Abundance World, are there any other worlds that have the ability to send more reinforcements? I’m afraid only the Spirit Mammoth World will be able to do so...” Shang Xia thought to himself.

Nodding, Huang Yu added, “The possibility of the Spirit Mammoth World sending reinforcements at this time is pretty low. It seems like the Azure Beginning World is getting afraid...”

“Let’s hope that they manage to get away! Let’s go! The situation in the Azure Oddity World is pretty much set and we don’t have much time left!” Shang Xia whispered. After he spoke, he turned to fly towards the Azure Oddity World.

Huang Yu stared at Shang Xia’s back and grumbled helplessly, “This brat... Even I have to listen to him now...” He shook his head with a bitter smile before turning into a streak of light to fly after Shang Xia.

After the heavenly screen of the Azure Oddity World was shattered, the experts of the various worlds completely took over every other inch of land that wasn’t controlled by Meng Yuanxiu’s sect. They already started to filter the experts of the Azure Oddity World.

Fortunately, Shang Xia and Huang Yu had the identity token from the Heaven Embroidery Palace and they managed to enter the Central Continent of the Azure Oddity World.

The Central Continent was supposed to be the true core of the Azure Oddity World and it used to be the most prosperous region. However, it looked desolate when Shang Xia and Huang Yu arrived. It was as though the apocalypse arrived and even the description ‘bare as bones, lifeless for a thousand miles’ wasn’t enough to describe it.

The scene of destruction didn’t come as a surprise as anyone who took part in the battle in the Azure Oddity World was at the very least in the Martial Extermination Realm. That was the lowest realm one had to be before they could undergo long-range spatial transfer, and they would be part of the combat force from the weaker Azure Worlds.

For worlds like the Spirit Abundance World and Spirit Mammoth World, their main combat ability was made up of Martial Dipper Realm experts.

When Martial Extermination Realm and Martial Dipper Realm experts went all out, it was hard to maintain the world in one piece.

“Is this what it looks like when a world is being invaded?” Shang Xia mumbled while staring at the bleak world before him. He turned to look at Huang Yu suddenly and asked, “If the Spirit Abundance World succeeded in their invasion of our Spirit Luxuriant World back then, would this be what we would be looking at?”

Huang Yu’s expression sank and he muttered in a low voice, “No. It will only be worse than this!”

Seeing how Shang Xia was still staring at the scene of destruction around, Huang Yu continued, “That’s because our Spirit Luxuriant World is stronger than the Azure Oddity World. As such, our resistance will only be fiercer and more resolute. Naturally... Battles of such scale will only cause more destruction!”

“So... We have to prevent anything like this from happening to us!” Shang Xia growled.

In his indifferent voice, Huang Yu added, “We can only ensure we keep growing stronger then...”

Nodding slowly, Shang Xia handed the Spirituality of the North to Huang Yu. “It’s hard to determine if the Four Extremity Spirituality is a rank four, five, or six treasure. The Four Extremity Spirituality of the Spirit Abundance World might be different from the Azure Oddity World, but you can use this as your reference. I will have to trouble you to retrieve any if you find them in the West and North. I’ll head to the East and South!”

Huang Yu kept the Spirituality of the North while chuckling, “Relax... Anyway, I can tell that this Spirituality of the North is something special. You’re not getting this sample back!”

Shang Xia waved his hand casually to bid Huang Yu farewell.

Roaring with laughter, Huang Yu flew towards the north. However, his voice still rang clearly in Shang Xia’s ears. “Kid, Meng Yuanxiu’s sect is located in the east. You need to be careful when you try looking for the Spirituality of the East!”

Shang Xia chuckled in response, “We need to ensure our safety before all else. Don’t risk your life to obtain them! I still have several methods to do so...”

As Huang Yu disappeared as a streak of light, Shang Xia could vaguely see him waving his hands.

It was true that Shang Xia had an alternative plan to collect the Four Extremity Spiritualities, but there was no question about it. The Azure Oddity World was the best place for him to collect them all at the moment.

Facing the World’s Will that would soon be destroyed, it would definitely use up the last of the world’s potential to nurture as many treasures as it could.

That might be why the various worlds haven’t gone all out in a siege against Meng Yuanxiu’s sect!

Both sides were biding their time! The experts of the Azure Oddity World might be waiting for an unexpected situation that would allow them to turn the tables, or they might just be dragging things out. As for the True Immortals from the various worlds, they were probably waiting for the world to produce enough precious treasures and resources!

As Shang Xia flew east, he could vaguely feel 3 powerful auras like suns in the midday sky. They seemed to be projecting their presence the best they could as they surrounded Meng Yuanxiu’s sect.

Shang Xia became even more suspicious about the death of True Immortal Yong Si from the Azure Beginning World.

From the intelligence Huang Yu brought back, there were 5 True Immortals who descended on the Azure Oddity World. However, a sixth had appeared. They probably made their appearance after True Immortal Yong Si's death in order to continue the encirclement.

Of course, Shang Xia didn't plan to risk anything by heading over to learn more about those True Immortals and Meng Yuanxiu's sect. Instead, he started to head further east.

Unlike the Spirit Abundance World and Spirit Luxuriant World, the Eastern Region of the Azure Oddity World wasn't made up of a massive ocean. When Shang Xia arrived, he noticed that the easternmost region was where the oceans ran dry.

The Azure Oddity World's world protecting barrier lay at the edge of the ocean, but the endless sea of stars that was supposed to be on the other side wasn't there. Instead, there seemed to be a region of nothingness and chaos.

Shang Xia was no stranger to the chaotic space. When the Azure Origin World and the Azure Spiritual World collided and the Battlefield Between the Two Worlds were formed, he had seen something similar in the windy valley. He had also seen something similar in the Celestial Remains when he was looking for the Stellar Cauldron!

Unfortunately, he didn't plan to explore the region of chaos. His main goal was the Four Extremity Spiritualities.

He started his search from the edge of the easternmost point. He ran into several experts who were also trying their luck while restraining themselves from attacking each other.

Shang Xia stayed for 3 days and found nothing. When he was about to give up, the Crimson Soul Tablet finally showed some reaction as it started to tremble slightly in his sea of consciousness.

Thinking back to the time when he chased the Spirituality of the North in the Spirit Abundance World, he tried to communicate with the Crimson Soul Tablet. From the faint feeling he was getting, he started to fly in a certain direction. In just a short while, he discovered that he was getting further and further from the easternmost point. He seemed to be flying in the Southeastern direction while correcting his movement along the way.

He had some guesses in mind as his expression turned a lot more serious. Of course, none of that affected his speed. Instead, he started to push himself as he flew faster and faster.

When he arrived close to 100 miles from his target, Shang Xia no longer concealed his aura. It was as though he was announcing his arrival.

The next moment, Shang Xia discovered several figures slowing down before slowly coming to a halt.

The distance of a hundred miles was something a Martial Dipper Realm expert could cross in the blink of an eye. When they were a mere 10 miles away, Shang Xia saw the appearance of the 3 Martial Dipper Realm experts he was chasing.

"Who are you? Why are you tracking us so closely? One of the experts questioned.

In order to reduce the animosity the other side had with him, Shang Xia didn't fly at his top speed. He slowly moved until there was only 5 miles left between them before speaking slowly, "Apologies... I don't have any ill intentions. I noticed that one of the treasures I was looking for has been obtained by you 3 and I hope it's possible for you to part with it. Of course, I am willing to give you treasures of equal worth!"

As soon as the words left his lips, the younger-looking male cultivator who was standing at the back sneered and gestured for him to not approach.

However, the only female, and the youngest among the 3, tugged on his sleeves and muttered, "Second Brother, there's no need for such a strong reaction. Let's listen to him before making a decision."

The person who was the first to speak was clearly the oldest among them. He glanced behind him before muttering in a serious voice, "Oh? What do you plan to use to trade?"

"Would you like essence crystals? Or you can tell me what you like in exchange or what you would accept..." Shang Xia replied.

The next moment, the female cultivator stepped forward and snorted in a cold voice, "What is the treasure you wish to trade? Also... How did you manage to track the 3 of us?"

Chapter 988: I Didn't Want To, But You Made Me!

"What is the treasure you wish to trade? Also... How did you manage to track the 3 of us?"

The youngest among the 3, and the only female cultivator among them, stepped out to ask.

Shang Xia smiled in response. "Like I said, I wasn't tracking the 3 of you. I was following the treasure you obtained, but I don't know its exact appearance. I will only be able to determine what it is after I see it."

The cultivator who had been stopped by the female cultivator earlier burst out laughing with rage. "So, you're telling us that we need to bring out all our treasures for you to choose?"

Shang Xia sighed helplessly, "Please believe that that's not my intention. Moreover, the treasure is something that you obtained in the eastern region of the Azure Oddity World. All you need to do..."

Before he could finish, their second brother attacked. "Go fuck yourself!"

A hook sickle spear was created from his dipper qi and it tore through space to head straight for Shang Xia. He didn't forget to curse, "I knew you were a piece of shit! Why don't you take out your treasures for us to choose from?"

A mocking sneer left his lips. This time, no one stopped him. The other 2 experts cooperated flawlessly with him as they started to surround Shang Xia from all directions to prevent him from escaping.

Shang Xia had to admit that the 3 of them had pretty impressive cultivation levels and combat strength. Their leader refined 3 fate dippers, and their second brother and third sister were second element Martial Dipper Realm experts.

Moreover, it was clear that the 3 of them had been in many battles. They fought together and retreated as one, and their cooperation was seamless! They didn't show mercy when they attacked and when working together, they even achieved impressive battle achievements of defeating fourth element Martial Dipper Realm experts. They were extremely confident in their strength.

It was just too bad... The person they ran into this time was Shang Xia!

In all honesty, Shang Xia was really planning to obtain the Spirituality of the East honestly with a proper trade.

Unfortunately, they determined that Shang Xia had bad intentions the moment he arrived. Also... With things as they were, unless it was someone they were close to, no one would easily trust others. Not to mention someone who had no idea what treasure he was looking for but still wanted them to show him everything they obtained.

It couldn't be more normal for them to start killing!

Shang Xia was helpless and he could only wave his hand in the void where the hook sickle spear was falling. The void it tore through was instantly restored as the spear broke away from his hand to be stuck in the space beside Shang Xia.

Feeling a powerful wind above his head, a loud roar rang in his mind the next moment. A giant axe came cleaving down.

With a frown on his face, Shang Xia raised his hand into the air and squeezed, forming a giant palm with his Five Element Dipper Qi to grab at the axe's handle. It was unable to budge the moment the giant hand closed in on it.

Shang Xia didn't even bother looking at the axe from the moment he discovered its presence. The protection barrier around him started to condense to form a Five Element Shield behind him.

With a loud crack, a short sword stabbed deep into the shield. Even though it sank deep, it was unable to penetrate any further after reaching 3 inches away from him. By the time the person wielding the sword felt that something was wrong, they discovered they couldn't pull it back.

It was then that Shang Xia suddenly exhaled into the void beside him.

Powerful spatial fluctuations appeared in the void and started to spread rapidly.

"AH!" A loud scream rang through the air as their third sister's sorry figure staggered out from the void. She held her face with her hands as blood streamed through her fingers from where her eyes were.

"Third Sister!"

"Third Sister, what's wrong?!"

They fell into a panic when they saw her hurt.

Their second brother, who had been rushing at Shang Xia after retrieving his hook sickle spear, stopped before rushing to her side.

As for their leader whose axe had been grabbed by Shang Xia, he ran over to cover the others as he yelled, “Fellow cultivator, we accept our defeat! Please allow us to live. We’ll give you the treasure you desire!”

In a single exchange, the 3 of them who had always dealt with their enemies decisively and ruthlessly, were completely defeated! Their third sister even lost her eyes!

It was clear they had a ton of combat experience. How could they not know that they kicked a steel plate when they faced Shang Xia? It was no surprise that their leader admitted defeat immediately as he hoped that Shang Xia would let them off.

Of course, Shang Xia was no fool. They were in a foreign world fighting for resources, and the grudge between them had already been formed the moment the other party attacked. There was no room for compassion. If he wasn’t strong enough, they would have killed him! There was no chance they would have shown mercy. As such, he wasn’t going to allow them to escape now that things had progressed to this point.

His Five Element Dipper Qi that surrounded him earlier expanded greatly as it filled the entire region. It created a separate region of space and trapped his 3 opponents.

“Fellow cultivator, are you really going to go so far as to kill us all? Aren’t you afraid that we’ll go all out in a life-or-death struggle to drag you down with us?” Their second brother roared while protecting their third sister. He glared at Shang Xia with bloodshot eyes while screaming.

Instead of rage, regret seemed to flash through the eyes of their leader. Seeing as they had already fallen into a desperate state, and their opponent wasn’t reacting to the threat of mutual destruction, he forced himself to calm down to make his final threat. “Do you think you can escape the revenge of our sect if you kill us today?”

Shang Xia chuckled in response. Not bothering to respond, the Five Element Space seemed to part in the middle before transforming into 2 massive whirlpools. From afar, it looked like giant grindstones!

Soon after, the Five Element Space started to spin with great intensity and their Dipper Qi Protection Barrier and whatever pitiful defenses they could put up were torn to shreds.

Shang Xia wasn’t one to waste his time on them. After exterminating them, he collected their treasures before leaving.

Even though the exchange didn’t take long, the commotion it caused was massive. More importantly, Shang Xia unleashed his Five Element Annihilation Yin Yang Ring and he was unable to restrain his trademark five colored dipper qi. His identity might have been revealed because of that.

Whatever he did in the Spirit Abundance World was just too eye-catching. It was possible that the True Immortals in charge of the siege on the Azure Oddity World had already received news and his identity as a Martial Dipper Realm expert from the Spirit Luxuriant World!

After running some distance away, Shang Xia restrained his presence and transformed his aura with his Five Element Origin once again. If no one had seen him earlier, they wouldn’t be able to make the connection between the person who attacked earlier and the person he transformed into.

Earlier, when faced with certain death, the 3 of them acted decisively. They wanted to destroy their treasures to ensure that Shang Xia wouldn't be able to easily obtain what he wanted before they were killed!

However, Shang Xia expected as much. His Five Element Annihilation Yin Yang Ring didn't just eliminate their Dipper Origin and their souls. It managed to suppress them completely and cause them to be unable to properly use their inner qi. Their plan to destroy their treasure was good, but they failed to make it happen!

Shang Xia looked through his loot and realized that the 3 of them actually obtained quite a bit of treasures. However, most of the treasures were completely useless to Shang Xia. The only thing that gave him a sense of familiarity was a strange withered branch.

The Green Forest Branch he examined might just be a rank four spiritual treasure, but it actually contained the Spirituality of the East he was searching for!

Chapter 989: Rank Six Sun Gold Flame

Even though he ran into some problems along the way, Shang Xia finally managed to obtain the Spirituality of the East.

With Shang Xia's current cultivation level and combat strength, there was practically no one under the Martial Void Realm who could fight him.

Since Shang Xia was able to evade the World's Will suppression from the Spirit Abundance World, he could do the same in the Azure Oddity World. His opponents were suppressed by the world while he wasn't. That was one of the reasons he was able to kill them as easily as he did.

What he did next was to rush to the southernmost part of the world. Along the way, he intentionally traveled further away from True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu's sect.

With his divine will, he could tell that the auras of various True Immortals still remained around the sect. Their presence were like suns in the midday sky and from what he could tell, their positions didn't change either.

Facing the suppression from 6 True Immortals, True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu wouldn't be able to hold out forever even if he had another True Immortal on his side. In the face of absolute power, they wouldn't be able to pull any tricks.

However... The question in Shang Xia's mind was why those True Immortals hadn't made their move!

As he flew to the south, he tried guessing their intentions.

"Even if they are afraid of causing collateral damage, or if Meng Yuanxiu plans to go all out to attempt to drag them down with him, all they have to do is to call for more experts to take part in the battle! What's the point of holding out?" Shang Xia grumbled to himself.

Even though there were only 6 True Immortals surrounding Meng Yuanxiu's sect, Shang Xia knew that they weren't the only True Immortals who took part in the expedition! Many True Immortals didn't bother to travel all the way over and they only cared about ensuring the Spatial Transfer was safe to bring the experts of their world there and back.

Since most of the cultivators had already arrived at the Azure Oddity World, there was no need for them to maintain the spatial tunnels for the time being. They could easily head over to deal with Meng Yuanxiu's sect.

Despite everything, none of them were doing anything! The 6 True Immortals who were suppressing Meng Yuanxiu's sect maintained their positions.

"Unless... The True Immortals of the various worlds are cooking up another plan!" Shang Xia seemed to have thought of something and his attention turned to the final True Immortal of the Azure Oddity World. He was called True Immortal Zhuang Yuan, and he didn't ascend with the help of an Elysium. As such, he wasn't bound to one.

According to the rumors, True Immortal Zhuang Yuan hadn't shown his face since the start of the battle! However, there were at least 3 True Immortals of the various worlds searching for him in the void around the world. There were even some who said that he had already been forced into a corner by the True Immortals of the other side and it would only be a matter of time before they killed him.

"Does True Immortal Zhuang Yuan have some sort of hidden ace up his sleeve? Or did the True Immortals mess up when dealing with him and make some sort of mistake?" Shang Xia thought about all the possibilities but before he knew it, he arrived at his destination.

The Azure Oddity World was larger than the Azure Origin World or the Azure Spiritual World of the past, but it couldn't compare to the Azure Ascension World after the fusion. Naturally, there was no need to compare it to the Spirit Luxuriant World.

The southernmost point of the Azure Oddity World wasn't covered in endless frost. Instead, it was actually a volcanic region that was practically boiling over.

Retracting his aura, Shang Xia entered the volcano range. He discovered many cultivators along his way who were looking for different types of flames.

Fortunately, he had the guidance of the Crimson Soul Tablet. He discovered that the Spirituality that had been nurtured by the volcano range hadn't been obtained by anyone and couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

The volcano range was probably a naturally formed treasure zone which explained the number of cultivators searching for treasures there.

However, fortune was always accompanied by danger. The volcano range in the South was one of the most dangerous regions and as such, everyone who entered kept their guards up. They didn't dare to move about recklessly which was most likely the reason why the Spirituality of the South hadn't been obtained.

Following the Crimson Soul Tablet's guidance, Shang Xia arrived at one of the volcanic craters where lava was bubbling aggressively. After venturing thousands of feet deep, he discovered the reason why the Spirituality of the South was still preserved.

Staring at the golden flame in front of him as he stood at the bottom of the volcano, he could tell that even the void surrounding the flame was being eaten up by the horrifying temperatures. He

couldn't help but whistle softly, "This is probably the rank six Sun Gold Flame... Why is it at the bottom of a volcano?"

Shang Xia might not be afraid of the rank six flame that had the ability to burn the void, but taking it away wasn't going to be easy. At the very least, he couldn't find any item on him that could hold the Sun Gold Flame.

Helpless, Shang Xia could only use his Five Element Dipper Qi to extract the Spirituality of the North from the powerful flame. During the process, his Five Element Dipper Qi seemed to resonate with the Sun Gold Flame and Shang Xia could feel its properties seeping into his Fire Element Dipper Qi.

Shang Xia didn't know if the change was a good thing at the moment and to play safe, he wanted to stop the transformation before he successfully extracted the Spirituality of the South. He circulated his Five Element Dipper Qi as he tried to suppress the transformation with the properties of the other elements.

However, it was completely useless as his Five Element Dipper Qi seemed to lose its effects at that moment.

It didn't take long for Shang Xia to discover the key to whatever was happening. His Five Element Origin might be able to encompass everything, but quality-wise, his Five Element Origin could only subdue rank five treasures. The ball of Sun Gold Flame was a rank six treasure!

Shang Xia's Five Element Origin might be able to wear it down and assimilate the rank six Sun Gold Flame, but it would definitely take a long time!

When he was hesitating, a sudden change in the Azure Oddity World made the decision for him. With sudden spatial fluctuations covering the region of space he was in, the volcano range became unsteady. Volcanoes started erupting one after another as massive walls of fire emitting a brilliant red color burst into the skies. Lava spewed all around and started flowing in all directions.

That wasn't all. Every single high-level expert of the Azure Oddity World could feel the World's Will crying out that very moment.

Volcanic eruptions, massive storms, sudden appearance of a lightning storm... The earth started to shake violently at the same time.

It was as though the Azure Oddity World was using the disasters to announce its unavoidable fate.

When Shang Xia emerged from the volcano again, there was a ball of golden flames dancing around his shoulder. Looking at the scene of destruction before him, he understood that the 6 True Immortals who surrounded Meng Yuanxiu's sect most likely made their move. From how the world is reacting, it seemed as though they had already achieved their goal.

Because the world lost its final struggle, their defeat was set in stone. The Azure Oddity World had turned into a massive cake that would be split among the various worlds, and that was the reason for the miserable cry from the World's Will earlier.

Watching everything that was happening, Shang Xia could only mutter a soft apology.

With the Spirituality of the East and South in hand, he needed to meet up with Huang Yu as soon as possible.

The destruction of the world meant that True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu and True Immortal Yu Ji had fallen. The Azure Oddity World would be split up by the various factions soon, and the True Immortals of the various worlds wouldn't be occupied for long. If Shang Xia was unable to obtain the Four Extremity Spiritualities, it didn't matter if he had the Spirituality of the East and South. Everything would be in vain.

After all, the Four Extremity Spiritualities he required had to be produced from the same world!

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Sometimes... It wasn't as though Shang Xia was poking his head out to look for trouble intentionally. Instead, trouble seemed to be looking for him! The brilliant ball of flame flashing on his shoulder was like a giant sign that attracted all the wrong attention. It was as though he was begging for people to attack him.

"Fellow cultivator, that flame seems really pretty. I wonder if you are willing to part with it? I am Shi Lingsu of the Spirit Harmony Sect in the Spirit Tinkle World. My master is True Immortal Yi. Which world did you come from?"

The void in front of Shang Xia trembled violently as an arrogant figure emerged. As soon as the expert appeared, they threw their background in Shang Xia's face while demanding his rank six Sun Gold Flame.

Shang Xia couldn't help but mutter to himself, "That sounds really familiar... I guess what goes around comes around. I'm pretty sure I said something similar earlier when I was chasing the Spirituality of the East. It's just... What's the point of telling me your background the moment you appear? Am I really going to run into these weirdos all the time?"

"Hey, didn't you hear what I said?!" Seeing as Shang Xia hadn't responded, Shi Lingsu felt insulted that Shang Xia wasn't taking him seriously.

Raising his head to stare at Shi Lingsu, Shang Xia slowly frowned. His gaze seemed to have turned to the depths of the ash clouds that formed due to the volcanic eruptions.

Seeing the look on Shang Xia's face, Shi Lingsu felt that the other party was afraid of his background and he quickly regained his arrogance. Trying to be as amiable as possible, he muttered, "Relax. I'm not trying to force a trade here. As long as you hand over the spirit flame, I won't give you a hard time. I'm not trying to obtain it through force either. I will definitely give you a satisfactory price."

Shang Xia sighed softly before pointing to the space behind Shi Lingsu. "Haven't you discovered what's happening behind you?"

Slightly taken aback, he instinctively sent out his divine will. Despite the suppression from the World's Will and the obstruction of the ash cloud, he quickly noticed that none of his 2 companions came along with him.

"You... You have comrades too?!" Shi Lingsu gasped while pointing at Shang Xia. He grabbed several life-saving treasures and activated a protection talisman instantly. As a feathery shield appeared before him, he finally heaved a sigh of relief.

Chapter 990: Death of Another True Immortal

It wasn't as though Shang Xia was lacking in run ins with cultivators who had amazing backing. However... Even those he ran into might be prideful, none of them acted so arrogantly. All of them were extremely shrewd and it didn't matter if he evaluated their skills or intellect, they were top-notch. They were definitely worthy of their inheritances...

The dumbass in front of him who was screaming about his backing when he appeared seemed... Pretty special...

Shang Xia was amazed that someone like that hadn't been beaten to death yet.

How can someone like that run around a battlefield in a foreign world while running his mouth off? Is he some rookie cultivator or something?

Even though he found it remarkable to run into someone like that, Shi Lingsu clearly wasn't taking Shang Xia seriously. It caused Shang Xia to take an interest in what was really happening.

With Shang Xia pointing out what was happening behind him, Shi Lingsu finally realized that his followers weren't beside him. He was also unable to detect what was going on with his divine will.

Even though he was a weirdo, he wasn't a fool. He took out all his life-saving treasures instantly and activated a protection talisman before getting ready to escape.

Who would have thought that the moment he moved, rays of five colored light would shoot past him before enveloping the space around them? Everything seemed to tremble lightly and Shi Lingsu discovered that he was stuck in place. He activated the talisman earlier, but it seemed completely useless.

Finally realizing who he was dealing with, he turned around abruptly and yelled, "It's you..."

Shang Xia's eyes narrowed slightly as a ray of five colored dipper qi shot at Shi Lingsu. He couldn't move and was forced to condense a four-winged blade to stop the streak of light flashing at him.

Who would have thought that the four-winged blade that was formed with his dipper qi would be eaten away the second the five colored dipper qi came into contact with it? Even though he managed to weaken the five colored dipper qi, it didn't slow down in the slightest.

However, Shang Xia wasn't too surprised by the other party's resistance. He could tell that Shi Lingsu wasn't just at the fourth element of the Martial Dipper Realm, his fate dippers weren't ordinary either. He should possess pretty impressive fighting strength. However, he seems to be pretty inexperienced in combat and even seemed slightly fearful of fighting...

With his five colored dipper qi tearing through the void, 2 loud snaps could be heard from Shi Lingsu. 2 of his life-saving treasures were shattered in an instant.

Shang Xia couldn't help but chuckle to himself. Without the courage to fight... What was the point of having an impressive cultivation level?

Reaching out to tap the void, ripples started to spread from his fingertips. A powerful beam of five colored light surrounded them.

“Young Master Shang, please show mercy!” Shi Lingsu wanted to run when he discovered he had been saved by his treasures. However, his legs weren’t listening to him as he stood in place while staring at Shang Xia.

From what he heard, the person before him was a monster with a Holy Artifact and had the guts to fight against Martial Void Realm True Immortals at the Martial Dipper Realm! He was even able to leave unharmed after the exchange!

Shang Xia realized that Shi Lingsu discovered his identity when the words ‘It’s you...’ came out of Shi Lingsu’s lips. It was just that the other party didn’t get to say his full name earlier.

With his identity at the risk of being revealed by the dumbass in front of him, there was no way Shang Xia would allow him to speak further.

The moment his Five Element Space was formed, the entire region was sealed off from the outside world. No matter how Shi Lingsu screamed, no one would be able to hear him.

One had to say that Shi Lingsu was truly a legendary master at looking for trouble. If he acted as though he didn’t recognize Shang Xia earlier, he might really have been able to weasel his way out of death.

Unfortunately, he had to reveal to Shang Xia that he knew who he was.

With the situation in the Azure Oddity World where True Immortals were everywhere, Shang Xia had no choice but to silence him in order to keep his identity a secret.

“Young Master Shang, please don’t kill me! My Master..” The last treasure on him shattered as Shi Lingsu realized Shang Xia wasn’t planning to let him off. He burst forth with all his might as he tried to break out of the Five Element Space.

Unfortunately, he wasted too many chances to run. By the time he realized he fucked up, it was too late!

When the Five Element Space finally unraveled itself and the region returned to normal, Shang Xia’s figure emerged. His gaze seemed to pierce the ash cloud formed during the eruption. “Fellow cultivators... Since you’re already here, why don’t you show yourself?”

An alarmed cry came from within the ash cloud. “Who... Who are you?!”

“Who do you think I am?” Shang Xia chuckled and shot the question back at them.

The voice from earlier returned. “Since you’re not suppressed by the World’s Will, you’re most likely one of us. Why haven’t we seen you before?”

Shang Xia raised an eyebrow and smiled to himself. It seemed as though he was right. The people before him were cultivators of the Azure Oddity World!

Breaking out into laughter, Shang Xia muttered, “As a peak-tier Azure World, how can you be sure you have seen every single Martial Dipper Realm cultivator?”

“If we’re talking about ordinary experts in the Martial Dipper Realm, you might be right. However, you’re someone who refined all your fate dippers. Even if we don’t

know who you are, can True Immortals Meng and True Immortal Zhuang not learn of your presence?" The voice from earlier hesitated slightly while speaking.

"Oh." Shang Xia grunted before he continued, "Did you guys know that Yu Ji would step into the Martial Void Realm before it happened?"

Silence filled the air for a moment. Shang Xia wasn't in a rush at all as he stared into the cloud of ash with a patient gaze.

"Senior Sister Yu has already been killed in the sect! She borrowed an external force in order to ascend and suffered grave injuries because of it!" Finally, another voice came from inside the ash cloud. This time, the person who spoke seemed like a lady.

When Shang Xia felt the cries of the Azure Oddity World's Will back then, he knew that the True Immortals had acted. Meng Yuanxiu's protection formation was most likely broken and the Elysium was lost.

However, from what he was hearing, True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu might still be alive...

"Where's True Immortal Meng, is he still alive?" Shang Xia decided to ask after a short moment of contemplation.

Even though they weren't replying, Shang Xia could tell that they were still there. He continued, "Has there been any news on True Immortal Zhuang? Were the 6 True Immortals surrounding waiting for True Immortal Zhuang before taking action?"

"Yes." The person who was the first to speak earlier replied in a cautious voice.

"Why would the battle start suddenly? Did something happen to True Immortal Zhuang?" Shang Xia asked again.

This time, the female cultivator was the one to reply to Shang Xia. "Senior Sister Yu said that when True Immortal Zhuang was being hunted down in the void outside the world, he managed to turn the situation around and kill a True Immortal from the Spirit Abundance World, enraging the others."

"Turning the situation around?" Shang Xia found it slightly weird.

True Immortal Zhuang was a second tier Martial Void Realm expert but there would be at least 3 to 5 True Immortals hunting him down. Their cultivation shouldn't be weaker than him... Every single Martial Void Realm True Immortal had extensive combat experience and was as crafty as a wolf. How would a change in situation happen so suddenly?

The cultivator who was acting cautiously the entire time spoke again, "True Immortal Meng said that there was no way True Immortal Zhuang could kill them without help. However, he feels that True Immortal Meng probably received help from a secret source and he probably had to use himself as bait in order to turn the situation around to kill one of the enemies. True Immortal Zhuang is most likely heavily injured and there's no way he can come to help us. That was why Senior Sister Yu chose to sacrifice herself to hold everyone back while True Immortal Meng sent us away in hopes that we could find a way to live."

Even though the experts of the Azure Oddity World didn't show their faces, Shang Xia knew that they had already bought his identity as someone from the Azure Oddity World.

"What do you guys plan to do next?" Shang Xia decided not to beat about the bush any longer.

As the dense ash cloud started to roll about, a dark gold flying ship slowly appeared in Shang Xia's sight. There were 4 Martial Dipper Realm experts on it and there was only 1 female cultivator among them. Shang Xia discovered that they weren't actually very old and their cultivation level wasn't too high. All of them had cultivation realms in the first or second element of the Martial Dipper Realm.

For them to silently eliminate Shi Lingsu's followers, Shang Xia was sure they were hiding some secrets.

Looking at the dark gold flying ship they were on, Shang Xia finally heard the voice of the strongest cultivator among them. He looked more mature than the others and he said, "Senior Brother, how should we address you? Is there a way for us to escape from the Azure Oddity World?"

Shang Xia didn't answer the question directly. Instead, he asked one of his own. "Were you guys hiding in one of the volcanoes?"

Those on the flying ship stared at each other before their leader spoke again. "Exactly. Because of the eruption, we were forced out of hiding. Fortunately, we ran into you."

Shang Xia nodded slowly. "Regardless, you guys dealt with his companions for me. I owe you one for that."

Pausing slightly, Shang Xia continued, "I don't have the ability to tear space open to send you guys directly into the sea of stars. Not to mention the fact that we're surrounded by experts of the various worlds... Otherwise, True Immortal Meng wouldn't have sent you guys to such a desolate place to fend for yourselves..."

"Senior Brother, you..." The female cultivator among them wanted to speak, but she was quickly stopped by their leader.

"Senior Brother, do you mean..." He seemed to have heard a hidden meaning in Shang Xia's words.

Chuckling softly, Shang Xia added, "Since I don't have a way to send you guys out of the world, we can only smoke our way out of this!" The smile on his face grew even wider. "Naturally... It's not like it will definitely succeed."

The leader stared at Shang Xia with a profound gaze before muttering in a low voice, "Senior Brother, what is your idea exactly?"

The smile on Shang Xia's face disappeared as he became serious. "I can transform your aura for the time being to ensure the experts of the other worlds can't determine if you're cultivators of the Azure Oddity World. However... Whether you will be able to successfully escape will depend on how lucky you are!"

All 4 of them stared at each other with looks of hesitation. However, the leader eventually revealed a bitter smile and mumbled, “We’re out of choices anyway. Senior Brother, please help us!”

Their leader quickly emerged from their flying ship before flying over to Shang Xia.

With a look of approval on his face, Shang Xia placed a temporary seal on his dantian before transforming their aura. After all... Transforming one’s aura was someone he was great at.

When his dantian was sealed, the experts of the Azure Oddity World revealed panicked looks. However, they quickly regained their calm when they saw Shang Xia smiling at them without attacking.

“Remember. Do not try to fight with anyone unless you have no choice. The restriction I placed on your dantian isn’t strong and you will be able to shatter it once you circulate your inner qi. The moment it’s broken, your transformed aura will be undone!

Shang Xia continued as he looked at the incredulous looks on their faces. “Of course, even if you guys don’t do anything, the restriction will disappear after 3 days. When that happens, your aura will return to normal.”

“Many thanks, Senior Brother!” Their leader cupped his fists at Shang Xia before returning to the flying ship. He nodded slightly at his fellow cultivators before they went over one by one to accept the aura transformation.

When they returned to their flying ship, Shang Xia thought for a second before tossing the identity token of the Heaven Embroidery Palace over. “Take this. You might be able to use it...”

Those on the flying ship stared at it for some time before snapping back to their senses. “Many thanks, Senior Brother! But... Aren’t you coming with us?”

“No. I have something else to take care of.” Shang Xia chuckled and rejected their offer.

Their junior sister wanted to say something, but she was quickly stopped by their leader. Eventually, the leader spoke in their stead. “Senior Brother, will we be seeing each other in the future?”

“If you manage to escape, head over to Star Origin City. You can look for a guide called Luo Qi and tell him Young Master Shang sent you guys over. Get him to bring you to a person called Huang Yu.” Shang Xia said after thinking for a moment. He felt that all 4 of them were extraordinary experts and so was the dark gold flying ship beneath them. It was possible for them to develop into powerful experts in the future.

It was the reason he didn’t mind helping them. After all, even if they grew stronger in the future, he wouldn’t be the one suffering a loss. Their target of revenge would be the enemies of the Spirit Luxuriant World anyway.

Instead of leaving immediately, the leader gestured at the flying ship and a tiny furnace flew over and landed on his palm. “Senior Brother, I can see that you find it difficult to store the golden flame on your shoulder. You can try keeping it in this furnace. You can consider it a gift for helping us.”

The tiny furnace flew over to Shang Xia as the words left his lips.

Shang Xia was surprised, but he didn't think that the furnace would be able to store the flame. However, it didn't seem appropriate to reject a gift like that and he simply reached out to grab it.

Seeing as he had received their gift, they cupped their fists in his direction before turning to leave. Their figures slowly disappeared into the ash cloud again.

Shang Xia didn't track their presence as he started to play with the tiny furnace in his hand. He felt that the treasure was somewhat interesting.

Refining it quickly with his Five Element Origin, he discovered that the tiny furnace was actually a high-grade artifact!

Opening its lid and pouring some energy into the treasure, he discovered that it started to suck the Sun Gold Flame dancing on his shoulders. Under his shocked gaze, the flame slowly entered the tiny furnace.

Putting the lid back on, Shang Xia felt the furnace getting warmer. However, it seemed to be able to withstand the heat from the flames.

At the very least, he wouldn't have to drag the flame along with him to attract everyone's attention.

The wretched cry from the World's Will arrived for a second time and with Shang Xia's senses, he could tell that the World Origin Source was already in chaos. World origin was escaping frantically in all directions.

Only then did Shang Xia realize that True Immortal Meng Yuanxiu might have truly met his end. With his death, the only Elysium in the Azure Oddity World finally crumbled. Of course, it wasn't as though his death caused the destruction of the Elysium. It was more likely that he was the one who destroyed it before dying.

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Around the same time, the dark gold flying ship appeared in the sea of stars. After handing over their identity token and receiving looks of envy from the experts of other worlds, the 4 of them basically swaggered into the depths of space.

The changes to the Azure Oddity World alarmed the 4 of them, and a profound sense of loss overwhelmed them. The feeling was so suffocating that they found it hard to breathe.

Realizing what had happened, they looked back at the Azure Oddity World. They saw that their world had lost the luster and vitality it once had.

Their junior sister, the youngest among them, finally couldn't hold it back any longer and asked, “Senior Brother Zhong, do you really believe that guy was a hidden expert from our Azure Oddity World?”

The most mature looking expert who stood at the bow of the flying ship sighed in response, “Let's just believe him...”

“Oh...” Grunting softly, their junior sister went off to pout at the side.

Glancing at her, Senior Brother Zhong muttered, “Since he helped us to escape, he shouldn’t have any other reason to lie to us. Moreover... With his strength and cultivation level, there is no need for him to lie to us...”

Finally regaining a little spirit, their junior sister continued to ask, “Senior Brother, should we wait for the others who are trying to escape?”

“We can’t even ensure our safety, much less care about others... Don’t forget, that senior said that our transformed aura can only last for 3 days!” Senior Brother Zhong explained after shooting her another glance.

Watching the unconcealed look of disappointment on her face, Senior Brother Zhong sighed helplessly, “Junior Sister, don’t forget, we have the inheritance on us. We have to ensure it doesn’t land in the hands of outsiders.”