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Chapter 1391: The Veiled Woman's Peculiarities

The Primordial Path was something Lin Mu had set upon unknowingly.

From what he had learned from Senior Xukong it was one of the oldest paths of cultivation which demanded on to forge their own way and finding their own technique. No single person would have the same technique, but an entirely new legacy could be forged from the followers of the primordial path.

The Primordial path was old and so were its followers. Many had given up on it and some even considered it obsolete now. It brought few benefits for the cultivators in the short term and left a lot to be desired.

But Xukong had told Lin Mu that the Primordial path had its own benefits that no other technique could grant him. It would allow him to be unhindered and not face the same kind of cultivation bottleneck that others had.

The only thing he would be limited by is his own comprehension since for the primordial path, even talent didn't matter.

After all, the primordial path originated from the first cultivators who had no knowledge of the term 'talent'. For one cultivation technique the talent required could be different.

Thus if one didn't have a suitable talent for a cultivation technique they might not be able to practice it. But with the primordial path, one would make their own cultivation techniques, disregarding the talent.

In fact, their status would becoming the requirement for that technique.

With intricacies such as this, there had been no one that had discovered Lin Mu's cultivation technique. They simply thought that he was cultivating some obscure technique, not knowing that it was something entirely unique.

This was what left Lin Mu baffled. After all, if the technique was unique, how could the veiled woman know it was the primordial path?

Only someone as long lived and experienced as Xukong could decipher that.

'I highly doubt she is someone like Senior. After all the Rust Sky world would not allow someone like that within its borders...' Lin Mu thought to himself.

The Veiled woman gazed at the young man in front of her with an intrigued expression. Her face was hidden underneath the veil otherwise Lin Mu would have felt like it was breathtaking.

She had heard Lin Mu's question, but didn't answer him. She had already confirmed that Lin Mu followed the primordial path and possibly wanted to keep it hidden.

But she still wanted to see what the young man would do.

At her level, there was little that could threaten her thus she didn't not mind laying bare the secrets of a stranger.

'It's not often that I get to go out... now that I'm here I may as well see how the humans are faring...' The veiled woman thought, her lips turning into a gentle curve.

It was a shame that it was hidden by the veil or the cabin might not be too calm.

Lin Mu continued to stare at the woman, wanting answers but she did not speak a word. Only a minute later did Lin Mu shake his head.

"I now see... this is not the place." Lin Mu said lightly.

"So you do hold some wisdom in you. You may have let it slip but you still do not wish for your shadows to be seen." The veiled woman replied.

"Hmm... still, my slip of tongue might have interested others." Lin Mu spoke cryptically.

"Oh you don't need to worry about that." The woman said in an amused tone. "You may have had a slip, but I have not." She added.

"Mh?" Lin Mu raised a brow in confusion, wondering what she meant.

"No other person will hear or know of us interacting." The veiled woman stated.

"An isolating array?" Lin Mu guessed at first, but soon realized that he had felt nothing. "No... not that..." he narrowed his eyes.

"So your sense are sharp too... I wonder how much more you can perceive." The veiled woman was feeling slightly entertained.

Lin Mu had several thoughts rising in his mind, some wondering what kind of intentions the veiled woman had for him. But for now, his guts were telling him that she meant him no harm. Plus he didn't sense an lies from her either.

'No its not just that... I cannot sense anything particular from her at all... she has no aura either...' Lin Mu slowly realized.

He tried to sense the qi fluctuations around the veiled woman and discovered that they were very intricately woven. It might have been the most elaborate way to disguise one's cultivation base that Lin Mu had seen so far.

'Such skill is not easy to come by... even I lack that...' Lin Mu thought before taking a look around. 'She has hidden our talks and interaction but there is no array, is there?'

His immortal sense quickly spread to cover the cabin, only to realize that it couldn't go past four meters from his position.

"How?" Lin Mu could not event ell what it was that blocked him.

There was no threat in it, no aura, no qi nor anything corporal, and yet it was able to block his immortal sense.

"Go on, show me if you can perceive it." The veiled woman said lightly.

Lin Mu took that as a challenge and looked around directly. He saw that the other passengers were calmly talking amongst themselves and ignoring him.

'Let's try a little direct way...' Lin Mu raised his hand and waved at the noblewoman that was sitting there.

He saw that the guard looked over, but his gaze was unfocused. By logic they should have locked onto him seeing him wave his hand, but the guard simply looked away.

The same thing happened with a few others that occasionally looked over.

"Haha..." A slight chuckle escaped from the veiled woman's lips seeing Lin Mu act like this.

Lin Mu felt a little embarrassed before deciding to take it another step further.

He closed his eyes for a second and started to chant something.

The veiled woman was feeling entertained after quite literally thousand of years.

Her visit to the Rust Sky world might have been due to her duty, but obtaining some entertainment along the way wasn't against it. She had originally thought that she had come across an interesting human.

Someone of the Primordial path was rare in this era and someone with senses like Lin Mu even more. It made the veiled woman wonder what legacy sect Lin Mu belonged too.

But once he started chanting, her expression changed.

"This... This can't be..." She muttered while her fingers tensed.

Lin Mu chanted for a few seconds before opening his eyes. And this time there was a new look to them. It seemed like the very void had appeared within them and staring into them would entrap one.

Seeing this the veiled woman's eyes widened. "Spatial perception... Reaching into the void itself... this cannot be obtained easily... An affinity to the space and a Dao Embryo perhaps?" she accurately gaged Lin Mu's condition

Lin Mu on the other hand was fully focused and didn't hear her words at all. To him only the scene in front of him existed and he peered into the secrets that were hidden in plain sight.

At first Lin Mu only saw the scene normally, but then he 'looked' deeper and saw the spatial fabric. He looked to be stable and there were no discrepancies in it.

'The spatial fabric is normal so there is certainly no array interfering with it. The space has not been isolated... then...' Lin Mu looked at the movement of immortal qi itself trying to find peculiarities.

He was now thinking that it might be a qi skill that was behind this, but he couldn't be fully sure.

'Wait... it doesn't have to be a gi skill... it can be a Dao skill too!' Lin Mu realized what he had missed.

And when he grasped this he saw 'them'.

Invisible strands of Dao flickered in and out of existence. They were different than Dao Traces that Lin Mu was used to. They were certainly part of the Dao but they were on a different level.

"Higher than Dao Traces? The Dao Insights?!" Lin Mu figured out. "But what kind can they be? What Dao can allow something to look normal when its not. What can disguise both sound and sight?" he pondered on it.

Eventually though Lin Mu grasped it. It was something that interacted with both sight and sound and could interfere with it if needed. While it would take quite some effort to do it, it wasn't entirely impossible.

Lin Mu had seen formations that could achieve this after all, but he knew it was not one.

"I now know... The Dao of Air. A Pure Dao Skill made from Air Dao insights. The air forms a layer that prevents sound from leaving the area while making an illusion at the same time." Lin Mu gave his answer.

The veiled woman heard this and hummed in response.

"Absolutely correct."

Chapter 1392: Which Legacy Do You Belong To?

Lin Mu's words were spoke with confidence and the veiled woman felt impressed.

She knew just how difficult it was for someone to truly perceive her Dao skill like this. It was one of the skills she had honed a long time ago so that she could hide her identity, thus it getting found out was both surprising and a little unnerving.

'Even if the skill is restrained due to my cultivation base right now, it is still quite impressing for the young man to be able to do it. If he can do this while also having spatial affinity, he will go very far...' The veiled woman thought to herself.

Having thought of all this, she finally gave Lin Mu a response.

"Absolutely correct."

"I am? I thought I would still be a bit off." Lin Mu muttered.

"You did well. Even celestials have mistaken it before, so you being able to sense it at the first tribulation stage of the immortal realm is greatly impressive." The veiled woman replied.

This was very tall praise for Lin Mu, and it was also coming from a stranger that he knew little about. It made it a little difficult for him to take, but he nodded his head nevertheless.

"Well then, will you tell me what legacy sect you are from?" The veiled woman asked again. "If there is any relief know that I am from one as well." She added.

Lin Mu didn't reply to her though. And this wasn't because he didn't want to but because he simply didn't know what she meant.

"Senior Xukong," Lin Mu woke up the old spider from his trance.

"Mmm?" Xukong immediately scanned through Lin Mu's latest memories knowing what he had just experienced.

"Someone like this in an immortal world?" Xukong was quite surprised as well.

Unlike Lin Mu, he could tell just what kind of a skill was needed for someone to make a Dao skill like that.

'Dao Insights of Air that can create such illusions with no traces... and her earlier words... no doubt she's a celestial...' Xukong understood.

This made Xukong a bit alert as the woman was certainly something that Lin Mu couldn't handle. In fact, it was the strongest person that he had faced till now.

'I can't sense her properly right now, and I probably shouldn't alert her to my presence either. No saying what will happen...' Xukong had tens of thoughts at once.

He reckoned, the best option was to just resolve Lin Mu's inquiry first. Since she had not shown any hostility, Xukong could only hope that she didn't want to do anything bad. Otherwise Xukong would have to interfere and it wouldn't be good.

'At least this world wouldn't break apart with my interfering. Though the Immortal Court will not be pleased.' Xukong knew.

"What is a legacy sect, Senior?" Lin Mu questioned, realizing that Xukong had awakened.

"A Legacy Sect is a great sect that has existed for a long time. While there is no exact time limit for one to become a legacy sect, informally it is all those sects who rose from the cultivators of the Primordial path.

The ancestors of these sects had made their own techniques and then established sects. Each sect that has survived till now that has direct lineage from such an ancestor can be called a Legacy sect." Xukong explained.

Lin Mu knew that most of the cultivation sects actually derived their cultivation techniques from other cultivation techniques. Thus it couldn't be said that they were 100% original.

Only those who had comprehended an entirely new cultivation technique after Millions of years of pondering or those that followed the Primordial path would have original techniques.

While the two categories of original cultivation techniques seemed similar, there was actually a great difference.

It was the fact that an entirely original cultivation technique made by an old expert was only made because the cultivator had already experienced a lot of things.

The cultivation technique they would make would also be complete having all the steps needed to reach their current stage from the basics.

But it was not the same for the people of the primordial path, for them their cultivation technique was an ongoing work. It would progressively get better as they continued to cultivate.

After all, they made the technique as they progressed.

But following the primordial path was very difficult the further one went. It wasn't even the matter of comprehension, but the matter of survival itself.

One would face external dangers on their cultivation journey that might make them die.

Thus it could be said that each legacy sect was something that was made by the most successful followers of the primordial path.

Having learned all this, Lin Mu wondered what he should tell the veiled woman.

"So what do I tell her senior? I'm clearly not from a sect." Lin Mu asked. "Should I just tell her I'm not from a legacy sect?"

"Mmmhmm, while you are not from a legacy sect you can be considered part of a legacy." Xukong spoke. "Tell her you are the founder of your legacy." He stated.

"Will that be fine?" Lin Mu raised a brow.

"In cases such as this it is best not to lie. And this is certainly not a lie. You have embarked on this path alone before I even arrived. Since she can tell you follow the primordial path, she will also know if you are lying." Xukong explained.

"Very well senior." Lin Mu looked at the veiled woman. "I am part of a legacy, but not a legacy sect." He spoke.

"Oh? An individual legacy? Or a small lineage?" The veiled woman asked.

She knew that Legacy sect weren't the only people who could have followers of the primordial path. They were simply the largest group and most likely faction that one could belong to.

Other than the legacy sects, there were also certain followers of the primordial path who didn't start a sect. Instead they passed on their legacy to just a single disciple.

Chapter 1393: A Celestial Saintess

Individual legacies weren't the last form of legacy either though as there were also some clans that would have founders who followed the primordial path in the past.

These clans were very influential and would often control many worlds under them. And since they had a very homogenized group of members due to being one family, they could concentrate their power.

This was unlike the sects which could have several factions and schools of thought forming within itself. This diffusion of power could often divide the sects and thus restrain their overall power.

This led to the legacy clans becoming great overlords of several worlds at once.

The veiled woman was sure that Lin Mu might belong to either of these two categories as his talent and affinities were very rare. But the answer that Lin Mu gave her was not something she had expected at all.

"I am not part of any of that. I am the founder of my own legacy." Lin Mu answered, making the veiled woman gaze at him deeply.

'He really isn't lying... This young man has actually done it on his own...' The veiled woman was certainly surprised. "Good... You deserve to have your name known." She said finally.

"You want to know my name?" Lin Mu asked.

"Yes, you have obtained the honor to be known to me." The veiled woman said proudly.

'Isn't she... a little too prideful?' Lin Mu couldn't help but think.

"She does have the right to be prideful. I'll just tell you this Lin Mu, she is not from this world. She is from an even higher world... She is a Celestial." Xukong informed.

"A celestial..." Lin Mu had heard the term several times before.

And while he didn't know what it exactly entailed, he did know that it was what one could become after transcending the Immortal realm. But this also posed him some other questions.

"How would she come to the Rust Sky world then? Wouldn't the world not allow her that?" Lin Mu asked in doubt.

"She has sealed her cultivation base. But even her sealed cultivation base is easily at the peak of the immortal realm. It wouldn't be hard for her to flip the world on itself if she wanted to. She is easily the strongest person on this world now." Xukong replied.

"Even stronger than the indigo woman I met in the void?" Lin Mu asked.

"Easily." Xukong confirmed.

Lin Mu couldn't help but take a breath after learning this. He looked at her, with a slight change on his face. Having learned of the woman's power made him a bit nervous after all.

"I am Lin Mu." He said truthfully.

"Lin Mu... A Forest Of Desire... I shall remember that." The veiled woman muttered.

Lin Mu raised a brow as that was the first time someone had accurately grasped the meaning of his name.

"And may I ask who are you... Senior Celestial?" Lin Mu questioned. "Someone of your station being in the Rust Sky world is highly unusual." He added revealing that he knew who she was as well.

"Oh? You can sense that much? Ahahah, good, good. That's even better." The veiled woman chuckled.

Lin Mu had thought that she might feel a bit offended, but she seemed to not care at all.

"You are still far too low to know my name, but you can call me Saintess." The veiled woman spoke.

'She still doesn't tell her name?' Lin Mu couldn't understand.

"Don't take it the wrong way Lin Mu. Her name might indeed be too much for you to bear. If she is warning you it means her name might hold karma. And her being called a Saintess also means her status isn't low at all." Xukong explained to Lin Mu, lest he got the wrong idea.

"What does being a Saintess mean?" Lin Mu asked.

"You can think of it as someone who is even beyond the Sect master of a sect. And since she's said that she is from a a legacy sect too, her status as Saintess means she is the direct inheritor of the legacy." Xukong replied in detail.

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Lin Mu almost gasped visible. Being at the top of a cultivation sect while in a higher ranked world and also being a celestial; each was something that brought forth huge implications.

And when all three were combined into one identity, it truly became massive.

Realistically there should have been no way for Lin Mu to meet someone like her in the Rust Sky world at all. It only made Lin Mu wonder just how varied his fortune was being these days.

"Don't worry. I have a great hunch that one day you will become worthy to know my name." The Saintess spoke.

"I'll look forward to it. Also thank you for giving me guidance on the Dao." Lin Mu had truly learned from her.

After all, there aren't many opportunities to observe Dao Insights like this. Even if they were of the Air Dao that Lin Mu did not practice, it was still a very useful experience.

"Mmm... Respectful and humble. You're already better than 90% of the disciples of Legacy sects." The Saintess muttered. "Tell me, do you have a master?" She asked making Lin Mu take a cold breath.

"If you don't... I can recommend you one. While you can't come to my sect because of worldly restrictions, I can still recommend you someone from an immortal world." The veiled woman offered.

Lin Mu was not expecting an offer like this.

"Though if you don't prefer to be in a sect, I can also recommend you to the Immortal Court. As long as you reach the fourth Tribulation stage of the Immortal realm, you will be qualified to enter the Immortal Court's Cultivation Pavilion." The Saintess added.

Hearing all this, Lin Mu didn't even know what to say. It was simply too much for him to process at once.

But then a minute later, Lin Mu shook his head.

"I'm grateful, but I do not wish for that. I already have a master."

Chapter 1394: The Saintess' Curiosity

Normally an offer like the one that Lin Mu had been given would entice almost anyone.

It didn't matter if they were a commoner or even a prince of the empires. All of them would be desirous of such an offer. After all, entering the Immortal Court was the greatest honor and opportunity that one could get in the Rust Sky World.

Even the Emperors and kings of the Rust Sky world might not get the chance easily.

The cultivation environment in the Immortal Court could be considered the best in the entire immortal realm which covered millions upon tens of millions of worlds.

There were barely any sects and powers who could offer the same kind of cultivation environment since the Immortal court was in charge of running the entire Immortal world. There was a delicate balance that could only be maintained by them.

But the saintess didn't think that Lin Mu would truly reject it.

"So you do have a master... I see, it does make sense since coming this far along without one would be quite difficult. Especially considering your age, you mustn't be older than two hundred." The Saintess replied.

"Um, yes." Lin Mu just nodded his head.

He didn't want to fully reveal his age as that might lead to an entirely different stream of conversation. Besides, he wasn't exactly lying either. He truly wasn't older than 200 years.

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"Well that's fine. If you desire to enter the Immoral court in the future, I think you'll still have a good chance. They regularly recruit prodigies from all over the Immortal realm." The Saintess stated.

"I'll take that chance when I get it. But for now I have a few goals I need to fulfill." Lin Mu replied whit gratitude.

Hearing this the saintess was a bit intrigued.

'He has a great determination... and a desire, a quite intense one.' The Saintess could sense the hidden emotions from Lin Mu.

The more she focused, the more she could sense it. At a certain point, she could almost see a flaming presence filling Lin Mu's heart. It was hidden very well and most people would never be able to see it at all.

'Such a great burning desire... highly unusual. This only arises in someone if they have been greatly wronged or have vengeance to exact...' The saintess thought to herself.

She didn't know why he was carrying such emotions but it wasn't exactly rare either. In the cultivation worlds, killing was common and thus there were almost people who were searching for revenge.

"Since your on the ship as well, you must be heading to the Huiqing continent?" The Saintess decided to change the topic for now.

"Yes. It is my first stop." Lin Mu replied.

"Oh? What do you desire there? Doesn't seem like your final goal is there for sure." The Saintess guessed.

"You are right. I need to take the Teleportation Array from there to the Holy Topaz continent. Though I also want to visit the temple of the Four Guardians beasts in the Huiqing continent." Lin Mu revealed his intentions.

He didn't think these were anything sensitive as many others would visit the temples of the Four Guardian beasts.

"Oh? Do you wish to participate in the Tournament?" The Saintess guestioned.

"A tournament?" Lin Mu didn't know about this. "What kind?" he asked.

"The tournament organized by the Temple of the Four Guardian Beasts. The winners are offered several kinds of rewards." The Saintess answered.

"I didn't know this. But I might try... if I get the chance. When exactly is it?" Lin Mu asked.

"From what I've heard its next year. So in about, eight more months." The Saintess replied.

"Eight months, hmm... I don't know if I'll have the chance then. I might be busy with other work." Lin Mu stated.

"I see, do try it though. With your talent you might be able to enter the temple and gain an audience with the Four Guardian Beast Spirits. They have quite a lot of rewards to offer." The Saintess advised.

"Thank you for your advice." Lin Mu took note of all this.

After all, he had originally intented to head there, but it was not the first priority. His first priority was to resolve the burning desire he would feel. Until it was gone, it could be dangerous to lose track of things.

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And just as he was thinking of this, Lin Mu felt it flare up.

'Dammit! Not now.' Lin Mu gritted his teeth.

He clenched his fists as a golden shine appeared on his body for a moment. At the same time, he chanted the Calming Heart sutra so as to suppress the desire.

But this brief moment was enough for the Saintess to see it all. She saw the golden shine that covered Lin Mu's body as well as the sudden rise in vitality.

"Oh? You're a body cultivator too?" The Saintess was surprised once more. 'That too at a decent level...' She saw.

Lin Mu had managed to calm down by now and simply nodded his head. "I am indeed one. I am also seeking for body cultivation resources." He justified.

"That does make sense, they are harder to find." The Saintess replied, her interest in Lin Mu rising again.

'I'll just take a quick look... it should be enough.' She thought, unable to contain her curiosity.

She gazed at Lin Mu from under her veil and narrowed her eyes. Then in an instant, her eyes changed into green while snake like slit pupils appeared!

As soon as she did that, Lin Mu felt a chilling feeling covering him. It was like he was frozen solid.

'What's this feeling... as if some great beast is staring at me...' Lin Mu felt baffled as cold sweat appeared on his back.

"Mmmm? Even for a Celestial aren't you being a little too overbearing... Little girl." A cold voice filled with immense power was heard by the saintess.

"This... Divine Transmission?" Now it was the Saintess's turn to shiver.

Chapter 1395: A Cold Warning And Silence

The Saintess had come to the Rust Sky world in search for two things. Both of them beings that were quite important to her. The only difference was that one of those beings was very powerful and was the entire reason why she had come here personally.

"Divine Transmission? How's this possible?" She said in disbelief.

"You shouldn't ask what you can't bear to know little girl. Now... Keep to yourself." The cold and powerful voice warned her before disappearing.

The Saintess held her breath at that moment, not daring to breathe at all.

'How can there be someone like that here? And they warned me when I glanced at the young man?' The Saintess was taken aback.

She tried to make sense of it but she simply couldn't.

'For something to pressure even me... it can't be that, can it?' The Saintess didn't know if luck was favoring her or not but this felt like too much of a coincidence to her.

She simply sat in silence for a minute, and Lin Mu did the same. None of them acknowledging what had just happened.

Unlike the Saintess, Lin Mu had already recovered.

"What... was that?" Lin Mu questioned in his mind.

"The woman tried to use her full perception on you. Seems like she is quite interested in you now." Xukong answered.

"Ah... must've been the sudden appearance of my Golden Body. It was a mistake on my part too," Lin Mu replied knowing that anyone would be interested at that point when they combined his immortal cultivation as well.

Then there was also the facts that the body cultivation techniques he practiced were also quite different.

"Looks like, I'll have to keep a low profile from now on. Though I don't know how effective that would be since she has already seen through quite a bit." Lin Mu stated.

"She won't bother you like that again. She knows well enough." Xukong said in a calm tone. "You two can talk as you wish. Take the chance to learn more from her if you can."

Xukong didn't intend to stop Lin Mu from fully interacting with the Saintess either. Rather than that, he was pleased that Lin Mu had encountered someone like that, even if they might be a bit nosy.

'Its a great opportunity for him to see the vast scope of cultivation.' Xukong thought as he looked at the veiled woman. 'Though she seems a bit familiar... have I seen her before in the Celestial World?' he wondered.

He looked through his memories but couldn't fully figure it out. It wasn't as if he could forcefully take a look at the woman either as Xukong too was restrained by his avatar.

Then there was also the fact that the woman was truly a celestial with her cultivation base sealed. If it was his main body, he would be able to scan her with no issuers, but in his avatar he couldn't do that.

'At most I can warn her... but this is just an empty warning. If she really decides to attack, I won't be able to act quick enough... A peak grade immortal I can restrain, but not a celestial...' Xukong knew his limits too..

Him warning the saintess was something that was the height of what was possible as of now.

~sigh~

'After I finish my molting, I should be able to call upon more power.' Xukong thought.

The silence between Lin Mu and the Saintess was maintained for many hours as both of them decided to cultivate on their own. Lin Mu wanted the time to pass quickly so that he could reach the continent and the Saintess wished it passed quick so that she could progress on her search too.

'Should I ask him?' A few other thoughts were also hovering in her mind though.

From time to time, her attention would go to Lin Mu but she would disguise it. Lin Mu couldn't pick up on it due to the veil as well as her own Air Dao Skill that could mask her appearance.

The hours turned into tens of hours and soon three days had passed by.

The ship had been progressing at a decent pace and was actually gaining more an more speed. The Captain of the ship couldn't believe his eyes as he saw the wide open ocean.

There were no beasts on their path and neither were there any troubling conditions. Adding to this, the winds were blowing in their favor too, further speeding their progress.

If there was one thing he could say, it was that the heavens might have just blessed them these past few days.

Of course what he didn't know was that there were actually two individuals that were behind this. Namely Lin Mu and the Saintess.

The scale in Lin Mu's hand was what had kept the aquatic beasts away while the Saintess was secretly controlling the winds, spurring them at the back of the ship and speeding it up.

With her cultivation base, there was no way anyone on this ship would be able to sense it.

As for the other passengers in the cabin, they were the least bothered. The noblewoman would go to her private cabin from time to time, but a part of the guards would stay here.

Lin Mu didn't really care for it as they weren't interacting with him either.

Of the fifteen passengers, he had only talked to the Saintess so far. The Noblewoman and her guards had also lost their interest in him after this time since he just kept to himself.

Lin Mu had entered a deep cultivation state at a point and lost the track of time. By the time he came to, he realized that the there was a lot more noise on the ship.

"I see the port!"

"Steer the ship! We have been allotted the ninth division!"

"Careful! Don't let the other ships touch us."

A cacophony of shouts and orders were being sent out on the deck of the ship as the merchants worked frantically.

Chapter 1396: The Twins Are Revealed

The arrival at the port was rather noisy as there were simply too many ships arriving. There were easily over two thousand ships of various sizes waiting to find their docking spot.

Lin Mu had seen large ports before but this was his first time seeing so many massive ships all at once. There were large ships that were over eight hundred meters long which was the most common size. The ship that Lin Mu was in right now was a bit smaller than that being about seven hundred meters long.

But the biggest ship was on an entirely different level. It was over sixteen hundred meters long and looked like a palace floating on the water. It was very luxurious and had gold decorations inlaid with multicolored gems.

No matter what angle one looked at it from, it only screamed one thing: Rich!

It wasn't just a display of opulent wealth either as the ship was covered with dense arrays all over. And since it was not being hidden Lin Mu could clearly see all the arrays being employed.

"Is that an entire habitat array?" Lin Mu quickly recognized.

And habitat array was a high grade Immortal array that was used to create artificial environments. It was usually used for cultivating special Immortal herbs with unique requirements or even for raising beasts.

But in the current case it could be said that its use was a bit wasteful. It was being used to make the most comfortable environment for one to live in.

This might seem normal at first but one must realize something like this would be used by immortals who would be resistant to the elements anyways. And if they wanted to make the temperature more comfortable they could simply use a temperature regulating formation.

One could compare it to using an Immortal sword as a shear to cut some wool. While it would work perfectly, it was not the best use of a good quality tool like that. As a formation master, one's goal was to optimize the use of an array and not use one which was not the most efficient.

But it was certain from looking at the large ship that whoever its owner was they didn't care for something like this.

"It's not just those either... the defensive arrays seem to be able to defend against even sixth Tribulation stage immortal realm attacks." Lin Mu judged.

The Saintess was standing way behind Lin Mu at the other end of the ship, but she could still hear each of his words clearly.

"So he's versed in Formations as well... what else is he dabbling in, I wonder?" The Saintess muttered to herself, trying to figure out Lin Mu.

They had not talked after their initial conversation and the probing had only made the Saintess a lot more cautious.

But despite that she was still interested in Lin Mu. If anything, the intimidation she had received from Xukong only made her more interested in Lin Mu. After all, one of her goals seemed to be hinting at her already.

'Could it really be him though? Will someone of his bearing really be willing to contain his being like this?' The Saintess pondered to herself. "No... if it is someone like Lin Mu, it does seem like he would take him under his wing. Especially since Lin Mu has affinity to the space as well."

After reaching this conclusion the Saintess felt like it all made sense.

"The only way to confirm is if I continue to watch him. There is no way I can directly confront him after the senior's warning either... so this will be the best choice for me." The Saintess decided.

With that done, she calmly walked towards Lin Mu without him really noticing him. In fact, the others on the ship barely registered either. Her skills at disguising were simply too good and Lin Mu only sensed her because she let him.

She continued to watch Lin Mu silently, while he watched the ships around him.

"Careful! Don't let the barriers collide even once, we've already taken too much damage."

"Tell them to change our division to the close by one, we don't want to damage the good either."

The merchants shouted to each other while interacting with the workers on the port. With the literal thousands of ships, it was going to take some time to get there and during this time they needed to actively steer the ship so that there was no collision.

All the ships were gathered very closely and some were even joining up with others. The people aboard the ships merrily went to other's ships and the others came to theirs, as if they were in a party.

This was all new to Lin Mu and was valuable experience too.

He could see many cultivators as well of different strengths. The strongest he could see was a Sixth Tribulation realm expert that seemed to be standing high up in the sky.

It was evident that he was in-charge of the port and was keeping an eye on everything.

"So many people... so many cultivators and so many different auras..." Lin Mu muttered in marvel.

~HISS~

The twin snakes also woke up from all the commotion around them. They had been asleep a while and Lin Mu was a little surprised they had stayed calm all this time too.

"Don't go running around you two, there are many strong people here. Don't want you getting lost or captured." Lin Mu warned while trying to express his emotions through their link.

~hiss~ hiss~

The twins nodded their little heads, understanding Lin Mu's words.

'They're getting smarter and smarter, this is good. It should be due to their growth too... it seems like they are close to a breakthrough.' Lin Mu thought to guessed.

~CLASP~

But then all of a sudden, Lin Mu felt both his hands getting gripped tightly.

"What's wrong you two?" Lin Mu asked seeing that the twins had tightened their grip around him.

'Anxious and... fearful?' Lin Mu sensed the emotions coming from the two.

This was the first time they had expressed the emotion of fear as they were very fearless. Lin Mu even wondered if they knew fear as they were born not long ago.

But now he wondered just what could it be that was making them act like this.

~Shiver~

But their fear only seemed to increase more as they started to shake too.

"Why..." It was now that Lin Mu heard a voice behind him.

It was a voice that he was familiar with but this time it was rather emotionless.

"W-what..." he turned around and saw the veiled woman standing there. 'When did she get there?' Lin Mu couldn't identify.

He saw the veiled woman staring at him.

He knew she was STARING at him for sure despite the veil as her gaze was very intense.

"Why... Do you have... them... with you?" The veiled woman said word by word, making Lin Mu shiver unknowingly too.

Her voice had no pressure in it, not was it intimidating but the way she said it made Lin Mu feel uneasy.

'Senior Xukong hasn't acted so doesn't seem like she is offended or anything...' Lin Mu was first concerned about this.

"What are you...?" before Lin Mu could finish his words though the veiled woman gently waved her finger, making a strange symbol in the air.

~HISS~

The twins were greatly agitated upon the appearance of the symbol and jumped out of Lin Mu's sleeves.

"Wait you two!" Lin Mu felt like they were about to rush out, but they stopped right in front of him.

The twin snakes hovered around the symbol their eyes locked onto it.

"It really is them... Such luck..." The veiled woman muttered.

Lin Mu was confused by it and could only watch as the veiled woman observed the snakes with great interest. The twin snakes also seemed to be in a trance as they continued to gaze at the symbol.

~SHUA~

A few moments later though, the symbol flickered and morphed into a new shape. It now looked like a Taiji Symbol, but its two parts were seemingly made out of snakes instead.

Lin Mu suddenly recognized what it was and why the twins had perhaps jumped out.

"Why are they, like this? How do you know this symbol?" Lin Mu questioned the veiled woman.

"I never thought a part of my search would be fulfilled like this... The Yin Yang Twin Serpents, they really exist..." The Veiled woman muttered.

"You know them?" Lin Mu raised a brow.

"I do indeed... I came here all the way looking for them after all." The Saintess replied before looking up at Lin Mu. "And it seems like you are the key behind this fortune too. There is no way it can be a coincidence either..." she said directly.

Lin Mu was still confused with all this, but decided to ask.

"What do you want with me and the twins?"

Chapter 1397: Docking

The Saintess looked at Lin Mu with a still gaze before letting out a breath.

"For that I'll first need to know how exactly did you find them?" The Saintess questioned.

"I hatched them." Lin Mu answered.

"You hatched them?" The Saintess raised a brow. "You mean to say you found an egg?"

"Not just that, I knew their parents too. It was a Fire Fang Snake and a Black Water Serpent." Lin Mu answered.

"A Fire Fang Snake and a Black Water Serpent... it shouldn't happen... can such a pairing even give rise to the Yin Yang Twin Serpents?" The Saintess muttered to herself.

"If you tell me more about the twins, maybe I'll be able to explain more. I don't know much about them either, other than the fact that they are of the Yin and Yang Element." Lin Mu stated.

"Very well, since you know that, I can just tell you the rest." The Saintess spoke before looking around. "Though it'll be best if we do it somewhere else, once the ship is docked."

Lin Mu saw the noise and the movement and knew that it wasn't the right place for a conversation like this.

"You're right, we should get off the ship first." Lin Mu said before turning to find the vice captain in the distance. "I'll just tell him, we'll fly off. I don't think they'll mind." He got the twins to return to his sleeve for now.

"Mmm... do that." The Saintess said letting Lin Mu leave.

Lin Mu quickly spotted Zhu Hading and flew over to him.

"Zhu Hading, I think this is enough for me. I can go out on my own now. Thank you for your help." Lin Mu said directly.

"Ah, Immortal Mu Lin! You are going to leave? This quick?" Zhu Hading replied.

"Yes, I think its best I leave on my journey. I've been delayed already, so I would like to head off at the earliest. I can just fly off from here now." Lin Mu replied to the man.

"Mm... you will need to register at the port first though and also need to add which ship you came from." Zhu Hading informed. "But I'll make it a bit easier for you." The man said before taking out a small wooden plate.

"You can use this to show the ship's identity as well as that of our merchant group. It will allow you to leave in advance." Zhu Hading handed the plate to Lin Mu.

Lin Mu glanced at the wooden plate that read 'Long Leaves Merchant association.'

"Thank you for this," Lin Mu expressed his gratitude before taking a leave.

The Saintess also followed after him, the others not noticing her at all. At her level, there was no need for others to even sense her presence.

Lin Mu's departure was noticed by the noblewoman and her people though. All of them had come out of the cabin to see how the docking process was going and saw him flying off.

"He's leaving already? How will he do that without registering?" The Guards wondered.

"He talked with the vice captain earlier, they probably talked something out." The Guard named Feiyu said.

"Hmm... he must be in some hurry." The servant girls said.

"Whatever it may be, we just need to do our jobs." Feiyu said before turning to his fellow guards. "You two go and ensure that the cargo is safe. We have to deliver it safely or the young miss's reputation will fall."

"At once!" The guards replied before going to the deck below.

The noblewoman stared at Lin Mu who was flying farther and father away, a hint of curiosity on her face.

'He left just as he arrived... swiftly and with little notice.' She thought.

Lin Mu didn't mind anyone else on the ship and simply flew off to find the registration office. It was relatively prominent and was thus easy for him to find.

'That's a lot of people for sure...' Lin Mu saw several lines of people waiting to get registered.

It was a normal procedure and Lin Mu had seen it back in the Xiaofan world as well. Thus he didn't mind going through a little paperwork.

"Once you're done, just find a place where we can talk. I'll appear there." Lin Mu heard the saintess's voice in his ears making him a little surprised.

'How did she do that?' Lin Mu wondered but soon figured it out. "So one can use wind like this too? I see... furthering the reach of your voice by directing the winds... smart." He muttered.

Lin Mu felt like the more stayed with the Saintess the more he was getting to learn. And this wasn't even intentional. It was merely a normal action and it was already helping him learn new concepts.

Lin Mu stood in the line for a bit and it was soon his turn.

'At least they are rather efficient.' Lin Mu thought to himself as he came to stand in front of the desk.

There were tens of similar desks lined up, with people working on them to register the travelers.

"Name, origin, destination and transportation details." The officer at the desk said in a monotone voice

"Mu Lin, from Eight Kingdom Alliance, Destination Temple of the Four Guardians, and I arrived on the Long Leaves Merchant Association's ship." Lin Mu replied while handing over the wooden plate that he had been given.

The officer raised a brow at this though, finding it strange.

"As far as I know the Long Leaves Merchant Association does not operate between the Huiqing continent and the Eight Kingdom alliance. This identity plate also shows that their origin was from the Dao Wind Empire." The officer questioned. "Care to explain why?"

"It wasn't my original mode of transportation. It was actually a Teleportation array but I met an accident and was kicked out in the middle of the ocean." Lin Mu said repeating his original excuse.

"Is that so?" the officer didn't show any expression on his face simply writing down a few things in a register.

Chapter 1398: Xukong's Acquaintance?

Lin Mu watched as the officer did his work, not expressing anything to him. They stood like this for a minute before the man finally spoke.

"Alright, Mu Lin from the Eight Kingdom Alliance, First Tribulation Stage of the Immortal realm, met an accident while using a teleportation array and is going to the Temple of the Four Guardian beasts." The officer narrated. "Is that all correct?" he asked.

"Yes." Lin Mu agreed.

"Alright. You are cleared." The officer plainly said before looking behind Lin Mu, "Next!"

Lin Mu kept a calm expression on his face, but knew that it was a little strange. 'They really let us in without the need for any other identity token... that was easier than I thought.'

"With the amount of people that pass by, there isn't much they need to do. Besides, if there was someone truly dangerous there are already checks in place to deal with it." Xukong spoke in Lin Mu's mind.

Lin Mu looked around and found that it was correct. There were several arrays and people watching over everything and most of the checks were actually automated.

If the arrays didn't detect anything suspicious then there was little for them to worry about.

'So the registration was just a formality... no wonder the man didn't seem to care much.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

While it all seemed pretty minor it was actually a part of a larger section of the workings of the Rust Sky world. Lin Mu got to see how much more safety there was simply due to there being high leveled arrays around.

It also made Lin Mu a lot more aware about what he needed to pay attention too. There were arrays hidden all around in cities and he would have to be a lot more careful with them around.

"Let's find a place to stay and also get some news. I'm lacking on that aspect too..." Lin Mu asked around and was quickly directed to one of the many streets that were filled with inns and taverns.

With the sheer number of people arriving everyday there was no lack of them and a lot of foot traffic could be seen around. Lin Mu randomly picked one of the establishments that was a bit calmer and walked in.

"Welcome customer, what would you like to have? Or do you wish for a room to stay in?" The clerk at the desk asked.

"Are there private rooms available?" Lin Mu asked.

"Of course. All our rooms are protected by isolating formations and also reinforced with Dark Iron Wood." The clerk replied. "Or if sir prefers something even more private, we can currently offer you a private courtyard as well." He added after taking a second look at Lin Mu.

"How much are the prices for both?" Lin Mu inquired.

"Our normal rooms are one mid grade immortal stone for each day while the private courtyard is about ten mid Grade immortal stones per day." The clerk answered.

"I'll take the private courtyard then. Just for a day now, though I might extend later." Lin Mu said before handing out the immortal stones.

With the massive amount of immortal stones that Elder Niji and Lanbao had given him, Lin Mu could be said to be rather rich. And while he would be fine with a normal room too, Lin Mu didn't think it would be appropriate with the Saintess there.

Plus Lin Mu wanted there to be an extra level or privacy since he had the twin snakes involved.

"Thank you sir, please come with me I'll show you to the courtyard." The clerk quickly brought him to the back of the building which opened up into a rather vast compound.

In the compound a garden could be seen and at the end of the garden there was the courtyard. It was decently large and actually looked a bit luxurious too.

"This courtyard is usually used by our owner or his guests but it just happened to be empty, thus you can use it. You can expect for find plenty of amenities inside and if you need anything you can simply call the servants through the formation inside.

Also let me know if you would like to have food or any drinks. We have a fine assortment of immortal wines that have freshly arrived." The clerk explained.

Lin Mu simply nodded and didn't ask for anything. All he wanted now was to talk to the Saintess and learn more about the snakes.

~CREAK~

~THUD~

The door opened up automatically and Lin Mu simply walked in before letting his immortal sense cover the entire place. He looked through the arrays and ensured that everything was fine before calling for the Saintess.

"Are you here Saintess?" Lin Mu asked openly.

~SHUA~

A few meters from him, he felt the air flicker before it parted, revealing the Saintess. Her methods were impressive to Lin Mu as he knew that she had managed to evade his sense with ease too.

"We should sit for this." The Saintess said walking into the main building.

Lin Mu took a seat opposite to her and released the twins from his sleeves. They were still in a trance like state and seemed to be cultivating too.

"The Insignia will allow them to breakthrough quickly. It is best if they reach the immortal realm as soon as possible." The Saintess said.

"How do you know all this Saintess? And why are you looking for them?" Lin Mu asked.

"I... am the Saintess of the Serpent Moon Sect. And I'm out looking for them since they are part of our Seven Ancestral Serpents. They are sacred to us and we have been waiting for their return for millions of years." The Saintess replied.

Hearing this, Lin Mu found it to be unknown to him. But then he heard another voice in his head.

"The Serpent Moon Sect... so it's her..." Xukong spoke in recognition.

"You know it senior?" Lin Mu was surprised.

"You can say that... the sect's founder and I can be considered acquaintances."

Chapter 1399: The Seven Ancestral Serpents

This was the first time Lin Mu had heard of an acquaintance of Xukong.

Lin Mu knew that Xukong's status was high and so was his cultivation base. There weren't many that could compare to him, as even the Saintess was suppressed by him. Thus it only made him wonder who could the acquaintance of Xukong be like.

After all, if they could be Xukong's acquaintance, they would be on his level too. Or at the very least, they would be close to it.

"An acquaintance of yours senior? Then are they... also like you?" Lin Mu questioned with great curiosity.

"Mmhmm... you can say that. The founder of the Serpent Moon Sect is also a beast like me... just a different kind of beast." Xukong answered.

"Then what about the sect? If the founder is on your level, just how strong is the sect?" Lin Mu asked next.

"The Serpent Moon Sect is a great power and is known in billions of worlds. They have several Celestials and the number of immortals they have are simply too many.

They also control several worlds and own them. Their own sect uses an entire planet as their base. And that is simply their main branch, they have several sub branches as well several subordinate sects." Xukong explained in detail.

Hearing all this, Lin Mu felt like his mind was being expanded.

"Such a strong power and she... is the Saintess of that sect? Above even the sect master?" Lin Mu was stunned. 'But despite being that strong, she is still suppressed by Senior Xukong... truly amazing.' He thought in marvel.

But this was not the end of Lin Mu's questions as he still had several more on his plate.

"Do you know about these Seven Ancestral Serpents, Senior?" Lin Mu questioned Xukong.

"I do not. This is the internal information of the Serpent Moon Sect so you should just ask her instead." Xukong stated.

"Alright senior." Lin Mu focused his attention on the Saintess back again.

It hadn't even been ten seconds since the Saintess had spoken, but that was more than enough for Lin Mu and Xukong to have an entire conversation.

"These Seven Ancestral Serpents... so the twins are part of them too?" Lin Mu asked, wanting to know more.

"Yes. You can say that they are the final two of the Seven Ancestral Serpents." The Saintess replied.

"Then what are the other ones?" Lin Mu asked with interest. "Maybe I can help you?" he said knowing best way to obtain more information was the expression of goodwill.

"Hmmm... Other than the Yin Yang Twin Serpents, there is the Three Clawed Terra Python, The Million Venom Viper, The Nine Headed Nether Serpent, The Divine Light Heaven Serpent, and finally the Eternal Dream Serpent.

These seven are our Ancestral Serpents and are sacred to us. It is our ancient goal to find all of them and is a directive that we have been pursuing for millions of years." The Saintess answered.

Hearing all the names, Lin Mu was a little lost as he knew nothing about them. He had hoped that he might know a bit, but he knew nothing at all thus it as a little embarrassing for him to offer help.

"I see... I'm afraid I don't know about them at all. So can you tell me about the Yin Yang Serpents first?" Lin Mu decided to take it one step at a time.

"The Yin Yang Twin Serpents are special existences among the Seven Ancestral Serpents. To be honest I don't know why they have appeared at all. This is not the time for them to appear." The Saintess started.

"They aren't supposed to appear? Did they have some specific time?" Lin Mu asked.

"The Yin Yang Twin Serpents are said to be the final of the Seven Ancestral Serpents for a reason as they are only supposed to appear in the universe when the other five Ancestral Serpents have been born.

And I'm sure that only one other Ancestral Serpent is in existence right now, the Three Clawed Terra Python which is with our sect." The Saintess explained.

"There is such a thing too... but since you said they are not in existence, how are they born?" Lin Mu asked, wondering if they arise from other snakes too.

"Their bloodline are unique and only one of each can ever be in existence. Thus for them to be born several unique conditions have to be met. For example, in the case of the Yin Yang Twin Serpents when the other five have been born it would give rise to a special resonance.

And when that happens, it will affect the entire universe. At that time if two snakes of the Yin and Yang dominion give birth, there is a very rare chance that the egg will turn into the egg of the twins.

Like you already said, the Yin Yang Twin Serpent's parents were a Fire Fang Snake and a Black Water snake. One is of the Yang Dominion due to being of the fire element and the other of the Yin being water elemental." The Saintess stated, her voice getting a little light.

Lin Mu felt like she had a question for him now and anticipated it any second now.

"Which is why... I ask you how you managed to do hatch them? Even if an egg was formed by some miracle, it should never have hatched." The Saintess finally questioned.

"You, are right on some level. When I got the egg, it was a plain looking Grey egg. It didn't show much activity and did not hatch for many years." Lin Mu spoke. "But that was until I discovered something... the Grey egg could absorb Yin and Yang Qi.

And when it did that, it would grow in vitality. I could feel it developing more and more. Thus I simply sought out more source of that and fed it to the egg." Lin Mu answered keeping the effect of the Beast Qi secret for now.

Hearing this the Saintess furrowed her brows under the veil.

'Were the records wrong? But how could that be... Mother made them herself... What could make the very principles of the Ancestral Serpents change?' The Saintess was lost as well.

To her Lin Mu seemed more and more of an enigma now. He simply had too many surprising things and from what she could tell, he had not idea about the level of miracle he had done by letting the Yin Yang Twin Serpents be born.

'While the Ancestral Serpents are almost equally strong, the Yin Yang Twin Serpents are still at the top among them. At least when they are fully grown... for now they are still too weak.' The Saintess gazed at the twins that were still in a trance.

She was brought out of her thoughts when Lin Mu spoke again.

"So since you are collecting the Seven Ancestral Serpents, do you want them too?" Lin Mu questioned feeling a bit heavy.

He knew if she wanted to take them away, there was nothing he could do. Even with them being tamed beast, he couldn't go against strength that was quite literally at the pinnacle of a higher world.

"I do... our sect's directives command that the Seven Ancestral Serpents be returned to the sect. You might not know, but each of the serpents are enough to reach the peak of Celestials and even higher.

There aren't many powers that know about them, but those that do know of them are old powers existing since old times. If they learn about the seven ancestral serpents reappearing, they will do everything in their power to get rid of them.

In ancient times, the Seven Ancestral Serpents had shocked the heavens and suppressed millions of worlds." The Saintess answered.

Hearing this Lin Mu's heart got heavier.

'It might be futile, but I can't just give them up.' Lin Mu decided.

"I'm sorry but I can't give them to you. They are my tamed beasts and I have raised them." Lin Mu stated firmly.

He was fully expecting the Saintess to be offended, but much to his surprise she showed no reaction.

"That's the thing. You have already tamed them, which has never been done before. The bloodline of the Seven Ancestral Serpents is very domineering and no one should be able to tame them.

And yet... you've done that." The Saintess spoke calmly.

"Then, what are you going to do." Lin Mu asked.

"I do not know how to resolve this." The Saintess shook her head. "You having them will bring trouble to you as well. There will be someone that will eventually recognize them. And it will be very dangerous." She warned.

"I'll deal with them when it comes to that." Lin Mu said without fear. "What kind of a cultivator would I be if I cower in front of threats that haven't even arrived?" he stated.

"I see... no wonder you are worthy of his tutelage." The Saintess muttered.

Chapter 1400: The Saintess's Conditions

Lin Mu's courage was taken positively by the Saintess.

While she had seen many brave cultivators, the ones who faced great threats despite knowing them were very few. It only made her want to see just how far Lin Mu could go.

'But that alone is not enough...' The Saintess thought while looking at Lin Mu. "I shall be accompanying you from now." She stated.

"Accompany me?" Lin Mu was a bit taken aback.

To him it didn't seem normal for a woman of her status to be going around with him.

"Why?" he asked.

"Since you have already tamed the Yin Yang Twin Serpents, I cannot take them away from you but I still have a duty to fulfill. Ideally I would like to take you to the Serpent Moon Sect right away, but the Celestial Court will be a bother.

It might bring more attention to the Ancestral Serpents instead." The Saintess replied.

Her words did seem reasonable to Lin Mu.

"Even if you did intend to bring me away, I cannot go. I have some things I have to do first." Lin Mu stated as well.

"What is it that you want to do? Visit the Temple of the Four Guardians?" The Saintess questioned.

"That's one part but my main goal is something else... there is something that has been taken from me. And I... need to get it back." Lin Mu said a hint of desire appearing in his eyes.

This didn't escape the Saintess's senses and she knew that this was the same desire she had seen before.

'It's suppressed but its still there... it truly is his main goal.' The Saintess concluded.

"Will you still follow me despite that?" Lin Mu inquired knowing that this was not fully her obligation.

"I will yes. That is not something that can be questioned. No harm can ever come to the Yin Yang Twin Serpents until they mature." The Saintess stated firmly.

"Alright." Lin Mu nodded his head.

This was an advantage for him too as having a peak Celestial expert was more than enough anyone could ask for.

"Though I have several conditions of my own too." The Saintess stated. "With my station, there are several restrictions on my actions. Technically I'm not supposed to be on this world either. If it is found out, I will have to leave most likely.

I also won't interfere in your conflicts unless it is beyond a certain point." The Saintess stated.

"I'm fine with that. I also wish to be independent and battle on my own. If I don't I won't improve." Lin Mu replied.

This was something Lin Mu truly wished for. He didn't even take direct help from Xukong either and would only take some information when he was lost. Additionally if he had someone looking after himself all the time, it would not be good for his own growth too.

Having stated their conditions, Lin Mu felt like the situation was now good. They had a basic understanding of each other and knew where their baseline was as well.

"So where will you be heading now?" The Saintess asked.

"My first goal is to go to the Holy Topaz Continent." Lin Mu replied. "So I'll need to get to a teleportation array that crosses continents." He added.

"Alright, then. When are you going to leave?" The Saintess asked.

"I want to buy a few things here and then we can leave tomorrow. I also want to gather some information." Lin Mu answered.

"Very well, you can go ahead. I'll be here." The Saintess let Lin Mu go on his own.

She didn't need much effort to monitor the Yin Yang Twin Serpents either and thus could let Lin Mu go around. He didn't wait for long and simply went to the city.

With the amount of taverns and inns around, it didn't take him long to find the information pavilion. There were many of them here due to this being a port and all of them sold information at various prices.

"Welcome sir! What kind of information are you looking for? Unique beasts? Fortunate encounters? Secret Inheritances? We got everything." The clerk standing at the entrance greeted Lin Mu very enthusiastically.

"I want a set of information about all the continents, their powers, and I want maps too." Lin Mu quickly stated.

"Ah! So sir wants our comprehensive intelligence set." The clerk smiled widely knowing that he had netted a big customer. "Our Comprehensive intelligence sect costs ten mid grade immortal stones and I assure you it will satisfy—"

"I'll take it." Lin Mu didn't mind the price and simply handed over the stones before the clerk could even finish his pitch.

"Uh... Of course sir!" The clerk quickly adjusted and went to get what Lin Mu had asked for.

In just a minute, Lin Mu was handed a jade slip filled with all the information that he would need.

"Now let's take a look." Lin Mu scanned through the information, finding there to be quite literally a library's worth of information in it.

'Hmm, the closest Transcontinental Teleportation array is in the Capital city of this province. It is located a week away too.' Lin Mu now knew his destination.

But this wasn't all that Lin Mu looked for as he also wanted a certain type of resources. With that in mind, Lin Mu went to a shop that specialized in selling cultivation resources such as immortal herbs, immortal pills, immortal fruits and more.

It was a large building located in the business district of the port city and there were hundreds of people going in and out of it. And when Lin Mu stepped into the building, he saw even more people.

"Now then where are all the spirit herbs being sold?" Lin Mu looked at the many counters that were set up in a square manner.

There he soon spotted a counter at which a distracted looking man was sitting. His eyes looked lazy and a hint of boredom could also be felt from him.