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[Chapter 801 - Shock And Explanations](#)

"I did breakthrough. Little Shrubby did too," Lin Mu replied.

"Then that means..." King Hong asked, but hesitated to say the two words.

"Mmmhmm... I'm at the Dao Shell realm now." Lin Mu acknowledge.

~Ssssss~

~Gasp~

Everyone gasped upon hearing this. It was more than just shocking to them; it was sky-flipping level of crazy to them.

Other than Jing Luo, while the others knew Lin Mu was young, they did not know how young. In case of cultivators, even a hundred year old grandpa might just be a small junior and wouldn't be worthy of mentioning much.

But Jing Luo knew what Lin Mu's true age was.

'Isn't he barely twenty one now? A twenty one year old Dao Shell realm expert... if the top sects learned of this they would go insane.' Jing Luo thought to himself.

He knew just how much talent was desired in the world. While juniors were mostly looked down in cultivation sects, their cultivation talent could easily reverse this. As long as they reached a sufficient cultivation base before a certain age, they would be considered talented.

Lin Mu reaching Nascent soul realm in his teens was already enough to stun the sects, but Dao Shell realm was an entirely different manner.

One must know that Dao Shell realm cultivators were worthy of being the patriarchs, if not ancestors of sects. Even in top sects, Dao Shell realm cultivators were high elders, if not supreme elders.

Even the supreme elder of the Noon Grass sect that Hua San and Hua Wu were trying to save was at the Dao Shell realm, albeit at an unknown stage.

But having thought of all this, everyone in the room smiled.

"AHAHAHA! EXCELLENT! EXCELLENT! BROTHER LIN MU IS THE SON OF HEAVENS!" King Hong praised out loud.

~clap~clap~clap~

The ministers couldn't help but clap in amazement as well, and their expressions changed. If before they looked at Lin Mu with respect in their eyes, they were now looking at him with veneration instead.

Anywhere in this world, a Dao Shell realm cultivation was enough to stand proud. Lesser clans would directly ask them to become their elders or even send their women to be their concubines.

There was no lack of benefit that one would receive if they openly showed their cultivation base. This was especially so for wandering and rogue cultivators without any affiliation.

In fact, there was literally no wandering cultivator that stayed faction less for more than a year after reaching the Dao Shell realm. They would get hundreds of invitations from different powers and organizations asking them to join them while providing a lot of resources.

"Grandfather will be very impressed once he sees you now." Jing Luo said with a chuckle.

"Perhaps..." Lin Mu said humbly.

"Although... how did this happen? Even Little Shrubby is at the Adult Soul stage of the nascent soul realm... and from what I can sense, he isn't that far from the peak either." Jing Luo questioned.

The ministers were once again shocked upon hearing this. They could not sense Little Shrubby's cultivation on the account of being rude and this had kept to themselves. But hearing that the beast in the hall was the second strongest being in the hall made them shiver.

Little Shrubby's size was big, and his head came at the same level as Lin Mu. A beast of this size was already considered to be extremely dangerous, and yet here he was calmly standing beside Lin Mu.

'The beast takes after the master indeed...' The ministers thought to themselves.

"It's a long story, but you all need to know about it. I'll tell you the truth about the Wandering sinkhole and how I broke through." Lin Mu stated.

Jing Luo and King Hong nodded their head and gestured for Lin Mu to continue.

Little Shrubby on the other hand, took over in the stead of King Hong and started to cook the meat. He wasn't going to let go of an opportunity to cook or eat. Lin Mu didn't mind it either and let the beast do whatever he wanted to.

Corpse after corpse came out flying from Little Shrubby's spatial storage belt and stunned the ministers again.

The size and the faint spirit Qi remnants on the corpses were enough for the ministers to identify that the beast corpses were all at the nascent soul realm.

"Heavens... Nascent soul realm beasts can be eaten so easily like this?" The minister of agriculture said as he stared at the bowl in front of him.

Little Shrubby had given some to everyone, while Lin Mu gave his explanation. He had learned to share and didn't mind giving this much. After all... they had a literal mountain of beast corpses in their store right now.

It took Lin Mu an entire day to get through his explanation. He wanted to keep it a little short but everyone wanted to know more and more about the Wandering sinkhole, thus Lin Mu had no option but to tell it in detail.

After all, the Wandering sinkhole was one of the native myths of the Hong Lin kingdom, and every citizen had heard the tale about it at least once. While commoners just thought of it as a story to scare people into not going deep into the forest, the cultivators knew that it was true.

It was just that not many had seen it, as for those that did, they were either considered as joking about it or never returned to tell the tale.

Lin Mu told them about the strong beasts living there and the habitats as well. He then told them about the truth of the wandering sinkhole and how it belonged to a great clan once upon a time.

He told them about the sacrifice of the Kong clan and Kong Hutao, as well as his hope for the future.

"So the wandering sinkhole had such a story behind it... I would have never expected." Adviser Liu muttered.

"No... it's no longer the Wandering sinkhole. It is the Kong plane from now on, as a respect to the Kong clan.." Lin Mu added.

[Chapter 802 - Introducing Everyone To The Kong Plane](#)

"You Renamed it?" Jing Luo asked.

"I did indeed. After all... I own it now." Lin Mu replied.

"Of course..." Jing Luo said thinking of all the possibilities that can be made use of now.

"Wait, Senior Lin Mu! Does this mean you can enter it anytime now?" Hua Wu questioned.

"Yes. It is no longer 'wandering'. Rather, it is linked to me now. Where ever I am, it will be there." Lin Mu answered.

Hearing this, the eyes of everyone lit up.

"Then... can we all see it?" Hua Wu asked.

"I would like that too... I always wondered what the mystical Wandering sinkhole looked like." King Hong agreed.

"Sure, I can take you all one. But before that, don't you need to take the Hong Lin wood to your sect?" Lin Mu questioned.

The eyes of Hua Wu and Hua San went wide and they remembered the main mission that they had come here for.

"Heavens! We almost forgot!" both of them said in unison.

"How long do you have now?" Lin Mu questioned.

"We have about fifteen days I think. After that, the supreme elder's condition will get worse and he may possibly die." Hua San answered.

"Then getting to your sect first will be more important. Will you be able to reach there in time?" Lin Mu asked.

"We don't even need to get to the sect, as long as we are in the range, we can call for our elders to come get us. Traveling that distance will take us a little more than a week." Hua San replied.

"Very well. You should leave now then. Once your supreme elder is taken care of, you can come back and we can discuss further." Lin Mu stated.

"Yes, senior Lin Mu!" Hua San and Hua Wu said while cupping their hands.

"Now then... I should give you the wood..." Lin Mu said before moving to the outside and withdrawing an entire Thousand year old Hong Lin tree.

Seeing the tree, the jaws of all ministers dropped.

"This... is this even a thousand year old Hong Lin tree?"

"So big! This is the biggest one I've ever heard of."

Adviser Liu and King Hong were shocked too and didn't speak for a few seconds.

"A mother tree, it's a Hong Lin Mother tree!" Adviser Liu exclaimed.

"Huh? This is what a Hong Lin mother tree looks like?" Lin Mu questioned.

"Indeed. The mother trees in our sacred grounds look just like this and are this big. We don't know how old they exactly are, but they've existed since before the time of our first king." King Hong answered.

"And there are ten mother trees in your sacred land?" Lin Mu questioned further.

Hearing this the King furrowed his brows as he couldn't understand how Lin Mu got to know of this secret information. While the knowledge about the mother trees was public, their numbers were not exactly revealed.

"Yes. There are ten of them." King Hong acknowledged.

Hearing this, Lin Mu smiled and was reminded of the problem that the Hong Lin Kingdom had about the thousand year old Hong Lin trees. Their numbers were falling and there was no way to get them back up.

"Do you know how many trees I found in the Kong Plane?" Lin Mu questioned.

"Five?" One of the ministers guessed.

"Ten?" another one said.

"No... There are over a hundred such trees there. An entire grove of them." Lin Wu answered.

The faces of every one were stunned and they didn't know what to think of it.

"Over a hundred... but adviser Chu never told us that." Adviser Liu spoke.

"Adviser Chu was mistaken about some things and didn't know the truth behind the Kong Plane. Plus ever since he left the plane, many things have changed. I saw a lot of differences in the areas from how Adviser Chu described them." Lin Mu replied.

"I see... still, this is very good news for us. If we can transplant even a couple of them, the entire forest will be revitalized. The number of hundred year old Hong Lin trees should increase as well.

And maybe... more thousand year old Hong Lin Trees might appear in the future." King Hong said.

With the overall mood of the group now improved, Lin Mu and the rest talked for a bit before Hua Wu and Hua San took their leave. The Thousand year old Hong Lin Tree was chopped and would be enough for several attempts of pill refinement.

After the two were gone though, the others couldn't wait to see the Kong plane themselves.

"Alright, everyone ready?" Lin Mu questioned.

"We are ready!" King Hong and the rest said.

"Hold each other's hands and don't let go." Lin Mu ordered before activating the formation anchor on his body.

~shua~

Runes came out from his body before forming into a formation that teleported everyone that was holding his hand.

A few seconds later, a formation circle opened up in the Kong plane, and on it appeared Lin Mu and everyone that had joined him. The place where they had appeared was in the cave where the teleportation formation was made.

"What's this place? A cave?" Someone asked and they all looked around.

"It's the center of the Kong Plane. Come on, I'll take you out." Lin Mu said, guiding them to the exist.

Upon appearing on the outside, they could finally feel the difference in the air.

"The spirit Qi... it's higher... even the air feels fresher." Adviser Liu said.

"Indeed. The spirit Qi in this world is slightly higher than that of our world. Some areas are even more concentrated. There are also the areas that are rich in specific elemental spirit Qi." Lin Mu explained.

Hearing this, King Hong felt intrigued.

"The place with the Hong Lin tree grove... is it rich in Fire elemental spirit Qi?" King Hong questioned.

Hearing this Lin Mu smiled.

"That's exactly what I was getting to next. This place will help you get stronger far quicker than before.." Lin Mu stated.

[Chapter 803 - Alliance Funding And Interplane Travel](#)

Lin Mu's thoughts were in line with that of King Hong's and they headed to the Hong Lin grove next. Though they ran into a little problem here, while they could travel in the Kong plane alone, the distances were a little too far.

Plus, the dangers made it so that they would have to be very careful. Not everyone could be like Lin Mu and be free to act as they want. Lin Mu not only had his cultivation and defenses, but he could also run away any time he wants and even escape the plane directly.

The same could not be said for the others.

Lin Mu himself could only teleport in and out of the Kong Plane, but he couldn't teleport around in the plane itself. Thus, if he wanted to get anywhere, he would have to either fly or walk there.

He at least had Little Shrubby for faster travel, but the same could not be said for the others.

"Just how far is it?" Jing Luo asked.

"About a day away with Little Shrubby's speed." Lin Mu spoke.

"That's far..." Jing Luo said.

"But I think we can get there even faster now. Three days was because we didn't know the layout. I now know where the places are. If we travel in a straight line, it shouldn't matter.

As for the beasts that appear, I can easily handle them." Lin Mu spoke.

"Hmm... that's better. But taking care of so many people will be problematic even for you." Jing Luo replied after thinking for a bit.

It was now that the others spoke.

"Senior Lin Mu, you can take King Hong alone. We can just return to the palace. Just seeing this much is enough for us. We simply wanted to see the inside of the rumored wandering sinkhole." The minister of War spoke.

"Yes, yes! There is no need for us to be a burden." The minister of Trade agreed.

"Plus, if we all are here, who will take care of the kingdom in our absence? What if something serious occurs?" Adviser Liu added.

"Hmm... that's indeed a problem. The communication jade slips don't reach here." Lin Mu agreed.

"Then it's best that we return. King Hong can accompany you." Adviser Liu stated.

"Alright, I'll take you all back." Lin Mu took a pause before continuing, "but not before taking some things along with you."

Hearing this, they were a bit confused, but then Lin Mu brought them to the vault.

"HEAVENS!" The ministers couldn't help but exclaim.

King Hong and Adviser Liu were the same and Jing Luo was looking at the metals and other materials like a hungry wolf.

"This is almost on the same level as the Jing clan's storage vault." Jing Luo said.

"Ah yes. I'll need your help in figuring out all that's here and what would be the best way to make use of it. There's a lot of spirit stones as well, though they are mostly of mid and low grade.

I haven't seen any peak grade spirit stones, though there are a few high grade ones here as well. All this will help us in our endeavors against the Northern Tribes and Gu Yao." Lin Mu replied.

Jing Luo's expression turned serious and he nodded.

"This will help a lot. Now we will have the resources and cash flow needed to deal with a large number of people. With this out alliance will actually have a financial backbone... at least for the time being." Jing Luo said.

Lin Mu nodded his head in agreement before giving the ministers some of the cultivation resources. These were not just for them, but also for other trustworthy and talented people that they knew.

Lin Mu needed the alliance to have a large number of strong cultivators and this would be one of the ways to strengthen it.

The Mu clan and the Fei clan already had their own ways of getting stronger thus, Lin Mu didn't need to worry much about them. And Jingming Shang had also taken over the business of the three clans that were exterminated and thus they had some fortune to rely on there.

Though Lin Mu had better hope for the upcoming allies in the form of the Noon Grass sect and the Long Cloud Alliance. The noon grass sect was something that would be more open to forming a closer relationship from what Lin Mu perceived but it was unknown how the Long cloud alliance would act.

Lin Mu expected that they would at least have a 'common foe' standpoint and would be willing to cooperate better. Though nothing could be said now for sure. PPlus, this all relied on the fact that Gu Yao did not have anyone that he controlled in the Long cloud alliance.

At least... not someone influential.

The ones that were going to need the most resources would be the Hong Lin Kingdom and the Hei corps. Though for Hei Corps, Lin Mu would need to establish contact with them again.

He was still in the blind about what had happened there and no news about Wu Hei was heard till now which made Lin Mu worried if something had happened to him.

Lin Mu quickly sent the ministers and adviser Liu back to the palace before heading back.

"I will make trips back to the place every four hours, that way if there is any important news we will know it." Lin Mu said.

"That will be for the best. It's good that you can leave and enter from any place, this will save a lot of time and effort." Jing Luo agreed.

"Mhmm... now let's go." Lin Mu said and was just about to fly when he was interrupted.

"Wait a second, I got something perfect for this occasion." Jing Luo spoke, much to Lin Mu's intrigue.

"Oh? What is it?" Lin Mu questioned, feeling intrigued.

King Hong was the same and watched on as Jing Luo withdrew something from his spatial storage treasure.

~shua~

~thud~

"Behold!" Jing Luo presented a rather large item.

[Chapter 804 - A Spirit Boat](#)

Lin Mu and the rest watched on in anticipation as Jing Luo pulled out what looked like a large boat.

"What is this?" King Hong questioned, having never seen something like this.

But Lin Mu had an idea about what this thing was.

"A Sky boat? A spirit Vehicle?" Lin Mu said.

"Indeed. I actually had an incomplete project since a long time ago. I think I started it back when I was still in my clan, but I never had the chance or the resources to get working on it again after the fall.

But now... with some new inspiration, I got from the knowledge you gave me, I managed to change the design a bit and also improve it." Jing Luo explained.

Spirit boats were one of the most common types of spirit vehicles. Spirit vehicles were basically used by cultivators to travel long distances when there was more than one of them.

This was especially useful when their cultivation bases were mismatched or their speeds were not the same. Using a spirit vehicle, they could travel together and it was also a lot safer.

There were many types of spirit vehicles, but spirit boats were the ones that were used the most by individual cultivators.

Spirit vehicles were different than spirit weapons, even though both were used to travel. It was just that the spirit vehicles were specially made by travel and did not necessarily have the same offensive capabilities.

Though they did have extra defenses that protected the travelers during the journey. Of course, there were also many other types and this was not an absolute restriction.

There were in fact, great spirit vehicles that could both attack and defend and were often used as moving artillery in great wars. Lin Mu had read about them in the Lost Immortal's memoirs.

In fact, the Lost Immortal himself had participated in one such war where large offensive spirit vehicles were used. The vehicles in question were large galleons that had long range spirit weapons mounted on them like cannons and ballistas.

They seemed similar to mortal artillery but were greatly different in power. The Lost immortal had seen the power of such spirit vehicles and just how useful they could be in the war.

A single such sprint vehicle could not only transport a large number of cultivators, it could also attack and provide them cover while they did their tasks. It could also come and pick them up when the need so arose.

Overall, it was a very versatile object and many cultivators wanted it. Of course, a spirit vehicle was ultimately a type of Spirit tool and needed an equal level of expertise to make.

Most spirit vehicles started from the high grade since their material costs were high. While ones from lower quality materials could be made, their speed wouldn't necessarily be as high as that of the spirit weapons of the same grade that would still cost many times lower than the spirit vehicle.

That's why a spirit vehicle that was as basic as a spirit boat would still be a high grade spirit tool and was expensive for most cultivators to keep for themselves. It was large organizations, kingdoms, empires, and cultivation sects that actually kept and used them.

Since they needed to transport a large number of their people and their finances were strong, they had no problem in affording them. Though there were always some rich cultivators that could afford one on their own and use them for their own private transport.

Lin Mu didn't know Jing Luo could make spirit vehicles, which came as a nice surprise.

He observed the spirit boat and recognized some of the material used in the making of it.

"Oh? The bones of the Green tailed howler monkey chief? I thought you were going to make a weapon from this?" Lin Mu asked.

"I was, but then there would be no use for that weapon other than lying in my storage. You don't need spirit weapons and neither do I, so I thought it would be better to use it in this instead." Jing Luo replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and saw the skillful way in which the bones were used. The ribs of the Green tailed howler monkey chief were used in combination with other materials to make the body of the shape.

It was smoothed out and made to look even. Though, unlike a normal boat, it did not have any oars or rudders to control it. After all, it was a spirit weapon and had no use for something like that.

"How do we use it?" Lin Mu asked.

"Jump in, I'll show you." Jing Luo replied and they all got in.

Little Shrubby sat at the very back, as that was the widest area, while King Hong and Lin Mu sat in the middle. Jing Luo sat at the very front, where a slam pedestal was attached to the floor of the spirit boat.

Runes were carved on the pedestal and fine lines that looked like veins spread from the pedestal to the spirit boat's surface. These lines were only on the inside and not on the outside.

Instead, there were flat and long rectangular patterns on the outside that were actually another defensive formation layered directly onto the surface of the spirit boat.

"The control of the spirit boat is every simple. It's almost the same as that of any spirit weapon, the only difference is that you need to have direct physical contact at all times and pour your spirit Qi into it.

I wanted to make another version that could use spirit stones as fuel alternatively, but I didn't have the time. So we just have to make do with this one for now." Jing Luo said.

"Alright. Guess I'll run it. I should be able to keep up with the spirit Qi use with little problem." Lin Mu said.

"Yes, since your cultivation base is the highest, you can run the spirit boat at the fastest speed as well.." Jing Luo replied.

[Chapter 805 - A Speedy Flight To The Grotto](#)

Lin Mu followed Jing Luo's instructions and placed his hand on the pedestal before pouring the spirit Qi into it. In the very next second, he felt like the entire spirit boat had become his own limb and he could move it freely.

~SHUA~

The spirit boat floated up slowly and reached a sufficient height in the sky.

"I guess we can now head on," Lin Mu said before he began to accelerate.

~WHOOSH~

Little by little, speed increased, and soon they were soaring through the sky.

"WOO!HOO! This is amazing!" King Hong shouted out like a child.

This was his first time flying at such a great speed and it was rather novel to him. To Lin Mu or Jing Luo though, they had flown at a far faster speed than this thus they weren't as amazed.

"The speed isn't as fast as Little Shrubby but it is pretty close to my own top speed." Lin Mu spoke.

"The speed of the spirit boat depends on the one operating it. Since your own speed is high, the spirit boat will also be faster. Though there is a certain limit to the spirit boat's speed as well.

I think a Dao Shell realm cultivator is the limit for it right now. After that, no matter how much spirit Qi one uses for it, it just won't go any faster." Jing Luo explained.

"I see... let's see how far I can push it. I can use more," Lin Mu said, surprising Jing Luo.

"You aren't using it at full acceleration?" Jing Luo asked.

"No, we're at half I think. I was afraid that it might get damaged and thus I held back." Lin Mu said.

"Then try going all in." Jing Luo suggested.

"Okay, I'll do it." Lin Mu said as his expression turned serious.

The spirit Qi in his Dantian flowed out to his meridians and poured into the spirit boat.

~HUM~

Right away, the boat's formation let out a humming sound, showing that they had reached the limit.

'This should be the top point, now to accelerate.' Lin Mu thought.

"And... GO!" Lin Mu shouted.

~ZOOM~

~Weeng~

The spirit boat lightly creaked as it suddenly accelerated by a large amount. King Hong was pushed back and so was Jing Luo, but Little Shrubby supported them with his body.

"Oho! This is even faster than my own speed now!" Lin Mu exclaimed.

"It is meant to be like that..." Jing Luo said, finding it a bit hard to talk now.

He could tell that the speed of the boat was now on a completely different level than before. He didn't even know if the boat could actually handle it at this output for long periods of time.

This was after all, a prototype for him. While it may sell as a completed spirit tool in the market, for Jing Luo or just the Jing clan in general, they did not make mediocre goods. Everything they made was built to the limit of the skill that each person had.

With the spirit boat's assistance, Lin Mu and the rest reached the grotto in just six hours. Having reached there, they landed on one of the empty plots of land that was made as a result of Lin Mu and the Troll beast's fight.

"Is this... where you fought that beast?" Jing Luo asked.

"Indeed." Lin Mu answered and then was reminded of something.

"AH! I almost forgot!" Lin Mu said before withdrawing the corpse of the Troll Demon beast.

~THUD~

The corpse fell on the ground with a large thud and highly shook it. Seeing it, both Jing Luo and King Hong were shocked.

"That's one ugly beast." King Hong commented.

"I know, right?" Lin Mu replied.

Jing Luo walked around the corpse and took a deep look. He touched and probed the corpse before his face lit up.

"Can I use it?" Jing Luo questioned.

"Of course. That's exactly why I took it out. It's for you to make something out of it. Its insides are fully burned so all that's left is some bones and the skin." Lin Mu answered.

Jing Luo felt happy with this and hurried to put it in his spatial storage treasure when he ran into another problem.

"What happened?" Lin Mu asked, seeing Jing Luo struggle.

"Umm... I don't think I have enough space left." Jing Luo said.

"Oh, yeah... this is kinda big." Lin Mu agreed.

He looked at the corpse for a few seconds before saying, "we have some materials in the cave back there. See if you can find something to make a bigger storage ring. I'll keep this with me in the meantime." Lin Mu stated.

"Hmm, that will be good." Jing Luo agreed.

With this little thing out of the way, they went to the grotto that was located between the two broken mountains. Jing Luo and King Hong were once more amazed by the beauty and? mystery of the place.

"So many... So many thousand year old Hong Lin trees... these must have existed since times immemorial." King Hong said.

"Not that long... their growth is also accelerated due to the natural fire attribute spirit Qi in the area." Lin Mu replied.

Upon hearing this, King Hong sensed the spirit Qi in the air and found it to be true.

"This... this is higher than any place I've seen." King Hong said.

"There is apparently a pit of Earth Flames deep below this place. That is what makes this area rich in fire attribute spirit Qi. There are also Earthen Flame ores here that are born due to it." Lin Mu explained.

"A pit of Earth flames? That's really valuable if it can be accessed. I remember the Jing clan once tried to buy an area that contained Earth flames, but before the deal could be finalized the war started.

A lot of spirit tools and weapons that have never been made before can be made with the help of Earth flames.. There are even legendary records stating that they can help make immortal tools!" Jing Luo spoke.

[Chapter 806 - Clearing His Mind](#)

Lin Mu then brought Jing Luo and King Hong to the middle of the grotto and showed all the ores, the trees, the smaller herbs, and the spring that flowed out from the middle. Its water was tinged light red and looked beautiful as well.

The water was naturally warm and if one drank it, one would feel their insides heat up. To normal humans, just a sip or two would be fine, but if they drank more, they might get a fever and if they still kept it up, they would just end up dying.

This was because there was fire elemental spirit Qi mixed into it. This was in a very delicate balance since the fire element was the opposite of the water and both counteracted each other.

The existence of the spring was already rather rare. But if one compared the concentration of the fire elemental spirit Qi in the water to the air, they would find that the air was more concentrated.

Thus, the value of the water was lesser than just cultivating directly in the air.

"You two can take your time here and King Hong can cultivate, I'll go take a look back at the palace. The time we decided on is already over." Lin Mu spoke.

"Alright. I'll gather some of the Earthen flame ores for use later. Oh, and since we're here, I should also take some fresh thousand year old Hong Lin tree sap." Jing Luo spoke.

"I'll cultivate here. I have a feeling that this place is very beneficial to my physique." King Hong replied.

Lin Mu nodded his head and activated the runes of the Kong Plane's anchor before teleporting away to the real world.

A few seconds later, he appeared in the Xiaofan world and met with the ministers and asked if there were any problems or if there was any news. Since there was nothing particular, he returned back to the Kong Plane.

Once he was there, Lin Mu picked a place and sat down as well. He needed to think of his upcoming plans and how they would go about them.

'We need to wait for Hua San and Hua Wu to contact us again so that we can officially establish the alliance between the Noon Grass sect and us. Once that is done, we can discuss some more plans with them and tell them what the potential problems will be.

I'll also need to make use of the Noon Grass Sect's power to interact with the Long Cloud alliance. They are far more likely to listen to another sect on the same level rather than just me.

Even if I'm at the Dao Shell realm, it just won't be enough. Plus, there is always the fact that they will consider me to be the dangerous factor instead.' Lin Mu thought to himself.

Lin Mu spent six hours pondering this, during which he stayed silent.

Jing Luo and King Hong were doing their own things and thus did not bother them. But they were spending it productively as well.

~Sigh~

"So many things to do and so many uncertainties to go through." Lin Mu muttered to himself.

It was now that Jing Luo heard Lin Mu and Spoke.

"Are you fine Lin Mu?" Jing Luo questioned.

"I am fine, but I am unable to figure out the course of action that we should take so that we have the best result. There are too many uncertain factors which are preventing me from making an accurate prediction." Lin Mu answered.

Hearing this, Jing Luo was rather surprised.

"Prediction? You are making predictions? For what?" Jing Luo asked further.

"How the things will go and how we will need to react to them. Gu Yao has the advantage of secrecy and so do we, but we do not have the power of numbers on our side yet.

I am trying to find a way to optimize everything." Lin Mu replied.

"You know, you are stressing yourself out too much. Thinking like that is no use. Predicting the future is something many people have gone crazy doing. Unless one is an immensely powerful expert and can pry into the fate, they will be unable to make an accurate prediction like you are trying to do.

Rather than that, it's best if you just take it one step at a time and solidify that step. As long as you have a solid foundation, even if you run into a problem, you won't have to flail around as much and will have something to fall on." Jing Luo lightly scolded.

Hearing this, Lin Mu felt as if his mind was expanded. The curtain that was blocking his thoughts from flowing smoothly was lifted and new ideas started to flow through his mind.

"I GOT IT!" Lin Mu said out loud.

Jing Luo wondered what happened to Lin Mu now, but was then suddenly hugged by Lin Mu.

"THANK YOU! I NOW KNOW WHAT TO DO!" Lin Mu said while hugging the man tight.

Jing Luo didn't know how to take this, but just decided to speak.

"And what did you think?" Jing Luo questioned.

"All our problems stem from the fact that Gu Yao has an expansive network and he can quickly cover for any trouble that occurs for him quickly. They do this with the expansive communication that they have.

But they are still lacking in the actual physical intervention. If they respond to a certain problem, they will need some time to do so as the people under him will need to travel wherever they need to.

That is exactly where we need to overwhelm him. As long as our alliance can move around quickly, we will have the upper hand." Lin Mu answered.

Jing Luo had a little hard time catching up, but he soon figured out the gist of what Lin Mu was saying.

"So... you are saying we need something to travel between them fast? Something like my spirit boat?" Jing Luo questioned.

"No, I mean something even faster... a teleportation array!" Lin Mu answered.

[Chapter 807 - A Month Of Progress](#)

Jing Luo was not expecting Lin Mu to say something like that.

"A Teleportation Array? You do know how difficult those are to make, right? Just the materials required are already a handful, not to mention the extensive network of formation that we will need to make across the continent.

This is not something we can do in a short amount of time. Heck, even if all the sects of the world combined their powers, it would still take a hundred years or more to do something like this." Jing Luo replied.

"Indeed." Lin Mu nodded his head in agreement.

"But that is if we follow the usual method of making a teleportation array. We know that a teleportation array is the amalgamation of several teleportation formations linked together with multiple teleportation channels.

The problems begin not with the teleportation formation themselves, but the channels. They are hard to stabilize and when multiple of them are linked, the problem can get even more intense.

But what if I told you we can simply eliminate the need for the channels and the interlinking teleportation junction?" Lin Mu explained.

"Huh? Something like that... is possible." It was now that it struck Jing Luo.

Lin Mu nodded his head in response and spread his hands around.

"Why do we need to make the channels and the interlinking teleportation junction when we have an entire Minor plane on our side?" Lin Mu said with a chuckle.

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Jing Luo took a deep breath and thought of the requirements to make something like this.

"If we are to do this... the teleportation formations that will act as the individual stations will need to be made from spatial elemental materials. Though they wouldn't have to be very complex.

Most of the strain will be directly passed on to the Kong plane thus there would be no need for the stabilizing formations and the supporting formations." Jing Luo spoke.

"Mhmm... what if we use something that is already premade?" Lin Mu asked next.

"Something premade?" Jing Luo wondered what Lin Mu was thinking about and soon figured it out.

"You mean... no, it can't be. Their uses are very different. We won't be able to establish a two way route. It will simply collapse." Jing Luo replied understanding what Lin Mu was talking about.

"We don't need a two way route. They will simply have to be inward routes. The outward route will be the main one from the Kong plane." As soon as Lin Mu said this, everything in Jing Luo's mind made sense.

Now it was Jing Luo's turn of feeling like a curtain on his mind was lifted.

"This... if we really managed to make it, then... this will be revolutionary!" Jing Luo exclaimed.

"Perhaps. But first, we need to figure out if it can really work or will it need some tweaks." Lin Mu stated.

"Of course. I can get started on it right away. As a prototype... I think I can establish a communication link between the Kong plane and our world." Jing Luo spoke.

"YES! That will be perfect. It will save us a lot of time and enhance the speed of response of people in the Kong plane. There are way too many things here that would be a waste to not make use of." Lin Mu replied.

"Very well. I'll get started on the first prototype and attach it to the Hong Lin Kingdom." Jing Luo spoke.

"Yes, and until you are done, I think we should get some response from Hua San and Hua Wu as well." Lin Mu agreed.

Jing Luo nodded his head and felt excited about the coming days. Even though there was the dread of the future danger, there was also the excitement of learning new things. The anticipation had started to itch his hand, and he quickly got to work.

Lin Mu didn't slack off either and got to his own cultivation. He had yet to figure out what his Dao Shell was going to be like and needed to spend some time in figuring it out. He wanted to be as strong as possible when he was going to face Gu Yao.

'He should be at the Dao Shell realm at the very least by now. With the support and resources he is getting, even with his pace, he shouldn't be at the Dao Treading realm.' Lin Mu reckoned.

Time quickly went by as the three men spent their time growing in different ways. King Hong grew his cultivation base, Jing Luo furthered his proficiency with formations while Lin Mu comprehended how he wanted his Dao Shell's shape to be like.

Lin Mu would also make some trips to the Hong Lin place every twelve hours just to make sure there were no problems and to get any new news. So far, there has been nothing out of the ordinary and everything was progressing smoothly.

There were some tasks that were assigned to the ministers related to their kingdom and citizens and they were also progressing fluidly. The ministers themselves were cultivating, and some of them were already close to a breakthrough.

Just like this, an entire month passed.

During this time, King Hong's cultivation had risen once more, and he had reached the Adolescent soul stage of the Nascent Soul realm. This speed was outstanding and was even faster than Lin Mu if one compared the time needed.

Though the comparison wouldn't be fully accurate since the amount of spirit Qi needed by Lin Mu for a breakthrough was many times more than that of the average nascent soul realm cultivator.

And even if King Hong was not average and had a strong physique, it was still less spirit Qi than Lin Mu.

Jing Luo had some progress with the prototype as well and had finished the very first one. He had made a few trips with Lin Mu to the vault to gather materials and then to the place to make the prototype communication link.

After about ten days of struggle and tweaks, the first prototype was finally functional!

[Chapter 808 - Shocking News Arrives](#)

Lin Mu and Jing Luo were at the Formation Nexus. Jing Luo had just finished the installation of the prototype that would allow communication between the Xiaofan world and the Kong Plane.

"Alright... let's try it now." Lin Mu said.

"Just use the Communication jade slip as normal and if the message goes through, it means it is working." Jing Luo stated.

Lin Mu nodded his head and used the communication jade slip. He closed his eyes and let his spirit sense interact with the jade slip. About five seconds later, he opened his eyes and a smile appeared on his face.

"Senior Lin Mu, we can hear you." A voice said from the jade slip.

"It works... It works!" Jing Luo said, feeling joyous.

"Indeed. You did great, Jing Luo." Lin Mu replied.

"Haha, this is just the start. I never thought using spatial storage tools could be used like this with just a few modifications." Jing Luo said.

"Mmmhmm, I reckoned since they already access the minor void, we can probably use them to bridge the gap. After all, they just need to provide the inward route. The exit can be taken care of by the main formation in the Kong plane." Lin Mu replied.

"Yes. But we still need to tweak and improvise it more. This can handle communication, but the transport of humans is still a bit doubtful. I'll need to work on it more and ensure that it works on living things too." Jing Luo said.

"Of course. You can do as much work as you want. We have plenty of spatial storage treasures now anyway. I took them from all those that had them and also got them from the vaults of the Tri cauldron peony sect.

The vaults here also have the materials needed to create them, so you can make use of them as well." Lin Mu spoke.

Jing Luo nodded his head and felt pleased with the ease of access he had. Being restrained by materials was one of the main reasons for progress being slowed and once that obstacle was removed, things became smooth flowing.

Of course, it was smooth flowing because it was Jing Luo. For most formation masters, weapon forgers, and spirit tool refiners, something like this would be immensely difficult. Jing Luo had the basics from the Jing clan and the improved knowledge that Lin Mu gave him, thus those obstacles were removed for him.

Lin Mu looked at Jing Luo and was reminded of something.

"Will you be breaking through to the Adult Soul stage soon as well?" Lin Mu questioned.

"Yes. I should be able to in a week or so. I want to be done with this first though, then I'll be free to do it. Though if we need to rush, I can break through first as well. The spirit Qi here is very useful." Jing Luo answered.

"Hmm... I think you should break through first, then. After that, you can focus on work and let the spirit Qi passively increase your cultivation. We need to be ready for anything and personal strength will be important." Lin Mu suggested.

"That's true. I guess I'll do that first then. At least now, with the communicator established, we won't have to make continuous trips to the palace." Jing Luo said with a nod.

"Hmm... this communicator, what is its range right now?" Lin Mu asked while observing the five feet tall construct.

It was made out of several different metals and had a bracelet embedded in its center. This bracelet was originally a low grade spatial storage tool, but now was being used as a link between the Kong plane and the Xiaofan world.

Another such construct was placed in the grand palace of the Hong Lin kingdom and interacted with the communicator here.

In addition to the spatial storage tools, jade slips were also attached to them so that they could allow the transmission of messages. In simple words, this acted as a relay tower for them.

"I attached a mid grade communication jade slip to the communicator that is in the palace, while the one here has a high grade one. It should be sufficient to cover at least ten thousand kilometers, but some fluctuations can occur.

Optimally, we should have several such communicators placed at equal distances. That would allow for faster and more accurate transmission. Plus, if we add the teleportation formations to them, we can also use them to teleport within the Kong plane as well.

As you said, this plane is almost one third the size of the great Zhou Continent, thus covering such a large area is difficult. Plus, with the myriad of resources and areas that are useful here, it would be a waste if we do not take advantage of it." Jing Luo answered.

Hearing Jing Luo's idea about relay communicators and teleportation points, Lin Mu was amazed and pleased at the same time.

"Yes, that will be really good if you can set them up. Though we will need additional manpower to take care of that." Lin Mu spoke.

"We can make use of the cultivators that helped in the set up of the formations around the Hong Lin kingdom. I've found some of them to have a good potential with formations. While they aren't geniuses, they will be able to do the tasks sufficiently." Jing Luo stated.

"If you find them useful, then you can employ them. I'm sure adviser Liu will be fine with it." Lin Mu stated.

Jing Luo nodded his head in response and decided to do it later.

The two of them talked for a few minutes more when they suddenly got a message.

"What is it?" Jing Luo questioned Lin Mu, seeing the change in his expression.

"It's Wu Xun..." Lin Mu muttered.

"What happened? Did Wu Xun do something? Has Gu Yao started to act?" Jing Luo asked, assuming the worst.

"No... it's not that. Wu Xun... he's dead.. He died over a month ago..." Lin Mu answered, shocking Jing Luo.

[Chapter 809 - Wu Hei's Action](#)

Jing Luo and Lin Mu both had not expected to receive news such as this today.

"Who told you this?" Jing Luo asked.

"Adviser Liu just informed me. They got the news just a few minutes ago when a messenger arrived with it." Lin Mu replied.

"What? How did it happen?" Jing Luo asked.

"Come on, we'll go and talk to them ourselves. We'll tell King Hong later, his communication jade slip should work now anyway with the new communicator." Lin Mu said.

Jing Luo nodded his head, and Lin Mu took him back to the royal palace.

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The two figures appeared in the circle of runes and looked at the people that were standing around them.

"Senior Lin Mu, Senior Jing Luo." The ministers and the rest greeted.

With King Hong staying in the Kong plane, the phenomenon with the fire elemental spirit Qi accumulating had passed and now normal people and cultivators could enter the area of the place.

The work had gone to normal, and all the people were working at full force now.

"What happened?" Lin Mu questioned.

"We received news that Wu Xun, the minister of Shuang Qian kingdom, has died just a few minutes ago. He died over a month ago, but the Shuang Qian kingdom didn't let the news spread until now, probably to take care of the issues that would arise due to his death.

The news was released by their official decree and was sent to the Empire. We got the report from one of our informers there." Adviser Liu answered.

"Huh? How did he die, though? He should be fine with his position and Gu Yao as his backing. Just what happened?" Lin Mu questioned.

"We don't know. They did not reveal the cause, though there are many rumors already spreading, from murder, poisoning, and all the way to a heavenly tribulation." Adviser Liu answered.

Hearing this, Lin Mu furrowed his brows. Wu Xun's death was something that was determined to happen in the future, as there was no way Lin Mu was going to let the man live.

After all, Wu Xun was indirectly responsible for the death of his parents and many others in the Northern town. Even Wu Hei was fine with it and knew that his father needed to receive the punishment, eventually.

But his death now was out of the blue and made Lin Mu wonder if this was some other ploy by Gu Yao instead.

'No... not just Gu Yao... it could be others too...' Lin Mu thought.

There were many enemies that Wu Xun had gained over the many years. Even with Gu Yao's influence and control, there were still many that could not be restrained. While they were in a weaker position

than Wu Xun and Gu Yao; there was still a chance they could have plotted something that Gu Yao and Wu Xun failed to notice.

'Can it really be like that? Did their arrogance cause their downfall?' Lin Mu wondered.

If it really was like, it would be really advantageous to them. But at the same time, it would add some unknown variables that's may force them to change their approach.

"What do we do now?" one of the ministers asked.

"Yes, what should our response be? Wu Xun is the brother of that Gu Yao right?"

Everyone here now knew the situation with Gu Yao and thus were knowledgeable about everything related to it. Having this knowledge among the allies was important, so that there was no lapse in judgment or misunderstandings.

"It's not what we do, but rather what Gu Yao will do. No... he should have already started to act, we just don't know what it is." Lin Mu spoke.

It was now that Jing Luo said something that occurred to him.

"Who is it that's taking over Wu Xun's position now? If it has been a month, then they should have taken care of it, right?" Jing Luo questioned.

"There is no information about it yet, but our people are working on gathering more as we speak. We should receive updates any moment now." Adviser Liu said.

Jing Luo nodded and sat down to think with Lin Mu, who was already deep in thought.

Ten minutes passed during which the ministers discussed potential actions that they might need to take, after which a new message finally arrived. Adviser Liu held his communication jade slip and heard the message.

A few seconds later, he opened his eyes that had a hint of confusion mixed in them.

"What's that news?" Jing Luo asked.

"The new minister replacing Wu Xun... it's none other than his son... Wu Hei." Adviser Liu revealed, sending a wave of surprise throughout the hall.

Lin Mu who heard it though, felt differently.

"No way!" Lin Mu suddenly exclaimed.

"What's the matter?" Jing Luo asked with concern.

"You remember I told you about the plans I made whit Wu Hei when we were dealing with the Tri Cauldron peony sect?" Lin Mu replied.

"Yeah, you made plans on how to do the same with other sects to weaken them. But we know that option did not work out since you almost got caught and had to run." Jing Luo said.

"Indeed. But in addition to that, we discussed many other options and plan. Most of them were just theoretical ones, and we were simply trying to find something that might work.

And in those plans, one such plan was Wu Hei taking over the position of an official. Originally it was him doing this through the official channels and moving up eventually to gather power, but I think he is doing it in a different manner now." Lin Mu answered.

"Huh? So you mean to say... Wu Hei killed his father to take over his position as the minister?" Jing Luo asked.

"Mmhm... while the original plan was different, I think Wu Hei has done this to pull our attention. This may be his way of sending a signal since he knows Gu Yao would probably find out if he did something directly.." Lin Mu explained.

[Chapter 810 - Jing Luo's Breakthrough And Message From Hua San](#)

The news about Wu Hei's action was certainly unexpected, and now Lin Mu and the rest were left to think about how to respond to it.

"Do we send a message to him?" Adviser Liu asked.

"No... doing so openly will be bad and doing it secretly won't be possible, either. If he has taken over the position of the minister, then it is likely that he will be closely observed by Gu Yao to ensure that everything is fine.

I reckon we will need to wait for a while before we can make contact. In fact, this might be what Wu Hei intended it to be like. He is telling us to stay away till he had established himself and his power well enough." Lin Mu replied.

"Very well, Senior Lin Mu. We'll do as you say." Adviser Liu stated.

"What about the others? How do we proceed with the alliance?" Jing Luo questioned.

"For now, I don't think we need to make any big changes to our plans. The only thing we add to it is keeping an open link for Wu Hei to send a message and also keep an eye on him.

He may try to contact us at some point. I'm sure he knows I am somewhere in the south at this point. We also need to ask Jingming Shang to get his network to make contact with Wu Hei in a non direct manner.

It will be for matters unreleased to us or the alliance. This is just to make sure that he has a certain level of trust and neutrality with it. Once we are ready, we will use the same connection to make contact." Lin Mu answered.

"Hmm... that will be for the best." Jing Luo agreed.

"Then it's decided. We keep on doing what we are until Hua Wu and Hua San make contact with us. Once the Noon Grass Sect has joined up in the alliance, we will make moves on the Long Cloud alliance with their help." Lin Mu stated calmly.

Seeing that everyone was in an agreement, Lin Mu went ahead and gave some more orders, before he returned to the Kong plane with Jing Luo. There they returned to their tasks, where Lin Mu focused on choosing a shape for his Dao Shell, while Jing Luo prepared for his breakthrough.

Ten days passed like this and Jing Luo finally made his breakthrough to the Adult Soul Stage of the Nascent Soul realm. Lin Mu had also made some progress in choosing the shape of his Dao Shell, but still needed some time to figure out the details.

Since he already knew that the Dao Embryo he was going to comprehend in the future was related to the Earth Element, and the Earth Dao, he wanted the Dao Shell to be conducive to that.

It would be something that could help the Dao Embryo and would increase his overall power as well. Jing Luo too finished stabilizing his cultivation base in a couple of days and got back to working on the prototype.

By now he had decided on the name of the tool that he was making, it would be called as a Teleportation Gate and would allow one to enter the Kong plane and exit it. With the number of such gates that they were going to make, they would probably have to make a lot of sections in the cave.

Thankfully, the cave was very large and there was plenty of space to make use of it.

A few more days later, the news from Hua San and Hua Wu finally arrived. Lin Mu checked the communication jade slip and read the message.

"Senior Lin Mu, we will be arriving at the Hong Lin city in a week's time along with our elders." Hua San stated.

Lin Mu informed everyone that needed to know it, including Jing Luo, Adviser Liu, King Hong who was busy cultivating and Jingming Shang. Adviser Liu took care of the rest of the people in the palace and Lin Mu talked with King Hong about the matters of the alliance.

Since King Hong was the king of the Hong Lin kingdom, he would need to be there as per the etiquette. King Hong was fine with it and was also excited to meet the elders of the Noon Grass sect.

After all, even if they were ranked tenth, they were still part of the top ten sects and were as old as the Top three sects too. King Hong had only heard of their stories but had never met someone from them and from the message it was implied that the master of Hua San might be coming too.

This master was of course, none other than the Sect patriarch Hua. He was a man that stayed out of the public attention most of the time and very little was known about him or the other elders of the Noon Grass sect.

Only the other top sects knew about them somewhat and even among them, only the top three sects knew the details. That was the reason why when the Long cloud alliance and the Zither Wind Alliance tried to recruit them, their words fell on deaf ears.

They didn't know what the noon Grass sect would desire and thus they had no leads to go on. All they could do was put forth the reward that an average cultivation sect would like. Even then, the Noon Grass simply rejected all offers and stayed neutral.

Being able to withstand this temptation and pressure showed the hidden tenacity of the Noon grass sect, and thus it had become a complex factor for the alliances. Though the top three sects were secretly pleased that the Noon Grass Sect stayed neutral like them.

All the four sects that stayed neutral had existed for a long time and were very experienced. They had their own inheritance and foundation that was not easy to shake.. Even if the Noon Grass sect was pushed to the tenth rank, it had a stable foundation to stand on, which could not be denied.