

## **A Demoness 111**

### Chapter 111: The Sudden Appearance Of The Demoness

Jiang Hao was silent on the way back. Some people bumped into him and told him that he was lucky.

He thought so too.

The Sect Master had been in seclusion for so long, but she suddenly made a move. Jiang Hao recalled that when Elder Baizhi had given him the armor, she had mentioned that the reward was from someone else.

‘Was it the Sect Master who sent the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower to me?’ It was only a guess that Jiang Hao had no way of confirming.

Jiang Hao decided that it didn’t matter. He couldn’t afford to offend the Sect Master or Elder Baizhi.

He returned to his courtyard. Liu Xingchen told him that he was no longer under surveillance. He couldn’t leave the sect because of the matter with the Law Enforcement Hall, but there was no other restriction on him.

Jiang Hao fell onto the wooden chair. He took out the Thousand Miles

Teleportation Talisman from his pocket. He couldn’t believe that he didn’t need it anymore.

Jiang Hao realized that he was not strong enough. He got up and began to clean his courtyard. It wasn’t dirty, but he needed to get his mind off of things.

Now that the matter had been solved, he slowly calmed down. He had prepared so many things and imagined all kinds of scenarios. He had been on edge. Suddenly, he was safe again.

He saw that his fingers were trembling slightly. His knowledge and strength were far inferior to the ones he had met today.

Suddenly, a fragrance wafted in the air. It was not the smell of the flowers he had in his courtyard.

He turned to look. He found someone sitting at the wooden table in his courtyard. She sat there casually and watched the Immortal peach tree.

Hong Yuye.

Jiang Hao was surprised. He hadn't expected her to visit today. He had assumed she would have tried to find him after he escaped.

"Why are you surprised? Are you still not familiar with the scent of my body?" asked Hong Yuye.

"It's not that" Jiang Hao lowered his head. "I... The fragrance is different. It's a mix of many flowers."

He was just telling the truth, but his heart raced. Since the Heaven Extinction Gu Poison had no effect when he faced her, he could only rely on his own mind.

Fortunately, he did not make a fool of himself.

Hong Yuye sat quietly by the table. The wind rustled the leaves on the tree.

Jiang Hao eventually calmed down.

"Take care of my flower and follow me to the nearby town when I come to get you," said Hong Yuye.  
"Otherwise, you'll not be able to handle my fury."

Jiang Hao saw her turn into a red shadow and disappear. He was puzzled. She hadn't even inspected the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower like she usually did.

Jiang Hao looked at his hands. They weren't trembling anymore. He took a deep breath and congratulated himself on surviving another day.

He needed to discuss with Liu Xingchen the matter of visiting the nearby town.

Jiang Hao didn't want to face Hong Yuye's anger.

At noon, the spirit beast returned home.

"Didn't you leave the mountain?" Jiang Hao sat on the wooden chair.

The spirit beast shook his head nonchalantly. "I came back. In the future, when

I finally decide to go, you should follow me, Master."

Jiang Hao smiled but didn't say anything. He wasn't sure why the beast had decided to return. It was full of lies on the best of days, after all.

"Master, will you eat people in the future?" asked the spirit beast. "I passed by a place on the way down the mountain today. A man threatened to eat a woman. She seemed to be... begging. When he told her to go, he seemed... upset. I couldn't understand."

Jiang Hao was speechless. He thought of Hong Yuye for no reason at all.

"Don't eavesdrop on other people," said Jiang Hao.

"I just heard it... accidentally. I wasn't meaning to!"

The Heavenly Note Sect was still a little conservative. Who would do such a thing in broad daylight?

‘Maybe the Heavenly Joy Pavilion...’

“Then... the man was eaten by the woman. Or at least she was trying to. His mouth was in her mouth. His innards were all scattered on the ground...” The spirit beast looked at Jiang Hao. ‘Master, you should be careful. Don’t let a

woman eat you.”

Jiang Hao was stunned. ‘What in the hell did it actually see?’

“Did she see you?” he asked.

The spirit beast shook its head.

Jiang Hao nodded. If what the beast said was true, then a woman might have killed someone.

If it was a disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect, then it wouldn’t be long before the Law Enforcement Hall intervened.

However, who would dare to kill someone in the Heavenly Note Sect?

Jiang Hao was worried that the person might be hiding something. According to Liu Xingchen, the Law Enforcement Hall might use the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror to catch the murderer. If that happened, he would get in trouble too.

Jiang Hao decided to visit Liu Xingchen soon. He wanted to find out if the Law Enforcement Hall had found new leads on the murders, and also ask him if he could leave the sect to visit a nearby town.

He wasn't in a hurry. He would advance in a few days and would become stronger.

The next day, Jiang Hao stood at the entrance of his courtyard. From today, he decided to resume his daily routine. He also needed to earn spirit stones. When he arrived at the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao realized that Cheng Chou had been away for more than half a month. He didn't know when he would return.

"Good morning, Junior Brother Jiang," Miao Tinglian. She had been helping out

in the garden. She had been in the process of planting a bunch of spirit herbs.

"Good morning, Senior Sister Miao," said Jiang Hao politely.

Miao Tinglian looked genuinely happy to see him, but he didn't know if she had any ulterior motives.

"Junior Brother Jiang, are you free right now? I have something to ask you," she said. "It's related to Senior Brother Mu Qi.."

Chapter 112: Her Heart Is Full Of Love

Jiang Hao tended to a medicinal herb as he listened to Miao Tinglian talk. "Junior Brother Jiang, your method of handling that is acceptable, but it doesn't help the root," said Miao Tinglian. "You have to find some Blue Lotus leaves and bury them around the herbs. That way, you can prevent them from withering away."

Jiang Hao was speechless. She did know a lot about spirit herbs. He thanked her.

"What did you want to ask about Senior Brother Mu Qi?"

Miao Tinglian's face turned serious. "Junior Brother Jiang, are you familiar with

Senior Brother Mu Qi?”

“I’m only an inner sect disciple, so I rarely get to meet True Disciples,” said Jiang Hao.

“Then... have you ever seen Senior Brother Mu Qi with other senior or junior women?” she asked.

‘Wow... she is so straightforward,’ thought Jiang Hao.

“No,” he said.

“Ah... me neither,” she said.

However, she had sought him out last night, but he just wanted to cultivate. He wasn’t like that in the past at all.

“Is there anything else that’s different about him?” she asked.

“How so?” asked Jiang Hao.

“Was he injured or something?” asked Miao Tinglian.

Jiang Hao told her how Mu Qi had gotten injured once in the mines.

Miao Tinglian then stood up. “Junior Brother Jiang, you should be careful if a woman approaches you. The Law Enforcement Hall has already found a man dead. They are trying to investigate the matter. If you encounter any difficulty in the future, you can tell me. I’ll help you,” she said before turning around and leaving.

Jiang Hao was stunned. Maybe Miao Tinglian wasn’t a traitor, after all.

Jiang Hao used his Daily Appraisal on her receding figure.

[Miao Tinglian: One of the Saintesses of the Heavenly Saint Sect. In the intermediate stage of the Golden Core Realm. Extremely talented. She defected from her sect and joined the Cliff of Broken Hearts to avoid being captured by the Heavenly Saint Sect. Troubled by Mu Qi and concerned about him. She wants to check on his injuries. She wants to help you because you brought her to the Cliff of Broken Hearts. Since you have no grudge against Mu Qi and seem to be friendly with him, she is just happy to help you in any way she can.]

‘She’s actually a good person?’ Jiang Hao didn’t know how to feel about that. He noticed that she was willing to help him because he had no grudges against Mu Qi. If he happened to be on Mu Qi’s bad side...

Jiang Hao definitely didn’t want to get on her bad side.

Someone who was a Saintess and had defected to join another sect...

A person like that was extraordinary. It was just that her heart was full of love, and it led her to do the craziest things.

She had left everything behind for Mu Qi. If Mu Qi abandoned her...

Jiang Hao didn’t want to imagine how terrifying she could become.

Jiang Hao shook his head in disbelief. Hopefully, Mu Qi wouldn’t do something like that.

However, meeting a woman like Miao Tinglian wasn’t necessarily a good thing in a demonic sect. It was too difficult to survive, let alone protect someone else.

With Jiang Hao’s current strength, he couldn’t protect anyone else, no matter how much he cared for them. If, for some reason, he needed to flee, he would be putting his partner in danger too.

It was better to be alone.

He then thought about what Miao Tinglian had said. The Law Enforcement Hall hadn't been able to catch the person who had killed a man recently.

This surprised Jiang Hao. The person might be really dangerous. Otherwise, they wouldn't have so casually killed someone else in the sect.

Jiang Hao walked around the garden to make sure the spirit herbs were all growing well. A thud came from behind. He turned to see a young girl fall to the ground.

"S- Sorry." The young girl knelt in front of Jiang Hao.

He noticed that her face was pale, and she was wobbly on her feet. She was probably overworked.

"That's alright. You can take a rest in a corner if you want," said Jiang Hao. She looked up at him in disbelief. "Thank you, Senior."

She must be around fourteen or fifteen years of age. She wasn't a cultivator. She was just an ordinary person.

Usually, people joined the Heavenly Note Sect in three ways. Either they were sold, robbed, or born here as slaves.

The young girl must have arrived at the Cliff of Broken Hearts just recently. Jiang Hao didn't understand why she was so overworked.

He looked around at the people in the Spirit Herb Garden. Most of them were missing.

He asked around and found out that some had transferred to other gardens to help. There were fewer people in the Spirit Herb Garden than there used to be.



Jiang Hao frowned. The Law Enforcement Hall didn't care about the disappearances of common people.

It was a pity that Cheng Chou wasn't around. Otherwise, he would have paid extra attention to any changes in the Spirit Herb Garden.

Jiang Hao called the spirit beast to him and instructed it to scout the garden.

He then sent someone to the outer Dart of the Cliff of Broken Hearts to get

some outer sect disciples to help around in the garden temporarily.

He hadn't paid much attention to the Spirit Herb Garden these days because of the matter with the Blackheaven Sect. Otherwise, this wouldn't have happened. The spirit beast bounded back to find him. "Master, I found something!" "So fast?" Jiang Hao followed the beast outside.

He walked along the main road and soon reached an area where the non-cultivators people mostly lived. He saw a middle-aged man lying on the ground.

"His lifeblood is weak. He doesn't seem to be conscious and doesn't look like he's overworked either. He looks... sick."

Jiang Hao squatted down to check. He examined the person on the ground. The man had a high fever.

"Senior?!" The man panicked.

"It's alright... have you seen anything strange around here in recent days?" asked Jiang Hao.

The man told him of a dream he had. He saw a woman trying to seduce him. Jiang Hao was surprised. 'What kind of spell is that?'

He couldn't understand why the woman was targeting common people. They couldn't even cultivate. The common people were mostly tasked with menial jobs. It was a harsh world for them. This was a demonic sect, after all..

#### Chapter 113: Bewitching Men To Death

In the evening, Jiang Hao was practicing his saber techniques in the courtyard.

He was just practicing some moves and didn't infuse the saber with any power.

The Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade also talked about some saber techniques which weren't really for fighting. Instead, the moves helped familiarize the person with the saber and were useful while cultivating.

After a while, he sat down on the ground and started refining his saber.

The spirit beast hadn't returned yet. Jiang Hao had asked it to look around and find some information on what was going on.

The girl in the Spirit Herb Garden and the sick man were all the confirmation Jiang Hao needed to know that the next target for the culprit was the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

The matter had nothing to do with Jiang Hao, but he knew it would affect the Spirit Herb Garden too. It would become impossible for people to work there if he ignored the problem.

It was not easy to find people to work in the garden. The situation would get worse if Jiang Hao couldn't find the reason for it.

Jiang Hao looked up at the full moon that hung high in the sky. 'It's great that I can still stay here and cultivate...'

It hadn't been easy going through everything with the Blackheaven Sect, the Heavenly Joy Pavilion, and the Sunset Immortal Sect. For now, Bai Ye also had no reason to attack him.

There were fewer traitors than before. It was the right time for him to cultivate and advance. Nobody could cause trouble for now. Yet, someone had attacked the DeoDle in the SDirit Herb Garden.

Whoosh!

A white figure suddenly barged into the courtyard.

"Master, I found something!" The spirit beast ran to Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao lifted his saber. "Lead the way."

If the culprit was stronger than him, he would quietly retreat. He would approach Liu Xingchen and ask him for help. He didn't want to cause any trouble.

The spirit beast ran at a speed.

After a while, they reached the edge of the forest.

"Over there." The spirit beast pointed at a middle-aged man outside the forest.

"Is that the one you saw before?"

Jiang Hao quietly approached the man. He looked listless. His eyes were pale.

'Who bewitched him?'

"Are you going to find that woman, Master?" asked the spirit beast.

“We’ll follow him for now and see where it leads us,” said Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao moved cautiously. He wasn’t afraid of being discovered by the man in front. The man looked like an empty shell.

Jiang Hao was afraid of being discovered by someone hiding in the forest.

“Master wants the woman too?” asked the spirit beast. “I have no interest in women,” said Jiang Hao impatiently.

He followed the man into the forest.

After walking deeper into the forest, Jiang Hao sensed something in the distance.

The person who stood there was only in the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

‘How dare you kill so boldly when you are so weak?’ thought Jiang Hao.

The heavenly Note Sect was a demonic sect. All sorts of strange things happened here, but it was rare to see someone in such a low cultivation realm going around killing people without a care in the world.

‘But why does she keep killing non-cultivators?’

Jiang Hao walked up to the middle-aged man and knocked him unconscious.

He walked toward the woman. He masked his energy and his realm. The woman shouldn’t be able to sense his strength at all.

He was at the late stage of the Golden Core Realm. He didn’t need to fear her.

The moon peeked through the forest canopy, lighting his way.

With every step, Jiang Hao lowered his cultivation. He had now dropped to Foundation Establishment Realm. After a while, he dropped his cultivation realm to the Lifeblood Refinement Realm.

He stopped when he reached the third stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm. The woman wouldn't suspect him and would consider him weak. He could find out what she was after.

However, he felt strange that there were no people from the Law Enforcement Hall around here to investigate.

He had found her so easily. There was no way that the Law Enforcement Hall couldn't have caught her already.

After a while, he reached an open meadow in the forest. He saw the woman lying on the ground with her shoulders exposed.

Her hair was messy. She was radiant in the moonlight. Her pale skin was striking in the moonlight.

Jiang Hao felt calm. He didn't feel anything else. This was the effect of the Heaven Extinction Gu Poison.

He used the Daily Appraisal on the woman. She was pretending to be asleep.

[One of the avatars of the Greater Thousand Spirit: This is one of the avatars of Wen Yin of the Great Thousand God Sect. She has absorbed the spirit and devoured the flesh and blood to reach the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. A portion of it has been secretly transferred to the main body and is currently using the Greater Thousand Charm Technique on you. She intends to devour you completely after mating with you. In order to hide, the avatar does not share memories with the main body.]

'The Great Thousand God Sect?'

Jiang Hao had never heard of such a sect before. 'So... the woman is just a clone?'

It was no wonder no one from the Law Enforcement Hall had been able to find her. Fortunately, she didn't share her memories with the main body. Otherwise, the enemy would be on alert.

After confirming it, Jiang Hao no longer suppressed his cultivation. He raised his level to the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

The sudden change startled the clone lying on the ground. She was so frightened that she opened her eyes and tried to escape.

Jiang Hao shook his head and used the Demonic Sound Thousand Miles technique. In the blink of an eye, he appeared in front of her and blocked her way.

The clone of Wen Yin looked at Jiang Hao in panic. "Senior Brother, please let me go. I have done nothing wrong. I just enjoy... the company of other people. If you let me go, I will do anything you want. I'm even willing to come with you to your house!"

Jiang Hao swung the flat of his blade and struck her on the head. She dropped to the ground.

He didn't kill her. He told the spirit beast to look for Liu Xingchen.

Soon, Liu Xingchen flew down to him from the sky. He was surprised to see the scantily dressed woman on the ground.

"Junior Brother Jiang, you're truly cautious, aren't you?" said Liu Xingchen. "She's from the Great Thousand God Sect. She's just a clone. If it wasn't for the fact that the main person is hidden very well, we would've already caught them by now."

"Great Thousand God Sect?"

“The Great Thousand God Sect is a sect that specializes in helping people. They are often active in the Milky Way Sea. I hadn’t expected them to infiltrate the Heavenly Note Sect. We have nothing against them. They are probably here for something,” said Liu Xingchen. “They probably don’t know the rules of our sect. I think that’s why they killed people in the sect, hoping nothing would happen to them.”

“I’ll take her back,” said Liu Xingchen. “Should I mention you?”

Jiang Hao didn’t want people to know that he did this. If he wanted the credit, he wouldn’t have sent for Liu Xingchen. He would’ve called his master instead.

As for the arrival of the Great Thousand God Sect, it was probably related to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

Jiang Hao hesitated. “Senior Brother Liu, if I want to go out of the sect to a nearby town, what should I do?”

Liu Xingchen was stunned. He wondered if he had heard it wrong..

Chapter 114: Giving Advice On Cultivation

Jiang Hao and Liu Xingchen stood in the forest. In front of them lay the unconscious woman.

“What?”

“I wanted to go out of the sect for something,” said Jiang Hao.

Although Liu Xingchen was surprised, he didn’t ask his reason for it. “It’s not that difficult to go out. The thing is... will you be able to make it back to the sect? It’s better to leave secretly when no one is watching. Be careful, though. The Blackheaven Sect and the Sunset immortal Sect might be waiting for you outside the sect. If you sense something, it’s better to retreat quietly.”

Jiang Hao thanked him. If something like that happened, he was prepared to use the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman. The demoness could find him anywhere. He didn't need to worry about her.

"Your current situation is okay. You just need to ask the Law Enforcement Hall for permission, and they'll give you a mission. It shouldn't be that difficult. When are you going out? I can ask them for you. If they agree, you can leave, but you'll be given a time limit," said Liu Xingchen. "You'll need to be back before the time runs out. They usually give up to three months to return."

"Three months should be enough. I wonder what the mission would be..."

"Law Enforcement Hall usually gives missions to recruit disciples or eliminate traitors. When recruiting disciples, they'll give you detailed information," said Liu Xingchen. "As for eliminating traitors, you'll have to pay compensation if you can't do it. Don't worry... if you're at the Foundation Establishment Realm, you'll be sent to deal with traitors in their Foundation Establishment Realm."

But sometimes... the information gets mixed up, and you might have to face a Golden Core Realm cultivator. If that happens, you only have to return to the sect and compensate by paying some spirit stones."

'Spirit stones?' Jiang Hao sighed. This demonic sect only sought to rob people in broad daylight.

Jiang Hao hesitated. "Then... if I fulfill the mission, do I get a reward?"

"Of course," said Liu Xingchen and smiled. "The Law Enforcement Hall will find you less suspicious. You can even make it out of their suspect list."

Jiang Hao sighed. "How many spirit stones are needed to pay the compensation?"

"Well... it starts from three thousand spirit stones."

Jiang Hao looked shocked.



“The Law Enforcement Hall needs spirit stones too, but they guarantee that they will suspect you less. If anything goes wrong, they’ll bear responsibility,” said Liu Xingchen.

“Are there many people who go out on missions for the Law Enforcement Hall?” asked Jiang Hao.

“Yes. People on the suspect list don’t have a livelihood. Not everyone is like you. They don’t have a job here and can’t go out on missions for the sect. So, they accept the Law Enforcement Hall’s missions to earn some spirit stones and to improve their cultivation.”

Jiang Hao nodded. He didn’t need to go out of the sect to earn spirit stones or to improve his cultivation. It was too difficult to find any bubbles outside the sect.

“Are there any restrictions on accepting missions?” Jiang Hao asked.

“I can get someone to do it for you. You can then head to the Law Enforcement

Hall to accept it. If you fail... save spirit stones to pay them. The Law Enforcement Hall isn’t unreasonable. You can pay back on a monthly basis within three years. I can find something that is profitable for you.”

Jiang Hao thanked him. Liu Xingchen left with the woman.

Jiang Hao heaved a sigh of relief. He needed to earn more spirit stones. Then, he needed to make another Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

It would be best if he could save up three thousand spirit stones before heading out.

Jiang Hao wanted to take the middle-aged man back with him. Just as he walked to the unconscious man, there was another person standing beside him, looking very flustered.

When he saw Jiang Hao, he was scared. “Senior Brother, it wasn’t me! He was here in this state when I arrived!”

"I know. It's alright," said Jiang Hao. "Why are you here so late?"

The young boy beside the unconscious man was Lin Zhi. One of the people he had recruited to the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

Jiang Hao had never used his Daily Appraisal ability on him, but he had sensed something strange from him. He hadn't expected to meet Lin Zhi here.

"The Seniors are resting. I came to the forest to cultivate," said Lin Zhi.

He usually practiced his cultivation and stillness technique here in the forest. It was impossible for people who just started cultivating to circulate the spiritual energy in their bodies because they couldn't sense it properly yet.

He couldn't absorb spiritual energy well either. The dynamic techniques were used to better absorb and guide the spiritual energy.

Jiang Hao went over to the unconscious man lying on the ground.

Lin Zhi hurried to his side. "Let me help, Senior Brother!"

Jiang Hao let him do it.

"There are three steps to entering the basics. Perceive the spiritual energy the movement technique to guide the spiritual energy into the body, and finally accumulate enough spiritual energy to travel through the meridian circulate it into the cultivation realm. Have you been able to do that yet?" Jiang Hao.

"I am only able to sense my spiritual energy to some extent." Lin Zhi was ashamed.

He heard that Lin MO and Zhao Qingxue were about to advance. He was just short of a full cycle.

"It's alright. It'll happen soon," said Jiang Hao to comfort him. "Cultivation always takes time. The key is to do it step by step. When you are impatient anxious, it'll confuse the spiritual energy. You need to practice mindfulness first. It'll come in handy. Keep yourself calm in all situations."

Along the way, Jiang Hao explained the movement techniques to Lin Zhi. Lin Zhi listened eagerly. He was overjoyed. Jiang Hao had cleared many of his doubts.

As an outer sect disciple, it was rare for Lin Zhi to receive personal guidance from someone in the Golden Core Realm.

After dropping the man at his house, Jiang Hao told Lin Zhi to head back "Don't go out too much during the night. It's not safe. Go and rest."

Lin Zhi nodded.

Jiang Hao also returned to his own house.

Lin Zhi's path wasn't easy. His two closest friends had top-notch talent, while he was just average. The gap between them was too huge. Lin Zhi couldn't manage to make any mistakes. He would end up dead. This was a demonic sect, after all.

"Master, are you going out again?" asked the spirit beast when he saw Jiang Hao heading out. "Take me along with you."

"You stay here and watch the house," said Jiang Hao. "Master, will you bring me gifts?" asked the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao sighed. "What do you want?" "Maybe a magical treasure that suits me."

"I'm not buying you treasures."

“Please, Master. Just one..”

## Chapter 115: The Terrifying Sect Master

Early that morning in the Blackheaven Sect, Ren Shuang was listening to a senior explaining a cultivation technique in the square.

At around noon, she turned around and left.

These few days, she had only one thing in mind. She wanted an update on the seniors who had gone to the Heavenly Note Sect to negotiate.

She even asked a junior to find out any information regarding it. However, a few days passed with no news at all.

Ren Shuang was more concerned about the person Situ Jian talked about. She hoped he was wrong. That person wasn't very strong. He was only average in his talent.

Even if he was as powerful as Situ Jian thought he was, he couldn't really cause trouble against the Blackheaven Sect, the Wind Lightning Sect, and the Sunset Immortal Sect combined.

She saw a junior running to her. “Senior Sister Ren, something bad has happened!”

“What? What's wrong?” Ren Shuang saw that the junior was shaken. “Take a deep breath and tell me slowly. Is it news from the Heavenly Note Sect?” “Yes!” She nodded.

Xiao Xue took a deep breath. “Everyone who went to the Heavenly Note Sect was killed except for Senior Brother Dongfang Cheng. The elders are dead!”

“What?! No one else survived?” Ren Shuang was flabbergasted. If her father had gone with them, he would've been dead...

Ren Shuang felt a chill down her spine. She couldn't quite believe it. This matter was directly connected to Jiang Hao.

The Heavenly Note Sect.

The matter with the Blackheaven Sect had been solved... for now.

Many disciples couldn't forget that fateful day. They hadn't even been able to see the moon slash that killed everyone except one person from the other sects.

Many wondered if they would have to fight the three great sects.

Some of the formidable disciples were puzzled. They wondered why their sect hadn't chosen the most logical and less bloodthirsty way of negotiation.

Only the masters of the twelve branches knew why this had happened, and there was nothing they could do. They couldn't disobey the Sect Master.

The Sect Master had made a move. That meant that the rest of the masters had to be prepared. If they couldn't face the situation, they could always abdicate from their positions.

It had been decades since they had seen the Sect Master, but the thought of her still made them tremble in fear.

In order to appease her, they sent numerous resources to the main sect's pavilion. With sufficient resources, they could fight. This was also meant to show their loyalty.

Jiang Hao didn't know about that.

He spent his time earning spirit stones to buy more talisman-making materials.

He now needed to save up four hundred spirit stones to make another Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

Seven days later, Jiang Hao managed to make 463 spirit stones. He went to the market to buy the necessary materials.

After he was done with it, he headed to the Spirit Herb Garden.

“Master, the cannibal woman hasn’t attacked anyone else for the past few days. Maybe she is scared of me. Can I return home tonight?” asked the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao had instructed the spirit beast to patrol the area at night. Fortunately, nothing had happened.

However, the people of the Great Thousand God Sect had not been captured yet. The Law Enforcement Hall was proving to be a bit incompetent these days.

“Master, do you want some carrots?” said the spirit beast. “Some friends have left these carrots for me!”

Jiang Hao examined one of the carrots. It had no spiritual remnants. It was safe. “We’ll have an extra meal tonight.”

“Alright!”

Jiang Hao was about to leave the Spirit Herb Garden when suddenly he felt an energy fluctuation.

He turned around to see someone walking toward him. Judging from her aura, she must be at least at the peak stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Jiang Hao walked out of the garden.

There was a woman in ragged clothes who was fleeing. “What right do you have to arrest me? Why are you making such a big fuss? I only killed an outer sect disciple. That’s no use to you!”

The Heavenly Note Sect had mobilized many disciples in the peak stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm to hunt the clones.

“There is no use running away. Do you think our Law Enforcement Hall is useless?”

The four people rode on their flying swords and pursued the woman. They had already managed to injure her.

The woman spat out a mouthful of blood. Then, she charged at Jiang Hao. Since this sect values its disciples so much, she’d take one as a hostage!

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly when he saw the woman charging at him. ‘Another clone?’

He unsheathed his Half-Moon Blade.

He used the first form from the Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade, also called the Moon-Slaying technique. The blade glinted and slashed toward the woman.

The attack made her stumble. The four disciples rushed to her and pinned her to the ground. The woman let out an ear-piercing scream.

“Why are you chasing me? It was just an outer sect disciple! I am also a disciple of this sect. How dare you arrest me?”

“If you have anything to say, say it at the Lawless Tower. You claim to be the sect’s disciple. I assume you know what happens in the Lawless Tower.”

The three disciples of the Law Enforcement Hall picked her up and left. The fourth disciple approached Jiang Hao.

“Thank you for helping us, Junior Brother.”

“It’s nothing,” said Jiang Hao and bowed.

The woman seemed to be clueless about how the sect worked. The Law

Enforcement Hall needed to capture murderers and throw them into the

Lawless Tower to accumulate spiritual energy. The disciples of the Law Enforcement Hall were more than willing to participate in the capture because they were rewarded for it.

The disciple nodded and left.

Jiang Hao sighed. ‘Capturing and threatening the prisoner... what’s the use anyway?’

“Master, are we still having an extra meal tonight?” asked the spirit beast as it handed carrots to Jiang Hao.

“Of course,” said Jiang Hao. “Save these for dinner.”

He headed back into the Spirit Herb Garden. He wanted to get back to work.

There were fewer and fewer people in the garden now. He needed to find some non-cultivators to work in the garden.

‘But how?’

Chapter 116: Increase In Cultivation



There were not enough people in the Spirit Herb Garden to take care of spirit herbs. Those who were still there wanted to stay for as long as they could.

If they wanted to leave because of the recent dangers, Jiang Hao would have willingly given them spirit stones for their journey.

Jiang Hao didn't think too much about it and returned to his house. Today was an important day for him. He had seen a blue bubble in his courtyard in the morning.

He opened his interface. [Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 22]

[Cultivation: Late Stage of Golden Core Realm]

[Cultivation Method: Heavenly Sound Hundred Revolutions, Hong Meng Heart

Sutra]

[Divine Ability: Nine Revolutions Death Substitution (unique), Daily Appraisal,

Clear and Pure Heart, Reappearance of Hidden Spirit]

[Lifeblood: 100/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Cultivation: 100/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Divine Ability: 0/3 (cannot be obtained)]

After half a year of grinding, he was finally where he needed to be! He could advance to the peak stage of the Golden Core Realm.

He would be at Liu Xingchen's level. No one would be able to threaten him... except for some formidable disciples.

He was one of the top ten disciples of the sect. No one would try to kill him in the sect anymore. The only other person from the top ten list he knew was Manlong. He didn't know anyone else.

He wondered how strong the person on the first rank was. Had they already surpassed the Golden Core Realm?

If everything went smoothly, he would reach the Primordial Spirit Realm in another year.

Jiang Hao needed to find out when the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower gave a blue bubble. Sometimes, it would spawn a blue bubble every three days. Other times, it took around five days.

He also needed to earn more spirit stones. He had so many things to consider.

For now, he only needed to advance to the peak of the Golden Core Realm.

He sat cross-legged on the floor and calmed his mind. He circulated his spiritual energy. The Hong Meng Heart Sutra worked its magic, and his lifeblood began to surge.

A huge force washed through his senses, followed by pain. Then, his spiritual energy gathered in his core. He felt the energy trying to break through the barrier. Purple energy surged around him like clouds.

The power reached its peak and slowly dissipated. His aura emitted a dazzling light.

He had made it to the peak stage of the Golden Core Realm!

Jiang Hao heaved a sigh of relief. He was overjoyed. The power was so overwhelming that he felt like challenging someone to a fight. It had been a long time since he had found someone on his own level to fight with. The only time he had felt a thrill was when fighting the people from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion.

Jiang Hao brushed his thoughts aside and began to refine his cultivation.

Early the next morning, Jiang Hao completed refining his cultivation. He was now truly at the peak of the Golden Core Realm.

He checked his interface. The lifeblood and cultivation were at their lowest. It would take a long time to accumulate them again.

After that, he started making talismans. The most important thing was to make the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

Jiang Hao needed to make that before Hong Yuye's next visit.

However, the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman was very difficult to create. After the last attempt, he had taken a long time to recover.

His Clear and Pure Heart ability wasn't at its peak.

Jiang Hao tried to make that talisman eight times in the next fifteen days. However, he failed every single time.

He set it aside. He made Healing Talismans and Hundred Thousand Swords Talismans for the time being. Jiang Hao kept selling them for spirit stones.

Jiang Hao headed to the Spirit Herb Garden and was delighted to find that Cheng Chou was back. However, his arm was injured.

“You’re finally back!” Jiang Hao was relieved to see him.

Since Cheng Chou had been gone for more than a month, Jiang Hao was beginning to think that something bad had happened to him.

The spirit beast happily ran over to Cheng Chou.

“Hello, Senior Brother Jiang.” Cheng Chou bowed respectfully.

“How did you get injured?” asked Jiang Hao, gesturing to his hand.

“I met a demonic beast on the way. I ended up using all the talismans that you gave me.”

“That’s alright. I’m glad it came in handy. How’s Xiao Li?” he asked.

“Junior Sister Xiao Li’s house was very far away. It took five days journey to reach there. We were delayed because of the demonic beast. On the seventh day, we finally reached the place. It was a small village near the river.”

Jiang Hao nodded. He knew that from when he had used the Daily Appraisal ability on Xiao Li. She was rescued from the river by an old couple.

“Junior Sister Xiao Li’s parents are very old. They are over sixty years of age. Their condition isn’t very good,” said Cheng Chou. “They were very happy to see her, though. She spent most of her time chopping wood and taking care of the house. We took a lot of food for them from the spirit stones you gave us. Oh... only two spirit stones are left now.”

“You can keep them.”

Jiang Hao gave Cheng Chou a Lifeblood Pill. "Here... take this to treat your injuries."

"Thank you."

Cheng Chou was delighted. The Lifeblood Pill was difficult to obtain. He could even advance to the ninth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm with the pill!

"Xiao Li's parents... do they have any relatives?" asked Jiang Hao.

"Yes, but they haven't been in contact for over ten years," said Cheng Chou. He then hesitated a little.

"What is it?" Jiang Hao asked.

"It's... this," said Cheng Chou as he brought out something that was wrapped in oil paper. "Xiao Li's mother sent some snacks for you. She was grateful because you let Xiao Li visit her home."

Jiang Hao accepted it. "Thank you," he said. "Where is Xiao Li?"

"She said she was hungry. So, she went to eat," said Cheng Chou awkwardly.

"Does she want to go back again?"

"Yes."

Jiang Hao nodded. "Tell her that she can go back to visit her parents again if she makes it to the second stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm by the end of the year. Remember to emphasize that it should be done by the end of the year."

Cheng Chou was puzzled. 'Why must it be by the end of the year?'

He didn't dare to ask further and just nodded. "Oh... I saw that the Spirit Herb Garden lacks people. It seems there have been some deaths in the sect. Should I try to recruit more people to work here?"

Jiang Hao nodded. "Yes. Recruit them and tell me.."

Chapter 117: Call Me Big Brother

Some people who had one to work in the other Spirit Herb Gardens had been called back already. However, even then, they lacked people.

There were many things that needed to be done in the Spirit Herb Garden. Usually, non-cultivators could tend to the spirit herbs in the garden. There was no need to disturb other disciples. Only some things needed the attention of the cultivators.

The Spirit Herb Garden wasn't a hectic place to work in, except when they had a rush of orders.

Before Jiang Hao joined the Spirit Herb Garden, the non-cultivators had lived in fear. If something happened in the garden, the inner sect disciples would blame them.

At noon, Jiang Hao was done with his work in the Spirit Herb Garden. He sat down and ate the food sent by Xiao Li's mother. He used the Daily Appraisal ability on the food before eating to make sure it wasn't poisonous. It was just an ordinary home-cooked meal.

Soon, Cheng Chou returned with the spirit beast. The beast had insisted on following Cheng Chou to make his job easier.

There were eight other people who had returned with Cheng Chou. They wore tattered clothes and looked frail and skinny. Most of them were too young. The youngest was about fourteen years of age.

Jiang Hao looked at the pitiful young girl. He didn't ask where Cheng Chou had found them.

The eight people stood with their heads lowered in fear.

Some of them had scars and bruises on their bodies. Jiang Hao knew that those were inflicted by the disciples from the sect.

Jiang Hao didn't sense anything strange from them. He hadn't absorbed everything in the nameless manual, but he could sense that these people were ordinary non-cultivators.

If he wanted to find out more about them, he would have to use the Daily Appraisal ability on one person each day.

"Arrange accommodation for them. Have them change into something decent and brief them on the work," said Jiang Hao.

"Alright," said Cheng Chou.

Cheng Chou led them away. "You don't have to look so scared. It's alright. You're lucky to be selected to work here. Just do your job well and you'll be fine."

"Master, I asked Cheng Chou to pick these people," said the spirit beast. "Those people didn't dare refuse me. Maybe they knew how powerful I was."

Jiang Hao ignored it. The people were all in their Lifeblood Refinement Realm. The spirit beast was in the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. Obviously, they wouldn't refuse out of fear.

Jiang Hao headed to the market to sell the talismans that he had made over the past few days.

He earned more than two hundred spirit stones.

After taking a break for almost a month, Jiang Hao tested his Clear and Pure Heart ability. He then tried making another Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

To make this talisman, Jiang Hao had saved every ounce of his energy. He hadn't even tried to practice the third form of the Heavenly Blade.

Jiang Hao didn't know when Hong Yuye would visit him. He needed to create that talisman as soon as possible.

He had a feeling that he would be even more drained than before after making the talisman. However, he would at least have a way of escape.

Jiang Hao dipped the brush in the beast's blood and began to draw. Every stroke was as smooth as the flow of water in a stream. His spiritual energy was stable, and his state of mind was clear.

Halfway through, he felt his body heat up. His mind became even more focused.

After a while, the last stroke fell.

Following that, he retrieved his spiritual energy.

When everything calmed down, Jiang Hao heaved a sigh of relief. He felt tired. His cultivation realm had increased, but the exhaustion he felt was more severe than before.

He lay down to rest. After a while, he got up and picked up the newly made talisman.

On the surface, it was exactly like the talisman he had made before, but something about it was different.

He used the Daily Appraisal on it.

[Thousand Mile Teleportation Talisman: Low-grade. It ignores all spells and barriers. It can teleport anywhere within 900 miles to 1,200 miles. It can be activated directly with blood or spiritual energy. It cannot be interrupted.] 'The range has increased. It's no wonder I was exhausted..



Putting away the talisman, Jiang Hao began to check his own condition. He could no longer use the Clear and Pure Heart ability because he had exhausted his spiritual energy.

This wasn't worth it. 'I wonder if it'll be better after reaching the Primordial Spirit Realm...

Jiang Hao now had two Thousand Miles Teleportation Talismans. It should be much safer to go out of the sect now.

He didn't plan to venture out. He wanted to use one of the talismans to teleport directly to his destination.

Jiang Hao began to meditate. His current condition wasn't good. He wanted to preserve his strength. Thankfully, Bai Ye and the Heavenly Joy Pavilion hadn't pulled any more stunts.

Jiang Hao knew that they were waiting for the right time to strike.

The Heavenly Joy Pavilion was after him because he had killed Yun Ruo. So many people seemed to like her even though she was nothing but a traitor. Then there was the Sunset Immortal Sect, which wanted him dead at any cost.

He couldn't understand why they were so bloodthirsty.

There must be others like Yun Ruo in their sect. So, why were they so hung up on her?

Jiang Hao sighed. The most important thing for him right now was to go collect the remaining bubbles from the garden. He needed to accumulate his lifeblood and cultivation diligently. He was so close to advancing to the Primordial Spirit Realm, after all.

After that, even Bai Ye wouldn't be much of a threat.

The next day, Jiang Hao watered the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and headed to the Spirit Herb Garden.

[Strength +1] [Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood Pill +1]

After collecting the bubbles, he looked at the people in the Spirit Herb Garden. He had appraised them one by one in the past month. They didn't pose any danger. They were just ordinary non-cultivators.

The people had finally assimilated into their new work environment.

Jiang Hao was just tending to the herbs when he heard a playful voice. "Rabbit, let me catch you!" Xiao Li chased the spirit beast around.

"You can't call me that!" said the spirit beast indignantly.

"Then... what should I call you?" asked Xiao Li.

The spirit beast jumped onto Xiao Li's shoulder and thought about it. "Hm... You can call me... Big Brother. If you do that, I'll protect you. People will treat you with respect if they think you're my sister."

"Really?" Xiao Li grabbed the rabbit and squeezed it.

"Of course," said the spirit beast as it ignored her. "It's all about credibility and respect."

Xiao Li was very happy to hear this. Jiang Hao almost laughed out loud. The spirit beast was really something. Lying in broad daylight!

Perhaps only the naive dragon, who had lost her memory, would believe it in this world.

Xiao Li had come to visit Jiang Hao. She couldn't stand the senior who taught her, so she wanted Jiang Hao to help her.

He let her stay in the Spirit Herb Garden and instructed the spirit beast to watch over her. Xiao Li was very obedient. She didn't stir any trouble at all.

Just as Jiang Hao was about to get to his work, Ming Yi sought him out. He hadn't seen her for a very long time..

#### Chapter 118: The Demoness' Question

"Junior Brother Jiang, you seem to have gained a lot of useful things these days," said Ming Yi as she approached Jiang Hao.

She was all smiles as though she was the only friend Jiang Hao had in this world.

"Senior Sister Ming, you must be joking," said Jiang Hao. "I haven't even left the Cliff of Broke Hearts in about a year."

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Ming Yi sat beside him. "I heard you recruited a very talented disciple to the Cliff of Broken Hearts."

Jiang Hao was on his guard. He nodded. Ming Yi was a spy from the Heavenly Saint Sect who had infiltrated the Heavenly Note Sect. Miao Tinglian used to be a part of the Heavenly Saint Sect too.

It was very likely that the two of them knew each other. If they met, who knew what would happen?

If Ming Yi sought him out to ask him that, then she wasn't afraid of her identity being exposed. Jiang Hao didn't understand why she was taking such a risk.

"A Senior Sister did join us," said Jiang Hao.

Ming Yi smiled. "You call her "Senior Sister" even though she has just joined?" "Her cultivation realm is higher than mine," said Jiang Hao.

"I see." Ming Yi laughed. "I went out of the sect for a while and... heard a lot of things. I heard some people were targeting you, Junior Brother Jiang. Some wait for you outside the sect, while others infiltrate this sect to get to you...

pretending to be ordinary people."

Jiang Hao was stunned. The Heavenly Note Sect had brought in a lot of ordinary non-cultivators recently.

"Thank you for telling me, Senior Sister Ming," said Jiang Hao politely. He knew that Ming Yi probably would stab him in the back someday, but so far, she hadn't caused him any harm.

"Oh... right. I almost forgot. There's the matter with the Heavenly Saint Sect.

Those lunatics are very single-minded. You need to be careful, Junior Brother Jiang. "

Jiang Hao nodded and thanked her for the warning. Ming Yi got up and left.

Jiang Hao wondered if she was still using a bewitching spell on him. He wondered if he would have fallen for her in the past...

Ming Yi had confirmed that the Heavenly Saint Sect was after him. They had probably sent someone disguised as an ordinary non-cultivator.

It was a little troublesome for him. They wouldn't have sent anyone below the Golden Core Realm. However, if he made a move, then he couldn't fool anyone into believing that he was still in the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Jiang Hao needed to be more careful. After tending to the spirit herbs for a while longer, Jiang Hao decided to leave.

Xiao Li had already run off to eat.

Nothing was more important to her than food. Fortunately, the Heavenly Note Sect wasn't short on food and could nourish her as long as possible.

When he was heading back, he saw Cheng Chou near the entrance. Something was different about him.

"You advanced?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Yes." Cheng Chou smiled. He had made it to the ninth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm. "All thanks to you, Senior Brother Jiang."

"That's alright," said Jiang Hao. "Congratulations! I'll explain to you how to refine your cultivation. After this, it won't take you long to reach the Foundation Establishment Realm."

Cheng Chou was grateful. The Foundation Establishment Realm seemed out of reach. He wouldn't let go of the chance to achieve it.

Jiang Hao left. Cheng Chou did have a chance to enter the Foundation Establishment Realm soon. He just needed some resources and time.

The most difficult part was reaching the Golden Core Realm from the

Foundation Establishment Realm. It was equal to experiencing nine deaths.

Even if Cheng Chou made it to the Golden Core Realm, he would be stuck at the early stage... unless he found some opportunity to advance rapidly.

For example, Han Ming had encountered a treasure that helped him advance. The same thing had happened to Mu Qi.

There was also Liu Xingchen, who had let the True Dragon's Remnant Soul possess his body. However, one had to be as bold and as reckless as Liu Xingchen to let that happen.

'I wonder how he is doing...' Jiang Hao sighed. He found it so hard to believe that he had befriended such a crazy person.

Returning to the courtyard, Jiang Hao sat on a wooden chair and took out the Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade book.

He hadn't opened it for so many months because he was busy trying to get the talisman right.

Since he couldn't use the Clear and Pure Heart ability, he might as well study it. He would be heading out soon, so he needed to learn as much as he could.

He studied it till late at night but couldn't understand anything. The third form of the Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade was extremely difficult.

The third form was called the Meteor. It was different from the Moon-Slaying and Mountain Suppression techniques.

He picked up the teapot and was about to pour himself a cup of tea when he realized that the tea was long gone.

Jiang Hao hesitated a little and then took out some Red Azure tea. He hadn't even tasted the tea. He had bought two types of the same tea. One had cost him a hundred spirit stones and the other, one hundred and fifty.

He brewed a pot of the more expensive Red Azure tea. The fragrance was pleasant.

Jiang Hao poured himself a cup and took a sip. It tasted refreshing. "This is tasty..."

"Master, pour me a cup too."

The spirit beast came bounding up to him.

Jiang Hao poured a cup of tea for the beast too. The spirit beast finished it in one gulp.

"This tea is made especially for a beast like me."

Jiang Hao sipped his tea and studied the book.

After midnight, he brewed another pot of tea. This time he used the slightly less expensive Red Azure tea. The color was even redder, and the taste was bitter.

Jiang Hao was surprised. 'So, this was why she frowned last time. I have to stock up on the slightly more expensive version of the tea soon.'

If Hong Yuye was displeased, he would suffer the consequences.

Jiang Hao only returned to his room to cultivate after finishing the tea. He decided to visit the market tomorrow to sell talismans and buy more tea leaves.

He had fifteen Healing Talismans and eighteen Hundred Thousand Swords Talismans left. He also had a few Ten Thousand Swords Talismans and

Pain-Relieving Talismans. They could be sold for a few hundred spirit stones.

With the three hundred spirit stones he had on him, he bought more tea leaves.

Then he returned home and began to cultivate.

Early the next morning, he woke up and went out to the courtyard. He saw a woman crouching next to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. She was dressed in a red and white dress. Her hair was fastened by a beautiful hairpin. She looked like something out of an exquisite painting.

“Which cultivation realm are you in?” asked Hong Yuye as she gently touched a leaf of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

She hadn’t even turned around, but she sensed his presence.

“Middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm,” he said.

Hong Yuye didn’t even react this time. She was used to his lying nature.

“Are you ready to head to the nearby town with me?” she asked. She raised her head and looked at him.

“I... have been preparing for the past few days. We can go any time,” said Jiang

Hao.

“We’ll pass by a mine on the way. Do you want to go in and mine for a few days?” she asked.

Jiang Hao was speechless..

Chapter 119: The Demoness’ Anger

Jiang Hao had been thinking about how it would feel so good to mine and collect bubbles.



If he could mine for a few days, he could even break through to the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Unfortunately, he had no way to mine, so he would have to wait for another year to reach the Primordial Spirit Realm.

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However, since he had to go out of the sect for a few months, even a year might not be enough to advance.

The benefits of mining were great. Sometimes, Jiang Hao wondered how it would have been if he had been thrown into a mine right after being taken into the sect.

Maybe he would have advanced to the Primordial Spirit Realm by now. However, there would've been no way to hide his cultivation. That would've been bad.

Jiang Hao brushed his thoughts aside. Mining rarely yielded gold bubbles. Till now, only the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower had given him a gold bubble. Anyhow, it would be beneficial if he could mine for a few days.

He shook his head reluctantly. "Senior, your matter is more important right now. I don't like mining that much."

"You're so full of lies as always," said Hong Yuye and got up. "Get ready. We'll leave in seven days."

"May I know where we'll be going?" asked Jiang Hao. "Should I prepare anything in advance?"

He had prepared for this. He had two Thousand Miles Teleportation Talismans, so everything would be alright.

“You’ll know when the time comes.” Hong Yuye looked at Jiang Hao. “If you back out, you know the consequences.”

Jiang Hao sighed. He had never been to any nearby towns after joining the sect. He didn’t know what to prepare.

“It seems to be blooming.” Hong Yuye sat on a wooden chair and looked at the Immortal Peach Tree.

The tree was huge now. It had blossomed. In a few months, the fruits would be ready.

Jiang Hao glanced at the tree. “Senior, how long do you plan to travel?” “A month at least. Four months at most. Is there a problem?” she asked.

‘No problem at all...’

He was only given three months. If he wasn’t back by then, he would get in trouble. However, Hong Yuye might get angry if he said anything.

“Make some tea,” said Hong Yuye.

Jiang Hao felt helpless. Last night, he and the spirit beast had finished all the tea. He had no choice but to brew some ordinary tea.

He poured her a cup and braced himself.

Bang!

A powerful force slammed Jiang Hao against the wall. He at least knew now that he needed to carry some good tea with him for the next few days.

Hong Yuye stood up. “Where do you plan to wait for me after seven days?”

“Outside the Heavenly Note Sect...” “Alright. If I don’t see you there...”

“I know. I’ll be there.”

“Make preparations for my flower to be taken care of. Otherwise, you’ll face my anger.”

“Understood.”

After a moment of silence, Hong Yuye spoke again.

“Use your divine ability on me again.”

Jiang Hao used the Daily Appraisal on her. He also hid his energy consumption, as the nameless manual instructed.

The results were the same as before. He could only see her name and nothing else.

“I used it.”

He looked at Hong Yuye’s face but couldn’t tell whether she was able to detect it.

At a moment, Hong Yuye vanished with the teacup in her hands.

Jiang Hao sighed. “Why not put down the teacup before you disappear?” he muttered.

Even though it was just a normal tea set, it had cost him money!

He felt that Hong Yuye had a bad habit of taking other people’s things away.

Jiang Hao needed to prepare for the journey. He decided to earn more spirit stones in the next few days.

The day was unusually quiet. Normally, when Hong Yuye left, the spirit beast would be screaming in agony. Over its bruises.

Jiang Hao was puzzled. He realized that the spirit beast was nowhere to be seen.

He looked in the distance to see where it had run off to. He saw something splashing in the river, struggling to get out.

Hong Yuye probably had blasted him off to the river because it had drooled over the heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. The beast was lucky it was alive.

Jiang Hao created some talismans. He also stored some spiritual energy in the

Reappearance of the Hidden Spirit ability. It might come in handy in the future.

He stored two attacks, namely Moon-Slaying and Mountain Suppression, in his wrist guard.

Five days later, Jiang Hao had created quite a few talismans. He sold most of them. He now had 1,100 spirit stones on him.

He was lucky that he knew quite a few seniors who wanted talismans. He sold them at 15% lower than the market price.

Leng Tian hadn't visited him in the past few days. He had given her a lot of talismans in exchange for the Thousand Miles teleportation Talisman. She might not be lacking talismans right now.

'I'll be leaving the day after tomorrow... I'll buy some tea leaves and go to the Law Enforcement Hall to take on the mission.

Jiang Hao had already informed his master that he would be going out of the sect for a while. His master hadn't said anything.

Miao Tinglian was surprised to hear that he was heading out, but she didn't say anything.

She hadn't asked about Mu Qi again. Occasionally, Jiang Hao saw them working together in the Spirit Herb Garden.

It was good that they were getting along fine. Otherwise, the whole garden would be in trouble if they were in conflict.

At this moment, Jiang Hao arrived at the Depository.

After hesitating for a while, he bought the fragrant Snow Queen Spring tea for fifty spirit stones for one gram. It was cheaper than the Red Azure tea.

Fifty spirit stones were a sky-high price for him, but compared to the other types of tea, it was still cheaper. He spent six hundred spirit stones on the tea.

He saved the rest of the spirit stones. He needed it for the trip.

Jiang Hao then headed to the Law Enforcement Hall. He was surprised when he received the mission for recruitment. He had expected that they would give him a mission to deal with a traitor.

"This person has caught the eye of the Law Enforcement Hall. He is very talented but the possibility of him agreeing to be recruited here is very low," said the senior who gave him the mission. "You can choose another mission if you want."

"That's alright. I'll take this." Jiang Hao couldn't refuse. "Senior Sister, may I ask what sect this person is from?"

“The Bright Moon Sect..’

## Chapter 120: Raising A Dragon In His Body

Although the Bright Moon Sect wasn’t a huge sect, it was stronger than ordinary sects.

The Heavenly Note Sect wasn’t as big as the Bright Moon Sect. However, it was too far away for the sect to affect Jiang Hao if anything went wrong. He didn’t expect the Heavenly Note Sect to send recruiters to such a place.

Jiang Hao could snatch the person away from there, but he feared that he would be intercepted on the way back.

If it was the Blackheaven Sect, the Sunset Immortal Sect, or the Wind

Lightning Sect, he could use the advantage from last time to snatch the person away.

These three sects were not weaker than the Heavenly Note Sect. Instead, their foundation was much stronger.

If it wasn’t for the fact that many of the other sects’ experts were imprisoned in the Heavenly Note Sect, the saber strike would have brought disaster.

However, it was done. The Heavenly Note Sect had made an enemy of them.

The Blackheaven Sect targeted Jiang Hao because of Xuanyuan Tai. The Sunset Immortal Sect wanted revenge because he had killed Yun Ruo.

Jiang Hao sighed. ‘Why is it considered a crime to kill the pies they sent in the first place?’

After leaving the Law Enforcement Hall, Jiang Hao shook his head and sighed wearily.

In just two years, he had advanced to the peak of the Golden Core Realm and managed to provoke Heavenly Joy Pavilion, the Hundred Bones Forest, the Sunset immortal Sect, the Blackheaven Sect, and the Heavenly Saint Sect. He decided to return to the Spirit Herb Garden and ask Cheng Chou about the things he needed to prepare if he was heading out.

“Junior Brother Jiang, are you going out?”

Liu Xingchen greeted him. Jiang Hao was shocked to see him. There was something strange about his aura. It no longer felt like he was in the Golden Core Realm.

Jiang Hao was curious, so he used the Daily Appraisal on him.

[Liu Xingchen: True Disciple of the Heavenly Faction. Born with the aura of a dragon. Nothing better to do than be a spy for the Heavenly Note Sect’s Law Enforcement Hall. He was bored, so he let the True Dragon’s Remnant Soul possess him. He consumed half of the dragon’s soul and advanced to the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm in one go. The reason he is on good terms with you is because he wants to get close to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower to watch it carefully. Quite interested in you.]

Jiang Hao was stunned.

“What mission did you receive?” asked Liu Xingchen.

smiled. “I have to recruit someone from the Bright Moon Sect.”

“Wow... the Bright Moon Sect?” asked Liu Xingchen. “The Bright Moon Sect selects their disciples from very early on. It is said that the Clear Sky School once snatched one of their disciples, and the master of the Bright Moon Sect personally went to get them back. Junior Brother Jiang, you will need to be very careful.”

Jiang Hao understood that he was mostly likely to fail this time, but he didn’t care. What he cared about were the three thousand spirit stones he would owe the Law Enforcement Hall.

The Bright Moon Sect seemed to be more powerful than he had expected.

“How strong is the Bright Moon Sect?” Jiang Hao asked curiously.

“Hm... what do you think about the Blackheaven Sect and the Sunset Immortal Sect?” asked Liu Xingchen.

“They’re stronger than us,” said Jiang Hao.

Liu Xingchen nodded. “The Bright Moon Sect is stronger than the two. They have a good foundation and have stood tall in the cultivation world for thousands of years. It’s just that they have their own share of problems. On the other hand, we have twelve branches that get along well, more or less. But... What is a foundation of less than a hundred years when compared to something that has lasted for thousands of years? That is why it was troublesome when you were involved in problems regarding the Blackheaven Sect and the Sunset Immortal Sect.”

nodded. He was in the peak of the Golden Core Realm, but he was in no state to face those sects that he had offended.

Every sect had people who advanced very quickly and were exceptionally strong. Jiang Hao couldn’t face all of them alone.

Liu Xingchen was a perfect example of that. Jiang Hao had met him just two years ago when he was in the peak stage of the Golden Core Realm. Now, he was in the Primordial Spirit Realm.

“But what does that have to do with the Bright Moon Sect?” Jiang Hao was puzzled.

Liu Xingchen smiled. “The Blackheaven Sect, the Sunset Immortal Sect, and the

Wind Lightning Sect might not even reach half the strength of the Bright Moon



Sect even if they banded together. That's why you need to be careful, Junior Brother Jiang. If you don't succeed in recruiting the said disciple, you'll have to pay compensation to the Law Enforcement Hall. However, if you succeed, you might get in trouble with the Bright Moon Sect."

Liu Xingchen left after that. Jiang Hao sighed. 'Is the Law Enforcement Hall deliberately handing out impossible missions because they need money?'

Three Thousand spirit stones...

Jiang Hao watched Liu Xingchen leave.

Liu Xingchen was not as simple as he appeared to be. He actually had a dragon possessing his body.

He had consumed a part of that dragon because he was bored and wanted to do something.

just couldn't believe it.

In the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao met Cheng Chou.

"To a nearby town?" said Cheng Chou. "I don't think you need to prepare too many things if it's just nearby."

"But what if you lack things?"

"Then you can always visit the homes of some dignitaries. You just have to do whatever they tell you to. It is great if you meet someone who belongs to our sect. They'll help you out."

Jiang Hao nodded. He didn't want to rely on others because he didn't have that habit. Also, Hong Yuye was coming along...

"If you want to do everything by yourself, then you need to have some silver on you," said Cheng Chou.

He handed Jiang Hao some silver and gold coins. "This might help."

Jiang Hao received about a hundred silver and ten gold coins. "Do you have some copper coins?"

"Yes." Cheng Chou gave him some copper coins. "Senior Brother Jiang, will you be gone soon?"

"Yes... in the next few days." Jiang Hao nodded.

From the moment he accepted the mission, anyone who paid attention to him probably knew that he was going out.

The time limit was three months.

"How long will you be gone for?" asked Cheng Chou. "The disciples of the Candlelight Pill Hall have been relying on Senior Brother and Senior Sister to cover the cost of fostering spirit herbs. This... It's a debt collection matter. It's not your concern, but... maybe you could handle it after you return?"

'Debt collection?' Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised. It wasn't his responsibility, but it did have some connection to him. "If it's not urgent, then wait until I come back before dealing with it."

Cheng Chou nodded in agreement. He had no power as an outer disciple to intervene in such matters involving inner disciples, unless he had extraordinary talent.

"Master, are you finally taking me along to show off my great demonic charm?" said the spirit beast excitedly.

"You stay here and take care of the house," said Jiang Hao.

"Alright," said the spirit beast. "Master, aren't you lonely? With me, a magnificent beast you've raised, there won't be anyone on the path who would dare offend you. Take me along, and your reputation will shine."

Jiang Hao ignored the spirit beast and made some preparations.

Two days later, Jiang Hao stood in the courtyard and activated the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman..