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Chapter 281: Blessing of The Heaven And Earth

Jiang Hao thought of Chu Jie.

Is she really that talented?

Back then, he had only appraised Chu Chuan and not Chu Jie.

If she is truly that exceptional, it seems that Chu Chuan won't be able to catch up to her in a short time.

Fortunately, he wasn't thinking about catching up to her. He only wanted to enter the Foundation Establishment Realm when he finally went to the Bright Moon Sect.

Although it would be difficult, there was hope.

"The Bright Moon Sect can go through all that trouble for just one disciple?" Gui couldn't believe it.

"That's because you don't know how talented she is. It is said that when she first entered the Stellar Cave, she comprehended the Sun and Moon Lifeblood Refining Technique in one go and reached the ninth stage of cultivation. For her, entering the Foundation Establishment Realm is as easy as breathing," said Xing.

'The ninth stage...'

The Bright Moon Sect had different lifeblood refinement techniques. The higher the stage, the faster the cultivation process.

Lin Zhi was currently in the third stage and was still practicing the Star-Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique.

The Sun and Moon Lifeblood Refining Technique must be one of the core methods.

To reach the ninth stage in one go was a difference between heaven and earth when compared to Lin Zhi and even Chu Chuan.

If it really was Chu Jie, it should be very easy for her to take Chu Chuan into the Bright Moon Sect.

Whether Chu Chuan chose to stay there or not was his decision.

As long as the Bright Moon Sect agreed to accept him, they would be

responsible for his well-being.

They will also settle everything with the Heavenly Note Sect.

Jiang Hao had dealt with them before. They weren't aggressive people. They preferred to do things in a way that didn't cause any trouble for both sides.

It was vastly different from how demonic sects handled things. They always wanted to dominate the other person while negotiating.

"When is the Bright Moon Sect's conference?" Gui asked.

"I'm not sure, but the invitations have been sent out. Each invitation will have a date and time. This time, the invitations have been distributed all over the north, south, east, and west. All big sects will receive an invitation," said Xing. "I feel that they want to help that talented disciple and help her receive the blessing of heaven and earth."

'Blessing of heaven and earth..' ' Jiang Hao was surprised.

He had met two people who received the blessing of heaven and earth.

One was Han Ming, who received the blessing of the mountains and rivers. The other one was Xuanyuan Tai, who had the blessing of the mountain and seas.

He had always thought that these were innate abilities. He didn't know such blessings could be obtained.

Heaven and Earth's blessing clearly surpassed the blessing of the mountains and rivers.

"Then I still have time. After I come out of the Corpse Realm, I can go and take a look. The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl is in the south, so I have to leave anyway." Gui looked at everyone. "Do any of you have any information about the Corpse Realm? If you do, please let me know. If I can complete the Heavenly Stele Mountain mission, I can share the rewards."

"How about sharing the Snow God Pill?" Liu laughed.

"We can change it to something else," Gui said. "By the way, it's better for you all to cause less trouble in the Heavenly Note Sect in the future. I feel that there are many rules here. It's the first time I've seen such severe punishment for killing fellow disciples, and this is still a demonic sect. It's different from what you thought. Their Law Enforcement Hall is quite unique. They find the truth no matter what. Even if this is a demonic sect, no one goes around killing their own. Other demonic sects don't care. They might disappear soon if they continue like this."

Jiang Hao agreed. He didn't dare kill people recklessly.

"Is the Heavenly Note Sect really that strong?" Xing was surprised.

"They're not that strong. The famous Sect Master of the Heavenly Note is always in seclusion. Whether it's for advancement or recovery after being heavily injured several decades ago, no one knows.

Whatever the case, the Heavenly Note Sect isn't considered very strong at the moment, but they shouldn't be underestimated either. Their potential is very high. They just need time," said Gui.

Jiang Hao agreed with her. The Heavenly Note Sect lacked a solid foundation. After all, it had only been established a few decades ago.

The disciples were also powerful, especially the top ten disciples. Although they might not be strong when compared to the other sects, they could hold their ground in a fight.

Moreover, they hadn't been recruited but had grown up with the Heavenly Note Sect. Each one of them had earned their reputation.

Even after Manlong's deception, they remained strong.

Manlong had fought with Xuanyuan Tai, after all.

Everyone nodded.

Liu continued to talk about overseas matters. There was something strange happening there.

Things were emerging from the seabed.

However, no one had figured out the situation beneath the sea for now.

Jiang Hao listened to their conversation.

Once again, he was just a bystander and didn't have a chance to reveal any important information.

'Next time, I should observe the surrounding situation and share some important news.'

“Let’s end today’s gathering here,” said Dan Yuan after a while.

After bidding farewell to Senior Dan Yuan, Jiang Hao left.

As soon as he came out, he took out a blank notebook and began to write the information down. He wanted to write about the End of All Things. He also wrote down the secret code.

This secret phrase was represented by obscure symbols.

After transcribing everything, Jiang Hao began to take stock of his gains from this gathering.

First, there was the information about the End of All Things.

Secondly, there was information about the Heavenly King, Hai Luo, which he could use as leverage.

Moreover, there was the fact that Gui was in the Heavenly Note Sect.

The news about Chu Jie and the overseas situation didn’t count as significant gains.

He now had three tasks.

First, He needed to enter the Corpse Realm and find the sixth stone tablet on Heavenly Stele Mountain to record its true content.

Second, to find the list of people searching for the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Third, to keep an eye on a person named Gu Qing, who had dealings with Xing. Apart from these, he also received a reminder from Gui to find out more about the Corpse Realm.

The Divine Corpse Sect would definitely have more information. He could obtain a more detailed explanation from Zhuang Yuzhen.

He was also curious about whether the Bright Moon Sect would invite the Heavenly Note Sect to their conference.

According to Xing, all major sects would be invited.

The Heavenly Note Sect was a major sect both in terms of scale and strength. Jiang Hao only had to wait and see if they would be invited.

After that, he carefully reviewed the information about the End of All Things.

“The End of All Things pursues ultimate destruction. It is an existence similar to a sect, with core members and countless outer disciples. From major sects with hundreds of disciples to small sects and various descendants, they have people everywhere. They resent everything and are dissatisfied with their own status. They want to find everything that can destroy living beings. This includes the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.”

“The End of All Things will search for various seals to release all living beings sealed within and hope to bring destruction to the world. In recent years, they have been collecting all kinds of unlucky items. They must have a goal. Most of the core members of the end of all things are active overseas, seemingly to evade pursuit by others. There are also rumors that a core member has not returned after entering the depths of the sea mist. The reason they occupy overseas territories is to find this important person.

“One of the Twelve Heavenly Kings from overseas, Hideki Momaki, is most likely one of the core members.”

Jiang Hao frowned. Why would such people be investigating the Heavenly Note Sect?

The Great Thousand God Sect was using the stone tablet to investigate the

Heavenly Note Sect, and the mastermind behind it was the End of All Things. But why would an extreme group like the End Of All Things spend so much effort investigating the Heavenly Note Sect?

However, this indicated that they were probably not the mastermind behind the stone tablet.

Hong Yuye was looking for the true mastermind behind the stone tablet.

‘The secret code on the stone tablet might have been given to the Great Thousand God Sect by the End of All Things. I should also investigate where they got the stone tablet from.’

After that, Jiang Hao began to make talismans. Tomorrow, he would go and find Zhuang Yuzhen and see if the Heavenly King, Hai Luo, was in good spirits to talk.

As for Gui, he didn’t want to find her rashly. He might just fall into her trap..

Chapter 282: Are You Worthy?

The next day, Jiang Hao headed to the Lawless Tower after finishing his work at the Spirit Herb Garden.

He wanted to study formations with Zhuang Yuzhen and also visit Heavenly King Hai Luo.

Whether he should use threats would depend on the situation. If he did need to use threats, he had already thought of one.

He could push the blame on Yan Hua as many people believed they were in cahoots with each other. She was already dead, so it wasn’t like she could confirm his claims.

‘It’s risky... I wonder how Elder Baizhi will take it.’

So far, Elder Baizhi had remained neutral about everything. Jiang Hao didn't know how much she knew about everything.

Only Liu Xingchen and Ming Yi had tried to get close to him so far. They seemed fine for now.

He didn't know if they suspected him of anything yet.

Then there was Hong Yuye. Jiang Hao didn't know if Elder Baizhi had noticed anything.

If Elder Baizhi discovered it, things would actually be easier for Jiang Hao.

Unfortunately, he had no way of finding out, and he couldn't act rashly.

If Elder Baizhi knew that Hong Yuye had made him go undercover, what would she do?

In any case, there would be no good outcome.

Among powerful individuals, he was weak and had no say in anything.

He should become stronger first.

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao sat in front of the first prison cell once again.

He glanced at the adjacent cell, where the Heavenly King Hai Luo leaned against the wall. He looked despondent.

It seemed that he didn't like it here.

"Senior, I'm here to learn formations again," Jiang Hao said.

“What about the wine?” Zhuang Yuzhen raised his head. He was exhausted.

The Lawless Tower was like purgatory, where one had to endure endless despair. But they couldn’t even die to end it.

At this moment, Jiang Hao placed three jars of wine in front of Zhuang Yuzhen.

“You’ve actually learned the formations quite well. It’s more about variation, but you can’t comprehend that.” Zhuang Yuzhen shook his head and sighed.

That was the limit of talent. Without that talent, it was extremely difficult to reach new heights in what he learned.

Jiang Hao didn’t mind. He didn’t have many aspirations. He preferred making talismans anyway. He could at least earn spirit stones from that.

At present, he had more than four thousand spirit stones. If he continued to save up, he would soon have ten or twenty thousand spirit stones in his hands. Since he didn’t need to focus on the peach tree’s incarnation just yet, he could spend it on other things. Maybe some valuable seeds.

If he went and bought it by himself, it would attract attention. However, it would be a good investment. He would have to spend some money on spirit liquid, but it would give him some blue bubbles.

He needed to visit the Candlelight Pill Pavilion for it. It would have been impossible to do so in the past, but because of the spirit beast, he had unexpectedly established a good relationship with Lian Daozhi.

However, everything would depend on the timing.

Top-quality spirit herb seeds were extremely precious, and they wouldn’t let just anyone cultivate them.

“Senior, you’re too obsessed with talent,” Jiang Hao said softly.

“Do you think that one can catch up through effort? It’s almost impossible.

Sometimes, a bit of natural aptitude can determine the heights one can reach.” Zhuang Yuzhen smiled wearily. “I don’t think so, Senior.”

Zhuang Yuzhen looked confused.

“What I mean is, since I have other talents, there is no need to be too obsessed with just one thing. When one door closes, another one opens. Chasing after the closed window is not as worthwhile as focusing on the open door.”

Zhuang Yuzhen looked at the young man in front of him with surprise. “How old are you?”

“I’m twenty-five,” Jiang Hao said.

It was early November. He would turn twenty-six in two months.

He hadn’t realized how quickly six years had passed after he reached the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Six years ago, when he met Hong Yuye, he was only at the eighth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm.

It was from that time that his troubles and opportunities both increased.

In just over six years, he had reached the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Aside from him, there was one person whose speed of advancement was astonishing. That was Liu Xingchen.

When he first met Liu Xingchen, he was at the peak of the Golden Core Realm. Six years later, he was already in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. It was simply unbelievable.

If he continued to consume souls in this manner, he would probably reach the peak stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm in just a few years.

He was truly worthy of being called a True Disciple.

“Twenty-five years old and at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm? The first time I saw you, you were already at that stage. Does that mean you reached the Foundation Establishment Realm a year or two ago? Are you really that talented?” asked Zhuang Yuzhen curiously.

Jiang Hao shook his head. “It’s just because of some opportunities that I encountered.”

“The only way is to voluntarily fall into decline,” said Hai Luo with a sneer. “If you have poor talent, you work hard and try to strive for success. And for what? Most things aren’t changeable. You will remain where you always are. We strive to change our weak and short-lived selves. It’s useless. Just submit to the heavens.”

Jiang Hao looked at him. “Senior, have you ever thought that becoming stronger in cultivation might also be a means of hope given by the “heaven” you talk about?”

Hai Luo was momentarily stunned. He felt like Jiang Ha was mocking him.

Zhuang Yuzhen looked at Jiang Hao. He felt that it wasn’t just a coincidence that Jiang Hao was chosen to raise the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

Hai Luo recovered from his shock and glared at Jiang Hao. “What a joke! You think a simple sentence can shake my determination?! What does someone in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm understand about life? Even if my cultivation has dropped to this level, I can still suppress you with one hand. If you dare, release me, and I’ll crush you!”

Jiang Hao just stared at him without a word.

That seemed to annoy Hai Luo. “Why don’t you come to consult with me? Do you look down on me? Do you know who I am? You should understand that I have a noble background and know many powerful individuals. I have connections.”

“And who are you, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked.

“I come from the Heavenly River Sea Region. I am one of the Twelve Heavenly Kings of the sea region, and I command many powerful individuals. You can either call me Hai Luo, or the Heavenly King. I’m fine with both.”

“Trash!” Zhuang Yuzhen sneered.

“You b*stard! Try saying that again!” shouted Hai Luo. “You, a mere Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator, dare to challenge me? Release me, and I’ll beat this old b*stard to death!”

“Ha ha ha,” said Zhuang Yuzhen mockingly. “Just wait a while. When you reach the Golden Core Realm, I’ll still be at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.”

“Just tell me if you can match me in a fight right now! ”

Jiang Hao sighed. He was curious about the Twelve Heavenly Kings. However, he had to prioritize learning about formations for now.

“Senior, can you be quiet for a while? I need to study formations,” Jiang Hao said to Hai Luo.

“Huh?” Hai Luo sneered. “Kid, who do you think you are? Do you think you have the authority to ask me to be quiet? Are you even worthy?”

Jiang Hao was speechless. However, Hai Luo was right.

After all, he was one of the Twelve Heavenly Kings of the Heavenly River Sea Region, while he was just an inner sect disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect. He had no authority.

He got up, smiled, and walked to the second cell. He beckoned to Hai Luo.

Zhuang Yuzhen's face instantly turned pale. He knew that gesture. Every time Jiang Hao beckoned to him, he would drop a truth bomb. He was curious whether Hai Luo would feel the same..

Chapter 283: Absolutely Impossible

"I forgot again... you can't get closer than that," muttered Jiang Hao and put his hand down. "Now, I'll say three words. After you hear them, you will consider behaving a little better with me. It would be good if you let me study formations quietly."

"What did you say?" Hai Luo sneered. "Are you joking? Have you lost your mind?"

"Senior, listen carefully," Jiang Hao said.

"Go ahead then. Speak!" Hai Luo still leaned in close. "Let me see which three words you have."

Jiang Hao uttered the name of an island in Hai Luo's ears.

The moment he heard the name, he burst into laughter. "What a joke! Do you think you can threaten me with that? You want to shut me up with that?! Are you an idiot?"

Jiang Hao was puzzled. It seemed that either the information he received might have been wrong, or he couldn't threaten Hai Luo with it.

Just as he was about to appraise Hai Luo, he said, "So, you just need me to be quiet, right?"

After that, Hai Luo didn't speak again.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Zhuang Yuzhen thought that someone was finally resisting Jiang Hao, but it seemed that Hai Luo was just being a jerk. He at least put up some resistance.

Jiang Hao was also surprised. It seemed that the information that he had gotten from Liu was indeed valuable.

This time, he didn't have to pay a price. The gathering was more useful than expected.

"Senior, we can continue now," Jiang Hao said as he approached Zhuang

Yuzhen.

"Alright." Zhuang Yuzhen continued to teach him formations.

He deconstructed and demonstrated the changes based on what Jiang Hao had learned.

When Jiang Hao had learned enough, Zhuang Yuzhen said, "The opening of the Corpse Realm is roughly at the beginning of the year. You don't have much time left, and you need to master everything as soon as possible. It will be convenient for you to visit different places then."

"At the beginning of the year?"

There were still over two months left. He hoped there wouldn't be any new trouble during these two months.

In the middle of November, Jiang Hao met Gu Cheng and Qing You.

“Greetings, Seniors.”

“Did you master the formations from last month?” Qing You asked.

“I have a basic grasp of them.” Jiang Hao nodded.

Qing You looked at him doubtfully, but she didn’t say anything.

“Now, we will teach you the most important part. Once you master this part, you will be able to go to the safe zone. The people there are mostly at the Foundation Establishment Realm. If you are careful, you may encounter many opportunities. But to master this formation, you need the foundation of the previous two formations. Otherwise, no matter what I say, you may not understand it.”

“Thank you, Senior,” Jiang Hao said.

Qing You felt that she had said enough. She began to draw the formation while explaining it.

This formation was a crucial part of the Human Yuan Formation.

It had many variations, and it was difficult to master the basics. They estimated that it would take about two or three days to master it.

“This kind of change needs to be avoided by switching positions.” Qing You pointed to the formation. “There are roughly three positions where you can avoid the effects of the formation and enter the safe zone.”

“Three positions?” Jiang Hao pointed to a spot away from the formation. “Can we do it here too? Logically speaking, the first three transformations required one to dodge back and forth. However, after entering this place, one could use the change in the array formation at the beginning to jump to a safe zone and evade random teleportation.”

“You can, but once you enter that, you will face the storm of the Human Yuan Formation. The situation then becomes... complicated,” Qing You said.

“Is it possible to find a weak spot within the storm and still enter it easily?” Jiang Hao asked.

This was based on Zhuang Yuzhen’s teachings. He wanted to verify it.

Qing You nodded and fell into deep thought. She then froze. She raised her head and looked at Jiang Hao in disbelief. “Senior, is something wrong?” Jiang Hao asked.

“No... nothing.” Qing You shook her head.

She was shocked. ‘What’s going on? Why is this happening?’

Jiang Hao’s question was enough to indicate that he wasn’t just putting on a show and that he had mastered the other two formations. He had not only mastered it but also could make changes to it according to his understanding!

She was surprised to see his speedy progress. Even if he had spent all his time studying, he couldn’t progress in his understanding of formations so quickly.

She couldn’t understand it, but she still tried to teach him.

They made rapid progress throughout the day and deconstructed and analyzed the formations.

It seemed that both of them had a considerable understanding of the formations now.

When Qing You and Gu Cheng left, Qing You was still deep in thought.

She turned to Gu Cheng apprehensively. “Senior Brother, do you think we were too arrogant? When I see someone inferior to us suddenly rise to the same level, I feel... fear. It’s like witnessing something

beyond ordinary... something extraordinary. And the terror of underestimating others... If it wasn't about formations but cultivation, and if I made enemies out of him, I...

"That's why the elders told us to restrain ourselves and not to underestimate anyone because of our sect's influence. We should remain vigilant and establish good relations with others. In any case, it's best to avoid conflicts," Gu Cheng said.

He was also quite surprised. He had always felt that Jiang Hao was more than what he appeared to be. He must have been guided by an expert in his journey to learn formation.

Jiang Hao watched them leave, tidied up the formations, and then went to the Lawless Tower. He wanted to master the new formations quickly.

Whenever he visited, Hai Luo was always polite after the last incident.

When Zhuang Yuzhen taught Jiang Hao, he remained quiet.

Occasionally, he would chime in with his insights regarding formations. Jiang Hao felt that his occasional tips were rather helpful.

He felt that everyone's formations were excellent and couldn't help but envy them to some extent. It took him a month to master the three formations. Now, he could easily enter the Corpse Realm.

If he didn't wander around, there would be little danger. Opportunities, on the other hand, depended on luck and competition.

"Starting tomorrow, I can show you the map of the Corpse Realm," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

Jiang Hao thanked him and once again mentioned that Qu Zhong was still at large.

If Qu Zhong was free, Zhuang Yuzhen still had hope.

After leaving the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao went straight to the Hundred Bones Forest.

It was now the middle of December.

It had been three months since Bai Ye had been seriously injured.

In about another month, the Corpse Realm would potentially open.

According to Zhuang Yuzhen, once inside, it would take at least half a year to come out of it.

So, he only had this chance to seal Bai Ye's cultivation.

Outside the valley, Jiang Hao held a long spear in his hand.

He wanted to use only one spear, but for safety reasons, he took out another one.

In the valley, Bai Ye sat in the courtyard and gazed up at the starry sky. He was lost in thought.

"Senior Brother, your injuries haven't healed yet. Why do you keep coming out to the courtyard?" Lian Qin asked.

"I just need to confirm one thing," he said.

"What is it?" Lian Qin asked in confusion.

"I need to confirm why I was attacked," Bai Ye said as he looked into the distance.

His eyes narrowed. A purple light broke through the formation once again and whizzed toward him.

Even with the reinforced formation, it was still no match for the opponent's long spear..

Chapter 284: Sealing Technique

Watching the long spear whistling towards him, Bai Ye struggled to get up and began to defend himself.

His movements were fast. Various defenses and treasures appeared once again.

In the blink of an eye, the long spear collided with the defenses.

Bang!

A crisp sound rang out as the defenses shattered, and the treasures turned to powder on the spot.

The long spear whizzed past and pierced through Bai Ye's body.

Bang!

There was an intense pain, and purple energy inflicted heavy damage on Bai

Lian Qin exclaimed in shock. Just as she was about to approach him, there was a whistle again.

Bang!

With a loud bang, another long spear pierced through Bai Ye once again at an astonishing speed.

He screamed in agony.

Lian Qin's face turned pale, and fear overwhelmed her.

She remembered the previous curse in Bai Ye. This was the same. It was unrelenting and debilitating.

It had only been three months since the last attack. Why would the other party strike again? Wasn't he afraid of being discovered?

Lian Qin approached Bai Ye anxiously. "Senior Brother Bai Ye..."

Bai Ye gritted his teeth and endured the pain. He occasionally let out cries of agony.

He lay on the ground and grasped Lian Qin's hands. "I understand now. I get

it..."

"Senior Brother, what are you talking about?" Lian Qin looked puzzled.

"It's a Sealing Technique," Bai Ye said with a painful realization. "He wants to seal my cultivation and prevent me from making any progress. An eye for an eye."

'Sealing Technique?' Lian Qin was afraid. If it was really the case, how terrifying was this person?

Something was not right. There shouldn't be someone so powerful.

"I can't be wrong this time," said Bai Ye weakly. "Please... let me go to the Cliff of Broken Hearts... to find some clues."

Jiang Hao had already left the Hundred Bones Forest.

'The formation has indeed been strengthened, but fortunately, not too much. Otherwise, it would be troublesome. This is the second attack. They might be waiting for me next time. I have to be more careful and change the time.'

‘Maybe I’ll delay it for another year. Jumping one year in three months... no one will think of it. Even if someone is waiting, they will eventually get impatient.’

Jiang Hao worried about Bai Ye changing his location as he worked in the Spirit Herb Garden.

It would be troublesome to find him if he did that.

It was a pity that he did not know the art of divination. Otherwise, he could try to deduce his location.

Jiang Hao let it go. Being too greedy wasn’t good.

If his cultivation progressed rapidly, and he could earn spirit stones by making

talismans, that would be enough.

“Master, the peaches are almost finished.” The beast pointed to the few remaining fruits on the tree.

At this time, there were only a few peaches left on the tree.

It was already the middle of December, and they were a bit slower in stealing them. But they didn’t dare to take them all.

Jiang Hao had made it clear that a few must be left behind on the tree.

After hesitating for a moment, he picked two. “Take the rest and deliver them to Xiao Li tomorrow.”

The beast responded and picked all the remaining peaches.

Most of the peaches from the peach tree ended up in Xiao Li's tummy, with only a small portion going to Cheng Chou and the beast.

Although Xiao Li loved to eat, she was still a good child. She loved sharing.

Cheng Chou and the beast were the people she was most familiar with, so occasionally she would share with them.

Sitting on a chair in the courtyard, Jiang Hao took out a book and began to read.

Next month, he would likely enter the Corpse Realm. There were some things he needed to do as soon as possible.

For example, the secret code he had received from Liu.

Originally, he wanted to wait for Hong Yuye to visit and let her decide. But now he had no choice but to act.

The deadline was approaching, so he had to try it.

However, the fact that Gui was in the Heavenly Note Sect made him somewhat worried.

So far, he hadn't seen any suspicious disciples from the Divine Corpse Sect.

Most of the Divine Corpse Sect disciples were distributed among the twelve branches. It was a matter to encounter anyone else except Gu Cheng and Qing You.

It was risky to seek them out.

Jiang Hao wasn't sure where Gui was.

After hesitating for a moment, he decided to pass the secret code to the beast.

“What is this, Master?” The beast looked confused.

“It’s a secret code,” Jiang Hao said calmly. “When I leave, find a place to write it down. Then, without being detected, see who approaches it. Remember, you must be discrete.”

“Leave it to me! No one will catch me!”

The beast indeed had the talent for disguising itself, so it was suitable for these tasks. However, its cultivation realm was indeed too low.

Jiang Hao decided to provide some protection. But soon, he realized that there was nothing suitable for the spirit beast.

“Forget it. I’ll buy something for it in the next few days.”

As for what to buy, he had no idea at the moment. He would figure it out when the time came.

The next day, after leaving the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao began to look for something suitable for the spirit beast in the market.

He arrived at the area for spirit pets and saw a variety of items. Defensive treasures, offensive treasures, life-saving treasures, etc.

They were all very expensive.

Jiang Hao then went to a relatively cheaper area, where they sold techniques related to spirit beasts.

It involved using a part of a spirit beast to create a technique that could be imparted to other spirit beasts.

Jiang Hao looked around and picked a feather. It was at the Golden Core Realm.

“You have a good eye, Junior Brother. This is a feather refined from the descendant of the Great Spirit Beast. When used at full power, it can reach the sDeed of a comDlete Golden Core Realm. It can be sustained for half a dav. or uD

to half a month at less than full power. It can be activated and deactivated at any time,” a middle-aged man at the early stage of the Golden Core Realm said in explanation.

“And the price?” Jiang Hao asked tentatively.

“It was originally priced at one thousand six hundred but seeing that your cultivation is lacking, and your resources must be somewhat tight... I can give it to you for one thousand two hundred,” said the man.

Jiang Hao was speechless. It was just for one-time use and was sold for one thousand two hundred spirit stones!

Even with his healing talismans, defensive talismans, and acceleration talismans, they could only be sold for two hundred spirit stones.

Jiang Hao put it down and decided to look around some more.

After a while, he returned to the middle-aged man’s stall and began to negotiate the price.

In the end, he bought the Wind Feather for 980 spirit stones.

It was a pure white feather that could be hidden in the fur of a spirit beast.

Jiang Hao put away the item and felt that such items were too expensive.

He only had 3,800 spirit stones left.

Helplessly, he decided to set up a stall and planned to go to the Lawless Tower to find Zhuang Yuzhen in the evening.

Just as he had set up the stall, a familiar figure appeared in front of him.

“Junior Brother, I’ll take the Healing Talisman and the Hundred Thousand Swords Talisman,” said Leng Tian.

“It’s been so long since I last saw you, Senior Sister Leng.” Jiang Hao collected the ten talismans and handed them over.

He received 850 spirit stones.

He gave her a discount of fifty spirit stones.

Leng Tian seemed to be getting richer by the day.

She didn’t leave after getting the talismans. She smiled at him. “I have... new goods.”

Jiang Hao was speechless. ‘Another inheritance talisman?’

He was a bit puzzled..

Chapter 285: Accepting The Inheritance Talisman

At Jiang Hao’s house, Leng Tian sat down in the hall. “There’s one more stone talisman, would you like to take a look, Junior Brother?”

“Sure.” Jiang Hao nodded.

He was somewhat eager, as each stone talisman represented a kind of inheritance. Most of them were not ordinary talismans. They couldn’t be easily found on the market. They were quite expensive.

The Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman and the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman were never seen at the marketplace at all. He also didn’t dare to sell them.

There was only one Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman left, and he couldn’t make more of it.

The Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman was rarely used, and its side effects were obvious, but it had value when encountering someone who needed it.

It was not as useful as the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

However, now that he had the life-saving treasure given by his master, the teleportation distance should far exceed that of the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman. He had two escape treasures as of now.

Jiang Hao saw the familiar stone tablet in a box.

It was somewhat similar to the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman. He appraised it.

[Breath Concealment Inheritance Talisman: Dip a brush in water. At midnight, when your state of mind is clear, begin drawing the first half of the talisman.

You can receive the inheritance and comprehend the Breath Concealment Talisman. This is a treasure that Leng Tian and her seniors obtained after a life-threatening experience.]

Jiang Hao was speechless. This was another treasure obtained at great peril.

Were they really that lucky? They went through numerous life-and-death situations. This was the third time Leng Tian had brought him such a treasure. It was unlikely that they always survived such encounters.

Jiang Hao fell deep in thought. Maybe Leng Tian and the others had obtained a

lot of treasures at a time. They were just revealing them slowly. Perhaps she kept them sealed until she was going to sell them. That made sense to Jiang Hao. Otherwise, how could they go through numerous life-and-death experiences and escape unscathed every single time?

Leng Tian probably had many similar talismans with her. However, he didn't really need the Breath Concealment Talisman.

He had the nameless manual and other things that fulfilled that function. He did want to buy it anyway. The nameless manual was just for him. He wanted to see how strong this talisman was and how effective it was in concealing one's breath and aura.

"What do you think, Junior Brother Jiang?" Leng Tian asked.

"How much do you plan to sell it for, Senior Sister Leng?" Jiang Hao asked.

Based on the other talismans she had sold him, this too was probably priceless. If she could sell it at an affordable price, he was okay with it.

"I want to increase the price a little compared to what I sold the last one for," said Leng Tian.

"How much do you plan to increase?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Three thousand five hundred...'

Jiang Hao thought for a moment and then nodded. "Can I top up with some talismans? The price might be lower than the market value." "Deal," said Leng Tian.

She seemed to be afraid that Jiang Hao would refuse to buy.

She knew that this stone tablet was valuable, but given their current situation, three thousand five hundred was already a high price.

She needed the spirit stones. Selling it to others might pose risks.

So, for now, Jiang Hao was their best choice.

After receiving three thousand spirit stones and some talismans, Leng Tian bid farewell to Jiang Hao.

She passed by the peach tree and saw a spirit beast standing on a branch. It stared at her with its paws crossed.

The spirit beast was a bit strange. But she had seen it before, so she wasn't surprised.

She simply hurried away.

Jiang Hao saw her off. When he returned to his courtyard, the spirit beast asked, "Master, this woman has been here several times. Is she the most likely person who will become your mistress?"

"Least likely," Jiang Hao said.

Leng Tian would never agree to something like that. Ming Yi might sacrifice herself for the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. Of course, that would be useless. Jiang Hao sighed.

"Master, why don't you take them all in? The more mistresses, the better. I have no objections," the spirit beast said earnestly as it hopped onto the table.

Jiang Hao glanced at the spirit beast and chuckled.

After a while, he left the courtyard and headed to the Lawless Tower.

He needed to find out more about what was inside the Corpse Realm.

He also decided to learn to make the Breath Concealment Talisman.

Before leaving, he gave the Wind Feather to the spirit beast. It wore it on its collar and showed off to everyone excitedly.

“Master, do I look like a great demon with this feather?”

After that, Jiang Hao focused on learning about the Corpse Realm and began studying the inheritance talisman.

He understood it smoothly, but there were still some difficulties in making it. It took eight hundred spirit stones worth of materials to make one.

This talisman was similar to the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman but had different levels. One was for the end, and the other was for the middle.

It took him half a month to comprehend it.

[Breath Concealment Talisman: Inferior quality. Can conceal one's own aura and hide cultivation level. Once the power used exceeds the range of concealment, the talisman will break. It is effective for one month after use and can be activated directly with a wisp of spiritual energy or blood.]

‘It doesn't say how much it can conceal.’

Jiang Hao tested it on the spirit beast, and it could indeed conceal the aura and cultivation realm. It seemed that it was more effective than what he had learned from the nameless manual.

This talisman was indeed exceptional.

With another one, the spirit beast standing in front of him might not even be able to sense him.

Jiang Hao looked at the spirit beast. "Where is the Wind Feather?" "Here," said the beast as it plucked it from its collar. "Do you need it, master?" Jiang Hao took the feather away. "I'll get you something else tomorrow." The spirit beast looked puzzled.

Jiang Hao ignored it. Having the Breath Concealment Talisman was enough for the beast for now.

He could sell this one for some spirit stones.

He had spent a lot of money and now only had nine hundred spirit stones left. And that was after not having spent a penny on the incarnation of the peach tree.

When he thought about it, the cost of the Breath Concealment Talisman was even greater than that of the Wind Feather.

At the Hundred Bones Forest, Bai Ye lay on his bed. He had recovered a bit from his injuries.

When there was no one in the room, he turned to Lian Qin. "Junior Sister, please take me to the Cliff of Broken Hearts. I want to confirm something."

"No, Senior Brother Bai. Master said that you cannot go out for the time being. The Law Enforcement Hall is already investigating the matter. Going out would be too dangerous." Lian Qin shook her head.

Bai Ye fell silent. "Junior Sister, please take me out of here without anyone

Imowing.”

“Senior Brother Bai, aren’t you making things difficult for me? You are too weak right now,” Lian Qin shook her head again.

“I must go. I need to find out why... Why is such a powerful person targeting

“But why do you think it’s someone from the Cliff of Broken Hearts?”

“It’s just intuition. Maybe I can find out for sure. This is a matter of life and death...”

Lian Qin was in a dilemma. “Can we wait for another month? Your injuries are too severe, Senior Brother Bai.”

Bai Ye was silent for a while, and then he nodded. “Alright..”

Chapter 286: I’m Just Playing With You

The next day, Jiang Hao returned the Wind Feather to the spirit beast.

He had wanted to sell it, but the person had only offered seven hundred spirit stones. It would have been a loss for him.

He thought that the Breath Concealment Talisman would be useless once used up, so he decided not to sell the Wind Feather.

The spirit beast was excited.

Jiang Hao spent another four hundred spirit stones to buy materials for making talismans and crafted five Breath Concealment Talismans.

He gave three to the spirit beast for future use.

Although it had the ability to deceive others, having this talisman would provide an additional layer of protection.

The Wind Feather could enhance its speed to the peak of the Golden Core Realm, and coupled with its special nature, perhaps only someone in the Primordial Spirit Realm could threaten it now.

Half a month later, the sect announced something.

The Corpse Realm Flowers would mature in the middle of the month, and a teleportation gate would open which would lead to the Corpse Realm.

Twenty-six disciples would enter the Corpse Realm through the gate.

Two from each of the eleven branches and four from the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

The list of names was also published.

Jiang Hao learned that because of him, one more person could enter the Corpse Realm from the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

If he entered the Corpse Realm, the Cliff of Broken Hearts could accommodate one more person. This was a reward.

It was a privilege for him and the entire Cliff of Broken Hearts.

He hardly recognized anyone from the other branches, but he recognized a few names from the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

The ones entering the Corpse Realm from the Cliff of Broken Hearts were:

Jiang Hao, at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Mu Qi, at the peak of the Golden Core Realm.

Ning Xuan, at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Dongfang Ji, at the early stage of the Soul Ascension Realm.

Jiang Hao had never met or heard of Dongfang Ji.

Mu Qi told him that he was a powerful senior who had once chased after the top disciple position but had failed.

Jiang Hao was surprised to learn that the Cliff of broken hearts had such powerful individuals. Many disciples were already at the Soul Ascension Realm in other branches. The quality of disciples the Cliff of Broken Hearts produced had always been lower than the other branches.

He didn't dare ask Mu Qi why that was so. He was only at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, after all.

The Soul Ascension Realm was beyond his reach. There was no need to ask about it.

The next day, Liu Xingchen visited him. He was all smiles.

"Congratulations, Junior Brother Jiang, for being chosen to enter the Corpse Realm."

"It was just luck," Jiang Hao said humbly.

He really didn't want to enter the Corpse Realm. He had no choice. That was why he had spent the last few months studying formations.

"I heard that Senior Brother Dongfang Ji is also going with you all?" Liu

Xingchen asked.

Jiang Hao nodded. "Why do you ask?"

"He is not a disciple of the current Cliff of Broken Hearts. He was saved by your master because of his exceptional talent. He is like Bai Ye. He is qualified to fight for the position of a top disciple. It's a pity if he dies. Although he was saved, he is different from all of you. No one knows what he is thinking now, so be careful in dealing with him. I heard that his partner died," Liu Xingchen said.

Jiang Hao looked puzzled. He didn't understand what Liu Xingchen was talking about.

"Current Cliff of Broken hearts?"

"Huh?" Liu Xingchen was surprised. "Junior Brother Jiang, you don't know?" Jiang Hao shook his head. He really didn't know.

"Do you remember when I told you about the branch that incited conflict among various other branches?" Liu Xingchen asked.

Jiang Hao was taken aback.

"It seems like you figured it out. That branch was the former Cliff of Broken Hearts. Your current master became the leader of the branch much later. At that time, the entire Cliff of Broken Hearts was almost wiped out. Senior Brother Dongfang Ji was also there at that time, but he happened to be on a mission

outside. When he returned, he found that everything had changed. He was also captured. He was an important and powerful disciple, so some precautions had to be taken.” Liu Xingchen sighed.

“After the investigation, it was found that he hadn’t been involved in the whole debacle, but there were indeed many suspicions. In those times, further investigations weren’t really necessary. People were thrown into the Lawless Tower under suspicion. Before he was thrown into the Lawless Tower, your master intervened and brought him back to the newly reinstated Cliff of

Broken Hearts. After that, he only showed his face once, when he was fighting Manlong for the seat of tenth top disciple. He suppressed his cultivation for that challenge. He severely injured Manlong, but he was still defeated.”

“Do disciples have to suppress their cultivation to fight the top disciples?” Jiang felt that it was somewhat unreasonable.

“Not quite. At first, they start from the top and work their way down. But if the people from the top fail the test, they will look further down. The person they find must be stronger, younger, and have more potential than the one already in that position. After that, if someone from a higher position wants to challenge them, they can suppress their cultivation and take on that challenge. The conditions will be more stringent, but the advantages are also obvious,” Liu Xingchen said.

“Anyway, the rules for the top disciples are quite complicated. For example, right now, if you don’t reach the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm, you don’t have the qualification to issue a challenge at all. At the very least, you have to be at the same stage as the tenth top disciple to issue a challenge. If Manlong had advanced to another realm, Bai Ye wouldn’t have been qualified to challenge him at all.”

Jiang Hao nodded in realization.

Dongfang Ji was not only different from them, but the Heavenly Note Sect had also killed his cultivation partner.

Usually, there wouldn’t be any danger from the disciples of the same sect, but Dongfang Ji might harbor some grievances and hate toward them.

Once they entered the Corpse Realm, he could easily kill someone without a second thought.

He was at the early stage of the Soul Ascension Realm, at that.

Even Jiang Hao's real cultivation realm wouldn't be a match for him.

Indeed, the Corpse Realm was too dangerous, so he needed to keep his distance from these people.

However, there were very few others who would come to the Foundation Establishment Realm area, so there shouldn't be much danger there.

If he didn't wander around aimlessly, it would be fine.

"Junior Brother, you are going to the Corpse Realm, and I am going on a

mission too. I don't know when I'll be back," said Liu Xingchen.

"What kind of mission takes so much of your time, Senior Brother?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Investigating overseas forces. It seems that another war is about to break out. I heard that many people have arrived from overseas, so we need to investigate it thoroughly," Liu Xingchen said.

'Overseas?' Jiang Hao assumed they were here to find the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

It was good that it was being dealt with. After all, the item was in his hands.

They chatted for a while longer before Liu Xingchen bid farewell and left.

After taking care of the spirit herbs, Jiang Hao went to the Lawless Tower. He wanted to find out more about the Corpse Realm.

The people from the Divine Corpse Sect also provided some information, but it was only a rough map without any details.

Zhuang Yuzhen might not necessarily tell him the truth, so he needed to handle it himself.

However, as soon as he arrived at the Lawless Tower, Hai Luo called him over.

“Senior, is there something you need?” Jiang Hao asked.

“About that place you mentioned last time...” Hai Luo said in a low voice.

“Senior, rest assured, I just made it up on the spot,” Jiang Hao said.

“You jest! Do you think I, one of the Heavenly Kings, can’t tell if you are making something up? Do you think you’re a threat to me? I was just playing with you,” Hai Luo said, and then handed Jiang Hao a piece of paper. “Here is a list of names. Keep it.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

“This scum sold out his companions just so his cultivation won’t decrease!” shouted Zhuang Yuzhen.

“You arrogant b*stard! You aren’t even my match. Your early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm can’t match my late stage!”

Jiang Hao glanced at Hai Luo and realized that the effect of the Lawless Tower had indeed impacted him greatly. He had even sold out his companions! It was no wonder Liu Xingchen was going out of the sect to investigate the matter..

Chapter 287: Finding A Mine

Jiang Hao picked up the list and took a look. He found that there were eight names on it.

The first six names were grouped together, while the last two were separated.

‘What does this mean?’

He appraised it.

[The paper from Hai Luo: It lists eight names, the first six were reported to the Heavenly Note Sect, and the last two are specifically used to bribe you.] ‘So that’s how it is...

After noting it down, he casually threw it back to Hai Luo. “No need for this.”

Hai Luo looked puzzled. After a while, he chewed and swallowed the paper.

Jiang Hao sat in front of Zhuang Yuzhen:

“I have to trouble you again, Senior,” Jiang Hao said calmly.

“Do you know when the Corpse Realm Flower will bloom?” Zhuang Yuzhen asked.

“In the coming days.” Jiang Hao didn’t specify the exact date.

Zhuang Yuzhen didn’t mind and began to explain the inside of the Corpse Realm. “The area you will enter is the Foundation Establishment region. It’s a forest called the Blood Tide Forest. The most important thing to pay attention to inside that forest is the trees...”

Up until two days before the opening of the Corpse Realm, Jiang Hao hadn’t heard anything about the Heavenly Stele Mountain.

He didn't know if it was because the mountain was too special to be revealed.

However, he discovered that there were spirit herbs and ores inside.

If possible, he wanted to find a mine. But there were also many dangers.

Some areas were dangerous at night, and others were terrifying during the day.

The information provided by the Divine Corpse Sect was limited. He had to figure out many things on his own.

When Zhuang Yuzhen finished explaining, he whispered, "Then there is a special peak called Heavenly Stele Mountain that needs mentioning. For many people, the goal is that particular mountain. The Corpse Realm is vast and boundless, and no one knows what lies in its deepest part of it or if there are beings similar to us. If there are, then Heavenly Stele Mountain is most likely a bait to take us there or bring them here. It is a mountain that can move."

"Every time it appears, we must be cautious and prevent others from appearing on top of it. It will appear in various regions and stay for about a month. Within the year when the Corpse Realm Flowers blooms, the mountain will appear six times. Each time it appears in a different region, but it rarely appears in the Foundation Establishment region. Based on past experiences, the weaker the strength of a place, the less likely Heavenly Stele Mountain will approach it. It appears near people with high cultivation, strong potential, special constitutions, or special abilities. The more concentrated such people are in a place, the more likely Heavenly Stele Mountain will be drawn to them. You have reached the late Foundation Establishment Realm by chance, so even if you have something special, it won't make any impact. So, don't worry too much."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

His talent was indeed not high, but his cultivation realm was too high. If Heavenly Stele Mountain made a mistake in its judgment, would it appear in the Foundation Establishment region?

That would attract many people and bring him trouble.

But if he was the only one there, it wouldn't matter. The Heavenly Stele Mountain might not even notice him.

"Are the people entering the Corpse Realm all young?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Mostly... Only young people have high potential. It's not beneficial for some old folks to go in, but some strong individuals prefer to go in. There was once an incident where a powerful person went in and went mad and killed all the young people with him. In the end, he was suppressed to death by Heavenly Stele Mountain. It seems that Heavenly Stele Mountain doesn't allow such things to happen. But it doesn't have consciousness, so whether it's by chance or something else... no one knows," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

"What is in Heavenly Stele Mountain?" Jiang Hao asked.

That was what he had been wanting to ask.

Zhuang Yuzhen said, "There are stone tablets. A hundred and eight of them. There are thirty-six heavenly tablets on top and seventy-two earthly tablets below. The heavenly tablets are difficult to approach, and the earthly tablets are difficult to decipher. If you can get close to them or decipher them, the gains are... uncertain. There are cultivation methods, techniques, divine abilities, fortune and misfortune, lingering souls, biographies, ancient maps, and so on. Almost everything you can think of can be found there, and each person sees something entirely different."

'Entirely different?' Jiang Hao was surprised. If it kept changing, then what was the use of copying the content of the sixth stone tablet from the bottom up?

"In fact, there is another saying that the things inside the stone tablets are whole, but they are divided into unknown parts for people to see. That's why each person sees something different. Once someone collects them all, they will obtain the most complete thing. What exactly it is, no one knows. Even the Divine Corpse Sect, which holds most of the secrets, doesn't know what it is," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

Jiang Hao nodded. He felt that Zhuang Yuzhen's last claim might be untrue.

If someone wanted the sixth stone tablet, it meant that the person might have collected the others. They might only be missing the last piece.

If it was really the Divine Corpse Sect, Jiang Hao felt that he couldn't hand it over.

This would strengthen the Divine Corpse Sect, which wouldn't be good for him.

After talking a little more, Jiang Hao left the Lawless Tower.

The next day, he made some talismans. He also tried to make another Breath Concealment Talisman.

He gave the spirit beast two more of those talismans.

If the spirit beast took Xiao Li on an adventure in his absence, the talismans would provide them with some safety.

The preparations for entering the Corpse Realm were already completely in place. Healing pills, talismans, tea leaves, and more.

The healing pills were for accidents, and the tea leaves were for emergencies.

With these preparations, the only issue left was what to do after he left.

First, he had to explain the matter of the secret code to the spirit beast.

After he talked with the beast, Jiang Hao went to test Chu Chuan. His progress was fast, but he seemed to be injured. Xiao Li had caused that in the last test.

Lin Zhi remained the same as ever.

Jiang Hao spent some time explaining the Star-Moon Lifeblood Refining Technique to him and let him cultivate with peace of mind. One day, his hard work would pay off.

Afterward, Jiang Hao found Cheng Chou.

“Do you have any questions about your cultivation, Junior Brother Cheng?”

Cheng Chou knew that Jiang Hao would be leaving for the Corpse Realm soon, so he asked him about the doubts he had.

Jiang Hao didn't mind the questions and explained everything patiently.

“As long as your foundation is solid, and you work hard in your cultivation, I think reaching the Golden Core Realm is possible.”

Cheng Chou was overjoyed.

In the past, reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm had been difficult, but now the Golden Core Realm seemed within reach. It was all unbelievable to him.

However, he felt something was strange. Sometimes, he would forget that

Jiang Hao was still in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

“Pay more attention to the outer sect's Spirit Herb Garden,” said Jiang Hao.

Once he left, the matters of the outer sect's Spirit Herb Garden would all fall on Cheng Chou's shoulders.

“If you have any issues, you can seek help from Senior Sister Miao and Junior Brother Han. Tell them I sent you, and they will surely help you,” Jiang Hao said.

The next day was the day when they would enter the Corpse Realm.

Jiang Hao followed Mu Qi to the location of the Corpse Realm Flower. He thought he would meet everyone there. He could see who else was hiding their cultivation. That person would highly likely be Gui from the gathering.

However, when he arrived, he found that there were only two people.

People from each branch were supposed to enter the Corpse Realm from their respective areas. Four people would gather at each flower, which was distributed across the twelve branches.

On this side, there were only Gu Cheng, Qing You, Mu Qi, and Jiang Hao.

After they gathered, Gu Cheng said, “The flower is about to bloom. I will open the way, and you all just follow the formation. Decide which area you want to go to yourselves.

Jiang Hao and Mu Qi nodded.

Soon, a refreshing fragrance wafted into the sky as the Corpse Realm Flower bloomed. At the same time, a void door opened.

“Be careful.” Gu Cheng entered first.

Jiang Hao was the last to enter.

Bai Ye sat up and coughed softly. “Junior Sister, should we go to the Cliffs of

Broken Hearts now?”

“But...” Lian Qin lowered her head. “You won’t see him anyway. He is entering the Corpse Realm today.”

“Today?” Bai Ye wasn’t surprised. “Let’s go. Let me make a trip there.”

At this point, Lian Qin couldn’t even refuse. All she could do was bring out a wheelchair, help Bai Ye into it, and push it forward..

Chapter 288: Self-Preservation

The sun shone, and a gentle breeze blew.

The air seemed a bit chilly.

At this moment, a woman pushed a wheelchair to the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

They went ahead, without letting anyone know.

Sitting in the wheelchair was a pale-faced man, Bai Ye. He held a piece of jade in his hand. It was a treasure to stabilize his injuries.

If he lost the jade, his condition would deteriorate.

Based on his current situation, it may take a year for him to fully recover. But nobody knew when the unknown person would make his next move.

It could happen at any time.

“Senior Brother Bai, can you really see anything?” Lian Qin asked in doubt.

By now, they had arrived at the riverside. If they followed the river, they would soon reach Jiang Hao's residence.

Bai Ye shook his head and whispered, "Let's take a look first."

"Why not wait for him to come back?" Lian Qin was puzzled.

"It's different. If you want to understand everything completely, you have to observe their place when they are absent and when they are present," said Bai Ye. "Sometimes when a person is present, you can't see things clearly."

"If it's really related, what are you intending to do?" Lian Qin asked.

"I don't know." Bai Ye shook his head and looked at the river. After a long time, he said, "Let's take a look first."

A moment later, they saw a yard in the distance which was covered by a formation.

It wasn't a powerful formation. One that could shield the aura and gather spiritual energy.

The formation was clever, but it wasn't enough to indicate anything.

They still needed to take a closer look.

"Do we need to go in?" Lian Qin asked while pushing the wheelchair.

"No need... just till the entrance," Bai Ye said.

Lian Qin pushed the wheelchair to the entrance of the courtyard. She stopped there and found a good place for Bai Ye from where he could see inside.

She curiously looked at the yard.

"I've been here before... There's nothing special inside except for some spirit herbs," Lian Qin said.

Clang!

A crisp sound suddenly came from the ground.

Lian Qin looked down and found that the jade had fallen to the ground. It had hit a stone.

This surprised her. How could Bai Ye be so careless?

When she turned to look at Bai Ye, she froze.

Her senior, who always appeared calm, looked different. He stared fixedly at the courtyard. His eyes were wide. His calm demeanor was replaced by fear. His body trembled as though he had seen something terrifying.

Lian Qin followed his gaze and saw a seedling. It was just an ordinary spirit herb.

"Senior Brother Bai?"

Bai Ye covered his face with trembling hands. "Why didn't you tell me? Why didn't you inform me of something so important? Why didn't any of you tell me about this? If someone had told me, I wouldn't have walked into a dead end. "Senior Brother, what's wrong"" Lian Qin was puzzled.

"The Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower," muttered Bai Ye. "It's definitely that. I saw the record in a ruin before. He planted such a divine item in his courtyard."

Bai Ye turned and looked at Lian Qin. "Do you know what this means in the Heavenly Note Sect? It means he is a disciple of either Elder Baizhi or the Sect Master."

Lian Qin felt numb. 'The Sect Master...'

If one lived long enough in the Heavenly Note Sect, one knew how terrifying the Sect Master was. Offending the Sect Master meant death.

"What should we do then?"

"I need to save myself. I must come up with a way to save myself before the next sealing technique."

Bai Ye had never expected that he would walk into death's hands unwillingly.

At first, he had just wanted to break Jiang Hao's foundation. However, he had made a mistake. He kept attacking him again and again. Now, Jiang Hao was counter-attacking him.

If this continued, he would inevitably die in the Hundred Bones Forest.

No one could save him.

Only he could save himself.

In the south, by the coast, a woman in a gray robe blended into the crowd. She was attempting to leave the place.

She was beautiful, but, at that moment, she was exhausted.

'Where can I hide in the south? Although the influence of the bright Moon Sect is significant, they won't make a big fuss this time. This area might be safe.' 'D*mn it! I didn't expect them to have such powerful forces overseas.'

'Where should I go in the southern region? I can't go to any of the immortal sects. The Bright Moon Sect will definitely find me... The Heavenly Saint Sect?

They're crazy. I can't join them!'

'The Ghost Shadow Sect? They are too cruel. I'll be tortured at entry.'

She considered a few other demonic sects, but none of them sat well with her. Helplessly, she took out a book and started flipping through it.

Too small a sect would be useless, but she didn't want to join a sect that was too cruel either. Finally, a name stood out.

'The Heavenly Note Sect!'

'I remember that it used to be a small sect, but they have developed rapidly in the past few years. It can now rival the Wing Lightning Sect and the Blackheaven Sect... Other than being reckless, the sect looks fine. Maybe I can hide there.'

'Besides, the demonic sects have no taboos. With my cultivation, if I kill anyone who tries to pry into me within the sect, I can establish a foothold. Even if they know I have secrets, they won't act against me.'

The woman put away the book and headed toward the heavenly Note Sect.

"We're about to enter the Human Yuan Formation. You need to think about your destination carefully. Leaving your suitable area rashly can lead to danger," Gu Cheng said as a reminder.

Jiang Hao walked at the very back. He was clear about his destination. That would be the Foundation Establishment region.

Perhaps the Corpse Realm had countless opportunities, but he didn't need any of them. If he could peacefully mine and cultivate spirit herbs there, he was fine.

He lacked nothing. He had techniques, treasures, divine items...

There was no need to take unnecessary risks. He would find a place to cultivate without worries.

Finding a mine was a matter of luck. If he found it, he would mine quietly and increase his cultivation. If not, he would go with the flow.

In any case, as a Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator, he would be much safer in the Foundation Establishment region.

In other areas, there were others beyond the Primordial Spirit Realm. Some were even at the Return to Void Realm.

What would someone in the Primordial Spirit Realm do among such powerful individuals? It was akin to seeking death.

Jiang Hao felt as if he had entered the vast starry sky, with the sun and the moon above and mountains and rivers below.

"Alright. The Three Elements Formation has appeared. After entering the Human Yuan Formation, we will split up," Gu Cheng said.

"Remember the details of the formation and its changes to avoid any problems," Qing You said as a reminder.

Jiang Hao thanked Mu Qi and the others, and they went their separate ways.

Mu Qi and Qing You were at the same level. However, there were multiple regions they could choose from, so they also separated.

There was only the Blood Tide Forest in the Foundation Establishment region, so there was no need for Jiang Hao to choose any other.

After a while, Jiang Hao disappeared into the Human Yuan Formation.

In an instant, the formation covered his entire body. Just as he had chosen his region, he suddenly felt a summoning..

Chapter 289: Found the Mine

In the void, Jiang Hao saw countless lines around him.

They were extensions of the formation. These lines seemed simple but contained infinite power.

Upon closer observation, one would notice numerous interweaving runes among them. It was not something an ordinary person could comprehend.

Jiang Hao glanced at them briefly and ignored them.

Instead, he focused on the changes in the formation and slowly moved his body. Only by doing so could he smoothly enter the Blood Tide Forest.

At the same time, that summoning came once again. It seemed to urge him to give up on the Blood Tide Forest and follow wherever it wanted to lead him.

Jiang Hao turned around.

Based on his calculations, that place should be the Myriad Stone Forest.

It was the Golden Core region.

'This has happened twice already. What is calling me?' Jiang Hao was puzzled.

He could sense that this summoning originated from within himself and not from any magical treasure. But he chose to ignore it.

The Golden Core region was too dangerous. He'd better go to the Foundation Establishment region.

They could fight over opportunities there.

Everyone entered the Corpse Realm this time for opportunities. Even the people from the heavenly Joy Pavilion wouldn't easily give up on opportunities, even if they wanted to avenge Senior Sister Yun Ruo.

Jiang Hao chose the Blood Tide Forest and quickly proceeded there. He didn't care about the summoning.

No one had mentioned the summoning to him, so he didn't understand what it actually was.

Jiang Hao arrived above the Blood Tide Forest. With one more selection, he would descend completely.

It seemed to open a stable passage for him to enter.

'Such a treatment? It seems that this place is indeed unusual...'

Jiang Hao chose the Blood Tide Forest. Without hesitation, he entered the Foundation Establishment region.

He didn't want to take unnecessary risks. He would follow his original plan.

If he wanted to walk a different path, he could do so after becoming invincible.

Whoosh!

The wind whistled past his ear and he landed on the ground, feeling a little dizzy.

What came into view was an extremely vast forest. There were open spaces and dangers here. And of course, there were opportunities!

Jiang Hao noticed three other people nearby. Two men and one woman.

Their attires were different from each other, but they appeared calm.

At a glance, it was clear that they were disciples of extraordinary sects.

However, he couldn't guess which sect they belonged to.

According to Zhuang Yuzhen, the Corpse Realm Flowers were not limited to the Divine Corpse Sect.

Jiang Hao had asked before whether the Corpse Realm Flower could reproduce and increase in number, but the answer he received was negative. The flower turned back into a seed after maturing, and it waited to be planted once again.

There was no need to worry about the Corpse Realm Flower being stolen or destroyed because of this reason.

"All three of them are at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm." Jiang Hao silently observed the three individuals.

He carefully assessed them.

The woman seemed to be in her early twenties. One of the men looked calm and elegant, while the other appeared cold and indifferent. They all held spirit swords as their treasures. Most likely, they were from immortal sects.

“Late sage of the Foundation Establishment Realm?” The elegantly dressed man smiled at Jiang Hao.
“Why don’t the four of us team up? You can help us with the dirty work. What do you think, everyone?”
“I have no objections,” said the woman.

“What’s your value?” the cold and indifferent man asked.

Jiang Hao looked at the three of them but remained still. He noticed that tree that Zhuang Yuzhen had mentioned.

The Bloodthirsty Trees.

If one made any sudden moves, the tree would attack and devour them.

Jiang Hao wasn’t scared, but one misstep could reveal his cultivation realm to everyone. He didn’t want to cause any trouble.

“Your value?” The elegantly dressed man asked with a playful smile. “Why don’t you come over and test my value for yourself?”

No one else spoke.

The four of them stood silent and motionless. “I said, why don’t you come over and test my value?”

“Shut up! ”

The elegantly dressed man took the lead. “I’m Gu Wen. What about you guys?”

“Zhuge Zheng,” said the cold and indifferent man.

“Murong Qingqing,” said the woman.

Jiang Hao had no intention of mentioning his name. He planned to act alone anyway.

“What about you?” asked Gu Wen with a friendly smile.

“Jiang Hao.

“You can help us with the dirty work. The Blood Tide Forest has many spirit herbs, and these herbs need someone to take care of them after transplantation. You can be responsible for that. Your safety will be our responsibility during this time,” said Gu Wen.

Jiang Hao was speechless. ‘Take care of spirit herbs?’

After hesitating for a moment, he asked, “Is there a mine nearby? I still want to do some mining.”

The three of them were taken aback. It was their first time encountering someone like him.

“Are you from a small sect?” Murong Qingqing asked.

“That’s unlikely. He entered the Blood Tide Forest, and he is still standing. He shouldn’t be from a small sect,” said Gu Wen.

“The number of spots for entry is limited. They wouldn’t let a weak person in.” Zhuge Zheng looked at Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao was surprised. These people were so wary of him. But he didn’t mind. He had told them the truth. He really wanted to do some mining.

"I do know a place where you can do some mining, but it doesn't produce anything good. My senior has been mining there for half a year, and he only found some relatively rare ores," Gu Wen said.

"Is the place safe? Is it suitable for planting spirit herbs?" Murong Qingqing asked.

"Compared to other places, it's decent." Gu Wen nodded.

"Then let's go." Zhuge Zheng looked at Jiang Hao. "He wants to mine, so let him mine."

The current situation was turning out to be advantageous. In any case, he would let them lead the way for now.

"Let's go. I'll take you to see the mine." Gu Wen led the way.

When it got dark, the Bloodthirsty Trees fell into a deep sleep. They would wake up again tomorrow.

However, these trees were not very common. After walking for a while, they noticed that the trees there were only ordinary Blood Tide Trees.

Jiang Hao walked at the very back of the line. The three in front didn't seem to worry about him launching a surprise attack or escaping.

But he could sense that they were on their guard.

They could quickly counterattack if someone made a move. These people had excellent talents and strong vigilance. They were much stronger than Ye Shan and the others from the Ice Moon Valley.

'They're all disciples of major sects...' Jiang Hao speculated.

Usually, once the Corpse Realm Flowers were discovered, they would be seized by major sects.

The Heavenly Note Sect existed because it was already a top-tier sect.

Moreover, all their items were snatched from other major sects.

Ordinary sects couldn't do something like that.

There were major sects in the southern region, but they probably didn't know about the flowers yet.

They walked for a day. During the journey, they encountered other people, but no one made a move.

Everyone had come for opportunities, and no one wanted to act out.

They also encountered some spirit herbs along the way, which were divided equally among the three people. Jiang Hao gained nothing.

"We're here."

In front of a pitch-black cave, Gu Wen pointed to the entrance. "The mine is right here. If you want to mine, go ahead. We're not interested. But we'll get our share of the harvest. And of course, you can have a share of the spirit herbs. You take care of the dirty work, and we won't treat you unfairly."

Jiang Hao frowned as he looked at the cave.

This mine made him feel a sense of danger..

Chapter 290: I've Been Waiting For This Day For Many Years

'That actually looks dangerous. If the Foundation Establishment region is like this, I can't imagine how the Golden Core region must be.' Jiang Hao stared at the entrance of the cave.

He decided not to wander around aimlessly. It was better to find a place to grow spirit herbs and ores. He had already found both locations.

Jiang Hao looked around and saw many spots outside the cave that could be cleared and used as spirit fields. The spiritual energy here was abundant. Though he hadn't examined the soil yet, the nearby flowers and trees grew well. They naturally emitted spiritual energy.

It seemed that both the environment and soil were suitable. They just needed some time to tend to it.

"This cave is a bit strange. My senior warned me that we can only mine here at night. It becomes dangerous as soon as daylight comes. He doesn't know the exact reason, but regardless of whether you're at the Foundation

Establishment or Golden Core Realm, you have to stay away during the day," Gu Wen said to Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao nodded. Entering the cave didn't guarantee a safe return. He couldn't pinpoint the exact danger, but he could feel it.

"In that case, let's clear space here for growing spirit herbs. We'll handle the herbs during the day and mine at night. Any objections?" Gu Wen asked the others.

"None," said Zhuge Zheng.

"Me neither," Murong Qingqing said.

"In that case, you'll be in charge of the spirit fields, and we'll go out to search for things," Gu Wen said to Jiang Hao.

"Sure," Jiang Hao said calmly.

He was naturally happy to have someone help find the spirit herbs.

Although it was challenging to get blue bubbles like the ones the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower spawned, there might still be a few bubbles.

Moreover, there was also mining to do, which was the most important task.

'I have to open up the spirit fields before it gets dark and then explore the mining cave.'

Jiang Hao began clearing the vegetation to create a sizable spirit field. Gu Wen and the other two were somewhat surprised by Jiang Hao's agreeable attitude.

Is he really so easy to deal with?

They didn't dwell on it and left separately to search for opportunities.

Jiang Hao watched them disappear into the forest.

These three were really cautious and stayed hidden in the shadows and observed everything.

Jiang Hao finished setting up the spirit field and built a small wooden house and a warehouse. The three of them were still not back.

Checking the time, Jiang Hao took out a mining pickaxe from his storage treasure.

As soon as it got dark, the danger disappeared, and he could finally explore the mining cave.

He had been waiting for this day for a long time.

As for the three who were still observing from the shadows, he paid them no attention.

They were overly cautious, but he didn't mind.

No one would waste a slot to allow a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator in if they were just ordinary.

Though there might be some who entered based on connections. Some people were just too arrogant and looked down on others.

Such people were troublesome, but fortunately, he hadn't encountered any yet. Before entering the mining cave, Jiang Hao glanced at his interface.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 26]

[Cultivation: Late Stage of Primordial Spirit 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, Divine Might, Revival of

Withered Tree]

[Lifeflood: 33/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 34/100 (Can be cultivated)]

[Divine Abilities: 0/3 (Cannot be obtained)]

'I'm still far from advancing. I wonder if mining can catch up to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower's benefits.'

Currently, he was at the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Furthermore, the quality of the ores in the mining area was extremely high.

After all, the mining area was beneath an ancient battlefield. There were remnants of ancient souls, inheritances from powerful beings, and even treasures.

Among all the mining areas in the cultivation world, which one could compare to it?

However, ores were still ores, and while blue bubbles were rare, white and green ones were still common.

It was still a great gain.

Entering the mining cave, Jiang Hao felt a chill. The stone walls emitted a faint light and made the entire passage visible. It was an extensive tunnel.

The air carried a trace of toxicity that would accumulate in the body after prolonged exposure, and it could even evade cultivation realms.

'If I were really in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, I couldn't stay here for long.'

With his current cultivation realm, it wasn't a problem, especially since he had the Revival of the Withered Tree ability.

These toxins had no effect on him.

Soon, he arrived at a fork in the path. One led to the left and the other to the right.

He went left.

‘What’s going on? Nothing here?’

There were no dangers along the way. ‘Why is this place so dangerous during the day?’

Before long, he reached a dead-end.

Jiang Hao didn’t think too much about it. Even if there were dangers, he could handle them.

When he set up the spirit fields, he buried a golden ring, which could transport him away in three breaths’ time.

He also had the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman. It would be even faster.

The only problem was that he couldn’t make new talismans, at least not yet.

If he damaged his divine abilities, it would do more harm than good.

Perhaps after reaching the Soul Ascension Realm, he could make more.

But to reach Soul Refining, he would need at least three more years.

After he reached the Soul Ascension Realm, his potential and cultivation realm would rank among the top ten disciples in the sect. He would be much safer within the sect.

Sighing, Jiang Hao picked up the pickaxe and began mining.

Clang!

Piece by piece, he dug out the rocks.

Their hardness was extraordinary. Fortunately, his pickaxe was a magical treasure. Otherwise, he wouldn't know how long it could hold up.

Clang! Clang!

After some time, white bubbles began to appear, followed by green bubbles.

[Strength +1]

[Spirit +1]

[Endurance +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

As Jiang Hao continued to work, more ores appeared around him.

He didn't recognize these ores and just left them aside.

In the middle of the night, a piece of ore fell, and a blue bubble emerged.

[Cultivation +1]

"So fast?"

He worked even harder at mining until he felt a sense of danger once again. It was as though something was coming from every direction.

Without hesitation, he carried the mined ores and retreated from the cave.

Fortunately, he left the entrance before the crisis happened.

As soon as he came out, he bumped into Gu Wen and the others.

The three of them gave Jiang Hao strange looks as if saying, “Were you really mining?”

When Jiang Hao was putting the ores into his warehouse, they were even more puzzled.

Did this guy come here just to do odd jobs?

Jiang Hao sighed.

Time passed so quickly. It was already morning, and only one blue bubble had appeared.

At this moment, he noticed the spirit herbs in the fields.

There were three plants with abundant spiritual energy. But all three showed signs of withering.

“These are the spirit herbs we brought back. We don’t know how to cultivate them, and we can’t just store them away. It’s up to you now,” Gu Wen said to Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao nodded and began to observe the spirit herbs.

After an entire day’s effort, he managed to revitalize the herbs a bit. But it was clearly not enough. They needed long-term care.

When night arrived, Jiang Hao got up and proceeded to the mine.

In the early morning, he brought out a lot of ores again.

Then, he continued to take care of the spirit herbs.

Gu Wen and the others watched in bewilderment..