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Chapter 291: Shocking Genius

On the third day after their arrival, Gu Wen, Zhuge Zheng, and Murong Qingqing stood under a big tree and observed Jiang Hao as he took care of the spirit herbs.

They were all puzzled.

"What do you guys think?" Gu Wen asked.

"I only know that anyone who can enter this place must be an outstanding disciple of the sect. Even if someone got in through connections, they wouldn't be too ordinary. This person's behavior is extremely strange, and he must have his own purpose," Zhuge Zheng said coldly.

"There's a possibility that his cultivation level is too low, but he might be a smart person who knows the current situation. He even brought a mining pickaxe, so it seems he was prepared," Murong Qingqing asked.

"There's a chance... but these odd jobs are really effective, and the number of ores he mined today is more than usual. What does that indicate? He not only handed everything over but also never took a break. I remember the yield my senior mentioned," Gu Wen said with a smile.

"Let's see how long he can keep this up. Maybe it's just a pretense, and he will slow down in a few days," Zhuge Zheng suggested.

"I think so, too. This way, he's wasting opportunities and even hindering his cultivation," Murong Qingqing said.

"Probably," Gu Wen replied.

The three of them fell silent.

Regardless, they were all here to seek opportunities, and the spirit herbs were a bonus.

If they could bring back more, that would be even better. The same went for the ores.

These were all secondary matters. They wanted to obtain what they truly desired.

Before they found it, there was no need to start conflicts.

After that, the three of them began searching for opportunities.

At this moment, Jiang Hao, who was tending to the spirit herbs, looked up and felt surprised as he saw the three of them leaving.

These people didn't have any greed. They just focused on their purpose. To them, these external resources weren't that important.

'Well, they are extraordinary disciples within their sects. Ordinary resources are just icing on the cake for them. There's no need for them to pay too much attention to it.'

He glanced at the ores and let out a sigh.

Unfortunately, the ores needed to be sold for spirit stones, and he had no idea how much he would get for them.

The ores weren't anything extraordinary, and their value wasn't too high.

Moreover, blue bubbles were truly rare. Only one had appeared in two days.

The few spirit herbs had only produced white bubbles.

However, Jiang Hao was not disappointed. To have such gains right after coming in could be considered remarkable. It was all thanks to those three.

If it weren't for them, he wouldn't know how long it would have taken him to find the mining cave.

Now, all he needed to do was take care of the spirit herbs during the day.

This kind of life was fulfilling. If only the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower was here with him, it would have been perfect.

With the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and many spirit herbs in the front, and a mining cave available for mining at any time in the back, such things could only happen in a fantasy.

Days passed by in this manner.

Half a month later, Gu Wen and the others brought back many spirit herbs. A night, they watched Jiang Hao go to the cave to mine.

He worked harder every day. Was this really the behavior of a normal cultivator? Did his sect send him here just to mine?

Wouldn't his sect be furious to know this?

"I feel that he's really here to mine, not to do odd jobs for us," Murong Qingqing said.

"What does he want?" Zhuge Zheng asked.

The ores were left aside. He didn't cultivate yet, and he didn't find any special treasures.

He had been mining here all the time, which was clearly strange.

Why would he mine so desperately without a purpose?

“That’s a good question. I’m curious about what he wants too,” Gu Wen said curiously.

“After all, my senior was also crazy about mining. No one knows what he wanted. The more he mined, the more haggard he became. After half a year, he suddenly stopped mining. When he turned and left the mining cave, the bottleneck that had troubled him for a long time was completely resolved, and he advanced in one fell swoop.”

“What peculiar things are there?” Murong Qingqing asked. “I don’t know. No one told me.” Gu Wen shook his head.

“Don’t you want to try?” Zhuge Zheng asked.

“No, I have my own path to follow, and there’s no need to go down a road that isn’t suitable for me just out of curiosity,” Gu Wen said. ‘What about you guys?’

Do you want to try?”

“We were targeted, so let’s first deal with those people,” Zhuge Zheng said.

They all had clear goals.

Before they achieved their goals, they wouldn’t get involved in unnecessary trouble.

In the Corpse Realm, the Myriad Stone Forest belonged to the Golden Core region, but people of various cultivation realms were here anyway.

It was all because a mountain had appeared in the middle of the Myriad Stone Forest.

The mountain was lush with trees, and a river flowed down from the peak. High above, faint shadows of stone tablets could be seen.

“Senior Sister Lan Qian, is this the Heavenly Stele Mountain?” a young man at the foot of the mountain asked his senior.

They were both disciples of the Divine Corpse Sect. They had entered from the Heavenly Note Sect.

The young man had a delicate appearance, but his cultivation realm was in the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

The woman beside him was extraordinary, with a calm demeanor and a cultivation realm in the early stage of the Soul Ascension Realm.

“There’s something I’ve wanted to tell you for a long time.” She looked at the young man beside her. “It’s about Yun Qi. Although he seems to have a good relationship with me, his personality is cold and violent. He’s just good at disguising it. As he hasn’t offended me, we can still talk. Lately, he seems to have some thoughts about my... body. I wanted to deal with him myself, but when I saw him the next day, I... just couldn’t. He is friendly with me. He even lost that cruel and violent aura he had about him.”

“What do you mean, Senior Sister?” Yun Qi asked.

“Nothing... I’m just telling you. Many people know about Yun Qi’s true nature. Due to his identity, no one wants to act against him. Otherwise, with what he has done, he’s not worthy of staying in the Divine Corpse Sect. Even if I sense something, I will turn a blind eye. But other people won’t be able to do that,” Lan Qian said.

Yun Qi smiled. “Senior Sister, what do you think this mountain is all about?”

“Heavenly Stele Mountain... It seems like a mountain with opportunities, but it’s probably a place of inheritance. Moreover, there are deeper secrets inside. I’m not sure of the specifics, but if you gain insights here, you can advance faster,” Lan Qian said.

They followed the mountain path and saw an open space with a stone tablet on it.

“This is the first stone tablet,” Lan Qian said. “Thirty-six Heavenly Stars are difficult to approach, but if you find the seventy-two Earthly Fiends, you can comprehend them. You can gain insights from whichever one you choose.” Rumble!

Suddenly, a faint light appeared on the stone tablet. Lan Qian was stunned.

“Senior Sister, what does this light mean?” Yun Qi asked curiously.

Lan Qian frowned slightly. “I’ve seen it before. This is Heavenly Stele Mountain trying to summon someone. Anyone summoned by the Heavenly Stele Mountain is a genius. But...the previous light wasn’t this obvious..”

Chapter 292: The Charm Goddess

[Lifeblood: 35/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Cultivation: 36/100 (can be cultivated)]

In the mining cave, Jiang Hao looked at his cultivation points and felt somewhat regretful. Half a month had passed, and they had only increased by two points each. In other words, there were only four blue bubbles in total. About two appeared each week.

‘It’s slower than expected. I wonder if it’s because of the mine or my cultivation realm.’

If the mine wasn’t good enough, it might be difficult to get more bubbles. It seemed that it was harder to find bubbles if one’s cultivation realm was too high.

He couldn’t determine whether the ores here were of good or bad quality. However, he could be certain that the ores here were not as good as those in the Heavenly Note Sect’s mine.

Clang!

Jiang Hao stopped thinking and continued mining. Even though the bubbles were scarce, it wasn't much different from the number of bubbles produced by the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. Besides, there were many white bubbles here.

[Strength +1]

[Spirit +1]

[Strength +1]

Many bubbles flew to his body. Even if he lost all his cultivation, his spirit and strength were exceptionally strong. Especially now that they were increasing every day, it meant that his body would become stronger.

As he mined into the middle of the night, he suddenly smelled a fragrance. "It's here again." The fragrance had started to appear every seven days after he began mining. But so far, nothing else had happened. The scent wasn't of spirit herbs but smelled more like a human body.

The mining cave was not a simple place, and it was normal for unexpected things to appear along the way. Jiang Hao remained vigilant and continued mining. In the second half of the night, he finally obtained another blue bubble.

[Cultivation +1]

He worked even harder.

Jiang Hao paused. A woman dressed in thin gauze appeared beside him. She squatted on the ground with her chin on her hands. She looked up at him. Her long, slender thighs were exposed. Her appearance was like a radiant light in the darkness. He couldn't sense her cultivation realm.

"Senior, who are you?" Jiang Hao asked in a low voice. He hadn't noticed her until she spoke.

The fragrance from earlier was now very strong.

This person had been lurking nearby for about a week. He just didn't know if she had been inside the cave all this time or had entered during the night.

He appraised her.

[Charm Goddess: Born with a bewitching body and has captivated numerous men. Her life goal was to taste all the male experts in the cultivation world and secretly associate with powerful experts. However, when her relationship with a powerful expert was discovered by another powerful expert, she was torn apart and nearly lost her soul. Due to too many admirers, she was eventually able to find another body and consolidate her divine soul. She was waiting for resurrection. However, before her resurrection, countless powerful experts discovered her and began to sabotage her plan. In an unexpected turn of events, her physical body was trapped in a mining cave, and she is unable to see the light of day. After using charms on you for a week, she realized it was useless. She had no choice but to reveal herself. She now wants to tempt you to dig out her body so that she can be resurrected. Before her resurrection, she can only bewitch people and cannot attack anyone directly.]

Jiang Hao was speechless. She had used charms on him for a week! He hadn't even been able to detect it.

Since his book on charms was taken away by Hong Yuye, he felt embarrassed to ask for it back. There were two other books on charms, but they had taught him nothing so far.

However, the fact that this person had innate ability and was born with a bewitching body was too terrifying. She was similar to Senior Sister Yun Ruo. Considering the fact that she was called "Charm Goddess," her powers might be even more frightening than Yun Ruo.

'If I take her body and present it to the Pavilion Master of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion, will he finally forgive me?'

He thought about that for a moment, then shook his head. The Pavilion Master probably would hold onto his grudge. Besides, the Charm Goddess seemed like a powerful cultivator. Jiang Hao didn't think he was any match for her in a

fight.

“Do you want to know who I am? I’m the little spirit of the mining cave. You can call me Little Mei.”

“Please don’t disturb me while I’m mining,” Jiang Hao said calmly.

Since she couldn’t really attack him physically, she would use all the charms at her disposal. For him, this wasn’t a big deal.

Clang! Clang!

The Charm Goddess looked at Jiang Hao who continued mining.

She sensed that everyone who came into the mine had an extremely firm mind. She had encountered another miner last time. Although that person seemed infatuated with her, he eventually left at the last moment. He thanked her for her help over the past year and left. After that, his cultivation realm had risen in one fell sweep.

At that moment, she was enraged at being used. She vowed that she would make him beg for forgiveness after she left this mine.

She had used others, but that person had dared to use her for his gain!

But now, the situation was different. The person before her didn’t even spare her a glance. His entire focus was on mining. It wasn’t that he pretended not to see her, but that he genuinely didn’t care about her. Was it because she wasn’t good enough, or had people in the cultivation world changed? “Aren’t you tired from mining?” asked the Charm Goddess.

He didn’t respond.

“I know where the good things are hidden. Do you want my help?” she asked again.

Still, there was no response.

She didn't talk to him after that but followed him silently.

Jiang Hao ignored the Charm Goddess and continued mining. If she got too noisy, he would take out his saber and shut her up.

"It's going to be daylight soon. You need to leave."

Jiang Hao glanced at her. She reminded him of Yun Ruo. He wasn't surprised that so many people sought to avenge her. Even people at Golden Core Realm were ready to sacrifice their future and avenge her at all costs.

Senior Sister Yun Ruo must have been truly powerful to use her charms in such a way that people were willing to give up everything for her. This Charm Goddess was no exception.

"Can you do me a favor?" Jiang Hao looked at the Charm Goddess.

"What is it? I don't necessarily help strangers, but I might consider it," she said.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, a beam of moonlight flashed by. The blade severed the Charm Goddess' head.

"You're disturbing me. Just keep your mouth shut."

The Charm Goddess was stunned. "I was being sincere."

After leaving the mining cave, Jiang Hao stored the ores in the warehouse. The appearance of the Charm Goddess had indeed affected his mining. Everything she did and said carried a charm technique. Born with a bewitching body and innate charm techniques, he would have to avoid her at all costs. If it wasn't for the poison inside him, it would have been dangerous.

However, one thing was certain: cutting off her head didn't deal her a fatal blow. If she were to appear before him again, he would have to use other methods.

"Hello, fellow disciple," someone said from behind him.

He turned around to see two people in the Foundation Establishment Realm. One was a man and the other one was a woman.

Their attire was different. They must have allied temporarily.

"What's the matter?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I found a mining spot. Would you like to cooperate with us?" the man asked with a smile.

"It's similar to the cave here. You can continue mining while we search for spirit herbs. We will continue to cultivate and allocate the resources fairly," the woman said..

Chapter 293: I Hate You

Jiang Hao observed the two people.

The man was slightly plump, and he held his hand in a manner that suggested he could release spells at any moment. The hand gestures indicated that he used standard offensive spells.

The woman was dressed in a robe with patterns for defensive powers and speed. At the moment, she seemed fully prepared to deal with any danger.

"I don't think there's anything wrong with mining here," Jiang Hao said. "I'm fine here."

"In that case, I must attack you. It's a pity. We lack a partner like you," said the man, Ding Yu, as he prepared to attack.

Boom!

A fireball fell in front of Ding Yu.

Shortly after, three people arrived flying on their swords.

It was Gu Wen and the others.

"We don't have any ill intentions." Ding Yu and the woman stepped back.

"I believe you. Why don't you leave now?" Gu Wen smiled.

"We'll take our leave then." Ding Yu and the woman quickly left.

Everyone here was strong, and they were all in the same cultivation realm. They were cautious about engaging in a fight, as no one knew how it would turn out. Therefore, it was unnecessary, and everyone exercised restraint.

However, no one was willing to give up easily.

Jiang Hao was still in a daze.

He had intended to launch a counterattack so that the one attacking him would know that he wasn't really a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. That way, they wouldn't have returned to attack him again. Then, he could inquire about the newly discovered mine and resolve things easily.

The Corpse Realm would only remain open for another half a year or a year, at most. No one knew if this mine would remain available till then. Moreover, it was better to avoid the territory of the Charm Goddess.

“Disciple Jiang, are you alright?” Gu Wen asked.

“I’m fine,” Jiang Hao said.

“With so many things on display, it’s easy to attract attention here.” Murong Qingqing pointed to the pile of ores.

Jiang Hao knew that. However, he had done that so that his three companions would be at ease.

“How about this? We’ll sell them and divide the spirit stones equally among the four of us. The same goes for the spirit herbs.” Gu Wen looked at Jiang Hao.

“What do you think?”

Jiang Hao looked at the spirit herbs and nodded. “Alright.”

Not every mine was valuable, but the spirit herbs here were indeed worth a lot. Besides, with these three helping to sell them, it was much better than him doing it himself.

The best course of action was to sell them for spirit stones.

Otherwise, he would have to wait until he returned to sell them, which would expose the fact that he had earned a large sum of money. That might bring another set of troubles. It was better to deal with it here.

They took out the spirit herbs.

At present, there were more than twenty spirit herbs. Jiang Hao recognized some of them. Their value should be high, especially because they gave off bubbles.

If a particular spirit herb could consistently produce blue bubbles, it would

undoubtedly be incredibly valuable.

In front of another cave, Ding Yu frowned.

“If we leave the spirit herbs here unattended, they might wither. Moreover, there’s no one mining in the mine here.”

Even if they found someone at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, the person might run away after they left. They needed someone to mine in the cave.

“What should we do then? That person won’t come with us, and the other three are at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm,” Xia Dong said.

“Let’s find a way to cooperate. I think it’s possible,” said Ding Yu.

Xia Dong frowned. “How do we cooperate?”

“We hand over all the spirit herbs to that person, and then we divide the profits equally. The same goes for the ores,” Ding Yu said.

“Will they agree to that? We aren’t sure how they distribute their profits,” said Xia Dong.

Ding Yu thought for a moment. “It’s highly likely that they’ll agree to an equal split. We attempted to recruit them, so it means that we’ve increased our value. If those three aren’t fools, they won’t have any intention to refuse us. Also, we didn’t suffer any losses. After all, we brought spirit herbs and a new mine into the equation. Having more people will be beneficial for the future. Golden Core Realm

cultivators might be arriving in this area soon. The only thing I'm worried about is the mine. I heard it's not an ordinary one, and someone might keep an eye on it."

"What's special about that mine?" Xia Dong asked curiously.

"It's hard to say, but one of my senior sisters went in before. Ten days later, she left and didn't dare to get close again. She warned me not to enter. Even if I do enter, she told me not to linger there. If your mental strength isn't firm enough, you might fall into the trap," Ding Yu said.

"But that person has been mining there for a long time..." Xia Dong was puzzled.

"His mind may be very firm, but it's also possible that he has already fallen into the trap. I asked him if he wanted to leave as a way to test him." Ding Yu sighed. "Unfortunately, I couldn't get an answer. However, he does seem to have been mining there for a long time. If we go over and join them, it won't be a bad thing."

Three days later, Jiang Hao noticed that there were suddenly many more spirit herbs.

He realized that there were two additional partners in their group. Those were the two people from before.

Gu Wen explained to him that they wanted to join their group and share the profits equally.

Jiang Hao didn't refuse this arrangement. The more spirit herbs, the better.

During these two days, he hadn't seen the Charm Goddess anywhere. Everything was relatively quiet.

On the seventh day, she appeared again.

"It seems if I don't look for you, you won't look for me at all," said a resentful voice.

Jiang Hao sensed magic in those words, as though they were trying to persuade him to care about her.

'Is this a charm technique?'

Fortunately, he didn't feel anything even after hearing those words.

"Do you think my clothes are too revealing? I'll wear more clothes next time," the Charm Goddess said in a soft voice when she noticed Jiang Hao's indifference.

"What is the danger in this cave?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I don't know, but..." Before the Charm Goddess could continue, her head was sliced off by a single sword strike.

She glared angrily at Jiang Hao. "Can't you let me finish speaking? I don't know, but if you're curious, I can find out for you. I hate you!"

After that, the Charm Goddess disappeared from the spot.

Jiang Hao paid no attention to her and continued mining.

At the Myriad Stone Forest, the Heavenly Stele Mountain stood tall.

A man who appeared to be in his late twenties was contemplating a stone tablet.

After a while, he opened his eyes and looked into the distance. "It's almost time... It's almost time. After preparing for so many years, I've finally returned to this place. Little Mei, wait for me... wait for me to find you. This time, I'll take you out of here. You belong to me!"

His desire was clear in his eyes.

“Unfortunately, this body is too weak. Even with all my strength, it’s only at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. I need more power. If I successfully comprehend the divine ability from this stone tablet, I’ll have more hope. Many people want to get to you, but nobody is quicker than I am. Taking you out of here is difficult, but I have thought of a way. This time, I’ll have you completely.. Hahaha!”

Chapter 294: Getting Rich

One month after entering the Corpse Realm, Jiang Hao felt that the bubbles were appearing slower than usual in the mines.

By now, there were a total of nine bubbles. On average, he was only adding four or five points each time to his cultivation.

At this rate, it would take him a year to advance. But stability was valuable.

Besides, being able to advance in just over a year wasn’t such a bad thing.

He could sell the ores mined in exchange for spirit stones.

With those spirit stones, he could find a way to buy a special spirit herb that would give him more bubbles.

He could talk to Lian Daozhi about it. If he had any high-quality seeds, Jiang Hao could help him cultivate those.

If he had enough spirit stones, he had endless opportunities. He could even activate the bloodline of the spirit beast once again, and it might cough another golden bubble.

Clang! Clang!

As Jiang Hao was mining in the cave, he unearthed a large ore.

As the ore hit the ground, a bubble appeared.

Just as it emerged, a purple light flashed.

[Divine Power Fragment +1]

‘Huh? A purple bubble?’

The sudden appearance of a purple bubble surprised him. He looked at the ore. The ore was as thick as a person’s arm and of knee-length.

‘Is this just a random drop or a special ore?’

He cleared the area around the ore to examine it more carefully. As he cleared the debris away, he noticed that the actual ore was only half the size. The color of the ore changed. It was bright green.

As he continued to clean it, it turned into a translucent emerald, green chunk of rock.

A green light could be seen inside the ore.

The light was full of vitality.

‘What kind of ore is this?’

Jiang Hao didn’t recognize the ore, but he knew it must be incredibly valuable.

‘It’s a pity it can’t be used on a saber. Otherwise, it would have been useful to me. Maybe I can sell it...’

He couldn’t take this ore back with him. He had to sell it here.

However, there was a problem. Did the disciples here have that many spirit stones?

Jiang Hao didn't think they would have many spirit stones. Perhaps they would have only a few thousand spirit stones or even less.

Should he find a Golden Core Realm cultivator or a Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator?

Golden Core Realm cultivators wouldn't have too many spirit stones. As for Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators, it was hard to say.

'If everyone is as poor as I am, then even Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators probably might not have much either.'

Jiang Hao put away the ore and sighed.

He continued to mine. He mostly got white bubbles.

Jiang Hao was quite satisfied with it.

He could clearly feel his strength and spirit getting stronger. He wouldn't mind mining for a hundred years if necessary.

Whenever he felt a sense of danger, he retreated with the ores.

He was very curious about the danger in the mines, but he didn't dare to explore it. He could only follow the rules.

When he left the mine, he saw Gu Wen waiting for him. "Fellow disciple, we sold a lot of things and earned a lot." "How much did we get?"

Jiang Hao saw that the ores were fewer than before.

“We divided everything equally among us. This is your share.” Gu Wen handed him some spirit stones. There were a total of 3,676 spirit stones.

‘So many?’

Their gains had to be split among six people, which meant they had earned about twenty thousand spirit stones. How was that possible?

It couldn’t be right. Ores were cheap.

Gu Wen seemed to have seen through Jiang Hao’s doubts. “Actually, ores are quite cheap, but there’s one that’s relatively rare called Green Surging Heart.

Those are quite expensive.”

Jiang Hao nodded. He remembered the green ore he just obtained.

“I actually just found a greenish-looking ore.”

Jiang Hao wasn’t worried about the others cheating him off of spirit stones. He believed that they wouldn’t be too stingy.

“Oh?” Gu Wen was surprised. “What did it look like?”

At this moment, the others walked over, seemingly interested in the new ore.

Jiang Hao took out the ore. Everyone was astonished to see it. Zhuge Zheng’s eyes widened. “Can I buy this ore from you?”

He looked at the others, as if wary that someone might try to snatch it from him.

“An innate trace of sword intent...” Gu Wen was also amazed. “Although a trace of sword intent isn’t much, for certain people, it’s a rare find. No price is too high for it. But we have a relatively low cultivation level, and if we set a high price, no one will buy it. Instead, others will try to snatch it away. So, I think you should set a reasonable price. How about 36,000 spirit stones?”

"Thirty-six thousand?" Zhuge Zheng frowned.

Jiang Hao was also surprised.

"Thirty-six thousand isn't too high, right? Besides, if we split it evenly, you only need to pay thirty thousand," Ding Yu said.

"I don't have that many spirit stones." 7.h11of Zheng said "I can
 ?? magictreasures as collateral. If I get more spirit stones
 later, I can redeem them."

Jiang Hao was speechless. He had just earned almost four thousand spirit stones.

Were disciples of major sects really poor like him?

He thought having more than two thousand spirit stones was not bad.

"Then just pay what you have," Jiang Hao said.

He didn't want the magical treasures. It would be hard to sell them.

Finally, Zhuge Zheng brought out four magical treasures as collateral.

Jiang Hao received five thousand spirit stones and a jade pendant.

“This is my sect’s jade pendant. If I don’t pay you the remaining spirit stones, you can take the pendant to my sect to exchange it for a thousand spirit stones or even more. In short, you won’t suffer a loss,” Zhuge Zheng said.

“Sword?” Jiang Hao looked at the word “sword” written on the jade pendant.

This pendant was indeed extraordinary. Even as a late-stage Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator, he felt its weight.

“The northern immortal sect... The Mountain Sea Sword Sect, where the sword gives birth to one lifeblood and millions of sword immortals illuminate the mountains and seas.” Gu Wen admired him.

Jiang Hao felt helpless. Of all the places in the world, the sect had to be in the north. He wouldn’t set foot in the northern region because the Divine Corpse Sect hated him.

He could only wait for an opportunity in the future.

He was more willing to go to the East instead. The Clear Sky School and the Bright Moon Sect were in the east.

He had only seen the mention of the Mountain Sea Sword Sect in the Mountain and Sea Chronicles.

“Is the Mountain Sea Sword Sect really formidable?” Murong Qingqing asked.

Jiang Hao had also wanted to ask that.

“Formidable?” Ding Yu smiled. “All the sects are. The Mountain Sea Sword Sect is on par with the Clear Sky School, although its ranking is not as high as the

Clear Sky School.”

Jiang Hao was stunned.

Jiang Hao, who had planned to go check on the spirit herbs, felt strange. He looked into the distance.

‘Here it comes... The summons...’

Chapter 295: Faster and Stronger Than Me

‘Here it comes again...’

It came once a month now.

Jiang Hao sensed that this time it was just the summoning, and it didn’t show him a path. But he could feel that the location seemed to be somewhere other than the Myriad Stone Forest. It should be somewhere else this time. ‘I wonder if it’s the same thing that is summoning me from before.’ He looked at the people around him. They all looked calm.

‘Is it that they didn’t hear the summons, or are they just good at pretending?’

Jiang Hao shook his head and didn’t pay any attention to the summons. He continued to tend to the spirit herbs.

It was a good way to improve his cultivation and earn spirit stones at the same time.

Myriad Stone Forest.

Heavenly Stele Mountain.

Yun Qi looked at the stone tablet in confusion. “Is the time?”

“Yes, it’s almost time. We should leave.” Lan Qian nodded. “We’ll wait for the next appearance. We don’t know where it will be exactly, but it should reappear within the next month. It will appear at least six times within a year.” “What can you comprehend in just one month?” Yun Qi asked.

“That’s just how it is with the Heavenly Stele Mountain. If you can’t comprehend it within a month, you can abandon the current stone tablet. If you don’t, it will be replaced by something else,” Lan Qian said.

“What if I don’t leave?” Yun Qi asked.

“I don’t know.” Fairy Lan Qian shook her head. “All I know is that those who didn’t leave have never appeared again after Heavenly Stele Mountain disappeared for half a month. No one knows where they went.”

Whoosh!

Suddenly, the stone tablet emitted a faint light.

“It’s happening again,” Yun Qi said and looked at the woman beside him.

“It’s another summoning.” Lan Qian frowned. “The fact that it’s summoning again after such a long time means that the person it’s calling for hasn’t arrived yet. And the fact that it summoned the person before it disappeared means the next location has already been determined. The person who received the summoning most likely knows the location already.”

“If such a person enters Heavenly Stele Mountain, will it cause any unusual phenomena?” Yun Qi asked.

“In theory, it shouldn’t...” Lan Qian thought for a moment. “Only if they comprehend something extraordinary will it attract the attention of the Heavenly Stele Mountain. But it’s just that such people are more likely to comprehend things more easily.”

The two then walked out of Heavenly Stele Mountain.

As they descended, a man who looked about twenty-seven or twenty-eight years old passed by them without even glancing at them.

Yun Qi turned to look in surprise. "That person looks very strange."

Lan Qian turned to glance at him. "His peak Primordial Spirit Realm fluctuates. What's strange about that?"

"The body isn't his. He has taken possession of it and his soul is extremely strong," Yun Qi said.

Lan Qian furrowed her brows but didn't speak.

"Let's go, Senior Sister. Let's go elsewhere and then look for Heavenly Stele Mountain. In case that genius appears, we can witness their greatness together," Yun Qi said.

The two left Heavenly Stele Mountain. After a little while, Heavenly Stele Mountain gradually disappeared, as if it had never existed in the first place.

At this moment, the man smiled and looked into the distance.

With one step, he leaped far ahead. He had the power to shrink space.

"With this magical power, I find Little Mei even faster and take her away from here. Blood Tide Forest, here I come! No one can stop me!"

He disappeared from where he stood. It wouldn't be long before he arrived at the Blood Tide Forest.

"Have you ever thought that the person you don't want to bother with might be the most beautiful person in the world?"

Jiang Hao paused and looked behind at the Charm Goddess.

“Did you finally notice my beauty? But I’m mad at you now. If you don’t persuade me, I won’t forgive you.”

Clang!

Jiang Hao had already drawn his Half-Moon Blade. Moonlight flashed.

The blade beheaded the Charm Goddess.

If it weren’t for the occasional rare ores, he would have gone somewhere else to mine.

There were indeed ores in the cave Ding Yu had mentioned, but the situation there seemed uncertain. And the quality of the ores there was just... average.

“No one cares about you except me, but you treat me this way!” The Charm Goddess was furious. She disappeared from sight.

Jiang Hao was unaffected by her antics. Sometimes he couldn’t tell whether his indifference was actually caused by the Heaven Extinction Gu Poison or if he had always been like this.

However, one thing was certain. Mining was more important to him than the Charm Goddess.

Seven days later, Jiang Hao found that all the ores had been successfully sold.

Unfortunately, this time he only received one thousand five hundred spirit stones.

So far, he had a total of over eleven thousand spirit stones.

In just over a month, he had made a fortune!

If it continued like this, he could earn more than what he could earn in several years outside.

However, he noticed that Gu Wen and the others had started fighting with others.

It seemed that everyone had gained some opportunities.

Zhuge Zheng seemed to have obtained the opportunity in advance and was currently absorbing the wisp of sword intent.

The others were not too happy about that.

Because once absorbed, Zhuge Zheng might advance to the Gold Core Realm.

They were all at the Foundation Establishment Realm, but he would soon advance to Golden Core Realm. It didn't sit well with them.

So, the other four decided to do something to stop him.

Jiang Hao didn't care. He had his spirit stones. That's all that mattered to him.

But soon, there was bad news.

"It's not so easy now." Gu Wen sighed. "Everyone who enters either doesn't bring many spirit stones or doesn't have enough to begin with. Unless we exchange items or treasures with the ores and spirit herbs, we won't earn much. Or... we might need to find more people. What do you all think?" Gu Wen asked.

“Spirit stones or item exchanges are fine. As time goes on, Gold Core Realm cultivators will definitely come here. We should avoid them,” Ding Yu said. “We will be targeted for our spirit stones. We should hide.”

“They will mostly give up on Heavenly Stele Mountain in half a year. We still have some time,” Zhuge Zheng said.

“Can’t we find seniors from our own sects Xia Dong asked.

“I think we can. I’ll look for a senior above the Golden Core Realm. Do you all agree to that?” asked Gu Wen.

Xia Dong was silent. The seniors would be formidably strong. Something might go wrong.

Jiang Hao suddenly frowned and looked into the distance. Someone was coming. Something terrifyingly strong...

‘Judging from the fluctuation of spiritual energy, probably something at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm. Something stronger than me...’

Jiang Hao felt uneasy.

Wasn’t it supposed to be a Gold Core Realm cultivator? How did someone in the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm appear all of a sudden?

Jiang Hao was shocked.

That was definitely not an ordinary body technique. Even his Light and Dust technique might be inferior in comparison.

It seemed that he still had to comprehend the Light and Dust Technique further if he wanted to have an advantage.

As soon as he appeared, his cultivation and technique were suppressed.

As expected, there was no place safer than his sect..

Chapter 296: Beat Him Up For Me

Jiang Hao looked at the person warily.

The person showed no concern for the people around him and didn't pay any attention to them at all. Although his aura wasn't unleashed fully, it was still too much to bear for those at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

Gu Wen and the others looked at the newcomer with worry.

"Greetings, Senior," Gu Wen said. "Is there anything we can do for you?"

'Is he looking at the mine?' Jiang Hao noticed that the person had been staring at the mine with obvious desire.

Jiang Hao guessed that he might have come for the Charm Goddess.

He used the Daily Appraisal ability on him.

Jiang Hao discovered that although the person was at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm, there was something strange about him.

[Ye Dong: True disciple of the Heavenly Feather Sect. At the Peak of the

Primordial Spirit Realm. He was killed by Shang An for his misdeeds. Then, his body was taken over by the latter. He has come for the Charm Goddess. He wants to take the Charm Goddess and her stone coffin outside the Corpse Realm, even if it means injuring himself severely.]

Jiang Hao was speechless. As expected, the person was here for the Charm Goddess.

Jiang Hao couldn't understand. Was it really necessary to go this far for a woman?

There were many beautiful women in this world, each with different personalities and traits. Why must he fixate on the Charm Goddess to this extent? Was a charm technique affecting his sanity?

'Maybe I'll never understand the feeling...' Jiang Hao sighed.

Firstly, because of the Heaven Extinction Gu Poison, he wasn't affected by charm techniques. Secondly, he was solely focused on improving his cultivation. He didn't want to get involved in romantic affairs, let alone find a partner.

These things would only become a burden in the long run.

"Are you mining here?" Shang An asked as he glanced at the ores.

"Yes. Do you need some ores, Senior?" asked Gu Wen politely. "We can give them all to you."

The others didn't speak.

The person seemed to be at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm, but his spiritual energy far exceeded that level. No one wanted to offend him.

The person had specifically come for the Charm Goddess. He wouldn't waste time chasing Jiang Hao.

"Who entered the mine?" Shang An asked.

Gu Wen fell silent.

“Me,” Jiang Hao said.

Shang An looked at him. “Did you see anything inside?”

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

“What did you see?”

“A woman,” Jiang Hao said truthfully.

Gu Wen and the others were surprised. They didn’t know about this.

“Alright. Stop talking.” Shang An looked excited.

Jiang Hao didn’t understand why he was behaving that way. After a while, Shang An said, “When do you enter the mine?”

“At night,” Jiang Hao said.

“I’ll go in with you tonight,” Shang An said.

After that, he sat down on the ground and waited. His gaze was fixed on the entrance of the cave.

Jiang Hao looked at the others. They didn’t say anything else.

As for the woman Jiang Hao had mentioned, they didn't ask about it further. But they did remember their seniors warning them about entering the mine. Perhaps it was because of this.

In the evening, the danger in the mine began to dissipate.

Jiang Hao stood at the entrance.

"It's safe to enter now," Shang An said.

Jiang Hao nodded and walked inside. Shang An followed him.

The others exchanged curious glances and began to retreat. After a while, they gathered together.

"What do you all think?" Gu Wen asked.

"Who is the woman?" Murong Qingqing asked.

"This powerful cultivator came for her. Could it be that Jiang Hao is also mining because of her?" Xia Dong asked.

"My Senior Sister once said that it's easy to fall into temptation once inside. Have they all fallen for her?" Ding Yu was puzzled.

"It seems that my Senior Brother broke through after half a year of mining. It's highly possible that he achieved enlightenment through his state of mind. However, we still don't know who the woman is and how many people will come for her. If we think about it carefully, this place is very dangerous." Gu Wen expressed his concern.

"Should we leave?" Zhuge Zheng asked.

“We should see how the senior handles it. But we might become hostages. Now is the best opportunity to leave,” Ding Yu said.

“Are you all going to leave?” Gu Wen asked the others. There was no response. “I think it’s best to have the freedom to come and go, but let’s agree in advance that we won’t take anything with us.”

“You’re not leaving?” Zhuge Zheng asked.

“Of course not. With any luck, I can make a fortune here and return to the sect with plenty of spirit stones. It will be much more convenient,” Gu Wen said with a smile.

This statement left everyone stunned. They couldn’t even refute it.

Indeed, in just a month, they had obtained ten thousand spirit stones.

What does ten thousand spirit stones a month mean?

Even if they continuously performed tasks, it would have taken them so long to collect that many spirit stones.

Zhuge Zheng also understood that his magical treasures were provided by his family, but spirit stones were always scarce.

Even with five thousand spirit stones per month, they could have everything they ever wanted.

“I’ll stay too,” Ding Yu said.

He wasn’t enticed by the spirit stones but had his own reasons.

“I’m leaving,” Zhuge Zheng said.

The others understood that Zhuge Zheng was about to ascend to the Gold Core Realm.

There was no need to take the risk.

Murong Qingqing was drawing something with a branch, but it broke.

"I'll stay too," she said.

"I'll stay as well," Xia Dong said.

Inside the mine, Jiang Hao walked ahead. "Senior, have you been here before?"

"I have." Shang An nodded.

At a three-way intersection, Jiang Hao went left.

"To the left?" Shang An frowned. "Shouldn't you be mining on the right side?" "Why should I mine on the right side?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Didn't you see Little Mei?" Shang An didn't understand, "Didn't she ask you to mine on the right side?"

"I just came here to mine," Jiang Hao said. "It didn't matter where I do the mining"

That puzzled Shang An. "You don't like Little Mei?" "Why should I like her?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Little Mei is so good..."

“There are more beautiful people in this world, and there are people with better personalities. Why should I like her?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Because none of those people like you,” Shang An said.

Jiang Hao was speechless. He didn’t understand Shang An at all.

“I came here to take Little Mei out of here and keep her by my side forever,” Shang An said.

“Senior, have you ever thought that she might go to find other powerful cultivators?” Jiang Hao asked.

Shang An fell silent.

After a while, Jiang Hao arrived at the spot and began to mine.

In the middle of the night, the familiar fragrance appeared, and Shang An became alert.

Little Mei appeared out of thin air.

She was dressed in robes today. It covered her entire body, which pleased

Shang An.

“Little Mei?” He called out in surprise.

“Um?” The Charm Goddess looked at Shang An in confusion.

“It’s me... Shang An.”

“Shang An?” The Charm Goddess approached Shang An and touched his face.

“How did you become like this? I didn’t even recognize you.”

“Is it really you?” The Charm Goddess grabbed Shang An’s hand and pressed it against her chest.

Shang An blushed. “There is someone else here.”

“Oh, he doesn’t like me at all. I like him so much, but he doesn’t pay attention to me. Shang An, can you beat him up for me?” The Charm Goddess asked miserably..

Chapter 297: Humble

Jiang Hao froze and looked warily at Shang An.

He started to communicate with the golden ring. The other person wouldn’t really give him enough time to escape.

“Why?” Shang An looked a bit hesitant. “I feel that this fellow disciple is quite decent.’

“Alright. I’ll listen to you and spare him,” said the Charm Goddess. “Shang An, why did you come here? Do you miss me?”

” I came to rescue you. This time, I am well-prepared and can take you out of here,” Shang An said.

“But if I go out, I will definitely find other men. Will you be jealous if I do that? I might also fall in love with them, but I will definitely like you more than anyone else, Shang An,” said the Charm Goddess. “So... maybe you shouldn’t rescue me. Just come and visit me whenever you want to.”

“It’s hard for me to come here,” said Shang An. “I will save you, and then you can do whatever you want.”

“I really like you, Shang An.” The Charm Goddess hugged Shang An. “After we get out of here, I will give birth to a son for you, and then a daughter. If it’s not yours, I don’t want it.”

Jiang Hao was speechless. He was surprised by Shang An’s reaction. He didn’t listen to the Charm Goddess and avoided a fight with him.

What surprised him was that Shang An acted so... humbly.

Did he need to stoop so low? With his cultivation, he could find anyone he wanted.

It made Jiang Hao frustrated. He couldn’t bear to see Shang An being treated that way.

He sighed and continued to mine. He couldn’t get involved in other people’s affairs.

Later, they left that place and went in different directions. Jiang Hao was happy to have some peace and quiet.

[Spirit +1] [Strength +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

He felt the familiar sense of danger and stopped mining. ‘The time passed so quickly that I didn’t even notice it.’

Jiang Hao walked out with the ores.

At the fork in the road, he met Shang An.

Shang An looked overjoyed.

“Senior.” Jiang Hao respectfully greeted him. “Just call me Shang An.” Shang An smiled. “I’m Jiang Hao.”

Then the two walked outside the cave together.

When they came out, they noticed that one person was missing.

According to Gu Wen, Zhuge Zheng had left to focus on breaking through to the Gold Core Realm.

“How about I join your group? I can help with mining,” said Shang An. “I am okay with however you are distributing your gains.”

Gu Wen was pleasantly surprised. “How could that be? Senior, your aura protects us from the nearby riffraff. Your share should be more. What do you all think?”

The others had no objections, but Jiang Hao was a little unhappy. However, when he saw that Shang An had brought out more ores than him, he readily agreed.

With the Charm Goddess’ help, perhaps he could dig up something valuable.

For the next month, they continued mining.

At first, the Charm Goddess didn’t appear before them, but she started showing up in the second half of the night.

This made Jiang Hao frown.

“Do you feel neglected? I can accompany you to mine now. Would you like to praise me a little?”

Clang!

The Charm Goddess' head flew off.

If Shang An was present, Jiang Hao couldn't make a move. How dare she come to disturb him again.

Jiang Hao continued mining.

His gains had been quite good. In the past three weeks, he had already obtained eight blue bubbles. He might have a chance to obtain two more blue bubbles.

In the early morning, he felt the danger and retreated.

At this moment, he saw Shang An sitting in front of the spirit field. He had come out of the cave early.

"Senior, why did you come out so early?" Jiang Hao asked.

"When Little Mei went to find you, I came out," Shang An said.

"Why did you agree to it?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

Shang An fell silent.

"Do you look down on me? Do you think I'm so infatuated with her that I would agree to anything, no matter how low it might be?"

"No." Jiang Hao shook his head.

He didn't want to quarrel with Shang An.

"You might not understand. She is the only person in my life who truly cares for me," Shang An said sadly. "My current appearance is not my true self. The real me was very ugly. I was born in a mountainous village. I was bitten by venomous creatures, and my body exuded a foul odor. My appearance was...

unbearable. Later, I was taken away by the Ten Thousand Poison Sect, and that was when I began my cultivation path."

Jiang Hao was surprised to hear that.

Shang An took a deep breath. "Because I was born close to venomous creatures, my cultivation progress was rapid. But my appearance and body had already been corroded by poison, and it was difficult to reverse the effect. Even if I achieved great progress in cultivation, I still looked hideous. I sought other women. They didn't refuse me, but I could see that they were disgusted by me. Even if they concealed it well, I could still sense it. For so many years, I didn't dare to get close to women at all. I was afraid my twisted character would make me harm them. I have this tendency in my character that I... I don't want to be that person anymore."

"Then I met Little Mei. She wasn't disgusted by me. She only held curiosity and affection toward me. You can't understand that feeling. It's the feeling of being loved for the first time in this life. I couldn't forget her. I wanted Little Mei to be mine. My desires drive me. I want to be ahead of others and have her forever for myself, even if it means I have to make sacrifices. You might not understand it..."

Jiang Hao fell silent.

He sat down next to Shang An. "Indeed, I can't understand. I'm wholeheartedly focused on becoming stronger. I don't want to be influenced by such emotions."

Shang An smiled. "Cultivation is also about satisfying one's desires. Every cultivator desires longevity and strength. It's just that my desires are a bit different from theirs."

"If Little Mei dies, what will you do?" Jiang Hao asked.

He recalled another Golden Core Realm cultivator who had died to avenge Senior Sister Yun Ruo.

Shang An shook his head.

Jiang Hao didn't say anything more. He thought that there might definitely be someone who might want to kill the Charm Goddess. She didn't know how to restrain her desires at all.

After that, Jiang Hao began to take care of the spirit herbs. There were more spirit herbs than before. If they could sell all of them, they might earn thousands of spirit stones.

He wondered how much profit he would make this month.

Boom!

Suddenly, there was a rumble from ahead.

Soon, Gu Wen and Ding Yu returned. They were returned.

"What happened?" Shang An asked.

"A Gold Core Realm cultivator appeared and tried to take our ores," Gu Wen said.

Soon, the Gold Core Realm cultivator caught up with them.

He saw Shang An and hesitated. Then, he fled.

Shang An reached out, and the opponent activated a defensive treasure. In an instant, a powerful defense emerged, and the space started to distort. He

wanted to teleport away.

Bang!

After Shang An shattered the defense, the opponent was shaken by the aftermath. He spat out blood and disappeared on the spot.

Jiang Hao frowned. Shang An had held back.

It seemed he didn't want to engage with the other party.

Jiang Hao didn't mind. As far as anyone knew, he was only at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. He didn't want to get into trouble.

What he cared about was how much profit he would make this time.

However, before anyone else could speak, he felt the summons once again. It just wouldn't end.

Soon after, he saw a passage. If he responded, he could instantly take the path.

Jiang Hao was speechless..

Chapter 298: Will Heavenly Stele Mountain Appear Here?

At the edge of the Blood Tide Forest, a man in robes appeared from a spatial vortex.

He was coughing up blood and his face was pale.

The aftermath of the attack from someone in the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm had injured him severely.

“Ye Dong? How could he be here?” Bu Hai Cheng leaned against a tree.

He quickly took out a spiritual pill and swallowed it. If he didn’t act fast after suffering such a blow, he might be stuck here forever.

Bu Hai Cheng knew well that he would undoubtedly die if Ye Dong found him.

He had just advanced to the Golden Core Realm, and he didn’t expect to encounter someone in the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

“Why would he be here? What is he doing here? Is it also for that mine? Does he know what’s inside?” Bu Hai Cheng found it hard to believe that. Why would Ye Dong come here alone?

At that moment, a ray of light flashed from his waist.

Without hesitation, Bu Hai Cheng activated the jade pendant hanging from his waist.

“How is it going on your side, Junior Brother Bu?” A voice came from the jade pendant.

Bu Hai Cheng coughed painfully. “I should have found the mine. There’s the Green Surging Heart Ore Vein inside.”

“Green Surging Heart ore? Then it’s probably true. We’re almost there. We’ll be able to get there in a few days,” said the voice from the jade pendant.

“But there’s a problem,” said Bu Hai Cheng weakly. “After advancing to the Golden Core Realm, I planned to go there and investigate, but I found Ye Dong there. It seems like he’s also interested in that mine.”

“Ye Dong? How did he come here? Did you manage to escape?” said the voice from the jade pendant.

“By luck,” Bu Hai Cheng said.

“Alright, I’ll arrange for someone to assist you. Although dealing with Ye Dong may be troublesome, he’s not a concern as long as there are no other Primordial Spirit Realm experts nearby. We need to act quickly to avoid any complications. Ye Dong’s sudden appearance in the Foundation Establishment region indicates that there’s something important drawing him away from Heavenly Stele Mountain. There must be something we don’t know, and we need to discover it,” said the voice from the jade pendant.

“By the way, I heard some rumors before coming in,” Bu Hai Cheng said. “They say someone wants to trap Ye Dong in the Corpse Realm. Now that he’s here, he will undoubtedly attract even stronger opponents.”

“That’s indeed troublesome. It seems we need to find some more people, but first, we should know who’s there. Maybe we can gather some information from their side,” said the voice from the jade pendant.

“That’s easy, I heard about it before entering the Corpse Realm. They’re selling ores, so we can inquire about the situation,” Bu Hai Cheng said.

“Alright, wait for two days, and I’ll send some people over to join you,” the voice from the jade pendant said. The light from the pendant dimmed.

Bu Hai Cheng leaned against the tree and gazed up at the sky as if pondering something. Suddenly, he became excited.

“I remember when I was scanning the area, I saw someone in the later Foundation Establishment Realm. Let’s see if we can ascertain their origin and perhaps try to communicate with them. In the place where Ye Dong is, the other weaker cultivators are like prisoners, so we might be able to use them. If not, we’ll have to think carefully before taking any action, as we might scare away the snake before catching it.”

Jiang Hao looked into the distance, where the Three Elements Array of the Corpse Realm seemed to be.

If he took a step forward, he would arrive at the summoning location.

However, it made him feel like he was walking into a trap.

So, he ignored it once again.

No matter what it was, he didn't think it would be any good.

Even if it was a great opportunity, he couldn't risk it.

He had the Hong Meng Heart Sutra for his cultivation technique, the Primordial Heavenly Sword for his magical treasure, along with the nine golden rings, and his divine abilities.

He also had sealing techniques like the Universe in a Palm and the Seven-Star Sealing Technique.

Moreover, he had a movement technique like the Light and Dust Technique.

He knew a total of three forms from the Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade.

He knew how to be stealthy from the nameless manual.

Jiang Hao didn't lack anything.

If he needed something else, he could still obtain it in the future.

The Hong Meng Heart Sutra had follow-up techniques, and divine abilities and magical treasures can be added after.

It wasn't necessary for him to seek dangerous adventures right now.

He was doing fine in the Foundation Establishment region. He was becoming stronger and earning spirit stones.

One could say that this was his greatest opportunity.

Afterward, he stopped thinking and began tending to the spirit herbs.

Two people had left, so he was roughly certain about this month's earnings.

In the evening, Xia Dong and Murong Qingqing returned. They sat together to calculate the total earnings.

In the end, Jiang Hao received 2,160 spirit stones, which was a bit less compared to what he had gotten before.

"Mainly because there weren't many buyers. We sold at a very low price, but they still ran out of spirit stones. We need to find more people," Gu Wen said helplessly.

Indeed, there aren't many spirit stones in the Foundation Establishment region.

"If many Golden Core Realm cultivators enter the Corpse Realm, it will be easier. If they aren't here to seize the Foundation Establishment region's opportunities, we can try to trade with them," Ding Yu said.

"But why would Golden Core Realm cultivators come here?" Murong Qingqing

asked.

"If there's something extraordinary here, it might attract them," Xia Dong said.

“Something extraordinary?” Gu Wen suddenly thought of something. “There is one thing extraordinary here.”

“What is it?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Heavenly Stele Mountain,” Gu Wen said jokingly. “Heavenly Stele Mountain can move, so if it comes to the Blood Tide Forest, nearby Gold Core Realm cultivators will definitely come here. Then, we can easily sell things.”

“Why don’t we go up to Heavenly Stele Mountain ourselves?” Murong Qingqing asked.

“We can go there and extract ores at the same time,” Ding Yu said.

“Don’t daydream. Let’s be realistic. I’ve never heard of heavenly Stele Mountain appearing at the Blood Tide Forest,” Xia Dong said.

They all smiled. It was just a casual remark. Everyone knew it was impossible.

Jiang Hao sighed. This was getting troublesome. It was indeed possible to take the ores with them and sell them, but it might attract unnecessary attention.

If some seniors asked for the spirit stones to borrow, would they be able to refuse?

Jiang Hao realized that mining in the Corpse Realm was very profitable.

He didn’t know if he would have the chance to come here again.

“Take your time. There’s no rush,” Shang An said. “If it doesn’t work, we can just sell the ores here slowly.”

Jiang Hao looked at Shang An.

Yuan Shen cultivators should have plenty of spiritual stones. If he could give Shang An Daoist the batch of mines he was allocated, would that work?

“Is that possible?”

“Sure,” Shang An said. “But we might need to lower the price. Of course, we might not sell them all in the end. I don’t have many spirit stones, either.”

Gu Wen was speechless.

‘He’s really easy to talk to...’ Jiang Hao was also surprised.

With the earnings secured, he felt relieved. He could continue mining.

After dark, he went inside the mine with Shang An.

“Do you have any knowledge about the dangers here, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked..

Chapter 299: Giving Birth

“At first, I did try to explore, but I didn’t find anything,” Shang An said. “When I tried to enter during the day, I felt that my lifeblood was constantly being absorbed. I couldn’t find anything at all. It’s like an endless abyss here that devours everything.”

“Absorbing lifeblood?” Jiang Hao thought about it but couldn’t figure anything out. Although curious, he had no intention of trying it out. Some dangers are best avoided if possible. Less curiosity meant less danger.

Unless some danger arises while he's mining, then he'll have to pay attention.

The Corpse Realm gave him the feeling that many places here were dangerous but generally safe the rest of the time. He didn't know why.

Someone came out to greet Jiang Hao at the fork in the road.

A charming figure, like a white light, landed on Shang An. She hugged him.

"Shang An, you're here. I've been thinking about you all day. Did you miss me?"

"Yes, I did." Shang An nodded.

She held him even tighter and then turned to Jiang Hao. "Do you want me to hug you too? Sweet-talk to me a little, and next time, I might give you a hug too."

Jiang Hao ignored her and said to Shang An, "I'm going left, Senior. You're going right?"

Shang An nodded.

"In that case, I won't disturb you," Jiang Hao said and headed to the left.

"Shang An, let's ignore him. Let's go to the little room. Tonight, we can try a different position."

Jiang Hao heard them as they left.

"Keep your voice down. It's easy to be overheard," Shang An said.

"What are you afraid of? It's not like we're doing something wrong. We're partners," the Charm Goddess said.

“Partners?”

“Don’t you want me?”

“I do...”

“In that case, take me out of here. I’ll give you a child first. A son, maybe. I’m afraid a daughter will tempt you just like me in the future. Oh, your body... We need your true body to make a child.”

“But my body... It’s a bit...”

“A bit what? A bit handsome? A bit likable? Anyway, I want your true body. Otherwise, you can’t touch me. You can only touch this illusory body. Is that okay? Otherwise, I’ll feel rejected.”

“No, how could that be? Alright, when the time comes...”

Jiang Hao couldn’t hear their voices anymore. But he didn’t know how to talk with Shang An.

What’s wrong with him? Why was he being so stupid when it came to the Charm Goddess?

‘I don’t understand.’

Jiang Hao arrived at the mining location and swung his hoe to continue gathering bubbles.

In the middle of the night, he suddenly smelled a familiar fragrance. He turned around.

“I’ve been quietly watching you mine. Why are you always so scared?” said the Charm Goddess with a smile.

Jiang Hao looked at her and continued mining without a word.

“Are you uncomfortable when Shang An and I are together?” she asked.

Before Jiang Hao could respond, she said, “I’m angry with you, that’s why I’m deliberately provoking you. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be so obvious about it. If you want me to treat you nicely, that’s a bit difficult for me. I promised Shang An to treat him better than others because he doesn’t dislike me. I won’t break my promise, so I won’t lie to you either.”

Jiang Hao paused for a moment and then said, “If you stay away from me, perhaps I won’t kill you.”

“You’re really heartless,” she said. “Then how about you punish me? Anything is fine.”

Jiang Hao unsheathed his saber. The Charm Goddess was beheaded again.

The decapitated head of the woman on the ground glared at him. “You heartless b*stard! I don’t believe there’s any normal woman in this world who cares about you.”

Hong Yuye flashed through Jiang Hao’s mind. She might care about him, but she wasn’t really “normal.”

Jiang Hao chuckled and continued mining.

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One week later, Heavenly Stele Mountain appeared once again.

This time, it was in the Primordial Spirit region.

Yun Qi and Lan Qian stood at the foot of Heavenly Stele Mountain.

"This time it's the Primordial Spirit region. I wonder what area it will be next time," Yun Qi said with a smile.

"The summoning is still ongoing, which means that the person still hasn't appeared. The summoning is even stronger than before. With such a strong summoning coupled with the Three Elements Array, there's no reason the person couldn't find their way." Lan Qian frowned. "Is this extraordinary genius intentionally avoiding us?"

"An extraordinary genius avoiding us?" Yun Qi was quite surprised. "Isn't Heavenly Stele Mountain said to be the core of all opportunities? How could someone avoid that?"

"I don't know... Maybe something has delayed him," Lan Qian said. They proceeded forward. They didn't stop at the first stone tablet they encountered, nor did they stop at the second.

"How many stone tablets do you want to see?" Lan Qian asked.

Yun Qi thought for a moment. "The sixth one. What do you think about it,

Senior Sister?"

"It's nothing special. The sixth stone monument doesn't have anything extraordinary." Lan Qian shook her head.

"In that case, we should go there. Sometimes, the lack of something extraordinary might be the most extraordinary thing," Yun Qi said seriously.

When they arrived at the sixth stone tablet, they stopped and stood before it.

“Is this the sixth stone tablet?” Yun Qi asked, looking at the plain-looking monument.

The size and style of the stone tablet were ordinary. However, it didn’t dampen Yun Qi’s interest. As he looked at the stone tablet, he saw an ordinary phrase written on it: “Calm your mind and spirit, and you will see heaven and earth.”

“Give it a try. They say this stone tablet is relatively easy to comprehend something from,” Lan Qian said calmly.

Yun Qi nodded. He closed his eyes and began to comprehend it. In an instant, he seemed to resonate with the stone tablet. Soon, he saw heaven and earth. He felt as if he were standing within the universe.

‘And then?’ Yun Qi waited for a long time. It might have been a day or a week. He couldn’t tell. But that was all. He couldn’t get anything more.

‘Truly calm your mind and spirit, and you will see heaven and earth.’

Finally, he woke up. When he looked at the person beside him, he felt a special aura emanating from them.

Then, Lan Qian opened her eyes. Her eyes had some text flowing within them.

“Senior Sister, did you comprehend it too?” Yun Qi was astonished.

“Almost. By refining it here for a while, I should be able to fully comprehend its contents,” Lan Qian said calmly.

“How?” Yun Qi asked curiously.

“It’s a technique,” Lan Qian said.

“Please teach me, Senior Sister.”

“Teach you?” Lan Qian was silent for a while. “What do I get in return?”

“What do you want? If there’s something you want to learn or if there’s someone you don’t like, I can help,” Yun Qi said earnestly.

It seemed like he could handle anything.

“Then let’s wait a while. If I need something, I’ll let you know,” Lan Qian said.

“No problem. Where do we go now?” Yun Qi asked.

“Refine for a few more days, then let’s go take a look at Thirty-Six Heavenly Stars. They say that if we get close, we can see some extraordinary things. The more comprehension we have, the faster our cultivation will progress,” Lan Qian said..

Chapter 300: Capturing the Late Foundation Establishment Realm Cultivator

In Blood Tide Forest, after half a month of recuperation, Bu Hai Cheng’s body had finally healed. He had made rapid progress since coming here two months ago. If it weren’t for his unfortunate encounter with Ye Dong, he wouldn’t be in this situation.

At this moment, Bu Hai Cheng was waiting under a giant tree. Someone should be coming to assist him.

Sure enough, a woman approached from a distance, and her divine aura spread out. Bu Hai Cheng quickly stepped forward to greet her. “Greetings, Xue Yue.”

The woman was dressed in a blue and white gown. She looked at him icily. It seemed she didn’t want to be here.

“Is Ye Dong really here?” Xue Yue asked.

“Yes, I saw him with my own eyes, ” Bu Hai Cheng said.

“Have you found out about their situation?” Xue Yue asked.

“I can confirm that there are six of them. One is Ye Dong, and four others are in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. One is in the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. The four people are a bit laid-back, but there is one person who doesn’t venture out. He only goes to the cave to mine at night and takes care of the spirit herbs,” said Bu Hai Cheng. “I still don’t know which sect they belong to , but most of the people in the Corpse Realm come from the northern region.”

“Don’t worry about where they come from. The people here have no lack of background and power. It’s better not to know so that we don’t become overly cautious,” Xue Yue said coldly.

Bu Hai Cheng nodded. The people here, regardless of their sect or strength, were formidable.

“What should we do now?” Bu Hai Cheng asked.

Xue Yue looked into the distance. “First, we need to figure out Ye Dong’s intentions. Among those people, who is the closest to him?”

“It should be the one who goes in to mine in the cave. They always enter the cave together.”

“Is there any other information about that mine?” Xue Yue asked.

In theory, no one should have discovered that mine. They had deduced that it was related to the Green Surging Heart based on information from many sources. If the mine hadn’t appeared, they might still be searching for it. So how did these people know about it?

"I've heard some rumors. Some say that entering that mine can cause people to lose themselves, but the details aren't clear," Bu Hai Cheng said. "There may be something hidden there that we are unaware of."

"Find someone who has recently entered the mine and try to lure him out, so we can inquire about it," Xue Yue said.

Bu Hai Cheng agreed. There should be no issues in luring that person to them. Dealing with a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator wasn't difficult. The main concern was whether the opponent possessed life-saving treasures.

They had to be cautious and approach him discreetly before making a move.

Another seven days passed.

Jiang Hao realized that he had been in the Corpse Realm for two and a half months now. He had accumulated twenty-six blue bubbles through mining. He felt that the mines of the Heavenly Note Sect yielded definitely more than

here.

After returning, he would have to figure out a way to go to the mines.

As for profits, there hadn't been much progress. Currently, he had only fifteen thousand spirit stones, mostly obtained during the early period. There was still a large portion of the mined ores in the warehouse, and many spirit herbs as well. However, the spirit herbs were difficult to sell, so he could only wait.

But could they hold on until the end?

Sometimes, when Senior Brother Shang An was not around, he felt like someone was watching him. He didn't know what they were planning.

Mining in the cave was going smoothly. As soon as the Charm Goddess appeared, he drew his saber and sent her away. He then could mine uninterrupted throughout the night.

"I'm about to dig up Little Mei's body. Something might happen then, so I must go out and prepare. Friend Jiang, be careful. There are many ores and spirit herbs here. Someone will undoubtedly be watching," Shang An said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

After that, Shang An briefly set up a defensive formation and then went about his own business. Once he left, Jiang Hao looked toward the mine. He frowned. "The Charm Goddess is about to come out of the mine?"

In truth, he didn't want to encounter her. Her strength far surpassed his own. If she came out of the cave with a body, he might be in danger. Moreover, an existence like hers could easily bring various dangers.

It was clear that Shang An had no intention of restraining her. He couldn't bet on the hope that she would change her mind. That was simply impossible. The Charm Goddess had never lied to Shang An. She had already made it clear that she might pursue other powerful individuals if she was set free.

'Should I stop her from escaping?'

Jiang Hao frowned.

Stopping her would mean becoming an enemy of Shang An. His strength was formidable, and the difference between their cultivation levels was vast. A direct confrontation might be dangerous.

On the other hand, escaping from here was safer. Jiang Hao could conceal his aura and hide by using his techniques. It shouldn't be easy for these people to find him.

Two figures suddenly appeared in front of the defensive formation.

'Early stage of the Golden Core Realm and early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm...' Jiang Hao was surprised when he looked at them.

Another Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator had come to the Foundation Establishment region. What was the reason for so many Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators gathering here?

He remembered the person at the Golden Core Realm.

"Would you like to talk here or step out for a minute?" Bu Hai Cheng politely asked.

"Anything is fine with me," Jiang Hao said.

He wanted to know the intentions of these people. Even if he needed to act, he didn't need to worry much. This wasn't the Heavenly Note Sect, and he didn't need to be cautious about fighting here. If it didn't attract the attention of Heavenly Stele Mountain, it should be fine.

He didn't know how much killing would attract attention in the Corpse Realm. In any case, normal fights should be fine.

"Um..." Bu Hai Cheng was ready to persuade him but was taken aback when Jiang Hao agreed readily. It was unexpected.

Jiang Hao walked out of the defensive formation. "Shall we talk here or take a step further?"

"Let's go further," Bu Hai Cheng said.

The situation was proceeding too smoothly, which made him feel uneasy. Once they moved a bit farther, Jiang Hao asked, "What do you want to know?"

"We are well aware of Ye Dong. If you help us, we can help you escape his clutches," Bu Hai Cheng said.

At first, Jiang Hao was puzzled, but then he understood. Ye Dong wasn't a good person, and it seemed that they believed he was being held against his will. Jiang Hao thought for a while. "What do you want me to do?"

"What is inside the mine?" Xue Yue asked.

"There are ores and an entity waiting to be resurrected. I don't know the details," Jiang Hao said.

"Is it a man or a woman?" Xue Yue asked again.

"It's a woman," Jiang Hao said.

The news surprised the two, but they couldn't believe Ye Dong had come here for a woman. It was unlikely that he would come here for just one woman. There must be something special about her.

"Is she strong?" Xue Yue asked.

"Not very strong." Jiang Hao shook his head.

At least, not strong at the moment.

"Are you also keeping an eye on the mine?" asked Jiang Hao.

"Some things aren't for you to know. Don't ask," Xue Yue responded coldly.

Jiang Hao frowned. "I've answered many of your questions. You should answer some of mine too."

"I can answer them," said Bu Hai Cheng. "But if you know too much, it'll be difficult for you to leave. I'll answer your first question. We are keeping an eye on the mine, but not because of the woman. We are after a treasure hidden in the mine.."

