

## **A Demoness 311**

### Chapter 311: Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl

Lan Qian stepped forward on the grassy lawn. Her steps were graceful.

Yun Qi looked at her and smiled. "Senior Sister, have you never thought of finding a companion?"

"Don't you think that finding a companion would affect my cultivation?" Lan Qian asked calmly.

"I don't feel that way. Cultivating with a companion has certain benefits," Yun Qi said. "I have seen many cases like that."

"I don't cultivate in that way. I only focus on my own cultivation," Lan Qian said.

"Not even a clone?" Yun Qi asked. "If your clone is of the opposite gender, what would the seniors of the sect think?"

Lan Qian asked, "Do you like your own body very much?"

Yun Qi smiled. "Do you have a clone?" "No, I don't," Lan Qian said.

"Why?" Yun Qi looked puzzled.

"The Nine Extreme Corpse Technique has more than one cultivation method. It's just that most people have clones," Lan Qian said calmly.

Just as Yun Qi was about to ask further, the sky lit up. Immediately, the formation started to surge.

This sudden change surprised them.

“Someone has triggered the Human Yuan Formation! Why would that be?” Lan Qian was puzzled.

“Wow... their cultivation level must be quite high.” Yun Qi was also surprised.

“Isn’t it risky not to conceal themselves while going out?”

At that moment, a vortex appeared in the Human Yuan Formation. It was clear that the vortex led outside the Corpse Realm.

“Someone actually researched the Human Yuan Formation so thoroughly...” Lan Qian was astonished.

At this moment, a purple light streaked across the sky and rushed toward the vortex.

“What is that?” Lan Qian was confused.

“The person went to great lengths to open the vortex just to send that out?”

Yun Qi smiled. “Such impressive power.”

Lan Qian looked at him in surprise.

“Senior Sister, where will the Heavenly Stele Mountain appear? Let’s continue to comprehend the sixth tablet,” Yun Qi said.

“Whether we’ll encounter it depends on luck,” Lan Qian said with a frown. “I don’t know why that genius is hesitating to appear. Since they’ve entered the

Corpse Realm, what could be more important than Heavenly Stele Mountain?" "Perhaps that genius is already here," Yun Qi said.

They didn't know for sure and could only wait to see if that genius would appear next time.

At the Blood Tide Forest, Jiang Hao applied another concealment talisman to himself. Only then did he walk toward the green light.

He didn't dare to get too close.

At this moment, he was prepared to flee at any time. He kept the golden rings and the teleportation talisman ready.

The two rings were still active, and he had retrieved the ones he had used before.

Jiang Hao was only faintly visible in the moonlight.

Suddenly, a wave of energy came crashing down.

Jiang Hao was alarmed. He hid behind a tree.

Then, a green light soared into the sky.

This time, Jiang Hao could see the green light clearly from a distance. It was coming from a jade-like green bead.

It seemed to be full of vitality but carried a terrifying aura as if it could devour his entire soul.

'So, this is the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl?' Jiang Hao was astonished.

As the bead ascended, it was suppressed by another formation. It was difficult for them to break the seal, even if they wanted to.

Jiang Hao observed for a while and slowly approached the area. Soon, he sensed a formation ahead and decided not to get closer.

Boom!

The aura of a peak Primordial Spirit Realm appeared and suppressed the bead.

At this time, the bead was flying into the sky.

Jiang Hao was surprised to find that the bead was coming toward him. He had to step back!

Boom!

Another peak Primordial Spirit Realm joined the bead.

Soon, the bead was suppressed at the edge of the formation.

Sensing the aura of the two individuals, Jiang Hao stayed hidden in the darkness. Someone at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm was already powerful enough. He hadn't expected two of them.

Moreover, someone was likely maintaining the formation, and that person might be the strongest one.

He glanced at the bead and appraised it.

If his strength wasn't enough or if he was too far away, the divine ability might fail.

[Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl: In a semi-sealed state. When awakened, it can devour all flesh and blood in the vicinity and give birth to something entirely new. It is a part of the Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl. It might find a new body after long-term contact. It can be sealed with Hong

Meng purple energy or destroyed with the Heavenly Blade.]

It could still be sealed with purple energy. However, the pearl wasn't fully sealed. The Universe in a Palm might not be strong enough to seal it.

It could be destroyed with the Heavenly Blade.

This bead was only a part of the Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl. It was merely a key to finding the Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl.

It was evident that the Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl was as terrifying as the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

This was the ultimate goal of the End of All Things.

Jiang Hao stood still and checked his own condition. His Reappearance of Hidden Spirit was still active, and he was at his peak.

'Should I take action?'

Recalling the terror of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, Jiang Hao sighed. He had to take the gamble.

In an instant, he began to connect the golden sub-rings.

The Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman was also activated.

At the last moment, Jiang Hao was shrouded in purple energy, and he held the Heavenly Blade in his hand. The intent of the blade surged as if ten thousand mountains were pressing down on everything.

He used the second form of the heavenly Blade: Mountain Suppression.

He slashed.

Boom!

The sudden attack shocked the two black-robed individuals.

Both felt their scalps tingle and retreated to avoid its edge.

Boom!

The Mountain Suppression broke the formation and then crashed onto the Earth Extreme Heart devouring Pearl.

The previously active bead suddenly felt suppressed by something. Countless cracks spread across the bead. Then there was a loud bang.

The bead shattered into pieces and scattered in all directions.

At this moment, Dongfang Ji's power surged again. The formation trapped most of the fragments, but a small portion flew out.

"Chase after them!" he said.

The two black-robed individuals looked in the direction of the attack, but there was no one there.

They didn't even know if it was a person who had attacked them.

But they didn't have time to think about it and immediately began to chase after the fragments.

Dongfang Ji landed on the spot where Jiang Hao had been moments ago. "Impressive! This small Foundation Establishment region is truly beginning to get interesting."

The terrifying person from earlier, the one that triggered the Human Yuan Formation after that, and the person who shattered the pearl was not ordinary people.

"We have to leave this area as soon as possible."

In the forest, Jiang Hao looked around and realized he didn't know where he was.

He sensed danger behind him.

He was surprised to find a giant tree attacking him. Fortunately, it was slow.

Jiang Hao disappeared from the spot.

He reappeared outside Blood Tide Forest and on top of a mountain.

'I'm safe for now.'

He let out a sigh of relief.

The golden rings were powerful, but they required a little bit of time to activate.

He had relied on the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman just now.

Now, he only had one ring left that could be used.

If necessary, he could try connecting the ring to the sub-ring in his courtyard. He didn't know if he could leave using that..

Chapter 312: How Long Has It Been Since The Demoness Last Visited?

On the mountain peak, Jiang Hao gazed into the distance.

The Blood Tide Forest was calm now. It seemed there wouldn't be any commotion for a while.

'I've been meddling too much.' Jiang Hao sighed wearily.

Whether it was about Shang An or the Earth Extreme Heart devouring Pearl, he could have turned a blind eye to all of it. He could have just watched from the side. That way, he would never be in any danger. But he had gotten involved.

'Forget it... I'll find another cave and continue mining. I need to become stronger...'

Jiang Hao was about to leave when a green light flew toward him. It was a fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

After making sure there was no one behind him, he used the Universe in a Palm ability.

The fingernail-sized green fragment floated into a pearl sphere.

Upon careful observation, the fragment no longer possessed its terrifying ability.

'It is no wonder it can be destroyed by a Heavenly Blade.'



Once it was damaged, its power was affected. It was easy to destroy it after that.

However, he doubted the same method could work on the Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl.

The Earth Extreme Heavenly Silent Pearl contained all the misfortunes in the world. Its aura and every part of it brought calamities to people. The only things that could control it were suppression and sealing techniques.

Jiang Hao quickly left after collecting the golden rings.

Seven days later, the Blood Tide Forest had completely calmed down.

Jiang Hao returned to the mine once again.

He had searched for other mines, but he had found none.

There were only two in the Blood Tide Forest, so he came back here. He wanted to see if there were any other changes there.

With the disappearance of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, the mine might have changed in some ways.

Jiang Hao found that the mine was slowly recovering. The area that had been damaged was healing gradually.

After a moment, the mine was completely restored to its original state. Just when Jiang Hao thought it was over, the entrance of the mine began to close.

It seemed to be sealing itself.

In the evening, the mine completely closed down and disappeared from sight.

The place became barren for a while. Then trees began to sprout in the area.

“Is it gone?”

The mine had disappeared completely before Jiang Hao’s eyes.

Suddenly, he recalled the Charm Goddess. When he had appraised her, he had found out that she was trapped in the mine. Her seal wasn’t part of the mine. Now that the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl was gone, could the Charm Goddess take control of the mine?

At first, he thought Shang An would definitely come back if he wasn’t already dead. It seemed he might not be able to find the mine even if he came back.

Jiang Hao didn’t care. He was only concerned about finding a mine.

How would he find a place to mine now?

‘There is another one...’ Jiang Hao recalled the mine that Ding Yu had mentioned before.

Although the situation there was more complicated than here, it was fine with him.

Even if the quality of the ores and the bubbles were worse, it was still better than nothing. He might find blue bubbles if he worked hard enough.

Jiang Hao arrived at the mine that Ding Yu had previously told him about.

This place allowed mining throughout the day, but there was a period when nothing couldn’t leave the mine, as it was plagued by monsters inside.

It was because the space itself had undergone changes.

Once everything returned to normal, one could leave the mine when they pleased.

For safety, it was best to exit the mine before the monsters appeared.

However, the timing was uncertain. Someone had mentioned that placing a crowing chicken inside the mine was effective. If there was any spatial fluctuation, it would cause the chicken to crow, and people could leave after that.

After spending three days catching a crowing chicken, Jiang Hao entered the mine.

The mine was like a valley. The hollow space was connected to the surrounding cliffs.

After making sure that there were no problems, Jiang Hao walked ahead.

Once inside, he found the road was brightly lit and quite wide.

As he reached the end of the forked path, Jiang Hao set the crowing chicken down and gave it some food.

Then, he took out his treasured hoe and started digging.

Clang!

A blue bubble popped out. [Cultivation +1]

‘So fast?’

Jiang Hao was astonished. He thought it would take a while for him to find bubbles.

The mine was clearly not as good as the one he used to work in. 'It's all about luck..'

Jiang Hao continued mining.

Clang! [Spirit +1]

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After mining for a while, he realized that almost all the gains were related to spirit. It was boring and tedious.

He continued mining day and night.

Two days passed, and he still hadn't left the mine.

The chicken had never crowed. Jiang Hao began to doubt if it was even capable of doing so.

He checked on it several times. It seemed fine.

He also checked the surroundings and found that there were no monsters inside.

He continued mining.

During this time, three blue bubbles appeared. He didn't know if there would be more later.

On the third day, the chicken crowed.

cock-a-doodle-doo!

Jiang Hao put away the hoe and left with the chicken.

After he exited the mine, he waited for a while.

Jiang Hao was relieved. He began tending to the spirit herbs around.

The spiritual energy was abundant here, and the soil was suitable for growing spirit herbs.

After setting up the array, he no longer had to worry about mining.

He could go and find Gu Wen and Ding Yu. They could all continue with their previous routine of mining and selling spirit herbs.

However, he suddenly noticed that the stone tablet was vibrating.

Dan Yuan was calling for a gathering.

'I didn't expect that the stone tablet in the Corpse Realm could be used for gathering!' Jiang Hao was surprised.

It was no wonder Hong Yuye wanted to find the mastermind behind the stone tablets so badly.

'Speaking of which... How long has it been since she last visited?'

Jiang Hao realized that after the last gathering, she hadn't come to inquire about anything.

He stopped thinking about it and began to prepare for tonight's gathering.

He also wanted to check on the progress of Gui.

"It's been half a month, and we still can't find Jiang Hao."

Outside the Blood Tide Forest, Ding Yu felt quite helpless.

They had searched for Jiang Hao and various other opportunities.

However, there was no result, and it seemed like Jiang Hao had vanished from the Corpse Realm entirely.

"It's because there's no mine nearby," Gu Wen said. "Maybe he went around searching for another mine. What would he do if he doesn't find any? Ding Yu understood. "Are you saying he returned to the Blood Tide Forest?"

"Right now, there's no one there, and the most dangerous place might turn out to be the safest. Moreover, he is not an ordinary person. He would most likely go back to find another mine," said Gu Wen.

"So, should we also go back too?" Ding Yu asked.

"It depends on you, Disciple Ding. After all, it might not be safe inside," Gu Wen said.

"Don't worry. I've been paying attention, and no outsiders have gone in. It's very quiet inside," Ding Yu said in reassurance.

In the Endless Grasslands, Yun Qi smiled at his senior sister. "I think we should split up tonight. Senior Sister, you also need time to comprehend the techniques obtained from the sixth stone tablet, right?"

Lian Qian nodded. "Alright.."

### Chapter 313: Elder of The Clear Sky School Leaves

At midnight, Jiang Hao concealed himself and then took out a stone tablet to access the public platform.

After half a year, he could finally hear news from the outside world again. However, he hadn't encountered Hong Yuye. He couldn't get her opinion on anything.

Fortunately, he didn't return empty-handed.

Setting aside the matter of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, Dan Yuan gave him two tasks.

The first task was to find the Heavenly Stele Mountain and comprehend the

SIXth stone tablet.

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

Jiang Hao couldn't complete the first task, but he had already finished the second one.

The Heavenly King Hai Luo had given him the list, which he memorized and returned to him.

It was useful in some ways, but as for the reward, he hadn't thought about it yet.

After a short while, he arrived at the public area.

It was still the same location as before, with the same people.

As soon as he arrived, he felt Gui glancing at him. This puzzled him.

When he turned to look, he found Gui smiling faintly at him.

Jiang Hao remained calm and composed.

Since he wanted to establish a mysterious, aloof, and powerful impression, he needed to remain unfazed even if Mount Tai collapsed before him.

Once everyone gathered, they began paying respects to Senior Dan Yuan.

“Do any of you have any cultivation problems?” Senior Dan Yuan looked at the crowd.

No one spoke up.

After all, it had only been half a year. They hadn’t had much time to cultivate.

“Since there are none, let’s talk about the previous tasks.” Senior Dan Yuan looked at the group. “Any news about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower?”

Everyone shook their heads. This was the most difficult task to accomplish.

Gui was the most likely to complete it since she was the closest to it.

“What about the Heavenly Stele Mountain?” Senior Dan Yuan looked at Gui.

Everyone knew she had entered the Corpse Realm.



“Half completed,” Gui said with a smile.

“It seems that Gui is destined to succeed this time.” Liu chuckled.

“Normally, that would be the case, but it’s not necessarily true.” Gui turned to look at Jiang Hao. “I wonder if someone will seize it before me.”

As Jiang Hao felt Gui’s gaze on him, his face remained unchanged. But he could barely mask his surprise.

Was she testing him, or was it something else?

How did she know that he had entered the Corpse Realm?

Jiang Hao’s mind raced. Finally, he realized that he had used Universe in a Palm ability.

He had used that on the dragon that Gui was looking for before. Then, he used it again to send Shang An out of the Corpse Realm.

Since the Human Yuan had fluctuated rapidly, it was bound to be noticed.

‘I need to be more careful while using Universe in a Palm. Fortunately, the

Charm Goddess disappeared. Otherwise, there would be trouble.’

Jiang Hao couldn’t help but sigh. He regretted interfering in other people’s business. He had to be more cautious.

Of course, as long as the Charming God didn’t meet Gui, there wouldn’t be any issues.

At this moment, the others also looked over. They were surprised at Gui’s words.

They could guess that Jing had also entered the Corpse Realm from her words. It was indeed surprising.

“I’ve been a bit busy lately,” Jiang Hao said nonchalantly.

He neither admitted nor denied it.

Senior Dan Yuan nodded and then talked about the matter of the list. Liu was indeed someone who had connections overseas. Soon, he mentioned a few names.

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Half of them were on the list from the Heavenly King Hai Luo. However, the last two names were unfamiliar.

“I’ve heard that an overseas expert named Mu Qiu is also pursuing the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl,” said Jiang Hao slowly.

“Mu Qiu?” Liu was quite surprised. “The Mu Qiu from the Great Thousand God Sect?”

Jiang Hao didn’t respond. In fact, he only knew the name but not the person.

After all, why would the Heavenly King give him those two words?

“We need to confirm it. I will provide an answer at the next gathering,” Dan Yuan said.

Jiang Hao and Liu nodded.

Since there were no new tasks, the gathering moved on to the next topic.

"Jing, do you have any news about Gu Qing?" Xing inquired.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

Since Gui had already said he was in the Corpse Realm, it was understandable that he had no news about Gu Qing.

"How can we make a woman willingly hand over something?" Gui suddenly asked.

"Shouldn't you ask yourself about that? You're a woman," said Liu.

"It's different." Gui shook her head. "Every person has a different personality, so the approach will certainly be different."

Jiang Hao thought of the Charm Goddess. She was very skilled at persuading people, especially men.

They discussed it for a while but couldn't come up with a solution.

After that, they started sharing their own experiences.

"There's an extraordinary genius that appeared in the Corpse Realm, and I've been wanting to see who it is," said Gui.

"A genius?" Dan Yuan was also curious.

Geniuses were common when it came to the cultivation world. But extraordinary geniuses were rare.

"How much of a genius are they?" Xing was curious too.

"I don't know. I only know that Heavenly Stele Mountain has been trying to summon that person. However, the person hasn't responded," said Gui.

"The Heavenly Stele Mountain summoned them?" Liu was surprised. "That's unbelievable..."

"Indeed, it is. After all, most of those who enter the Corpse Realm are geniuses, yet such summoning has only happened twice. The first time was probably one or two hundred years ago, and nothing like that has been heard of since," Gui said.

Jiang Hao was shocked.

If he wasn't mistaken, he had been summoned a few times too, and he had ignored it each time.

Could it be that the Heavenly Stele Mountain had summoned him?

He needed to be careful. If his identity was exposed, the danger would undoubtedly follow. He must never go to the Heavenly Stele Mountain.

As for being an extraordinary genius...

He knew that he wasn't one at all. He had only achieved success by relying on external things like spirit herbs and divine items.

"Maybe the Heavenly Stele Mountain can also make mistakes," said Xing.

"There are no Corpse Realm Flowers in the east. Otherwise, the Bright Moon

Sect and the Clear Sky School would also send their best disciples to the Corpse Realm."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

“Oh, speaking of the Clear Sky School, I heard something interesting,” Xing said. “Some time ago, I heard that a demonic sect cultivator requested to meet an elder of the Clear School Sky. However, his status was not enough, and his strength was no match for the Clear Sky School. He couldn’t even enter the main gate. Then I don’t know what happened, but he actually tried to force his way into the sect. He was suppressed. At that time, he roared angrily at the Clear School Sect, saying he had something important to say and that the sect would regret it if they didn’t listen.”

“And then?” Gui was very curious.

Xing smiled. “Such remarks are quite common. It did nothing to catch the Clear Sky School’s attention. But just a few days ago, an elder who had been out returned and was interested. She met with the cultivator. Interestingly, just a few days after, the elder had broken through the void, traversed space, and left the Clear Sky School. The entire sect had no idea what happened. They wanted to know what the cultivator had said to her. However, that cultivator was taken away, and they had no way of finding out..”

Chapter 314: Are You Here Just To Mine?

Jiang Hao found the story familiar.

He realized that it somewhat matched what Shang An’s master had said.

“Did he really go to the Clear Sky School?”

Jiang Hao was astonished. He had initially thought Shang An’s master was just trying to scare him.

Who would be willing to hand such a talented disciple over?

If he became famous under his guidance, he would be renowned as a master in the world and his reputation would soar.

By sending him to the Clear Sky School, he was risking his own future. Shang An's success would be credited to the Clear Sky School forever.

Moreover, joining an immortal sect from a demonic sect might turn out to be dangerous for Shang An.

Therefore, the fact that Shang An's master had gone to the Clear Sky School and made them get involved meant that he genuinely cared about his disciple.

'With the Clear Sky School's backing, Shang An might be safe. However, whether he can break free from the influence of the Charm Goddess remains to be seen.'

Other than Jiang Hao, the others couldn't understand why the demonic sect cultivator had gone to such an extent.

"If only one elder went out, it means it's not some dangerous event. It should be related to someone or something," Liu said.

"I think so too," Gui said. "If it were a major crisis or great opportunity, they would usually discuss it or travel discreetly. The fact that this person is so high-profile and has made it public knowledge that the elder is going out might mean that it's a big deal but might not be very dangerous. They are asking others to wait for their news right now."

Jiang Hao felt that what they said made sense.

Xing also nodded. "Indeed, it's quite similar. Nowadays, many places in the eastern region are paying attention to this."

"Oh... When will the Dao Conference be held?" Gui suddenly asked. She had mentioned that she wanted to check it out.

"It's still early. The invitation hasn't been sent out yet. This time, the Bright Moon Sect does want to create a big splash, but they haven't revealed anything much. Just recently, after some infighting, it was decided which branch the disciple would belong to," said Xing.

“Which elder ended up taking in that disciple?” Liu asked curiously.

“The Sect Master.” Xing smiled. “It’s said that it alarmed the others, possibly even the elders. In the end, I don’t know what happened, but the Sect Master took the disciple in.”

Jiang Hao knew that no one had higher authority than the elders in a sect, except the Sect Master. It meant that Chu Jie was indeed extraordinary if the Sect Master was going to the extent to take her in.

The Bright Moon Sect was not the same as the Heavenly Note Sect. They had numerous disciples and a heritage that had lasted for numerous years.

Unlike Heavenly Note Sect, which had only been around for a few decades, most of its disciples were on the same level, apart from the Sect Master and a few elders.

“That’s good then. I still have time to go and check it out,” Gui said with a smile.

“It had suddenly become quiet overseas. Many people were gathering for things in the depths of the sea, but suddenly, they all retreated. I don’t know why,” Liu said.

As everyone talked about things happening around them, Jiang Hao couldn’t think of anything to say. What could he even share? Shang An’s love story?

He couldn’t really talk about the cave and mining.

Suddenly, Jiang Hao thought of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl. “I think the Heavenly Extreme Silence Pearl will surface soon.”

The others were stunned. They had never heard of such a pearl before.

Only Dan Yuan looked serious. “The Heavenly Extreme Silence Pearl is going to appear?”

“Possibly...” Jiang Hao nodded.

“If that’s true, the immortal sects must be informed as soon as possible, so they can find a way to seal it,” said Dan Yuan.

This puzzled Gui and the others.

“What is the Heavenly Extreme Silence Pearl?” Liu asked.

“I’m not sure,” said Jiang Hao truthfully.

He really didn’t know. He had only seen that name when he had appraised the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

He didn’t want to tell them about the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl because it might compromise his location.

“The Heavenly Extreme Silence Pearl silences the heavens and the earth and extinguishes all vitality. Its destructive range might not be as extensive as the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, but its killing intent is definitely greater. Its fame is not as widespread as the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. It’s not because it’s weaker, but it was destroyed during the refinement process, so very few people know about it,” Dan Yuan said.

Jiang Hao understood how part of it, which was the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, got separated from the whole.

The others looked at Jiang Hao in confusion.

Then they continued to chat about various things.

“Alright, let’s end today’s gathering,” Dan Yuan said.



They bid farewell to each other and left.

Jiang Hao woke up in a secluded space.

He was underground, where he had set up his array, so it was relatively safe.

Although he lacked natural talent in formations, he was still in the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. Besides, he had been diligently learning about formations.

Even if his formations were simple, they could still withstand attacks from Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators.

After making sure everything was fine, Jiang Hao began to take stock of his gains from the recent gathering.

'I'll receive the reward for the list next time. If I want to ask anything, I'll have to think it over before the next meeting. Next, I know that Shang An's master went to the Clear Sky School, and Gui has already been to Heavenly Stele Mountain, and she suspects I'm inside the Corpse Realm.'

'There's also the matter of the extraordinary genius. It seems that it was Heavenly Stele Mountain that called me, and there's a certain probability that my response would lead me to Gui. Gui might see me here! It's safer to ignore the summons.'

As for Chu Jie and the Bright Moon Sect's Dao Conference, he already knew about those, so there was no need to pay too much attention to them.

He was only connected to Chu Jie because of Chu Chuan. He hoped Chu Chuan would work hard and get into the Bright Moon Sect soon.

However, the biggest gain this time was that he had established a sense of mystery by mentioning the Heavenly Extreme Silence Pearl.

The future was promising.

Early in the morning, Jiang Hao continued to mine. This time, he mined continuously for seven days.

On this day, he sensed the summons again. It was the kind of summoning that would lead him directly to the mountain. This was the third time.

He had been in the Corpse Realm for almost four months. The blue bubbles had accumulated quite a bit. He found eight bubbles on average in a month. Four for cultivation and four for lifeblood.

‘The gains are higher in this mine, but it also takes longer to find the bubbles.’

In these seven days, he successfully transplanted the spirit herbs he had found.

He was worried that the different soil might cause problems, so he had to replant them.

He decided to find Gu Wen and Ding Yu to help him sell the ores. He had collected so many ores lately.

It wasn’t even dawn yet, so he continued to mine.

Clang! Clang!

He enjoyed mining.

“You came to the Corpse Realm just to mine?” asked a familiar voice. The fragrance accompanying it made his heart restless.

The Heaven Extinction Gu poison didn’t work against one person in this whole world. That was Hong Yuye..

## Chapter 315: Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment

When the Heaven Extinction Gu poison lost its effect in front of her, countless scenes flashed through his mind.

They were all related to his first meeting with Hong Yuye. He quickly suppressed these thoughts and calmed himself.

He couldn't understand why he felt this way. Even if he hadn't seen Hong Yuye for a long time, it shouldn't be like this.

He turned around and

She was dressed in a rround her waist, and her black hair cascaded down her waist. Her skin was as pale as snow.

Jiang Hao bowed respectfully. "Greetings, Senior."

"You have traces of charm techniques on you, and it just took effect a moment ago," Hong Yuye said with a smile. 'Who appeared in your mind just now?' "What do you mean, Senior?" Jiang Hao felt a little uneasy.

It was fine if she saw through him about everything, except this. If she found out that he was thinking about their first meeting, he would die of embarrassment.

"You have traces of charm techniques on you, which haven't dissipated until now," Hong Yuye said.

Jiang Hao felt a bit alarmed. Hong Yuye had flashed through his mind because the charm technique had worked. Was it possible that the charm techniques of the Charm Goddess were still on him?

That was quite terrifying. Fortunately, he was immune to other people's bewitchment.

“So, who appeared in your mind?” Hong Yuye asked again.

Jiang Hao stayed silent.

“How long have you been in the Corpse Realm?” she asked.

“Almost four months,” Jiang Hao said.

“How long have you been mining?” Hong Yuye asked.

“A little over three months.”

There were too many ores in the warehouse. He couldn’t say he had just been mining in this new mine for a few days.

Hong Yuye chuckled. “Do you like mining that much?”

Jiang Hao lowered his head. “Not very much, but I have found that it is the easiest way to earn more spirit stones. With that, I can buy better tea for you, Senior.”

“For me?” Hong Yuye’s eyes narrowed. “Then how many spirit stones have you earned so far?”

“Two... two thousand. It’s difficult to sell the ores here,” Jiang Hao said.

Hong Yuye smiled faintly. “Look at me.”

Jiang Hao raised his head and looked at her.

The moment he saw how beautiful she was, he felt a surge of power. This power was like thunder in the high sky and waves in the deep sea. It struck him.

Bang!

Jiang Hao was flung into the air, and he crashed into the wall. It hurt a little.

“Full of lies,” Hong Yuye said coldly. “Since it’s to buy tea for me, just continue with your... mining. When I ask for Red Azure tea in the future, you can’t make an excuse for not having enough spirit stones. Otherwise...”

Hong Yuye glanced at him and smiled. “Otherwise, I will invite you to my place to have tea. ”

Jiang Hao lowered his head and didn’t dare speak.

Ten thousand spirit stones were gone, just like that.

He wondered if he could buy Red Azure tea here. If that was possible, he wouldn’t buy it in the sect. If not, he could buy some magical treasures and talismans and sell them in the sect to earn more spirit stones to gather enough to buy the tea.

At this moment, Hong Yuye headed outside, and Jiang Hao followed her.

He was curious about how Hong Yuye had gotten into the Corpse Realm. Did she use her own power? If that was true, he realized that he couldn’t escape the clutches of this demoness.

Everything was ineffective against her.

“Have you encountered someone with an innate charm?” Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao nodded. “It was in the previous mine.”

“And then?” Hong Yuye glanced at him.

Jiang Hao briefly explained his encounter with the Charm Goddess. He also talked about Shang An. With that, he also told her about the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

Hong Yuye listened carefully. “What happened next? Did you go there and check?”

“I did.” Jiang Hao told her what had happened in the end. Hong Yuye didn’t say anything. She just listened.

At this time, it was already dark outside.

The moonlight illuminated the surrounding forest.

Hong Yuye walked to an open space. A wooden table and chairs appeared beside her.

“How is my flower?” she asked as she sat down on the chair.

“It’s doing well,” Jiang Hao said.

Although he didn’t know how the spirit beast was taking care of it, he hoped it was doing its job properly.

He then started brewing tea. Luckily, he had brought the tea leaves along.

It wasn’t very expensive tea leaves, after all. He hadn’t had many spirit stones on him when he was preparing to enter the Corpse Realm.

Hong Yuye didn’t say anything.

After Jiang Hao had brewed the tea and poured a cup for her, she said, "Tell me about your gathering. How many times has that happened while I was away?"

"Twice." Jiang Hao sat down. "The last time was a few days ago."

"Go on." Hong Yuye lifted her teacup.

"There wasn't anything significant this time..." Jiang Hao briefly described what had happened in the recent gathering.

As for the list and the reward, Hong Yuye just listened without any intention of getting involved.

When he mentioned the extraordinary genius, she seemed surprised.

"Summons?" She looked at Jiang Hao and smiled. "Are you implying that you are an extraordinary genius?"

Jiang Hao was startled. "I never said such a thing."

He hadn't said anything to hint at that. How did she know?

"Do I look blind to you?" Hong Yuye took a sip of tea. "The summons on you are obvious. Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean it doesn't exist."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

"In other words, Heavenly Stele Mountain has summoned you several times, and you ignored it every time just to mine. Am I getting that right?" Hong Yuye was a little surprised. "How much do you love mining?" "It's for buying tea for you, Senior," Jiang Hao said reluctantly.

Hong Yuye chuckled. "Go on."

Then Jiang Hao talked about the incident where someone had tried to get into the Clear Sky School. He also mentioned his own theories regarding it.

“So... you think the person who tried to get into the Clear Sky School is Shang

An’s master?”

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

“Continue, ” Hong Yuye said.

He then told her about the upcoming Dao Conference and how the Bright Moon Sect planned to promote their exemplary disciple.

“For the favor of the heavens and the earth...” Hong Yuye shook her head. “Not just that. If the Bright Moon Sect has indeed gathered so many talented experts, their main purpose is not just to gain the favor of the heavens and the earth. What they want is... the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment.” “Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment?” Jiang Hao was surprised.

It was the first time he heard about something like that.

Putting down her teacup, Hong Yuye said, “The Bright Moon Sect has gathered numerous talented experts because they want that disciple to provoke the anomalies under the sun and the moon. Then, they can use the favor of the heavens and the earth to suppress themselves. After that, they can rely on the wind providence of numerous experts and help the disciple reach the Heavenly Dao Foundation establishment.”

Jiang Hao was stunned.

“Senior, are you also someone like that? The one with the Heavenly Dao



Foundation Establishment?”

## Chapter 316: Uneasy When Touched by the Demoness

The Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment was something Jiang Hao had never heard of before.

He only knew about the ordinary Foundation Establishment Realm that everyone cultivated.

He had thought that there was no difference between various disciples who were in the Foundation Establishment Realm. It seemed now that there were different types of Foundation Establishment Realms.

It seemed that in the world of geniuses, nothing was impossible.

Someone like Hong Yuye was probably someone who cultivated the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment Realm, considering how powerful she was.

“No.” Hong Yuye shook her head. “The Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment requires the right timing, place, and people. It’s extremely rare.”

“Does that mean a Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment cultivator is destined to stand at the pinnacle of the cultivation world?” Jiang Hao asked curiously.

Hong Yuye’s abilities were already so formidable, and he couldn’t imagine how powerful a Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment cultivator could be.

“At the pinnacle of the cultivation world?” Hong Yuye thought for a moment. “Yes and no. Although the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment cultivators have a solid foundation, there’s no inherent advantage in either foundation or talent. True strength usually lies here.” She extended a slender finger and tapped on Jiang Hao’s chest.

“The heart?” Jiang Hao was puzzled.

Jiang Hao felt uneasy when she tapped on his chest. In the past, whenever Hong Yuye touched him, he would either be flung away or would crash down somewhere.

This was the first time she touched him without any violent consequences.

‘You’ll understand in the future.’ Hong Yuye withdrew her hand.

‘How long would that be?’ Jiang Hao felt that it would be soon. If he continued to mine here, he would have infinite possibilities.

“Senior, does the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment mean that one will be favored by heaven and earth?”

“Yes, as long as one doesn’t do anything that angers them, the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment cultivators will gradually gain the favor of heaven and earth. They have the potential of becoming someone great in the future.”

Jiang Hao thought of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. In order to suppress the seal, one needed to have great luck and talent.

He still didn’t know how to find the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. He could only wait and see.

After all, there was no substantial progress on this matter, and it didn’t matter whether he mentioned it or not.

“Let’s talk about the previous gathering,” Hong Yuye said and drank her tea.

Jiang Hao nodded. He tried to recall everything he had learned from the gatherings.

He had received much information from the previous gatherings and needed some time to think about them.

“In the previous gathering, there were many gains. The first one was that Gui is in the Heavenly Note Sect and is now in the Corpse Realm,” said Jiang Hao. Hong Yuye sipped her tea. “You didn’t take any action?”

“No.” Jiang Hao shook his head. “Judging from the injuries of the dragon I found, Gui must be stronger than I. I’m not her match.”

Hong Yuye smiled. “Go on. Tell me about your decision and the reasons behind it.”

“I feel that I can’t act against Gui. If I do confront her, it might affect the undercover operation. They will become more vigilant. It will be even more difficult to find the person behind the stone tablet,” said Jiang Hao.

He himself couldn’t take action. It would be suicidal to fight against someone stronger. The opponent could use curses too!

Hong Yuye could make a move, but she only wanted to observe.

“Continue, ” Hong Yuye said.

Then Jiang Hao talked about the task of finding the list related to the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl and also mentioned Hai Luo, the Heavenly King’s weakness.

Hong Yuye seemed a bit surprised at this.

After explaining everything, Jiang Hao handed over the information about The End of All Things.

“This is the information about The End of All Things that I could find. The Great Thousand God is investigating the Hundred Note Sect. The one who issued that mission is also a part of The End of All Things. Their purpose is to find... something, but it’s unclear what exactly that is.”

“The End of All Things?” Hong Yuye looked at the note.

“I had the secret code from The End of All Things, but it must have expired or might have been changed. I tried using it, but I don’t know if I’ll get any results,” he said. He informed her about his plan to let the spirit beast search for it.

Jiang Hao then discussed the task related to Heavenly Stele Mountain.

“The contents of the sixth stone tablet?” Hong Yuye looked interested. “The inheritance of Heavenly Stele Mountain?”

“Senior, have you been here before?” Jiang Hao asked. Gui had mentioned that an extraordinary genius had appeared in the Corpse Realm one or two hundred years ago.

From what Jiang Hao knew, no one seemed capable of surpassing Hong Yuye.

“I haven’t.” Hong Yuye raised her head and gazed at the bright moonlight. “This is my first time here, but I’ve seen the formation that sealed this place before.”

“The Three Elements Formation of Heaven, Earth, and Human Yuan?” Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye didn’t answer. She just continued to drink her tea.

Jiang Hao didn’t ask further and poured himself a cup of tea to join her.

After a while, the sky suddenly rumbled.

It seemed that the Human Yuan Formation had sensed something.

“Your reaction is faster than I expected.” Hong Yuye put down her teacup. “Are you going to keep mining here?”

Jiang Hao didn’t know how to answer her.

But before he could respond, Hong Yuye said, “Next time, can you afford the

Red Azure tea?”

“I can,” Jiang Hao replied without hesitation.

Hong Yuye looked at him with an amused smile. Jiang Hao was startled.

“I dedicate myself to serving you, Senior,” he said quickly.

Hong Yuye chuckled and then disappeared from the spot.

“Once I get back, I’ll check to see my flower and my tree. If anything has happened to them, I’ll make sure you can’t mine for the rest of your lives.”

Her voice echoed in Jiang Hao’s ears. He could only hope the spirit beast was doing its job well. Otherwise, the consequences would be bad.

‘Does that mean she will visit me again?’

He had been here for four months, so there were still eight months remaining. She might visit him again.

There might be another gathering soon. He needed to think about the questions he wanted to ask.

After Hong Yuye disappeared, the Human Yuan Formation returned to normal.

The next day, Jiang Hao waited for the rooster to crow, so he could go into the mine.

It might take some time. So, he tended to the spirit herbs. He also needed to find people who would cooperate to sell the ores and herbs.

Whoosh!

Suddenly, two figures arrived on flying swords.

It was Gu Wen and Ding Yu.

Their aura wasn't very stable, but they had both reached the early stage of the

Golden Core Realm.

'It hasn't been that long... They advance so quickly!'

Jiang Hao couldn't help but admire these people. Among the five he knew who had achieved the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, all had advanced to the Golden Core Realm in such a short time.

It seemed that this place was truly filled with opportunities.

However, he still hadn't advanced to a new stage.

When he returned to the sect, he could make his cultivation realm appear as the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. That would be believable.

'I wonder if Junior Brother Han will be affected by the fact that I reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm...'

#### Chapter 317: Let's Borrow Some Spirit Stones

"Friend Jiang, it's been a long time." Gu Wen greeted Jiang Hao with a smile.

They were indeed lucky. They should have come here much earlier. When they reached the area where the previous mine used to be, they found the land completely transformed. There was no mine in sight.

After some exploration, they discovered an Enlightenment Spring. With their accumulated experiences, they finally advanced to the Golden Core Realm when they stepped into it.

After refining their cultivation, they hurried to the second mine. As expected, they found Jiang Hao there.

Now that they had achieved the Golden Core Realm, they could continue with their previous arrangement.

"Both of you have advanced! That's great to see!" Jiang Hao said politely.

"We owe it to you, Friend Jiang." Ding Yu glanced at the surrounding items.

"Shall we continue with the previous arrangement?"

Indeed, they owed their success to Jiang Hao. Without him, they wouldn't have returned, nor would they have encountered the Enlightenment Spring.

"Sure." Jiang Hao nodded.

“Then we’ll continue to sell the ores outside and search for spirit herbs. Should we leave the management of this place to you, friend?” Gu Wen asked.

Jiang Hao had no objections.

Now that they had all successfully reached the Golden Core Realm, they wouldn’t leave the group unexpectedly. They also didn’t have to fear that someone would hog the spirit herbs if they chose to leave.

It was good to have someone sell the ores.

At present, Jiang Hao had only twenty thousand spirit stones left. It was quite troublesome to sell the ores he had mined for so long. If he deducted ten thousand for the tea, he was left with only ten thousand spirit stones more.

Ding Yu looked around but didn’t find Shang An. He asked, “Where is the Senior?”

“He left,” Jiang Hao said.

They nodded. They wondered if Shang An had succeeded in his plan.

After all, they had heard with their own ears that failure would mean being trapped here forever.

“Aren’t you going out to seek opportunities, Friend Jiang?” Gu Wen asked curiously.

Seeking out opportunities after reaching the late stage of the Foundation

Establishment Realm meant a high probability of advancing to the next realm.

Jiang Hao shook his head. Mining suited him best.



On the other side of the Corpse Realm, in the Primordial Spirit region, Yun Qi and Lan Qian once again approached Heavenly Stele Mountain. They stood before the sixth stone tablet.

“The extraordinary genius seems to be absent again,” Yun Qi said in surprise.

“I don’t understand.” Lan Qian shook her head.

The genius was already here, so why wouldn’t they come to Heavenly Stele Mountain? Was there something else more important than this mountain?

That seemed unlikely.

At this moment, the stone tablet in front of them suddenly lit up and then quickly returned to normal.

“What’s happening?” Yun Qi asked in confusion.

“I don’t know...” Lan Qian shook her head. “It suddenly lit up, as if calling or responding to something, but why did it disappear instantly?”

“Has this happened before?” Yun Qi asked.

“Never. The opening of the Corpse Realm was different place seems strange. Heavenly Stele Mountain had incr stone tablet even glowed for an instant!” Lan Qian cou cause such changes.

Time passed quickly.

After the incident in the Blood Tide Forest, many people arrived in the Foundation Establishment region. They were mostly in the Golden Core Realm.

This was a good thing. It was easier for Jiang Hao's group to sell their ores. They could even sell many spirit herbs.

They managed to earn a few spirit stones.

Midway through, Zhuge Zheng requested to join them, followed by Xia Dong and Murong Qingqing.

There was a change in the division of their earnings once more.

Previously, the earnings were divided equally between three people, but now, there were six of them. Jiang Hao suggested dividing them equally.

They unanimously agreed with his suggestion.

They didn't exploit those in the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm just because they had advanced to the Golden Core Realm.

In just one month, they had sold a lot of ores, and their spirit stones earnings increased from twenty thousand to thirty thousand.

Only four months had passed.

The Corpse Realm would be open for a year, so earning another twenty thousand spirit stones seemed possible.

Jiang Hao thought about how he would spend them. The awakening of the bloodline of the spirit beast would cost him twenty-four thousand spirit stones, the peach tree would cost around twenty thousand, and the Red Azure tea would cost him ten thousand spirit stones. That added up to fifty-four thousand.

Jiang Hao sighed. He was still short of his goal by a lot. He shouldered his hoe and continued to mine.

Soon, he received another summons. He ignored it.

Meanwhile, Zhuge Zheng and the others sat together.

“Why does he keep mining every day? If there is a mine, he goes in to dig without missing a single day. Is mining that fun?” Murong Qingqing couldn’t understand.

When they first met Jiang Hao, he suggested finding a mine.

“Maybe he was too poor in his sect?” Xia Dong suggested.

Everyone nodded. That seemed to make sense. Otherwise, why would someone be so crazy about mining?

Earning thousands of spirit stones upon entering the Corpse Realm must have been a revelation for Jiang Hao.

“Lately, someone has been watching us,” Zhuge Zheng said.

“I noticed that too. The five of us in the Golden Core Realm may not be enough for defense. However, the array here must have been left behind by the senior. Although it’s ordinary, it can still deter others. Moreover, they have backers, but we’re not lacking in support either. We even have Disciple Zhuge Zheng from the Mountain Sword Sea Sect.” Gu Wen smiled.

Ding Yu nodded. “I’ve set up many traps nearby. The appearance of the

Enlightenment Spring will attract attention, so we’re safer here.”

“I’m just afraid that someone above the Golden Core Realm will appear here. I don’t think I will be able to use my sect’s authority to threaten them,” said Zhuge Zheng.

Gu Wen sighed. If Senior Shang An was still here, they wouldn't need to worry about all this. He had been truly great.

Outside the Blood Tide Forest, two figures descended from the sky.

One was dressed in a white gown with a white belt around her waist. There was a white feather in her hair, which was tied up in a bun.

"We're here," she said in a soft voice. She smiled faintly.

"Junior Sister Ye, the location you mentioned is here in the Foundation Establishment region? How can there be so many spirit stones here?" A man dressed in black robes landed beside her.

"Senior brother MO, do you not believe me? I heard about it on my way here. If he didn't deceive me, then it's true. They say that this place has several Foundation Establishment or Golden Core Realm cultivators working together to sell ores. They used to sell to the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators, but now they sell to the Golden Core Realm cultivators as well. I also heard that the Enlightenment Spring appeared here, so there will definitely be Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators arriving soon. Can Golden Core Realm guard against them? Look at it this way: we're helping them. By the way, they say that they are selling the ores and herbs at a low price and have almost collected all the spirit stones from the surrounding people."

"If that's the case, they shouldn't mind us borrowing some," MO Tian said with a smile.

"We need them urgently. Borrowing is fine. We'll return them later. We're not the type who don't return favors," she said solemnly.

The two of them headed deeper into the forest.

"What if others in the Primordial Spirit Realm reached them quicker than us?" asked MO Tian.

"It doesn't matter even if they are faster." Ye Luo smiled sweetly. "Not everyone is as perfect in their cultivation as you, Senior Brother. You are at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm."

“I just advanced recently, so my cultivation is not stable. If you hadn’t come to find me, I would still be refining my cultivation. But even so, my cultivation is already beyond the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.”

“In that case, there’s nothing to worry about. No one above the Primordial Spirit Realm will come for us,” said Ye Luo..

## Chapter 318: The Formidable Opponents

Jiang Hao had been in the mine for a few days.

The harvest was quite good. It had been exactly five months since he entered the Corpse Realm. It was already June 15th.

In these five months, he earned thirty thousand spirit stones and obtained numerous ores and several spirit herbs.

‘I wonder when I’ll be able to dig up a valuable piece of ore.’

Jiang Hao paused and looked 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]

[Lifeblood: 55/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 57/100 (Can be cultivated)]

[Divine Abilities: 1/3 (Cannot be obtained)]

‘The numbers are only half of what I need... I only get four or five bubbles on average each month.’

Jiang Hao felt that it was still okay. After all, he hadn’t mined for half a month after the whole debacle. Otherwise, he would have obtained more bubbles.

He managed to barely keep up with the growth of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. Moreover, he gained an additional thirty thousand spirit stones.

Entering the Corpse Realm proved to be fruitful!

Next, he would have to find out if he could find someone who sold the Red Azure tea in this place.

He had already asked Gu Wen and the others to help look for it.

If someone had it, they would definitely sell it. Especially since everything was sold at a lower price here. People could buy ores and herbs and sell them when they returned to their sect. Even if they had to sell the tea at a lower price, they would still earn one or two thousand spirit stones as profit.

They could earn three or four thousand if the ore prices were pushed even lower.

Recently, they sold a lot of ores that way.

Gu Wen and the others used the spirit stones to buy treasures and pills at market prices. The other buyers would then keep the ores and sell them at higher prices. It was a win-win situation for everyone.

There weren't many mines, and everyone was eager to buy and resell the ores. If there were too many mines and many sellers, the value of the goods would be low.

If someone had the Red Azure tea around here, they would definitely sell it at a lower price than the outside.

Jiang Hao continued to mine. He had been here for a few days and hadn't gone out at all. Caring for the spirit herbs wouldn't earn him as much as mining.

As long as he kept mining, he would keep earning bubbles.

[Spirit +1] [Strength +1]

[Endurance +1]

His physical attributes kept improving. It was also thanks to the nameless manual that he could benefit from what he collected to the fullest.

He was also getting better at concealing his abilities.

One day, even Hong Yuye wouldn't be able to see through his concealment.

He would then have the ability to fight back.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!!!

The rhythmic crowing of a rooster rang out.

Jiang Hao put away the ores and left immediately.

Although he didn't know what would happen if he was trapped here, he didn't intend to find out anytime soon.

Outside, the sky was getting brighter.

Murong Qingqing used a branch to draw something on the ground.

"What are you doing, Disciple Murong?" Gu Wen asked curiously. "I'm checking how dangerous this cave is," Murong Qingqing said.

Gu Wen waited for a while. "How dangerous is it?"

"It's not as dangerous as I expected. There is a lot of spiritual energy inside," Murong Qingqing said.

"Does that mean we can go in and explore?" Ding Yu asked.

They wanted to see what was inside after the mine was sealed. They were all in the Golden Core Realm and felt that they could handle whatever was inside.

Previously, they were all in the Foundation Establishment Realm. Hence, they were weak to face dangers. They were stronger now.

"With the opportunities we've gained and the spirit stones we have, what else do we want? We shouldn't be too greedy," Xia Dong said.



“Only Junior Brother Jiang is the most honest person here. He has made it clear that he only wants spirit stones,” said Zhuge Zheng.

“If you want to go, then do so. But it will be troublesome if you can’t come out of there,” Ding Yu said.

He immediately looked toward the direction of the forest, and his face darkened.

“Somebody is coming, and they’ve destroyed everything I left behind,” he said.

The five of them stood up.

At this moment, two figures walked out of the forest.

One was a man dressed in black, and the other was a woman in white.

Their cultivation realm wasn’t clear.

When they appeared, Zhuge Zheng’s heart sank. The others felt the same. They knew that these were formidable opponents.

“Seniors, why are you here?” asked Gu Wen politely.

“We heard that you’re selling ores, so we came to take a look,” MO Tian said with a smile.

The two visitors were MO Tian and Ye Luo. It took them quite some time to find this place. Otherwise, they would have arrived much earlier.

“We only have some cheap ores here. Seniors, if you are interested, we’ll of course offer them to you,” said Gu Wen.

“We’re only slightly interested in the ores. We aren’t here to snatch them away from you,” said Ye Luo with a friendly smile. “Actually, we were wondering if we could borrow some spirit stones from you all.”

“If you are in difficulty, we cannot just stand by and do nothing! We’ll offer you the spirit stones. How much do you need, Seniors?” said Gu Wen.

“We want to borrow as many as you have,” said Ye Luo. “You must have several seniors from your sect here, right?”

“Seniors, you must be joking. We come from a small sect, and our seniors are far from being a match to you two,” said Gu Wen humbly.

“Small sect?” MO Tian looked at Zhuge Zheng. “When did the Mountain Sea Sword Sect become a “small sect”?”

Then he turned to Gu Wen. “When did Western Astronomical Academy turn into a “small sect”?”

Gu Wen’s heart sank again. The others felt the same.

They exchanged glances with each other. These people planned to silence them forever. It wouldn’t be easy to flee.

They were too close, and their life-saving treasures might not activate in time.

Gu Wen still smiled amiably. He wanted to stall for time.

Suddenly, a chicken crowed loudly.

In the blink of an eye, he threw a talisman with the word “defense” written on it.

Before the defense activated, he turned around and rushed toward the mine. “Get inside!”

They could at least stall for time if they reached the mine. Perhaps they could find a way to escape. They had no other option.

The other four understood his intention. They threw their talismans and ran toward the mine.

Just as they ran, they saw Jiang Hao coming out of the mine.

Gu Wen wanted to stop him, but Jiang Hao was too fast. He couldn’t stop him.

‘A Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator had such an impressive movement technique?’

Jiang Hao was elusive like a shadow.

It was difficult to see where he exactly was.

‘This... This is the Light and Dust Technique! How is this possible?’

Everyone was caught off guard.

Jiang Hao, on the contrary, was puzzled.

‘What’s wrong with those five? Why are they running toward the mine? Are they bold enough to explore the mine when it’s closing time?’

Jiang Hao appeared at the entrance of the mine. He couldn’t really go inside and ask them. He didn’t want to take a risk without knowing what was inside.

At this moment, a taunting voice came from behind him.

“Five ran away, and now there’s another one, but he’s weaker. Looks like he doesn’t have many spirit stones..”

#### Chapter 319: Two More Strikes

Jiang Hao turned to look behind him. He frowned when he saw two new faces.

A man and a woman.

The man was at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm, with unstable fluctuations in his aura. It meant that his cultivation wasn’t stable yet. He must have advanced just recently.

The woman was at the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm with a stable aura. She must have been at that stage for a long time.

The strength of the two was not something a Golden Core Realm cultivator could face, which explained why those five people had fled into the mine.

Jiang Hao also didn’t want to become their enemy.

“Seniors, do you need something from me?” asked Jiang Hao.

“We want to borrow some spirit stones,” Ye Luo said with a smile. “How many spirit stones do you have, young friend?”

“One thousand five hundred,” Jiang Hao said.

“That’s... a small amount,” Ye Luo said regretfully. “We wanted to borrow around fifteen thousand. Do you have that much? If not, we’ll have to find it somewhere else.”

Jiang Hao frowned. At that moment, he suddenly sensed a response from the book in his storage treasure.

It was the book Xue Yue had left behind.

Jiang Hao was surprised. He looked at the woman in front of me but couldn't really understand how she was related to the book. "Senior, are you from the Heavenly Feather Sect?" Both Ye Luo and MO Tian were stunned.

"How did you know?" Ye Luo asked.

"Senior, are you Ye Luo?" Jiang Hao asked again.

Ye Luo frowned. She couldn't figure out how this person knew about her.

Since they assumed Jiang Hao was at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, they weren't worried about anything.

"It seems that you are," Jiang Hao said. "I wonder if you remember Xue Yue, Senior?"

"Xue Yue?" Ye Luo was surprised. She then nodded. "I remember. Junior Sister Xue Yue was as beautiful as a flower. Some felt that she was too distant. There was a person who was determined to make her his at all costs. Junior Sister Xue Yue was still young. I thought that person was sincere about his affection, and I helped him. I thought he would treat her well, so I helped them get... intimate. Unfortunately, Junior Sister Xue Yue didn't like him and ended up killing him instead. Her innocence was lost, but no one knew about it. I think Senior

Brother MO Tian was probably kept in the dark too." Ye Luo looked at MO Tian. "I remember that you even captured her for a night of passion."

MO Tian's face darkened, but he didn't respond.

Jiang Hao thought it was such an unexpected coincidence that both these people were here.

“Junior, are you also interested in Junior Sister Xue Yue? I advise you to choose someone else. Many talents from our sect have been with her, and she’s not chaste. Keep your distance.” Ye Luo shook her head and sighed.

“No.” Jiang Hao shook his head. “I’m not really familiar with her. I was just curious.”

“I see,” said Ye Luo. “Let’s talk about the spirit stones. We want to borrow 15,000. Do you have them, Junior?”

“I have them. I have a total of 30,000 spirit stones. When do you plan to return them, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked.

The two were astonished. How could a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator have so many spirit stones?

It wasn’t that they were poor, but they had a lot of things they needed to spend their spirit stones on. For example, treasures, pills, herbs, etc.

Moreover, the higher the cultivation, the higher the expenses. Their normal earnings were simply not enough.

“We’ll definitely return them. It’s okay if we take a bit of time, right?” Ye Luo smiled sweetly. “You have so many spirit stones, after all. Even if we don’t return them, it won’t make much of a difference, will it?”

“Enough. First, let’s see how many spirit stones he actually has. If he really has that many, we have to try and find those five people too,” MO Tian said as he prepared to make his move.

“Please wait a moment,” said Jiang Hao. “I have just one last question... Is the Heavenly Feather Sect a demonic sect?”

Ye Luo was just about to speak but suddenly felt a biting cold. Jiang Hao had disappeared from his original spot.

MO Tian's reflexes were quick. He immediately launched an attack behind him.

His peak of Primordial Spirit Realm aura erupted.

Boom!

A blade shattered his attack, and the impact pushed him back.

MO Tian was alarmed.

But before he could check where the attacker was, another massive blade intent pressed down on him.

He roared and tried to use all his strength to resist. However, he found that he couldn't cast any spells.

At this moment, he realized that his arm had been severed.

Swoosh!

A silver-white blade stabbed into his body.

Immediately after, a terrifying power stirred in his body and destroyed his vitality.

He gritted his teeth and spat out a mouthful of blood. "How dare you!" Boom!

He burned himself, and an immensely powerful force erupted like a flood. However, moonlight swept past him.

Amidst the moonlight, there was a purple aura, and then his vision began to blur.

He finally saw the person who had attacked, but he couldn't believe his eyes.

The one who killed him was the late-stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator they had just met.

Ye Luo looked in horror at the scene before her. A single slash beheaded MO Tian.

The attack was so fast that it was surreal.

She saw the person who had attacked as his eyes met hers.

"I need the spirit stones." Jiang Hao pulled the saber out from MO Tian's body and looked at the woman before him.

"I... I never said I wouldn't return them," Ye Luo stammered and backed away in fear.

"Hm... it's okay," he said. "Just be more careful in your next life."

Ye Luo was startled. She activated her life-preserving treasure and attempted to escape.

Jiang Hao gripped the Half-Moon Blade and purple energy surged. He took a step forward.

He used the third form of the Heavenly Blade: Meteor.

Jiang Hao vanished like a shooting star from his position, and the blade of light slashed at Ye Luo.



In an instant, her defense collapsed, and her treasure shattered.

Ye Luo's life force dimmed.

With a thud, her body fell to the ground.

Jiang Hao landed beside her.

"Please... don't kill... me..."

He stabbed her twice more. Only then did she die.

Jiang Hao placed the two bodies together and threw Xue Yue's book at them. The book caught fire and burned ferociously. Flames enveloped the two corpses.

Only a pile of ashes remained on the ground when the flames finally burned out.

Jiang Hao finally felt at ease. Xue Yue's grudge was finally over.

He cleaned the area up.

'Fortunately, the one at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm had only just advanced. Otherwise, it might have been troublesome...'

After taking half a day to recover, Jiang Hao was at his peak once more.

It was only at this point that he picked up the two storage treasures.

‘Both in the Primordial Spirit Realm... they should have quite a lot of spirit stones...’

They were going around “borrowing” spirit stones from juniors, so they might have collected a lot.

Jiang Hao first checked Ye Luo’s storage treasure. He was disappointed.

Then he checked MO Tian’s storage treasure. His face darkened.

People who managed to enter the Corpse Realm were geniuses. They had decent status and backgrounds, so how were they so poor?

There were only three thousand spirit stones in total from the two of them. Two thousand were from Ye Luo’s storage treasure, and one thousand spirit stones were from MO Tian’s storage treasure.

Where were their spirit stones?

Chapter 320: Jiang Hao May Be in Trouble

At the Hundred Flower Lake, the flowers and leaves swayed gently by the pavilion.

Their fragrance filled the air.

The red and white dress swayed in the wind, and her hair rustled.

“Sect Master...”

A white figure landed in front of the pavilion.

She looked at the woman sitting on the stone chair in the pavilion with respect.

“Speak.”

“We have already captured half of the people targeting the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, and they are all imprisoned in the Lawless Tower. The new list is still being compiled,” Baizhi said. “We still don’t know their intentions regarding the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. We are interrogating them. We have traced the connections between Azure Mountain and the forces overseas.

It seems to be related to The End of All Things.”

“The information was obtained from those captured. The End of All Things is a strange force. They have a core group, but most of them are outsiders. It would be quite troublesome if we didn’t have any other channels, but fortunately, we do. However, it will still take some time.”

“What do they want?” Hong Yuye looked at Baizhi.

“We’re not sure yet.” Baizhi lowered her head.

“But judging from their core principles, it is possible that they are after the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. However, at that time, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had not yet appeared. So, their purpose is still uncertain.”

“Continue the investigation,” Hong Yuye calmly said.

“Yes.” Baizhi nodded.

“Not long ago, we received an invitation from the Bright Moon Sect. They are going to hold a Dao Conference and hope that we will participate.”

“A Dao Conference?” Hong Yuye fell silent. “Do they specify the levels of disciples to bring?”

"It's probably Foundation Establishment, Golden Core, and Primordial Spirit Realm. Four disciples from each realm," Baizhi said.

'Up to the Primordial Spirit Realm...' It showed how considerate the immortal sect was toward other sects. They could still manage to bring those at the higher realms, but they set their limit at that.

"That's up to you." Hong Yuye did not want to interfere with the matter. "Is there anything else?"

"Regarding Jiang Hao, there hasn't been any progress since he entered the

Corpse Realm. The other suspected individuals haven't made any moves either. The people from the Heavenly Saint Sect are untrustworthy, and they have appeared nearby. We have found their nearest base. As soon as we can, we will wipe them out completely. Their goal seems to be to wait until Jiang Hao leaves the sect. For now, it's unclear whether it's for the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower or for Yan Hua," said Baizhi.

Hong Yuye nodded and looked into the distance. "Anything else?"

Baizhi then left.

She needed to start finalizing the list for the Bright Moon Sect.

This was an opportunity to enhance the prestige of the Heavenly Note Sect and must not be missed.

In the Corpse Realm, Jiang Hao searched through the storage treasures of the two people he had killed.

He found some Primordial Spirit Pills in a bottle. Each bottle was worth about five or six hundred spirit stones.

There were a total of three bottles in Ye Luo's storage treasure.

'I've never seen someone at the Primordial Spirit Realm so poor.'

Someone in the late or peak stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm shouldn't be this poor. Most likely, she had exchanged everything for pills and then found a chance to break through.

When advancing, any spirit stones or treasures were indeed useless. Pills came in handy.

Jiang Hao was the same. He kept certain useful things and sold everything else. What remained were things that were difficult to sell, such as the spirit herbs and treasures for refining pills.

'I can sell them here or offer them at a lower price to Gu Wen and the others.'

Jiang Hao found two more treasures in Ye Luo's storage: a good-quality spirit sword, and a Primordial Spirit Realm treasure that looked like a stone seal.

'It looks powerful.'

Jiang Hao tested it out and stifled a small hill nearby.

'It's a good thing I didn't give them a chance. Otherwise, it would have been troublesome.'

He was most afraid of encountering people who could ambush him. Fortunately, as a late-stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, they often lowered their guard around him. That was the benefit of concealing his cultivation realm.

However, if he didn't conceal his cultivation realm, they wouldn't dare to approach this area in the first place.

Jiang Hao didn't know what the price of a Primordial Spirit Realm treasure would be.

Golden Core Realm treasures were usually sold at thousands of spirit stones.

‘It won’t be too much to ask for twenty thousand spirit stones for a Primordial Spirit Realm treasure... But who can afford twenty thousand? Not many people can afford to pay even ten thousand spirit stones. Maybe I can sell it to Gu Wen and the others.’

Jiang Hao turned to look at the mine.

He didn’t know if they could come out. It was easy to get trapped inside. However, they were decisive individuals. They might turn out to be okay. They had managed to run from Primordial Spirit Realm cultivators in a split second, after all.

He found a book in the storage treasure.

It was titled “Sky Feather Heart Sutra.” It was the cultivation technique of the Heavenly Feather Sect.

Jiang Hao flipped through the book. The Sky Feather Heart Sutra Technique was divided into two parts: one for regular cultivation and the other for the Sky Feather Spiritual Technique.

The spiritual technique had a transcendent trait. When cultivated to a certain level, the spiritual technique could be used to break through a bottleneck. For example, someone with a natural talent that could only cultivate to the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm could break through to the Golden Core Realm after using the spiritual technique just once.

“It seems that the heavenly Feather Sect is not so simple. This spiritual technique is quite extraordinary.”

This book had a certain value, so Jiang Hao decided to keep it.

After organizing everything, he estimated the prices for his gains.

‘A Golden Core Realm spirit sword will sell for about eight to nine thousand spirit stones. A Primordial Spirit Realm stone seal could sell for twenty thousand. Three bottles of Primordial Spirit Realm Pills might fetch me about one thousand five hundred spirit stones. These other items could make up to one thousand spirit stones. Hm... that would be almost 31,000 spirit stones in total. If I sell them for a 50%

discount, it will still be about fifteen thousand. If I add three thousand spirit stones to it... it'll be around eighteen thousand.' Jiang Hao thought about it and realized that it was not a small amount.

The main problem was that he had to sell them at a discount. Otherwise, he would have a hard time getting rid of them.

Since he couldn't determine when the mine would reopen, Jiang Hao could only tend to his spirit herbs and collect the white bubbles. The next day, Jiang Hao saw a blue bubble appear.

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It was an unexpected surprise.

He checked the spiritual herbs and found that they were just ordinary herbs.

He waited another day, but the mine still didn't open.

The rooster didn't crow at all.

During this time, he felt that people were watching him, but the formation of the Primordial Spirit Realm deterred them.

On the third day, the rooster finally crowed.

Jiang Hao went to the entrance of the mine to see if the five people would finally come out.

Inside the mine, Gu Wen and the others fled in panic.

Many monsters chased after them, and they used up all their treasures and pills. If it continued like this, they wouldn't be able to survive for long.

Zhuge Zheng's sword was broken. Gu Wen's brush was broken too. Ding Yu's shield had shattered, and Xia Dong's magic robe faded.

Only Murong Qingqing was in better condition as she was protected by everyone.

"We found it!" Murong Qingqing exclaimed. "The exit is here. Hurry!"

This gave the others hope. They could finally leave this dreadful place!

However, Gu Wen still had some worries. "Could this be the same mine we entered before?"

"I don't know, but it's safe," Murong Qingqing said. The five of them let out a sigh of relief. This was good news.

Soon, they saw the light.

"Do you think Jiang Hao is alright?" asked Xia Dong.

They had been helpless when they faced such strong opponents. They didn't know how to feel since Jiang Hao had been outside all alone to face the enemies.

Gu Wen frowned. He had seen the Light and Dust Technique being used. For someone only in the late stage of Foundation Establishment Realm to be able to use such a technique...

He knew that Jiang Hao wasn't someone ordinary.

However, even if he was extraordinary, it would be almost impossible to survive when faced with two formidable enemies.



They sighed sadly, thinking about Jiang Hao's fate. Suddenly, they heard a voice from the entrance of the cave.

"It seems like everyone is fine."

The five people were stunned. That was Jiang Hao's voice..