

A Demoness 341

Chapter 341: I Advise You to Be Careful

Jiang Hao was surprised at the information he received.

‘Mi Lingyue?’

It was the person mentioned by Liu. She was indeed captured!

‘However, her situation is quite unusual.’

She was supposed to be an undercover agent, but she was unlike anyone he had seen before.

She had genuinely fallen in love with someone and even had a child. She had kept it a secret, too!

Now she wanted to leave the Great Thousand God Sect for the sake of her child.

Her purpose matched what Hai Luo had said about powerful luck.

Jiang Hao was curious. ‘Could such an elusive thing really be found?’

He didn’t find it in the ruins back then, and even after bringing out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, he didn’t find it either.

Hong Yuye told him that the supreme luck would return to the world.

He found it unlikely.

Jiang Hao didn't know much about it and didn't need to worry about it.

As for making Mi Lingyue cooperate, there was no need.

The purpose of his trip to the Lawless Tower was to get Hai Luo to cooperate. He didn't want to be involved in unnecessary things.

Jiang Hao glanced at the woman and then turned and left.

"Hey, what's the matter? Come and tell me. If you don't, I won't cooperate with you anymore," Mi Lingyue shouted.

Jiang Hao ignored her.

As for Zhuang Yuzhen, he just wanted to know about the Heavenly Fragrance

Dao Flower. However, obtaining the flower turned out to be extremely difficult.

Besides, his Corpse Heart was still in Jiang Hao's hands. As long as he remained in the Lawless Tower, he would be threatened.

There was no need to rush.

Jiang Hao left the fifth level while Mi Lingyue shouted behind.

The extra information didn't concern him. However, it was still useful to know more about Mi Lingyue.

In the next gathering, he could relay the information to Liu.

Zhuang Yuzhen glanced at Mi Lingyue. "I advise you to not be like Hai Luo. You might get yourself into trouble."

"I don't believe that a few words from him can make me give in so easily," Mi Lingyue said confidently.

Hai Luo looked up at the ceiling. "Back then, I was also this confident."

"You were just as confident a few moments ago." Mi Lingyue sneered.

"Unfortunately, your confidence didn't last long."

Zhuang Yuzhen felt bitter as he recalled his own experience.

He was also quite arrogant before, but now, he felt afraid whenever he saw Jiang Hao beckoning through the cell bars.

Hai Luo's face darkened. "After I get out, I will crush the entire Heavenly Note Sect and exterminate all the demonic sect. That's my duty!"

Zhuang Yuzhen nodded. He had never hated a demonic sect like this before.

"Hai Luo, what did that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator say that made you surrender like this?" Mi Lingyue asked.

"Hehe... when did I surrender? I'm just playing with him. Don't tell me you took that seriously!"

Jiang Hao returned to his courtyard. The spirit beast was lying in front of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and sniffing it.

Fortunately, it only seemed to sniff plants. If it tried the same thing with Xiao Li, Jiang Hao would have clobbered it on the head.

Jiang Hao thought of Gui. She seemed to have a lot of connections in the southern region. She must have found out about Mi Lingyue too.

He shouldn't compete with her. Maybe he could just add to her findings.

That way, he could demonstrate his magnanimity and his intelligence.

The only troublesome thing was that he hadn't received any news about Gu Qing yet.

It wouldn't be good to show that he knew too much. What he needed to do now was to maintain balance and treat everyone equally. He needed to gain their respect and not provoke them in any way.

Jiang Hao was curious about which sect Gui belonged to.

The Corpse Realm was closed, and the people from the Divine Corpse Sect might have left already.

'Would she stay behind?'

He couldn't ask about that. It would attract unnecessary attention.

Jiang Hao took out some spirit herbs and planted some in the courtyard. The better ones were sent to the Spirit Herb Garden, and the rest were sealed. However, he couldn't keep them sealed for long. They would wither.

Having too many spirit herbs would be problematic to sell.

'After selling the herbs, I would have to spend a little bit more spirit stones...'

His cultivation now was at a level where people mostly saved spirit stones to buy a Heavenly Rejuvenation Pill to advance to the Golden Core Realm. He needed to pretend to do that too.

If he sold enough spirit herbs, he could earn enough to buy two such pills.

He needed to buy a saber. The previous one had cracks on it, and he had impaled it in a corner of the courtyard.

This time, he would buy a Golden Core magic treasure. He would search for the cheapest one he could find. It would cost about three thousand.

In one night, Jiang Hao had collected many spirit herbs. The most ordinary ones were planted in the courtyard, while the better ones were taken to Spirit Herb Garden.

He pretended that these were all the gains from this trip.

The rest of the spirit herbs were placed in a room and stored away.

The next day, Jiang Hao arrived at the Spirit Herb Garden early and found the senior who oversaw the management of the garden.

“Are you fostering these herbs here?” asked the senior.

Since Jiang Hao worked in the garden, the senior gave him a discount for fostering the herbs.

Jiang Hao gave him two spirit stones. The senior smiled and let Jiang Hao choose a location he liked.

Jiang Hao found a spot and began planting the herbs.

The spirit herbs looked like they were wilting. He had done that deliberately.

If the spirit herbs were in perfect condition, it would raise suspicion. After he finished planting the spirit herbs, Cheng Chou walked over to him.

“Senior Brother Jiang, the people I told you about yesterday? They’re here. One from the inner sect, three from the outer sect, and eight ordinary non-cultivators,” Cheng Chou said.

“Good.” Jiang Hao nodded and walked outside.

At the entrance of the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao saw a late-stage

Foundation establishment Realm cultivator leading the group to the garden. “Senior Brother Tian,” said Jiang Hao in a polite greeting.

He knew Senior Brother Tian.

“Junior Brother Jiang, it’s been a while.” Senior Brother Tian smiled. “Today, I brought Junior Sister Gu Qing with me. She seems to be interested in spirit herbs and wants to help in the Spirit Herb Garden. I hope you can let her assist here for a while.”

‘Gu Qing?’

Jiang Hao turned to look. A beautiful woman was standing beside Senior

Brother Tian.

She was clutching her clothes nervously.

‘Is she using a charm technique?’

Jiang Hao had seen something like this before, but he wasn't entirely sure.

That wasn't the only thing. Her spiritual energy, her lifeblood, and her aura were all strange.

It didn't seem like she was at the Foundation Establishment Realm. Jiang Hao was on guard. He felt that she was dangerous.

'Is she an undercover agent?'

He wasn't sure, but he smiled at Senior Brother Tian. "Of course."

"Thank you, Junior Brother Jiang. I have a task outside the sect, so I won't be able to look after her for a while. I'll leave her in your care," he said.

"I'm very sorry for troubling you two, Seniors," said Gu Qing softly.

Her voice was pleasant to the ears. However, Jiang Hao felt nothing.

After Senior Brother Tian left, Jiang Hao checked the others. He didn't find anything amiss.

It would take time to examine them individually to be sure whether they concealed any dangers.

For today, Jiang Hao was going to use his appraisal on Junior Sister Gu Qing.

She seemed suspicious..

Chapter 342: Going Too Far

Jiang Hao led the group to the Spirit Herb Garden. Cheng Chou and Jiang Hao allocated tasks to them.

Jiang Hao activated his divine ability and appraised Gu Qin.

[Gu Qing: a member of the Fallen Immortal Clan. While stealing treasures from the Bright Moon Sect, she overheard some secrets. Pursued by the Bright Moon Sect, she managed to escape danger with a powerful treasure, but suffered heavy injuries, causing her cultivation to fall to the late stage of the Return to Void Realm. She adopted the alias “Gu Qin” and became an inner sect disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect to recuperate. Her purpose in coming to the Spirit Herb Garden is to absorb the essence of spirit herbs so that she can heal and restore her cultivation. She has tried to use charm techniques on you a few times without success, and is considering whether to remove you and take your place as the manager of the Spirit Herb Garden.]

Jiang Hao walked to a small pavilion in the garden. He appeared calm, but many things were running through his mind.

‘Late stage of Return to Void Realm?’

Jiang Hao didn’t even know what realm that was. Now, such a powerful expert was beside him and possibly was planning to kill him.

She was too strong. He couldn’t defend against her. He wouldn’t even get a chance to fight back, let alone escape.

There was no doubt that Gu Qin was actually Gu Qing.

‘She came to the Heavenly Note Sect for refuge, but she’s much stronger than expected. She has fallen to the late stage of Return to Void Realm after suffering severe injuries... which means Liu and Xing are also exceptionally powerful..

Gu Qing slipped through the net. She was first captured by Xing, and then again by Liu.

Her escape wasn’t due to her cultivation but because of a precious treasure she possessed.

Jiang Hao had no idea what this treasure was, nor did he have any thoughts about it. He was in danger and had no means to escape it.

'I need to calm her first and provide her with a good environment for recovery...

I must do something.'

Jiang Hao couldn't come up with a good solution. The gap in power was too great.

After the tasks were assigned, Cheng Chou came over to him.

"What task did you assign to that junior sister?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Junior Sister Gu says she wants to take care of some of the spirit herbs, so I agreed," said Cheng Chou.

Cheng Chou felt happy to help.

Jiang Hao glanced at him. His gaze seemed to pierce into the depths of Cheng Chou's soul.

Cheng Chou shivered. He was confused.

Jiang Hao sighed. "For the next few days, you can take care of the Outer Sect's Spirit Herb Garden, or you can accompany the spirit beast to handle other matters."

"Alright." Cheng Chou was puzzled.

Although he didn't understand the reason, he didn't dare ask about it.

After Cheng Chou left, Jiang Hao began to tend to the spirit herbs. Occasionally, he felt stolen glances directed at him.

He knew it was Gu Qing.

He couldn't take it anymore.

Jiang Hao was worried that she would attack him.

It seemed that she didn't understand the rules of the Heavenly Note Sect. Although he wanted to see her punished for this, he didn't want to become the victim of her attack.

Jiang Hao left the Spirit Herb Garden and headed straight for the Law Enforcement Hall.

A year had passed. Liu Xingchen should be back by now.

The Lawless Tower had captured quite a few people targeting the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. A pioneer like Liu Xingchen was no longer necessary for the hunt.

Indeed, he did find Liu Xingchen there.

"Junior Brother Jiang, you've reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm!" Liu Xingchen was surprised. "It seems like the opportunities in the Corpse Realm are really amazing."

"It was just luck. An extraordinary genius appeared in the Corpse Realm," said Jiang Hao.

Given Liu Xingchen's abilities and connections, he might have known that already.

Liu Xingchen's current state was a bit strange. He had no aura at all. Those three remnant souls might have joined forces already. Why hadn't they launched a counterattack even after a year?

Did they fail?

Why would Liu Xingchen's aura be so pure now?

It was completely different from before.

If he hadn't used up his Daily Appraisal ability, he would have used it on Liu Xingchen

However, the possibility of those three souls being devoured was low. Liu Xingchen's strength was the same as before.

In other words, his Primordial Spirit hadn't been replenished. Or maybe they had succeeded in possessing Liu Xingchen, and this person wasn't Liu Xingchen anymore...

But that seemed unlikely.

"Extraordinary genius? It seems I need to find time one day to sit and talk with you about everything that happened there." Liu Xingchen smiled. "Anyway, what brings you here?"

He was more interested in what Jiang Hao was involved in this time.

"I feel that the Spirit Herb Garden might have some spies," said Jiang Hao solemnly. "But I'm not entirely sure."

Since he couldn't handle it himself, he had to seek help from the Law Enforcement Hall. Although Gu Qing wasn't a spy, she deserved to be caught by the Law Enforcement Hall.

As for how he knew, that wasn't important. In any case, Liu Xingchen felt that Jiang Hao was acting strangely.

“Oh?” It piqued Liu Xingchen’s interest. He laughed. “Give me the list. I’ll investigate it over the next few days.”

Investigations took some time. The Law Enforcement Hall wouldn’t dare to arrest people rashly. After all, they were not pushovers.

After leaving the Law Enforcement Hall, Jiang Hao decided to make some talismans. The Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman had already been used up, and he needed to make more.

However, it was easy to strain his divine ability during the process.

He also needed a new blade.

After looking around for a while, he chose a pitch -black saber with peculiar patterns.

It was suitable for a Golden Core Realm cultivator and cost 3,600 spirit stones.

This was the most ordinary type of magic treasure.

The price was lower than that of a better Foundation Establishment magic treasure.

For Jiang Hao, this one was more durable.

Golden Core magic treasure for less than 4,000 spirit stones was rare in the entire market. They were as scarce as phoenix feathers and unicorn horns.

Forging magical treasures was also profitable.

He spent 4000 spirit stones to buy talisman-making materials to make the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

Now, he had 45,000 spirit stones.

‘I need to ask how many spirit stones are needed for top-grade spirit herb seeds.’

Only by planting top-grade spirit herb seeds could he obtain bubbles. Other methods either didn’t work or had a very low success rate.

Soon, he walked out of the Snow Lotus Pavilion. The prices ranged from 2,000 to 10,000 spirit stones.

It was a bit expensive.

‘2,000...’

With 40,000 spirit stones, he could buy twenty of them.

Even if he only sold fifteen, it would still be good. He could sell the spirit herbs after a few months and do the same thing again.

The only question was whether he could keep them safe.

There was another problem: top-grade seeds were rare.

“There are many problems, but for now, I need to deal with the one at hand.”

Jiang Hao returned to his house and began to make talismans. He quickly discovered that his cultivation was still insufficient. ‘There is no need to rush. I’ll wait another two days...’

After that, Jiang Hao began to refine his cultivation and waited for a few days to advance.

The next day, Jiang Hao went to his own spirit herb plot to take care of it.

Half of the spirit herbs had started to wither. He found that their essence had been absorbed. Even if he revived them, it wouldn't matter. They had lost their medicinal properties.

Perhaps it would take several decades for them to recover.

But the amount of spirit stones he spent on fostering them had exceeded the value of the spirit herbs. He disposed of the spirit herbs without making a fuss.

He had to be patient.

Another day passed, and Jiang Hao finally found a bubble in his courtyard.

[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

As he headed to the Spirit Herb Garden, he saw a blue bubble amidst numerous white bubbles.

[Lifeblood +1]

Jiang Hao was delighted. He could finally advance to the next stage!

Although it would be of no use against a late-stage Return to Void Realm cultivator, it would allow him to make a Thousand Miles Teleportation

Talisman, which could come in handy.

However, on this day, half of his spirit herbs had withered.

Jiang Hao saw an ordinary non-cultivator kneeling before the herbs.

“Go do something else and be careful,” he said.

He felt anxious..

Chapter 343: He Probably Couldn't Even Imagine That He Would Die In A Few Days

Far away, Gu Qing was tending to the spirit herbs.

These past two days, she had been observing Jiang Hao.

Although most of her time was spent in the Spirit Herb Garden, she still found time to tend to her own matters. Even in the garden, she only took care of her own spirit herbs and didn't interfere with others.

Everything was running smoothly.

'He is kind to ordinary people, to the point where he remains silent even when he sees his spirit herbs withering. Is he trying to avoid making a big fuss, even when it's detrimental to him? It is no wonder he managed to survive in the demonic sect. He's afraid to make enemies. What a pity!' Gu Qing was amused.

Even if this person died, no one would pay much attention.

The more ordinary a person, the fewer people cared about them.

As for his background, she had already investigated it thoroughly.

They were all fabricated.

His relationship with Miao Tinglian wasn't very significant. It was the same with Mu Qi.

'It seems he's living quite a boring life without even a friend. I should just find a way to kill him. Once I do, I'll have temporary control of the Spirit Herb Garden. Nobody will know. But if something went wrong in the garden now, this person would report it immediately. I won't have the time to recover fully, and it will only invite trouble.'

Jiang Hao quietly tended to the spirit herbs.

Gu Qing was amused by him. He was really pitiful.

Perhaps he thought he was being targeted by some fellow disciples. It made things easier for her.

He probably couldn't even imagine that he would die in a few days.

'He is so pitiful... I'll make it quick when the time comes.'

She thought about the Heavenly Note Sect.

Although the Heavenly Note Sect's strength wasn't impressive, it was still a significant threat to her.

Even if this place couldn't accommodate her, it wouldn't be an issue. It wasn't like they could keep her here.

Jiang Hao was quietly tending his spirit herbs. The situation was even more extreme than before. The other person didn't even hide it anymore.

'I need to find a place to hide.'

Which place was safe in the Heavenly Note Sect?

Jiang Hao decided to go to the Lawless Tower.

After he advanced, he could go there more often. Even if he encountered the person from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion from before, he didn't mind. It was better than facing Gu Qing.

The Pavilion Master of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion understood the strict rule of the Heavenly Note Sect, while Gu Qing had no understanding of it at all.

He was the one suffering in this situation.

His progress wasn't slow, but he still had much work to do.

He sent the spirit beast and Xiao Li to the Outer Sect's Spirit Herb Garden.

For now, they shouldn't be here.

After taking care of his own spirit herbs, Jiang Hao began to observe other parts of the Spirit Herb Garden.

Many spirit herbs had their essence sucked away, but it wasn't very severe.

It wouldn't have a significant impact in the short term.

However, if this continued, all the spirit herbs in the garden would suffer. By then, he would have to bear the responsibility.

He couldn't afford to compensate for the loss of spirit herbs.

'I wonder how Liu Xingchen's investigation is going.'

Jiang Hao decided to leave.

As for Gu Qing, he wouldn't seek her out.

Jiang Hao returned to his house and sat cross-legged in his room. He was ready to start the process to advance to the next stage.

He didn't have time to find out more about the abundant spiritual energy in his courtyard. He didn't have time to visit Bai Ye either.

Gu Qing had disrupted his life.

Jiang Hao looked at his interface. [Lifeblood: 100/100 (Can be cultivated)]

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

Jiang Hao felt a massive influx of spiritual energy and vitality in his body.

The improvement of cultivation required the cooperation of the body, with the lifeblood nourishing it.

The Hong Meng Heart Sutra circulated, and purple energy appeared around him.

The vast spiritual energy converged and nurtured his primordial spirit.

The purple energy enveloped Jiang Hao like a cocoon.

Because of the trip to Heavenly Stele Mountain, he had a more profound understanding of the Hong Meng heart Sutra. His body and mind were filled with purple energy, which rose and fell with each breath.

The night passed by, and Jiang Hao was completely enveloped in purple energy.

When the sun shone the next day, the purple energy shattered with a crisp sound.

Then his primordial spirit manifested and shone with a golden light.

With a loud bang, the purple energy shattered even more and absorbed into Jiang Hao's body.

At this moment, a faint golden light surrounded him.

His peak of Primordial Spirit aura surged and then settled down. Jiang Hao slowly opened his eyes. The immense power gave him a bit more confidence.

But when he thought of Gu Qing's cultivation realm, he sighed. The gap in strength was just too huge.

He clenched his fist.

With this mighty power, he felt confident enough to fight against Manlong. He had even surpassed Liu Xingchen by two stages. He was stronger and safer now.

After refining his cultivation, Jiang Hao recorded the attacks in his wrist guard and stored his power in the Reappearance of the Hidden Spirit between his brows.

At noon, he started making the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

He used medicinal pills, Reappearance of the Hidden Spirit ability, and Clear and Pure Heart ability.

In the evening, he finally completed a Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

‘Fortunately, the Clear and Pure Heart ability only suffered minor damage. It should be able to recover with the Revival of Withered Tree.’

The benefits of having a powerful divine ability were indeed great.

However, it was a pity that his cultivation was still too weak. Otherwise, why would he still need to rely on divine abilities?

[Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman: Low-Grade. Ignores all spells and barriers. Randomly teleports the user to any location within 1,400 miles. Can be activated using blood or spiritual energy. Cannot be interrupted.]

It was still low in quality.

He put away the talisman.

Jiang Hao then took a break.

The next day, he felt his divine ability recovering slightly.

As long as it recovered, it was all well and good.

It would probably be difficult to restore it to its former state.

This time, when he returned to the Spirit Herb Garden, he found that all of his remaining spirit herbs had withered.

Several thousand spiritual stones were gone just like that.

“Master, please have mercy on me. I-I don’t know what happened.” A young man knelt in front of Jiang Hao. He was trembling in fear.

Jiang Hao looked at his withered spirit herbs and felt depressed.

He had worked so hard in the Corpse Realm, only to have his hard-earned spirit herbs vanish in just a few days.

He glared at the young man before him. He sighed. “Go do something else.”

The young man seemed to be in disbelief. He pressed his head to the ground. “Thank you for sparing my life.”

Jiang Hao knew this incident had nothing to do with the young man. He had glared at him just to convince Gu Qing that he knew nothing of the situation. There was simply no need to argue with ordinary non-cultivators.

At this moment, he felt Gu Qing looking at him.

In these few days, he would face immense danger. Whether he survived or not would entirely depend on Liu Xingchen.

White Moon Lake.

“Elder Baizhi, we’ve received a message from the Law Enforcement Hall.” The woman in the black robe landed before Baizhi.

Baizhi was sitting in the courtyard and gazing at the sky.

“The Law Enforcement Hall operates independently. What message could they possibly send us?” she asked curiously.

“I don’t know, but it seems like they want to use the sect’s treasure.”

“Sect’s treasure?”

The Law Enforcement Hall functioned independently and didn’t really report to anyone.

If they were planning to use the sect’s treasure this time, it meant that the situation was quite serious..

Chapter 344: What Does He Like About Me?

Baizhi accepted the message and read it.

Her eyes narrowed. She then passed the message to the woman in the black robe.

The black-robed woman was surprised. “Dealing with a spy?

Baizhi nodded. “What kind of spy would warrant the use of the Inner-Heart Platform?”

“I’ll find out more about this,” said the black-robed woman, and left.

Baizhi sat quietly in the courtyard. Her hair swayed gently in the breeze.

After a while, the black-robed woman returned. "I've found out the details." Baizhi looked at her. "So, what's the situation?"

"A member of the Law Enforcement Hall suspects an inner sect disciple. They used the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror to see what the person has been up to. However, they couldn't see anything in the reflection. It seems the suspect might have a treasure that blocks the effect of the mirror, or they might be in an immensely high cultivation realm. They tried to gather more information but didn't get much. The Law Enforcement Hall concluded that the person might really be a spy from some other place. Since the person is likely to have a valuable treasure, they need to restrict their movements, so they want to use the Inner-Heart Platform."

Baizhi chuckled. "It is no wonder they rushed to report it. They are worried this person might be too powerful and can't imagine what they must be capable of. They can't afford to bear the consequences if the person ends up doing something."

It all boiled down to one fact: the opponent might be exceptionally strong. The black-robed woman nodded. "What do you suggest, Elder Baizhi?"

"Who discovered this person?" Baizhi asked.

"The Law Enforcement Hall's Liu Xingchen."

Baizhi nodded. "Let them pick the time of action. You can follow them."

The black-robed woman nodded.

Baizhi watched her leave.

Finding traitors and spies hadn't been going well lately. She needed to catch a strong spy to find out more about why they were targeting the sect.

It would be best if the person actually was a spy. If not, they could still question the suspect about the treasure.

The person might really be powerful if they were able to block the effect of the mirror.

Catching them could still yield some clues.

Even if they were exceptionally powerful, there might still be room for negotiation.

However, that was unlikely. Otherwise, the Law Enforcement Hall wouldn't be this desperate.

After dealing with the spirit herbs, Jiang Hao went to find the senior who had allowed him to plant his spirit herbs. He informed him of the ruined herbs.

The senior looked puzzled but didn't ask anything further.

Clearly, some rumors might have spread about the garden.

Jiang Hao didn't mind. Right now, he needed to protect himself.

He didn't know when Gu Qing would make her move. He had no idea about Liu Xingchen's progress in the investigation.

The only solution was to find ways to avoid danger.

As he left the Spirit Herb Garden, he heard a voice call for him from behind.

"Senior Brother Jiang, wait!"

Jiang Hao turned. His heart sank when he saw Gu Qing running toward him.

He wanted to flee. If she attacked him here, he would definitely die.

The gap in their strengths was too vast. He couldn't fight back even if he wanted to.

He reined in his fear and squeezed out a smile. "Junior Sister Gu, is there something you need?"

"Senior Brother Jiang, you are leaving?" Gu Qing asked.

"Yes. I'm going to the outer sect for a while, then I'll return to cultivate."

"I'll also get back to work, but I have something I need to ask you, Senior Brother Jiang. Will you be free tonight? I'll find you after I'm done here. I can't ask you here because... it's a little personal." Gu Qing lowered her head and blushed.

Jiang Hao smiled. "Sure. I'll wait for you tonight then."

Gu Qing happily jumped up and smiled. "Then, Senior Brother, please wait for me tonight."

Jiang Hao nodded and watched as Gu Qing returned to the Spirit Herb Garden.

Jiang Hao turned and left. His face darkened.

He arrived at the outer sect area.

"Master, why are you here?" asked the spirit beast.

At the same time, the beast gestured to Xiao Li to be quiet.

"Senior Brother Jiang..." Xiao Li looked nervous.

Jiang Hao knew at a glance that they must have been up to something shady again.

He glared at them and instructed the spirit beast to not leave Xiao Li's side tonight.

The spirit beast looked disappointed. It was probably thinking about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

Now that Xiao Li and the spirit beast were out of the way, he went to visit Cheng Chou. He asked him about the progress and told him not to return to the Spirit Herb Garden for a while.

After that, he headed straight for the Lawless Tower.

Tonight, he intended to stay there.

As soon as Jiang Hao arrived at the fifth floor, he heard the voice of the Heavenly King.

"You little b*tch, how dare you shout at me? A mere early-stage Primordial Spirit Realm cultivator! You are about to drop into the Golden Core Realm. In a few days, you'll be demoted to the fourth floor."

Jiang Hao walked in.

The ones who had been quarreling turned their attention to him.

When Hai Luo saw Jiang Hao, he became quieter.

"Was I speaking too loudly just now? I admit I got a bit carried away. It's okay as long as it's quiet now, right?"

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Mi Lingyue, on the other hand, was puzzled.

“Foundation Establishment kid, what did you say to him? How did you make the headstrong Heavenly King submit like this? Why don’t you tell me, and I’ll exchange a thing or two with you? I can give you techniques, spells, and some alchemy, forging, or talisman-making methods. I can tell you all about it.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. He didn’t expect her to know about alchemy, forging, and talisman-making.

“Do you know about formations?” he asked curiously.

“I only know a little bit about formations.” Mi Lingyue shook her head.

‘Just a little?’

Jiang Hao thought about it and decided not to embarrass himself.

After that, he sat in front of Zhuang Yuzhen and asked him about some matters related to the Corpse Realm.

He informed Zhuang Yuzhen that the Heavenly Note Sect hadn’t found the previous spy for a whole year now. Since the person hadn’t shown up, there was a possibility that they might just give up.

Zhuang Yuzhen felt relieved.

Jiang Hao had expected him to become as arrogant as the Heavenly King, but he just continued to answer his questions.

He gradually gained a clearer understanding of some doubts he had about the Corpse Realm, such as the rules and laws regarding its opening. There wasn’t a fixed cycle. It depended on when the seeds reacted.

When he had first arrived, the seeds had already responded. After he planted them, it opened the Corpse Realm.

It had been sixteen years since it opened last, and eight years since the one before that.

“By the way, is the Mountain Sea Sword Sect also a Northern Sect?” Jiang Hao remembered the jade pendant he had obtained from Zhuge Zheng.

In the evening, Gu Qing left the Spirit Herb Garden and bid farewell to the others working there. She then headed to Jiang Hao’s place.

She didn’t feel anything strange. She had walked this way many times before.

‘He should be happy to see me. I wonder what he likes about me. Is he attracted to my appearance, my physique, or my storage treasure?’

She knew that Jiang Hao wasn’t affected by her charms. She felt that the last option was the most likely.

Even so...

“He probably doesn’t know he is going to die tonight. Some of the spirit herbs in the Spirit Herb Garden might be facing issues. I can’t keep him around anymore..”

Chapter 345: Do You Really Need So Many People To Deal With Someone In Foundation Establishment Realm?

The trouble with the spirit herbs was one thing. Jiang Hao had too many spirit herbs.

Ordinary people would hide their wealth. If he dared to raise so many herbs, he should have a bigger place.

This trip would yield a lot of results.

“In some time, my cultivation will recover somewhat. At that point, I’ll find a way to the Candlelight Pill Pavilion. If I can manage the Spirit Herb Garden again, I should be able to recover most of it.”

Gu Qing had learned a lot after spending time in the Cliff of Broken Hearts. The Candlelight Pill Pavilion was the next place with high-quality spirit herbs.

If she demonstrated some talent in alchemy, she could go there.

At this moment, she saw a small house by the river.

‘I arrived...

She hurried over.

Just as she approached, a figure suddenly appeared in the sky. It was flying on a sword at an astonishing speed.

Liu Xingchen landed in front of Gu Qing. “Junior Sister, do you have a moment?”

“What’s the matter, Senior Brother?” Gu Qing smiled.

He was in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. Maybe she could make use of him.

“I am Liu Xingchen of the Law Enforcement Hall. I need your cooperation for a few matters,” he said.

“The Law Enforcement Hall?” Gu Qing frowned. “Why?”

‘Your identity is suspicious, and we need to investigate,’ Liu Xingchen said.

“So... I have to go to the Law Enforcement Hall?”

“Yes.”

“Can’t I refuse to go?” Gu Qing asked.

“You can’t.” Liu Xingchen shook his head.

“Can’t you let this slide, Senior Brother?” There was an aura emanating from

Gu Qing, and it suppressed Liu Xingchen.

“It seems you are unwilling to cooperate. In the Heavenly Note Sect, no one has dared to resist an investigation from the Law Enforcement Hall.”

Several powerful individuals appeared and joined forces to suppress her.

“You’re treating your own people like this?” Gu Qing’s eyes narrowed. She had no idea what was happening. Why was she suddenly a target?

The people attacked her.

Gu Qing’s face darkened. “Can you really afford to anger me, Heavenly Note Sect?”

The immense aura of a Return to Void Realm cultivator spread out. The people from the Law Enforcement Hall were unfazed.

Boom!

A powerful force swept across the earth.

Spells circulated and shone in all directions.

Explosions rang out.

Gu Qing only barely managed to escape the place with heavy injuries.

“Heavenly Note Sect, I’ll remember this!”

She used a treasure and intended to leave this place.

However, just when she activated the treasure, it was suppressed by something.

A tiny platform hung over her head.

‘How is this possible?’

Why would this kind of treasure be used against her?

For a moment, Gu Qing couldn’t understand. She disguised herself as a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. They used such measures to deal with a person of such a low realm! They had even used a precious treasure.

Had they investigated her thoroughly before taking action?

Gu Qing had no chance to escape.

Liu Xingchen walked over to her.

“Junior Sister, you don’t need to go to the Law Enforcement Hall anymore. It is far too good a place for you. The Lawless Tower will take over the matter.”

The Enforcement Hall wouldn’t be able to keep such a powerful enemy in check. Only by throwing them into the Lawless Tower could they possibly find out more.

At White Moon Lake, the black-robed woman visited Baizhi again.

“Is it over?” Baizhi stood by the lake as she looked at the moon in the sky.

“Yes, it’s over. It was easier than expected. I thought I might need to intervene, but she was easily captured. The tiny platform played its part. She has been sent to the Lawless Tower. Interrogation hasn’t started yet.”

“Where did you capture her from?” Baizhi suddenly asked.

“Near Jiang Hao’s residence. She seemed to be looking for Junior Brother Jiang.” “Where’s Jiang Hao?” Baizhi asked.

“Well...” The black-robed woman hesitated. “He went to the Lawless Tower this afternoon and hasn’t returned yet. It seems he intends to stay there overnight.”

Baizhi was taken aback.

The Lawless Tower had inexplicably become his refuge.

“Did you obtain the treasure?” Baizhi asked.

“No, while her storage treasure contains quite a few valuable items, it doesn’t have the item we are looking for. It’s possible that it’s hidden within her body.”

Baizhi looked at her. “Take your time and get the information as soon as possible.”

The black-robed woman nodded.

Once she left, Baizhi left White Moon Lake and headed to the highest peak.

The highest place in the Heavenly Note Sect was the Hundred Flower Lake.

“Is the Mountain Sea Sword Sect that powerful?”

Jiang Hao was surprised.

The Divine Corpse Sect was rather ordinary compared to the Mountain Sea Sword Sect.

Any demonic sect in the northern region had to stay away from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, and they rarely ventured out. All members of the demonic sects kept their distance from them.

It wasn’t merely fear of their sect. The people from there were terrifying as well.

Of course, there were some who thought they could ally and use them, but they were eventually wiped out.

“Of course, they’re powerful. Among the major immortal sects in the northern region, they are on par with the Clear Sky School. The major sects are nothing before them,” Zhuang Yuzhen said with a bitter smile. “I wanted to visit the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, but I couldn’t even enter their gates.”

Jiang Hao sighed.

Suddenly, he thought of a possibility. If he couldn't even enter their gates, how would he exchange the jade pendant for spirit stones?

'Was Zhuge Zheng lying to me?'

Jiang Hao couldn't be sure. He couldn't really find out about it.

But if he could enter, it meant he could join two major immortal sects.

The Bright Moon Sect and the Mountain Sea Sword Sect.

Unfortunately, he didn't dare to venture out.

In the future, he might be able to sell the item during gatherings.

The Bright Moon Sect was out of the question, but maybe he could find someone from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect to sell it to.

After asking a few more questions, Jiang Hao realized it was getting late. It was time to leave.

"Hey, wait! When will you also tell me the words you use to strike fear in everybody?" Mi Lingyue shouted. "My cultivation is about to drop. I won't be here any longer."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

She was really strange. He ignored her and walked away.

Last night, he had deliberately avoided Gu Qing. He didn't know what he could do today if he met her.

‘Maybe I should first find Liu Xingchen...’

If Gu Qing was angry, she would attack him. It would be bad for him.

Just as he arrived at the Law Enforcement Peak, he saw Liu Xingchen walking over to him.

“Junior Brother Jiang, are you here to take on a new mission?”

Jiang Hao was puzzled.

“Some people from the Mission Hall miss you, Junior brother. They say you haven’t appeared here for a year, and it’s time for you to take a stroll outside,” Liu Xingchen said with a smile.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

Although he had acquired considerable spirit stones, he didn’t intend to give them to the Law Enforcement Peak.

He remembered that he could appraise Liu Xingchen today.

However, he needed to keep an eye on Gu Qing to see what her intentions were.

“By the way, we captured Junior Sister Gu last night,” said Liu Xingchen.

Jiang Hao was stunned.

He used the Daily Appraisal ability on Liu Xingchen.

[Liu Xingchen: True Disciple of the Heavenly Faction. Born with the aura of a dragon. An undercover agent of the Law Enforcement Hall of the Heavenly Note Sect. Recently, he has sensed that the three

remnant souls have fallen silent after meeting each other as if resting and waiting for a chance to counterattack. Out of boredom, he started buying nourishing spirit herbs to replenish the three remnant souls and hoped they'd launch a counterattack soon. Seeing you return, he found a big task for you. However, he thinks it's more interesting to keep an eye on you.] Did the remnant souls take their leave?

Chapter 346: Planning to Escape?

Jiang Hao was quite surprised when he saw the information given by the appraisal.

The remnant souls seem to be recuperating.

Jiang Hao didn't think that the bored Liu Xingchen would wait for too long. If they continued to do nothing, they all might end up being devoured by him.

Maybe that would force them to launch an attack.

Or perhaps these three had sensed the danger and didn't dare to confront Liu Xingchen head-on. They might be biding their time to escape.

That would surely interest Liu Xingchen.

However, Jiang Hao was still unsure what the remnants planned to do.

He could only wait until they recuperated and made a move.

Jiang Hao felt troubled by the last line. He wondered what Liu Xingchen had planned for him. However, he had no choice. Gu Qing was too strong, and he could only rely on Liu Xingchen.

She was at the peak of Return to Void Realm. He couldn't even imagine how it must feel to be at the early stage of Return to Void Realm, let alone the late stage.

"Is Junior Sister Gu really a spy?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I'm not sure about that, but her strength is formidable," Liu Xingchen said. "In the beginning, I wasn't sure about her strength either. I only sought the assistance of the seniors because she had some treasure with her. I'm glad I took some people with me. That's how we were able to capture her."

"Treasure?"

"Yes, secret treasure," Liu Xingchen said. "At first, I used the Pseudo-Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror and found nothing, so I requested the real one. Still, nothing came up. That indicated that she was either extremely powerful or had treasures with her. After several investigations, the Law Enforcement Hall concluded that she had treasures. We applied for a divine treasure to suppress the power of the treasure she had. Then, we arrested her. Last night, she was heading to your residence, Junior Brother Jiang. We found her on the way. We then captured her."

"I see." Jiang Hao nodded.

He wondered if the Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror came in real and pseudo variety.

"What if she had killed other disciples? Could the mirror come in handy to find out?" asked Jiang Hao.

"The process would be complicated, but as of now, if we use a higher-level Heavenly Essence Soul Modeling Mirror, we should be able to find out. Of course, investigating the murder of fellow sect members would be much more complicated. But she can't escape."

"For now... we don't know what she did here." Liu Xingchen shook his head. "We're currently investigating why she was in the sect. She was sent to the

Lawless Tower. It probably won't go well for her there."

'The Lawless Tower?'

Jiang Hao thought of Hai Luo and the others. Maybe he would find her there too.

Unfortunately, he couldn't make her suffer with just a few words. He hadn't found any leverage on her yet.

"There's one more thing I need to tell you, Junior Brother Jiang," Liu Xingchen said suddenly. "Capturing her is an accomplishment. Don't you want credit for

Jiang Hao shook his head. "I did nothing. I only had some doubts. You did all the work. You deserve the credit."

"That works too." Liu Xingchen smiled and nodded.

"Oh, by the way, if Junior Sister Gu caused any losses during her time at the Spirit Herb Garden, who would be responsible for it?" Jiang Hao was quite concerned.

After all, those spirit herbs were of considerable value.

If he really had to compensate for other people's spirit herbs, he wouldn't be able to afford it.

After thinking for a moment, Liu Xingchen said, "I'll take two people to thoroughly investigate this afternoon. I will find out Junior Sister Gu's residence and the tasks she was in charge of. If there's any loss, I'll help you apply for compensation. Currently, Junior Sister Gu is still a disciple of the Heavenly Note Sect, but that might not be the case for much longer."

Jiang Hao understood that if she was still a disciple, he had to bear the responsibility. If not, he wouldn't be made to compensate.

After talking for a while, Jiang Hao learned that the sect was preparing and was likely to take action against the Heavenly Saint Sect.

With the Heavenly Saint Sect out of the way, he would be much safer.

Besides the Heavenly Note Sect, he was also being watched by the Sunset Immortal Sect.

The first wave of attacks by the Sunset Immortal Sect shouldn't pose a danger.

His strength was at Foundation Establishment Realm, so no matter how cautious the other party was, they wouldn't use a cultivator surpassing the Primordial Spirit Realm to deal with him.

For those who had grudges against him, they assumed he was weak. So, they wouldn't send strong opponents.

It was a pity that he wasn't strong enough himself. Otherwise, no one would hold a grudge against him at all.

However, he couldn't underestimate the situation, or he might become the next Gu Qing.

She had disguised herself to appear at the early Foundation Establishment Realm but was still captured.

After bidding farewell to Liu Xingchen, Jiang Hao returned to the Spirit Herb Garden.

In the afternoon, Liu Xingchen arrived to investigate. He found that there were problems with the spirit herbs.

It was worth thirty-nine thousand spirit stones.

In the end, the Law Enforcement Hall took away half of the spirit herbs and compensated for ninety percent of the value.

The remaining half was to be borne by the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

Some spirit herbs could be restored in time.

So, in the end, they had to bear ten percent of the loss.

That was 390 spirit stones.

Jiang Hao wasn't too concerned about that. It was a pity no one had compensated him for the spirit herbs he lost.

So, he could only accept this loss on his own. But Jiang Hao was okay with it.

The capture of Gu Qing was the most important thing to him. At least he was safe now.

Seven days later, Liu Xingchen informed him that Gu Qing had been confirmed to be a spy and was locked up at the Lawless Tower indefinitely. Jiang Hao felt relieved. He could now continue with his own matters.

He returned to his house and glanced at his interface.

Since his advancement to a new stage, he hadn't really looked at it closely.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 27]

[Cultivation: Peak 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: 4/100 (Cannot be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 2/100 (Cannot be cultivated)]

[Divine Abilities: 2/3 (Cannot be obtained)]

‘Twenty-seven years old... It’s been almost eight years since I met Hong Yuye. I was nineteen then.’

In just a few short years, he had progressed from the eighth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm to the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

He had surpassed Foundation Establishment Realm, then Golden Core Realm, and now was on the verge of surpassing the Primordial Spirit Realm.

The speed was unbelievable.

Jiang Hao felt delighted.

Even the disciples of the Clear Sky School couldn’t manage to advance so fast.

When they first met, he was at the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm, and Liu Xingchen was at the peak of the Golden Core Realm.

Over seven years had passed since then, and he had reached the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm, while Liu Xingchen was in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

If anyone found out about his progress, they would be shocked.

People would definitely want to find out how it was possible.

And his fellow disciple, Han Ming, who started in the same realm as him, was still only at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

‘The more I think about it, the more I feel that my state of mind isn’t very stable.’ Jiang Hao sighed.

Once he started to feel pride, it would be the beginning of his destruction.

He had to be constantly vigilant. He couldn’t go down the wrong path.

After calming himself, Jiang Hao began to plan for the future.

‘Speaking of which, it’s time to visit the Hundred Bones Forest again.’

It had been a year since the last time he had used the sealing technique.

Now that he had finally managed to suppress Bai Ye’s cultivation by a level, he couldn’t let him catch up to him.

Two weeks later, Jiang Hao arrived at the Hundred Bones Forest at night.

However, when he sensed Bai Ye outside the valley, he felt that something was amiss.. ‘What’s going on? Middle Stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm?!’

Chapter 347: Junior Brother Han ‘s Cultivation Will Soar To A Whole New Level

Jiang Hao opened his eyes.

He might not have sensed it wrong just now. Normally, he wouldn’t be able to locate Bai Ye.

He had used the knowledge from the nameless manual, which allowed him to sense the other person's realm through the fluctuations of spiritual energy.

This was the only way for him to clearly ascertain other people's cultivation.

'Was his cultivation affected by the challenge with the Manlong last time? Or is it due to a curse?'

He had abandoned the curse a long time ago. It was too risky to offend Hong

Yuye after she had warned him.

After a year of recuperation, his cultivation should have stabilized completely.

In fact, he should have even attempted to advance his cultivation further.

Why did it fall instead?

Jiang Hao was surprised, but he couldn't stop with the sealing process.

Bai Ye was cunning. He could deceive Jiang Hao and make life hard for him again.

He gripped the long spear.

This time, he only utilized his own strength without activating his divine ability.

Swish!

The spear enveloped in purple energy whistled through the air.

In the valley, Bai Ye was sitting on a chair. "I heard we suffered some losses with the spirit herbs?"

"Yes, there was a major incident at the Cliff of Broken Hearts, and many of the spirit herbs were affected. The losses have been compensated, and we're not lacking in spirit stones," said Lian Qin. "I always feel that the Cliff of Broken Hearts gets into a lot of trouble."

"It's not that cliff that has issues, it's that everyone targets that branch. There are many things happening beyond our view as well. We're just not paying attention to them." Bai Ye smiled. "Have you found the suitable spirit herbs?"

"I need a few more days. Almost done."

"Sooner would be better. It'll become ineffective soon," Bai Ye said.

He had thought of many ways to save himself. In the end, he could only use the methods from the past. This was the best option.

He was about to say something more when he suddenly looked toward the outside of the valley.

After over a year, that purple light appeared again.

Boom!

The long spear shot through the sky, broke the formation, and headed straight for Bai Ye.

The defensive shield activated just in time.

Unfortunately, under the assault of the spear, the shield shattered instantly.

The spear pierced through Bai Ye like lightning.

Pfft!

Bai Ye screamed, and blood splattered.

The purple energy once again surged into Bai Ye's body and injured him.

Lian Qin was dumbfounded. It was so fast that she couldn't react in time.

As she snapped back to her senses, she quickly arrived at Bai Ye's side. She felt that her senior brother might die.

At that moment, she experienced an unprecedented fear. "Isn't everything fine now? Why is he back again? What does he want us to do? Whatever he wants, we'll do it. We'll do it all."

Bai Ye coughed blood. He smiled weakly. "It's okay, I'm fine. He has weakened his attack. He only wants to seal my cultivation. I still have hope. There's still hope."

Pfft!

He coughed up more blood. Despite that, he was still hopeful.

Lian Qin didn't understand. But they couldn't just give up.

Every time the person appeared, it was a huge blow.

Both psychologically and physically.

Jiang Hao had already left the Hundred Bones Forest.

Although he was puzzled by Bai Ye's condition, he didn't think much about it.

He needed to observe the situation first.

After all, Bai Ye wasn't an ordinary True Disciple. He had significant achievements to his name.

It was necessary to consider the implications of crossing him.

Jiang Hao stood on the balcony of his house. He felt that the people he had encountered recently were all very strong, especially those related to the gathering.

Zhuang Yuzhen, Gu Qing, and others... They were all connected somehow.

Was it all just a coincidence?

Jiang Hao hesitated and took out the stone tablet. He suddenly remembered something.

He used the Daily Appraisal on the stone tablet.

[Secret Message Tablet: A Dharmic Treasure. Three-in-one, with the influence of Hong Yuye. Its true master cannot perceive or probe it. Can be used to connect with other stone tablets and enter the gathering. Finding stone tablets of the same type can once again create a three-in-one chain and grant more permission.]

"Dharmic treasure... Maybe all of them have something to do with this?" Many he had encountered used the stone tablet. Maybe they were all connected because of this.

'How much is this thing influencing everything? Or is it just my rotten luck to be dragged into this?'

After all, meeting someone as powerful as Gu Qing wasn't considered the best of luck.

Jiang Hao took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

'It's possible that this is the cause of everything bad happening to me...' He possessed quite a few things of this kind.

Hong Meng Heart Sutra, Primordial Heaven Sky Blade, Nine Rings of Heaven and Earth, Secret Message Tablet, Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, and the Immortal Peach Tree...

Jiang Hao nearly scared himself thinking about all that. So many terrifyingly powerful things with him. It was astonishing that someone hadn't killed him yet.

He felt that he needed to be even more cautious in the future.

At the White Moon Lake, the black-robed woman appeared again.

"We can confirm that the treasure is on Gu Qing, but we can't extract it yet," she said in embarrassment. "Unless she willingly removes it, forcibly taking it out would cause damage to the treasure."

"Besides the treasure, is there anything else?" Baizhi asked.

"She belongs to the Fallen Immortal Clan, and she claims to have come to the Heavenly Note Sect just to recuperate. But she isn't trustworthy. She's probably hiding from her enemies. However, we don't know who her enemies are," the black-robed woman said.

Baizhi thought for a moment and asked, "Did she admit she's from the Fallen Immortal Clan?"

This clan was seldom heard of and quite difficult to identify.

Ordinarily, members of this clan wouldn't openly admit to being from there.

"No, it was confirmed by Zhuang Yuzhen and the others. Actually..." The black-robed woman hesitated for a moment. "Actually, Jiang Hao has some methods to deal with Zhuang Yuzhen and the other captives. Perhaps he can intervene. There's a possibility of getting better results."

Baizhi glanced at the black-robed woman.

The woman was startled. She kneeled on the ground. "I apologize for my incompetence."

Baizhi didn't say much. Zhuang Yuzhen and the others weren't weak. It wasn't uncommon for someone as strong as them to refuse to cooperate.

As time passed, they all mellowed out.

They cooperated one way or another, except the Heavemy King. for some reason, he got agitated. He was quite stubborn.

"For now, let it be. The people from the Divine Corpse Sect are about to leave.

Prepare each branch to be ready for their departure."

'Yes."

Early in the morning, Jiang Hao received a list.

They needed a large number of spirit herbs on a continuous basis.

'It seems I need to take action.'

During this period, he couldn't allow any accidents to happen at the Spirit Herb Garden.

He also needed to find time to make spirit talismans, which could be sold at high prices.

He could also sell some spirit herbs in the process.

The next day, Gu Cheng and Qing You from the Divine Corpse Sect came to say goodbye to him.

These two had helped Jiang Hao quite a bit.

He respectfully bid farewell to them.

More than thirty people from the Divine Corpse Sect had arrived in the Heavenly Corpse Sect

Ten had died. One more had died in the Corpse Realm. That person was Yun Qi.

Jiang Hao understood that this allowed Gui to free herself.

That was good news. It meant that Gui wouldn't remain in the Heavenly Note Sect

He could finally breathe a sigh of relief.

On the third day after sending them off, a large group of disciples gathered.

The teleportation array had opened. The disciples were going to teleport to a temporary base near the Heavenly Saint Sect and annihilate them in one fell swoop.

Jiang Hao looked at the young man about to depart and smiled at him. "Junior Brother Han, after this, I'm sure your cultivation will soar. It'll be beyond anyone's reach."

Han Ming was at a loss for words..

Chapter 348: Going Down The Mountain

Looking at Han Mings unwavering determination, Jiang Hao knew that he could go far in the future.

However, there was a problem. It was easy for him to fall into other people's traps.

This time too, many people were heading to ambush the Heavenly Saint Sect, and Han Ming was among them.

Jiang Hao couldn't go because he was still on the suspect list of Law Enforcement Hall. Otherwise, he might have been sent there.

That would be dangerous.

He returned to the Spirit Herb Garden.

Until the battle ended, there shouldn't be any issues there. Otherwise, it would be considered his negligence, and the consequences would be severe.

He also took the spirit beast to the Spirit Herb Garden. If there were any issues, it could detect them immediately.

He called for Cheng Chou too. The Outer Sect's Spirit Herb Garden was temporarily left unattended.

When Cheng Chou came back to his old Spirit Herb Garden, he realized that Junior Sister Gu had been captured. He felt that Senior Brother Jiang's decision to have him stay in the outer sect had a purpose.

Three days later, people gradually appeared in the sect. Most of them were heavily injured. They were from the Heavenly Saint Sect and were thrown into the Lawless Tower.

Jiang Hao didn't sell talismans during this time. The Spirit Herb Garden was more important.

He only took time long enough to water the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and hurried back to the Spirit Herb Garden every time.

He didn't dare to leave the garden unattended. He worked there day and night.

He divided the work of tending to spirit into two shifts. Everyone was constantly working around the clock.

One day, someone requested to see him outside.

Jiang Hao walked out of the garden to see a woman with significant injuries. She was at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"Senior Sister, is there something you need?" Jiang Hao asked.

The woman handed a list to Jiang Hao and walked straight into the Spirit Herb Garden.

"I need a stalk of the Ancient Clear Grass."

As she was about to enter the herbs, Jiang Hao stopped her.

"What is it, Junior Brother? Is there a problem with the list?" she asked. "No problem." Jiang Hao looked at her. "But I think you are the problem." Just as he finished speaking, she was about to attack.

She suddenly unleashed her entire cultivation and charged into the Spirit Herb Garden.

Jiang Hao didn't hesitate. He used the Demonic Sound Slash.

Boom!

The opponent tried to cast a spell to block, but by that time, Jiang Hao was already at her side.

He used the Moon-Slaying Technique.

The blade's light shone like the moon. With a loud bang, the opponent was sent flying backward.

Jiang Hao sent some workers to call someone from the Law Enforcement Hall. The woman was taken away quickly.

"How did you figure it out?" asked the woman before she was taken away. She couldn't understand how he had figured out that she was from the Heavenly Saint Sect.

Jiang Hao didn't answer her.

Actually, he hadn't been sure. Her injuries were real, and the list she had handed him with an order for spirit herbs was legitimate. Her cultivation realm, her aura... everything was fine. She wasn't suspicious at all. He only had a gut feeling and used the Daily Appraisal.

That's when he found out. Fortunately, she had only been at the peak of the Foundation establishment Realm. If she had been at the Golden Core Realm, it would have been troublesome.

Jiang Hao heard about similar incidents in two other places.

It was said that they were from the same sect.

Jiang Hao could understand how the others might have allowed them to enter the garden. If it were Senior Sister Miao trying to enter the garden, he wouldn't have stopped her either.

However, most of the people were post-war puppets. There were only two spies from the Heavenly Saint Sect in the place, after all.

Half a month later, around mid-March, the supply and demand of spirit herbs in the sect decreased by half.

People were frequently thrown into the Lawless Tower

In early April, the sect ceased the numerous orders for spirit herbs.

Jiang Hao let out a sigh of relief.

He then told Cheng Chou to inform the workers in the garden about it. A few could stay while the rest could take a break from work.

The workers were delighted.

It's over! Not only the work but also the battle with the other sect.

They won! So, they didn't have to worry anymore.

If they lost and the enemies infiltrated the sect, workers like them would be the first to be killed.

"Master." The spirit beast ran over to him. "You mentioned giving me a gift last time. Is it ready yet?"

Jiang Hao glanced at it. "Not yet"

“What about me?” Xiao Li stood beside the spirit beast.

“No hurry.”

The spirit beast and Xiao Li retreated to the side and began to speculate what their gifts were.

“Spirit beast, what do you think my gift will be?” “If you call me big brother, I’ll tell you what your gift is.”

“I like desserts.”

“As for me, I like things that showcase my identity as a great demon.”

Jiang Hao sighed as he listened to their discussion.

Did he ever say he was going to give gifts to both of them?

Jiang Hao left the Spirit Herb Garden.

He rarely went elsewhere because the enemies were from the Heavenly Saint Sect. They easily blended in as ordinary workers.

So, there might be many of their people around that were in hiding.

He had been on his guard ever since the war started. Now, he could finally relax.

He went to the cafeteria.

Jiang Hao sighed and looked for Feng Yang.

“Desserts?” Feng Yang was puzzled.

“Yes, just simple ones. Nothing too extravagant.”

“That will take some time to learn. Do you have time to spare, Senior Brother Jiang?”

“I do.”

In the evening, Jiang Hao left with two boxes of pastries.

He found the spirit beast and Xiao Li under the jujube tree near Xiao Li’s house.

“One box for each of you. A gift.”

He handed over the pastries.

Xiao Li and the spirit beast jumped up in joy. Then they took the boxes and opened them.

After that, Jiang Hao ignored them and went back to making talismans.

He needed to earn some spirit stones while talismans could still be sold for an increased price. Otherwise, he might end up with nothing.

Currently, he only had 44,000 spirit stones left.

Back in his house, Jiang Hao began making talismans.

He wanted to make Healing Talismans, Ten Thousand Swords Talismans, Earth-Shattering Talismans, and Strength-Control Talismans.

The first two were the most common.

His strokes flowed like water as he wrote the characters.

"It's been a year since I last made these. It seems I haven't lost my touch." He worked until midnight. The spirit beast finally came home.

Jiang Hao had run out of materials, and he would need to buy some more tomorrow.

As he walked out of the house, the spirit beast said, "Master, I just went to find Lin Zhi. It seems he is planning to leave."

"Leave?" Jiang Hao was surprised.

"He's going back down the mountain for a visit. His two friends seem to be going back too," the spirit beast said.

'Visiting family?' Jiang Hao thought for a moment and felt that it made sense.

Those two friends had exceptional talent, and currently, they should be at the sixth stage of Lifeblood Refinement.

Advancing to the seventh stage was difficult. Going back for a visit might help him ease some burdens.

But no matter what, this trip back home would be a blow to Lin Zhi. Once he returned, he would realize that he no longer had a place here.

His belief in becoming a disciple might waver.

“How long will he be gone?” Jiang Hao asked.

“About a month.” The spirit beast jumped onto a tree branch.

“You can secretly follow him. Familiarize yourself with the matters down the mountain,” Jiang Hao said.

There was one thing he didn’t say. In the future, he might choose to leave of his own volition.

The spirit beast excitedly hopped down from the tree branch and patted its chest. “Leave it to me, Master. My friends all know that I’m a great demon. They’ll help me every step of the way.”

Jiang Hao chuckled.

The next thing to consider would be the spoils of war from the Heavenly Saint Sect.

With the Heavenly Saint Sect defeated, the Heavenly Note Sect would obtain some treasures, and perhaps a new grand competition would be announced. He needed to pay attention and see if there were things he needed..

Chapter 349: Leaving The Sect? No Can Do

The next day, Jiang Hao received news that many disciples wanted to leave the sect, including Lin Zhi.

Most of them were planning to return home for a while.

Such things happened every few years.

Since he had brought Lin Zhi to the sect, the person in charge of the outer sect informed him of this development.

After passing the message to the spirit beast, Jiang Hao stopped thinking about it further.

Originally, Xiao Li might have gone back as well, but she no longer had any family.

Jiang Hao sighed as he looked at the list once more.

He found Cheng Chou.

“Take Xiao Li back in a couple of days.”

“Understood.” Cheng Chou nodded.

Two days later, Jiang Hao took care of everything.

Coincidentally, he could also guide Chu Chuan during this time.

Given his progress, achieving Foundation Establishment Realm within three to four years would be challenging.

However, with the delay of the Bright Moon Sect’s Dao Conference, there might still be enough time.

“Senior Brother, when can I go to the Bright Moon Sect?” After suffering several defeats, Chu Chuan asked.

“In a few more years,” Jiang Hao said. “But you might not make it in time. If you can’t achieve the Foundation Establishment Realm, would you still want to

“Of course, why wouldn’t I? If I don’t go, Chu Jie will worry about me,” Chu Chuan said earnestly.

“When you see that Chu Jie has reached heights that you can’t reach, how would you feel?” Jiang Hao asked.

“I wouldn’t mind, I’d just catch up. I not only want to surpass Chu Jie but also Senior Sister Xiao Li... even the Lord Beast.”

“I hope you can maintain this confidence even after you meet Chu Jie,” Jiang Hao said softly.

Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment Realm was not something you could catch up to easily.

Even catching up with Xiao Li would be difficult.

On the other hand, the spirit beast was the easiest to surpass.

Back in the courtyard, Jiang Hao noticed that the spiritual energy had diminished significantly. It was almost back to its original state.

‘What’s going on now?’

He found no changes after careful examination.

He then started making talismans. He had earned quite a bit of spirit stones in the past few days.

The only regret was that the cost of materials had gone up.

But if he wanted to earn spirit stones by making talismans, he had to accept the higher prices.

After all, he was planning to sell talismans during the period of increased demand.

In the past few days, he had felt his Clear and Pure Heart almost completely restored. It would be at its peak in another month or two.

In the following days, Jiang Hao sold talismans. He now had around forty-five thousand spirit stones.

He also heard that the Grand Competition was confirmed.

The rules were the same as the last time, with rich rewards for first place in each realm.

Moreover, if no one achieved first place, the few disciples in the top ranking would get an equal share of the rewards.

Jiang Hao knew that the competition would be fiercer than ever before.

After all, the reward would be quite substantial.

He also wanted to participate. But when Liu Xingchen told him another piece of news, he just gave up.

"It's said that our sect has received an invitation from the Bright Moon Sect for the Dao Conference. The winners of the competition will get to attend the conference. "

Jiang Hao decided not to participate in the Grand Competition. "Do you want to go, Junior Brother Jiang?" Liu Xingchen asked.

"No." Jiang Hao shook his head.

"With your ability to achieve feats, I believe that if you go to the Bright Moon Sect, you might achieve some notable accomplishments. If that happens, there probably won't be many in the sect who would dare to trouble you. You could even become a True Disciple," Liu Xingchen said.

Jiang Hao felt helpless. It wasn't safe for him to venture out of the sect.

He felt that the way things were now was pretty good.

Although he had encountered some troubles along the way, he had smoothly progressed to the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

"When will the competition start?" he asked.

"Next month, I think."

Jiang Hao nodded.

By that time, he could find out what the rewards were. This time, he might be able to get something without making it to the first rank.

If there was something he needed, he could strive for second or third place.

If it wasn't necessary, he could just choose to lose. Or he could just not participate.

Back at the Spirit Herb Garden, Miao Tinglian was complaining to him.

"I heard that the mines are getting busy, and Mu Qi has to go again. He just came back from the Corpse Realm! They might send more people to the mines to help out."

Jiang Hao was delighted to hear that. He wondered if he should volunteer to help out.

At the Hundred Flower Lake, a gentle breeze blew. The rain drizzled lightly.

Hong Yuye sat in the pavilion. She looked at the teacup on the table, seemingly lost in thought.

She coughed lightly.

Soon after, a white figure appeared at the side of the pavilion.

“Sect Master.” Baizhi bowed to her.

Hong Yuye turned to glance at Baizhi. “Why are you so badly injured?”

At a glance, Baizhi seemed normal. No injuries in sight. However, her lifeblood and spiritual energy were nearly depleted.

“The Heavenly Saint Sect collaborated with some outsiders. Although they were caught off guard, their combined strength was still formidable. We managed to severely wound them and imprison them in the Lawless Tower. However, some of them... escaped.”

The Heavenly Note Sect had not only declared war on the Heavenly Saint Sect but also provoked the outsiders. The situation had become dangerous.

After all, other sects were also keeping an eye on the Heavenly Note Sect.

Once they allied, it would be a crisis for the Heavenly Note Sect.

But all these matters were hers to handle. She was the Acting Sect Master. She didn’t need to report it to the Sect Master.

“What do the overseas people want with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Bead?” Hong Yuye asked.

“According to the Heavenly King, it’s for great luck,” Baizhi said.

“Great luck?” Hong Yuye looked at Baizhi. “Does something like that even exist?”

Baizhi said hurriedly, “I will continue to interrogate him.”

“What about that person from the Fallen Immortal Clan?” Hong Yuye asked.

“The treasure is still inside her body. Unless she agrees voluntarily, special secret techniques will be needed to extract the treasure. We’re investigating what we can do,” Baizhi said.

There hadn’t been much progress, and she was quite concerned.

Hong Yuye didn’t say much but asked about the gains from the recent battle.

“We obtained quite a few magic treasures, pills, spirit herbs, as well as some techniques, formations, and records of talismans.” Baizhi took out many things out of her pocket. “I’ve arranged for part of them to be sent to the Hall of Merits, and the rest will be used as rewards for the competition, just like before.”

Hong Yuye looked at the things. She picked up a few books.

After that, she put them back.

Seeing that the Sect Master hadn’t spoken, Baizhi said, “Our people have started going overseas to contact the members of The End of All Things. It will take some time before we get any information. Jiang Hao successfully advanced to the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm after entering the Corpse Realm. His advancement each time is too coincidental, and I suspect that someone is secretly guiding his cultivation when he goes out, and also providing him with various pills or other assistance to help him advance. Only then would he encounter opportunities every time. But there’s no evidence. Lately, he has been normal. There is no sign of anyone contacting him. Although suspicious, his intentions don’t seem to be that of a spy. The Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower is well. It has grown six leaves so far.”

At this, Hong Yuye took out a transparent box containing a pair of boots.

She then threw them to Baizhi.

Baizhi understood. Rewards were naturally given for achievements.

“Continue investigating,” Hong Yuye said calmly.

She gave more instructions on various matters.

After that, Baizhi left the lake with the box.

She still couldn’t understand why the Sect Master wanted to keep Jiang Hao around and why he was getting so much attention from her.

However, she had to admit that Jiang Hao did wonderfully at extracting information from the captives in the Lawless Tower.

‘Perhaps, I can let him intervene.’

She didn’t want to get too deeply into matters concerning the sect because he was still suspicious, but he was indeed extraordinary.

Both Zhuang Yuzhen and Hai Luo obeyed him. Whether it was luck or strength remained to be seen.

The next day, Jiang Hao was still feeling regretful for not volunteering yesterday.

Today, he planned to inquire about the rewards for the competition. As soon as he stepped out, he received a communication talisman.

“Go to the Lawless Tower to see Gu Qing..”

Chapter 350: Interrogating Gu Qing

Jiang Hao hesitated after receiving the communication talisman.

He had no way to deal with Gu Qing.

The only thing that made her fearful was probably the Bright Moon Sect.

He wondered which sect among the Bright Moon Sect or the Heavenly Sound Sect would be safer...

Using a sect to threaten prisoners from a demonic sect was willingly inviting trouble.

Going to the Bright Moon Sect might be dangerous, but it couldn't possibly be scarier than the Lawless Tower.

The demonic sect didn't flinch when it came to murder.

'If the Bright Moon Sect won't work, what else could I threaten her with?' He couldn't think of anything.

Jiang Hao decided to first go to the Spirit Herb Garden to handle the spirit herbs, and then to the marketplace to sell some spirit herbs and talismans. Then he might head to the Lawless Tower in the evening.

After all, Elder Baizhi hadn't given him a deadline.

Jiang Hao felt strange that the spirit herbs in the courtyard had leaked out almost completely.

To this day, he still couldn't figure out why.

At the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao saw someone delivering spirit herbs again.

The one arranging the spirit herbs was Lan Qian.

Senior Ning Xuan was also present.

Had the Hundred Bones Forest started making trouble again?

“Junior Brother Jiang, we leave the follow-up to you. If the Spirit Herb Garden has any issues, you can inform me,” said Ning Xuan.

“Understood.” Jiang Hao nodded.

After that, Ning Xuan mentioned the Outer Sect’s Spirit Herb Garden and told Jiang Hao to take care.

She told him he could always find her if he had any issues.

Jiang Hao nodded and thanked her.

Ning Xuan then left.

Jiang Hao couldn’t help but sigh helplessly.

Without Cheng Chou, there was no one to take care of the Outer Sect’s Spirit Herb Garden.

It seemed like he had to go out for a stroll today.

But the present Fairy Ning Xuan was already in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. She was very powerful in all aspects.

She must have gained considerable opportunities at the Corpse Realm.

“Junior Brother Jiang,” said Lan Qian. “As usual, if there’s anything that needs to be changed, you can inform me. We’ll handle it as quickly as possible.” “Okay. Then, I’ll trouble you, Senior Sister Lan,” said Jiang Hao politely.

“No worries. It’s us always troubling you,” said Lan Qian.

After that, Jiang Hao looked at Bai Ye’s spirit herbs. They weren’t particularly significant. They were just ordinary.

‘What technique did he use this time?’

He might not find what Bai Ye must have used even after using appraisal on them.

He would try it anyway in a few days.

Jiang Hao was still suspicious.

Why was Bai Ye still focusing on this?

He would go back in a month or two.

After collecting the bubbles, he began to tend to the spirit herbs.

At noon, he went to the Outer Sect’s Spirit Herb Garden. The progress of the Cliff of Broken Heart’s spirit field was still the same as before.

No one had come from White Moon Lake, so they ranked in ninth place.

Jiang Hao then went to the marketplace.

He took along some relatively common spirit herbs and talismans to sell.

He also inquired about the rewards for the upcoming competition.

There were techniques, spirit swords, protective treasures, and powerful storage magic treasures.

In addition to these, there were also Heavenly Rejuvenation Pills and special materials.

Jiang Hao realized that the quality of the rewards wasn't as high as the last time. However, it was more abundant.

There was nothing he wanted.

The techniques were good, but there was no need to strive for the top place for those.

He breathed a sigh of relief.

This way, he didn't need to worry about missing out on anything good or having to go to the Bright Moon Sect.

However, the competition was more intense than ever. This time, the rewards consisted of three tiers.

On-site treasures, subsequent resources, and an opportunity to participate in the Bright Moon Sect's Dao Conference put massive stress on everyone.

People might be willing to go all out.

Jiang Hao sold some talismans and spirit herbs.

He received five hundred spirit stones for the spirit herbs.

Selling spirit herbs was indeed more profitable than anything else.

Unfortunately, it took several years or even decades to cultivate them well. If they weren't allowed to mature properly, it was useless. They wouldn't sell well.

In the evening, Jiang Hao headed to the Lawless Tower.

The woman in the black robe explained his task briefly.

"Do you want me to interrogate her? Or should I have her voluntarily hand over the treasure?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

It was normal for Zhuang Yuzhen to ask for Jiang Hao because of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. It was also natural for Hai Luo to seek him out because he had connections with The End of All Things, and Jiang Hao had leverage against him.

However, Mi Lingyue didn't ask for him because he had nothing on her, and she needed nothing from him. Gu Qing would be the same. He wouldn't be looking for Jiang Hao. There was no connection between them.

"Junior Brother Jiang, do you feel that you have an innate talent for interrogation?" asked the woman in the black robe.

Jiang Hao was at a loss.

‘Was that it?’

He realized that he had done well when it came to Zhuang Yuzhen and Hai Luo. He had performed too well for his own good.

That was the reason why Elder Baizhi wanted him to try again.

But when it came to Gu Qing, he really had no leverage.

At the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao walked to the cage on the fifth floor.

Today, even Hai Luo was unusually quiet.

Mi Lingyue, who had said she might be demoted to the fourth floor, was still here. Her cultivation realm was unstable. If it weren’t for her strong resistance, she would have dropped further.

But even if she resisted, she would eventually give in.

Among these powerful individuals, only Zhuang Yuzhen was able to withstand the absorption of the Lawless Tower and remain at the early stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Although part of the reason was that the interrogator didn’t push him too much, his strength was still formidable.

As for Heavenly King Hai Luo, he was able to remain in the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm entirely.

Jiang Hao looked at the three individuals before finally heading to the cage with the injured woman.

She lowered her head. Her hair was disheveled, and she was lacking her previous pompous attitude. It was taking her immense effort to fight against the Lawless Tower.

Her cultivation was the same as Hai Luo's.

It seemed that her fall in strength wasn't too rapid. It might be because of the treasure she had.

Bang!

Mi Lingyue knocked on the cage wall. "Heavenly King, your master is here."

"My master?!" Hai Luo looked at Mi Lingyue coldly. "I've ruled over the Milky Way Sea Realm for hundreds of years. Who dares to call themselves my master? Why would I need to bow to anyone? There isn't anyone in this world who can make me lower my voice..." Jiang Hao walked up to him.

Hai Luo sneered when he saw him.

He hated Jiang Hao. He sat back down. "I admit that I was just a tad bit too loud just now."

"Hahaha! Mi Lingyue laughed. "This is hilarious!"

Jiang Hao didn't say anything. Now, he was more worried that Hai Luo's lover might have been sent to another place without anyone knowing.

It was better to avoid conflicts.

Hai Luo wouldn't fear anything, and that would complicate matters.

As for Mi Lingyue, there was no need to pay any attention to her.

Zhuang Yuzhen wasn't as stubborn as before.

Jiang Hao arrived in front of Gu Qing's cage.

She looked surprised to see him. 'Why would a mere Foundation Establishment

Realm cultivator be sent here?'

Moreover, it was the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator she had planned to kill before..