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Chapter 471: How Much of His Cultivation Do You Think He's Hiding?

On the way back, Jiang Hao sighed with relief.

The sect's siege had finally come to an end.

The impact had been significant, and it was a narrow escape.

It seemed that the sect had lost some people too.

Some disciples he occasionally encountered before seemed to have disappeared.

That's how it was in this world. Slight carelessness could lead to complete disappearance.

Others might just think the person chose a different path.

Assuming that he had disappeared, others' impression of him would probably be:

"Haven't seen Jiang Hao from the Cliff of Broken Hearts for a long time. Maybe the Spirit Herb Garden has changed hands. Has he finally left that place?" "Don't you know? In the last major battle of the sect, he died outside."

It would probably go something like that.

Jiang Hao laughed at himself. He still wanted to live on.

Thus, he must be more careful than others, have a mindset far beyond others, and care about fewer things than others.

Back in the courtyard, Jiang Hao looked at the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. A few of its leaves swayed in the wind.

The peach tree had also grown quite tall. It was growing rapidly.

Although it was relatively peaceful now, it still left people feeling uneasy.

It would take a few more days to make sure there was no counterattack.

Seven days later, Jiang Hao encountered nothing, and the sect began to recuperate. Although some were still vigilant on all sides, there was nothing unusual.

The issue at the mining site was also being resolved.

Everything was returning to normal.

Standing in the courtyard, Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

“It seems like it’s finally over.”

He didn’t know why, but he always felt that those people might launch a surprise attack. This way, they could take advantage of the temporary peace and break through the Heavenly Note Sect’s defense and breach it.

However, it seemed he was only overthinking.

Afterward, he went to the Spirit Herb Garden to continue tending to the herbs and collect bubbles.

[Strength +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

[Spirit Spear +1]

Many bubbles came flying, and the notification messages kept appearing.

The green bubbles were always ordinary treasures, and they couldn't be sold for many spirit stones.

Fortunately, they could be accumulated over time.

It was just not easy to sell here. He would have to wait to sell it on a trip somewhere.

There was no rush. Going out of the sect once every ten or twenty years was all acceptable.

By then, he would gain many spirit stones.

Jiang Hao watched everyone doing their tasks and joined them.

Things were peaceful now, but it wasn't clear how long it would last.

They had to be mentally prepared to face any sudden events.

During this time, he could make talismans to earn spirit stones. The best time to make money was right before and after a big battle.

Previously, he had to take care of the Spirit Herb Garden and couldn't make talismans to sell. But now, there was no problem.

After deducting the fifteen hundred spirit stones for the Task Hall, he realized he had over 13,500 left.

Somewhere in the Heavenly Note Sect, two young men walked side by side on a small path.

They looked like ordinary people and would blend well in a crowd. At that moment, they were like good friends who were talking and laughing.

"It's indeed surprising. It ended so quickly. Baizhi is quite decisive. I thought she would resist to the death," said the taller of the two men.

"Yeah. I thought we would at least provoke their legendary Sect Master. But unexpectedly, everything was resolved so quickly. Baizhi's management led to significant losses by giving up the mining site. Do you think it was her decision or did she consult the Sect Master?" the shorter one asked with narrowed eyes.

"I heard she was heavily injured and had to go into seclusion. She couldn't recover even in seclusion, so she had to announce that she would remain in seclusion." The taller man looked at the short one beside him.

Their eyes met.

Both of them laughed.

After laughing for a while, the shorter one said, "The plan was only half executed. Although it failed, the Heavenly Note Sect is exceptionally weak now.

Even if we execute the second half, we can escape unscathed." *nOvelNext.COM*

"It's hard to say. Our strength is not much either. Executing the second half of the plan is too dangerous. The Heavenly Note Sect's rules are not to be taken lightly. I have been asking around to know more about them. They can hunt us for decades. Escaping won't be easy. It will affect our future plans too much." The taller one shook his head.

"I don't think they'll figure out it's us. We can just arrange a couple of scapegoats. Are you still thinking about that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator?"

"Aren't you curious?" asked the taller one and smiled. "Everyone is saying he practices the Blood Wish Path, but when I looked from a distance, I didn't see any traces of the Blood Wish Path on him."

"What if it's just a rumor?" the shorter one asked.

"But I smelled blood. Very faint, but it was definitely blood, and it wasn't from him. That means he might have a Blood Wish Path treasure. How can he have such a treasure if he doesn't practice the Blood Wish Path?" The taller one hesitated for a moment. "There's something else that puzzles me. All the sects besieging the Heavenly Note Sect didn't mention the core person of the Blood Wish Path. But why didn't the Heavenly Note Sect mention it either? They could have brought it up to prevent the other side from retreating and delay them for a moment. However, they didn't mention anything and just attacked.

Is this how a demonic sect acts?"

"Have you ever seen a demonic sect investigating and killing their own sect members so strictly?" the shorter man asked,

The taller person smiled. That did make sense.

"There is no need to rush. Let's wait for another opportunity, at least till the moment they can't trace us. In a few years, I'll approach that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator. Do you think he really has some hidden cultivation technique?"

"He probably does. If you can obtain a drop of his blood, we can determine his cultivation realm and technique."

"We might have a chance to ambush him. But I still want to make contact first.

Even if he's at the Golden Core Realm... No, even if he's at the Primordial Spirit Realm, it wouldn't matter."

The two of them talked and laughed as they walked along the road.

After a while, they started talking about other things.

“By the way, there’s someone we need to be cautious of... Qian Chen from the Candlelight Pill Pavilion. It seems like he’s aware of us trailing him and is trying to find us. I suspect he’s behind the assassinations of Feng Jing and Huo Mo. He doesn’t want things to escalate for too long. Whenever someone acts like this, he takes matters into his own hands. That’s why Feng Jing and Huo MO are both dead.”

“Is he at the Soul Ascension Realm?”

“It seems like that, but he practices the Blood Wish Path. So, he might not be as simple as he seems.”

“When you say that, it feels like all these people are hiding their true cultivation realms.”

“Aren’t we doing the same?”

Both of them laughed again.

“Speaking of which, I encountered a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator at the White Moon Lake. His talent is extraordinary. After some time,

I’ll get in touch with him.”

“You go to White Moon Lake, and I’ll go to the Cliff of Broken Hearts.”

The next day, Jiang Hao finally received a message on the stone tablet.

The new gathering would be tonight.

Jiang Hao sighed in relief.

‘It’s finally here! This time, I need to prepare well.’

Apart from the news from overseas, it was also an excellent opportunity to prevent Gui from visiting the sect.

That can help avoid many problems.

‘I also need to find a way to help Liu. Only then can he go and seek out Chi Tian.’

His goal for revenge was fulfilled, so he might have been willing to help Jiang Hao at first.

However, as time went on, he might even think about how to kill him in order to be completely free.

In such matters, one should be prepared for the worst possible scenario..

Chapter 472: King Hai Luo Deceived By Someone He Loved?

“It seems that everyone has made progress in their cultivation realms lately,” Dan Yuan said as he looked at all of them with a smile.

Jiang Hao lowered his head.

Just now, Senior Dan Yuan had answered quite a few questions in quick succession.

It seemed that everyone was at a stage where they were ready for advancement and had many questions.

Jiang Hao wanted to ask a few questions, but couldn't come up with any.

Perhaps he could exchange ideas with some people who were close to a breakthrough and then ask Senior Dan Yuan later.

He just felt that it might affect the impression he had created of himself.

It was better not to ask and let them feel that "Jing" was someone who never had cultivation problems. That would be fine too.

"Do you have more information regarding the Saint Bandits?" Dan Yuan asked.

Before anyone could answer, he said, "The Saint Bandits are indeed members of the Heavenly Spirit Tribe, and there is indeed a possibility that they might be related to the trouble in the deep sea overseas. They are in hiding now and extremely difficult to trace."

Jiang Hao sighed. He had killed one of the Saint Bandits' men, and Yin Wei still had not appeared.

He was clearly hiding.

He still couldn't understand why. If it was because of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, it would be fine, but he knew it wasn't.

During this period, he hadn't done anything.

With no news about the Saint Bandits or the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, the gathering entered the phase where they traded information with each other.

Gui looked at Jiang Hao. "I would like to borrow the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. "

Jiang Hao lowered his head.

First, he pretended to think for a moment and then said, "There's a question I'd like to ask you, Gui."

"What is it?" Gui looked puzzled.

In the beginning, Jing had agreed readily. She wondered why he was reconsidering things.

'Could it be an issue with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?' Others were also curious.

Jiang Hao's face was serious, and his voice was deep as he spoke.

"Is your friend intending to cultivate the Thousand Curses? I have come across it in ancient texts, and it bears some resemblance to what you mentioned before."

Gui was startled. She thought that only Senior Dan Yuan would be able to perceive something like that.

"Yes." Gui nodded. She didn't deny it.

Jiang Hao nodded. "The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl can help your friend, but the best choice is not suppression, but transmutation."

"Transmutation?" Gui was puzzled.

Jiang Hao felt his heart sink. 'Why couldn't you understand it either?'

If no one could understand it, then he would be in danger.

Without thinking further, he said, "Suppression only allows the body to adapt, while transmutation is a rebirth."

Jiang Hao didn't say anything further.

He relied on Senior Dan Yuan for the rest of the explanation.

"Rebirth?" Gui felt that it somehow made sense, but she couldn't figure it out exactly.

Then, she looked at Senior Dan Yuan.

Jiang Hao and the others were also waiting for clarification.

Senior Dan Yuan smiled. "After returning, Gui, you can tell your friend to try to transmute a small part of the cursed body. It's much easier than doing the entire body. Also, it's necessary to suppress the other curses." Gui nodded.

Senior Dan Yuan turned to Jiang Hao. "Friend Jing, your insights are exceptionally unique."

"Senior, you flatter me," Jiang Hao respectfully said.

After that was the trade between Xing and Liu.

When the trade ended, Dan Yuan inquired about the overseas situation. "Friend Liu, have you found anything at the bottom of the sea?"

"The presence of the Heavenly Note Sect disciples has appeared again at the bottom of the sea. This time, they had some injuries. Not only that, but some people have also seen something else... tentacles. However, they are not sure what kind of tentacles they are," Liu said. "They have never seen such tentacles before, but some people have started heading toward the Heavenly Note Sect to ask where this group is going. It feels like something similar to what happened with King Hai Luo is about to happen again."

"Why does everything seem to be related to the Heavenly Note Sect?" Gui felt that it was strange.

After that, she instinctively looked at Jing.

After coming to the southern region, it seemed that he also went directly to the Heavenly Note Sect.

“Do you have any news, Friend Jing?” Liu asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

Even if he knew the answer, he couldn’t say it here. It would easily bring him a lot of trouble.

Moreover, in the eyes of these people, he should still be in the east. If they found out about recent events, they would start making connections again.

“Do they look like actual tentacles?” Dan Yuan asked.

Liu shook his head.

“Collect more information. The reward will be a Scarlet Heaven God Suppressing Talisman,” Dan Yuan said.

The Scarlet Heaven God Suppressing Talisman could suppress surrounding evil spirits and energy fluctuations. Not only could it defend against surprise attacks, but it could also keep those practicing inside from being affected by demons.

This was tailored for Liu.

“Alright!” Liu said excitedly.

“Speaking of which, I recently heard that a True Disciple of the Clear Sky

School disappeared shortly after being accepted as a disciple. He seemed to have appeared during the recent Dao Conference. However, when his master came to find him, he had disappeared. There was no one at the competition. The people from the Clear Sky School are searching all over the world,” Xing said.

Jiang Hao was also a little surprised. Could the first person mentioned be Liu Xingchen? Unfortunately, the term “bored” was not included in the explanation, otherwise, it would definitely be him.

As for the second person...

Jiang Hao thought about the competition. He realized that there was someone who had disappeared.

That was how he was able to obtain the Holy Medicine Seed. Otherwise, it would have definitely belonged to the other person.

“Are the geniuses of the Clear Sky School all so willful?” Liu said incredulously.

“The Clear Sky School has a method called the Freedom Technique, so they are fearless and unrestrained. Typically, these are the cream of the crop. The stranger they are, the more outstanding they are,” Dan Yuan said.

Jiang Hao remembered that Liu Xingchen might be one of the best too. Otherwise, who would do such reckless things like him just because they were bored?

Even the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower did not catch his attention. He focused on having fun.

It was the same with the three remnant souls in his body. He didn’t care for the consequences at all.

But those three remnants had no chance of escape when it came to Liu Xingchen.

“Lately, there’s also a strange thing happening. It’s said that the Astronomical Academy’s Light and Dust Technique has made tremendous progress as if the true senior has appeared. They say that the one who was able to use it was a senior of the Astronomical Academy. People are asking everywhere for him,” Xing said.

Jiang Hao was surprised.

‘Senior of the Astronomical Academy? How did this news spread?’ It seemed that even when going to other regions, he must be careful.

However, it wouldn’t affect him that much right now.

With Hong Yuye by his side, no one could see his true identity. So, they could only guess about him.

“I know about the Light and Dust Technique of the Astronomical Academy, but it was useless before. I didn’t expect it to actually be effective,” Gui said with a

smile.

Jiang Hao didn’t speak. He listened to them discussing about him.

“When will you return to the southern region, Friend Jing?” Liu suddenly asked.

“I have someone asking about King Hai Luo.”

“Isn’t he in the Heavenly Note Sect?” Jiang Hao asked.

He was somewhat interested when he heard about Hai Luo.

He was an interesting person, and it was relatively quiet on the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower before he arrived.

With him, it was constantly noisy there. There's really no way to deal with him.

"It has to do with his lover. It seems that her cultivation realm wasn't at the Foundation Establishment Realm, after all. From the looks of it, she seems to want to devour all of King Hai Luo's resources," Liu said.

Jiang Hao was shocked.

'King Hai Luo deceived by someone he loved?'

Chapter 473: Eleven Kings Join Forces to Get Hai Luo Back

Hai Luo was infatuated with a person at the Foundation Establishment Realm. Liu had mentioned it a long time ago.

Moreover, Hai Luo protected that person in various ways.

Even if the person had disappeared for a long time, he had made arrangements for her.

But now, this person had transformed into a powerful individual and was not only devouring all of Hai Luo's resources but also deceiving his feelings.

"What did she do?" Jiang Hao asked calmly.

"She isn't weak, and there is much evidence to suggest that she is the person Hai Luo trusts the most. She used this to her advantage. On top of that, she has some power of her own. Soon, she became an entity equivalent to the Twelve Kings. Her methods are dirtier and more troublesome than Hai Luo," said Lui with a smile. "So, here's the problem... Many people would rather face Hai Luo than this up-and-coming newcomer who is cunning and unscrupulous."

“And then? This Miao Anxian should not be a match for the Twelve Kings, right?” Gui asked curiously.

“Indeed, she isn’t, but she is cunning and will use any opportunity to protect herself. A few of the kings don’t like her, but they don’t want to join forces to get rid of her, as that would disrupt their balance. It hasn’t reached a critical point yet. So, they came up with a compromise,” Liu said with a smile and looked at the others.

“That is very interesting. The method they came up with was to get Hai Luo back. If Hai Luo returns, all of Miao Anxian’s influence will collapse. Hai Luo has quite the reputation.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. ‘The other Eleven Kings were teaming up to get Hai Luo back?’

Hai Luo indeed had a lot of influence.

He just didn’t know if Hai Luo was aware that the person he was infatuated with was such a powerful cultivator.

“They want to confirm if Hai Luo is still in the Heavenly Note Sect,” Liu said.

“Logically, he should be there,” Jiang Hao said.

Although he had just seen Hai Luo, he couldn’t really tell them about it in full confidence.

At this moment, even though he had set off from the east, he might not have returned to the south yet.

From their perspective, he wouldn’t be able to contact Hai Luo soon.

After the incident with the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, he had distanced himself.

He had done all this to conceal the identity of Jing.

“Do you have anything to ask, Friend Jing?” Liu asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

He couldn’t use such minor matters to make Lui look for Chi Tian.

Besides, what Liu asked was just something small. He couldn’t make a trade with it.

He wasn’t in a hurry. Next time, if the matter escalated, he would ask Liu to deliver a message to Chi Tian in exchange for information.

There was no need for anything too complicated. A simple message would suffice.

He believed Chi Tian would comply.

After that, they talked and discussed The End of All Things.

However, there were no more leads, and they didn’t know if the Earth Extreme

Silent Pearl had been found yet.

Jiang Hao felt a bit disappointed.

The demonic sect was at most selfish and cruel but treated everyone the same.

The gathering ended.

Jiang Hao took out a book and began to write about the things he had learned.

There was some new information in today's gathering:

It was confirmed that Saint Bandits were from the Heavenly Spirit Tribe. However, there were no further leads for Saint Bandits.

The appearance of the Heavenly Note Sect at the bottom of the sea and the tentacles-like thing were both related to the Sea Fog Cave. It wouldn't be long before overseas people came to the Heavenly Note Sect to find out more.

He discussed the matter of transmutation with Gui, and she would likely give up trying to use the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

"Jiang Hao Tian" was assumed to be a senior at the Astronomical Academy, so he needed to be careful.

There was no need to record anything else. The Clear Sky School's Freedom Technique was not something special, and just knowing a little about it was sufficient for now.

There was also the matter of Hai Luo, but there was no need to respond to that yet.

After some time, he would go and meet Hai Luo to see if anything else could be uncovered.

There was no accurate information about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

After writing everything down, Jiang Hao put away his things and then went to the balcony.

The cool breeze of the night made him feel good, and he decided to take some rest.

Sometimes, when troubled by many things and at a loss, a good night's sleep helped.

Even though he didn't have anything specific to worry about, he still needed to relax.

Just as he had laid down, he suddenly saw a green light shining in the dark.

He was startled and sat up.

But when he opened his eyes, he found himself in an illusion, and there was a deep green light shining ahead.

'What's going on?'

Something mysterious summoned him.

He was in a daze as if he was drunk.

When he came to, he was already close to the green light.

This worried him. Why did he end up here just after falling asleep?

The green light made him feel uneasy.

He instinctively wanted to take a step back, but for some unknown reason, the green light seemed to be rapidly approaching him.

It was a huge green star.

Jiang Hao felt like his mind was disintegrating as it got closer.

He didn't hesitate. He activated the Hong Meng Heart Sutra and triggered his divine power to fortify his mind.

At this moment, a purple aura enveloped him, followed by a loud bang, and everything shattered.

Jiang Hao opened his eyes to the familiar ceiling.

It was already bright outside.

He slowly got up in puzzlement, and then, a faint green light caught his attention.

It was a fragment.

"The Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl?" Jiang Hao was shocked as he looked at the fragment.

He had sealed the thing, and although the seal wasn't reinforced much, it shouldn't have broken this easily.

Initially, he only had one fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, but later, Hong Yuye managed to snatch one more from the Bright Moon Sect.

The two fragments would merge upon contact.

This was a larger fragment, but it still shouldn't have such a significant impact.

Last night, his mind was pulled to an unknown place. That wasn't normal.

He felt a bit uneasy when he recalled the gigantic thing he saw last night.

If it was related to the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl, then there was only one answer.

Jiang Hao lowered his head and sighed. "The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl?"

"I did indeed find out more about it from The End of All Things, but why did it come to me?"

He hesitated for a while and then appraised the fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

[Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl Fragment: The closer it is to the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, the easier it is to resonate with it. It will manifest a trace of the main thing. Holding it allows you to sense the general direction of the other fragments for a span of ten breaths, and it expires. The closer you are, the longer it lasts.]

'Close to the main thing?'

Jiang Hao was in disbelief. 'The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is nearby?! But why wasn't it there before? Wasn't it overseas?'

He recalled that The End of All Things was just preparing before.

In other words, the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was completely sealed before, but now, it was resonating with the other fragments.

'This is not good..'

Chapter 474 - 474 Silent Interrogation

Although the influence of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was not as great as the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, its destructive power was certainly formidable.

If it were really near the Heavenly Note Sect, that would be a disaster.

However, since he had missed the opportunity to sense it properly, he couldn't figure out its approximate location.

Perhaps, he had made a mistake.

After sealing the item, Jiang Hao went to the courtyard.

Next time, if he could sense it again, he would try to confirm the location.

If it wasn't in the Heavenly Note Sect, he would try to get someone from the gathering to find it, preferably Xing.

If it was here, it would be a bit troublesome.

It would be best if it could be safely taken away. He was afraid it might suddenly erupt, and he might not even be able to escape.

"Gui was right about one thing. It seems like many things are related to the Heavenly Note Sect."

For a while, Jiang Hao couldn't understand if the Heavenly Note Sect was special or just unfortunate to get embroiled in such things.

After waiting for a few days, there was no new change in the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl. He slept again but didn't see that giant star.

It seemed that someone needed to resonate with the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

"I'll need some more time to find it."

Jiang Hao stopped overthinking and headed to the Lawless Tower.

He wanted to have a chat with Hai Luo, as he might be leaving soon.

By then, there would only be Zhuang Yuzhen left.

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In the eastern region, Bi Zhu sat cross-legged with her eyes tightly closed in a hidden The black energy from her palm was absorbed by the array and then transferred to house. She was surrounded by cross-legged straw men.

Both of them were within an array.

Dark energy manifested around her, and the dark energy invaded her palm. The dark energy in other areas dissipated.

Within a few breaths, Bi Zhu's palm started to wither as if it had lost its vitality.

At the same time, the array on the ground changed.

The black energy from her palm was absorbed by the array and then transferred to the straw man.

In an instant, the straw man was covered by the black energy and burned rapidly.

At this moment, Bi Zhu opened her eyes and looked at her palm.

The withered palm was slowly recovering at a slow pace, and a new curse-like aura was born.

However, there was no actual curse.

In an instant, she sensed the aura and looked at her palm in disbelief.

'How is this possible?'

All the books she had read only talked about suppressing the curse. If transferring and transmutation were possible, why had none of the books mentioned it?

Was it impossible to transfer the curse completely?

Soon, she began to calculate and transfer the curse but by bit. Everything went smoothly.

That night, she attempted to transfer everything.

However, midway, she found that she had failed.

She couldn't transfer everything. She could only do it bit by bit.

And that part was instantly devoured by the remaining part and returned to its original state. It rendered her efforts ineffective.

But Bi Zhu didn't give up.

This was something to be studied, but she couldn't just ask about it. The price she would have to pay for information like that would be significant.

"With Jing's strength, he wouldn't say something if it wasn't useful. Since he mentioned it, there is a possibility of success. Senior Dan Yuan didn't say much, which means this method is possible."

Bi Zhu nodded to herself. That was enough.

The rest would be up to her.

"But I have to go back."

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At the Heavenly Note Sect, Jiang Hao sat in front of Hai Luo on the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower.

"Do you think just staring at me without speaking will put pressure on me? I'm a king! I have seen it all!"
Hai Luo's voice grew softer as he spoke.

Eventually, he sat there quietly. He was nervous.

He was afraid that Jiang Hao would beckon him.

Zhuang Yuzhen was also curious. Today, Jiang Hao didn't say a word, and he felt like something was wrong.

It made everyone nervous.

They didn't know when it had started, but they had begun to see this Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator as powerful.

Actually, Jiang Hao was at a loss about how to broach the subject. Should he tell Hai Luo directly about Miao Anxian? Or should he tell him that someone might come to free him from here?

In the end, he sighed and decided to let it go.

He would let him find out on his own.

Jiang Hao stood up and left. This startled Hai Luo.

"Wait, what are you doing? If you have something to say, just say it. Although I'm not someone you can compare to... I'll cooperate. Wait!"

Jiang Hao glanced at him and remained silent. He then continued to walk away.

"I'll cooperate. Just come back!" Hai Luo was getting anxious.

However, Jiang Hao still didn't speak. It was unclear what exactly he wanted.

"What did you do, you little scum?" Zhuang Yuzhen asked out of curiosity.

"You old bastard! Why do I need to explain myself to you?" Hai Luo said arrogantly.

"Then why are you so panicking?"

"My legs are only shaking because it's numb from sitting so long."

The guard watching this felt astonished.

He had seen Jiang Hao enter and then leave without saying a word.

It seemed Jiang Hao had frightened the captives.

This level of interrogation was simply beyond his imagination.

Such talent was indeed much needed, but unfortunately, they couldn't get anyone like him.

Not long after, the senior went up to a higher floor.

He needed to speak with some people above.

As soon as he arrived, he saw a senior frowning. It seemed she hadn't had a good time with the interrogation.

"This old guy from Azure Mountain is quite tough. We've tried various methods, but nothing worked. Senior Sister Yinsha isn't here. Otherwise, she would have used some other way." The senior sighed.

"Can't get anything out of him?" asked the man who came up to her.

"Not really. We've asked, but there's no truth in what he says. He claims he didn't lie, and he has revealed everything." The senior shook her head.

What Elder Baizhi needed was not just this.

The man thought for a moment. "When will he be sent to the fifth floor?"

"It should be soon. Why?"

"A junior arrived at the Lawless Tower just a while ago. Although he's not one of us, he has helped us with some things. Previously, Senior Sister Yinsha was the one who would talk to him, so we don't know many details. I have been guarding the fifth floor, and just now, I saw Hai Luo saying that he will cooperate. But that junior just ignored him and left."

"Is that junior Jiang Hao?" the senior asked.

The young man nodded.

"Is he really that powerful?" The Senior Sister found it hard to believe.

But there was no other way. They had to report it to Elder Baizhi.

They decided to wait for a few more days.

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In mid-February, Jiang Hao found that the attacks on the Heavenly Note Sect by various sects had completely ceased.

It had been a month, and there weren't any other changes.

He went to the Spirit Herb Garden and gave some guidance to Cheng Chou on his cultivation issues.

After that, he started tending to the spirit herbs.

However, before he could finish, he received a message.

It was from Elder Baizhi.

"She wants me to go to the Fifth Floor of the Lawless Tower?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

'Is Hai Luo leaving so soon?' He wondered.

It hadn't been long, and it shouldn't be this soon.

Maybe they set out the moment Liu mentioned it.

That seemed to be the only possibility.

After that, he continued tending to the Spirit Herb Garden. The message instructed him to go to the Lawless Tower at night. So, there was no need to rush.

After finishing up here, he could go set up a stall at the market for a while too.

During these days, he had earned some spirit stones. Now, he had 15,500 spirit stones.

He had made nearly two thousand spirit stones.

That was quite a lot.

He had done it without any major clients. It was far beyond ordinary income.

Chapter 475 Finding a Way to Die

In the evening, Jiang Hao packed up his stall and looked in the direction of the Lawless Tower.

It was about time to go there.

No one was making things difficult for him to sell talismans these days. It was easier.

In the beginning, the people of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion made it difficult for him.

He had to avoid them.

Now, more than ten years had passed, and he had advanced to the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

No one dared to come after him.

'When Junior Brother Han comes back, he will most likely challenge me. By then, I can display my cultivation at the early stage of the Golden Core Realm.'

It was already February. In a little over half a year, he should be back.

Night had completely fallen.

Jiang Hao was already standing in front of the Lawless Tower.

Now that the attack on the sect was over, not many people came in and out of there.

Everyone was recuperating.

The number of sect members had also decreased. Some might not ever appear again, and some were in seclusion to heal.

At this time, the Heavenly Note Sect was at its weakest and in need of stability.

Everyone remained alert and careful when they went out of the sect.

Occasionally, some would blame the Blood Wish Path.

They said that if it weren't for Jiang Hao of the Cliff of Broken Hearts, the sect wouldn't be in this situation.

There were such remarks sometimes.

Jiang Hao didn't care. After all, the Blood Wish Path had made quite an impact.

Inside the tower, he was received by a senior.

"Junior Brother, your timing is just right," Zuo Cheng said with a smile.

"Is something wrong?" Jiang Hao asked respectfully.

"Yes." Zuo Cheng nodded and then gestured for him to walk along. "Junior Brother Jiang, have you heard of Azure Mountain?"

"The ones who started the attack on us?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

Wasn't he called because King Kai Luo was leaving?

At that moment, he was intrigued. It seemed this was something else entirely.

However, the newer the matter, the more likely it is to entangle him in danger. That was how things had gone with Gu Qing.

The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl had caused problems because he hadn't handled the matter properly with Gu Qing.

He wouldn't get involved rashly this time.

"Yes, it's that Azure Mountain." Zuo Cheng nodded. "We've captured an important member of theirs. It seems like they want to harm the sect, or they have someone behind them. We need to find out who's behind them. Various methods have been used to find that out, but nothing has worked. So, we want to

ask for your help. It's just trial and error. So, you don't have to worry if you can't get anything out of them."

'The person behind Azure Mountain?' Jiang Hao knew very little about this.

But he didn't refuse. He wanted to take a look first.

If it was too complicated, he would forget about it. But if it wasn't that dangerous, he could give it a try.

After talking for a while, Jiang Hao arrived at the fifth floor alone.

As soon as he entered, he heard Heavenly King Hai Luo speak.

"Old man, you look quite miserable. Kneel and beg me. I, the Heavenly King, will protect you."

"The Heavenly King who can't even protect himself? You want me to kneel? Bah!" said a hoarse and mocking voice.

"Can't protect myself? I've been here for several years. How long can you stay here without losing your cultivation realm, old man?" Hai Luo sneered. "While I'm here, no one dares to speak loudly to me. And you? You're all wounded, and soon, you'll be trash of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm."

"Lifeblood Refinement... You!" said the angry old man. "That's still better than you yammering everything out and betraying your friends for your own gain!"

At these words, Heavenly King Hai Luo burst into laughter. "Do you think you are stronger than us? You're truly ignorant. I heard Azure Mountain is quite powerful, but I didn't expect you to be so ignorant. People from small places don't know their place."

"Little trash, your master is here," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

"What master? Nonsense! This Heavenly King is tired and wants to rest. Don't bother me." Heavenly King Hai Luo laughed coldly and sat back obediently.

Zhuang Yuzhen watched Jiang Hao's approach. He was a little curious about who he was here for this time.

Most likely, it would be that old disciple from Azure Mountain.

If so, they were looking forward to it.

For some reason, they really liked seeing others being defeated.

Perhaps because they had all gone through the same thing and didn't want others to be treated special.

Jiang Hao walked over without paying attention to the boastful Heavenly King Hai Luo.

Instead, he looked at the third cell.

Previously, Mi Lingyue had been imprisoned there. But this time, it was an old man covered in injuries, who was at the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

He had descended quite fast in his cultivation realm.

Typically, those who came to the fifth floor were at the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Heavenly King Hai Luo was still in the late stage, and Zhuang Yuzhen was in the early stage.

In front of the third cell, Jiang Hao looked at the person inside, and the person also looked at him at the same time.

There was puzzlement, curiosity, and disdain in his eyes.

"A cultivator at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm?" the old man asked.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded.

It seemed like everyone looked down on the Foundation Establishment Realm.

It was understandable. Everyone sent down here was far beyond the Primordial Spirit Realm, after all.

It was only natural to look down on someone at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"What are you here for? I've said what I know. What else do you want me to say?" The old man looked at Jiang Hao and laughed. "Never mind... it's useless to talk to you. You can't make decisions anyway. Just ask whatever you want to ask."

"What's your name, Senior?" Jiang Hao didn't expect him to be so cooperative.

"Dan Qingzi," the old man said.

"What is your status in Azure Mountain?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I am one of the teaching elders," Dan Qingzi said.

Jiang Hao nodded and didn't speak further. Instead, he appraised the person.

[Dan Qingzi: An Elder at Azure Mountain and an honorary Elder of the Great Thousand God Sect. His cultivation was absorbed and disintegrated by the Lawless Tower. He is now only left with the power of the middle stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm. He accepted the request of Disciple Feng Hua to help probe the limits of the Heavenly Note Sect. The Greater Thousand Avatar is sealed under the Green Tea

Tree behind Azure Mountain. Once his body dies, his spirit will awaken in the avatar. He wants to die but is instead suppressed by the Lawless Tower and cannot commit suicide.]

Looking at the feedback, Jiang Hao was astonished.

'An honorary Elder of the Great Thousand God Sect!'

It had been a long time since he encountered someone from the Great Thousand God Sect.

He thought they had faded away from the Heavenly Note Sect, but unexpectedly, he encountered one of them again.

At first, the Great Thousand God Sect came for the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, but now, they were here to test the limits of the sect.

'What are they planning? And there is also Feng Hua...'

He needed to investigate that person too.

However, the fact that he has a Great Thousand Avatar and intended to abandon his main body for the avatar's revival was quite surprising.

A Great Thousand Avatar was different from the Nine Extreme Corpse Dissolution Avatar.

One could truly exist independently when separated, while the other would gradually forget everything and die in a short time.

So, once someone from the Great Thousand God Sect obtained a Great Thousand Avatar, it was very difficult to kill them.

On the other hand, those who use the Nine Extreme Corpse Dissolution method just needed to kill their main body.

The only thing to be concerned about was their Corpse Heart.

But achieving the ultimate sublimation of the corpse's heart was not easy. It required divine artifacts.

It also needs to be handed over to others, and life and death depend entirely on the person in control.

"Aren't you going to ask anything else?" Dan Qingzi asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

"Will it always be you questioning me in the future?" Dan Qingzi asked.

"Maybe." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Hahaha... just a peak Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator? The Heavenly Note Sect really underestimates people." Dan Qingzi laughed bitterly. "I, an Elder, actually have to let a peak Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator interrogate me! This is so funny!"

Chapter 476 Helping a Senior Give Up On The Thought of Ending His Life

Looking at the sad face of the person, Jiang Hao merely lowered his head.

"If an ordinary person were to interrogate you, how do you think they would treat you?" Dan Qingzi suddenly asked.

"They would look down on me..." Jiang Hao tried to answer.

"No. It's insulting." Dan Qingzi gritted his teeth.

"It's a silent insult. The Heavenly Note Sect underestimates people. I can't bear this humiliation anymore!" Dan Qingzi began to mutilate his own organs. He wanted to end his life here.

"Senior, please wait!" Jiang Hao said.

When Dan Qingzi ignored him, he said, "May I say a few words? Perhaps it will make you give up on the thought of ending your life."

At these words, Zhuang Yuzhen and Heavenly King Hai Luo felt something.

They thought it was better if the person didn't listen. If they did, it would be irreversible.

Heavenly King Hai Luo was curious and wanted to do something.

He then gestured to Dan Qingzi to tell him not to listen to Jiang Hao.

But Dan Qingzi always felt that the person was mocking him, so he turned a blind eye.

At this point, he felt everything being suppressed again, but the pain was much greater. A few more attempts and he could leave this place.

Jiang Hao could also see that as the cultivation realm lowered, the impact of suppression would be smaller.

Dan Qingzi would die at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"What do you want to say?" Dan Qingzi leaned against the wall and looked at the man in front of him weakly. "A demonic sect is a demonic sect, after all. I don't want to endure the humiliation you all have given me. If you still have a shred of conscience, just kill me. However, at the Foundation Establishment Realm, you don't even have the ability to kill me, even in my weakened state."

"Senior, why be so impatient?" Jiang Hao said. "If after listening to my advice, you still want to seek death, I'll help you instead."

"Really?" Dan Qingzi was a bit skeptical.

But it didn't matter. He could give it a try. There would be no loss.

"Truly." Jiang Hao nodded.

"I hope you'll keep your word. What do you want to say?" Dan Qingzi asked.

Jiang Hao beckoned to him. "Senior, come a bit closer."

At this point, Dan Qingzi moved closer.

Jiang Hao was a little surprised. He thought Dan Qingzi would be restricted like Zhuang Yuzhen and the others.

"What do you want to say?" Dan Qingzi asked.

Jiang Hao didn't get too close. "Senior, do you know of a place?"

"What place?" Dan Qingzi asked.

"Under the Green Tea Tree, behind Azure Mountain..." Jiang Hao took a step back.

Bang!

In the instant he stepped back, Dan Qingzi's hand reached out as if to grab the man's neck in front of him and strangle him.

"Come here!" Dan Qingzi said furiously.

"Senior, you're tired. You should rest. I'll take my leave." Jiang Hao turned to leave.

Bang!

Bang!

"If you dare leave now, I'll kill you. I'll trade all my information for your life," said Dan Qingzi in anger.
"Tomorrow, I'll have you dead!"

However, Jiang Hao just left from there.

Zuo Cheng walked in and looked at the enraged Dan Qingzi in disbelief.

This had never happened before.

What did Jiang Hao do to make him so angry?

"I can tell you everything, but I have a condition. I want the life of that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator! Kill him, and I'll tell you everything. Everything you want to know! I can tell you who's watching you, what they want to know, and about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and more. I know it all! I have only one condition. Kill that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator!" Kill him!" Dan Qingzi seemed to be losing his mind.

Zuo Cheng was even more shocked. The junior was indeed incredible.

This kind of interrogation skill was simply a waste if he didn't work at the Lawless Tower.

"That's our junior, and he has quite a lot of contribution to the sec. It isn't easy to kill him," Zuo Cheng said. "You have to show sincerity first, and maybe we can figure something out."

This sounded familiar to Zhuang Yuzhen.

He remembered that someone had told him the same thing before. At that time, his request was to see Jiang Hao.

However, they had gone back on their word.

This old Elder simply wanted him dead, which was impossible.

This was a demonic sect. They loved manipulating people.

Trusting them was akin to selling oneself for nothing.

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At the White Moon Lake, Baizhi meditated in the courtyard.

The injuries on her body were gradually healing, and she seemed to have reached a higher state of mind.

She knew that as long as she grasped this state, she might be able to advance further.

It's just that she couldn't determine how many years it would take.

"Elder..."

A voice came from outside.

Soon, a woman in a black robe entered.

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Baizhi opened her eyes and looked outside. "Come in."

Soon, a woman in a black robe entered.

"We've made some progress." She handed over a notebook to her.

After reading it, Baizhi was somewhat surprised:

"He knows people from the Great Thousand God Sect and is aware of The End of All Things. He is here to test the limits of our sect? How did you find out so much?"

"Jiang Hao went there today," the woman in the black robe said. She was not very familiar with Jiang Hao.

Baizhi nodded without saying much.

"There's something I need to tell you, Elder Baizhi," the woman in the black robe said cautiously. "The captive said that he will wait until we kill Jiang Hao to reveal the rest of the information."

"Tell him he's already dead. If he wants to see the body, he can cooperate first and then see it later."

"Yes." The woman in the black robe nodded.

"How's the situation at the Sea Fog Cave?" Baizhi asked.

"We are preparing to send in another group of people, but we still haven't found the problem inside. There is also no news about Senior Sister Yinsha," said the woman in the black robe.

Baizhi frowned. The Sea Fog Cave was more complicated than expected.

It had been fine for decades, and suddenly trouble emerged.

"We need to change the course of our investigation. We need to find out more about the Heavenly Spirit Tribe and investigate more about the sentence that was found there. Also, find out about the origin of the Blood Wish Path," Baizhi said.

Perhaps by investigating in this way, she could find out something.

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Jiang Hao sighed as he left the Lawless Tower.

'It seems that Dan Qingzi is much more radical than the others. I have to make a trip to Azure Mountain, but I don't know how to get in.'

'The place set up by an Elder of Azure Mountain must be extraordinary. My strength may not be enough. Maybe I can ask someone else to go there.'

Jiang Hao thought for a moment. He wasn't sure who he could send.

If he went by himself, it would definitely take a lot of time, especially since he wasn't familiar enough with arrays.

This time, the problem wasn't as big as with Gu Qing. He just happened to offend someone with radical ideas.

The forces involved were Azure Mountain and the Great Thousand God Sect.

These people couldn't threaten the Heavenly Note Sect, so he was relatively safe.

However, he also received some good news about Disciple Feng Hua.

The person wanted to probe the limits of the Heavenly Note Sect, and there was a possibility that it was related to the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. That, in turn, might be linked to the stone tablet of the Great Thousand God Sect.

If he could follow this and find the owner of the stone, it would be excellent.

But he needed to know who this person was.

Unfortunately, with matters relating to both Chi Tian and Feng Hua, he needed to depend on Liu.

This was somewhat troublesome.

But there's no need to hurry. Progressing too quickly was necessarily not good.

Once he found the mastermind behind the stone slab, Hong Yuye would have other tasks for him. Perhaps even more dangerous than the present ones.

'It's better to just think about it this way and take it easy.'

However, he also needed to place some pieces on the board to ensure his own safety.

Chapter 477 Getting Older

Jiang Hao no longer paid attention to Dan Qingzi's affairs.

It didn't matter whether the other party continued to be radical or not.

As for exchanging his life for information, there was indeed some danger, but a prisoner like him who had been caught with evidence wasn't as valuable.

If he spilled all the information, no one would care about whether he lived or died. Why would they satisfy his demands?

Maybe he hadn't thought about these things before, but the people of the Lawless Tower wouldn't let him off so easily.

They were all about using deception to maximize their interests.

Zhuang Yuzhen had mentioned this to him before.

Half a month had passed since he returned from the Lawless Tower, and he hadn't gone anywhere else or encountered anything unusual.

Everything was proceeding smoothly.

The sect was gradually returning to normal, and the mining area was still being cleaned up.

The losses there were probably quite severe. Otherwise, the immortal sects wouldn't have retreated just like that.

Jiang Hao could also sense that they didn't want to confront the Heavenly Note Sect head-on.

He had no idea why.

Another month passed. It was already early April.

The incident of the immortal sects' siege had become a thing of the past, and the fervor surrounding the Blood Wish Path was gradually subsiding.

It wasn't as infamous as before.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief at that.

On this day, while he was still processing spirit herbs, Senior Brother Bai Yi came to meet him again.

"This time, Junior Brother Jiang, you have made significant contributions, so there's something I'd like to discuss with you. It's related to the Law Enforcement Hall."

When Jiang Hao heard that, he felt that something wasn't right.

But he remained calm. "Of course, Senior Brother, please go ahead."

"With your contributions, I can apply to have your name removed from the suspect list at the Law Enforcement Hall. What do you think of it, Junior Brother Jiang?" Bai Yi asked.

"Thank you, Senior Brother Bai," said Jiang Hao. "But it would be a waste of my contributions to use them in this way. I want to accumulate more merit."

Bai Yi didn't respond immediately but stared at Jiang Hao.

In the end, he nodded. "Alright."

He was about to leave but hesitated for a moment. “Junior Brother Jiang, don’t you want to become a True Disciple?”

Jiang Hao understood what he meant. It seemed that Senior Brother Bai Yi wanted him to become a True Disciple.

However, becoming a True Disciple was too dangerous for him. At present, no matter how the sect arranged its tasks, he couldn’t be assigned outside the sect.

He had been under suspicion all along and had to cooperate with investigations.

Once he was on the list, he would only be allowed to go out when the sect arranged it.

Going out was extremely dangerous for him.

The sect’s tasks came every few years. If they failed once, there would be a second and third chance.

If he didn’t go outside, he basically had no chance of either failing or passing the tasks. Even if there was a chance, it would only be with someone at the same level as him now, and even if there were more team leaders, they would all be at the Golden Core Realm. So, there was no danger at all.

He was silent.

Bai Yi also didn’t say much. He simply turned and left.

Since the Cliff Master wasn’t present, many matters fell onto Senior Brother Bai Yi’s shoulders. In this regard, he was quite capable.

He didn’t harbor malice, and he didn’t show any signs of compromise when dealing with others.

In the face of accusations from various branches, he didn't even try to defend himself. He just admitted it and questioned why they wanted to harass their branch.

He made people give in.

Even the Law Enforcement Hall had to intervene.

Being put on the suspect list was for his own good. If he went out, he would have to face too many things.

This was the best for him.

If he refused Senior Brother Bai Yi, he would lose his respect.

Sometimes Jiang Hao wondered if he would be targeted, but fortunately, another month passed, and nothing changed.

In early May, Cheng Chou rushed to him.

"Senior Brother Jiang, there's some new information," he said excitedly. "I heard that Lord Beast and the others are coming back soon."

"So soon?" Jiang Hao was surprised.

It should have taken several more months. Why did they suddenly decide to return early?

"I heard that they received news that the sect was besieged by the immortal sects, so they rushed back. That's why they're coming back early," Cheng Chou said.

"When are they expected to arrive?" Jiang Hao asked.

Returning so early might not be a good thing. It meant that the person from the Heavenly Joy Pavilion was also returning.

In his absence, people in the sect who held malice toward him could do nothing. That person was different. He was powerful enough to do anything.

“It seems like they will arrive in a few days,” Cheng Chou said.

“That is indeed quite soon.” Jiang Hao nodded slightly.

He hadn’t seen the beast and the others for a while. He didn’t know if their cultivation realms had progressed.

He should also be able to see Liu Xingchen soon. Since he hadn’t been discovered by the sect, he should be back too.

It would also be a good opportunity to check on the three remnant souls.

It had been almost three years, so there should have been quite a few new developments.

However, with their return, he wasn’t far from his advancement either.

He glanced at his interface.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 31]

[Cultivation: Middle Stage of the Soul Ascension 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, Heavenly Cauldron] [Lifeblood: 61/100 (can be cultivated)]

[Cultivation: 63/100 (can be cultivated)]

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

‘Still quite a way to go. This is with the presence of the Holy Medicine Seed.

Otherwise, the gap would have been much greater.’

It had been a year since his last advancement, and he hadn’t received any bubbles for two months.

Now, he was more than halfway there, which was considered fast. He only needed to get one divine ability.

Then, he looked at his age. He was already thirty-one! He wasn’t young anymore.

“How old are you, Junior Brother Cheng?” Jiang Hao asked.

The sudden question was quite unexpected, but Cheng Chou still replied, “I’m about to reach my forties.”

“Forty?” Jiang Hao was surprised. “You look like you’re only twenty-seven or twenty-eight.”

Cheng Chou lowered his head. It was due to his cultivation realm.

If he hadn’t advanced to Foundation Establishment Realm in these years, he might not appear this young.

Seven days later, Jiang Hao, accompanied by Cheng Chou, arrived at the sect’s main gate.

Regardless of what had happened to the sect during these days, everyone was waiting at the gate for those who had gone out.

They were the ones returning from the Bright Moon Sect. It was a place that some might never have the chance to set foot in during their lifetime.

Naturally, they were curious about what it was like over there.

Lord Beast and the others should have made great strides in their cultivation realms, right?” Cheng Chou asked with a smile.

Now that Lord Beast was back, the pressure on him would decrease.

As far as he knew, the spirit beast was the easiest to get along with.

Jiang Hao was the backbone of everyone, and Lord Beast was the guiding force.

Whatever Lord Beast said, they obeyed.

Jiang Hao glanced around and noticed Lin Zhi was there too.

However, he stood in the farthest corner, and no one paid attention to him.

His two friends were also present, but unlike Lin Zhi, they were well-groomed and drew a lot of attention.

This was the difference between people.

One must learn to accept and also learn to strive.

Jiang Hao looked at the sky and waited for the spirit beast and the others to return..

Chapter 478 Missing Liu Xingchen's Battle With The Three Soul Remnants

Many people were eagerly waiting at the entrance of the sect.

Jiang Hao was among them. He felt strange for some reason.

Slowly, a small dot appeared in the sky, followed by the appearance of a sword, which grew larger.

He could see many figures standing on it.

They had arrived.

"Senior Brother Jiang!" Xiao Li waved from above.

She was the first to notice Jiang Hao.

"Too eye-catching." Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

Xiao Li didn't understand what it meant to be low-key. He needed to let her know when there was an opportunity.

At this moment, Elder Baizhi also arrived.

She attached great importance to the trip to the Bright Moon Sect and needed to understand what had happened there.

As for the matters of the sect, Ku Wu Chang and the others were also curious. At present, it didn't seem to be that serious.

Soon, Jiang Hao picked up the spirit beast and the others.

"Senior Brother Jiang, I brought back lots of food for you!" Xiao Li exclaimed.

She also took out two boxes and gave one to Jiang Hao and one to Cheng Chou.

Jiang Hao narrowed his eyes. Why was there a smell of marsh gas outside the box?

What had Xiao Li been up to again?

He opened the box and found eight pieces of pastry inside.

Not surprisingly, they were all poisoned.

"Senior brother Cheng, give it a try," Xiao Li said as he looked at Cheng Chou with wide eyes.

Cheng Chou immediately started eating.

He was astonished by the taste.

Jiang Hao also tried a piece. Indeed, it was very delicious.

But...

He sighed when he saw Cheng Chou struggling. It wasn't easy to endure the poison for someone at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

"I have a gift too." Chu Chuan took out a memento. He gave them two stones.

There were three words written on them: Bright Moon Sect."

There was indeed a hint of aura in the stones.

That was it.

Jiang Hao thanked him and accepted it.

Cheng Chou did the same. He had never been to the Bright Moon Sect in his life, so having a stone from there wasn't bad.

"Junior brother Chu, you're already at the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm?" Cheng Chou was surprised.

"From Chu Jie's advancement, I gained some insights. Then, I advanced too," said Chu Chuan.

He had now surpassed Cheng Chou and Xiao Li.

The beast stood on Chu Chuan's shoulder and nibbled on a carrot like an ordinary rabbit.

“A few days ago, Chu Chuan challenged Xiao Li.” “And?” Jiang Hao asked while eating a pastry. “He just had his teeth fixed,” said the beast.

Chu Chuan looked awkward.

He didn’t understand why, but he couldn’t defeat Xiao Li at all.

“Why hasn’t Junior Sister Xiao Li progressed?” Cheng Chou was curious.

He knew very well what kind of talent Xiao Li had.

Xiao Li lowered her head and hesitated. “Senior Brother Cheng, you haven’t advanced yet... I didn’t want you to feel uncomfortable seeing everyone else making progress. It doesn’t matter whether I advance or not anyway.”

Cheng Chou was dumbfounded.

Jiang Hao didn’t mind. Xiao Li had her own thoughts.

Although she seemed careless, she was sometimes very attentive.

Whenever she returned home, Cheng Chou had accompanied her. He had helped her with lots of other things too.

Moreover, Cheng Chou was the one who had brought back the jujube tree for her.

It was only natural for her to feel concerned about Cheng Chou.

“I have the beast for that too,” Xiao Li said as she grabbed the spirit beast. At this moment, the spirit beast broke free from Xiao Li and approached Jiang

Hao.

“Master, look at this.”

It took out the collar and showed it to Jiang Hao. “It’s broken. Please buy a new one.”

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

How many spirit stones had he spent on keeping this spirit beast?

And the speed of its progress was too fast.

When he caught it, it was at the Foundation Establishment Realm, and now, it was already in the middle of the Gold Core Realm. Otherwise, the collar wouldn’t have broken.

A Gold Core demon, indeed.

“Senior Brother Jiang, we earned a lot of spirit stones during our trip outside,” Xiao Li said on the way.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He wasn’t lacking either. He had earned a Holy Medicine Seed, and his gains far surpassed theirs.

However, Holy Medicines were difficult to sell for spirit stones.

He was not only reluctant to sell it but also a bit wary.

On the way back, Jiang Hao listened to Xiao Li talk about her trip to the Bright Moon Sect. It sounded exciting and dangerous.

But from what Jiang Hao knew, the trip had been very ordinary.

Perhaps, in Xiao Li's eyes, it was more exciting and interesting.

She rarely went out and had never participated in this kind of conference. It was natural for her to find it fascinating.

Back in the Spirit Herb Garden, Xiao Li gave him some gifts again.

They were delicious and beautiful. He accepted all of them.

The next day, Cheng Chou didn't come to the Spirit Herb Garden. He was poisoned and recuperating in his house.

The spirit beast took Xiao Li to visit him.

However, before they went, Jiang Hao gave the beast a new collar. "It seems I'm the most favored pet," the beast said happily.

"What about me?" Xiao Li asked.

"Here." Jiang Hao took out a snack.

It was different from what Xiao Li bought for him. These were ordinary and plain pastries.

"Give this to Cheng Chou." Jiang Hao gave her a bottle of spirit medicine to give to Cheng Chou.

It could be used for detoxification.

Xiao Li's eyes widened as she ate the pastry. She looked excited.

Perhaps, for her, this was the most delicious pastry.

Jiang Hao watched them leave.

He needed to prepare Chu Chuan's things as soon as possible.

Now that he was at the middle stage of the Gold Core Realm, he would soon break through to the late stage.

At that time, he could even request to leave the sect, as he was no longer a child.

As soon as he sent Xiao Li and the others away, Jiang Hao met Liu Xingchen.

Just a glance, and he could tell that his cultivation realm was at the peak stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm.

Wasn't this too fast?

In just twelve years, he had reached from peak Gold Core Realm to the peak

Primordial Spirit Realm, and he displayed it so openly.

Did the Heavenly Note Sect really have such a genius?

"Junior Brother Jiang, it's been many years. I heard you got involved in some trouble again and were restricted from traveling outside." Liu Xingchen smiled.

"It's just a misunderstanding," Jiang Hao said politely.

He then appraised him.

Since he didn't sense the aura of the three, and Liu Xingchen had ascended, he needed to see what the situation was.

[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. Out of boredom, he deliberately let the three remnant souls experience the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment so that they could recover. He then broke through to the peak of the Primordial Spirit Realm when they thought they were winning. He proceeded to devour them while they were feeling overconfident. The three remnant souls hid after that out of fear which made him feel bored. He planned to devour them and then find three more remnant souls. When he came back, he found out that many things had happened, and most things were related to you. He's a bit regrettable that he didn't pay attention to you, but now, he's increasingly interested in you. The outside world is too boring, but it's interesting here.]

Jiang Hao was speechless.

'It's over? I didn't get to see the most exciting part, only the result. What a shame!'

"By the way, there's something I need to mention, Junior Brother Jiang," Liu Xingchen said.

"What is it?" Jiang Hao asked.

Everything related to him should have been taken care of.

"It's related to the Heavenly Joy Pavilion. Your master had a brief discussion with him on the way and came up with something." Liu Xingchen laughed..

Chapter 479 Secretly Cultivating Behind Everyone's Back

"About the Heavenly Joy Pavilion?"

Jiang Hao was quite interested.

Within the sect, the most threatening person was the Pavilion Master.

Because a vessel had not been found, his anger wasn't alleviated.

Although they hadn't held back his resources again, it didn't mean that everything was fine.

It was just that the other person hadn't seen him lately and didn't know he was doing well, so he paid no attention to him.

But if problems arose in his cultivation realm later, they would target him.

If the impact was significant, they would definitely seek retribution.

There was still hope now, and he didn't want to violate the rules of the sect.

So, things were relatively calm for now.

However, the people in demonic sects were unpredictable and could act impulsively at any time.

This was one of the reasons why Jiang Hao refused to be taken out from the suspect list.

If he went out, the other person might act on impulse.

"In fact, it's not a bad thing," Liu Xingchen said seriously. "With your master's help, the master of Heavenly Joy Pavilion has made it clear that he won't trouble you for the time being. This applies

whether you go out or not. During this time, your master will also find someone to help him find the vessel. Your master knows people outside, so his help is not small."

Jiang Hao lowered his head. This was indeed of great help to him.

At least, he didn't have to worry too much for the time being.

But he understood his master's implications. Given his current speed of advancement and the sect's achievements, he could become a True Disciple.

However, being on the Law Enforcement Hall's suspect list provided a sense of security.

As long as he was on the list, he didn't have to worry about being sent out. If he wanted to go out, he could just take on a mission.

That was the best option for him.

Although being a True Disciple came with many privileges, dangers still exist outside.

"Junior Brother Jiang, you should indeed consider whether to get out of the list and become a True Disciple. It's very convenient during the sect's operations, and you won't be affected by trivial matters," Liu Xingchen said. "The elevation of your status and position will also make the sect pay more attention to you and prevent others from troubling or sacrificing you."

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

In fact, he was destined to come into contact with various traitors and undercover agents in the future.

Those people wanted to use him, and he wanted to use them too.

That will inevitably cause more suspicions in the future.

Being a True Disciple meant a higher status, and if they investigated him, wouldn't it cause trouble?

"However, there are still quite a few people who want you on the list, like those from the Task Hall." Liu Xingchen smiled.

Jiang Hao awkwardly smiled back.

He had given the Task Hall ten thousand spirit stones till now.

For a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator to pay ten thousand was like giving away their entire family wealth.

They certainly didn't want him to be out of the list.

"Is the vessel really that hard to find?" Jiang Hao asked.

He had killed Senior Sister Yun Ruo at the age of nineteen, and he was now thirty-one years old.

Twelve years have passed.

In twelve years, the sect hadn't found a single vessel.

"Vessels do exist, but many of them are hard to find. You can't tell just by looking at them." Liu Xingchen sighed. "Sometimes, you might brush past an enchanting vessel and not even know that your target is right in front of you. It's mostly about luck. That's why it's been twelve years, and they still haven't found a suitable vessel."

"Really?" Jiang Hao was puzzled.

"Other sects have them but snatching them would cause too much trouble. Moreover, if they happen to encounter a powerful vessel, it'll be dangerous to provoke them," Liu Xingchen said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

When the deadline arrived, the Master of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion might still take action.

If the attempt failed completely, he would be targeted.

"Do you know what happened at the mine, Senior Brother?" Jiang Hao asked.

"It seems that a bottomless abyss has appeared there, and they are currently filling it. It seems that quite a few people are trapped inside. It seems like the rumors are true. There might be treasures deep beneath the mine. However, the sect doesn't seem to be in a hurry to go down. They're just gradually excavating," Liu Xingchen said.

Jiang Hao recalled that Hong Yuye had mentioned that an ancient battlefield might be buried beneath the mine.

If that was true, the malevolent aura and deathly air could disintegrate anyone who went in.

Only those strong enough would dare to go in and search for treasures.

After Liu Xingchen left, Jiang Hao started tending to the Spirit Herb Garden.

He waited for another person to come and meet him.

He waited for seven days.

Around mid-May, Jiang Hao looked at the confident Han Ming and said with a smile, "Junior Brother, you look even more remarkable than before."

"Senior Brother, you only know how to hide in the Spirit Herb Garden. You don't gain experience or work hard to cultivate. It's inevitable that you'll be surpassed by me," Han Ming said as he gripped the sword in his hand. "Now, I have a new understanding from the Bright Moon Sect and have reached the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. I've been constantly honing myself to reach the peak. I'd like to seek some advice from you, Senior Brother."

"Is this place suitable?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Now that both of us are at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm, aren't you afraid your residence will be damaged if we spar here?"

Han Ming had fought Jiang Hao several times and understood the danger that he posed. Not caring about the house represented Jiang Hao's confidence in his abilities.

"Senior brother, I advise you to reconsider," Han Ming said.

Upon hearing this, Jiang Hao moved a bit to the side to show respect. "How about here, Junior Brother?"

"I hope you won't regret this later, Senior Brother," Han Ming said without reservation.

The aura of the peak of Foundation Establishment Realm spread out, and the sword light flickered.

Clang!

Jiang Hao's blade blocked Han Ming's sword.

'So fast.'

Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised.

Junior Brother Han Ming was indeed deserving of being a top disciple.

Even with his peak Foundation Establishment Realm, he felt somewhat challenged.

At this moment, Han Ming had unleashed several sword attacks in succession, but Jiang Hao remained in place and deflected all the attacks.

When the fifth sword attack came, he swung his blade down.

Boom!

He used Demonic Sound Slash.

In the breath of a moment, the thunderous sword light shattered, and the blade swept across the earth. It left behind deep grooves in the ground.

At this moment, the sword fell to the ground, and the Half-Moon Blade was held against Han Ming's neck.

Jiang Hao slowly sheathed his blade and said calmly, "Junior Brother, thank you for letting me win."

"Golden... Golden Core?" Han Ming had been astonished before, but this time, he lost his composure. Jiang Hao had actually entered the Golden Core Realm.

It was far beyond what he had imagined.

"I guess I'm lucky enough to get promoted," said Jiang Hao.

Han Ming gritted his teeth, picked up the fallen sword, and turned to leave.

The impact of reaching the Golden Core Realm might have been too much for Han Ming. Jiang Hao was concerned.

He appraised Han Ming.

[Han Ming: True Disciple of Heavenly Note Sect's the Cliff of Broken Hearts. His talent is top-notch. He is at the peak of the Foundation Establishment Realm. He is favored by the spirits of mountains and rivers and has the inheritance of a mighty figure. The divine art of Shifting Mountains and Reclaiming Seas was fully formed while observing the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment. He intended to defeat you with this move, but he never expected you to advance to the Golden Core Realm. He feels shocked and indignant. He is convinced that you, who secretly cultivated and honed yourself without seeking external challenges, will definitely not be his match in the future. He feels displeased and has decided to start on the path of advancement, defeat you squarely, and say, "I got lucky."]

Chapter 480 - 480: Escorting the Heavenly King Personally

Looking at the feedback, Jiang Hao had to admit that Junior Brother Han was indeed outstanding.

Among his peers, hardly anyone could surpass him.

Xiao Li had the advantage of being from the Dragon Clan, coupled with amnesia and loss of strength.

For now, others were unable to match up to her.

On the way to the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao received another message. "Heavenly King Hai Luo wants to see me?"

Jiang Hao sighed. 'Is the Heavenly King Hai Luo planning to boast because he is finally leaving?'

"Beast, you go to the Spirit Herb Garden first," Jiang Hao said to the beast. "Don't worry, Master. I'll swim there," said the beast in the water.

Jiang Hao didn't pay much attention to it.

Since being left adrift in the water by Hong Yuye, the beast had started swimming as a habit.

At the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao took a deep breath.

'Starting now, I have to act as a Gold Core Realm cultivator. My status will be considerably higher, and I need to adapt.'

If he continued to advance, he might have a shot at fighting for the top disciple spot.

It seemed a bit far-fetched, but twelve years had passed inexplicably.

Time passed faster than he expected.

After entering the tower, Jiang Hao received a key and a talisman from Zuo Cheng. The person asked him to escort the Heavenly King to the sect's entrance. It was arranged by Elder Baizhi.

Jiang Hao was puzzled, but he followed the instructions.

He quickly arrived at the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower.

He could hear the voice of Heavenly King Hai Luo.

"Old man, you've said a lot. If you continue, you'll die."

"Die? What's there to be afraid of? If that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator is really dead, I have nothing to fear."

"I don't think he's dead. It's impossible."

“Impossible?” Dan Qingzi sneered. “Why is it impossible? I saw his arm before.

Later, I’ll ask for his head. Just a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator... Who does he think he is? Does he really dare to claim to know everything? I can sense it. You’re all afraid of that Foundation Establishment guy. Is this how the Heavenly King acts? That Foundation Establishment guy is dead. I’ll say whatever I want to say...”

Dan Qingzi suddenly froze in place.

He looked at the person who had arrived.

“How are you still alive? I saw your arm!”

“You’re a fool, aren’t you?” Heavenly King Hai Luo sneered. “Do you think the Heavenly Note Sect would kill someone who made you lose your composure and infuriated you? If he’s alive, he can threaten you. Why do you think you can threaten his life in return?”

“They deceived me? Despicable! They’re shameless!” Dan Qingzi roared.

“If it weren’t for your talent and luck, you would have died long ago. In our overseas territories, someone like you would have been killed on the spot.” Heavenly King Hai Luo shook his head. “I would never accept trash like you under my name. You don’t deserve to be on the same level as me. Since you’re not leaving, I’ve decided to leave.”

Jiang Hao stood in front of the Heavenly King Hai Luo’s cell. He knew that Heavenly King Hai Luo was about to leave.

Eleven Heavenly Kings joined forces to get him out.

But seeing him so triumphant, it was likely he didn’t know that his lover had betrayed him.

"You're leaving?" he asked.

Dan Qingzi didn't pay much attention to it.

Sure enough, he had been deceived by the Heavenly Note Sect. But now that he was here, the people at the Lawless Tower no longer cared if he found out.

"I'm tired of staying here, so I'm heading back," Heavenly King Hai Luo said and looked at Jiang Hao with a smile.

"Do you know why the eleven Heavenly Kings decided to free you?" Jiang Hao asked.

Heavenly King Hai Luo originally wanted to speak, but Jiang Hao spoke first. "Because of a woman named Miao." Hai Luo looked confused.

"Let's go. The one sent to pick you up is outside."

Outside the Heavenly Note Sect, Mi Lingyue stood beside a middle-aged man. His aura was astonishing.

The people accompanying him kept their heads down. They didn't even dare to breathe too loudly.

"The Heavenly Note Sect is indeed arrogant and conceited. They didn't even bother to assign someone to receive the resources. Could it be that they're expecting Heavenly King Hai Luo to come out on his own?" Mu Longyue said in a low voice.

"The members of the Heavenly Note Sect have peculiar ways of doing things. I don't know what they're thinking," Mi Lingyue said.

Because she was the only one who knew about Heavenly King Hai Luo's situation, she had come along.

“When the people from the Heavenly Note Sect come out later, I want to see if they can stand before me,” Mu Longyue said coldly.

Soon, two figures approached from a distance.

Mu Longyue sneered, and his aura began to spread.

It was just a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

He wanted to teach the person some manners.

However, when he was about to release his aura, Mi Lingyue grabbed him.

“Hmm?” He looked at her in confusion.

“No.” Mi Lingyue shook her head. “That person is not that simple. All the people on the fifth floor of that tower are afraid of him. It’s as if he can see through everyone’s secrets.”

“What?” Mu Longyue’s pupils contracted. He understood her implications.

Soon, he retracted his aura..