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Chapter 481 - 481: How Can He Control Me?

‘Mi Lingyue?’

Jiang Hao was surprised when he saw Mi Lingyue. He didn’t expect that she would come to pick the Heavenly King Hai Luo.

Beside her was a middle-aged man, with a remarkable temperament. It was as though the aura of the sea was restrained within him and was ready to erupt at any moment.

The person should be one of the Twelve Heavenly Kings, Mu Longyue.

‘Two enemies actually came here.’

He knew the secrets of the two and knew about their child’s existence. If the person suddenly tried to kill him, he might just die here.

This was the disadvantage of acting recklessly in the Lawless Tower. It was easy to offend some powerful individuals.

Whether it was Zhuang Yuzhen, Mi Lingyue, Heavenly King Hai Luo, or the already deceased Gu Qing and so on.

They all wanted to kill him and be done with it.

The more restrained he was in the tower, the more severe the backlash when he came out.

It was just like with Gu Qing before.

It caused him to expose the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, and the consequences went beyond that. If the other person had continued to pry, there was a possibility of complete exposure of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

Because of this lesson, he needed to completely resolve the issue with Dan Qingzi.

He had been threatening Jiang Hao and would definitely make a move if possible.

He had to be on guard.

"Greetings, Seniors," Jiang Hao said respectfully.

Mi Lingyue smiled awkwardly.

It was indeed strange for Jiang Hao to be appointed by the Heavenly Note Sect to escort the Heavenly King Hai Luo alone.

But she didn't believe for a moment that they weren't being watched.

"Is your name Jiang Hao?" Mu Longyue asked.

"Yes, that's me." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Can we take Hai Luo away on our own from here?" Mu Longyue's face darkened.

"Of course." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Hai Luo, are you coming?" Mu Longyue looked at Heavenly King Hai Luo.

Heavenly King Hai Luo frowned. He thought about what Jiang Hao had just said.

Watching them leave, Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

There were no unexpected incidents.

But he was quite puzzled about one thing. Now that the Heavenly King Hai Luo was only at the late stage of the Primordial Spirit Realm, was he of any use to those overseas?

The fact that one of the Twelve Heavenly Kings had personally come to get him, he probably was still useful.

Jiang Hao turned and left.

On the fifth floor, there was only Zhuang Yuzhen left.

Based on what Dan Qingzi said, he probably wouldn't stay for long.

He had a radical personality, and the hatred had already been sown. Jiang Hao needed to find a way to make him let go of his resentment.

Back at the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao received a message from Cheng Chou. The Cliff Master had called him for a visit.

"Did he say why?"

"No."

"Alright. Don't touch the reserved spirit herbs for now. If I don't return by afternoon, you can then handle them."

“Okay.”

Jiang Hao went to his master’s residence.

Although he didn’t know why, there was a possibility it was related to his advancement to the Golden Core Realm.

Or perhaps it was related to what Liu Xingchen had mentioned.

A little while later, Jiang Hao met the grim-faced Master Ku Wu Chang.

“Master.”

“The Master of the Heavenly Joy Pavilion promised me that he will not trouble you for the time being and will also restrain the members of the Heavenly Joy

Pavilion from pestering you.”

Master Ku Wu Chang’s voice was deep.

His gaze remained focused on Jiang Hao. It seemed to imply something.

“Thank you, Master,” Jiang Hao said respectfully.

“Have you achieved the Golden Core Realm?” Ku Wu Chang asked. “Yes. I managed to advance because of some opportunities and mostly luck.” Master Ku Wu Chang didn’t ask much about it. He just looked at Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. He didn’t dare to meet his master’s gaze.

He understood his master's insinuation.

He wanted Jiang Hao to be out of the suspect list of the Law Enforcement Hall.

"Do you want to continue staying at the Spirit Herb Garden?" Master Ku Wu Chang asked.

The Spirit Medicine Garden was usually managed by Foundation Establishment Realm disciples, and there were rarely any Golden Core Realm cultivators inside.

Even if there were, they would occasionally come at night to make sure there were no problems.

Under normal circumstances, no Golden Core Realm cultivator would manage it for the long term.

"Yes. I hope you will grant this request, Master," Jiang Hao said pleadingly.

He needed to stay at the Spirit Herb Garden.

If not there, then perhaps the mines. However, it was more dangerous there, and there were more problems.

But it could help him advance faster, which was acceptable.

Master Ku Wu Chang remained silent for a long time before finally nodding in agreement.

He did not mention the Law Enforcement Hall's suspect list or anything about becoming a True Disciple.

"Do you want to learn anything?" he asked.

"I'd like to learn some offensive spells," Jiang Hao said.

The Demonic Sound Slash was for the Foundation Establishment Realm. Although it was still useful, its power was insufficient.

If he could learn another slashing technique, it would make it much easier to deal with Junior Brother Han Ming in the future.

However, his master knew that Jiang Hao had learned the first form of Heavenly Blade, Moon-Slaying. It was hard to say whether he was willing to teach him anything else.

"For now, I will teach you the Thousand Demonic Tones," Ku Wu Chang said in

a deep voice.

A little while later, Jiang Hao left the courtyard.

After passing on the technique, the Cliff Master asked him to return and cultivate diligently.

And Han Ming, who had just arrived, was left behind at his master's residence.

Jiang Hao understood that if he were the True Disciple, he might also have stayed longer.

The Thousand Demonic Tones was not a sword technique, but it could be applied to the Demonic Sound Slash. Combined, they would release astonishing power.

The Thousand Demonic Tones could be superimposed on the Demonic Sound Slash and increase the speed by more than a notch.

Although it still couldn't compare to the Moon-Slaying and Light and Dust Technique, there were certain conveniences that it afforded.

It could shatter the psychological defense of weaker opponents.

The Thousand Demonic Tones could even be added to other spells. The Moon -Slaying Technique might work as well, but the two were incompatible and might cancel each other out.

He would try it once he learned it.

Back at the Spirit Herb Garden, Jiang Hao began tending the spirit herbs.

He collected the bubbles that were there.

Most of them were white and green bubbles.

They all provide enhancements to strength or spirit.

'I've been picking them up for over twenty years, but it's still not enough. But there is still time, and the impact it brings later will be greater. I wonder if something will happen.'

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, there are only two people in the prison cells. One was Zhuang Yuzhen in cell number one, and the other was Dan Qingzi in cell number three.

Unlike Zhuang Yuzhen, who was resting with his eyes closed, Dan Qingzi was sitting on the floor indignantly.

As time passed, he lowered his head. The contempt in his eyes intensified.

After waiting for a long time, he gradually closed his eyes.

He opened his eyes again and something flashed in them.

He has figured something out.

Zhuang Yuzhen and Hai Luo were afraid of a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator because that person knew their weakness. They weren't afraid of anyone else.

In other words, his weakness was only known to one Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

How could a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator control his avatar even if he knew about it?

At least, for now, it was impossible.

This gave him an opportunity.

Demonic sects only kept things as long as they were valuable. If they ran out of their value, they were of no use to the sect.

He still had some value, so he was being guarded and watched.

But what if he lost his value?

At that time, either he would be silenced, or he would lose all his cultivation realm and would be thrown into the mines.

But no matter which path he took, it was what he wanted.

That way, he could break free and wouldn't be limited by anyone.

He could even kill that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator before leaving. Or he could stay away and wait for the right moment.

But that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator must die.

As for other things, he didn't care about them much. If he thought too much, his resolve would weaken. Once his resolve weakened, other people could easily control him.

He made up his mind and called for someone.

"I'll tell you everything, but I want that Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator's life.."

Chapter 482: Undercover At Azure Mountain

Early in the morning, Jiang Hao walked out into the courtyard.

He saw the spirit beast lying in front of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flowers. It was drooling.

The spirit beast had been like this ever since it returned. It sometimes eagerly licked the leaves.

The scent of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower was appealing to both spirit beasts and humans.

It was precisely because Hong Yuye liked the flower that no one else was allowed to touch it.

Jiang Hao worried that if the spirit beast licked it, it might not survive the next day.

Suddenly, the spirit beast twitched and sat up. It wiped its drool and noticed Jiang Hao. "Master, why are you up so early?"

"You're the one who's late."

After collecting the bubbles, Jiang Hao began to water the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

There were many flowers in the courtyard, especially lotus flowers, which were abundant.

Snow Lotus, Blue Lotus, Black Lotus, Red Lotus, and a few more would make it a true Seven Lotus Flower.

“Master, last night I saw Lin Zhi. He might be going back to his hometown with his two friends after a while.” The spirit beast jumped onto a peach tree that was already taller than the surrounding walls.

“He’s still at the first stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm, while his two friends are already at the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.”

After reaching the Foundation Establishment Realm, they were no longer ordinary people, and the most obvious changes were in their strength and lifespan.

In their eyes, ordinary people and even those at the Lifeblood Refinement Realm were like clumps of dirt that would turn to dust in no time.

They would always look down on others, even if they tried to not show it outwardly. The sense of superiority would be displayed subtly.

“Are they going home to visit their families?” Jiang Hao asked.

“They said they were worried that the commotion caused by the Blood Wish Path might affect their hometown, so they want to go back and check. It’s also a good opportunity for them to gain experience.” The spirit beast swung on the tree.

Occasionally, it played with its collar and the golden ring. It spun the items in succession like a juggling act.

All the old collars were cracked. The spirit beast didn't want to throw them away.

"His ability to take a beating has improved a lot, and the Star Moon Lifeblood Refinement Technique is at the sixth stage," said the spirit beast.

Jiang Hao didn't ask any more questions.

Lin Zhi's path was the most difficult, but it might also be the safest.

After all, for the most part, he didn't need to leave the sect because his cultivation realm was too low, so he was usually assigned to do miscellaneous tasks.

He would mainly interact with other Lifeblood Refinement Realm cultivators. At most, he would take a good beating.

He had done that already for a few years.

But the biggest problem was his mental state. Jiang Hao didn't know if Lin Zhi could endure it for long.

After hesitating for a moment, Jiang Hao said, 'When they're about to set off, follow them secretly. Don't show yourself.'

"Alright." The spirit beast jumped onto the tree and patted its chest. "Master, rest assured, you can leave it to me. My friends know that I'm the most reliable demon."

Jiang Hao just smiled.

After watering the plants, he turned and left the courtyard.

So far, the only thing he needed to be concerned about was Dan Qingzi. The overseas issues would have to wait, and he hadn't received any clue about Yin Wei yet, so he had no choice but to wait.

Only the matter with Dan Qingzi couldn't be delayed. He had to deal with it as soon as possible.

After some hesitation, he decided to visit the Lawless Tower again and assess Dan Qingzi once again.

In the evening, Jiang Hao looked at the empty cell and frowned.

"Was he sent down?"

"Yes. He confessed everything yesterday," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

"I see." Jiang Hao's heart sank. It seemed that he had to leave as soon as possible.

Dan Qingzi was in the Primordial Spirit Realm, and that was because the Lawless Tower had absorbed his cultivation. It might only take him a few days to recover.

Time was running out.

'Dan Qingzi is really decisive.'

Dealing with such a person was troublesome.

Zhuang Yuzhen and Heavenly King Hai Luo were much easier to handle.

"Senior, have you been here for a long time?" Jiang Hao approached Zhuang

Yuzhen.

"I'd like to go back, but last time when the people from the Divine Corpse Sect came here, you guys didn't plan to release me," Zhuang Yuzhen said helplessly.

"Senior, could you please share some clues about the mysterious person who put you up to the task? It might help free you," Jiang Hao said.

Jiang Hao suspected that the mysterious person was Dan Yuan. If not, it should be someone related to him like the Bright Moon Sect.

"It's impossible. I know too much about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. The Heavenly Note Sect won't let me go. It's better to just stay here. They can afford to wait, and so can I. There's nothing wrong with it." Zhuang Yuzhen shook his head and smiled.

Jiang Hao didn't say anything.

That was indeed the case.

Zhuang Yuzhen knew too much about the flower, as well as the sect's situation. Elder Baizhi would not let him leave so easily.

Moreover, once he left, the information he had about the mysterious person

would be gone.

The sect needed to keep him locked up for now.

Zhuang Yuzhen was more concerned about the Corpse Heart.

As long as the Corpse Heart was channeled, he could leave and even rise to a higher level.

If the Corpse Heart wasn't in the Heavenly Note Sect, he would be fine.

After that, Jiang Hao asked some questions about formations.

Although Zhuang Yuzhen wasn't proficient in these, he had more than enough knowledge to teach a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator, especially one with little knowledge of formations.

Jiang Hao studied all night, but he could only grasp a little.

It seemed his talent for formations was a bit low. He found it relatively easy to understand when learning about talismans instead.

It could also be the fault of the person teaching him. The one who taught him before was a master, but now the one teaching him was only at an ordinary level.

As he taught, Zhuang Yuzhen noticed that Jiang Hao had reached the Golden Core Realm. He was surprised, but he didn't say much.

After leaving the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao went to the Task Hall.

"Junior Brother Jiang, you're here again? Come, we have a task here. Let me show you." The Senior Sister at the counter beamed.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

"It's relatively simple this time. You need to go undercover to Azure Mountain and find some basic information about a person named Zhuo Qing," said the Senior Sister.

"How many spirit stones if I fail?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Because it's a simple task, failing will only cost you 2,500 spirit stones." "What if I succeed?" Jiang Hao asked.

“You’ll receive merits that can be added to the Merit Hall. It’ll boost your ranking in Merit Hall. It can also make the Law Enforcement Hall push your name down the suspect list. That’ll make it easier for you to regain your freedom.”

The Task Hall had it convenient. They didn’t pay anyone anything at all.

Jiang Hao accepted the task.

The senior smiled. She was already starting to calculate the amount he would have to pay.

Later, Jiang Hao went to the Spirit Herb Garden, collected some bubbles, and then returned to his residence to water the spirit herbs.

After doing all that, he started making the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talismans.

At the middle stage of the Soul Ascension Realm, coupled with his divine abilities, he succeeded in making the talisman without any injuries.

However, the quality of the talisman was low. It spanned from eight hundred miles to one thousand and one hundred miles.

After using the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman on himself, Jiang Hao activated the Thousand Miles Teleportation Talisman.

This time, he would be gone for five days.

He had to return within five days, or else the effect of the Heaven Secrets Hidden Talisman would run out. If someone was still watching him, they would notice him immediately.

The ones he needed to be most wary of were the Heavenly Saint Sect and the Fallen Immortal Clan.

It seemed that the Sunset Immortal Sect had given up. No one came to trouble him even after they breached the mines.

However, he still needed to be cautious.

On the third floor of the Lawless Tower, Dan Qingzi lowered his head.

His cultivation was now declining rapidly.

“Just a few more days... just a few more days..”

Chapter 483: Immortal’s Live Forever. Why Would They Care About A Partner?

Dan Qingzi had been waiting in the Lawless Tower all this time.

He was left with only Foundation Establishment Realm cultivation now.

Now, he saw a glimmer of hope. He wouldn’t have to wait much longer to die.

However, he occasionally called some colorful names at the people passing by.

The Heavenly Note Sect had broken their promise again. They didn’t kill Jiang Hao, and this time they didn’t even bother to pretend.

They just made him wait.

But that was fine. He would wait. When the time came, he would take matters into his own hands.

There would be an opportunity.

While Dan Qingzi was still planning, Baizhi had already arrived at the highest point of the Heavenly Note Sect.

The Hundred Flowers Lake was where the Sect Master lived, and others couldn't enter even if they visited the place unless they could deceive the Sect Master's perception.

As she ascended, she saw a red figure in the pavilion.

She seemed to be at the center of everything. She exerted an invisible pressure on the newcomer.

"Sect Master."

Baizhi bowed respectfully.

Hong Yuye seemed to come back to her senses.

She turned and glanced at her. "Have you found out something else?"

"I have found out a lot." Baizhi nodded. "In the past few days, Dan Qingzi from Azure Mountain revealed much information, like who commissioned him, and so on."

"Oh?" Hong Yuye seemed interested.

"He admitted that the reason Azure Mountain took action was mostly because of that other person, and their main purpose was to probe the limits of our sect. His intention was to force the Sect Master to take action," said Baizhi. "According to what he said, this was not his original intention, but someone put him up to it. The person who commissioned him is from the Great Thousand God Sect named Feng Hua. In the past few days, I have looked into the information about the Great Thousand God Sect, and it seems that there is no such person there. We are still investigating. Besides wanting to test the limits of the sect, this person seems to want to find out more about the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. However, Dan Qingzi does not know the people from the Great Thousand God Sect who came before, as well as those from Azure Mountain who had contact with outsiders."

"Can he still contact Feng Hua?" Hong Yuye asked.

"He said he can't anymore, but he gave me a coded message. That person might have received the news that Dan Qingzi was captured. It's unlikely that the coded message will be a success. We haven't tested it yet. We fear that it might startle him." Baizhi then went on to outline the follow-up plans. "For now, we have given up monitoring Dan Qingzi and let his cultivation realm be absorbed in the tower."

Hong Yuye was surprised. "What's your plan?"

Baizhi lowered her head and said earnestly, "He is very cooperative and doesn't take his cultivation seriously. Moreover, he insists that Jiang Hao must die. In my opinion, he must have something to rely on and a method of liberation. So, we are waiting for him to take action. The people are ready, and with the cooperation of a Sky Origin Realm cultivator, even if he escapes back to Azure Mountain, it will be easy to find him. According to my speculation, his method of release might be related to the Great Thousand Avatar. There are traces of the Great Thousand Avatar Technique on him. If everything goes smoothly, we will find him and observe him in secret."

Hong Yuye nodded. "And Jiang Hao?"

"There have been no new discoveries for the time being. The only change is that he has advanced to the Golden Core Realm." Baizhi was not surprised. "The advancement happened after the team returned from the Bright Moon Sect when most people's attention was diverted. This may be the opportunity he was looking for."

Before going out, Baizhi had already guessed that Jiang Hao was about to advance and that he was waiting for a good opportunity. There were currently no clues about the person behind him, so she didn't dare to mention it.

After that, she reported other matters.

The sect was currently recuperating, so there wouldn't be any major events for the time being.

The only things to be concerned about were the mines and the Sea Fog Cave.

The Sea Fog Cave might cause some waves overseas.

The appearance of disciples from their sect in the sea might attract some curious people.

This was easily solvable.

There was no need to go all out.

At Azure Mountain, a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator looked at Jiang Hao.

“A wandering cultivator?” she asked.

She was an inner disciple of Azure Mountain and was responsible for recruiting new disciples this time.

“Yes, a wandering cultivator.” Jiang Hao nodded.

In order to safely enter Azure Mountain, he chose to join the sect under the identity of a wandering cultivator.

Both his appearance and name had been changed.

Whether it was Azure Mountain or Heavenly Note Sect, they usually recruited Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators when accepting new disciples.

The highest was usually the Golden Core Realm.

No one could see his real cultivation realm, which was at the middle stage of the Soul Ascension Realm.

It made things much easier.

“Cultivation realm?” the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator asked. “I’m at the ninth stage of Lifeblood Refinement Realm,” Jiang Hao said.

“Your name?”

“Jiang Tian. ” “Age?”

“Thirty-one.”

“Thirty-one at the ninth stage of Lifeblood Refinement Realm?” The Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator frowned. But she found this quite normal.

The reason the wandering cultivator joined their sect was probably to obtain Foundation Establishment Pills through the sect’s resources. It would give him hope to advance to the Foundation Establishment Realm. Achieving Foundation Establishment Realm in one’s thirties was quite ordinary.

“Wait over there,” said the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

Later, he obtained a token to enter the trial.

If he failed, he wouldn’t be able to join the sect.

Jiang Hao was unconcerned about this. As expected, everything went smoothly, and he entered Azure Mountain with a mediocre result.

It was different from the Heavenly Note Sect in the sense that the various branches’ True Disciples would pick a portion of the disciples and send the rest to the outer sect.

Jiang Hao deliberately made his aura very low, so he was successfully sent to the outer sect.

This way, no one would be watching him.

That night, he figured out where the tasks were issued.

The next day, he took on a task. He accepted a task that rewarded Foundation Establishment Pills.

It was exceptionally difficult to complete.

Most likely, eight or nine out of ten would die outside, and this was what he wanted.

Today was the fourth day, and he had to go back tomorrow.

After that, he would disappear from Azure Mountain.

It was unlikely anyone would care about a wandering cultivator who came for Foundation Establishment Pills.

Even if someone remembered him, they would probably just sigh and say, "He came for Foundation Establishment Pills but died for it."

After accepting the task, Jiang Hao returned to his residence and did not hurry to go to the back of the mountain.

He needed to understand the situation there first.

He spent a spirit stone to learn a lot from a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

He asked about the person he was actually there for, and the person volunteered the information.

He also found out many gossips, like the second top disciple liking the first.

Many cultivators went to the back of the mountain.

However, there was one place they wouldn't approach, and that was the Green Tea Tree. It was said that approaching it would trigger a curse.

"What kind of curse is it?" Jiang Hao was genuinely curious. "It is said that if couples go there, their relationship would suffer."

"What if someone isn't in a relationship?"

"Then, they wouldn't be able to find anyone in their lives."

Jiang Hao was quite surprised. Why would there be such rumors in Azure Mountain?

The world was vast, and immortals lived long lives.

Why would someone care so much about finding a partner?

After confirming that most disciples could go to the back of the mountain, he was no longer worried.

In the afternoon, Jiang Hao arrived at the back of the mountain.

He buried a ring there and then left the sect to complete the task.

After that, he returned to the back of the mountain through the ring.

On the way, he did encounter some people who seemed close to each other.

But he ignored them.

He needed to find out where the Green Tea Tree was and see how much strength the avatar left by Dan Qingzi had.

Dan Qingzi's true cultivation realm was definitely far beyond the Soul Ascension Realm. His avatar definitely wasn't weak.

'It's been four days already. He must be leaving the Lawless Tower soon. I need to speed things up..'

Chapter 484 - 484: A Young Girl

In the morning, Dan Qingzi was brought out of the Lawless Tower.

He was at the sixth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm.

He was to be sent to the mines.

The Heavenly Note Sect didn't kill him, which disappointed him, but it didn't matter.

Once he left the Lawless Tower, he would be free.

He would have ended his life on the spot if not for avoiding unnecessary trouble.

Now was not the time to hurry. Once he entered the mines, no one would be watching him at all times.

Escaping would be easy.

Soon, Dan Qingzi was sent to the mines.

He held a hoe and approached a pool of lava.

The scorching heat and boiling magma were daunting. It seemed capable of incinerating everything.

Entering with his cultivation realm would undoubtedly result in death.

Seeing this, a smile crept onto Dan Qingzi's lips.

'Heaven is helping me indeed.'

As he passed by the lava, he was the last in line. Without a second thought, he jumped in.

In the blink of an eye, he saw the astonishment of the people around him and felt the pain of being burned by the lava.

But everything was worth it.

He was free now.

In the rear, two figures watched Dan Qingzi die. They were unsurprised.

"Inform the others. We can begin."

They were going to set up another trap for Dan Qingzi and find out who he had been in contact with.

In Azure Mountain, a young girl was sleeping in a pit under the Green tea Tree.

At this moment, her body, devoid of any power fluctuations, had undergone a complete transformation.

Her lifeblood surged, and her spiritual power was vast.

Gradually, her fingers began to move, and her long eyelashes fluttered.

When her spirit enveloped her body, she suddenly opened her eyes. She looked confused for a moment. Then, the confusion was replaced by sheer joy.

“Hahaha... I escaped!”

She sat up and looked at her new body and felt the satisfying strength within her.

Assured of her safety, she let out a sigh of relief.

“Jiang Hao from the Heavenly Note Sect can’t come here.”

She looked around in puzzlement. Why had she woken up under this tree?

When she realized this, her pupils contracted.

A long blade pierced through her from behind.

Blood dripped down the silver-white blade that carried a force that could crush everything.

“I was actually already here,” said a cold voice from behind.

Dan Qingzi was bewildered.

‘Jiang Hao? How could a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator have such strength?’

The girl detonated all the surrounding formations, but no power appeared.

How could this be?

At that moment, another long blade slashed toward her neck. It carried a purple aura.

Boom!

Dan Qingzi blocked the attack with one arm and paid the price of losing it.

Then, she smacked away the long blade from her chest.

She stepped back and looked at the man in front of her.

This attack wasn’t something a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator could manage.

However, what she saw was indeed a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator in front of her. Jiang Hao held the long blade and looked at her indifferently.

Dan Qingzi felt that this was absurd and funny.

How could this person have such strength while appearing to be at the Foundation Establishment Realm?

“What’s your cultivation realm?” she asked cautiously.

“The sect already knows that I’ve advanced to the Golden Core Realm recently,” Jiang Hao said.

In fact, he was quite puzzled.

Finding the Green Tea Tree was easy, but he quickly noticed the problem there.

It took some effort to dig it out, but everything went smoothly.

However, after digging it out, he was surprised.

He found a teenage girl there. Although she harbored the power of a peak Primordial Spirit Realm, she didn't resemble Dan Qingzi's clone at all.

The difference was significant.

For safety's sake, he even appraised her.

The answer he got told him that this girl was indeed Dan Qingzi's avatar, but she woke up right at that moment.

"Golden Core Realm?" Dan Qingzi didn't believe it.

Immediately, she erupted with power and attacked.

However, despite her formidable momentum, she turned and fled after releasing her power.

Bang!

In midair, she was pierced through by a long spear, and she fell.

She couldn't understand why the person before her, who appeared to be at the Foundation Establishment Realm, possessed such immense power.

This avatar had the cultivation of the Primordial Spirit Realm. Even if Jiang Hao used everything he had, he shouldn't have been able to overpower someone in the Primordial Spirit Realm.

When she hit the ground, Jiang Hao appeared next to her.

Then, he made his move.

"Stop!"

A long sword pierced through her body again.

"I just wanted to ask you a question."

Another long sword pierced through yet again.

Pain and powerlessness spread through Dan Qingzi.

She looked around but couldn't see the attacker clearly.

"I will tell you anything. Will you spare my life then?" Fear of death made her

submit.

"Of course."

A third sword appeared in Jiang Hao's hand, but he didn't attack her. He appeared right in front of Dan Qingzi.

“What do you want to know?” asked Dan Qingzi.

“Feng Hua. I want to know about him,” Jiang Hao said calmly.

“Feng Hua is a hidden Elder of the Great Thousand God Sect. His task is to find suitable people in various sects, make friends, and trade,” Dan Qingzi said.

“Are you also part of this trade? Was the position of Honorary Elder given to you by him?” Jiang Hao asked.

“You....” Dan Qingzi was shocked. How did he know about this? Dan Qingzi hadn’t said anything about that to the Heavenly Note Sect.

So, how did he find out?

“Something like that. We started with a trade, but after the trade was over, we no longer had any connection. The Great Thousand God Sect seemed reluctant to let go and finally lured me in as an Honorary Elder. I can enjoy the resources they give me and don’t need to do anything, except when they ask for my help.” “Then, how do I find this Feng Hua?” asked Jiang Hao.

“There’s no way to find him. Usually, he comes looking.” Dan Qingzi shook his head.

Jiang Hao lowered his head and thought about it.

Dan Qingzi exploded with power at this moment and flew into the sky with a whoosh.

“I advise you to leave as soon as possible. The commotion here has become too big. The people of Azure Mountain will be here soon.” Dan Qingzi sneered.

Jiang Hao sighed and circulated his energy.

He appeared behind her amidst her mocking laughter.

He swung the Primordial Heavenly Blade and used the first form:

Moon -Slaying.

Dan Qingzi's eyes narrowed. Her entire defensive magic shattered under Moo-Slaying, and her defenses crumbled. A shield barely managed to block the attack.

Dan Qingzi smiled.

Suddenly, a long blade swept across her neck.

At that moment, she was still smiling. But soon, her face distorted in terror.

The second form of the Heavenly Blade, Mountain Suppression, slashed down.

Dan Qingzi was cleaved by the blade.

The two of them landed on the ground, with Jiang Hao picking up the enemy's storage magic treasure and then burning the body with fire.

Only then did he undo the illusion of the Heavenly Cauldron, cover the big pit, and disappear from the spot.

At the Law Enforcement Hall in the Heavenly Note Sect, some people were trying to find Dan Qingzi's location.

In the beginning, everything was going smoothly, and they found some clues.

But soon, the clues disappeared.

This puzzled the group.

After several discussions, they arrived at the conclusion that Dan Qingzi was really dead.

Their plan had failed..

Chapter 485 - 485: The Sudden Appearance of the Demoness

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief as he returned to his courtyard.

He had nearly let Dan Qingzi escape. He needed to be more careful, especially when making enemies with someone in the Lawless Tower.

But it seemed that Mi Lingyue and King Hai Luo didn't hold it against him.

'I wonder how King Hai Luo would react after returning.' Jiang Hao shook his head in disbelief.

'I wonder if he will be like Shang An or different.'

He would only find out in the next gathering.

Given King Hai Luo's status and influence, Liu would definitely pay attention to it and bring it up at the gathering.

Jiang Hao took out Dan Qingzi's storage treasure. He found twenty thousand spirit stones inside.

'So many?'

Soon, he shook his head again. It was too little for someone like Dan Qingzi.

Did Dan Qingzi prepare such a small amount of spirit stones for his backup plan?

However, there were quite a few pills for the Primordial Spirit Realm.

There were also talismans and two magical treasures.

One was a spirit sword at the Soul Ascension Realm, and the other was a magical treasure to block attacks.

However, this magical treasure had cracks all over it and had lost its luster.

"Is this an innate Dharma treasure?"

He remembered that he hadn't dealt too much damage to the magical treasure at that time, so it must have been damaged because of the owner's death.

Thus, it was worthless and could only be sold. It wasn't even clear if it could be sold. After all, it was severely damaged.

'Maybe it'll fetch a few thousand spirit stones.'

For something acquired by chance, he didn't mind taking a little loss when selling it.

What mattered was getting spirit stones. Otherwise, this treasure was just scrap metal.

He then placed each item on the table and intended to check other gains. But just as he had placed them on the table, a fragrance wafted up from behind.

"Quite a few good things you've got here," said a teasing voice.

Jiang Hao, who had intended to put away the items, froze and then turned to look.

It was Hong Yuye.

Her long hair flowed down. She was dressed in a red and white gown. A strand of hair fell on her chest.

"Greetings, Senior." He greeted her respectfully.

"Are these all yours?" Hong Yuye walked to the table and examined the items.

"They belong to a senior. I am temporarily keeping them for him and will return them after some time. I am just double-checking to ensure nothing is missing," Jiang Hao said seriously.

"A senior?" Hong Yuye sat down and looked at him with narrowed eyes. "What kind of senior is this?"

"A senior whom I deeply respect. He is unrestrained. He is not bound by worldly constraints and never bothers with the differences between men and women. He transcends the prejudices of the mundane world," Jiang Hao said earnestly.

"Is that so?" Hong Yuye was quite interested. "Is this senior a man or a woman?"

"Um..." Jiang Hao hesitated momentarily and then said, "I think a man." He had first met Dan Qingzi as a man, so he was probably a man.

Later, he had taken on a female avatar. But Jiang Hao wasn't sure if that counted as Dan Qingzi being a woman.

"Do you wait for him to come back and retrieve these things?" Hong Yuye looked down at the table.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded. "The senior trusts me, and I am not an ungrateful person."

Hong Yuye fell silent. Then, she looked at him with a smile. "Do you think I'm an ungrateful person?"

The question puzzled Jiang Hao, but he quickly said, "Senior, you are highly respected and naturally not ungrateful."

"Do you trust me?" Hong Yuye asked again, with a smile growing on her face.

It was an unsettling smile.

Jiang Hao hesitated for a moment before nodding in agreement. "I trust you."

"Well then..." Hong Yuye narrowed her eyes. "How about I help you keep these things for your senior?"

Jiang Hao was at a loss for words.

"No?" Hong Yuye asked coldly.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. He looked at the storage treasure and the twenty thousand spirit stones. There were the pills and the spirit sword too. He could see the Primordial Spirit Sword for twenty thousand spirit stones!

The pills would fetch him another twenty thousand. Altogether, it would be sixty thousand spirit stones.

He sighed inwardly.

“Senior, your virtue is vast and encompassing, like the boundless ocean. How can one worry you with trivial matters of the world? I’ll take care of this small matter.”

“Just that?” Hong Yuye sat upright in her chair and smiled.

It seemed that she didn’t care about the items on the table.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

For a moment, he didn’t know how to praise her.

At this moment, Hong Yuye picked up the discarded magical treasure.

She seemed a little disdainful.

“How long has it been since you bought Red Azure tea?”

She picked up the spirit sword. When it was unsheathed, the power flowed like a galaxy, but it felt somewhat restrained as if it were sealed.

Clang!

Hong Yuye lightly flicked her fair fingers against the sword. The sword’s body instantly flowed like a galaxy, and a powerful force was released. Jiang Hao was surprised. This power was not much weaker than his own.

It was a good sword.

The price might be higher than he expected, especially when the power was unleashed.

Putting the sword back on the table, Hong Yuye no longer paid attention to it.

It seemed like ordinary scrap metal to her.

Jiang Hao didn't dare hesitate. "It has been a while."

"Do you have any objections to buying it again now?" Hong Yuye asked calmly.

But for some reason, there was an undercurrent in her calmness.

It seemed that if the person before her refused, this undercurrent would completely engulf him.

"No problem," Jiang Hao said and lowered his head.

"Put the things away." Hong Yuye looked at the table.

After some time, Jiang Hao put away the items and then brewed some tea.

It was the Heavenly Sky Snow Bud tea, which was worth 251 spirit stones.

He had bought it earlier.

Although the price had increased, he didn't know if Hong Yuye would like it.

Jiang Hao felt quite nervous watching her take a sip.

At that moment, Hong Yuye glanced at him. Her gaze revealed nothing, but it made him feel uneasy.

However, nothing happened.

Hong Yuye was still drinking her tea. She looked satisfied.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

He had fooled her. However, if he didn't get Red Azure tea soon, he would be in trouble.

Although he had gained a lot this time, he couldn't sell the magical treasures and pills. He could only use twenty thousand spirit stones for now.

"The gathering is over?" Hong Yuye asked.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded.

Indeed, the gathering had taken place some time ago.

Even Gui had changed her mind at the gathering about coming here.

"Tell me about the gathering," Hong Yuye said as she sipped her tea.

Just as Jiang Hao was about to speak, he heard footsteps outside.

Then, a young girl said, "Beast, are you home? There is some delicious food in the cafeteria. Let's go together. Since you have friends there, we can eat a bit more."

"Xiao Li?" Jiang Hao was surprised.

How did she come here? It was even more surprising that she could approach the area while Hong Yuye was there.

Jiang Hao remembered that whenever Hong Yuye visited, no one seemed to be able to approach them.

He sneakily glanced at the person drinking tea. She seemed indifferent about the matter..

Chapter 486 Poisoning The Demoness

"Senior, it seems like someone is here," Jiang Hao said.

"Isn't that the dragon?" Hong Yuye glanced at Jiang Hao.

This made him somewhat worried. Xiao Li didn't know her place. She was just a young dragon. If she said something to offend Hong Yuye, the consequences would be dire.

"Beast?" Xiao Li arrived at the door and looked inside, but she didn't see the spirit beast anywhere.

Jiang Hao let her come and go as she pleased, so when she didn't see the spirit beast, she walked in.

"Beast?" Xiao Li made her way to the hall.

But soon, she saw Jiang Hao standing in the living room, and Hong Yuye sitting and drinking tea.

"Senior Brother, Senior Sister, you're here too?" Xiao Li looked surprised.

She didn't fear Hong Yuye, but she recognized her.

Jiang Hao was surprised. He had watched Hong Yuye carefully. When Xiao Li called her Senior Sister, she didn't look displeased.

"How did you come here?" Hong Yuye asked softly.

Xiao Li ran to Hong Yuye's side and took out a box of pastries tainted with the marsh gas. "Here. This is for you, Senior Sister."

Jiang Hao frowned. 'Pastries with poison for Hong Yuye?'

He broke into a cold sweat. He was worried about Xiao Li's life.

"The cafeteria is about to serve a meal," Jiang Hao said calmly.

Only then did Xiao Li remember why she had come here. "I'll go find the beast first."

After saying that, she ran out without looking back.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

"You're very worried about her safety." Hong Yuye picked up a piece of pastry.

"Xiao Li is still a child and speaks without thinking. I'm worried she might unknowingly offend you, Senior," Jiang Hao said with his head down.

"You're always cautious, aren't you?" Hong Yuye took a bite of the pastry.

Jiang Hao kept his head down and didn't speak.

Since he came to the Heavenly Note Sect, he had always been cautious.

He didn't want to provoke anyone powerful. That was the only way he could stay alive and grow.

He entered the sect at the age of five and was now thirty-one years old.

Twenty-six years had passed.

"What cultivation realm are you in now?" Hong Yuye asked.

"Early stage of the Golden Core Realm."

"Golden Core Realm is considered powerful among your peers, but you still seem so cautious." Hong Yuye picked up a second piece of pastry.

Among his peers, he had already surpassed many people.

"Compared to some Primordial Spirit Realm and Soul Ascension Realm seniors, I'm still very weak."

"So, when will it end?" Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. Perhaps when most of the people were no match for him.

Or perhaps after he surpassed the person in front of him.

Every day, he worked hard to become stronger.

He could see hope. The future was promising.

So, he would wait and try to keep a stable state of mind. Only then could he avoid dangers.

"I just want to live peacefully for now," Jiang Hao said.

Hong Yuye looked at him and remained silent for a long time. "Tell me about the gathering. What information did you gather?"

"This time I have some news." Jiang Hao handed over the notebook.

He talked about the Heavenly Spirit Tribe and the overseas seabed, but Hong Yuye wasn't interested in that.

She also didn't care about Gui's friend.

However, "Jiang Hao Tian" becoming a senior at the Astronomical Academy piqued her interest.

Jiang Hao sat across from her. "This seems suspicious. They probably want to improve their Light and Dust technique, since they've been ridiculed for it for too long."

"Now you can not only go to the Bright Moon Sect but also to the Astronomical Academy," Hong Yuye said with a smile.

"I'd rather stay here and guard your flower, Senior" Jiang Hao said helplessly.

In fact, the bright Moon Sect might have been an option before, but after the discovery of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, it was no longer feasible for him.

He would be exposed to Xing.

As for the Astronomical Academy, they were interested in "Jiang Hao Tian."

Jiang Hao Tian was the person bestowed with vast power by Hong Yuye. He was someone whom countless strong individuals couldn't probe into.

Jiang Hao wasn't exactly that person.

So, the Astronomical Academy was not where he belonged.

Hong Yuye chuckled. "It seems like there's quite a bit of information about this Heavenly King."

The Heavenly King Hai Luo was a person infatuated with someone at the Foundation Establishment Realm.

He had established his footing in the Lawless Tower, but it seemed that he had been betrayed by someone dear to him.

"Perhaps that woman did it on purpose to save him," said Jiang Hao.

"Do you believe that?" Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. In the cultivation world, most people were selfish.

He liked to think the worst of people because that way he could sense danger in advance. That was how he avoided crises.

That was why he didn't have real friends.

Even the people he vaguely knew before had started avoiding him after the trouble with the Heavenly Joy Pavilion.

They were all afraid of getting into trouble because of him. That was to be expected.

He also made an effort to maintain his solitude, so he wouldn't burden others when he faced dangers.

At the same time, he wouldn't be burdened by others.

"Besides all this, did you gain anything else?" Hong Yuye handed the notebook back to Jiang Hao.

"Actually, there is something else." Jiang Hao talked about Dan Qingzi. "I learned about Feng Hua from a senior at Azure Mountain. This person seems to have set his eyes on the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and belongs to the undercover Elders of the Great Thousand God Sect. He seeks people to cooperate with him in various trades. If the transaction is successful, he recruits those who trade with him and gives them the status of an Honorary Elder. Perhaps finding him will give us a lead regarding the stone tablets, and maybe, we can even find out who assigned the mission to the Great Thousand God Sect."

The person was also from The End of All Things, but Jiang Hao had searched everywhere but hadn't found out who exactly he was.

It was the reason why he had sent Chi Tian as an undercover agent.

A year had passed. He needed to find a way to pass a message to Chi Tian.

For that, he needed Liu to owe him a favor.

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In the Milky Way Sea area in the overseas territory, various people gathered in the streets, which were bustling with activity.

At this moment, Chi Tian was on the first floor of a large treasure shop.

He looked at the spirit stones he had collected over the past few days and felt quite sentimental.

He had never encountered so many spirit stones in his entire life.

If the spirit stones were sufficient, he had a hope of defeating and killing his enemy-.

"Senior Blood, there's a Golden Core Realm customer who needs your attention," said a woman as she walked into the shop.

"Alright." Chi Tian nodded.

He had changed his appearance and identity for several months now. He had left the eastern region for more than a year now.

That person had never appeared, and he probably never would.

He had entered The End of All Things and changed his appearance, so even if someone was watching him, they wouldn't recognize him at all.

Now, he was free. He was no longer constrained by that person.

Chi Tian smiled. Sometimes he felt that person had been too confident.

He thought that the person had acted mysteriously to make Chi Tian believe that he was powerful.

But if he was powerful, why would he use a Golden Core Realm cultivator like him?

He was sure that Jiang Hao pretended to be strong on the surface but was actually very weak.

Here, he was Xue Lu. Everything else was irrelevant to him.

Chapter 487: Probably Another Marriage Alliance

After Hong Yuye left, Jiang Hao finally relaxed.

He looked at his chest and noticed that the palm imprint was still there. nOve(LB(1n

He didn't know when the imprint would dissipate. It was too easy for it to fail. He just had to find a way to break off from the Heaven Extinction Gu Poison and have a relationship with other women.

If that happened, the One Heart Palm would completely lose its effect.

Regardless of who it was, if one person in a relationship caused trouble, the palm technique wouldn't work.

Thinking back to the records in the book he had read about it, he wondered if both the people in the relationship had issues. Maybe that was why the palm hadn't worked.

So, they both lived in guilt and thought that they had let the other down. It wasn't impossible.

As for what it would feel like to leave an imprint, he would never know. Hong Yuye would never agree.

'When you reach a certain level of strength and surpass worldly concerns, do you really care about physical intimacy?' Jiang Hao was puzzled.

He cared now because he was still an ordinary person.

Even as a Soul Ascension Realm cultivator, his state of mind was still human. He couldn't let go of it, no matter how much he convinced himself that he didn't need it.

However, it was different for powerful individuals. Some formidable ancient experts didn't even have a gender.

So, he had no idea how such existences would treat their partners and whether they would prioritize strength and benefits.

In some ancient texts, there were few mentions of relationships between men and women. Most were about strength and personal interests.

Even in personal biographies, they were rarely mentioned.

In a grand scheme, relationships between men and women seemed somewhat insignificant.

Perhaps those whose minds were preoccupied with such matters would find it difficult to become renowned immortal figures in the world.

This time, when Hong Yuye left, she didn't leave anything behind. She neither told him to take care of her flower nor gave him anything, except that one mention of Red Azure tea.

That was a somewhat troublesome matter.

Firstly, it required spending ten thousand spirit stones. For him, that was a huge expense.

Fortunately, he was now at the early stage of the Golden Core Realm, and buying it once wouldn't attract too much scrutiny.

This was the change in status brought about by an increase in the cultivation realm.

The Golden Core Realm cultivators were generally assumed to have a lot of spirit stones.

However, the Golden Core Realm cultivators weren't any better off than the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators.

The same applied to Primordial Spirit Realm and Soul Ascension Realm cultivators.

Jiang Hao had experienced this. Most of the time he was quite poor.

It was just by chance that some people left behind a few things, which gave him quite a few spirit stones.

Now, he had approximately 36,500 spirit stones.

After deducting 2,500 he owed to the Law Enforcement Hall, he only had the two thousand five hundred owed to the Peak Enforcement Peak, he had 34,000 left.

His task involved finding someone in Azure Mountain, but unfortunately, he hadn't had the time to find out more about the person.

He had his own priority. He was pretty laid back about it. If he could do it along the way, all the better. However, if he couldn't, he didn't think much about it. In that way, he lost 2,500 spirit stones to the Law Enforcement Hall.

Fortunately, he still had quite a few spirit stones left for now.

Even if he lost ten thousand, he still had more than twenty thousand.

'Finally, Dan Qingzi's matter has come to an end. I obtained a clue about Feng Hua, but unfortunately, I couldn't find him. Thankfully, this matter is not urgent.'

Regarding the tasks given by Hong Yuye, he didn't dare to draw conclusions too quickly. It involved many factors.

First and foremost, the person concerned was too powerful. It wouldn't do to meet them unprepared.

Even if Hong Yuye were to take action, he could face danger.

When powerful individuals clashed, the aftermath was something that would impact him too.

Apart from that, there was also Yin Wei and the situation overseas.

'Yin Wei hasn't appeared till now. I wonder what he's waiting for.'

'I don't know when someone from overseas will come to investigate Senior Sister Yinsha's matter.'

As for other things, he didn't need to worry about them for the time being.

Senior Brother Qian Chen was also acting strange. After the last time, he hadn't targeted Jiang Hao again.

It seemed as if there had been no grievances at all as if everything about the Blood Wish Path had also stopped after the incident.

Perhaps his goal had already been achieved.

In any case, there wouldn't be any trouble for the time being.

'Is this a rare period of peace?' For Jiang Hao, this was undoubtedly a good thing.

He just didn't know how long this peace would last.

After taking a break for a while, he could try to buy Red Azure tea.

For now, he couldn't do it. He needed everyone to know that he had reached the Golden Core Realm before making the purchase.

That way, they would think it was normal.

At the southern border, Bi Zhu walked into a large courtyard.

There were some guards here, but they were all ordinary people.

Occasionally, there were a few with Lifeblood Refinement Realm cultivation.

There was a pool and a rock garden in the courtyard, and the people living here were either rich or noble.

In the middle, a woman paced anxiously.

She sighed helplessly.

Unlike the guards, she was in the Primordial Spirit Realm.

“Auntie Qiao, what’s causing you a headache?” Bi Zhu walked in wearing a pink skirt. Her long hair flowed down her back.

“Your Highness, you’re back!” Auntie Qiao said with joy upon seeing Bi Zhu.

She hurriedly approached and checked her before heaving a sigh of relief.

“You’ve been gone for more than ten years. I almost told them that I couldn’t keep an eye on you.” Auntie Qiao said indignantly.

Bi Zhu tucked her hair behind her ears and smiled. “There are so many princesses. Surely, not everyone is paying attention to me.”

“Not many princesses can live to over three hundred years old...” Auntie Qiao stopped talking when she saw Bi Zhu’s fierce gaze.

“Have you been stationed at the Zhenzhou Prefecture all along?” Bi Zhu looked around.

“Yes. After the last letter that asked us to come to the southern border, we’ve been here all along. But why stay on the border?” Auntie Qiao was puzzled.

“Because the southern part could be destroyed in an instant, ” Bi Zhu said casually.

Auntie Qiao didn’t pay attention to it. She took it as a joke. “Princess, in all these years, did you find someone?”

“Why can’t I travel the south alone?”

“Hmm... you don’t have an aura of cultivation.”

“Maybe it’s just that you can’t see it?”

After hesitating, Auntie Qiao suddenly said, “Princess, are you worried about the five-hundred-year lifespan limit?”

Bi Zhu still maintained her soft smile. “Actually, I’ve never understood why the royal family has a five-hundred-year lifespan.”

Most of the royal family members lacked cultivation talent, yet they had extremely long lifespans. This was innate.

This was a question Auntie Qiao had no answer to.

She changed the topic. “Princess, it’s good that you’re back. His Majesty sent a letter and asked you to return.”

"Just me or everyone?" Bi Zhu asked.

"Everyone." Auntie Qiao sighed.

"I guess it's another marriage alliance," Bi Zhu said indifferently.

"Probably." Auntie Qiao nodded.

"I have to go back again. There are so many rules in the imperial city," Bi Zhu said helplessly.

"By the way, there's news from the imperial city. Your elder brother, Prince Bi You, has completed the Golden Core Realm and entered the Primordial Spirit Realm." Auntie Qiao smiled.

"Big brother managed to reach the Primordial Spirit Realm? That means he can live for more than a thousand years." Bi Zhu walked by the lake. She was surprised by the news. "What about my eldest brother?"

"No news yet," Auntie Qiao said.

"That's expected. My eldest brother might not even know about my existence. Even if he did, he wouldn't care. For him, my lifespan isn't even enough for a trip outside." Bi Zhu placed her hands behind her back and smiled.

She didn't care about being ignored by her siblings..

Chapter 488: More Spirit Stones, The Better

After the affair with Dan Qingzi, Jiang Hao finally enjoyed a peaceful month within the sect.

In early July, he arrived at the Snow Lotus Pavilion.

Senior Brother, what would you like to buy?" the woman at the desk asked.

The vendors here would occasionally change. Meeting the same one from last time was pretty rare.

After all, there were quite a few of them.

"I'd like to buy some tea leaves," Jiang Hao said.

"Tea leaves?" The vendor smiled. "Senior Brother, were you the one who asked about Red Azure tea before?"

Jiang Hao was puzzled. He had asked about it once.

"I was the one who answered you last time. Not many people ask about it, so I remember you," the woman said with a smile. "Are you planning to buy it as a

gift? Besides Red Azure tea, we have other high-quality tea leaves that I can introduce you to."

"What is the current price of Red Azure tea?" Jiang Hao asked.

"The price remains the same. It's still ten thousand spirit stones," said the vendor with a perfect smile. "Would you like to take a look? Although Red Azure tea can't be touched at will, we can allow you to look. Also, there are some other good tea leaves here if you prefer."

"Sure. Let's take a look," Jiang Hao said.

Shortly after, in the tearoom, Jiang Hao waited for the woman to bring the tea.

Some tea leaves were quite expensive, and they weren't left on display. "Senior Brother, take a look at this first," said the woman as she took out other tea leaves too.

"No. I just want to see Red Azure tea first."

"Alright," the vendor smiled.

"A characteristic trait of Red Azure tea is the red tips on the tea leaves." The woman opened the box.

The red tips were striking, and the tea was surrounded by a dense spiritual energy.

It was of good quality.

Jiang Hao nodded. It was better than what he had bought before, but slightly inferior to what he had found in the Bright Moon Sect.

"Ten thousand spirit stones?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Yes. It is suitable for giving as a gift, but the price is a bit high," said the woman as she closed the box.

Then, she began to introduce other tea leaves. "Senior Brother, you can take a look at this..."

"I'll take this one," Jiang Hao suddenly said.

"This one?" The vendor was quite surprised. "Senior Brother, you can learn more about it before making a decision."

"That's alright. I want Red Azure tea," Jiang Hao said.

'Huh?'

The vendor was stunned. She felt like she had misheard. “Senior Brother, are you saying that you want to buy Red Azure tea?”

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

Upon hearing this, the vendor was astonished. “Senior Brother, please have a seat, and I’ll pour you a cup of tea.”

“Senior Brother, take care.”

The vendor even saw him off as he left.

Having spirit stones was a really good thing, especially when buying expensive items.

However, he spent spirit stones just too quickly.

Luckily, he didn’t need them for cultivation, or he’d be even more lacking.

He had intended to set up a stall. As he passed through the streets, he saw a formation.

This made him think about upgrading the formation in his courtyard, but Hong Yuye hadn’t given him a new formation diagram, and neither had Elder Baizhi.

Buying it on his own was a bit too expensive.

Just the materials alone would cost a few thousand spirit stones, and he had to set it up himself.

In the end, he bought a book named “Six Golden Core Talismans.”

After that, he set up his stall for a while.

The sales were much lower.

After the sect's recuperation, the demand had decreased. It was more difficult to sell things now.

When he was about to close the stall and leave, a customer suddenly arrived.

Jiang Hao looked at him in surprise.

The person was wearing the sect's attire, had a dark complexion, and appeared to be in the ninth stage of the Lifeblood Refinement Realm. But in reality, he was at the Golden Core Realm.

Jiang Hao looked around. He didn't see others like the person who had just arrived.

He used the Daily Appraisal ability.

[Gong Xin: From the Heavenly River Sea area. He is a subordinate to Heavenly King Bu Dong. He is at the late stage of the Golden Core Realm. He is here to investigate the people who appeared at the bottom of the sea and has assumed the identity of a ninth-stage Lifeblood Refinement Realm cultivator to join the Heavenly Note Sect. He is currently going around the stalls and purchasing things while hoping to find some clues from the vendors.]

'Someone from overseas has finally come?'

Jiang Hao wasn't surprised.

However, this method of joining the sect was similar to his.

'Does everyone think like this?'

If that's the case, he shouldn't do it like this next time. It was too conspicuous.

However, when recruiting disciples, it was indeed the best way to enter the sect.

Even the immortal sects had a high possibility of being able to enter other sects.

"Senior Brother, how much is the Divine Walk Talisman?" Gong Xin asked.

Jiang Hao frowned. This person wasn't really playing his part well.

As a Lifeblood Refinement Realm cultivator, he shouldn't be able to afford it. Showing too many spirit stones to buy talismans for some in the lower cultivation realm wasn't normal.

"Five for one spirit stone," Jiang Hao said.

"How about six pieces? I just joined the sect, so I don't have many spirit stones," Gong Xin said.

Jiang Hao agreed. After all, not many people bought those talismans. Being able to sell them was quite good.

"By the way, do our sect members wear black robes?" Gong Xin asked. "I saw some sect disciples in black robes outside, which is why I wanted to join the Heavenly Note Sect. They're really powerful."

"Black robes?" Jiang Hao shook his head. "I haven't seen them."

In fact, only those under Elder Baizhi wore black robes, and most of them worked at the Lawless Tower.

Ordinary disciples didn't wear them.

The person could ask around, but he wouldn't get much information on Sea Fog Cave.

He paid the spirit stones and then didn't linger. It seemed like he had just asked casually about the robes.

After a while, Jiang Hao closed his stall and went to the Task Hall.

The Senior Sister, who was at the reception, smiled at him. "Junior Brother, failed another mission again? There's still a month left. You still have a chance to complete it."

Jiang Hao was speechless.

In the end, he paid a thousand spirit stones and left behind a balance of 1,500 spirit stones to be paid within the next three months.

When he returned to his courtyard, he saw that the peach tree was beginning to blossom.

In a month or two, it would bear fruit.

The spirit beast was clinging to the bamboo beside it as it nibbled on the leaves.

"What are you doing?" Jiang Hao was surprised. "Eating bamboo leaves. It tastes better than carrots. Master, would you like to

"No, thank you." Jiang Hao shook his head.

The spirit beast was really strange sometimes.

"Master, I noticed something lately," the beast said as it hung upside down from a branch.

“What is it?” Jiang Hao sat down.

“You haven’t tied me up for a while now. When will you tie me up again, Master?” asked the beast expectantly.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He sighed. He had no spirit stones to do that.

Ignoring the rabbit, Jiang Hao got up and went into his house. He read the book he had just bought on talismans to learn something new.

At the Sea Fog Cave, Baizhi arrived at the entrance.

“What’s going on?”

“We’ve caught a strange thing. We tried to transport it out, but its vitality was disappearing, so we had to ask you to come, Elder Baizhi,” said a black-robed woman.

“Can you communicate with it?” Baizhi asked.

“Yes, but it refuses to respond,” said the black-robed woman.

Baizhi nodded without asking anything further and decided to take a look.

Shortly after, they passed by the stone tablet and arrived at the edge of the fog.

They found tentacles there.

These tentacles were controlled by a spell.

The tentacles originated from a huge head, which looked withered and wrinkled.

It seemed like the tentacles made up its beard and eyebrows.

Baizhi was astonished. She had never seen anything like this before.

There was no record of such a creature in the bestiary..

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Baizhi walked in front of the creature and locked eyes with it.

She could see its body and its eyes, but its arms and legs had turned into tentacles. The number of tentacles was more than the normal number of limbs.

The creature stood about two meters tall. It was much larger than an average person.

This was a strange monster, most likely from the depths of the sea.

“Can you understand what I’m saying?” Baizhi asked.

The creature just looked at her with cold eyes.

“Your strength is a bit weak. Were you the one trapping people at the edge of the fog?” Baizhi asked again.

However, the creature still looked at her coldly and didn’t utter a word.

It didn't understand her.

"If you communicate well, I can release your restraints. If you answer the questions, I can send you back to the sea fog," Baizhi said.

The creature seemed to hesitate.

Baizhi could tell that it could understand her.

"If you have any requests, you can mention them too," she said. "If you're worried that we won't keep our word, you can propose something that can be fulfilled immediately."

"Blood... Flesh," said a hoarse voice.

Baizhi smiled.

She wasn't afraid that the creature would make demands. She was only worried that it might refuse to speak.

Early the next morning, Jiang Hao put away the Seven Forms of Heavenly Blade.

He had understood the fourth form for a while now, but unfortunately, he couldn't modify it as he wished.

He could only continue to comprehend it.

Recently, he also delved into the Blood Wish Path, which was indeed a terrifying cultivation technique.

If one's life was long enough, one could become stronger to a certain point.

As for the limit, Jiang Hao didn't know what it was. After all, he was clueless about the realm after Return to Void.

'It's July, so it should be about time.'

In a few more months, he could advance in his cultivation realm. He wasn't there yet.

It should be achievable by the end of the year.

After reaching the late stage of the Soul Ascension Realm, he could compete with Senior Brother Bai Yi.

Senior Brother Bai Yi was a True Disciple of the Cliff of Broken Hearts.

Senior Brother Dongfang didn't seem to be in the normal order of seniority. After all, he was a remnant of the old branch.

But Senior Brother Bai Yi was so strong that he was one of the top disciples.

He didn't know if he ranked seventh or fourth.

On the fifth rank was Senior Sister Ye Yaqing. The sixth was Senior Sister Wei Si.

Senior Sister Ye was in the late stage of the Soul Ascension Realm.

If Senior Brother Bai Yi wasn't ranked behind them, then he must be stronger. Jiang Hao suddenly remembered that the competition for the top disciples had already ended, and no one had emerged as the new tenth top disciple.

Manlong wasn't allowed to participate.

'Liu Xingchen is back, and with his peak Primordial Spirit Realm, he could become the next top disciple. Unfortunately, he didn't want to participate.

Becoming a top disciple was more boring for him than it was now.

Liu Xingchen wasn't lacking in resources. If he was, he wouldn't have ever left the Clear Sky School.

Everything he did was out of boredom.

After packing up, Jiang Hao went to the courtyard.

For some reason, the beast got up early today and stood motionless in front of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

"What are you doing?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Master, haven't you noticed that the flower has been disrespecting me lately?

It's not growing more leaves."

"Isn't disrespect a normal part of your life now?" Jiang Hao asked.

The beast turned to Jiang Hao and said seriously, "Master, you should try a bit harder.'

Jiang Hao chuckled and walked out.

The spirit beast hurriedly followed. "How about finding a powerful female companion? That way, you can work a little less." Jiang Hao chose to ignore the beast.

The peaceful days continued for another month.

He thought he could be at peace at least until the end of the year.

But one day, he received another message from Elder Baizhi. She asked him to the Sea Fog Cave.

This message made Jiang Hao break into a cold sweat.

That place wasn't a good place.

The Sea Fog Cave was related to the Heavenly Spirit Tribe, which in turn was related to the Saint Bandits.

Recently, a member of Saint Bandits, Yin Wei, had targeted him.

Going to the Sea Fog Cave gave him the feeling of entering a tiger's den.

But Elder Baizhi's order had to be followed.

He made his way to the Sea Fog Cave after some preparations.

This time he went alone, so it was a bit safer than before.

After all, there were no other juniors he had to worry about.

He didn't quite understand why he was asked to come to the Sea Fog Cave. When he arrived, he saw a black-robed senior standing at the entrance.

"Junior Brother Jiang," she said in greeting.

"Hello, Senior Sister," Jiang Hao bowed.

He had seen this senior a few times before, but they had rarely talked.

“Follow me, Junior Brother.” The black-robed senior didn’t waste any time and led him inside.

They walked to the depths of the Sea Fog Cave. The further they went, the more Jiang Hao felt uneasy.

He didn’t sense anything around, so it might only be his mind playing tricks on him.

Luckily, he had the golden ring. If something happened, he could escape.

“Actually, the reason I called you here this time is the same as before,” the black-robed woman said in hesitation. “We’ve captured a strange creature that can communicate but knows very little. We can’t be sure if it’s lying, so we had to ask you to take a look.”

Jiang Hao’s abilities were evident, and his contributions in dealing with the captives were seen by everyone. Bringing him in might have a certain chance of solving the problem.

“Senior Sister, you’re too kind. I just got lucky last time. I can’t compare to the other seniors,” said Jiang Hao humbly.

He was puzzled. ‘They caught a strange creature? What could it be?’

Shortly after, he arrived at the edge of the fog and saw a weak... monster.

The creature had many tentacles and looked weary and resentful.

From a distance, it looked somewhat like an octopus, but up close, it resembled a human somehow.

Its tentacles acted like hands and feet.

“What is this?” Jiang Hao was surprised.

“We caught it from inside the Sea Fog Cave,” the black-robed senior said. “It’s not very strong, but it’s extremely fast in the sea fog, so it took quite a bit of effort to catch it.’

“Is this the creature that was in the sea fog before?” Jiang Hao asked. The tentacles didn’t seem to match. The size of the creature was also different.

The tentacles he had cut off were much thicker than this.

The creature was indeed weak.

At that time, he could cut off the tentacles with a single strike by using the power of Foundation Establishment Realm.

“He is not the same one. The tentacles back then probably came from deeper within. We cannot trace them for now,” the black-robed woman said as she shook her head.

“But this creature seemed to be trapped, so it’s only by coincidence that we caught him. Trying to find a second one is exceptionally difficult. We might not be able to find another at all.”

Jiang Hao nodded but was still unsure why he was called.

“They wanted you to see if you can extract more information from it. So far, we only know about the giant tentacles inside, which are extremely fast. We have no information about what lies deeper... the origin of the tentacles. It’s something we have never seen,” the black-robed woman said. “Apart from that, we can confirm that it likes blood and flesh. Absorbing them makes its body more agile. It perhaps relies on flesh and blood to become stronger..”

Chapter 490 Calling Her Sister-in-Law

Staring at the peculiar monster in front of him, Jiang Hao was quite surprised. It was the first time he had seen such a strange monster.

In reality, he was very wary of the Sea Fog Cave, and the things inside were no exception.

After giving a rough explanation, the people around him stepped back.

Now, only Jiang Hao and the monster were left facing each other.

The other creature looked wary.

Jiang Hao silently appraised the creature.

[Ah Zha: A special monster in the Sea Fog Cave at the early stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. It likes to devour flesh and blood to become stronger. It can navigate in the Sea Fog Cave and find others. Using a large amount of flesh and blood may attract more sea creatures. It has been deceived once before and has no intention of believing you.]

Jiang Hao remained silent.

The appraisal didn't reveal much, but he discovered the creature's capabilities.

It could discern directions and find lost individuals.

But what exactly was inside the Sea Fog Cave? There was no information about it at all.

The creature from before was the same. He had no information about it.

"Are you also trying to deceive me with sweet words?" A deep voice echoed in Jiang Hao's mind.

It was the voice of the creature, Ah Zha.

'Having a name indicates that the creature has a race and language.'

If it were just a simple sea creature, it wouldn't have a name. It might have no concept of what a name was.

"It seems I won't get more information from you." Jiang Hao sighed.

He didn't plan to get involved in this matter.

In his view, the Sea Fog Cave was extremely dangerous, and once he got involved, he might have to enter the cave. There was no need to throw himself into the fire.

Without saying more, Jiang Hao turned and left.

Although the woman in the black robe was disappointed, she still escorted him to the entrance of the cave.

"I have let you down, Senior Sister," Jiang Hao said apologetically.

"Junior brother, you must be joking. We are the ones who caused you trouble."

After exchanging a few pleasantries, Jiang Hao turned and left.

At this moment, a man and a woman happened to pass by him and entered the cave.

The man was unremarkable, but the woman kept her eyes closed for some reason.

Without much thought, he walked straight on.

At this moment, the two of them noticed Jiang Hao.

"Why is he here? He has even reached the Golden Core Realm. Is the Blood Wish Path that strong?" whispered the man.

"If the rumors are true, he might not live much longer in the Golden Core Realm," the woman said with her eyes still closed.

"Anyway, we shouldn't pay much attention to other people's choices. Perhaps we'll find out more about him next time. By then, he might die under the Blood Wish Path."

"Alright, let's focus on the Sea Fog Cave for now. This seems more troublesome."

These two people were the ones who were on guard outside Jiang Hao's courtyard before.

Back at his residence, Jiang Hao sighed.

The Sea Fog Cave seemed very complicated, and it had changed since the Saint Bandits became active.

He was unsure if that place was important for the Saint Bandits.

But the glimpses he had seen earlier indicated that the place was definitely not safe for ordinary people.

"I should focus on advancing my cultivation realm."

With sufficient cultivation, many dangers would become manageable.

Jiang Hao calculated the spirit stones he had now.

A total of 24,366.

The 1,500 spirit stones for the Task Hall had also been settled.

In addition, there were many treasures and pills that he couldn't sell yet. There was a Primordial Soul Realm halberd, a Soul Ascension Realm spirit sword, a pile of masks, many Primordial Soul Realm and Soul Ascension Realm pills, and a Primordial Soul Realm Burning Blood Pill.

Once all were sold, he would become wealthy.

Unfortunately, he didn't dare to sell them so casually in the sect.

He could only try to sell the two Heavenly Rejuvenation Pills.

Organizing all of this, Jiang Hao took out the Six Golden Core Talismans book. Recently, he had learned about the first talisman, the Heavenly Sword Talisman.

It was an advanced form of the Hundred Thousand Swords Talisman.

At first, he thought of making the Million Divine Swords Talismans. However, he let go of that idea because it wasn't easy to make.

It was too demanding.

After learning about it, Jiang Hao began to practice. Even though he had already reached the Soul Ascension Realm, he needed a long time to improve his success rate.

In one month, he had progressed from a success rate of two out of ten to six or seven out of ten.

His progress was already fast.

Given some more time, there might not be any failures at all.

During this month of practice, he used the materials he had purchased from the Bright Moon Sect previously, so he didn't need to spend his spirit stones.

In early September, the peach tree had started to bear fruits. It wouldn't be long before they matured.

Jiang Hao took a moment to appraise them. It would take three years for another incarnation.

There were four more incarnations remaining.

The Sea Fog Cave didn't bother him anymore. There was no news from that place for now.

These days went by relatively peacefully. However, after advancing to the Golden Core Realm, some Golden Core cultivators seemed to look at him unfavorably.

In their eyes, he had advanced because of the Blood Wish Path, and they were not very pleased. At the same time, they looked down on him a bit.

Perhaps some conflicts would arise due to these differences.

It was unavoidable. Seeing someone of the same cultivation realm with inferior talent, they would naturally feel threatened.

He was waiting for the conflict to start. Only after that, things could settle down.

Otherwise, staring at him and harboring more and more resentment was not a good thing.

At noon, as he thought about the Golden Core Realm cultivators who would target him, he got a call for another gathering.

'I can finally find out what happened to the Heavenly King Hai Luo!'

Although there were many speculations, most of them weren't true.

As usual, he returned home in the evening.

He found the spirit beast and Xiao Li under the peach tree. They seemed to be waiting for the fruits to ripen.

Xiao Li nervously held the spirit beast when she saw Jiang Hao. "Senior Brother Jiang."

"It isn't ripe yet," said Jiang Hao.

After that, he didn't pay attention to them and walked inside.

The beast sighed. "Master is so popular with women, but why doesn't he find a companion? Should I look for a few?"

"Isn't there a Senior Sister already?" Xiao Li asked in confusion. "I felt their auras blend together."

"One is not enough. What if she doesn't respect us?" the beast said.

"But aren't you very influential?" Xiao Li asked.

"Yeah. But your influence is small," the beast said seriously. "We definitely need to find a suitable companion for Master."

"Then, should I call her sister-in-law next time instead of Senior Sister?" Xiao Li asked earnestly.

"That makes sense. Then, next time, I'll call her sister-in-law too." The beast nodded.

"Then, are we still looking for a new sister-in-law?"

"Of course, we are."

Jiang Hao stood on the balcony and listened to their discussion. He had an urge to chase them away.

The beast was already in danger in front of Hong Yuye.

But Xiao Li was different. Xiao Li could indeed talk with Hong Yuye.

Moreover, she was an honest child. If she said she would call Hong Yuye that, she would actually do it.

He didn't know if Hong Yuye would do anything to Xiao Li, but it was better to be cautious.

But how was he going to explain it to Xiao Li?

In the end, Jiang Hao decided to put it off and explain it to her some other day.

She could eat and do whatever she liked, but she had to be careful with her words.

One sentence could possibly jeopardize the lives of both of them.