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Chapter 511 - 511: He Might Have Caught the Eye of a Senior Female Cultivator

In the sea fog, the two of them fell silent for a moment.

The man who was preparing for a sneak attack suddenly said, "Tong Lu is dead, which means the Heavenly Note Sect is on the move. We need to be careful."

"I understand. Since they want to come in, let them in. I'll make sure no one can return." The man in charge of arrangements nodded.

"Don't act recklessly," said the man who was preparing for a sneak attack.

"Unless it's absolutely necessary, I won't," said the man in charge of arrangements.

The two fell silent again. The man preparing for a sneak attack knew that if they were at their wit's end, the person beside him would stop at nothing to find that person and avenge Tong Lu.

But being at their wit's end meant their plan had failed.

How could the plan fail?

Unless there was a major unexpected event in the Imperial City, it wouldn't fail. Even in the case of an unexpected event, they wouldn't leave empty-handed.

They had been preparing for so long and had considered many possibilities. As people who had awakened from the depths, patience was something they had in abundance.

In early March, Jiang Hao had been waiting at the outpost for three days.

He sensed people heading deeper into the area one by one and bringing with them the Sea Patrol Spirit Beasts and thieving sea monsters.

Their cultivation realms were all very high. It was even impossible to see through.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

The arrival of such a powerful group of people meant that he was much safer.

However, he couldn't let his guard down. Tong Lu's death would definitely alert the people inside.

The future was still uncertain.

His immediate priority was to clean the walls.

The dirt on these walls was unbelievably thick. It was almost like a new layer of wall.

Luckily, there were bubbles.

Half a month later, Jiang Hao noticed that his act of cleaning the walls had made progress. He got bubbles similar to the previous month.

There were many white bubbles, quite a few green bubbles, and about nine blue bubbles.

It was twice as many as watering the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

During this half month, there didn't seem to be any changes in the depths.

At least there were no power fluctuations coming from there, or perhaps it was too far to sense.

But the sea fog was surging, and he was keeping an eye on it. If there were any significant changes, he would be able to sense them. He would have to leave then.

Suddenly, he felt something vibrate on his body.

It was the stone tablet.

“Are we going to have a gathering?”

Out of curiosity, he put the cloth aside and secretly observed to see how the creatures would steal it.

However, after waiting for a while, he didn’t see any of the sea monsters making a move.

After that, he didn’t pay much attention to it.

Tonight’s meeting meant he needed to find a place to stay with Zheng Shijiu to avoid being disturbed.

But as soon as he came out, he saw people in the mine talking in low voices.

They were using secret techniques, and their voices were transmitted to his mind.

“Look, the manager is out. He’s been cleaning the walls for almost two months.

What do you think he’s here for?”

“Isn’t it obvious? He’s here to clean the walls.”

The person asking the question was stunned for a moment, then he laughed.

"I don't believe his group's claims. What secrets could there be in the walls? They're all just trying to deceive us. Perhaps a female senior has taken a fancy to him and asked him to come here to gain experience so that he can righteously make contributions."

"Didn't they chase the thieving sea monsters to earn merit before? Most likely, someone arranged it."

"What about the wall cleaning?"

"It's just a smokescreen to make him appear special and to highlight his achievements. Whether it's the sect or us overseas, it's the same. You guys are just too young. You see something and believe it. There must be someone orchestrating all this just to make him stand out."

"So, you're saying he's just a pretty face? I don't think so. I don't think he's as handsome as me."

"What if some senior female just happens to like this type?"

Jiang Hao didn't linger and didn't pay much attention to their thoughts. He couldn't stop or interfere with them.

As long as it didn't cause him trouble, it was fine.

He was afraid that someone would really believe he was cleaning the walls to reveal some secrets and would keep an eye on him.

That would be the most troublesome.

Once he left, someone might go in to explore.

Once the secret was discovered, he wouldn't be able to clean the walls anymore.

The heavenly Note Sect would definitely send someone to take over.

The mine remained unclaimed because it was small and unremarkable. Those people turned a blind eye to it.

But the secret that the walls could produce bubbles was definitely not simple.

The Heavenly Note Sect was not a good sect. Anything they set their eyes on would be theirs unless the other person was too strong to fight.

So far, there was no one stronger than the Heavenly Note Sect nearby.

"Junior Brother Jiang, aren't you cleaning the walls anymore?" Xin Yuyue was surprised to see Jiang Hao out.

The others were also surprised.

"Yeah. I'm taking a break for two days." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Your room has already been arranged, and no one will disturb you," Zheng Shijiu said. "We'll seal off the walls on that side as well, so it won't affect your rest."

Jiang Hao thanked them with a bow.

They really had arranged everything for him.

Doing sect missions with them was great.

They didn't ask too many questions and took advice readily.

After that, left and returned to his room and waited for midnight to arrive.

This time, he needed to consider what questions he would face during the gathering.

There shouldn't be anything major, but he had to inform the people in the Imperial City about the Saint Bandits.

No matter what, the Saint Bandits were too closely related to him, and he couldn't let them grow stronger.

Now was the time to turn his thoughts into action.

If he let Gui take action, it would be a trade, and he would need to offer her something in return.

He couldn't afford that.

So, if they had a mission, then he could inform them of the situation.

This way, he didn't have to pay them. Instead, he would receive a reward.

It depended on whether they had something they needed. If not, he could only tell them about what he had seen.

If no one cards, then he'll have to reconsider.

Jiang Hao began to think about the best choice.

Unknowingly, it was already midnight.

The only solution he came up with was to complete tasks that others couldn't, such as those related to the heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

There was indeed a solution, but the cost was too high.

Jiang Hao shook his head and sighed. "Let's see for now."

After entering the public area, Jiang Hao arrived at his designated seat.

"Greetings, Senior Dan Yuan."

The four of them bowed to Dan Yuan.

After they were seated, Dan Yuan said, "Do you have any questions about your cultivation?"

Gui hesitated but did not speak.

Liu and Xing also didn't say anything.

Jiang Hao remained as silent as ever.

"Then, do you have any information about the Saint Bandits?" Dan Yuan asked.

"I saw signs of cooperation between the Saint Bandits and the royal family in the Imperial City," Gui said.

"Oh?" Dan Yuan was interested. "Do you have the details?"

“I only saw some formations, and there’s a certain probability that they were inviting talented youths,” Gui said.

She couldn’t figure it out either. Although she had been paying attention recently, she hadn’t conducted a thorough investigation.

“The royal family wouldn’t cooperate with the Saint Bandits, at least not in stealing talents,” said Jiang Hao suddenly.

“Why?” Gui asked.

‘Good question...’ Jiang Hao really thought Gui always asked the right questions. The more he answered at this stage, the more advantageous it was for him. If Gui didn’t ask the relevant questions, he couldn’t keep talking..

Chapter 512 - 512: Gui Gains a Lot

Jiang Hao was not worried about Gui’s questions.

He had asked and received answers already.

After a pause, he spoke in a low voice.

“The path taken by the royal family and the Saint Bandits are opposite unless the royal family abandons their own identity.”

Gui looked at Senior Dan Yuan.

Xing and Liu were also the same. They weren’t very familiar with this.

“That’s true. The details are complicated. They can cooperate on other matters, but the royal family would never steal others’ talents through the Saint

Bandits.” Dan Yuan nodded.

“Then, why are they cooperating?” Gui was quite puzzled.

Dan Yuan looked at Jiang Hao and smiled. “Friend Jing, do you have the answer to that?”

“Coincidentally, I overheard it,” Jiang Hao said respectfully, “but the information is from the Saint Bandits’ side.”

This surprised Gui. She thought this matter must have attracted Jing’s attention.

“It’s for the sake of the royal family’s fortune and the land’s blessing,” said Jiang Hao in a deep voice.

The statement surprised everyone.

“Jing’s information is quite important. Once it’s confirmed, I will inform you,” Dan Yuan said with a smile.

Jiang Hao understood that he might get a reward for this.

He just didn’t know what to ask about. Perhaps he could push a bit more regarding the task given by Hong Yuye. That was to find Feng Hua.

“But how exactly do the Saint Bandits steal the royal family’s fortune? I’ve seen that formation, and it doesn’t have that capability,” Gui said curiously.

“Shangguan Hengyu,” said Jiang Hao.

“Shangguan Hengyu?” Liu was puzzled. “Is there something special about this person?”

‘Don’t ask me. I don’t know.’ Jiang Hao lowered his head.

“I’ve heard about this person in the Imperial City. That family has a high status,” Gui said.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief.

It was good that someone had answered.

The topic ended quickly. The matter with Saint Bandits was put aside for now.

Dan Yuan didn’t give out new tasks this time either.

Some were happy, but some were worried.

Jiang Hao felt that it was good because it reduced the possibility of his identity getting exposed. Gui, in turn, felt that obtaining the Snow God Pill was becoming more and more difficult.

Next was the normal trading process.

“Friend Jing, I found the person that you mentioned, but he has escaped to another place again. Should I send another letter?”

“Considering the valuable information you provided earlier, this time, I can include this letter with the previous rewards,” Liu said to Jiang Hao.

However, Jiang Hao shook his head.

For now, that was enough. Chi Tian was obviously shaken.

Moreover, letting him escape would give him some peace of mind, and he would collect information to ensure his safety this time.

Having been found once, he could be located again. Chi Tian was not stupid. He would certainly prepare for this.

Moreover, Liu seemed to already know where Chi Tian had escaped to, which made it even more convenient.

Chi Tian had no escape.

“The curse is successful, but the effect may not be that good. I will curse a few

more times in the future to try to improve the effect,” Gui said.

Jiang Hao nodded.

Based on what he had learned before, Gui’s curses required a large amount of spirit stones.

Just thinking about it was painful.

“There have been sightings of tentacles again in the place under the sea, and they are becoming more frequent. The disciples of the Heavenly Note Sect and people from overseas are still exploring deeper into the Sea Fog Cave. So far, they have only found two types of creatures. The Sea Patrol Spirit Beasts, which can guide and search for missing people, and the Sea Monster Thieves with exceptional theft abilities,” Liu said to Senior Dan Yuan.

This was his task.

“The Sea Fog Cave is the location where the preparation to seize the royal family’s fortune is going on. There is an altar inside.”

Everyone was quite surprised at that.

The distance between the Heavenly Note Sect and the Imperial City was not small. The farther away the places, the greater the cost.

What made them willing to expend so much effort for this? Dan Yuan lowered his head and thought about it.

“Gui, are you in the Imperial City?”

“Yes.”

“I have a task. The reward will be a method to transfer the entire curse from a body. Are you interested?”

Gui was overjoyed.

She looked at Senior Dan Yuan and asked, “What task is it?”

“Prevent the Saint Bandits from seizing the royal family’s fortune. To do that, you only need to find the relevant altar and use a special method to destroy it. Once successful, the task will be considered complete, and you will receive the reward,” said Dan Yuan and smiled.

“What’s the special method?” Gui asked.

“Since they want to seize the fortune, let’s give them a curse. However, during this time, you need to protect your own body. Can you handle this?” Dan Yuan said with a smile.

Gui nodded.

For a moment, she felt she had gained a lot.

As a member of the royal family, she would naturally not allow the Saint Bandits to succeed, and the curse had been bothering her for a while. She hadn't found a way to deal with it entirely.

Now that everything was resolved, and she had even found the right person, all that was left was to take action.

After discussing the task, they moved on to discuss other matters.

"Do you still remember Disciple Shang An? I heard that he intended to go out, but unfortunately, his master refused. He can't go out until he breaks through to the Immortal Ascension Platform," Xing said. "I also heard that he can break through to the Immortal Ascension Platform anytime now, but he just won't take that step. Moreover, once he reaches it, he retreats immediately, which has infuriated his master."

Jiang Hao wasn't surprised. In the corpse Realm, Shang An had the ability to advance beyond the Soul Ascension Realm.

It's just that at that time, he had followed the Path of Forgetfulness.

Now that he had joined the Clear Sky School, he probably wouldn't have to go through the Path of Forgetfulness anymore.

He wouldn't take that step because it probably had something to do with the Charm Goddess.

Jiang Hao truly didn't understand that kind of affection.

He only felt like cutting her down whenever he looked at the Charm Goddess.

Perhaps he would never have romance in his life. If he did...

In Jiang Hao's mind, a breathtakingly beautiful face appeared. The poison in his body only made him think of her. Other women were nothing to him.

"Has he broken through then?" Gui asked.

Shang An was an extraordinary genius. He was already at the Soul Ascension Realm for years now.

According to their speculations, even the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment Realm would take longer to reach the Soul Ascension Realm.

Both were extraordinary people.

In usual cases, cultivators who could reach the Soul Ascension Realm would take several hundred to even over a thousand years to do it.

"No. He mentioned he'll go on a journey for a few years and upon returning, he'll follow his master's command," Xing said.

"Going out?"

Jiang Hao wondered whether the Corpse Realm was about to open again.

Otherwise, why would Shang An leave?

However, there was no sign of the Corpse Realm opening any time soon. If it did, people from the Divine Corpse Sect would have already arrived.

“Lately, there is some unrest overseas. Leaving aside the matters related to the sea depth, it seems The End of All Things is about to begin their sacrifices again. Last time, it was for the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. What could it be this time?” Liu felt helpless.

It seemed to greatly affect him.

Meanwhile, Jiang Hao lowered his head and thought that they probably were still looking for the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

He needed to be careful. He didn’t want suspicious powers entering his dreams again.

On the other hand, he could take advantage of that and find the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

After chatting for a while longer, the gathering ended, and they left the forum. Just as he opened his eyes, he found a figure in red and white sitting in front of him and drinking tea.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

It was Hong Yuye..

Chapter 513 - 513: Asking About the Sect Master’s Cultivation Realm

At the Imperial City, in the courtyard, Bi Zhu opened her eyes and looked at the bright moon outside the window.

The moonlight was like a white frost illuminating her bed.

She sat up and then walked outside.

As she moved, the surrounding formations began to disappear. These were the precautions that she had put into effect, just in case.

Even entering the gathering was somewhat dangerous. She didn't want to be caught off guard.

Proper preparation was essential. The doors and windows had hidden curses. If one's cultivation was insufficient, one would turn into puddles of blood in an instant.

Creak

At this moment, Qiao Yi, who was guarding the courtyard, looked over.

"Eh? Qiao Yi, aren't you going to rest?" Bi Zhu was surprised to see her.

"All the princesses and princes have returned and brought back many people along. I was worried that someone might pester you, so I stayed here," Qiao Yi said.

"You always work so hard, Qiao Yi," Bi Zhu said with a smile. "Thank you."

"Not at all. It would be even better if you were willing to work harder, Princess," Qiao Yi whispered.

"I always work very hard," Bi Zhu said stubbornly.

Qiao Yi didn't say much. She was curious why the princess was up so late.

"What's the matter?" Qiao Yi asked.

Bi Zhu's eyes flickered. "What was the name of the Shangguan family's heir?"

“Shangguan Hengyu.”

“Shangguan Hengyu?” Bi Zhu said with a sly smile.

“Why do you ask about him so suddenly, Princess?” Qiao Yi was puzzled.

Normally, the princess wouldn’t care about such things. She couldn’t sleep and was suddenly asking about him.

Something was strange.

“I think that person might not be so simple. I plan to meet him,” Bi Zhu said as she rested her chin on her hand on the stone table.

Qiao Yi sighed. She felt that the princess was going to give her a headache again.

When she was in her twenties, the princess was already quite mischievous.

Later, in her hundreds, she matured a lot. Now in her three hundreds, she barely interacted with others.

Was she feeling nostalgic for her childhood?

“It’s fine if you want to meet him. But you should be careful. The people from the Shangguan family shouldn’t be provoked, especially considering your age. There aren’t many people looking out for you,” Qiao Yi said.

“Alright. If General Lin comes again, we’ll go along with the flow,” said Bi Zhu. She got up from the table.

“The gathering is over?”

Hong Yuye looked at the man in front of her.

“Yes.” Jiang Hao nodded.

He originally wanted to take out the notebook and write things down, but he didn’t want to do that now.

Hong Yuye’s sudden appearance made him a bit worried.

Normally, she only visited him a few days after the sect mission was over.

He realized that he should have gone back to check on the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

But he gave up on that.

What if something had happened, and she blamed him for it? He couldn’t bear that terrifying aura.

“Are you nervous?” Hong Yuye squinted her eyes.

Jiang Hao stood up. “Senior, meeting you here is indeed nerve-racking. I’m worried that the environment here might not be suitable for you.” Hong Yuye chuckled.

Jiang Hao dared not say anything more. He remained silent.

Fortunately, she didn’t mention the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower. Otherwise, he didn’t know how to explain the situation. “What about the records?” Hong Yuye asked.

“I haven’t written it down yet,” Jiang Hao said.

“Then, what are you waiting for?” Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao took out the book, sat across from Hong Yuye, and wrote down key points from the gathering.

Before writing, he recalled the details of the gathering.

He had gotten some of the information from appraisals, and they needed to be sorted out.

It's impossible for the royal family to cooperate with the Saint Bandits, so the Saint Bandits might be planning to seize the royal family's fortune and the blessing of the land. A key figure in this was Shangguan Hengyu.

Chi Tian has escaped again, but it seems his location is known. Not necessary to worry about it for now.

The Saint Bandits' plan to seize the fortune might start from the Sea Fog Cave. Senior Dan Yuan realized something, so he asked Gui to destroy their altar in the Imperial City.

The End of All Things might start searching for the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl again.

After finishing it, Jiang Hao put down his pen. That should be all.

The matter of Shang An wasn't worth mentioning, so he didn't write it down.

Later, he would inform Hong Yuye about it in passing.

He saw Hong Yuye looking down at his notebook.

He pushed the book toward her. "Senior, please take a look."

"Tell me about the gathering," Hong Yuye said softly.

Jiang Hao briefly summarized what had happened at the gathering. Hong Yuye didn't say a word throughout the whole process. She seemed uninterested in all of this.

However, she asked a few questions about Shang An possibly looking for the Charm Goddess.

"Deeply infatuated with her? There are many such people. I wonder if he's considered the most special among them."

"Probably."

"Why?"

"Shang An is an extraordinary genius, and such people are rare."

Hong Yuye closed the book, sipped her tea, and said, "Heavenly Stele Mountain called for you, didn't it? As an extraordinary genius yourself, what do you think of the Charm Goddess?"

"Not as good as a single strand of your hair, Senior," Jiang Hao said.

He could be ready to slay the Charm Goddess at any moment, but he couldn't harm even a single strand of Hong Yuye's hair.

Hong Yuye's hand, which was holding the teacup, paused for a moment, and she looked at him.

"Do you like cleaning walls so much?" she asked.

"Senior, you jest. It's just that the wall seemed a bit dirty, so I wiped it," Jiang Hao said with his head lowered.

In front of this woman, he would not go and clean any walls.

Hong Yuye chuckled but didn't say much.

"I have a question," Jiang Hao said as he looked at her.

She only gave him a cursory glance. "What is it?"

"What is the Immortal Ascension Platform?" This question had been on Jiang Hao's mind for a long time.

He didn't dare ask it during the gathering because it didn't fit the impression of himself that he wanted to leave behind.

He didn't dare investigate within the sect either. He feared someone might find him suspicious.

"You, a Golden Core Realm cultivator, want to know about the Immortal Ascension Platform? Isn't that too early?" Hong Yuye said.

Indeed, it was too early. That's why Jiang Hao didn't dare to ask or investigate within the sect.

The only person he could ask was the woman in front of him.

He had many secrets, and she knew most of them.

"It's for the gathering. They often mention the Immortal Ascension Platform, and I know nothing about it. In case I expose myself, it might affect my undercover mission," Jiang Hao said earnestly.

In reality, it wouldn't come to that, because he could just remain silent.

Hong Yuye looked at him with mockery in her eyes. "Do you know all the cultivation realms?"

“Lifeblood Refinement Realm, Foundation Establishment Realm, Golden Core

Realm, Primordial Spirit Realm, Soul Ascension Realm, and Return to Void Realm,” said Jiang Hao.
“Beyond that, I don’t know...”

“Hm...” Hong Yuye thought for a moment. “Your Acting Sect Master is at the Immortal Ascension Platform.”

‘Elder Baizhi?!’ Jiang Hao was shocked. ‘Is Shang An that strong?’ “What about our Sect Master?” Jiang Hao asked curiously..

Chapter 514 - 514: Should I Dirty The Demoness?

Elder Baizhi was on the Immortal Ascension Platform, the Sect Master should be on an even higher realm!

Or perhaps she was also on the Immortal Ascension Platform.

Of course, she might have died in seclusion. That was also a possibility.

Many masters were like that.

They would go into seclusion for decades or even hundreds of years. When a crisis arrived and the sect turned to their Sect Master, they would be horrified to find out that their Sect Master had died decades ago.

They were, more or less, living only in their people’s imagination and expectations.

“The Sect Master of your sect?” Hong Yuye chuckled. “Summon her out and let me take a look. Then, U’ll be able to tell you about her cultivation realm.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

He hadn’t even seen her. How could he summon her?

If he made such a request to the sect, he would probably be killed.

But he did feel that Hong Yuye might be stronger. It was just a feeling.

Whether it was in the southern or eastern regions, she remained so composed.

It seemed nothing in the world could faze her.

Having such a terrifying presence by his side was a stroke of luck for him because as long as she had a need for him, he would most likely survive every ordeal.

But precisely because of that, she had become an insurmountable disaster in his life. Once she wanted him dead, nothing could stop it.

He needed to be cautious.

“So, how can one advance to the Immortal Ascension Platform?” Jiang Hao asked.

The Sect Master’s realm was too high, and he knew very little about it.

“How much do you know about the Soul Ascension Realm?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Tempering the soul to its limit,” Jiang Hao said.

“What about the Return to Void Realm?”

“The spirit can freely traverse the void. Its movement is unaffected and fluid and possesses the power of nothingness.”

Hong Yuye nodded. “Beyond Soul Ascension is the realm where the spirit delves into the depths of nothingness. Both strength and body are tempered by nothingness and will begin to transform. That is the beginning of becoming a true immortal. That is called Immortal Ascension.”

This was the first time Jiang Hao had heard about the realm beyond Return to

Void Realm. “What about beyond Immortal Ascension?”

“Beyond that?” Hong Yuye sipped her tea and seemed to be deep in thought. “If your ascension is successful, you will reach nine steps that you’ll have to complete. These nine stages are unlike anything else you have done before. The Immortal Ascension Platform is the ninth stage, which is different from the other steps. It is elusive and difficult to reach. It’s not something that can be achieved through effort alone. It’s exceptionally difficult. There is a huge difference between being on the Immortal Ascension Platform and not being on it. Only by reaching the Immortal Ascension Platform do you qualify to become an immortal.”

After thinking for a moment, Jiang Hao realized that he was quite far from Elder Baizhi’s realm.

If Elder Baizhi was like that, how strong was Hong Yuye?

He felt that escaping the clutches of the demonic sect was a distant goal.

But he could wait. A few decades or even a few hundred years wouldn’t matter.

One day, he would surpass everyone.

Suddenly, he remembered the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment.

“How long does it take to reach the Immortal Ascension Platform after obtaining the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment?”

“Less than a hundred and fifty years. It can be said to be the fastest in the current world.”

Hong Yuye glanced at him. Then, she continued drinking her tea.

Jiang Hao sighed. Chu Jie’s speed of advancement was so fast. How could Chu Chuan ever catch up?

If she reached the Primordial Spirit Realm in her twenties, he would still be at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm.

However, there was still hope. Someone being at the late stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm at twenty was still remarkable.

Jiang Hao suddenly thought of Zhuang Yuzhen. He seemed to be completely unafraid of Elder Baizhi.

Did that mean he had already broken through the Immortal Ascension Platform?

He was shocked. It turned out that even Zhuang Yuzhen was extremely powerful.

It was no wonder he had come to the Heavenly Note Sect as though it was a simple courtyard at someone’s house. The Divine Corpse Sect was indeed a major sect.

“What happens after breaking through the Immortal Ascension Platform?” Jiang Hao asked.

This time, Hong Yuye did not answer his question. “What’s your cultivation realm?”

“Early stage of the Golden Core Realm,” said Jiang Hao.

“You’re aiming too high. Ask me after you reach Soul Ascension Realm,” said Hong Yuye with a smile that wasn’t quite a smile.

Jiang Hao could only bow his head and remain silent.

Indeed, he was aiming too high. The cultivation path had to be taken step by step.

As long as he reached the Immortal Ascension, began the transformation, and ascended the Immortal Ascension Platform, he wouldn’t need to ask too many questions.

However, before that, he needed to understand his current self and refine his realm.

Right now, he was inferior to even the top five disciples of the sect, let alone the elders.

Focusing on cultivation was the most important thing.

At this moment, Hong Yuye stood up and looked out of the window.

“You said you saw a figure there?” she asked.

“Yes, it was very blurry, but I did see someone.” Jiang Hao also walked to the window.

He had told her what had happened to him.

Now that Hong Yuye was here, he wasn’t worried about danger.

But she wouldn’t stay for long, so he still needed to rely on his own abilities.

“Do you know what’s sealed here?” Jiang Hao asked.

“There are taboos,” Hong Yuye said.

“Was it sealed by someone?” Jiang Hao asked again.

Hong Yuye did not answer. It seemed she didn’t know much about the place either.

Compared to things like the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, the Saint Bandits weren’t that dangerous. No matter what they stole, ordinary people could still live their lives as they always did.

Once the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl erupted and no one intervened, everything would be affected.

Once misfortune tainted the heavens and the earth, the entire expanse would become a part of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

“Which form did you reach for the Heavenly Blade?” Hong Yuye asked.

“The fourth form,” Jiang Hao said.

He had comprehended the No Regrets Technique but had not been able to unleash its full power.

It couldn’t be utilized just like that. It was only made to be used in desperate situations. It was an “all or nothing” kind of move.

“What have you been doing here these days?” Hong Yuye asked.

“I’ve been thinking about how to complete your task, Senior.” Hong Yuye sneered. “Thinking about it? What about acting on it?”

“I’ve been cleaning up this place to prevent you from dirtying your clothes, Senior,” Jiang Hao said with a bow.

“Why does it matter if it gets dirty?” Hong Yuye lifted her red and white dress slightly and looked at him.

Jiang Hao hesitated for a moment.

“You like cleaning things... Why don’t I see you cleaning yourself?” Hong Yuye asked.

‘Huh?’

Jiang Hao was puzzled. Cleaning himself wouldn’t fetch him bubbles.

His thoughts began to wander. He wondered if cleaning a powerful expert would give him bubbles...

Suddenly, Hong Yuye’s image flashed in his mind.

If that were true, he would have discovered it when he was nineteen.

Perhaps she was just too clean and didn’t need cleaning up. What if he were to get her dirty?

“What are you thinking?” Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao was startled.

“I’m thinking about the tasks you entrusted to me and planning the next steps, Senior,” he said hurriedly.

“The tasks I entrusted to you?” Hong Yuye smiled slyly. “Didn’t I entrust you with the task of taking care of my flower? What about that? You let that little dragon do it instead.”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

‘I didn’t see her having any problem when the spirit beast did it..’

Chapter 515 - 515: Heaven Lock

Bam!

Jiang Hao slammed heavily against the wall.

He was punished because he hadn’t been taking care of the heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

Although the impact was much smaller than when he had seen her in the bathroom last time, it still was a testament to her mood swings.

One had to be cautious around powerful experts.

“I’ll spare you this time, but you won’t be so lucky next time.” Hong Yuye glared at him. “Just continue with your cleaning the walls. In the future, you might not get a chance to do so.”

Jiang Hao followed her with his gaze as she disappeared.

Although he took a hit, it was still okay. There was no need to worry about it.

Now that Hong Yuye had told him to clean the wall, he would be just following orders.

Later, after a short rest and once his state returned to its peak, he left the room and returned to the wall.

Without a doubt, the cloth that had been put aside had disappeared once again.

Curious, he looked for the thieving sea creature.

He wanted to see which sea creature had been stealing from him.

Soon, he found a relatively young thieving sea creature. Its tentacles were quite slender, but it clutched three pieces of cloth. Although it tried to hide, it couldn't escape Jiang Hao's sight.

Upon seeing someone approaching, it became somewhat nervous and instinctively retreated.

"How did you steal them?" Jiang Hao asked.

The thieving sea creature, with three eyes, looked at Jiang Hao in fear. Yet, it looked determined to defend itself.

Seeing it remained silent, Jiang Hao hesitated for a moment and activated his divine ability to appraise it.

[Ah Kong: A sea monster that stole from the Sea Fog Cave. It is at the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm. It is born with spatial divine power and has an extremely high talent for stealing. It's a sea creature that values kindness and obeys its parents' commands. Before its parents passed away, they asked it to become a free sea creature. Now, it only desires freedom. If someone helps it, it will be grateful and will remember them for a lifetime and repay them wholeheartedly.]

Jiang Hao was surprised that a sea creature had such principles.

But how long could this kind of thinking last?

It might be just feeling this way because it was a captive. Once it was set free, it might not care about repaying favors.

Chi Tian was a living example of that. He had even changed his whole identity just to get away.

Humans couldn't be trusted, and sea creatures were somewhat similar. 'Ah Zha named it... I didn't expect it to accept the name so readily.'

Only when the creature accepted it would the name be permanent.

After hesitating for a moment, he picked up Ah Kong and walked out.

He met no one along the way, not even the miners.

Ah Kong looked at the human and trembled in fear. It knew it was going to die today.

When the human reached the open space outside, he brandished a knife.

Clang!

Ah Kong knew it was going to die. But, after a while, it felt its bindings loosen.

Then, it shockingly discovered that it was free!

It looked at the person in front of it in disbelief.

"Why?" it asked.

“Just go.” Jiang Hao stored away his knife and turned to leave.

Letting a thieving sea creature go wasn’t a big deal. It was a small gamble.

At most, he would lose a captive sea monster. Or, if it kept its end of the bargain, he might gain a lot.

Anyhow, after this, he wouldn’t lose any more rags.

Ah Kong stared at him for a while, then it entered the misty fog in gratitude and disappeared completely.

At noon, Zheng Shijiu came to find him.

He said that a thieving sea creature had disappeared.

“Oh...

Jiang Hao’s indifferent attitude surprised Zheng Shijiu.

Then, Zheng Shijiu asked if he needed him to act on it.

Jiang Hao told him to do as he saw fit.

Zheng Shijiu never paid attention to the matter again, and naturally, others didn’t care either.

This matter did not cause a big commotion. Instead, Jiang Hao going back in to clean the wall did cause some fuss.

It lasted from mid-March until the end of May. A full four months.

They mined for four months, while their manager did nothing but clean the wall for four months.

It was unbelievable.

Jiang Hao looked at the wall. His cleaning was about to end. Once it was done, only the last layer would remain.

For such a thin layer of dirt, he didn't need to clean for long. He decided to do it slowly.

If others found out, they would be curious and come to check it out.

Despite the constant mockery from the people outside, each of them was curious about this wall.

They all wanted to come and clean it to see what was so captivating about it.

After a few days, in early June, Jiang Hao had cleaned all of it. Only a last layer of dirt remained.

If he cleaned it, the secret of the wall would be revealed.

He looked and perceived his surroundings using his senses.

He made sure that no one was approaching and that the fog wasn't shifting. Then, he continued to clean.

For these few months, he hadn't noticed any changes in his surroundings.

He still remembered the waves caused by Tong Lu's explosion.

Whenever there was a fight, these waves would spread.

He took a deep breath and started cleaning the stains on the wall.

If his guess was correct, many people would be alerted by this.

There might also be a few extra bubbles. However, the sect wouldn't trouble him for mere bubbles.

It was different with the Saint Bandit. They would likely target him.

He didn't care. He was already being targeted by too many people anyway. One more wouldn't matter.

'Well... nothing seems amiss in the surroundings. The seniors of the Lawless Tower might arrive soon to check this. Now is the best time to do it.'

After calming himself down, Jiang Hao started to clean the topmost part of the wall.

[Cultivation +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

The words emerged.

Two words written in the language of the Heavenly Spirit Tribe.

A faint light emanated from the words engraved on the wall.

Jiang Hao read them out loud: "Heaven Lock."

Without pausing, he moved to the leftmost part and started cleaning from top to bottom.

Blue bubbles fell once again.

[Lifeblood +1]

[Spirit +1]

Some more words appeared.

“If I don’t die, the great thief will live forever.”

The light gradually bloomed, and the aura spread with it.

The light surged as if it had waited countless years to burst forth.

Without hesitation, Jiang Hao continued to clean.

As he cleaned, more bubbles fell. There was always a blue bubble.

Outside, Zheng Shijiu and others stood in their positions and waited for the sect’s people to come and inspect the area.

They hadn’t left this place in a while, and everyone was curious.

When the seniors from the sect arrived, they turned a blind eye to their mining activities.

This allowed them to harvest quite a bit of ore, which they later sold for a considerable amount of spirit stones.

Of course, for safety reasons, they received very little.

The vast majority was saved to be handed over to the sect.

“It’s been over four months. Hasn’t that wall been cleaned enough?” said Xiao Xiaohui as she looked in the direction where Jiang Hao was.

Others agreed with her.

Zheng Shijiu, who had gone inside a few times, had seen the wall. It was pretty clear by now. It was almost as smooth as a bald head.

“I wonder how much longer Junior Brother Jiang will continue cleaning.” Xin

Yuyue sighed.

Yue You shook her head.

“Now everyone says that the manager is just putting on a show. Go and listen. They all gossip about it,” said a bald Golden Core Realm cultivator..

Chapter 516 - 516: Revelation of the Secret

Zheng Shijiu and others looked at the miners resting on the side. They were whispering.

The group tried to listen to what they were whispering about.

At that moment, Xiao Xiaohui took out a magical treasure and heard the conversation.

“The last time the sect members came, the manager was still cleaning the walls. Do you think it will be the same as last time?”

“Probably. The manager will be praised for his hard work in cleaning the walls.”

“I don’t think so. This time, the manager should come out and talk about what he has found out this time. Then, people will nod and praise him, and then immediately accept this big secret, and no one will be allowed to approach.”

“For a moment, I also wanted to be noticed by some senior female disciple. Who do you think it might be?”

However, the others didn’t dare to chime in. They were on guard because it could mean death if a senior female disciple heard it.

Soon, they changed the topic.

“What do you think the manager will uncover in the end? I really want to see it.”

Several people echoed their agreement.

But each person was somewhat mocking as if they were just watching a joke.

Zheng Shijiu and the others listened to them and sighed.

They didn’t dare to let Jiang Hao hear such words.

They were also puzzled and didn’t know when this would come to an end.

“Hmm?” Xin Yuyue sensed a glint of light from the corner of her eye. “Where is the light coming from?”

“Light? What light?” Xiao Xiaohui asked.

“It’s from Junior Brother Jiang,” Yue You immediately said.

Then, the group looked in the direction of Jiang Hao.

That place was sealed by a wall, but there was an entrance, and the light was coming from that place.

“What’s going on?” Zheng Shijiu looked puzzled.

The light was too conspicuous at this moment, and the group of miners noticed it.

They exclaimed.

“Did you see the light? The secret is revealed.”

Their voices were tinged with amusement, as if saying, “Watch him perform.”

However, Zheng Shijiu, Xiao Xiaohui, and the bald Golden Core Realm cultivator stepped back instinctively.

“What’s wrong?” Xin Yuyue asked.

“No, this light is not right,” Xiao Xiaohui said cautiously.

“Yes, I have that feeling too... a kind of inexplicable palpitation. It’s like a fierce beast... ready to pounce at any moment,” Zheng Shijiu said.

They kept stepping back as they spoke.

Xin Yuyue and Yue You were puzzled but still followed suit.

After all, just a moment ago, the three Golden Core Realm cultivators had retreated together. It was instinctive.

There was indeed something wrong with the light.

What happened inside? The five people wondered.

Looking at the doorway, they saw the light gradually brightening.

It seemed to occupy the space inside.

Xin Yuyue and Yue You also felt something.

As for the miners, their cultivation levels varied, and some of them sensed something, but many still remained motionless.

They just saw some people retreating and were a bit puzzled.

“What are you doing? Cooperating with the manager? Really?”

“No! Haven’t you noticed?” “Noticed what?”

“The light.”

“The light? What’s wrong with the light?”

The retreating individuals broke into a cold sweat. “It’s like a ferocious monster.”

This confused the others.

At this moment, it seemed like the light was occupying the space inside and was seemingly trying to squeeze out.

If it couldn’t squeeze out, it would break through the walls.

Crack!

Suddenly, the wall began to crack, and light started pouring out from inside.

It seemed to be squeezing out of the narrow space. This made the crowd apprehensive.

The light seemed to be twisting as it came out. It didn’t shine like a light was supposed to.

At that moment, everyone involuntarily stepped back in fear.

“Is the manager playing a joke on us?” Someone activated their defenses.

Crack!

Rocks started falling, and the light was about to break through the wall completely. As everyone was retreating, a loud roar echoed.

Boom!

The entire wall shattered, and the confined light began to shine fully.

Everyone present was illuminated by the light, and for a moment, those under the light stood still, as if completely suppressed by something terrifying.

Fear began to spread in their hearts.

There was a figure in front. He stood under the wall and was still wiping it.

Every wipe would make the light brighter, and the pressure would increase.

They vaguely saw many inscriptions appearing on the wall, which they couldn't understand, but it carried a terrifying aura.

Everyone was stunned.

So, there really was a secret in the wall.

The person who had wanted to see the secret regretted it. He didn't want to see it anymore.

Just a glance at this secret brought an unparalleled terror. If it continued, they didn't know what might happen to them.

Zheng Shijiu and the others felt it even more clearly.

As they watched the light become stronger, they wanted to ask Jiang Hao to stop, but they couldn't utter a word.

They could only watch him wipe the wall as the secret unfolded.

As the light appeared, the surrounding sea fog began to swirl, and the light penetrated through the sea fog outside.

The first person, Zuo Cheng, who was on the road. He sensed the presence of the light, and he was extremely shocked.

“Where did that light come from?”

He immediately ordered someone to report back and went to check it himself.

However, the person who left was not faster than the light.

Outside the Sea Fog Cave, a burst of light shot out.

Then, it rose into the sky.

The two ordinary disciples who were walking on the road were stunned.

“Heaven Lock? How is this possible? Who discovered it?”

“The Heaven Lock... This is a big problem.”

“No, not necessarily. Heaven Lock was inscribed by that person himself, and not everyone can view it. I just don’t understand how someone could discover Heaven Lock.”

“Do you want to go and take a look?”

While they were still hesitating, a white figure headed toward the Sea Fog Cave.

It was Elder Baizhi.

The moment they saw her, the two could only choose to give up.

The top elder of the Heavenly Note Sect had already realized the situation. It would be dangerous for them to go.

At this moment, Baizhi was shocked. 'What exactly had happened in the Sea Fog Cave to cause such a change?'

At the same time, Jiang Hao wiped away the last bit of dirt.

[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

This was probably the last of the gains.

He looked at these inscriptions and understood them roughly.

This made him sigh:

'This person is truly talented.'

The so-called Heaven Lock didn't mean locking the heavens but locking one's innate talent.

This person believed that the total amount of innate talent obtained by each race remains constant.

To gain more innate talent and to break free from racial restrictions, one must lock the innate talent of other races and transfer it..

Chapter 517 - 517: Remembering the Heaven Lock Technique

Jiang Hao was shocked at the inscriptions on the wall.

Although he recognized many of the words on it, there were still many things he couldn't understand.

However, he could vaguely comprehend the Heaven Lock Technique.

'This person is truly an extraordinary genius. The theory and the technique are simply unimaginable.'

But Jiang Hao didn't understand. Was it really possible?

If someone's talent was locked, could others then obtain that talent? If someday the Heaven Lock Technique was unraveled, would the talent revert to its previous place or person?

There were too many questions.

'I wonder what the original intention of the person who created this technique was.'

If it was simply to achieve a higher realm, this wasn't needed.

As Hong Yuye said, talent could only represent a part of the person. How far one could go depended on oneself.

A person who could create such a technique must have walked a long and difficult path and didn't need to cultivate talent themselves.

Perhaps they needed something else.

There was a loud sigh.

Jiang Hao was taken aback for a moment. He looked away from the wall.

From the corner of his eye, he saw someone standing beside him.

His heart dropped, and he quickly turned to look.

He was sure he had seen someone there, but, in the next moment, the figure disappeared.

It was at this moment that the light ahead exerted pressure and made it difficult for him to move.

He instinctively wanted to activate the Hong Meng Heart Sutra to resist it, but soon gave up on the idea.

At that time, no matter how he explained it, it would be useless.

For now, he could only act like a Golden Core Realm cultivator and resist the pressure with the Hundred Revolutions of the Heavenly Note.

The terrifying pressure made him bend down.

But he did not collapse. He persevered.

He knew that it wouldn't be long before the sect's powerful individuals were here.

Sure enough, a white figure appeared.

She unfolded a treasure that looked like white cloth and covered the entire wall.

The light dissipated, and the pressure suddenly disappeared.

“Move aside. No one is allowed to leave from here.”

The stern voice of Elder Baizhi echoed.

In an instant, Jiang Hao felt his body return to normal. He then stepped back.

After retreating, he saw that Senior Brother Zheng and the others were already lying on the ground.

Whether it was Foundation Establishment or Golden Core Realm, they couldn't bear the pressure.

And they struggled to get up and followed Jiang Hao as he retreated.

They all looked at their manager with a strange look in their eyes.

No one dared to mock him anymore. What had just unfolded had left them baffled.

Zheng Shijiu and others were astonished.

The reasons they had casually come up with as an excuse had actually come true!

“Step back. Stand behind me.” Zuo Cheng had also arrived.

The light had made him fearful. He saw the light and glimpsed the contents of the wall.

However, in the blink of an eye, he felt a roaring sensation in his brain and couldn't look directly at it.

Fortunately, Elder Baizhi had arrived.

When they retreated far enough, Zuo Cheng turned to look at Jiang Hao.

Cleaning the wall, unexpectedly cleaning out something so terrifying.

He felt somewhat fortunate that he had reported him cleaning the walls before. Otherwise, something as important as this would have gone unreported.

That would have been his negligence on his part.

Although he really wanted to ask Jiang Hao about it, this wasn't the right time.

Moreover, Elder Baizhi would definitely ask him.

Now, they just needed to wait patiently.

The commotion was beyond his expectations, but fortunately, nothing unusual happened.

Except for some bubbles, Jiang Hao hadn't done anything impactful.

In these four months of effort, his cultivation and lifeblood had increased significantly.

While waiting for Elder Baizhi, he glanced at his interface.

[Name: Jiang Hao]

[Age: 32]

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

[Cultivation: 66/100 (can be cultivated)] [Divine Abilities: 2/3 (cannot be obtained)]

He had reached sixty.

He only had a few points when he arrived, but now, he had over sixty.

Four months here were equivalent to more than a year of cultivating divine flowers.

Not only that, but he had also obtained more than a year's worth of white and green bubbles.

He even had quite a few Spirit Swords.

When the time came, he could sell them again.

Now, he was less than forty points away from advancement. If everything went smoothly, he would reach the peak of the Soul Ascension Realm by the end of the year. He would then surpass Senior Brother Bai Yi.

The only regret was that the wall in the Sea Fog Cave wouldn't produce something of the same quality as Heaven Lock anymore.

Even though there were records, it couldn't compare to the content of Heaven Lock.

It was truly extraordinary.

Regarding the part of the Heaven Lock content, he couldn't understand it, but he could remember the Heaven Lock Technique.

After going back, he would spend some time trying to find out more about it.

If one could lock someone's talent at will...

Then it would be a disaster for the entire cultivation world.

It was understandable why people wanted the Sacred Bandits gone.

After that, they waited in place for Elder Baizhi.

After a long time, the white cloth on the wall disappeared.

Elder Baizhi appeared before them.

"It disappeared," someone whispered, "the content on the wall has disappeared."

At this point, the crowd noticed that after the white cloth was removed, all the words had vanished.

However, the previous scene was imprinted in their minds.

If they hadn't witnessed the scene of the golden light blossoming, they might have thought that it was a trick of their eyes.

Someone would arrive and praise the efforts of the Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

But now...

They couldn't possibly tell themselves that everything had just been an illusion. Not after this.

"Greetings, Sect Master." Jiang Hao and the others bowed respectfully. The Acting Sect Master was the Sect Master for all intents and purposes.

Jiang Hao addressed her that way, and others followed suit.

Baizhi didn't mind. They could either call her Elder or Sect Master.

"Who discovered the thing on the wall?" she asked.

"It was me," Jiang Hao respectfully said.

"Come with me."

Baizhi instructed Zuo Cheng to ask the others for details.

They arrived at the wall. "Tell me about the appearance of the light," said Baizhi calmly.

She didn't ask him why he was cleaning the wall because she knew he wouldn't tell her the truth.

"When the words were wiped out, a light appeared," Jiang Hao said truthfully.

"And then?" Baizhi n asked.

"I just continued wiping, and more words appeared," said Jiang Hao

Baizhi's face remained unchanged. "Did you feel anything during that time?"

"I didn't feel anything. Just..." Jiang Hao hesitated.

"Just?" Baizhi pressed.

"After wiping it, I thought I heard a sigh. It felt like someone was standing beside me. But when I turned to look, I found no one there. At that moment, the pressure from the light was so immense that I couldn't even stand upright.

After that, you arrived, Elder Baizhi."

Jiang Hao did not hide anything. All of what he said was known to everyone here..

Chapter 518 - 518: He Shouldn't Care About My Age

At the Sea Fog Cave, Jiang Hao was still standing beneath the wall.

But Elder Baizhi had already left. After understanding what had happened here, she did not linger.

Zuo Cheng, on the other hand, stayed for a long time. He wanted to understand the situation in detail before going back to report.

Before Zuo Cheng left, Jiang Hao asked him about what would happen next.

The answer he got was to wait for information.

In other words, they should just continue mining here.

This was really good news, at least for him.

However, the appearance of Heaven Lock would definitely cause a series of changes, and he needed to be careful in how he handled them.

There weren't many people who knew that Heaven Lock originated from here.

As long as Elder Baizhi and the others didn't disclose the information, the people present here would be safe.

It's just that he didn't know how the people from the Saint Bandits would respond.

Jiang Hao was once again the manager here.

The others didn't look at him mockingly anymore.

Especially under the light, they had seen Jiang Hao stand there like a hero and gazing at the wall.

“Let’s first repair the surroundings,” Jiang Hao said.

Many things here were broken by the light, and it wouldn’t be good to continue mining without fixing them.

After spending the whole night repairing the damage, everything was done.

All that was left was to mine.

Elder Baizhi had seen the ores, but she didn’t ask any questions, which meant they didn’t need to worry too much about mining secretly.

Junior Brother Jiang, are you going to mine?” Zheng Shijiu and the others were shocked.

Xin Yuyue hesitated. “Could it be that there’s a secret in the mine as well?”

Everyone was concerned about this. There was a secret on the wall, so did mining now mean that it also harbored unknown dangers? After all, no one wanted to go through what had happened yesterday.

The terrifying aura made everyone feel powerless.

“Not really.” Jiang Hao shook his head.

He just wanted to mine. There was no secret.

Others only half-believed him.

In the end, they could only let Jiang Hao go into the cave to mine, but many people observed him.

A day passed.

"Is everything okay?" Xiao Xiaohui asked in concern.

"At the moment, there's no problem, but..." Zheng Shijiu was puzzled.

"But what?" Yue You curiously asked.

"Jiang Junior Brother seems unusually focused on it," Zheng Shijiu said.

Much more focused than an ordinary person would be.

"Could it be that your Junior Brother is trying to find something good in the mine?" the bald Golden Core Realm cultivator asked.

Others thought this was the most likely possibility.

Two days passed, and they still didn't see anything strange happen.

Five days passed, and everyone was now getting used to it.

There was just one question that puzzled everyone. Why wasn't the manager taking a break?

If the manager didn't rest, they didn't dare to stop either.

For a while, everyone felt bitter.

In fact, Jiang Hao was also helpless. He found that mining here was far less comfortable than mining in the Corpse Realm.

The bubbles were not like the ores. He felt uneasy because he was in charge here, and every move he made would inadvertently lead to opinions from others.

They would look at him and judge him.

It was more convenient to be an ordinary disciple than a leader.

He sighed and took a break so that the others could rest too.

In five days, he had obtained two blue bubbles.

It was not as efficient as wiping the wall, but the progress was good.

He observed the situation in the sea fog. No one had approached him without permission.

He anticipated conflicts. Then, he remembered the matter of the Imperial City.

He asked Zheng Shijiu to help him inquire and see when the Imperial City's marriage alliance ceremony would start.

Most people had heard about this, and Zheng Shijiu quickly got the answer after going out for a while.

It would start at the beginning of July. A little over a month was left for that.

"It seems that the changes are about to begin."

He needed to prepare for it. There would probably be some waves in the sea fog

cave.

The gathering was about to start.

Senior Dan Yuan seemed to be paying a lot of attention to this matter, and they would surely exchange information before it started.

At the White Moon Lake, Zuo Cheng stood by the side.

“Tell me what you saw when you entered the Sea Fog Cave,” Baizhi asked softly.

She had been investigating the matter these past few days.

Only after roughly understanding everything would she proceed with her plan.

“I saw Junior Brother Jiang standing in front of the wall and looking at the contents on it. He seemed to... understand them,” said Zuo Cheng. “I asked

Junior Brother Jiang, and it seems he has learned about some other languages.” “What else?” Baizhi asked.

“Then, he made a strange move,” said Zuo Cheng. “After watching for a while, he suddenly turned his head and seemed to feel...I something. But I watched carefully, and there was nothing around him. After that, he was suppressed by the light from the wall.”

Baizhi lowered her head in thought. Zuo Cheng’s answer was exactly the same as Jiang Hao’s.

There was indeed a figure there at the beginning.

This was the second time Jiang Hao had seen this figure. As for what this figure represented, she could only speculate, but she could be sure that this figure prevented Jiang Hao from being affected by the wall. “What is Jiang Hao doing now?” Baizhi asked.

“He’s mining,” Zuo Cheng said.

Baizhi remained silent for a moment. “Has anyone tried to enter that area?”

“Three. One of them is extremely powerful and has been sent to the higher levels of the Lawless Tower,” Zuo Cheng said nervously.

After the light appeared, the people of the Lawless Tower gathered and collaborated with the Law Enforcement Hall and hid in the Sea Fog Cave.

They were lying in wait.

They knew that some people would always intervene in matters like these.

That was why they had instructed Jiang Hao and his group not to leave the mining area.

“Have you asked about it?”

“We did... briefly. It might be related to the Saint Bandits, but we don’t have much information about them.”

After asking for some more details, Baizhi asked Zuo Cheng to leave.

After that, she looked toward the highest peak in the sect.

She needed to go up there.

At the Imperial City, Bi Zhu sighed with her chin on her hands. “It’s been so long. Why hasn’t General Lin come yet?”

Given the opportunity, he turned out to be useless too.

“Maybe he thinks you aren’t suitable, so he found someone else.” Auntie Qiao helped pour a cup of tea.

“Why am I not suitable? I’m older in age and have a shorter lifespan. If he marries me and then wants to change his mind, he won’t have to wait long. The young princesses would seek to live together for hundreds of years!” Bi Zhu drank her tea.

“Maybe... it’s because of your age, ” said Aunt Qiao somewhat helplessly. “Princess, don’t worry. It won’t be long before he comes again. The grand event is about to start, and he, the Shangguan family’s heir, won’t find a suitable candidate. After all, to enter the ancestral land and receive the blessing of the earth, you need a member of the royal family to be with you.”

“Have some of my sisters visited recently?” Bi Zhu suddenly asked. “Yes... they all came to ask how old you were now.” Aunt Qiao nodded.

“Did you tell them?”

“I did, but I deliberately made you appear younger.”

“Did you say I’m fifteen years old?” “Three hundred and fifteen years old.”

Bi Zhu was speechless.

“Oh right... Prince Bi You visited and mentioned that in a couple of days, he will take you to meet Prince Bi Chen.”

“I have to go see my eldest brother?”

Chapter 519 - 519: I Astonish Time And Dim The Years

At the Imperial City, time passed, and most people began to gather.

Almost everyone who received the invitation came to the event.

Luo Zhong was one of them.

After buying the invitation from Jiang Hao, he hurried over without delay. It wasn't a smooth journey, and he had to pawn a lot of things, but he finally made it.

The location of the Imperial City was the core of the southern capital.

The city was huge.

Inside, there were not only the royal family but also various dignitaries.

As Luo Zhong walked on the street, people came and went. There were various cultivation residences and ordinary shops.

Regardless of whether one practiced or not, they still needed to lead a normal life.

Most of the royals were ordinary people, so they naturally needed these things.

'It'll be fine.'

Luo Zhong looked at the invitation in his hand and felt lucky.

However, he was puzzled. That junior had asked him to inform him about what he saw and heard.

Although royal marriages were rare, they weren't that extraordinary. 'Who asks for information instead of spirit stones?'

Along the way, he observed everything. He would inform that junior about it later.

Of course, the most important thing was the royal family. Even if he couldn't get what he wanted in the end, he would just note down what he saw and heard around him.

But before that, he needed to eat something to replenish the energy he spent rushing here.

He ate meat with spiritual energy.

However, due to a shortage of spirit stones, he could only find a small shop in an alley.

The things here were expensive and not really delicious, but they were good for replenishing lifeblood.

However, he dared not eat extravagantly. He feared that he might not be able to afford it and would feel embarrassed later.

He was just living hand to mouth.

As he left, he walked along an empty alley.

Suddenly, he sensed some fluctuations of spiritual energy. His instinctive vigilance made him react. He heard someone speaking.

"Hasn't the Shangguan family found a suitable match yet?"

"They are indeed a bit slow, but this kind of thing can't be rushed, or it will easily expose flaws."

“They are really slow in handling matters. They still want to become the new royal family with this attitude?”

“It’s hard to say. Our vision is limited. Regardless, we must ensure the success of our plan this time. The royal family is cooperating with us openly, but they should also be planning something in secret.” Luo Zhong was startled.

He seemed to have heard something extraordinary.

Without hesitation, he tried to leave from there.

But just as he took a step, he felt a hand on his shoulder.

“Friend, where are you going?” said a calm voice.

Around mid-June, Bi Zhu finally saw General Lin.

When Aunt Qiao mentioned that her elder brother wanted to see her, she did want to meet him. She hadn’t seen him in centuries.

Unfortunately, it seemed that he was quite busy, and days passed by without finding the time.

However, it was good that General Lin came. It saved her from reaching out first.

“Princess, someone is here,” said Aunt Qiao in a hushed tone.

Bi Zhu nodded and poured tea for herself.

Shortly after, the general appeared at the garden gate. He came straight to Bi

Zhu and bowed respectfully. "Greetings, Princess."

"Why are you here this time, General Lin?" Bi Zhu asked as she propped her chin up with one hand and smiled.

"I am still here on behalf of Prince Shangguan." General Lin hesitated for a moment. "Princess, you can state any conditions you have."

"Any conditions?" Bi Zhu asked.

"Most conditions will be accepted."

"Do you have Snow God Pills?" Bi Zhu asked.

General Lin was speechless.

"It seems you don't." Bi Zhu shook her head with a sigh.

"Princess, that is a... difficult request," General Lin said softly.

This time, he dared not show any disrespect. The grand assembly was about to begin, and the princess before him was the best choice.

Since the Shangguan family had given him enough benefits, he naturally had to do his best.

No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't produce a Snow God Pill. There was none in the entire Imperial City. It was almost a mythical pill.

"It is a bit difficult. Let me think about what else I might need," Bi Zhu said calmly.

"Princess, take your time," General Lin said.

Since Princess Bi Zhu had started stating conditions, there was hope.

He just feared it would be like last time when she just ignored him without even hearing the proposal.

"I remember the Shangguan family has something called the Spear of Curses. Can I have that?" Bi Zhu asked with a smile.

"That..." General Lin fell silent for a moment. "I need to ask about this and see what they say. If you have any other requests, please feel free to mention them."

"One more thing, I haven't figured it out yet, so you can help me with that. Get me two more items. One from the east and one from overseas," said Bi Zhu as she lifted the teacup and took a sip.

"If your conditions are fulfilled, you'll agree, Princess?" asked General Lin.

"It depends on whether the items you offer me show sincerity. If I feel you are sincere, maybe that's possible," said Bi Zhu.

"Alright. I'll go negotiate now." General Lin bowed and began to leave.

"Are you really going to agree, Princess?" Aunt Qiao asked as she saw him leaving.

"Agree to what?" Bi Zhu asked in return.

"The marriage," Aunt Qiao said.

Bi Zhu smiled. "Even if I pretend to agree, it'll never happen. Don't be fooled. They just want to covet the blessing of the land."

Aunt Qiao was puzzled. "Won't you need to set a marriage contract once you're out of the ancestral land?"

Bi Zhu smiled faintly, extended her hand, and gently grasped hers.

"I am the first princess of the royal family. I astonish time and dim the years. Forget about surpassing, no one can even match one-tenth of my strength. As long as I don't let the prince enter the ancestral land, won't that be enough?"

Auntie Qiao looked at the princess helplessly.

Since when did the princess speak of herself like this?

Over three hundred years old, yet she still looked unchanged.

At the Sea Fog Cave, Jiang Hao led the team in mining for ores.

They mined until late June, then stopped.

He walked out of the cave alone.

Others were a bit alarmed when they saw the manager going out.

"Why did the manager suddenly leave?"

"I don't know. Could there be danger here?"

"It's unlikely. Probably, there are no secrets here, so he didn't linger."

As they talked, the group became a bit excited.

Jiang Hao ignored them.

Mining was good, but it depended on the timing.

If the information Zheng Shijiu got was correct, then danger was imminent.

He needed to be prepared. As for whether it would affect him, that was uncertain.

After waiting for two more days, Jiang Hao arrived at the gathering.

‘It seems like it’s really about to begin. At first, it was only the matter of the

Imperial City, but I didn’t expect the heavenly Note Sect to get involved.’

Jiang Hao lowered his head. While this matter involved the Heavenly Note Sect, he was still on the periphery. As long as he was cautious, there shouldn’t be any major issues.

For safety’s sake, he found Ah Zha.

“Human, what do you want?”

“Why are you so alert, Senior?” Jiang Hao was curious. “You are not a good person, so what good could come out of it?”

Jiang Hao was speechless.

“Are you going to fly into a rage?”

Jiang Hao looked at the creature in front of him. He was unsure how to make sense of it..

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"Senior, do you think the sea fog here is stable?"

After a moment of hesitation, Jiang Hao got straight to the point.

"Not stable," Ah Zha said.

Jiang Hao was quite surprised and looked at Ah Zha.

And Ah Zha looked back at him.

"After going out, I'll bring you some flesh and blood," Jiang Hao said.

"Do you think I believe you?" Ah Zha asked.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

This was the downside of being in a demonic sect. Nobody believed what he said.

Because it had been deceived before, Ah Zha no longer believed in anyone.

After that, he asked Zheng Shijiu for some flesh and blood. Ah Zha needed nourishment.

“Although the sea fog here looks normal, it’s about to get rough.” Ah Zha ate the meat. “The waves will cause a moment of chaos in the Sea Fog Cave, and we all need to avoid it. But we are too far outside, so there shouldn’t be any problems.”

“Why are there waves?” Jiang Hao asked.

Ah Zha looked at Jiang Hao in puzzlement.

In his understanding, there seemed to be no reason for the waves.

But that would make it easier to seize the royal fortune.

It might also be a sign that danger was approaching.

He had to leave before that.

After roughly understanding it, Jiang Hao returned to his room and waited.

At midnight, Jiang Hao entered the common area of the stone tablet. Gui and others had already arrived.

“Is there any problem with your cultivation?” Dan Yuan asked everyone.

“Do you know what to pay attention to when practicing the Free Form Technique?” Xing asked.

This surprised everyone.

‘Xing wanted to practice the Free Form Technique?’

Wasn’t that the technique of the Clear Sky School?

“You should avoid the Clear Sky School’s technique. The Free Form Technique has a benefit, which is that it is compatible with various techniques. So, if you really want it, you can integrate the Free Form Technique with your own technique and can practice with confidence,” Dan Yuan said.

Xing nodded.

Jiang Hao felt that Senior Dan Yuan spoke casually, but the difficulty was self-evident.

Modifying the Free Form Technique was not something an ordinary person could do.

Senior Dan Yuan might be able to do it, but he only gave the information without actually describing the method.

If Xing wanted the method, then it would be a trade.

“The task of the Saint Bandits has changed. Someone wants to know about Heaven Lock,” said Dan Yuan.

“Heaven Lock?” Even Xing was at a loss.

They hadn’t heard of it before.

“I only know that Heaven Lock is related to the Saint Bandits and seems to have just come to light,” Dan Yuan said. “If you have information about Heaven Lock, you can exchange it for a Snow God Pill. If you know the information, you can provide the corresponding reward.”

Jiang Hao remained silent for a moment. The information about Heaven Lock was currently with the high -level members of the Heavenly Note Sect.

The likelihood of it leaking was very low.

Someone had already noticed it.

Although Senior Zheng and others had seen Heaven Lock, they didn't know with certainty that it was Heaven Lock.

For now, only he, Elder Baizhi, and Senior Zuo Cheng might know about it.

After hesitating for a moment, Jiang Hao chose not to speak about it.

There was no hurry for now, and he didn't plan to leak the Heaven Lock Technique.

The impact of such a thing would be too significant and could easily lead to a second group of Saint Bandits.

What he wanted was a stable cultivation environment, and Heaven Lock would disrupt that stability.

The fewer people who knew about it, the better.

"Friend Jing, you can ask for a reward," Dan Yuan suddenly said.

Jiang Hao felt a bit anxious. He thought that Dan Yuan might know that he had

Fortunately, he didn't show it, and he remembered the reason for this reward.

It was the information he had given last time.

"I would like to know about the Great Thousand God Sect's Feng Hua. If you have any contact information, that would be great," said Jiang Hao.

“Okay.” Dan Yuan nodded, then looked at Liu. “Liu, did you receive what you wanted?”

“Thank you, Senior. I have received it.” Liu nodded.

Jiang Hao knew it was a protective talisman.

After the transactions, they moved on to discuss casual matters.

The first to speak was Gui. “The Imperial City’s Marriage Alliance is about to begin. I should be able to infiltrate them. I haven’t found anything lately, but I successfully made contact with Shangguan Hengyu.”

“Be careful, Gui. The Shangguan family is cooperating with the Saint Bandits. There is a possibility that they want to become the new royal family. What they’re doing is not simple,” Dan Yuan said.

Gui nodded.

“Shangguan Hengyu is crucial in this,” Jiang Hao said.

Whether it was Senior Dan Yuan or him, they didn’t want the Saint Bandits to succeed.

“Friend Jing, have you been near the Heavenly Note Sect lately?” Dan Yuan asked.

Jiang Hao knew that he wanted him to take action, and he couldn’t refuse, but he also couldn’t agree.

“If everything goes well, I’ll make a trip.”

As for whether it would go well or not, it all depended on how he wanted to play it.

“What is the purpose of marrying into the royal family?” Liu curiously asked.

“For the sake of future generations. Having the blessings of the earth and royal bloodline leads to a longer lifespan and an easier path in the future,” Xing said.

“There’s actually another thing,” Gui said. “It’s said that children born to the royal family have a certain probability of becoming Great Earth Sovereigns. ” “Earth Sovereigns? Jiang Hao was puzzled.

“Is it something like the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment?” Liu asked.

“Definitely not as powerful as that but undoubtedly extraordinary. As for whether it’s true or not, it’s hard to say. Such individuals haven’t appeared in the southern region, but it’s uncertain whether they are in the other regions,” Gui said.

Everyone looked at Senior Dan Yuan.

“Do you know about the Xuanyuan Clan?” Dan Yuan asked the crowd.

“They were the former royal family, who had Earth Sovereigns and were people of great luck. However, they are different from the current royal families, who are from various tribes. The Xuanyuan Clan was the guardian of the mountains and seas and was recognized by the earth and oceans as the royal family. As for whether the current royal family can produce Earth Sovereigns, it’s still uncertain. But there’s indeed a certain possibility.”

‘The Xuanyuan Clan?’ Jiang Hao recalled Xuanyuan Tai, who was indeed a guardian of the mountains and seas. But Xuanyuan He didn’t seem to be the same.

However, he didn’t think too much about it because he was sure that the Xuanyuan Clan was no longer a royal family.

He didn’t know about the details.

As for the Earth Sovereigns, he probably wouldn’t encounter one.

Xing mentioned that Shang An had left the Clear Sky School. No one knew where he went. Bit Xing affirmed that when Shang An returned, he would finally take the step to ascend higher.

Jiang Hao sighed and decided to find out whether the Corpse Realm had opened up again.

If it had, he would try to enter through by using the golden rings.

“Recently, Heavenly King Hai Luo took some people to find The End of All Things and the Great Thousand God Sect. It seems he obtained some secret and disappeared completely in the end. His subordinates have once again returned to their previous place. The difference is that this time, they seem to be used to it. It’s just that no one knows if the Heavenly King is alive or not. Many people are concerned,” said Liu.

Some ambitious people were concerned because they thought King Hai Luo might still be alive, while others who were loyal to him worried that he might have died.

However, King Hai Luo’s sudden radical actions made them wonder if it was due to emotional distress.

Outside the Heavenly Note Sect, a middle-aged man appeared a bit disheveled but had a gleam in his eyes.

He threw a powerful artifact, which caused an explosion that shook the surroundings.

He was forcefully intruding into the mountain gate.

After a while, an elder suppressed him.

However, the hearty voice of the man spread far and wide.

“Summon the people from the Lawless Tower. This time, this Heavenly King is fearless. Even if the Lord of heaven comes here, he can’t keep this Heavenly King quiet and will have to listen to him. Who dares to refute me this time?”

The elder was somewhat surprised.

But he still contacted the people of the Lawless Tower.

Zuo Cheng arrived to help assist in the situation. What he saw stunned him..