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Chapter 541 - 541: Possibility of Learning the Art of Heaven Lock

Two hours was just right, but it was a bit rushed.

There wasn't enough time to go into detail or thoroughly examine things.

Sitting at the mountain gate, Jiang Hao recalled the events from before.

He was curious about the woman in white.

That elusive feeling tugged at his thoughts.

It wasn't about the woman herself, but the aura that extended from her.

Unfortunately, he couldn't figure out what was going on.

However, he had asked around about her.

The woman's name was Nangong Yue. She was a member of the Heavenly Spirit Tribe and a member of the Saint Bandits.

After the appearance of the Heaven Lock, she was captured by the sect.

'Heaven Lock...

Jiang Hao had thought about whether that feeling was similar to what he had felt when he saw Heaven Lock for the first time, but he couldn't be certain.

He could sense anything familiar. He needed to read the original text to find out.

But the original text could only be viewed in the Lawless Tower. He would have to wait for that.

Although the Heavenly King was boasting, he had a weakness. He needed to understand that.

Apart from that, there were two more questions in his mind. The Heavenly King seemed to genuinely know the secret of The End of All Things.

The only problem was that he didn't know what kind of secret it was. The sect wasn't asking about it, and he wouldn't speak up first.

"Junior Brother Jiang, pay attention this time," said a man as he walked by.

He was carrying a box with a spirit beast inside.

Jiang Hao nodded. This senior brother had been going out with the spirit beast frequently.

Occasionally, he would greet people on the way.

Jiang Hao didn't think much of it. In the following days, he saw this senior coming and going many times.

They didn't exchange greetings, and no one asked any questions.

It seemed like they were too lazy to bother with that.

There were many people like that. They couldn't bother with everyone.

Jiang Hao was puzzled. He felt that he might have guessed wrong.

The people from the Thunder Fire Peak were intensifying their efforts in their search.

After all, they were within the sect, so they couldn't go too far.

Fortunately, there weren't many people managing the mountain gate. As long as they didn't clash with the gatekeepers, things usually went smoothly.

This was why the Thunder Fire Peak frequently sent people over.

Even if they were given ten times the courage, they wouldn't dare to search people coming in and out of the mountain gate.

If they encountered someone with a high cultivation realm, it would be a tough nut to crack.

In mid-September, in the Ice Moon Valley, a man cautiously observed his surroundings and moved step by step into the depths of the forest.

He passed through the jungle and traversed the small paths. He finally arrived at a lakeside.

This place was remote and unknown to many. He had discovered it by chance.

He looked around to make sure no one was there. Then, he gently crouched down and tapped the surface of the lake rhythmically.

Shortly after, there was a disturbance in the water, and ripples appeared on the lake's surface.

A figure emerged from the depths of the water.

It looked like a young girl.

It had delicate features, with fish scales adorning its face.

Its watery eyes looked at the man and smiled.

“Master.”

Looking at the young girl, the man said gently, “I have arranged everything. If you can get out, you’ll have your freedom. I will send you back to the sea.” “Master, will you be in trouble?” asked the young fish girl with some concern.

“No. They won’t dare to kill me,” said the man confidently.

Then, he took out a box that was used to hold spirit beasts.

“I’ll have to trouble you a bit.”

The young girl nodded and leaped into the box.

The man watched as the creature, with a human upper body and a fishtail, left the lake and entered the box.

He let out a sigh of relief. He then closed the box and proceeded to transport it like he usually did.

The man’s name was Wu Yong. After entering the sect, he lived his days cautiously.

Saving this fish person was an unexpected turn of events. The creature had done him a favor, even though the creature was unaware of it. But he remembered it.

Taking a creature out of the sect wasn't easy, especially when there were people from the outside involved.

After a long preparation, he had finally found a way.

He could have taken it slower, but with the involvement of a True Disciple, he knew he had to act.

He wasn't a courageous person and always lived very cautiously, but he had to take a risk now.

If he was discovered, he would surely die.

He walked out with the fish person.

He didn't know the secret of the fish person and didn't intend to ask.

On the way, he didn't walk in a hurry. However, he avoided those conducting routine searches.

Those people also didn't dare to search anyone recklessly. They only stopped suspicious individuals.

Everything went smoothly, and Wu Yong arrived at the mountain gate.

There was more than one place to exit the sect, but this was the easiest way.

The security here was very lax.

When they arrived, three of the four people were awake.

Contrary to his expectations, the two strongest individuals were cultivating.

He didn't say anything and left with his cargo.

He had gone out many times without any issues, and this time was no exception.

Soon, he passed the first person without any problems.

Then, he passed the second person without any issues. Then, the third and the fourth.

There was no problem at all.

However, just as he breathed a sigh of relief, a voice suddenly stopped him from behind.

"Wait a moment." Xia Cun yawned. "Junior Brother, please let us inspect the spirit beast."

Wu Yong's heart skipped a beat, and he grabbed his storage treasure. He had two options. One was to escape quickly, and the other was to find a way to bribe the guard to keep it a secret.

He didn't hesitate. "Junior Brother Xia, if you want to inspect, you are welcome to do so, of course."

He walked over to him with the box calmly.

"Why are you checking it today?" Nan Yushu asked curiously.

"Seems like there's a problem with my cultivation, so I'm just passing the time," Xia Cun said.

Jiang Hao looked at him and stood up. "Senior Brother, let me handle this." "Then, I'll trouble you, Junior Brother." Xia Cun smiled.

Jiang Hao felt that he should take over since he was the one with the lowest cultivation here.

The spirit beast inside seemed nervous as well.

Jiang Hao walked to the side of the box.

“Junior Brother Jiang.” Wu Yong smiled.

Jiang Hao could feel that Wu Yong was extremely anxious right at that moment.

When his hand got close to the box, his nervousness intensified.

Creak!

Jiang Hao opened the box. Inside the box, there was a creature that looked like a young girl.

It had fish scales on its body, and the lower part of its body was in the form of a fishtail.

‘Humanoid spirit beast with a fishtail.’

At that moment, the young spirit beast covered its mouth in fear. Its eyes pleaded for him to let it go. Jiang Hao was reminded of Xiao Li and how she had looked when she lost her loved ones.

“Inspection done. We found some clues outside. That person might be leaving in the next few days. If you encounter some seniors and juniors, remember to be polite.”

Wu Yong’s heart sank.

Jiang Hao glanced at the Thunder Fire Peak's people. Finally, under Wu Yong's nervous and frightened gaze, Jiang Hao closed the box. "Sorry for the hold-up, Senior Brother. Take care." He didn't want to involve himself in this kind of trouble..

Chapter 542 - 542: Dragon Pearl

Wu Yong was stunned.

But he quickly regained his composure and smiled. "Alright, sorry for troubling you, Junior Brother Jiang."

With that, he left.

Jiang Hao saw a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator from the Thunder Fire Peak approaching but didn't pay much attention.

"Senior Brother, what was inside?" he asked anxiously.

"If you are curious, you can go and ask," Jiang Hao said and sat down to cultivate.

"What did you see?" Nan Yushu asked.

"A strange spirit beast," Jiang Hao said.

"How strange?" Xia Cun was interested.

After some thought, Jiang Hao finally said, "I've never seen anything like it before."

“What kind of spirit beast was it?” asked the Foundation Establishment Realm disciple nearby.

Xia Cun and the others turned to look.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. He wasn’t familiar with these people.

When he was at the Foundation Establishment Realm, he never dared to interrupt a Golden Core Realm cultivator.

After that, the four of them stopped talking and quietly guarded the mountain gate.

No one else dared to linger.

Jiang Hao slowly closed his eyes and continued to perceive the surroundings using the knowledge from the nameless manual.

The matter of the human-fish hybrid was no longer related to him. As for the secrets of the fish people, he had no interest whatsoever.

If he knew about it, he might get entangled in it.

He didn’t want to disturb the peaceful days he had now.

The end of the matters of the Sea Fog Cave would gradually bring him back to stability.

Even if the Saint Bandits were still watching him, they wouldn’t act rashly.

After all, the grand plan of the Saint Bandits had just been shattered.

In the following days, Jiang Hao would go back to water the plants at night and take the opportunity to comprehend the Heaven Lock Technique.

He would return to the mountain gate after an hour.

During guard duty, Cheng Chou would occasionally come over and inquire about the affairs of the herb garden.

After the end of the Sea Fog Cave incident, Senior Sister Miao Tinglian was no longer managing the Spirit Herb Garden.

Naturally, he had to ask the person in charge.

Fortunately, it didn't happen often, or it would easily cause dissatisfaction among the others.

In the Heavenly Note Sect, in a great river, a white figure appeared intermittently on the water's surface.

Then, a fish would appear beside it, and the white figure would surpass the fish in an instant.

With a splash, the white figure leaped out of the water. It looked like a rabbit.

Its fur was crystal clear, and its eyes were lively.

It looked proud of itself.

"The water here is giving Rabbit more face."

After that, it plunged into the water and swam away.

Just after a couple of rounds, a small fish suddenly appeared behind it. The beast accelerated ahead upon seeing it. But the small fish kept up with it.

“Hmm?”

The beast was surprised and increased its speed. But not long after, the fish caught up once more.

The spirit beast couldn't believe it.

Wearing a collar and a gold ring, it began to speed up again as it splashed in the water.

After a while, when the beast thought it had shaken off the pursuer, the fish appeared again.

The beast stared at the fish. “Do you know who you're following?”

The fish wagged its tail at it.

“Perhaps you don't know yet, but what you're seeing now is the future Demon King,” the beast said with a spreading aura.

The fish didn't seem to understand.

“I, Lord Beast, usually eat people, but today I'm thinking of eating a fish,” the beast said as it was about to catch the fish.

“Beast.” Xiao Li reached out and caught the spirit beast.

“Xiao Li.” The beast wriggled out of her hands and stood on her shoulders. “A friend sent me a fish.”

“Fish?” Xiao Li squatted down and looked. She saw a small green fish.

The fish stared at them.

Xiao Li nodded. "Beast, this fish is indeed sent by someone else

Jiang Hao found Xiao Li sleeping on the table when he returned to rest.

The beast, however, remained alert.

Jiang Hao casually used a spell to maintain the temperature, so Xiao Li could sleep soundly, then he turned to the spirit beast to discuss the matter of the fish it had mentioned.

"Today, I, Lord Beast, roamed the abyss and felt something in the distortion. I competed with a friend on the road, and then I saw an interesting object..." The beast was about to continue, but Jiang Hao interrupted, "Speak human language."

The spirit beast looked at its master and then took out a small green fish. "I found it while swimming in the river. Xiao Li said it's looking for its owner."

"Fish?" Jiang Hao lowered his head and looked at the fish.

Unfortunately, he didn't understand fish language.

Xiao Li could help, but where did this fish come from, and what was its purpose?

He didn't intend to let Xiao Li take the risk of conversing with it until he figured out what it wanted.

He appraised the fish.

[Black Fish: A small fish that only knows how to recognize people and pass messages. Wu Yong got it from Shui Luo to gather information and pass on information about Shui Luo. Shui Luo and Wu Yong wanted to tell you about the Archean Abyss Dragon Pearl to the east of the Heavenly River in order to repay your kindness.]

‘East of Heavenly River...’ Jiang Hao was surprised.

‘Is this the secret of the fish people?’

Although the feedback only showed the name, recently he only had contact with that senior brother and the fish creature.

‘So, the senior brother is called Wu Yong, and the fish person is called Shui Luo.’

Out of gratitude, they revealed the secret.

“Is this even a secret?”

Shaking his head, Jiang Hao put the fish back into the stream to avoid further speculation.

He informed the fish that he already knew those words.

The fish had limited intelligence, and it believed whatever someone said to it.

“Master, where did the fish come from?” the beast asked.

“It’s from a stranger. Don’t worry about it,” Jiang Hao casually said.

Back in the courtyard, Jiang Hao looked at the peach tree that had already borne fruit.

Next year, it would undergo incarnation, and he would likely need a considerable amount of spirit stones.

He had a year to earn more spirit stones.

He had spent about twenty-five thousand on incarnation before. This time, it would probably be around thirty thousand.

He would have to give up awakening the beast's bloodline for the spirit beast since his spirit stones might not be enough.

When he managed to sell the items he had, it should be enough.

Jiang Hao glanced at Xiao Li once and then disappeared from sight. The beast didn't notice. It only saw that the Heaven Fragrance Dao Flower had been watered.

In the following days, Jiang Hao frequently saw people from the Thunder Fire Peak.

That meant that Wu Yong had safely taken the creature away.

As for the secret, Jiang Hao had no intention of probing into it.

On this day, Jiang Hao received an invitation for a gathering.

Tonight, at midnight, there would be a gathering.

'Finally! I wonder how much I can learn from Gui. I also want to understand a bit about the Saint Bandits.'

There was another important thing.

With his achievements, perhaps people with well-informed sources might associate him with the Heaven Lock Technique..

Chapter 543 - 543: The Heart of the Ancestral Dragon

“Still no leads after all these days?”

In a courtyard on the Thunder Fire Peak, Wan Yanfeng expressed some surprise.

Yu Wenjing didn’t say anything. He had already said everything he needed to. Even if they were to recover the spirit beast, it wouldn’t be the most significant gain for him at the moment.

But it didn’t matter. Strength was what mattered, and getting a piece of the pie here was enough.

Many experiences had taught him one thing: to know when to yield.

When strength was inadequate, one might even have to abandon one’s interests.

Greed could lead to death.

“Yes, but recently I found a Senior Brother who often transports spirit beasts. I find him very suspicious,” said a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator.

“Who?” Wan Yanfeng asked. “Ice Moon Valleys wu Yong.”

“Where is he?”

“Haven’t seen him recently. I’m sure he escaped with the spirit beast. I saw him leaving with a securely locked box containing a spirit beast not long ago. I was planning to ask him about it, but a Senior Brother guarding the mountain gate went to check it first.”

“And what happened?”

“That senior brother let him go and stopped us. I find it very suspicious.” “He stopped you?” Wan Yanfeng furrowed his brow. “Which Senior Brother was

“The one closest to the bottom. It should be Senior Brother Jiang Hao.”

Wan Yanfeng fell silent. Finally, he said, “First investigate this Wu Yong. Then, send people to look for his whereabouts outside.”

He didn’t completely believe these reports.

They were probably exaggerated because there was no progress.

However, it was a little suspicious.

In the absence of any clues, it was worth investigating a bit.

After the others left, Wan Yanfeng looked at Yu Wenjing. “Are you sure about it,

Junior Brother Yu? Can the secret of the fish people cause a stir overseas?”

“Yes, I can confirm that. This is what we happened to know, and there was also a senior who guided us. He intends to cooperate with us. He should be coming in a few days. You can go and ask him,” Yu Wenjing said seriously.

“Very well. If I gain something from this, I won’t treat you unfairly,” Wan Yanfeng said.

“Thank you, Senior Brother,” Yu Wenjing said gratefully.

He indeed felt it was enough.

This was a True Disciple, and there was no harm in establishing a good relationship with him.

Moreover, the matter was too significant and might not be something he could control alone.

At midnight, after making all the necessary preparations, Jiang Hao entered the gathering.

This time, the gathering would discuss the Sea Fog Cave and the matters related to the royal family.

Apart from these, there was another matter that caught his attention.

It was about Feng Hua, whom he had mentioned to Senior Dan Yuan before. This time, he might get some leads.

Upon entering the gathering, Jiang Hao saw Gui and the others.

It was apparent that her mood was good.

The aura of Liu and Xing was calm like always.

Only Gui looked excited today.

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

No one spoke.

So, Senior Dan Yuan began asking about the tasks.

First, he inquired about the Heaven Lock Technique.

Xing and Liu had little knowledge about it.

But Gui suddenly spoke up. "The Heaven Lock Technique might be in the Heavenly Note Sect."

This surprised everyone.

It was the Heavenly Note Sect yet again.

It seemed like everything was somehow related to the Heavenly Note Sect.

"Why would it be in the Heavenly Note Sect?" Liu was curious.

"I heard it by chance from a member of the Saint Bandits," Gui said. "They said that the Heaven Lock Technique appeared and almost interfered with their plans with the other side. The "other side" in question is the Heavenly Note Sect's Sea Fog Cave. Later, I asked someone for more information and heard that there was a golden light. So, there is a possibility it's Heaven Lock." Jiang Hao remained silent.

The fact that Heaven Lock had appeared in the Heavenly Note Sect was something that couldn't be hidden.

But no one knew who possessed the Heaven Lock Technique right now.

However, once it was known that it was in the Heavenly Note Sect, someone would definitely find Elder Baizhi.

But that wasn't the most dangerous part. The danger would come when the Haven Lock technique was discovered.

It seemed like Gui and the others didn't know about the Heaven Lock Technique yet.

If this technique were to become known, the Heavenly Note Sect would easily become the target of many.

"Do the Saint Bandits know what's inside?" Senior Dan Yuan asked.

"They probably don't know. They didn't mention anything about the content. From their words, I could sense that Heaven Lock held a high position among them, and the contents couldn't be viewed." Gui hesitated. "What I'm saying next is my speculation and might not be correct."

"These pieces of information can earn quite a reward," Senior Dan Yuan said with a smile.

"I want to put it aside and combine it later in exchange for a Snow God Pill," said Gui.

"That works too." Senior Dan Yuan nodded.

The statement made Jiang Hao realize that Senior Dan Yuan had Snow God Pills.

From some clues, it could be seen that Senior Dan Yuan took on tasks from others and then announced them during the gathering.

It wasn't every time that one could receive Snow God Pills, but Senior Dan Yuan could promise and deliver them each time. Senior Dan Yuan looked at Jiang Hao. "I have the information you need." At that moment, a stone tablet appeared.

Senior Dan Yuan said, "Feng Hua belongs to the top three thousand members of the Great Thousand God Sect, and he is one of the secret agents. His duty is to find potential collaborators from among certain people, thus expanding the influence of the Great Thousand God Sect and helping with

commissions from various parties. Currently, he is in the southern region, and there are several ways to contact him. Young friend, you can decide after looking at all the information.”

Jiang Hao placed his hand on the stone tablet and soon received the information.

“His cultivation realm is not very clear, but he is definitely not weak. You will have to judge that yourself,” Senior Dan Yuan said. “The last time he made a move, he fought and defeated a Return to Void Realm cultivator.” “Thank you, Senior.” Jiang Hao nodded.

With this information, he could try to complete Hong Yuye’s mission and attempt to find the person behind the stone tablet.

After Senior Dan Yuan finished, Gui looked at everyone. “Do you have any tasks? I’m in good shape lately, with a lot of time on my hands.”

“I’m beginning the final step. Everything is ready, and there’s nothing I need for now,” said Liu.

“I don’t have anything for now either,” Xing said. Finally, Gui looked at Jiang Hao.

He remained silent. He rarely initiated trades.

“Then let’s talk about the local matters. On the day of the royal family’s wedding ceremony, a great battle broke out. The Saint Bandits thought they were invincible, but they were eventually suppressed by the royal family and an unknown individual. Even so, the Saint Bandits still tried to forcibly seize the luck. The battle lasted for several months and was extremely intense. The unexpected event that truly ended the battle was that someone accidentally broke into the Imperial City and disrupted the balance. The Saint Bandits were defeated because of this,” Gui said somewhat regretfully. “By the time I arrived, that person had already disappeared. But just the remnants of his aura were exceptionally powerful.”

She turned to look at Jiang Hao.

“It wasn’t me,” Jiang Hao said. He knew what she was thinking.

“Something happened overseas too,” Liu said. “I don’t know what exactly, but a gust of wind swept through various parts of the sea. Some say they saw the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon. The one who knows its whereabouts is an ordinary spirit beast. Now, in the entire overseas region, very few people who are aware are searching the entire sea for this spirit beast. Finding it might mean obtaining the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon..”

Chapter 544 - 544: About to Be Mocked by Various Sisters

“Heart of the Ancestral Dragon?” Xing was surprised. “Is it related to the Dragon Clan?”

Liu lowered his head in thought. “I don’t know, but this information seems to be true. The Twelve Heavenly Kings and other overseas forces are all taking action. It is said that the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon appeared along with the appearance of the Saint Bandits’ base in the deep sea. Some speculate that the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon was sealed. Now that the seal is broken, the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon is free. As for where it went, only one person knows.”

“Only one person knows?” Gui was a bit skeptical. “I always feel like someone pretends to do that. Perhaps no one knows. Or maybe someone wants to do something overseas.”

“That’s a possibility, especially since Hai Luo suddenly disappeared. This might be related to him,” Liu said.

Jiang Hao thought for a while and then said, “Hai Luo is in the Heavenly Note

Sect.”

This matter was not a secret, so there was no need to hide it. The Heavenly King should have received the news, and the people overseas would soon know about Hai Luo’s whereabouts.

As for the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon, it made him think of certain people and events. After a moment of hesitation, he decided not to speak up.

If it was indeed related to that event, then that one sentence held considerable value. For now, it was best to wait and see.

“Hai Luo has gone to the Heavenly Note Sect?” Liu was quite surprised. “As a guest?”

Jiang Hao glanced at him. “He’s in the Lawless Tower.”

Lie sighed. “I guessed as much.”

“What is he up to?” Xing found it amusing. Eleven Heavenly Kings joined forces to rescue him, but the person in question went back to his prison.

That was quite unusual.

“Is it possible that Hai Luo is colluding with the Heavenly Note Sect to use the resources of the Eleven Heavenly Kings?” Gui asked.

Jiang Hao didn’t think so, as he had verified the information. Liu seemed to know Hai Luo quite well and shook his head.

“Then, the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon has nothing to do with Hai Luo?” Gui thought for a moment, then looked at Senior Dan Yuan. “Would the members of the Saint Bandits know about this?”

Jiang Hao and the others also looked at Senior Dan Yuan.

Dan Yuan looked at Gui. “Young friend, are you still in Imperial City?” “I am.” Gui nodded.

Dan Yuan nodded. “You can find a person there. She is hiding in a princess’s chamber in the Imperial City, with an extremely strong concealment ability. She knows a lot about the Saint Bandits. If the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon is indeed a suppressive object, she would know about it. It’s best to let her speak willingly, otherwise, we may not learn anything.”

“How can I find her?” Gui asked curiously. She had never known that there was such a person in the Imperial City.

“There is a method to glimpse through her disguise. Her true name is Ji Xueji.”

Dan Yuan looked at Gui and smiled. “If you get any information about the Saint Bandits and relay it to me, you can ask for a reward in return.”

“Alright.” Gui nodded.

This was another unexpected benefit. The Imperial City was indeed the place where she was born, and this time, she was in luck. He had just begun to cultivate.

Regarding the Heart of the Ancestral Dragon, Jiang Hao was also quite curious. It was probably related to the Dragon Clan.

He had a dragon by his side, and perhaps he could learn something about Xiao Li.

After that, they discussed some other matters.

Liu mentioned that The End of All Things was still in action but was not as smooth as before. He also told Jiang Hao that they had found Chi Tian again, and he could be contacted anytime if needed.

Jiang Hao thanked him. He would definitely need his help again in the future.

Xing then spoke about the secret chamber of the Bright Moon Sect. It was supposed to open during the Dao Conference, but unfortunately, the influence caused by the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment was too significant at that time, so it had to be canceled. Now that it had reopened, the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment had already entered.

From the tone of Xing’s voice, Jiang Hao felt that he might have gone in there.

After that, they talked about various other matters, and the gathering ended.

Bi Zhu opened her eyes and rubbed her face. She felt a bit regretful. They were having such a great time talking, and the senior ended the gathering.

Although they often talked, the gathering was different from usual this time. During the gathering, Senior Dan Yuan and mysterious Jing always provided the answers to difficult questions.

Bi Zhu stopped thinking about these things.

Late at night, she sat at the table by the window and wrote down something in her notebook.

It was a simple spell that could see through Ji Xueji's disguise.

Based on the information given by Senior Dan Yuan, this spell might fail.

The longer the time required, the more likely it was to fail. After all, Ji Xueji might have the ability to modify her disguise.

"I need to speed things up."

Bi Zhu stretched lazily and felt a bit helpless.

The things she picked up were indeed quite unpredictable.

'Come to think of it, my luck has been pretty good recently. It seems to have changed after helping with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment.' Bi Zhu was glad. The benefits she received when she went to the Bright Moon

Sect were much greater than expected.

She put away the spell and planned to rest a bit.

Tomorrow, she would start visiting various princesses and then try to find the person by using the spell.

The spell wasn't that convenient. It had to be used one at a time.

"I might not even find them in a month."

Bi Zhu lay down on the bed. Starting tomorrow, she was about to be mocked by her various sisters.

"I wonder how strong Ji Xueji is. If she's stronger than me, it might be troublesome."

But when she thought of her curse, she felt confident.

Jiang Hao exited the gathering and started writing down the information in his notebook.

This time, he started with the information about Feng Hua.

A person who could defeat a Return to Void Realm cultivator was definitely not someone he could afford to provoke.

He wrote down most of the information as given by Senior Dan Yuan. There was no need to pay much attention to any of them.

The most important one was at the very last. He put much detail into it.

There are a total of three methods to contact Feng Hua.

First, a secret message could be sent to him. However, he required someone from the Great Thousand God Sect to see it and then pass it on to Feng Hua.

It would take a considerable amount of time. The person who used such a method was from the royal family in the Primordial Spirit Realm.

‘The process is safe, but there’s no way to communicate in person unless we get

Hong Yuye to intervene.’

Second, he could head to the Ten Thousand Miles River in the south, where there was a small island, and wait for an encounter with Feng Hua. There was no guarantee, but everyone who went there usually sought Feng

Hua out.

This method was a secret. Only a few people knew about it.

“We can try this, but it takes too much time.”

Third, he could use a formation that directly resonates with Feng Hua’s for direct communication.

The person who owned this formation was a member of The End of All Things. He was San Sheng. It required their technique to drive the formation or a magical treasure like the Thousand Faces Treasure Fan.

‘Smiling San Sheng?’

Jiang Hao was surprised. He could use that identity. He had obtained it from Xing while investigating The End of All Things..

Chapter 545 - 545: Should Still Become the Top Disciple

Putting away the materials and books, Jiang Hao took out the notes from the gathering.

He needed to summarize the key points of this gathering. Hong Yuye would need to see it.

As for the ability to contact Feng Hua by posing as Smiling San Sheng, that was something he hadn't thought of yet.

Equal exchange was the best way. Both parties could communicate from a distance and reduce the risk significantly.

He happened to have the identity of Smiling San Sheng. Perhaps this was the best method. At least, there was no need for a

face-to-face meeting.

However, this method still lacked a Thousand Faces Treasure Fan.

It was not just about making Feng Hua believe him, but primarily about spreading the reputation of Smiling San Sheng.

This way, others would know that Smiling San Sheng had returned.

The problem lay in how to obtain the Thousand Faces Treasure Fan from the

Blackheaven Sect.

This needed some planning.

Unfortunately, he didn't really know anyone from the Blackheaven Sect.

The only one he could work with was Hua Le, the undercover agent.

After all, she could contact Xuanyuan Tai before.

This method needed planning.

For now, he needed to write down the points from the gathering.

Ghost Fairy informed that Heaven Lock was in the Heavenly Note Sect, which might cause trouble in the future.

Information and contact details of Feng Hua had been acquired. The most suitable option was the third one where he could pretend to be Smiling San Sheng.

A mysterious person disrupted the situation in the Imperial City. Liu was planning to switch his cultivation and informed them about the existence of the Ancestral Dragon's Heart. The information matched the one from the fish person, but it needed further observation.

They were informed about Hai Luo going to the Heavenly Note Sect. Also, they found out that there was a person in the Imperial City who knew quite a bit about the Saint Bandits named Ji Xueji.

As for the matter of the one with the heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment entering the secret chamber and The End of All Things looking for something, Jiang Hao didn't write it down. These observations were not too important and not worth recording.

The biggest gain this time was the information about Feng Hua, followed by the information about Heaven Lock and the Ancestral Dragon's Heart.

The former could help him prepare, and the latter might bring him some benefits.

However, the Ancestral Dragon's Heart was a bit strange. Only one person had seen it. How were they sure?

Moreover, how did news from overseas suddenly spread to the southern region?

'Maybe I guessed wrong.'

After that, Jiang Hao stopped overthinking and decided to wait a little longer for more information.

Everything would become clear.

After organizing everything, Jiang Hao watered the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and other spirit herbs.

With that done, he set out.

September's weather was just right. It was refreshing to take a walk at night.

Plop!

As he walked along the road, he saw a fish jumping out of the river as if greeting someone.

When he saw it, Jiang Hao knew it was the fish that had delivered the message before.

At this moment, the fish was blowing bubbles in the water.

Jiang Hao looked at it, and it looked back at him.

Finally, Jiang Hao asked it to leave quickly.

He disappeared under the moonlight. An hour had almost passed, and he needed to hurry to guard the mountain gate.

In the morning, Jiang Hao noticed that someone was inquiring about Wu Yong's situation, and quite a few people were going out to investigate.

'Have I been found out?'

As for whether the person had escaped, he didn't care.

It had nothing to do with him anyway.

However, to his surprise, some people glanced at him with a somewhat gloating look.

'Are they onto me?'

Jiang Hao thought for a moment and realized it was probably about him letting Wu Yong go.

The blame would naturally be pinned on him. It was an inevitable matter.

Although there was no evidence, this matter could be turned over completely.

The True Disciple was indeed troublesome.

The mountain gate was not as peaceful as he had imagined.

A few days later, news from the Thunder Fire Peak reached them.

They targeted Wu Yong. Nan Yushu, who knew the situation roughly, said with concern, "Junior Brother Jiang, I heard that Wu Yong is the one who took away the spirit beast. The Thunder Fire Peak's True Disciple, Junior Brother Wan, is targeting him."

Wu Tong had passed through here, and people were suspicious of Jiang Hao.

If it was true that Jiang Hao had seen the fish creature and let Wu Yong leave, it would be considered a blow to the face of the True Disciple.

"Thank you for the reminder, Senior Sister Nan," Jiang Hao said gratefully.

Just a casual glance had gotten him entangled in trouble. It was something he hadn't anticipated.

The person leading the search was a True Disciple, and his status was much higher than Jiang Hao's.

'Too bad I can't become a True Disciple. I must strive to become one of the top disciples.'

Becoming the top disciple ranked eighth or ninth was the best.

He wouldn't be closely watched, nor would he be noticed much by the people.

Only the people lower than him on the rank would pay attention to him. If the tenth was Junior Brother Han, then essentially, no one would notice him.

'I wonder how Junior Brother Han's training has been going...'

For a moment, Jiang Hao missed Junior Brother Han a little.

But so far, the position of the tenth top disciple had not been announced yet. They were perhaps waiting for Manlong to recover his title.

“No need to rush. I had someone inquire a bit to see if this Jiang Hao has any important background.” Wan Yanfeng waved his hand. If there was no problem, he would naturally go and chastise him.

But if Jiang Hao was someone important, he had to be cautious.

After a while, a Foundation Establishment Realm cultivator walked in.

He handed a sealed envelope to Wan Yanfeng. He furrowed his brows after a brief look.

“Does he have an important background?” Yu Wenjing asked.

“No.” Wan Yanfeng looked at the envelope. “The only person he is familiar with is Senior Brother Mu Qi from the Cliff of Broken Hearts. Although his cultivation realm is high, it shouldn’t be a big problem.”

“What’s the issue, then?” Yu Wenjing was puzzled.

“See for yourself.” Wan Yanfeng handed over the envelope.

Yu Wenjing’s brow furrowed. “Ranked third in merits?”

“Not only that, but he also frequently appears on the merit rankings, especially after the recent events at the Sea Fog Cave. It’s the time when his merits are most prominent. He’s prone to catching the attention of the Merit Hall.” Wan Yanfeng sighed.

“What about in the future?” Yu Wenjing asked.

“In the future?” Wan Yanfeng smiled. “In the future, will he still have a conflict of interest with us? If not, why would he want to trouble himself? Every time he earns merits, it’s evident that he’s capable. Moreover, there are rumors that he practices the Blood Wish Path. Nobody knows when his cultivation

might erupt. Even if it doesn't, dealing with the Blood Wish Path is not easy. It is said that some Golden Core Realm cultivators in the Sea Fog Cave were even willing to risk their lives for him. If we don't have the same vested interests today, why would we provoke him in the future?"

"So, are we giving up on this?" Yu Wenjing cautiously asked.

"Do you dare to kill him?" Wan Yanfeng asked in return.

Yu Wenjing was momentarily taken aback. "Sometimes we can achieve our ends without using force. Senior Brother, as long as you know the whereabouts of the fish person, it's not necessary to resort to violence."

"That's right." Wan Yanfeng nodded. "I've thought about this too, but I think it's better not to."

"Why?" Yu Wenjing asked.

Wan Yanfeng sighed. "His merits are too high."

The list in the envelope showed the top three people and all of them were at the highest ranks in the sect. The fourth and fifth were also similar. How could a mere Golden Core Realm cultivator maintain the third rank?

Was it luck?

That was not believable. Luck could only take people so far. Confronting such a person with suspicion was not worth the risk.

"Have some of our people offended him lately?" Wan Yanfeng asked.

"There haven't been conflicts, but during some interactions, our people might have used not-so-pleasant words," Yu Wenjing said tactfully. Wan Yanfeng nodded. It seemed like a visit was in order..

Chapter 546 - 546: Listen to My Advice. Don't Be Overconfident

"Senior Brother, you're too kind. We didn't really help much," Kong Hu and others said politely.

Apart from them, there was Wan Yanfeng and some disciples from the Thunder Fire Peak.

Today, Wan Yanfeng, now a True Disciple, came over to express his gratitude.

The four of them were as courteous as ever.

Although they didn't find the spirit beast, they still presented a token of gratitude.

Normal cultivation pills were not cheap.

"It's the least we can do. You've helped us before, and now that we have some clues, we naturally want to thank you for your assistance," Wan Yanfeng said with a smile.

Jiang Hao was surprised.

He had expected them to come and question him, but unexpectedly, they came to offer gifts.

They weren't resentful or angry because he had let Wu Yong go.

Everything was perfectly normal.

Moreover, he could sense that the others didn't dare to steal glances at him suspiciously.

This Senior Brother Wan was quite different. He was unlike the people he had encountered before.

After a few more polite exchanges, Wan Yanfeng left.

Everyone was surprised.

In fact, they hadn't done anything and didn't intend to get involved. Who knew what kind of creature the spirit beast was?

So, they turned a blind eye to it.

But it was unexpected for these people to suddenly come over and express their thanks.

A few days later, Jiang Hao felt that his perception was much clearer than before.

The nameless manual had been upgraded.

He opened his eyes and intended to continue studying a different technique.

'The Seven Forms of the Heavenly Blade? The Light and Dust technique?

Talismans?'

These were not suitable to focus on here.

Then, he thought of the Heaven Lock Technique because he hadn't learned it yet and could try to study it.

The contents couldn't be taken out to read, but he remembered the description of the Heaven Lock Technique.

He could study it directly.

However, days later, he still felt like something was missing.

He felt that he could read it, but for some reason, he just couldn't understand it.

It was already nighttime and almost time for his break.

"It seems that we've started recruiting disciples again recently. I wonder if there are any good talents this time," Xia Cun said enviously.

It seemed that every time they recruited disciples, it was an interesting event for them.

"It's been a while since we've seen a disciple with exceptional talent. I wonder if we'll have a big harvest this time," Kong Hu said in anticipation.

After listening for a while, Jiang Hao took his leave.

It was time for him to rest.

This time, he went back to water the plants and then headed straight to the Lawless Tower.

He wanted to study the Heaven Lock Technique, and for that, he had to meet Nangong Yue.

For some reason, he remembered that strange feeling he had gotten when he saw her.

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, Senior Sister Yinsha wasn't there. Jiang Hao didn't waste any time and approached Zhuang Yuzhen.

King Hai Luo was originally clamoring about something but suddenly fell silent.

Soon, he reacted again.

Jiang Hao knew that this was a lingering effect from before.

“I wondered who it was, but it’s only a Golden Core Realm cultivator.” Hai Luo sneered.

Jiang Hao chose not to engage in conversation.

He looked directly at Nangong Yue.

He appraised her.

[Nangong Yue: from the Heavenly Spirit Tribe. A member of the Saint Bandits.

Her cultivation realm has been disintegrated and absorbed by the Lawless Tower. She’s only left with the power of a late-stage Primordial Spirit Realm. She is disgusted by you. Although she is a prisoner, she is fearless. She had pride and faith. Even if she dies, she won’t betray the Saint Bandits. There are traces of the Heaven Lock Technique on her body.]

‘Disgusted?’

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly. He seemed to have done nothing yet was treated like this.

Perhaps it was because of last time.

All he saw was the extension of her aura.

Regarding this, he chose not to explain.

The people from the Lawless Tower had not asked for his help yet. Even if they did, he couldn't do anything.

So, Jiang Hao focused on the last sentence. 'Traces of Heaven Lock on her body... Indeed, the thing I nearly captured before was the Heaven Lock

Technique.'

Concerning this technique, Jiang Hao felt worried.

He dared not let others know or even learn this technique. It would have an impact on the entire cultivation world.

But on the other hand, he felt that if he didn't learn it now, he might regret it in the future.

So, if he had the chance to learn it, he wouldn't let it slip by.

As long as he kept it hidden well, no one would know that he had learned it.

After some hesitation, he sat cross-legged in front of cell number three.

He looked at Nangong Yue.

She seemed angry.

Jiang Hao slowly closed his eyes. He used the knowledge from the nameless manual to sense his surroundings.

He wanted to capture the extension of her aura to see if he could grasp the feeling he had before.

This sudden action puzzled the three people.

Nangong Yue, who had intended to get angry, was even more puzzled.

“What is he doing?” she asked King Hai Luo.

The Heavenly King didn’t pay attention to the people around him. He looked at cell number one and said, “Old Shaggy, what do you think he’s doing?” “Your Majesty, why are you asking me?” Zhuang Yuzhen said calmly.

He didn’t understand either.

But he could sense the calmness of the person as if he were merging with the surrounding aura.

A moment later, the three of them stared at Jiang Hao.

Zhuang Yuzhen watched carefully. At this moment, although Jiang Hao was attempting to integrate with the surroundings, it was not going smoothly.

It seemed that his state of mind was insufficient. There was a kind of confusion and incomprehension in the surroundings.

“It must be because of the Lawless Tower,” he muttered to himself.

“Although there’s no pressure here, it’s a fool’s errand for a Golden Core Realm cultivator to see peace here,” said Nangong Yue. The Heavenly King just looked at Nangong Yue mockingly. “I’ll give you a friendly piece of advice. Don’t be too confident.” “Bah!” She sneered.

After a while, Jiang Hao opened his eyes. He had failed.

He found that it was really difficult to sense the extension without actively focusing on the Lawless Tower.

However, if he stared at Nangong Yue long enough, she would start scolding him.

If she yelled at him, his focus would be broken.

It was not what he wanted.

‘I can only gradually overcome the influence of the Lawless Tower.’

After that, he got up and left. He headed back to guard the mountain gate.

Before leaving, he glanced at the Heaven Lock Scroll in the corner. The contents were somewhat strange.

It was different from what he had seen before..

Chapter 547 - 547: Peering into the Sky

“Is this what you meant by advising me not to be too confident?” Nangong Yue saw Jiang Hao leaving and began to mock the Heavenly King.

“You are somewhat similar to the previous cell number three captive, but you are slightly better. She waved at him. However, you are not like me. Who dares to make me sit down and speak softly now? No one!” said Hai Luo.

Then, he looked up at the sky in desolation.

"It's cold at the top, and no one in the world understands me anymore."

"Little scum, have you ever noticed why your master didn't wave at you?" Zhuang Yuzhen asked while drinking wine and eating meat.

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This was what Jiang Hao had brought for him.

"Do you really think waving at me is effective? Everything was an act I put on. Now that I'm not pretending anymore, I'm disappointed." Said the Heavenly King.

"The reason your master didn't wave at you is because the people of the Lawless Tower don't value you enough. You still have a secret, right? Ask the people from the Lawless Tower and see if they are interested. If they have no way to pry it out of you, they will send your master to you. That's when you'll get what you want," said Zhuang Yuzhen.

Nangong Yue couldn't understand these people, but she didn't care.

Jiang Hao returned to the sect and felt somewhat strange.

He had just checked the Heaven Lock Technique.

None of the theories were correct.

How could the translated text be inaccurate?

'What's the problem exactly? Is there a problem with the stored Heaven Lock, or is there a problem with the Lawless Tower?'

Under normal circumstances, Heaven Lock couldn't be viewed at all.

That is, the Heaven Lock Technique itself was not the problem.

He didn't think too much about it. It was better to have a flawed translation than nothing at all. He could continue to drag it out.

In the following days, Jiang Hao would rest and then go to the Lawless Tower.

Except for the first day when he sat in front of cell number three, he always sat across from Zhuang Yuzhen after that.

He wanted to try to overcome the influence of the Lawless Tower.

For some reason, he even felt a storm and his mind was restless.

The calmer he was, the more chaotic he felt.

But even so, he didn't stop trying to harmonize with the aura of the Lawless Tower.

It was just that he couldn't find a suitable method.

He could only gradually get used to it, calm down, and communicate with it. Learning the Heaven Lock Technique was more troublesome and arduous than he had expected.

In mid-October, the sect began recruiting disciples.

Jiang Hao hadn't seen any new disciples, but Nan Yushu and the others had seen them.

"There's actually someone with exceptional talent. Besides this one, there's something else we need to pay attention to." Nan Yushu looked at the list.

“Who is it?” Kong Hu asked.

Jiang Hao was also listening. He was also interested in the new disciples, as it was easy to spot undercover agents.

Some undercover agents weren’t worth worrying about, but some needed attention.

The End of All Things, the Great Thousand God Sect, the Blackheaven Sect, the Heavenly Saint Sect, etc. all needed to be watched carefully.

After all, many people came for the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower.

“It’s someone with a relatively advanced cultivation realm,” Nan Yushu said as she looked at the list.

“I heard that he wants to join the sect. Now that the people from the Flowing Waterfall have left, he plans to be an outer sect’s elder.”

Jiang Hao was surprised. ‘He would be an elder right from the start?’

Although it was only an outer sect’s elder, the status and position were still high.

“What’s his cultivation realm?” Xia Cun asked curiously.

An outer sect’s elder was better than even inner sect disciples.

“I don’t know, but we might see soon,” Nan Yushu said.

Soon, two people flew over from a distance.

Leading the way was an old man with an elegant demeanor, a youthful appearance, and white hair. He exuded an extraordinary aura.

Behind him was a middle-aged man. He was wearing an eight-trigram robe with a “calculate” inscription on the front.

‘Fortune teller?’ That was Jiang Hao’s first thought.

But the person’s aura was stronger than his own, and it surpassed the Soul Ascension Realm.

He appraised the person.

He didn’t feel safe with new powerful individuals entering the sect. He needed to confirm it.

Soon, the feedback came.

[Disciple Hai Ming: One of the spiritual avatars of Feng Hua from the Great Thousand God Sect. At the early stage of the Return to Void Realm. He is undercover in the Heavenly Note Sect to investigate the reason for Dan Qingzi’s death. Would be a bonus if he could also learn about the limits of the Heavenly

Just as the two people entered on flying swords, Jiang Hao read the feedback.

There was nothing else worth paying attention to, but Feng Hua’s name made him pause.

After searching for Feng Hua for so long, he unexpectedly came to the Heavenly Note Sect.

Hong Yuye’s mission wouldn’t be delayed any longer.

After some time, he would be able to catch up, but the problem was that the memories of the spiritual avatars of Feng Hua were shared. Without cutting them off, he couldn’t take action.

Jiang Hao calmed himself.

He needed to figure out how to accelerate the collection of the bubbles.

In addition to all this, he needed to figure out a way to sever the shared memories.

He could ask Hong Yuye. If she didn't visit him, he could ask Senior Dan Yuan.

He would know how to do it.

These things couldn't be rushed. Currently, the priority was to learn the Heaven Lock Technique.

He had a feeling that learning it could be surprisingly beneficial to him.

Later that night, Jiang Hao went to the Lawless Tower.

Zhuang Yuzhen and the others were a bit surprised at first to see Jiang Hao visiting the tower frequently, but they got used to it as time went on, especially since he said and did nothing. He just sat cross-legged, closed his eyes, and meditated.

It lasted for a long time.

Zhuang Yuzhen realized that Jiang Hao wanted to harmonize with the Lawless Tower.

However, his state of mind wasn't sufficient, and his control over his spiritual energy was lacking.

On the contrary, it would cause the ripples to intensify.

Around early November, Jiang Hao visited every day, but there was still no significant progress.

“I’ve said it before. Some things, no matter how hard you try for a lifetime, it’s useless.” Nangong Yue sneered. “This Golden Core cultivator has been trying so hard for so long. He hasn’t progressed. Instead, he has been regressing. Look at the surrounding fluctuations. If this continues, he’s at least on the verge of losing control and risking demonic possession.”

The Heavenly King and Zhuang Yuzhen were also surprised. They thought Jiang Hao would make progress step by step, but they never expected him to regress.

Was the legend about to shatter?

Although he hadn’t done anything yet, they couldn’t help but feel that the legend was not unbeatable.

At the same time, Jiang Hao felt that he was in the midst of a storm.

He didn’t know when it started, but he felt a storm forming around him. It was getting stronger each time, and he had initially tried to suppress it, but he gave up.

He let the storm brew.

Sometimes he would suspect that his restless mind caused the storm. He had tried hard and attempted to control it.

Finally, he understood something: the more he cared, the more his mind would stir.

What he needed to do now was not to stop it but to observe the changes.

He let the storm rage. He let it roam freely.

Suddenly, Jiang Hao felt a gust of wind as if he had found a new world within the storm.

A path appeared before him.

He could glimpse the light in the sky ahead.

The Heavenly King, who was watching Jiang Hao intently, suddenly felt a breeze.

The others felt it too.

They all noticed the source.

The wind came from Jiang Hao.

However, in the blink of an eye, the wind, like a great hand in the world, calmed all storms.

In an instant, the storm disappeared.

What appeared before everyone was tranquility, peace, and calmness.

The sudden transformation stunned Zhuang Yuzhen and Nangong Yue.

They didn't even know what had just happened. How did everything suddenly calm down?

"Look at how surprised you all are. Truly foolish. Did you see me being surprised and astonished? I saw through everything," the Heavenly King said mockingly. "I told you before. Don't be overconfident."

Nangong Yue was speechless.

If she could leave, she would definitely send this Heavenly King on his way..

Chapter 548 - 548: Informing the Demoness About Jiang Hao Looking at Nangong Yue

“He is in the Lawless Tower every day?”

In the Hundred Flowers Lake, Hong Yuye sat in the red pavilion.

In front of her was a set of tea, with steam rising like fine smoke, occasionally swaying with the breeze.

Baizhi stood outside the pavilion, respectfully bowing.

“Yes, Jiang Hao has been in the Lawless Tower recently. I think he is using the environment of the tower to cultivate.”

The overseas cooperation had ended, and there was news of Feng Hua, so she came to report to the Sect Master.

She also reported on the matter of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower and Jiang Hao.

Normally, they wouldn't pay much attention to Jiang Hao.

But his frequent visits to the Lawless Tower were getting strange.

It needed some observation.

“Cultivating inside?” Hong Yuye's voice was calm.

Baizhi considered for a moment. “According to my observation, every time Jiang Hao goes in, he meditates, and there are fluctuations in the surrounding aura. It indicates signs of deviation from the right path.”

However, this was just surface-level stuff.

Since he dared to sit there, it meant that he had some confidence. Otherwise, the people behind him wouldn't agree to this reckless behavior.

"My subordinates suspect it's related to Heaven Lock. According to what a person on the fifth level said, Jiang Hao was initially looking at Nangong Yue. She is a member of the Saint Bandits."

Hong Yuye lowered her head and looked at the faint steam coming from the teacup. "What is he cultivating?"

"It seems like he's just trying to calm his state of mind." Baizhi hesitated. "should we send someone to approach him and ask?"

At that, Hong Yuye looked at her. "What do you think?"

Baizhi bowed her head, thought for a moment, and then said, "I think it's not necessary because the answer we get is most likely about tempering the state of mind."

If there was a secret, there would naturally be excuses, especially when the secret involved something significant.

In such a situation, there was no need to ask too many questions.

Moreover, from the Sect Master, she could feel that there was no need to monitor Jiang Hao too closely.

It was easy to overdo it.

Furthermore, after investigating for so long, no evidence of undercover agents or traitors had been found, so it was enough to pay attention for now.

Hong Yuye picked up the teacup and let Baizhi talk about other things.

“It seems something has happened overseas. After Heavenly King Bu Dong left the Sea Fog Cave, they left with his people overnight. It was urgent. The details are still under investigation, but the biggest gain so far is Feng Hua.” Baizhi glanced at the person in the pavilion, saw no reaction, and continued, “If I’m right, Hai Ming, the newly recruited outer sect elder, is one of his Great Thousand Spiritual Avatars.”

“For this person, the sect will arrange it in a conventional way. In order not to alert the enemy, the investigators have given up contacting him. The plan is to use indirect methods to find out his true self. It’ll take some time.”

After finishing her report, there was a brief silence.

Then, Hong Yuye said, “What else?”

“The gains from the Sea Fog Cave have been tallied, but no matter what, they are not as valuable as the Heaven Lock. They might be more practical than Heaven Lock, and the Saint Bandits have completely disappeared, making it difficult to trace their whereabouts. It’s impossible to speculate exactly what they are hiding,” Baizhi said.

She then reported on the situation of Yinsha, but there was no response.

In other words, she had to handle these matters on her own.

On the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao sat cross-legged and opened his eyes.

In his eyes, there was only calmness.

‘A very strange feeling.’

Jiang Hao found it surprising. He felt calmer than usual and sensed things differently.

It was as if he was in harmony with the world.

It was a change in state of mind.

He never expected that just calming down would bring such gains.

The Lawless Tower was indeed a good place.

At this moment, he looked at Zhuang Yuzhen. "Senior, what's wrong?"

"Nothing." Zhuang Yuzhen quickly returned to normal.

But when he lowered his head, there was a trace of doubt and shock in his eyes.

An hour was almost up, and Jiang Hao didn't linger any longer. He stood up and left.

Heavenly King Hai Luo and others were puzzled.

"It seems like every time he comes here, he doesn't stay for more than an hour, and he leaves when it's almost time," Nangong Yue said. Heavenly King Hai Luo just gave her a cold glance and sat quietly.

Nangong Yue was speechless.

Not long after, Yinsha descended from the upper floors.

She had stayed up there for a long time. She had heard and seen a lot of things during her disappearance.

This left her puzzled. The person clearly asked her to pass on a message, so why not just say it?

There must be a reason.

When she reached the fifth floor, she found Heavenly King Hai Luo. “I heard you know the secret of the Great Thousand God Sect and The End of All Things?”

There was a change in his state of mind, and Jiang Hao wanted to carefully sense it.

But he found that this kind of thing couldn’t be described in words.

He could indeed calm his mind better and quickly blend with the surroundings.

As for whether there would be ripples due to charm techniques, it couldn’t be tested unless he asked Hong Yuye for help.

Thinking back to some things Hong Yuye did in the yard, he felt that there was a way to test whether his mind would be calm.

‘Let’s learn the Heaven Lock Technique first.’

Now that he was no longer worried about being disturbed by the Lawless Tower, he could try to observe the extension of the aura.

But before learning the Heaven Lock Technique, there was something that caught his attention.

He looked 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: 95/100 (Can be cultivated)] [Cultivation: 98/100 (Can be cultivated)]

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

‘Ninety-five... In a month from now, I can attempt to advance. I don’t know if it will clash with the Heaven Lock Technique.’

The Heaven Lock Technique would definitely bring many changes, but the cultivation realm was of utmost importance.

For a moment, he couldn’t decide which one to prioritize.

Although there were signs of progress with the Heaven Lock Technique, he knew his limit.

To master it, one month might not be enough.

Once he started learning the Heaven Lock Technique, he couldn’t stop, or else his previous efforts might be in vain.

Jiang Hao made a decision.

He would learn the Heaven Lock Technique first. What if he mastered it within a month?

If he didn't learn it within a month and didn't encounter any urgent situations, delaying it a bit would be fine.

But if something else came up, he would abandon the Heaven Lock Technique and prioritize his cultivation.

The next day, While Jiang Hao was guarding the mountain gate, a junior brother at the Foundation Establishment Realm found him.

He was from the Candlelight Pill Pavilion.

"Senior Brother Luo Zhong asked me to give this to you, Senior Brother.."

Chapter 549 - 549: Letting Go Leads to Heaven Lock

Jiang Hao was quite surprised. He looked at the envelope in his hands.

'Luo Zhong sent me a letter?'

"Senior Brother Luo thanks you for the invitation you gave him in the past. He is finally able to repay you."

The junior brother from the Candlelight Pill Pavilion took his leave.

Jiang Hao also recalled the senior he had sold the invitation card to.

‘Ah... I did ask him to do something. I didn’t expect him to actually do it.’

After a moment of thought, he put away the envelope and planned to read it on his way to the Lawless Tower later at night.

This little incident didn’t interest the other three. They continued guarding the mountain gate as usual.

At night, when it was time for his rest, Jiang Hao left on his sword.

On the way, he took out the envelope and started reading.

As he read, he was quite surprised.

The journey was very well-documented, with some twists and turns.

The real story began when they entered the Imperial City.

Luo Zhong heard that someone was going to replace the royal family, and he happened to be discovered.

The other party was incredibly strong. It was someone he couldn’t resist at all. Fortunately, that person wasn’t there to kill but to perform a sacrifice. A sacrifice of a living person.

When Luo Zhong realized this, he found himself bound to a sacrificial altar pillar.

The subsequent events were blurred. Many people were unfamiliar with Luo Zhong, and he only knew that the people here were attempting to take something from the royal family.

The Shangguan family was cooperating with them.

Midway, they were discovered by the royal family, who seemed to have set a trap, but these people had more tricks up their sleeves. They even managed to turn some members of the royal family to their side.

In this way, the royal family was severely injured.

At the critical moment, someone appeared. This person was as dazzling as a

galaxy. However, a hand emerged from the void and blocked this powerful person.

This battle lasted for several months. Originally, the royal family was bound to lose, but unexpectedly, someone else intervened and gave the royal family a chance to breathe.

Thus, a balance was achieved.

But the one who broke this balance was a man descending from the sky.

He carried a poisonous aura and had an ugly appearance.

However, his arrival was like a gentle breeze that radiated the brilliance of a sage and suppressed everyone below.

In the end, he apologized to everyone and then left.

Out of kindness, he saved all the people who were bound, including Luo Zhong.

Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised and continued reading.

Soon, he read that due to his good luck, Luo Zhong had the opportunity to confront the person and inquire about his name.

The visitor was called Shang An.

‘Shang An is in the south?’

Jiang Hao instinctively stopped. He felt worried.

He had sealed the Charm Goddess back then, and there was a certain conflict with Shang An.

If Shang An came looking for trouble, he didn’t know how to explain it.

Originally, it wasn’t a big deal. A person in the east and another in the south...

they would rarely interact.

But now that Shang An had come to the south, it was a different story.

Although Shang An wouldn’t likely do anything, strong cultivators were still powerful and unpredictable.

He sighed slightly. Jiang Hao felt that he should upgrade his strength as soon as possible.

However, he didn’t plan to change his plan.

For now, he would learn the Heaven Lock Technique first.

The rest of the things weren’t as significant.

Due to Shang An interference, the initiative was seized by the royal family.

And then, things calmed down.

Luo Zhong also found the person he agreed to meet and left together.

Now, he was living in a secluded place.

Jiang Ho also wanted to find a secluded place where no one would disturb him. He would tend to his spirit herbs and find mines.

Unfortunately, that was unlikely.

He laughed at himself and then arrived at the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower.

Upon arrival, he noticed that Hai Luo seemed a bit dejected.

But there was a gleam in his eyes as if he was secretly pleased.

Jiang Hao didn't know what he was thinking and didn't ask.

This time, he sat cross-legged in front of the third cell.

Nangong Yue frowned. This time, she didn't feel anything. No storms or fluctuations like before.

The other two also didn't understand what Jiang Hao was up to.

This time, Jiang Hao found that elusive feeling in the Lawless Tower.

But it was like an ordinary person facing the air. One knew that air existed but could never really see or concretely grasp it.

Almost an hour later, Jiang Hao left the Lawless Tower, watered the flowers in the courtyard, and then came to the mountain gate position, closing his eyes to rest.

He continued to sense the feeling in the Lawless Tower. Once he lost that feeling, all his previous efforts would be in vain.

A month later, in early December, Jiang Hao looked at his interface.

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

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

He could advance, but he felt that he was about to grasp that elusive feeling.

It was possible to learn the Heaven Lock Technique.

Another month went by. In early January, Jiang Hao sat cross-legged in the Lawless Tower.

He was calm and serene.

Hai Luo and others were bewildered by Jiang Hao's behavior.

They had no idea what he was doing.

Nangong Yue didn't speak up, but she felt that the person staring at her was extremely unpleasant.

Jiang Hao was unaware of what the others felt.

At this moment, he felt as if he were standing in an infinite void. A wisp of white smoke floated around.

This was the key to the Heaven Lock Technique. Jiang Hao wanted to grasp it.

He reached out his hand incessantly to catch it, but he couldn't get it.

Although he sensed the change in the aura and understood the extension of the technique, he couldn't obtain it.

He didn't know how long had passed when he put down his raised hand.

He had gained some understanding and felt some relief. He then opened his eyes.

The Heaven Lock Technique that had been stagnant in his body began to circulate.

Something was born out of persistence. The Heaven Lock Technique was this.

At the higher level of the Lawless Tower, Yinsha, who was resting, suddenly opened her eyes.

She felt a sense of urgency guiding her. It told her to go and meet someone.

She quickly left.

She had always been curious about who was important enough to attract the attention of the person deep in the Sea Fog Cave.

Initially, she thought she had to leave the Lawless Tower, or even leave the Heavenly Note Sect to find them.

However, when she arrived at the fifth floor, she found that the urgency was intense, especially inside the fifth floor.

“How is this possible?” Yinsha was puzzled.

She had been to the fifth floor many times. If that person was there, why wait until now?

It wasn’t until she saw a somewhat familiar figure that she realized it.

From the beginning, he had mentioned a figure, but others hadn’t seen anything.

She should have thought of it earlier.

At this moment, the figure turned around and greeted her. “Senior Sister Yinsha.”

In an instant, Yinsha felt the restraint on her body beginning to loosen.

“There’s something I need to tell you,” said Yinsha. “It’s from someone in the depths of the Sea Fog Cave. He left a message for you.”

After all this time, she could finally say it..

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He had mastered the Heaven Lock Technique.

At that moment, Jiang Hao realized that learning the Heaven Lock Technique was far from simple.

This technique was different from ordinary ones. It didn’t use spiritual energy but personal essence and spirit.

To master the Heaven Lock Technique, luck played a significant part, followed by the nameless manual.

The previous reading of the Heaven Lock main text probably contributed as well.

His gaze and perception seemed to have undergone some changes.

It seemed like he could see people's innate talents and even interfere with them.

For example, Nangong Yue's talent had been interfered with, which was why there were traces of Heaven Lock.

Upon careful consideration, Jiang Hao realized that locking a person's talent was extremely difficult.

Moreover, talents were vague in their existence, and that made it even more challenging.

He could now understand why the Saint Bandits only sought cultivators to steal their talents. Manifested talents were easy to lock.

Unfortunately, he had only just scratched the surface.

It was still unlikely for him to lock talents, but the Heaven Lock Technique wasn't limited to locking just talents.

Spiritual energy, talents, and lifeforce could be locked too.

But how? The Heaven Lock Technique did not teach him this.

Everything was uncertain. This was not an ordinary technique. Something unexpected could happen.

Jiang Hao didn't quite understand why the Heaven Lock was created in the first place.

Was such a great talent meant only for stealing talents?

‘What a waste...’

Of course, he had never thought of locking others’ talents to use it himself. There was no need for that.

It wasn’t a matter of conscience. He simply didn’t need it.

While thinking about all this, he noticed Senior Sister Yinsha.

Originally, he wanted to ask about the situation in the Sea Fog Cave, but before he could speak, she informed him that there was someone deep inside the cave who wanted to pass a message to him.

This sudden change caught him off guard.

“Senior Sister Yinsha, are you sure you don’t have the wrong person?” he asked.

Even after mastering the Heaven Lock Technique, there was no resonance or change in his surroundings regarding aura and other conditions.

So, he didn’t have to worry about someone noticing. At least the three inmates in the cell didn’t react.

“No, Junior Brother Jiang. I’m pretty sure it’s you he wanted me to pass the message to,” said Yinsha.

This surprised Jiang Hao and made him feel worried.

There was someone deep inside who wanted to pass a message to him. This meant that he might have attracted the attention of someone powerful.

He remained calm.

“What is it?”

Yinsha looked at the prison cells behind Jiang Hao, then said, “Can we talk somewhere else?”

In the corner, Yinsha looked around to make sure no one was watching. “Do you remember the figure you mentioned before?”

“The figure?” Jiang Hao suddenly remembered his experience in the Sea Fog

Cave and nodded. “I remember.”

“I saw that figure too,” said Yinsha. “Actually, the reason we were able to get out was not that we found a way out ourselves, but because that figure helped us out. His purpose was to pass a message to you. As for who he is, we do not know, but he is definitely not an ordinary Saint Bandit.”

Jiang Hao listened quietly.

He wanted to know what the message was.

At this point, Yinsha took out a piece of stone.

The stone was irregular, and it was hard to tell anything from it.

“This is what the figure asked me to give you,” she said and handed him the stone. “He said, “We will meet again. Thank you for your praise. Since the appearance of Heaven Lock, you are the only one who has praised me, and it seems like you are the only one who understood my discovery.” Those were his exact words. I don’t know what’s going on.”

This meant that Jiang Hao had discovered the Heaven Lock, and he seemed to

have seen the contents.

Jiang Hao didn't immediately accept the stone but appraised it first.

[Heaven Lock Stone: Crafted from a forgotten stone picked up in the corner of the world. It can be used for understanding the Heaven Lock Technique and assisting in the application of the Heaven Lock Technique.]

Jiang Hao reached out to take the stone. The result was somewhat unexpected.

What did the person deep inside the Sea Fog Cave want to do?

He mentioned Heaven Lock but didn't elaborate on it. Yet, he specifically sent the Heaven Lock Stone for him to understand the Heaven Lock Technique.

For a moment, he felt like he was being dragged into a whirlpool.

He was already in the whirlpool of Hong Yuye. Was he going to go down the rabbit hole on matters related to the Saint Bandits?

He did not wait to die.

After examining the Heaven Lock Stone for a moment, Jiang Hao concluded that this stone was not ominous.

It should be safe to pass it on.

He thought about what Yinsha had said.

The prospect of meeting again was not urgent for now. As for the praise... 'Didn't I just say that this person had great talent? Is that enough? And understanding his discovery...'

After thinking for a moment, Jiang Hao couldn't determine if he had understood anything.

It was probably a misunderstanding on the other person's part.

At this moment, Yinsha wanted to ask about the stone and the matter of Heaven Lock but couldn't say anything.

The discomfort made her helpless.

"Then, I won't bother you anymore, Senior Brother Jiang," Yinsha said after hesitating for a moment. Then, she turned back at the last moment. "Senior Brother Jiang, if you have time, can you ask King Hai Luo to cooperate with

"I'll try." Jiang Hao nodded.

"No rush. Take your time."

After that, Jiang Hao left the Lawless Tower.

This time, when he rode his sword, he felt that he could interfere with the surrounding spiritual energy.

It was a very peculiar feeling.

Out of curiosity, this time he took a path with people.

Soon, he saw some vague particles of light on people's bodies.

It seemed that through the Heaven Lock Technique, the particles of light could be transferred and dispersed.

However, fundamentally, the particles of light were still in their bodies, and there was a possibility of them reappearing.

This contradictory feeling made him a little uncomfortable.

Recalling the theory of Heaven Lock, Jiang Hao could never fully comprehend the details.

The total amount of racial talent was fixed, but the transferred talent might have a chance of revival. So, were these regained talents, or did they spontaneously generate?

Jiang Hao gave up contemplating. This was definitely beyond what he could understand.

For now, it was enough to know that the Heaven Lock Technique allowed him to interfere with spiritual energy and talents.

Not only that, but he also felt that his understanding of the technique and power had also reached a deeper level of change.

The cultivation method and the Hong Meng Heart Sutra had also reached a new level as if he had ascended. It seemed like he could start learning the second technique.

On the way, Jiang Hao compared his current self with his past self.

In the past, he struggled excessively against Tong Tian, but now he could handle someone like him much more calmly.

At least, the Immortal Mountain Sea Shield wouldn't shatter anymore.

Balancing the opponent's body didn't require using the Heavenly Blade to destroy it. Heaven Lock might be able to achieve that.

He returned to the mountain gate.

Jiang Hao found three masks and handed one to each person.

These were obtained when killing those who followed the Blood Wish Path.

They were just basic-level magical treasures, but their prices were still decent..