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Chapter 731 - 731: Demoness: If You Were The One In Love With The Charm Goddess

Jiang Hao stood on a mountaintop and sensed the changes around him. He could feel that this was a remarkable opportunity, far from a regular advancement.

This kind of thing was rare and elusive. Shang An had shown it to him personally.

‘He’s so confident. Can I also become an immortal?’ Jiang Hao shook his head helplessly and activated his divine power, the Clear and Pure Heart.

After that, he began to study the Immortal Road.

Although it had no immediate use for him, it would be valuable in the future.

Immortality was still far from his grasp, and he couldn’t comprehend it yet, but by recording these experiences, he would have numerous insights when he reached that realm.

In an instant, he immersed himself in it and saw things that were beyond his expectations and too mysterious to articulate. He couldn’t understand it, but he could remember it.

At that moment, four beams of light rose into the sky alongside Shang An.

Jiang Hao didn’t see it, and even if he had, he wouldn’t understand, as this realm was as dark as the night to him. It showed him nothing.

He couldn’t understand or even witness it clearly.

At this time, the entire Heavenly Note Sect was bathed in the Sage’s light, and many people felt enlightened. Han Ming, in particular, experienced a sudden enlightenment.

Outside, Qiao Yi asked, “Princess, are you alright?”

The princess was crying. Large teardrops rolled down her cheeks.

The optimistic Bi Zhu was deeply affected by the missed opportunity. Such a chance was slipping through her fingers, and no matter what she did, the opportunity wouldn’t linger.

What made her even more frustrated was that four people obtained the chance.

Seeing others succeed was even more painful than losing it herself.

For a moment, she regretted coming here. If she hadn’t come, she wouldn’t have to watch the opportunity slip through her fingertips.

She finally calmed down after a while. “Since we missed it, we can’t have come in vain. At the very least, let’s feel the Immortal Fate and solidify our cultivation.”

Qiao Yi breathed a sigh of relief. She was glad the princess had come to terms with it.

Qiao Yi didn’t understand what she had missed today. This wasn’t an ordinary opportunity.

There had only been three occurrences in recorded history of an Immortal Fate being invoked, and this was the fourth. She encountered it but missed it.

No one else was as unfortunate as she was at this moment.

After three days, Bi Zhu gazed at the sky as the Immortal Road was about to close.

At the last moment, one of the people who had previously ascended seemed to be rejected by the Immortal Road and was suppressed. They fell back. They weren't harmed. The Sage's light protected them.

"They failed? But why?" Bi Zhu was astonished.

The person was highly likely to succeed. Regardless of their realm or their foundation, they were exceptional.

They weren't the first or the second among the four. Both of them should have succeeded, so why did they fail?

Inside the Heavenly Note Sect, Mu Longyu knelt on the ground and expressed his gratitude to the heavens.

If not for Shang An, he would have been injured.

"Are you alright?" Mi Lingyue ran over to him.

"I'm fine. I got to set foot on the Immortal Road," Mu Longyu said.

"But why did you fail?" Mi Lingyue also couldn't understand.

Mu Longyu smiled wryly. "Success or failure depends on fate."

Their strength was still formidable. Once they returned to their sea region, they would join forces as the Twelve Heavenly Kings.

With one less king, the power of their alliance was weakened.

Of course, within their respective domains, their strength was still outstanding. The fortune of a Heavenly King was something many people desired, but with benefits came disadvantages. It was only natural.

“I didn’t expect to encounter such an opportunity,” Mi Lingyue said as she gazed up at the sky.

“Yeah. It’s truly remarkable, and those three individuals are very fortunate.” Mu Longyu sighed.

“Who are they?” Mi Lingyue asked.

“There was Baizhi from the Heavenly Note Sect, a disciple of the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, and a disciple from the Clear Sky School,” Mu Longyu said.

He could sense that these people would find it challenging to take the final step, but with Immortal Fate, everything was different. Everyone could

succeed.

Jiang Hao sat cross-legged and imprinted the Immortal Markings into his memory through his understanding.

Besides this, his Mountain Sea Seal also improved and gained more power and sealing techniques. It became even more potent.

When the Immortal Fate dissipated, he awakened from his meditation.

It was nighttime, and the starry sky was shining brightly. The wind was calm, and the moon was clear.

There were no beams of light rising into the sky and no colorful clouds of radiance. It all seemed like a beautiful dream.

However, his body had indeed undergone changes. He had memorized the Immortal Road, which would make his path much easier in the future. Although his understanding wasn't solidified, and he might forget some of it, it would be enough.

Even if he forgot, he wouldn't lose much. This was the reward Shang An had given him.

"It's truly remarkable."

It was just like a portion that was left aside just for him. If Shang An were to give him the entire Immortal Fate, it would provide a complete Immortal Fate, nearly ensuring his success on the Immortal Road.

This made him doubt whether the favor he had done for Shang An was even worth so much in return.

"Indeed, it's quite remarkable," said a calm voice from behind him.

Jiang Hao was startled and quickly turned around. He saw a red and white figure that had appeared suddenly. She sat on a chair.

Where there had been no chairs before, a set of chairs had appeared, along with a tea set on the table.

"Greetings, Senior," Jiang Hao said respectfully.

Hong Yuye placed the teacup on the table. "Make some tea."

Jiang Hao went to prepare the tea.

However, when he took out the tea leaves, her icy gaze fell upon him and made his scalp tingle. He promptly changed to a more expensive tea, but the icy gaze was even more apparent.

It wasn't until he took out the last batch of the Red Azure Tea leaves that the cold gaze finally disappeared.

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly. He didn't dare to oppose her. "Did Shang An say anything to you?"

"He asked me why I saved him and then thanked me," said Jiang Hao.

"Why did you save him?" she asked.

"Because I wanted to."

"Did he blame you for not saving that Charm Goddess?" Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao thought for a moment. "He resents it a lot, but I am me, and he is him. He can be himself, but I have to make my own choice. He understands

that."

Hong Yuye looked at him intently. "What about you? Would you be so understanding if it was you in his place?"

"Senior, what are you saying?" Jiang Hao didn't understand what exactly she was asking. Was it about gratitude or letting go?

"If you were in his place and were in love with a Charm Goddess. Let's say you wanted to free her, but Shang An comes in the middle and saves your life but leaves the Charm Goddess behind. Would you be understanding toward him?" she asked curiously.

She had a steady aura as she stared at the person in front of her and waited for

an answer..

Chapter 732 - 732: What Task Did The Demoness Assign Him?

Jiang Hao frowned at the question.

After thinking for a while, he shook his head. "I cannot answer that question." "Why not?" Hong Yuye asked.

"Because I cannot imagine myself liking the Charm Goddess," Jiang Hao said. "In that case, imagine if it was someone you liked," said Hong Yuye.

Jiang Hao thought for a moment but ultimately had no answer.

With the Gu Poison inside him, he couldn't answer such questions. But he wouldn't let such a situation come to pass.

Jiang Hao's silence didn't invite further questions from Hong Yuye.

Soon, the tea was brewed, and its fragrance filled the air. Jiang Hao poured a cup for Hong Yuye and another for himself before sitting down.

"What are your thoughts on seeing such a genius?" Hong Yuye asked.

"I've never thought that a person could shine so brightly," Jiang Hao said and sighed. "In this world, there is no shortage of geniuses, nor of people who have potential. The world is vast, and there is always someone better. It's important not to be lazy or get riled up over trivial matters."

Hong Yuye, who was about to drink her tea, was surprised. "When you see someone so outstanding, your first thought is to be more cautious?" Jiang Hao didn't understand her. Wasn't that the right way to think?

"Is there no part of you that wants to challenge them and prove yourself superior in your heart?" Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

Why should he compete? Making a show was unnecessary. If someone were to envy him and interfere, it would only cause trouble. Hong Yuye looked at Jiang Hao. "How old are you?"

"I'm not young anymore," Jiang Hao said a little regretfully. When he said that, a cold sensation extended over him.

"Thirty-five," he said hurriedly.

Hong Yuye put down her teacup and looked up at the sky. "You don't have any aspirations. Don't you want to leave behind a brilliant legacy in the cultivation world?"

Jiang Hao took a sip of his tea and shook his head. "Not everyone has to shine so brightly. Everybody has their own way. It's good enough. I don't have grand ambitions. This way of life is already the best for me."

Hong Yuye looked at him intently.

Jiang Hao continued to drink his tea. He drank every last bit so that it was worth the ten thousand spirit stones he had spent on this tea.

Jiang Hao felt a change in his body. The imprints of the Immortal Road, which he couldn't remember before, were gradually solidifying.

He didn't dare to think too much and focused on consolidating his cultivation. For some reason, these previously elusive ideas were unexpectedly becoming stable.

When he woke up, the sky was getting brighter. The sun was about to rise. Standing on the edge of the cliff was a person.

A gentle breeze tousled her long hair, and the hem of her robe swayed with the wind.

Jiang Hao walked over to see what she was looking at.

When he looked down, he saw a breathtaking forest.

“Have you completed the task I assigned you?” Hong Yuye asked.

“It’s almost done,” Jiang Hao said immediately.

He didn’t remember what the task was, but saying he was almost done was the best course of action.

Hong Yuye turned to look at Jiang Hao and smiled. “How close is ‘almost’?”

“It means we’ve received some information but need to confirm it,” Jiang Hao said.

“Information? What kind of information?” Hong Yuye asked.

Jiang Hao racked his brain and tried to remember what task Hong Yuye had given him. Besides finding the person behind the secret stone tablet, he couldn’t think of anything else.

“Did you already buy the September Spring?” Hong Yuye suddenly asked.

Jiang Hao didn’t understand why she was asking him that. Hadn’t he already bought the September Spring?

After thinking for a moment, he sighed and said, "Yes, almost." Hong Yuye chuckled and then walked down the mountain.

"Shang An initially didn't want to provide this opportunity. Was it something you requested?" Hong Yuye asked.

"Yes." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Why did you do that?" Hong Yuye asked.

"To better help you with the flower. If it's just me, I would attract too much attention, and it might bring trouble," said Jiang Hao.

"You're too cautious for your own good," Hong Yuye said.

"Being cautious is always a good thing," Jiang Hao softly said.

He didn't need to fight desperately or compete for opportunities, nor did he need to make enemies over them. That didn't suit him.

Living a normal life was the best option for him now. The future was full of possibilities.

Jiang Hao hesitated. "Were Shang An's actions impressive?"

"Very impressive." Hong Yuye nodded. "He did something that no one had ever thought of. He opened the Immortal Road and offered the hope of ascending to immortality to others. Those who ascend the Immortal Platform will have a seventy percent chance of success, provided they have enough foundation."

Jiang Hao was astonished. A seventy percent chance of success was considered extremely high.

In normal circumstances, even a thirty percent success rate was impressive. This showed just how significant this opportunity was.

“Will the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment provide such an opportunity?” he asked.

Hong Yuye shook her head. “She has the qualifications, but it’s not guaranteed. Timing, location, and people are all crucial.”

Jiang Hao didn’t expect it to be like this. It was indeed an incredibly rare opportunity. Those who missed out on it would truly regret it.

Fortunately, he was still far from ascending to the Immortal Ascension Platform.

“How many people succeeded this time?” he asked.

Because he had been immersed in meditation, he didn’t know the details. Even if he had seen everything, he might not have understood it.

“Four people obtained the opportunity, but only three of them succeeded.” Hong Yuye walked slowly by the riverside, and Jiang Hao followed. They walked step by step and faced the gentle sunlight.

“Who succeeded, and who failed?” Jiang Hao asked.

Were there so many strong individuals in the Heavenly Note Sect? He had no idea.

“The first to react was Baizhi from your sect, the second was someone from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, the third was an overseas Heavenly King, and the fourth was from the Clear Sky School. Among these four, the Heavenly King failed,” Hong Yuye said.

It seemed like there was nothing to worry about.

Jiang Hao nodded.

He realized that only one person from the Heavenly Note Sect had obtained the opportunity. He didn't know the members of the Mountain Sea Sword Sect, and he had no information about the Clear Sky School.

However, he recognized quite a few of the overseas Heavenly Kings. Besides King Hai Luo, who else was here?

"Why did he fail?" Jiang Hao asked. "Was it because he lacked sufficient foundation?"

Hong Yuye shook her head. "It was due to the Heavenly King's fortune. The fortune of the Heavenly Kings is shared among the twelve kings. Although it seems divided, it is a whole. When one of them tries to ascend, it's like facing the pressure of all twelve. That's why he failed.."

Chapter 733 - 733: Ill Luck Can Also Target You

"Heavenly King's Fortune?" Jiang Hao looked at the woman in front of him in surprise.

He had always thought that the Heavenly King's Fortune would bring significant benefits and hadn't considered it might affect ascension to higher realms.

So why did so many people pursue Heavenly King's Fortune if that was the case?

"You don't think it's a good thing?" Hong Yuye asked.

"No." Jiang Hao shook his head. "I think it has some major limitations."

"Heavenly King's Fortune is a unique path. It's not a matter of limitation. It's just that an unconventional path always comes with a price," Hong Yuye said calmly.

“Any kind of gift comes with a price,” Jiang Hao said in understanding.

He just needed some time to think about it.

Jiang Hao asked, “If only one of the twelve Heavenly Kings remains, can they still ascend the Immortal Path?”

“No.” Hong Yuye shook her head.

“Why?” Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye did not answer immediately. It seemed she didn’t want to answer such a direct question. Perhaps it was because one person still had to bear the pressure of all twelve, or perhaps it was because if it wasn’t all twelve, ascension was simply impossible.

After thinking for a while, Jiang Hao realized that it could be one of these two reasons.

When they neared his wooden house, he asked, “How can the Twelve Heavenly Kings ascend now?”

Hong Yuye looked at the fish swimming in the river. “To ascend, they need to break free from Heavenly King’s Fortune, or all twelve must encounter an extraordinary opportunity at the same time. Or...” As she said this, she looked at Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao was puzzled.

“Or what?” he asked.

Hong Yuye said, “Or find someone who comprehends Immortal Intent, possesses Heavenly King’s Fortune, and seems to have detached themselves from the other Heavenly Kings. Provide this person with a unique opportunity to ascend, and they can carry the other eleven to ascend together.”

Hao was surprised by this revelation. He questioned why they would do this.

Hong Yuye did not provide further explanation.

Was it really worth it to do it this way?

The complete opportunity for ascension was probably what Shang An was going to offer him. If he shared this opportunity with others, more people might become Immortals and advance to higher realms. That would be better for his sect if he decided to do it that way.

So, was such an opportunity valuable?

Jiang Hao thought of an idea.

Even the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment was not a surefire way to obtain an ascension opportunity. It showed how rare and precious these opportunities were.

The Twelve Heavenly Kings' wish for ascension was not an easy task.

Surprisingly, Heavenly King Hai Luo had a greater advantage, especially because he had detached himself from Heavenly King's Fortune.

Jiang Hao thought about the issue and remembered Hong Yuye's earlier explanation. Perhaps Hai Luo was looking to detach himself from the other Heavenly Kings and comprehend Immortal Intent.

He was perplexed. Did the Heavenly Kings genuinely have such a wish?

The appraisal did not provide him with an answer.

However, there were some things that appraisal couldn't detect.

Heavenly King Hai Luo's main reason was to save Mao Anxian, and that's what the appraisal revealed.

'Perhaps I should mention it to him and then appraise it again to be sure.' He wasn't particularly concerned about this issue.

If he had the time, he would check it out.

"Have you found anything useful lately?" Hong Yuye asked on the way. Jiang Hao thought about it. "The Corpse Realm Flower is about to bloom." Hong Yuye didn't react to this news.

Jiang Hao didn't know what to say, as he hadn't done much in the past six months. Apart from the information about the Corpse Realm Flower, he had received no other information.

Shang An also didn't bring any useful information.

There had been no gatherings at all.

After a moment's pause, he said, "Because of Shang An's matter, the gathering might happen soon."

Whenever a major event occurred, Dan Yuan called for a gathering.

According to Hong Yuye, these opportunities were extremely scarce, and those interested would pay attention. This would initiate trading.

This meeting might provide an opportunity to ask about Miao Anxian, as he still had one reward left to use.

He had visited Heavenly Stele Mountain and comprehended some things about it, but he didn't know if it would have any impact in the future.

There were still many things to learn.

Hong Yuye remained silent, and they arrived at the wooden house. They walked into the courtyard.

Jiang Hao was a bit concerned. If the spirit beast and Xiao Li were inside, it wouldn't be good.

Luckily, the two of them had gone somewhere else.

Hong Yuye leaned down to caress the leaves at the side of the path and then requested a bowl of water to water the flower herself.

Jiang Hao obliged.

"How long have you been growing the flower for?" Hong Yuye asked.

"For more than sixteen years," Jiang Hao said.

He had obtained the seed when he was eighteen, and now he was thirty-five.

Upon careful thought, he realized he had been growing that particular flower for a long time, and he had known the woman in front of him for a long time as well.

In these years, he felt he had been quite busy, and the first eighteen years had seemed like a child's play.

Likewise, the speed of his advancement was remarkably fast.

In seventeen years, he had advanced from the Foundation Establishment Realm to the Return to Void Realm.

Now, he was in the late stage of the Return to Void Realm.

The advancement to other realms wouldn't take so long.

However, with such rapid progress, it was easy to lose oneself.

"Seventeen years from Lifeblood Refinement Realm to the Golden Core Realm?" Hong Yuye turned to look at the man behind her.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. "Yes."

"When you have time, you can look into the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl," said

Hong Yuye.

"Why do you say that, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked.

Hong Yuye got up and smiled charmingly. "Sometimes it's not that you go after ill luck. It could be that unlucky things can also target you."

Her figure gradually disappeared.

A short while later, Jiang Hao frowned and muttered to himself, "What did she mean by that? What's wrong with the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl?"

'I'm targeted by unlucky things?' That couldn't be possible.

He didn't possess anything unusual. If he was targeted, it would have happened long ago. .com

"Is it because I went to the Blood Pool last time?"

If there was something unusual, it was that the Blood Pool saw the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. So did its presence trigger something and it locked onto him?

“But how could such a fierce creature target a person?”

Unless...

Jiang Hao took out the sealed fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl. It had a possibility of awakening the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl that had been dormant for eons.

He began sensing the part that was still missing from the bead.

By doing this, he might also become a target himself.

The likelihood of this was high, so what should he do?

After a moment of hesitation, Jiang Hao decided to find a suitable time to enter the Blood Pool and see if he could send the fragment out through the pool.

He could also send it to Gu Jin. This way, he could free himself from any potential consequences, and he could keep an eye on it in the future.

After all, it was in his vicinity, and he couldn't afford any issues.

Jiang Hao continued to cultivate in the courtyard. He had gained some insights from Shang An's ascension.

His state of mind underwent significant changes, and he needed to immerse himself in it to continue comprehending it.

Several days later, in mid-April, Jiang Hao felt the stone tablet vibrate. The gathering was scheduled to begin at midnight.

After more than half a year, it was finally time.

He had to decide whether to investigate the Corpse Realm. If he really did, he might find out what consequences the stele's revelation would bring.

It would also allow him to understand how Shang An's ascension might affect the surroundings.

Other than that, things seemed to be going well.

There wasn't anything that required his attention, except for the attitude of the overseas people toward Smiling San Sheng.

Chapter 734 - 734: An Extra Person at the Gathering

At midnight, Jiang Hao entered the stone tablet right on time.

As soon as he arrived, he was a little surprised.

Unlike the previous times, the number of people had changed.

Before, it was Gui, Liu, Xing, Senior Dan Yuan, and him. This time, there was an extra person.

Her username was Zhang.

She seemed different from Gui. She was more dignified and composed.

He just glanced at her once.

He had worked hard to build a mysterious identity, so he couldn't look around boldly.

It seemed that the other person was also a little surprised to see him.

Jiang Hao didn't know if this person had been there from the beginning or had just joined.

He hadn't had time to check the stone tablet in the past few days, so he wasn't sure.

After everyone gathered, they respectfully greeted Senior Dan Yuan.

"It seems that Friend Zhang has come out of seclusion," Senior Dan Yuan said to Zhang with a smile.

"Thank you for your concern, Senior. This time, it went quite smoothly," Zhang said politely.

Jiang Hao felt strange because the way she spoke seemed a bit formal.

Gui was much more casual.

She could ask anything, and the gathering was better off with her in it.

He also realized that Zhang had been there all along, but she had been in seclusion for some years and had just come out.

He had no idea what kind of person she was or which sect she belonged to.

He decided to watch and see how things unfolded.

It seemed that the other person was also curious about him but hadn't found the right time to speak.

“Do any of you have questions about your cultivation?” Senior Dan Yuan asked the group.

“Senior, I have a question,” Zhang said. “In recent years, I’ve been reading about the sages and their writings in the Book Pavilion and found that some people entered the Dao through writing. It’s quite unusual. Did they enter the Dao through insight, or was there some other power in the writings? If it’s through insight, why did they write it down so specifically? If it’s the latter, can I learn it?”

“You cannot learn it. This book is not the same as that book. It was written with the power of mountains and rivers, and the words are rooted in profound Dao methods. To comprehend the heavens and the earth and understand the Dao patterns, one can walk this unique path,” Senior Dan Yuan said. “Is it impossible to learn because it doesn’t exist anymore?” Zhang asked.

“If it were in the past, it would indeed be difficult to answer, but now I can provide some insight,” Senior Dan Yuan said. “Someone once opened this path, and then it was closed.”

“Why?” Gui suddenly asked.

Jiang Hao lowered his head. He had guessed the answer.

“Because it would affect all the clans,” Senior Dan Yuan said.

Others were puzzled but didn’t ask further.

This was no longer a matter of cultivation.

Once there were no cultivation issues, Senior Dan Yuan turned to everyone. “I’ve heard that there have been sightings of pages of the sage in the west. Have any of you heard about it? If you have information about the whereabouts of the pages, please inform me.”

“Can we exchange them for Snow God Pills?” Gui asked.

"In theory, perhaps not. But if you have the pages, then perhaps we can come to an understanding," said Dan Yuan.

Gui was somewhat disappointed but not hopeless.

"I've heard some information from overseas. The people of the Astronomical Academy are searching for a certain great sage, which might be related to the pages of the sage," Liu said.

"The Bright Moon Sect has a copy of the page, but it's of no use. It seems we need the actual pages. Each time the pages appear, they are unique in some way," Xing said.

Jiang Hao didn't say anything because he had no idea what those pages were. This was a gathering with such a wide range of knowledge, and he couldn't contribute to the conversation.

Being introverted was the best cover for him for now.

At that point, Senior Dan Yuan said, "I heard that there's a chance to achieve immortality. Do any of you have any information?"

Everyone was surprised.

"Immortality?" Liu was quite curious. "What kind of Immortality is it?"

"Opening the path to Immortality," Senior Dan Yuan said. "The Immortal Road."

Everyone looked at each other.

"I've only heard of that happening just three times in historical records. The most recent one was when the Human Emperor broke through the Immortal Ascension Platform. The previous two times couldn't be confirmed. They were thought to be just legends. It happened for the fourth time?" Zhang was surprised.

“That’s right. According to the records, it’s not very difficult to achieve immortality when you encounter such opportunities,” Xing said in awe.

Such opportunities were extremely rare.

It was not only a matter of the vastness of the world but also a matter that spanned eras.

So, the fact that it appeared now made them all feel amazed.

However, the more they talked, the sadder Gui became.

“I heard it happened in the southern region.” Senior Dan Yuan looked at Jing and Gui.

Jing remained indifferent, but Gui looked dejected.

Gui said nothing, but the fact that she was here indicated that she knew something.

So, everyone looked at her.

“It happened at the Heavenly Note Sect.” Gui sighed. “Shang An broke through to the Immortal Ascension Platform and opened the Immortal Road.”

She only mentioned the event, but she didn’t say she had experienced it.

She looked at Jing and the other four. Since Jing was not there, did the others miss it too?

She felt relieved. If Jing had obtained the opportunity, she would have cried.

However, her words shocked the others.

“It happened in the Heavenly Note Sect?!” Liu exclaimed. “It was Shang An?”

Was that why he was traveling? The Clear Sky School seems generous.”

“So that’s it. It was no wonder the Clear Sky School had such a major commotion,” said Xing.

“What happened?” Gui asked.

Jiang Hao also wanted to ask, but he found it hard to speak up. Fortunately, the gathering had Gui.

Xing laughed. “Just a couple of days ago, countless elders from the Clear Sky School, from the Sect Master down to the ordinary elders, were all frustrated and angry. At first, I didn’t understand what had happened, but now it seems it was because Shang An had opened the Immortal Road. It’s no wonder those people were frustrated. Back then, Shang An’s master practically begged them to accept his talented disciple, but they refused. Now, Shang An has achieved a breakthrough and opened the path to immortality. They could have been the master to such an outstanding disciple, but they had refused.”

Shang An was a legendary figure. Clearly, the Clear Sky School’s elders suffered a blow.

Jiang Hao sighed.

Back then, Shang An’s master had barged into the Clear Sky School and begged them to accept Shang An as their disciple, but they had rejected him. Now, Shang An had opened the Immortal Road. Many people were regretful for not accepting him before.

Zhang listened attentively. She felt confused.

Besides the path to Immortality, she couldn’t understand anything else.

Shang An and the events at Clear Sky School were all unknown to her.

However, she noticed that Jing, who was beside her, also couldn't understand, so it seemed that he had limited knowledge too.

If a person was silent all the way, it only meant they didn't know anything.

She thought that Jing wasn't as exceptional as she had thought.

To learn more about the situation, she needed to wait and see.

Since there was a new person, it was important to understand his value and his abilities.

Of course, it was also essential to showcase her own value, as it would make negotiations smoother.

However, the top priority was to figure out what had happened with Shang An. She had been in seclusion for over a decade, but it felt like a century had passed outside..

Chapter 735 - 735: Gui, Are You Kidding Me?

During the gathering, Jiang Hao listened to Xing attentively.

He was indeed curious about the matter concerning Shang An.

Legendary figures like him remained legendary even in gatherings.

Since his master's intrusion into the Clear Sky School, Shang An had been on their radar.

They thought he would remain quiet for a while and then make a startling breakthrough. But they never expected him to keep surprising them.

This time, the opportunity had left them all stunned.

“I’m curious about something,” Gui said. “Did Shang An’s master ever visit the Bright Moon Sect in the past?”

Everyone turned to Xing.

He was momentarily speechless. He genuinely didn’t know about this.

If it had happened, only the seniors guarding the gate would know.

But since it didn’t become a major issue, either nothing had happened, or it was hushed up.

If it was the latter...

They were in trouble.

But who else would know? Even if someone did know, they wouldn’t dare to speak of it.

Jiang Hao kept a low profile and didn’t pay too much attention.

“When the path opened, how many people obtained the opportunity?” Liu asked Gui.

“Four. There was Baizhi of the Heavenly Note Sect, Zhuge Jin from the

Mountain Sea Sword Sect, Xie Dongnan from the Clear Sky School, and Heavenly King Mu Longyu. However, the Heavenly King failed, and I don’t know why,” Gui said. “It seems to be related to the Heavenly King’s Fortune.”

“It’s indeed because of the Heavenly King’s Fortune,” said Zhang. “I remember it’s mentioned in the books. Heavenly King’s Fortune helps one to become a king, but it also limits them. The more they use it, the more difficult it is to ascend. Even with the Immortality Road, it’s still challenging to become an immortal.”

Jiang Hao thought that he could have continued in the explanation regarding the Heavenly King’s Fortune, but it seemed that others were roughly aware of it.

Senior Dan Yuan would know the details. However, he was surprised that Zhuge Jin was one of the people who obtained the opportunity.

The others nodded slightly but didn’t delve into further discussion.

Senior Dan Yuan looked at Gui and said, “This information can be exchanged for a small reward.”

“I’ll save it and ask for a Snow God Pill later,” Gui said.

Senior Dan Yuan smiled and nodded. No one was surprised. Gui had a particular fondness for Snow God Pills.

Jiang Hao couldn’t help but envy her. How many of those had she consumed?

No other major sects had as many as she did.

Senior Dan Yuan didn’t have any more tasks to assign, so it was time for the exchange.

Zhang, who had been paying attention to Jing, was a bit surprised that he was negotiating directly with Senior Dan Yuan.

In gatherings, people only considered trading with Senior Dan Yuan when no one else would take the task.

It seemed that she had underestimated him. If he wasn't knowledgeable, he wouldn't be sitting here.

"I want external and internal information said Dan Yuan.

"What about just general information?" Jiang Hao asked.

"That's alright too, but I might also not provide direct answers to your questions," said Dan Yuan.

Jiang Hao agreed.

He quietly listened.

The more he listened, the more he learned. For example, Zhang's location was in the west.

That would give him a general idea of the situation in the West. If she was from the north, it would be even better.

Zhang could understand that Jing had completed Senior Dan Yuan's task. She also roughly realized that Jing and Gui were probably somewhere in the south

because everyone had looked at them when asked about the Immortal Road.

As for the details, she needed to continue to gather more information.

"I want to find someone," Zhang hesitated and said, "There was someone who left the Astronomical Academy with a certain book. I want to find this person. I don't know who this person is specifically, but they took a book left by a great senior. It's called the Ancient and Modern Book."

"You were looking for someone?" Gui was taken aback.

She instinctively looked at Jing. Xing and Liu also looked at him.

Why are you looking at me? Jiang Hao felt helpless.

What did this have to do with him?

Even Zhang was surprised. Why was everyone looking at Jing?

Soon, everyone turned away from him, and they all agreed to inform each other if they had any information.

Once they confirmed that there were no more trades to discuss, Gui said excitedly, "Recently, a lot has been happening in the southern region. The Grand Earth Emperor has been completely silent, with no news of him whatsoever. However, his aura is continuously rising. The Blackheaven Sect is receiving the blessings of the earth. It is likely to become a major sect."

Liu sighed. "The Xuanyuan Sword and the Grand Earth Emperor have both fallen silent. This is actually a good thing for other sects. Otherwise, it would easily lead to conflicts. But even so, some people will still be dissatisfied, and the Blackheaven Sect probably won't have it easy."

Jiang Hao understood that some people would rather harm themselves than allow others to achieve merits. They would constantly challenge others.

"Besides the Grand Earth Emperor, there's something else you all need to be aware of," Gui said. "The End of All Things has been acting up. It seems they are about to find the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl. They are getting close to the Heavenly Note Sect."

At her words, everyone became more serious.

Senior Dan Yuan then turned to Jing. "Friend Jing, have you been paying attention to this?"

The others also followed suit, and Zhang looked puzzled.

From her observations, this individual seemed to have average knowledge, so why was he being asked about such an important matter? When did they start discussing such unlucky items in the gathering?

Jiang Hao hesitated and thought about what Hong Yuye had told him. Finally, he said, "The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is about to appear."

The entire group was stunned.

It was too sudden.

"Why?" Gui was the first to ask.

Everyone was relieved that they had Gui in the gathering to ask the hard questions.

Jiang Hao remained silent. Could he reveal that he was being targeted?

Senior Dan Yuan asked, "Friend Jing, do you have any plans?"

Jiang Hao replied respectfully, "In a few days, I plan to go and check it out." fr(e)e

Zhang was frozen in place.

What did they mean?

Everyone knew about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, and some even knew it might manifest. But this person was talking about checking it out personally. Did this mean he knew where it was, and he could observe it up close?

What had happened in the past decade?

Furthermore, Jing didn't seem as weak and insignificant as she had thought. He was somewhat... formidable.

So, when he had been quiet earlier, it wasn't because he had limited knowledge. It was only because he didn't care for simple matters.

Zhang felt that she had misunderstood him entirely.

Those who attended the gathering were not weak. They were powerful individuals. However, discussing such ill-fated items was a bit too much.

At that point, Gui noticed that Zhang was perplexed.

"Zhang, I know you just arrived. There are some things we haven't been able to explain to you. I'll tell you everything later."

"Can you give me a brief overview?" Zhang asked.

"Oh? An overview?" Gui thought for a moment. "Do you know about the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl and the Nine Nether?"

"I've heard of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

I've never heard of the Nine Nether."

"The Nine Nether is a monstrous entity created by the Fallen Immortal Clan. It was the reason for the war declared by the Human Emperor. These two terrifying items are both in his hands. Furthermore, I think the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is within his sight right now."

Zhang was speechless.

‘Gui, are you kidding me?’

Chapter 736 - 736: This Era Has Abandoned Me

The private conversation between Gui and Zhang did not take up much time at the gathering.

Jiang Hao welcomed this development, as it would help improve his impression in the eyes of others.

Otherwise, there would be many unfounded speculations and he might be exposed.

However, with various events adding to his image, things would be much better.

In the beginning, he had gone to great lengths to cultivate the image of a reclusive, powerful, and mysterious individual, which had made things easier for him today.

Zhang had just come out of seclusion, and she didn’t know anything about him.

The others, especially Gui, had asked some probing questions in the beginning, but that was not the case now.

Having someone explain his situation would improve his image in Zhang’s eyes. But listening to it felt a bit embarrassing because he knew that he wasn’t as remarkable as they made him out to be.

Many times, he had only been fortunate to achieve certain things. In reality, he was much weaker than the others at the gathering.

“What do you plan to do if the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl can’t be sealed?” Xing asked.

The only person at the gathering who had actually come into contact with the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was Jiang Hao.

He was also the only one with any experience with these kinds of dangerous items. Since he had the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, it was possible that only he could handle the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

The others were curious, including Zhang, and wanted to know what his plans were. She knew too little and needed to listen attentively.

‘Don’t look at me... What can I even do?’ Jiang Hao felt helpless.

Finally, he shook his head. This wasn’t something he could control.

The others understood his situation well. The Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was not something ordinary. It was incredibly challenging to seal it, let alone possess it. The difficulty was beyond their imagination.

“We should try to hinder The End of All Things. I heard that some members of the Saint Bandits have arrived overseas. We can provide them with information, and maybe they will take some action,” said Liu.

Gui and Xing also agreed to help pass on the information to hinder The End of All Things. That was all they could do.

As for the monstrous item itself, it would depend on Jing as he had said he would go in to investigate.

Zhang didn’t say anything. She really didn’t know what was going on.

Once they had settled that matter. Xing mentioned that the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment had already set off.

“To the west?” Liu suddenly asked.

Xing nodded.

Jiang Hao was curious about how Liu knew about the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment going to the West. He then realized it was likely related to Xing's mission.

He also mentioned something about a Moon Wheel.

Did Chu Jie go to the west for the Moon Wheel?

Jiang Hao didn't know what the Moon Wheel was. Unfortunately, Gui didn't ask.

Zhang felt like she was out of touch with the world of cultivation.

She had never heard of the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment, the Grand

Earth Emperor, the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl, the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, and the Nine Nether. These were not unfamiliar terms. They were legendary items.

People rarely mentioned them during normal conversations, and even when they did, few knew much about them. But now, it seemed like the gathering treated these topics casually as if they were simple matters.

What had happened in the world of cultivation to make her feel so out of place?

The discussion continued with a focus on The End of All Things, the Grand Earth Emperor, and the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment.

It was said that the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment was entering the mortal world and would re-emerge. It would mark the day of their ascension to immortality. Reportedly, she had left alone.

After some time, the gathering concluded with Senior Dan Yuan's reminder.

When Jiang Hao woke up, he took out a notebook and started recording the key points of the gathering:

Senior Dan Yuan mentioned the pages of an ancient book in the West.

A new participant, Zhang, seems to have extensive knowledge of various documents and is considered a formidable individual from the West.

Xing was searching for Zhang to find something related to the Moon Wheel, while Zhang was looking for someone in possession of an ancient and modern book.

Requested information from Senior Dan Yuan about the Corpse Realm and told him that the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was about to manifest. On that note, I need to visit the Blood Pool.

The rest of the topics about the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment and The End of All Things were not explicitly recorded, as they didn't seem to be very important.

After recording the information, Jiang Hao put the book away.

'I wonder if there are any other individuals besides Zhang.'

He could have asked, but he didn't want to ruin the image of a reclusive individual that he had built.

He would have to address that later. For now, the new information had stumped Zhang, so she might not probe too much into his business.

After that, Jiang Hao closed his eyes to rest and conserve his energy.

In a few days, he would confirm the status of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl and continue with his days. The opening of the Corpse Realm didn't concern him.

The next day, Jiang Hao went to the Spirit Herb Garden with the spirit beast.

During this period, the entire sect had been relatively quiet, likely because of the opportunities brought by Shang An. Many had secluded themselves to cultivate. There wasn't much movement around.

At noon, while Jiang Hao was tending to the spirit herbs, the spirit beast was engaged in an animated conversation with Xiao Li. Cheng Chou was busy with his tasks.

Suddenly, a communication talisman flew in front of Jiang Hao. It was a message from the Lawless Tower.

'It's been a while since I last visited. I wonder what this is about.' Jiang Hao was a bit surprised.

He talked to Cheng Chou and then walked toward the Lawless Tower.

Xiao Li asked if she should prepare his lunch, but Jiang Hao quickly declined.

Xiao Li's lunches were something he could eat, but she had a habit of sometimes offering her own lunch to him. Fortunately, it wasn't usually poisoned and was quite close by, so there was no need to worry.

A short while later, in front of the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao saw two people at the gates: a man and a woman with formidable auras.

'Is that Mi Lingyue and Mu Longyu?'

When Jiang Hao saw them, he was surprised that they were planning to enter the Lawless Tower.

He realized that they had detected his arrival. Jiang Hao was a bit concerned, but he didn't let it show.

He walked over and greeted them with a polite bow. "Greetings, Seniors."

"Friend Jiang, no need to be so formal," Mu Longyu said with a smile.

At that moment, Senior Sister Yinsha came out as well.

Jiang Hao found this surprising because Mu Longyu was no ordinary person. Why hadn't the Branch Master personally welcomed them?

"No need for such formalities. We're here to meet a friend. That isn't a bother, right?" Mu Longyu asked politely.

After exchanging a few greetings, they entered the fifth floor of the Lawless Tower.

Senior Sister Yinsha asked Jiang Hao to wait outside while she escorted the visitors. Only after delivering the guests into the tower did she come back and explain why she had called him here.

"Can you get Yin Zichen to speak up and reveal what he stole from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect?" she asked.

Jiang Hao felt helpless.

"Don't worry too much, Junior Brother. If he doesn't speak, we'll just hand him over to them. It's not a big deal. Just do what you can," said Senior Sister Yinsha with a smile.

After all, he had been captured by the sect, so getting a bit less in ransom wasn't a significant issue.

Jiang Hao didn't know what to say. Yin Zichen's value was to be sold for money, and if he found out about it, he might have mixed feelings about it.

This could become quite troublesome..

Chapter 737 - 737: Facing Yin Zichen

Upon learning about his task, Jiang Hao proceeded toward the prison cells.

Yin Zichen didn't feel hopeless about his situation. His faith lay in finding the Heart of Five Elements. That was his last resort.

Once he lost that, he would lose all hope. It was impossible to make him surrender one of the Heart of Five Elements.

He drew closer to the prison, but he couldn't bring himself to speak.

Yin Zichen, with disheveled hair, sat in the cell.

The arrival of Mu Longyu and Mi Lingyue attracted everyone's attention.

Surprisingly, Zhang Yang was still present.

"Fellow disciple, you've finally come. I've been waiting for you for so long," said Zhang Yang when he saw Jiang Hao.

"Senior, haven't you returned to your sect yet?" asked Jiang Hao.

If the Sunset Immortal Sect came to redeem their member, there shouldn't be any problem. Maybe they had chosen not to come get him.

Zhang Yang had quite a reputation, so the Sunset Immortal Sect wouldn't just ignore him.

Moreover, despite its flaws, an immortal sect was still an immortal sect, and there were righteous people among them. There was nothing wrong with rescuing Zhang Yang.

“He refuses to leave until he sees you. He’s determined to stay here. Nobody in the tower can convince him otherwise,” said Nangong Yue.

At this point, Mu Longyu and Mi Lingyue also turned their attention to Jiang Hao.

They were speaking quietly with Hai Luo and didn’t expect Jiang Hao to be there as well.

In fact, Mu Longyu had heard that Jiang Hao held a high status on the fifth floor. But no matter how much he had heard about him, he couldn’t fully believe that this person could be so remarkable.

As for Zhang Yang, he had heard some things about him as well. He was known as a figure of pure virtue and a beacon of righteousness.

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly. Indeed, he felt sorry for this person. Everyone around watched quietly. They were curious to see what would happen.

After all, Zhang Yang was determined to stay, and no amount of persuasion would change his mind. Although they didn’t understand why, Jiang Hao had to compromise and make a promise.

Jiang Hao wasn’t concerned about that. He drew closer to Zhang Yang and whispered softly, “Senior, if you don’t return now, your cave might be occupied by your fellow sect members, and your place of seclusion...”

“Stop! Stop!” Before Jiang Hao could finish speaking, Zhang Yang shouted, “Help! Help! I want to leave. I want to leave. Get me out quickly.”

Now, Zhang Yang couldn’t wait to leave. He didn’t want to stay here for even a moment longer.

The people around him were taken aback.

Mu Longyu was shocked. Just a few words and the most stubborn disciple was ready to leave...

'How did he do it?'

The prisoners' shouts and screams couldn't be heard outside. So, Jiang Hao went to find Senior Sister Yinsha for the old man.

She listened in confusion. She had asked for his help with Yin Zichen, not Zhang Yang.

Before Zhang Yang left, he glared at Jiang Hao as if to say, "You better not deceive me."

"Don't worry, Senior," said Jiang Hao. "Have a safe trip."

It was only then that Zhang Yang felt relaxed enough to leave.

Senior Sister Yinsha was very curious about how Jiang Hao had managed to achieve this, but after cooperating for so long, she naturally wouldn't ask him about it.

This wasn't something that she could ask. If she did, he might not be willing to help her in the future.

They operated with mutual understanding and trust.

Jiang Hao breathed a sigh of relief. He was concerned that Senior Sister Yinsha might ask him about it, but she didn't.

While he could initially rely on luck and coincidence, he couldn't do so now. He indeed had some extraordinary abilities, but he couldn't tell anyone about it.

Thankfully, nobody asked any further questions. Everyone preferred to maintain things as they were at the present.

After that, Jiang Hao turned and walked to the other prison cell. This time, everyone looked at him differently.

Yin Zichen and Wu Yang were surprised. They had seen Zhang Yang's stubbornness. This person had changed his mind so quickly. Even King Hai Luo was wary of this person.

"I'm sorry if that disturbed you, Senior," Jiang Hao said to Mu Longyu.

"Not at all." Mu Longyu shook his head.

Mi Lingyue glanced at Hai Luo. "Heavenly King Hai Luo, aren't you even going to greet your fellow king?"

Hai Luo scoffed. "If not for this cell door protecting you, you wouldn't be laughing at me. You two think you can scold me?"

"Hai Luo, you weren't like this before." Mu Longyu frowned slightly.

"I've had enough," Mi Lingyue said. "Let him come over here. Then, Hai Luo will be more forthcoming."

"If you could understand everything about me, I wouldn't be a king here," said Hai Luo. "Guess what I discovered in the Great Thousand God Sect and The End of All Things?"

Mi Lingyue asked, "What did you find?"

Jiang Hao paid no attention to the dispute and approached Yin Zichen.

He was thinking about how to make the other party speak up.

Yin Zichen instinctively tensed up when he saw Jiang Hao approach.

Before, he had wanted Jiang Hao to visit him, but now, he was nervous. He had found out something. Jiang Hao only visited this place under the orders of the Lawless Tower. If the tower didn't instruct it, he wouldn't bother.

"Little Friend, did you come to see me?" Yin Zichen asked.

Wu Yang noticed that Yin Zichen was nervous. Only those who had secrets seemed nervous when Jiang Hao approached them. It meant Yin Zichen had something to hide.

Hai Luo and the others watched.

Mi Lingyue pulled Mu Longyu along to watch the show.

This was the most interesting and crucial moment, especially since it tested the will of the powerful.

Would Yin Zichen falter, or would he remain composed?

Mu Longyu frowned but remained silent.

"Senior, are you from the Mountain Sea Sword Sect?" Jiang Hao asked.

He was unsure how to broach the topic.

"Yes. I guess you are here to ask me where the stolen thing is?" Yin Zichen chuckled. "I don't have it. I didn't steal it. Even if you hand me over to them, it won't matter because I don't know."

"Ah, I see." Jiang Hao lowered his head. "Would you tell me if you knew, Senior?"

Yin Zichen looked skeptical. "Of course, I would. Do you think I'm willingly waiting for death here?"

Jiang Hao looked at him in silence for a long time.

Finally, he reached out and made a gesture.

Yin Zichen was stunned, and others also became tense. The atmosphere changed instantly.

When Jiang Hao beckoned a prisoner, it was over for them.

Mu Longyu felt uneasy. He could sense that everyone was nervous, including Mi Lingyue. She gripped his arm tightly.

"What do you want to say to me?" Yin Zichen pretended to be calm.

"I just want to tell you a fact, Senior," Jiang Hao said in surprise. "You're the first person who is actually willing to listen to me."

Then, he leaned closer and whispered, "Beneath the Chaos Stone Island, in the

Sunset Sword Tomb..

Chapter 738 - 738: The King's Gaze

Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

If it were an ordinary time, he would greet the other party using the Heart of Five Elements.

He wouldn't directly touch upon the person's bottom line.

That wouldn't be beneficial for either of them, especially for those who might be able to leave. It would be quite troublesome.

For Mi Lingyue, there was no other way. Only her son's name could move her.

Zhuang Yuzhen was different. It involved gradually drawing the other's attention and then undermining their inner thoughts but always leaving a glimmer of hope.

Although he knew about Mi Lingyue's son, he still didn't know the child's specific location, so she didn't have to worry too much. However, Yin Zichen was different from these people.

He was being directly hit. It was quite a blow.

This made it very difficult for him to speak up.

Jiang Hao was unsure how he would react.

He could only take a step back and stand quietly.

Upon hearing Jiang Hao's words, despair appeared in Yin Zichen's eyes. It was more absolute than death itself.

He instinctively took a few steps back and finally sat against the wall.

His face darkened. He looked desolate.

This change made everyone shudder, especially Wu Yang.

He had actually attempted to provoke the person in front of him before. Now, it seemed wise to avoid any provocation if possible.

“Senior, there’s no need to be disheartened. Perhaps, before long, you will be able to leave. It’s not entirely hopeless,” Jiang Hao said as he looked at him.

“Hope?” Yin Zichen looked up at the person in front of him with some regret.

If he had known earlier, he wouldn’t have willingly let him try the power of the King.

“It won’t be long before you can leave, Senior,” Jiang Hao said.

“What do you mean?” Yin Zichen frowned and looked at Jiang Hao. He genuinely didn’t understand the meaning behind Jiang Hao’s words.

“It depends on your own choice,” Jiang Hao said.

If he agreed to hand over a certain item, he would probably be rescued by Gui.

There was still hope.

Not handing it over would extinguish that hope. Even the most foolish person would know how to make a safe choice.

Jiang Hao turned to look at Mi Lingyue and the others.

The latter instinctively retreated behind Mu Longyu.

“Do you guarantee it?” Yin Zichen asked as he looked at Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao glanced at him but did not answer.

Then, he turned his gaze to Heavenly King Hai Luo. Hai Luo stopped breathing momentarily.

"I've been speaking softly recently. I admit I used to speak a bit loudly. How about I don't speak at all?" Heavenly King Hai Luo asked tentatively. "Maybe I shouldn't talk?"

Jiang Hao wanted to inquire about the matter of becoming an immortal, but ultimately, as a Golden Core Realm cultivator, it wasn't suitable to ask such questions.

Finally, he left some wine for Zhuang Yuzhen and informed him that the Corpse Realm Flowers were about to bloom.

Perhaps people from the Divine Corpse Sect might come soon.

Zhuang Yuzhen understood Jiang Hao's intention. He could redeem himself with his sect.

But he was still concerned about something. "Did you make a decision?"

"Senior, what do you mean?" Jiang Hao asked.

He seemed to have nothing to consider.

"I want to take a look at the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower," Zhuang Yuzhen said.

Jiang Hao was puzzled. "I cannot make decisions on that front."

This person should be aware that the flower was with him, but he wasn't the owner.

Zhuang Yuzhen was quite surprised. "Ask someone from the Lawless Tower."

Jiang Hao became even more puzzled.

Then, he bid farewell to Mu Longyu and Mi Lingyue and left.

Outside, Senior Sister Yinsha thought of something. "I've been too busy lately and forgot to tell you something, Junior Brother Jiang. Zhuang Yuzhen wants to see the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower, and Elder Baizhi's instructions are to follow your orders."

"Follow my orders?" Jiang Hao was shocked.

Was he really that trusted?

Elder Baizhi was indeed bold. She even dared to entrust him with such decisions.

Should he agree?

After hesitating for a moment, Jiang Hao once again approached Zhuang

Yuzhen.

He used his ability to appraise him. There was no special change. His appraisal showed him that the other person really just wanted to see the divine flower and nothing else.

He wanted to see it because that flower had changed his life.

Jiang Hao said softly, "Senior, get ready."

He then turned and left.

Zhuang Yuzhen let out a sigh of relief. Indeed, the Lawless Tower hadn't conveyed the message at all.

"Old rascal, you're getting what you wished for," Heavenly King Hai Luo said.

"When will I get what I wish for? He still refuses to talk to me." Nangong Yue sighed.

She had waited a long time just to know what that person had said. But she never got an answer.

Mu Longyu lowered his head. The others didn't know what he was thinking.

After advising Heavenly King Hai Luo, he left.

He had agreed to visit this sect and teach the other person a lesson, but he didn't.

Kings shouldn't clash unnecessarily. It benefited no one.

However, Mu Longyu wasn't sparing Hai Luo because he wanted to.

After all, currently, all eleven kings wanted to discipline Hai Luo, and his taking action wouldn't bring any consequences.

The reason he didn't act was that he had lost interest.

Other matters had aroused greater interest in him.

As they prepared to leave, Mi Lingyue couldn't help but ask, "Why didn't you teach King Hai Luo a lesson?"

She had always wanted to reprimand him. His behavior on the fifth floor had been unbearable.

“It’s useless to teach Heavenly King Hai Luo a lesson. He won’t leave willingly.

He won’t beg for mercy even if he is beaten half to death, unless... that Golden Core Realm cultivator does it.”

“Why do I feel like you’re troubled?” Mi Lingyue asked.

Mu Longyu nodded. “Before meeting that Golden Core Realm cultivator, I didn’t have many thoughts. But after seeing him, I thought of something.” “What is it?” Mi Lingyue felt curious.

The other was indeed extraordinary, but was there anything important associated with him?

“Do you remember how he made people submit to him?” Mu Longyu asked.

“By revealing secrets. It was like he was able to discern deep-seated weaknesses in people,” Mi Lingyue said.

At that time, she had been absolutely sure there was no issue, but she had still compromised just to be safe.

“Yes. It’s not easy to get to know these things. So, there might be an exceptional figure behind him—someone who knows countless secrets of the world.” Mu Longyu looked at the woman beside him. “Such a person may not be the strongest, but they have information, broad insights, and knowledge beyond others.”

“Do you know what that implies?” he asked.

“What?” Mi Lingyue asked.

“Do you think he knows about the Great Thousand God Sect?” Mu Longyu suddenly asked.

Mi Lingyue was stunned. "You mean to ask him..."

Mi Lingyue had been seeking a way to break free from the Great Thousand God Sect. She had learned some things from Madam Gong, but none were useful.

She wouldn't resort to them unless absolutely necessary.

"Yes. Perhaps he is the right person to talk to about this matter," Mu Longyu said.

"No." Mi Lingyue shook her head. "I've investigated him. Outside, he seems like an ordinary disciple. It's only inside the Lawless Tower that he becomes somewhat special. This indicates that someone either restricts him, or he doesn't want to mention these matters outside. Almost no one from the Lawless Tower has any hope of leaving. So, the restrictions don't affect him. Outside the tower, he might not bring up anything at all."

"What do you mean?" Mu Longyu frowned.

Lawless Tower voluntarily for a reason.."

Chapter 739 - 739: The Records Of The Sage's (1)

After leaving the Lawless Tower, Jiang Hao returned to his residence.

This time on the fifth floor, he had indeed accomplished quite a lot. Chang Yang had been sent off, and there was a high probability that Yin Zichen would leave too.

His only regret was that he hadn't obtained anything particularly useful from them.

From Chang Yang, he learned about Feng Hua's plans, and from Yin Zichen...

He managed an exchange through Gui but only for an acceptable reward.

Overall, it wasn't a loss.

Sending those people off was beneficial. Fewer people meant fewer troubles. That would allow him to continue cultivating in the Spirit Herb Garden. He could also proceed with awakening the beast's bloodline.

However, he was still short of spirit stones. He currently had fifty thousand, but he needed ten thousand more.

Selling the items left by Qian Chen would easily fulfill this need. However, it couldn't be sold within the sect.

That meant he had to craft talismans to earn spirit stones.

At present, he could produce some high-quality talismans.

With a bit over ten thousand needed, he probably wouldn't have to wait until next year.

Moreover, there was a Heavenly Rejuvenating Pill that could also be sold. Recently, he hadn't done much, or else he wouldn't be so lacking.

There was also a bit of trouble. He had to prepare the September Spring Tea. Otherwise, he might get into trouble.

Thinking it over, he realized that he was still massively short on spirit stones.

The days that followed became peaceful, and Jiang Hao contemplated entering the Blood Pool again.

Upon visiting the Law Enforcement Peak, he discovered that a mission to

Devil's Den was available in three days. He could join in.

He began crafting talismans for sale.

Aside from the Fine Grade Six Talismans, he began to mass produce Golden Core Six Talismans.

There was a considerable price difference, so producing more Golden Core Six Talismans was preferable.

However, there was a problem.

Senior Brother Duan Guan and Senior Sister Leng Tian were not progressing quickly enough in their cultivation. They couldn't keep up with the production of some of the higher-grade talismans.

Therefore, having fewer of the Fine Grade Six Talismans was not an option because they could bring in quite a lot of spirit stones. Others purchasing one or two Golden Core Six Talismans couldn't compare to Senior Brother Duan Guan and the others in terms of wealth.

The Fine Grade Six Talismans were mainly crafted for the last three talismans.

The Ten Thousand Swords Talisman, the Earth-Shattering Talisman, and the Power Controlling Talismans usually sold for around sixty spirit stones each.

Apart from these, there were Healing Talismans, which sold for about thirty spirit stones and occasionally reached fifty during conflicts and battles.

As for the Golden Core Six Talismans, the first three talismans created were the Heavenly Sword Talisman, the Evil Breaking Talisman, and the Rejuvenation Talisman.

The Heavenly Sword Talisman was an improvement of the Ten Thousand Swords Talisman, while the Rejuvenation Talisman could heal wounds and restore plant vitality. It was more useful than Healing Talismans.

The Evil Breaking Talisman, as its name suggested, dispelled malevolent forces.

Its effect was average, but it had many uses for those who didn't know many techniques.

They sold for about ninety spirit stones each.

After some thought, Jiang Hao decided not to sell the Evil Breaking Talisman.

There had to be some drawbacks for others.

Three days later, the people for the Devil's Den mission gathered.

Putting down his talisman pen, Jiang Hao tidied up the Spirit Herb Garden and headed straight for Devil's Den.

He entered the cave as he had done many times before, then found a suitable place to open the path to the Blood Pool.

As for other fellow sect members who entered, all were at Foundation Establishment Realm, so there wasn't too much to worry about.

However, he still needed to be vigilant against them.

Otherwise, one day in the future, he would certainly suffer.

After a while, Jiang Hao once again walked on the blood-stained path.

Just like before, everything went smoothly.

He encountered the figure of Gu Jin just like before.

The latter slowly opened his eyes and was somewhat surprised to see Jiang

Hao.

“Is this your house?” he asked.

He came and went as he pleased.

Jiang Hao looked at the figure without noticing any changes.

“Senior, it’s good to see you remain the same,” said Jiang Hao.

Gu Jin stared at him intently. He seemed to see through him. “How did you manage to come and go as you please?”

“Perhaps it’s bad luck?” Jiang Hao said.

If it was good luck, why would someone end up in such an ominous place?

Gu Jin chuckled. He felt the other knew the reason but didn’t press further.

“What are you here for this time? There’s no one here anymore,” he said. fr(e)e

“I want to go inside. Senior, do you have any advice for me?” Jiang Hao remained calm.

He intended to check the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

“Go inside?” Gu Jin was astonished. “Did you sense any changes inside?” This time, Jiang Hao was surprised. ‘Changes inside? What kind of changes?’ “Senior, I don’t know what you mean. Please enlighten me,” he said.

He genuinely didn’t know the situation inside. Faced with such a ferocious creature, he didn’t dare to be lax.

He didn’t feign arrogance. One misstep could bring disaster.

“You don’t know?” Gu Jin asked curiously. “Then, why did you come?”

“I came for something else. I’m worried that it might affect me,” Jiang Hao said respectfully.

“It seems you discovered something inside.” Gu Jin smiled. “Since you seek advice from me, can I ask you something in return?”

“Of course.” Jiang Hao nodded. “Every gift should have a price.”

Gu Jin looked at the person before him in surprise. “Have you recently had contact with anyone from the Astronomical Academy?”

Jiang Hao shook his head.

The Astronomical Academy was in the west. It was quite far away from the southern region.

He couldn’t get in touch with them even if he wanted to.

“In that case, try to make contact.” Gu Jin thought for a moment, then he took out a book. “Give them this book. I wrote it years ago. I can’t leave, but there is no reason for the book to be stuck here with me.”

Jiang Hao took the book and glanced at the title.

Emblazoned on it were the words: “Ancient and Modern Book.”

Wasn’t this the book Zhang wanted?

She mentioned that a person took the book away.. Was she referring to Gu Jin?

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It didn’t seem likely. Gu Jin mentioned that he was a respected figure, while Zhang had a thief who had stolen the book. freeweb . com

As for the exact situation, Jiang Hao was unaware.

However, this wasn’t a difficult task.

Moreover, Zhang was probably someone from the Astronomical Academy.

The people in the gathering weren’t simple at all.

“I promise to deliver this, Senior,” said Jiang Hao.

“I won’t make things difficult for you either. Tell me. What else do you need?” Gu Jin asked.

Jiang Hao looked at the person before him and fell silent.

In truth, he didn’t want anything. Last time he got the person’s name and that didn’t resolve anything.

The more things he acquired, the more trouble it might bring.

However, there was one thing he wanted to ask about.

“Senior, do you know about records from the Sage’s Book?”

“The Sage’s Book?” Gu Jin furrowed slightly. “Are those pages appearing now?”

Jiang Hao nodded. He was puzzled.

“Senior, are you worried by them appearing?” Jiang Hao asked.

“What do you think is in the Sage’s Book?” Gu Jin asked.

“Records of mantras maybe... or even history of our ancestors?” Jiang Hao said doubtfully.

Gu Jin shook his head with a sigh. “Yes and no. The appearance of the Sage’s

Book is not a good sign. Whenever it appears, it brings about a huge change.

The last time the pages appeared, they described the Heavenly Dao Foundation

Establishment Grand Earth Emperor.”

At that time, the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment had not yet appeared, but the Grand Earth Emperor emerged. The emperor suppressed many clans. He not only became the emperor but also controlled the fortunes of the world.”

“Isn’t that a good thing?” Jiang Hao learned for the first time that the Sage’s Book documented such things.

“A good thing?” Gu Jin smiled. “Do you know what other things the Sage’s Book has recorded?”

“What?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Do you know about the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl?” Gu Jin asked.

Jiang Hao was stunned.

“It seems you do know.” Gu Jin nodded. “Yes. The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl is also recorded on the pages of the Sage’s Book. It is said that during that era, numerous powerful clans were at war. This allowed endless massacres, so the Misfortune Pearl emerged. At that moment, all the clans ceased fighting and united to survive.” Gu Jin chuckled. “Do you still think it’s a good thing when the Sage’s Book appears?”

“If the pages document these kinds of things, why do many people seem to know about them? And why are they in the West? Is it related to the Astronomical Academy?” Jiang Hao asked.

“The Astronomical Academy has its own pages of the Sage’s Book. They were treasures left behind by the academy’s predecessors. But they’re not genuine pages from the Sage’s Book...” Gu Jin hesitated. “However, some seniors at the Astronomical Academy know the true origin of these pages. It’s not about the strength of cultivation but rather the level of understanding of their contents. And these knowledgeable individuals leave the academy to expand their own influence.”

‘The Heavenly Tower...’ Jiang Hao immediately thought of that.

The First Master was a senior of the Astronomical Academy who even entered the Abyssal Sea.

“If what you say is true, is the cultivation world going to face a disaster?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Of course not,” Gu Jin said. “The pages of the Sage’s Book also record culinary arts, poetry, architecture, and magical artifacts. But it’s been a long time since they last appeared, which always makes people feel uneasy. And it’s hard to say who gets them...”

Jiang Hao lowered his head.

“How do these pages appear?” he asked.

Gu Jin shook his head.

Jiang Hao wasn't sure whether he didn't know about it or was refusing to reveal an answer.

However, he could ask Hong Yuye. She might provide some clues.

“Senior, could you tell me what happened inside the Blood Pool?” Jiang Hao changed the topic.

Gu Jin turned to look behind him. “Something inside has drawn close and has caused the Blood Pool to stir. If this influence persists, I'm unsure what consequences it will bring,” Gu Jin said with concern.

If the Blood Pool flowed outward, the consequences would be disastrous.

However, there was one thing he didn't explicitly mention. The Blood Pool was stable now. At first, he was puzzled, but now he understood. It was because of the arrival of the person before him.

But he was still uncertain how that had happened.

Jiang Hao furrowed his brows. Something was drawing near and causing changes in the Blood Pool.

One thing was for sure. It must be the doing of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

The changes began after he arrived. It might mean that the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl sensed the fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl.

As a result, it was approaching this place.

The confrontation between the Blood Pool and the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl would undoubtedly cause disastrous reactions.

Once the seal was broken, the consequences would be unimaginable.

He must find a way to stabilize the situation here.

Otherwise, the Heavenly Note Sect will be the first to suffer.

The one who would be at a disadvantage was himself.

“Are you going inside to check the situation?” Gu Jin asked.

Jiang Hao nodded.

After that, he bid farewell and left.

Gu Jin frowned. He realized that the changes here emerged after this person had arrived. But he didn’t exactly know why.

There were many secrets here, but he fell into them too early.

If the other party had visited twice, there might be a chance for a third meeting.

The more they met, the more he would guide the person towards the

Astronomical Academy. That was the only thing he could do as a scholar.

After bidding farewell to Gu Jin, Jiang Hao walked inside. He took out the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, and the waves in the Blood Pool calmed beneath his feet.

He traveled quickly along this path.

Before long, he reached the end of the Blood Pool.

When he arrived there, he was stunned. He was afraid.

The purple energy in his body was running wildly.

It felt as if his feet would lose their power to stand upright.

At that moment, his gaze was completely occupied by an immensely huge green sphere that seemed to dominate the heavens.

It was the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

The pearl, which had been distant like the sun before, had approached the Blood Pool at some point. It occupied half of the sky and created an overwhelming feeling of dread.

This wasn't just a sphere. It was a constellation.

Looking at the green sphere, Jiang Hao found himself unable to contend with it.

Such vastness and terror were beyond anything he had ever seen.

His own power was too weak. It was no wonder all things would eventually perish under it. It was also no surprise that the Senior Dan Yuan and others didn't want it to break the seal.

“The ignorant are fearless.”

Jiang Hao had worries, but he had never been so frightened before.

He had sealed the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl. It had stayed sealed after that. That had made him think that such items weren't very dangerous if he handled them with caution. But the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl was terrifying.

He could die at any moment.

The pearl occupied everything and was about to touch the Blood Pool. Jiang Hao didn't know what to do.

Perhaps soon, the two sides would collide. Would the seal break then?

At that moment, he took out the fragment of the Earth Extreme Heart Devouring Pearl. For a moment, the fragment showed a reaction, as if it could break the seal at any moment.

Seeing this, he had no choice but to put it away immediately.

“So, it's because of the Earth Extreme Heart devouring Pearl...” Jiang Hao stood rooted in place for a long time. He felt as if the huge pearl was staring at him.

“I must find a solution.”

He could only ask Hong Yuye about this matter, and time was running short.

He never expected that his casual visit would bring such trouble upon himself.

After that, he left the Blood Pool.

He appeared once again in Devil's Den.

His eyes fell on the deeper part of Devil's Den where the stars were reversed, and their radiance struggled to escape.

Presumably, there were even more dreadful things there.

"Perhaps the seal of the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl is there. But the Earth Extreme Heart devouring Pearl isn't complete yet, so maybe it's not there after all.

Jiang Hao sighed heavily. He could only leave for now.

On the way, he encountered five Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators.

It reminded him of the first time he came here.

Back then, he was only in the middle stage of the Foundation Establishment Realm and was facing late-stage Foundation Establishment Realm cultivators.

"It's only been a dozen years, and I'm already facing the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl.

He felt quite sentimental.

Clearly, what he wanted was neither brilliance nor fame.

However, many things happened that made him act anyway.

Unknowingly, he had already done a lot..

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