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Chapter 851: Who Else Is In The West?

He used the same piece of cloth as before.

He often used it to wipe the Heavenly Blade.

He found that the rusty iron slag was not easy to wipe off.

But after wiping for a while, a bubble fell out.

[Strength +1]

It was a good start.

It had been so long since he found a bubble.

He continued to wipe, and some iron slag fell off.

Some bubbles fell again.

[Spirit +1]

[Spirit Sword +1]

[Stamina +1]

Jiang Hao was quite delighted. When he was almost done wiping the sword, blue bubbles fell.
[Cultivation +1]

[Lifeblood +1]

A smile appeared on Jiang Hao's face.

Then, he continued to wipe. It had been a long time since he got blue bubbles.

July was already here, and it was already late in the month. He hadn't had a chance to get the bubbles.

It was great to get a few.

He slowly wiped the sword. It wasn't as shiny, but it was getting there.

It looked like an ordinary spirit sword.

But the bubbles kept appearing. Although there were fewer blue ones, it still popped up occasionally.

That was enough.

In a short while, the whole sword was clean. Now, it looked like an ordinary, sharp sword.

Jiang Hao carefully sensed it and found that everything on the surface was fake. The sword embryo was on the inside.

It needed enough sword's intent to awaken it.

After wiping it again and confirming that there were no bubbles, he put the things away.

“No matter how you look at it, it’s an ordinary magic treasure. It’s not easy to sell. ”

Even if someone was in the Primordial Spirit Realm, they couldn’t sense the unique power of the sword without the knowledge from the nameless manual. Such a genius was hard to come by.

Even if encountered, the other party may not be able to offer a price.

He found that he had gained ten blue bubbles this time. That was a lot.

They were equivalent to taking care of the Heavenly Fragrance Dao Flower for two months.

Jiang Hao wiped the other five magic treasures.

It’s not that wiping the magic treasure clean will be valuable.

These magic treasures are all rusty, but each of them has some spirituality.

They were not easy to sell. Only powerful people could sense their uniqueness.

Maybe they could be sold for a good price.

After wiping the five magic treasures, he gained nine blue bubbles.

He had spent about a hundred thousand on them and finally gained nineteen blue bubbles, along with some green and white bubbles.

It was already a good profit, especially since these things could still be sold.

But he couldn't sell them with the cultivation of the Golden Core Realm. He needed to use the Primordial Spirit Realm to meet someone powerful.

Otherwise, he would be stuck with them forever, especially the sword embryo.

After packing up his things, Jiang Hao began to adjust his state. It wasn't long before it was midnight.

The gathering was about to begin.

At midnight, Jiang Hao entered the stone tablet.

When he came in, the first thing he saw was Zhang, who was now covered in black energy.

It seemed that she could fall into demonic cultivation at any moment.

After that, she would no longer be herself.

It was very dangerous.

Unfortunately, he didn't understand it. Even if he wanted to help, he couldn't.

The others were also watching Zhang.

After everyone arrived, they greeted Senior Dan Yuan.

He asked if they had any cultivation problems.

Now, it seemed that everyone was settling down, and there were no cultivation problems.

If anyone had any problem, it was Zhang.

Sure enough, Senior Dan Yuan explained the immortal intent again.

Xing seemed more focused than last time, and Liu seemed to understand more as well.

Gui nodded to show her understanding.

Only Jiang Hao, as always, remained bewildered as if it was something he was hearing for the first time.

The gap in their realms was too vast. It made it impossible for him to comprehend immortal intent.

He could only wait calmly.

After a while, Zhang said, "Thanks, Senior Dan Yuan."

After the explanation, Dan Yuan smiled. "Have you made a decision?"

The figure shrouded in black energy nodded. "Yes, the result should be out soon."

Her answer made Jiang Hao and the others curious about Zhang's intentions.

However, she didn't speak again. She seemed to be struggling.

It felt like a desperate situation.

Dan Yuan didn't say much. "How is the Sea Sky Forest?"

This question was directed at Gui as she was assigned the task.

"It has erupted. The Corpse Sea is spreading now. There is a vortex in the West, and the corpses inside are one of the vortexes. We don't know the source. The Astronomical Academy can't stop it. Even if someone notices, they can't do anything," Gui said.

She didn't go there herself, but she heard a lot about it.

"A fortune vortex?" Dan Yuan smiled. "Did the noodle shop chef inform you?" Gui nodded.

"It seems that someone extraordinary has appeared in the shop." Dan Yuan sighed with emotion.

Gui hesitated. "It's Gu Jin."

At that, Zhang, who had been silent all this while, suddenly turned and looked at Gui. "What? How is that possible?"

"I... don't know. I only know that they've been repeating the phrase 'convergence of the ancient and modern world' a lot. It's said that the issue with the vortex depends on that person," said Gui.

She didn't intend to reveal this, but a major crisis was approaching.

It was necessary to inform them as much as possible.

This way, she might have a better chance at survival.

Jiang Hao lowered his head and did not speak.

Gui might not know that the person she referred to as the one who could make or break this situation was just a small cultivator.

There was no hope at all.

“Gu Jin?” Liu was puzzled.

Even Xing was puzzled.

They had never heard of this person’s existence.

“Gu Jin is not from this era. It’s natural that you don’t know him. His existence is irreplaceable for the West. In those years, he was like a beam of light who illuminated the entire West with his strength. Because of his existence, numerous powerful people rose in the West, and he suppressed the chaos,” Dan Yuan said with a smile. “But he has long disappeared. Many people have forgotten his existence. There has been no news of him even though the Astronomical Academy has searched far and wide.”

Xing frowned slightly. “If such a person has returned, why haven’t the major sects received any news?”

“The overseas region doesn’t seem to have much information about the West either,” Liu said.

‘Don’t think too much. Gu Jin hasn’t actually returned...’ Jiang Hao sighed inwardly.

If everyone thought that Gu Jin had returned, he, who carried the identity of Gu Jin, would probably face tremendous pressure.

No matter what, he couldn’t be careless.

Without enough strength, he wouldn’t get involved in anything too dangerous.

Dan Yuan didn’t dwell much on the topic and instead asked about the whereabouts of the Old Man Corpse Sea.

However, no one knew where the Corpse Sea Old Man had gone.

They only knew that the Sea Sky Forest had been occupied by the Corpse Sea.

At that point, Dan Yuan suddenly asked, “Who among you is in the West?” Zhang was the first to speak. “I am, but I can’t move right now.”

Everyone understood Zhang’s situation. It was uncertain whether she could survive this.

“I am in the West too, but I can’t move right now.”

She had to follow that person. Only then was it possible for her to survive this calamity.

Her situation was similar to Zhang’s in a way. She was going through a lot.

But if Zhang succeeded, she could break through to the Immortal Ascension Platform, while she would only be able to survive.

There probably wasn’t anyone else in the West..

Chapter 852: The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl Was Also Brought To The West

Jiang Hao wondered if he should also tell them that he was in the West. He was caught off guard.

He wanted to avoid revealing his location.

The End of All Things was after the Earth Extreme Silent Pear. If he did anything, it would be chaos.

However, if these people knew he was in the West, he could avoid major issues.

He didn't want to take on more tasks at the moment. There was likely some mission to fulfill if Senior Dan Yuan was asking them where they were.

"Is there anyone else in the West?" Gui asked.

"I am here temporarily," Liu said suddenly.

Gui was surprised. "Friend Liu, are you also there because of the Sage's Pages?"

Most people were in the West for the same reason.

But Liu shook his head.

Gui didn't ask further and turned to the others. "So... is there anyone else?" Jiang Hao remained silent for a moment. "I'm here too," he said after a moment.

Gui looked bewildered.

Others were also somewhat surprised.

"Did you take the Earth Extreme Silent Pearl with you?" asked Xing.

Jiang Hao shook his head. Gui breathed a sigh of relief.

"But the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl is with me..."

Gui was speechless.

For a moment, she didn't understand what he was trying to do, running around with such a dangerous object.

Her intention for coming to the West was completely crushed. Liu was also surprised. He then looked at Xing. "Didn't you go to the West?"

If everyone was in the West, the problems would be easier to handle.

Gui looked forward to that.

If there were more people present, she would feel safer.

At least she wouldn't be alone.

It was like when she encountered the immortal fate before, and she could only watch by herself.

That feeling was unbearable.

Xing smiled and shook his head. "No, I am in the East."

Jiang Hao felt that both Gui and Liu were disappointed by that.

Being in the same region wasn't so difficult because it was hard to run into each other.

The West was vast. Even if two people wanted to find each other, it would be a challenge. It would take a long time even if they were to meet at a designated location.

What was frightening was that Jing and they were in the same place.

Senior Dan Yuan had no more tasks, so it was time for everyone to trade information.

Jiang Hao was in the West, mainly for the Sage's Pages. There was nothing else to care about.

They quietly finished their transaction.

"Are you going to the Jianxin Cliff?" Zhang asked.

Gui shook her head. "I can't."

She could only follow that person for now.

"I might go," Jiang Hao said.

Liu wasn't there for the pages, so he wasn't headed there.

So, Jiang Hao had to speak up.

"There is a village named Big Mountain near Jianxin Cliff. There is a grave on the hill behind the village. If you pass by, Friend Jing, can you offer an incense on my behalf?" Zhang said.

Jiang Hao nodded. "Okay."

The reward in exchange wasn't mentioned.

If Zhang failed, he wouldn't get the reward for the mission.

If she succeeded, then he could receive the reward at any time.

That was how the gathering worked.

"I want news on the Heavenly Spirit Tribe," said Xing.

He looked at Liu.

"How detailed do you want it?" Liu asked.

"The more detailed, the better," Xing said.

Jiang Hao was surprised. It was understandable when Gui wanted information about the Heavenly Spirit Tribe before, but it was strange that Xing wanted it too.

Liu nodded, and Xing asked what he needed to do in exchange.

Liu thought about it. "I want to know what information the Clear Sky School

has about the Dragon Clan."

Xing readily agreed.

Gui seemed deep in thought, but she didn't say anything.

She still needed to pay attention to her own condition.

With no more transactions, everyone began to talk about the recent events.

"Both The End of All Things and the Great Thousand God Sect want the Astronomical Scroll. The former might want it for the Sage's Pages, and the latter... I don't know yet," said Zhang.

Jiang Hao understood. It seemed that besides Zhang, people from the Great Thousand God Sect were also after the scroll.

“The situation in the West has a significant impact. The Bright Moon Sect has sent someone, but they may not intervene because that involves the fortune of the West. As Gui said, perhaps only special individuals can resolve the situation. Otherwise, it will be a disaster for all living beings. That is probably what The End of All Things wants to see,” Xing said.

“But the information about that corpse still seems to be a mystery. I only know that he may be from the Corpse Clan.”

“Speaking of corpses, there’s something I need to inform you about,” said Dan Yuan as he looked at Jiang Hao, Gui, and Liu. “In the West, you need to be careful. If I’m not mistaken, the danger in the Sea Sky Forest hasn’t escalated because that corpse hasn’t made a move. It likely has already left the Sea Sky Forest and is wandering around the West. Be Careful. It is most likely to approach those who possess karmic treasures and fortune treasures.”

‘Karmic treasures?’

They immediately thought of the stone tablet they used.

This tablet was most likely such a treasure.

As for the fortune treasures...

They looked at Jing.

At the same time, they thought of the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl.

‘Why are you looking at me? Can the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl also be considered a fortune treasure?’ Jiang Hao felt worried.

He recalled the feedback from the appraisal. The Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl seemed to be genuinely a fortune treasure.

His heart sank.

Even Gui and the others were worried,

It was already dangerous enough as it was. The West would soon be in trouble.

“Do you have a way to avoid it, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked.

“There is indeed a way,” Dan Yuan said. “If what Gui said is true, then you can try to find Gu Jin. He has a special fortune in the West. Perhaps it can confuse the opponent. Only by staying at Gu Jin’s side can you avoid the corpse. However, both the corpse and Gu Jin are extraordinary individuals. They might clash with each other.”

Jiang Hao sighed in his heart. His situation was getting even more complicated than he had anticipated.

No matter what he did, he couldn’t avoid the corpse.

It was truly a dead end.

After thanking him, Jiang Hao fell silent.

The matter was too shocking.

The gathering also ended.

At that time, everyone who woke up from the gathering felt down.

In a loft, Mr. Tao woke up from his meditation. He held a book in his hand, and there was warm tea by his side.

He sighed heavily.

He put down the book and walked out of the loft.

Tang Ya was outside on guard. "Mr. Tao, another sleepless night?"

"Indeed." Mr. Tao smiled helplessly.

Then, he looked around and said, "Where's Zhu Shen? Call him."

"Okay." Tang Ya nodded and then used a secret technique to summon Zhu Shen.

"Mr. Tao, are you looking for me?" Zhu Shen flew over from afar. Mr. Tao nodded. He rubbed his temples. "Pack up. Let's return overseas."

"Now?" Tang Ya was puzzled.

"Yes. Now." Mr. Tao nodded..

Chapter 853: A Cursed Retreat

Moonlight spilled onto the earth.

Even the paths were illuminated.

At that moment, a flying magical treasure whizzed through the high sky, with three figures above.

One of them was sitting cross-legged and leisurely making tea.

“Mr. Tao, are we really going back like this?” Tang Ya looked down and asked.

“Is there anything here worth missing?” Mr. Tao asked curiously.

“Not really... It’s just that we are so close to the Dragon’s Nest. Why give up suddenly?” Tang Ya felt regretful.

Zhu Shen was also puzzled.

He was about to find a very important person.

Leaving like this suddenly made him feel remorseful.

Mr. Tao’s rapid departure indicated that this place was not safe to stay for long.

They had to listen to him.

Mr. Tao was good at strategizing.

Mr. Tao did not miss anything. Everything was under his control.

If Mr. Tao still chose to leave the West overnight, it meant it was a serious issue.

However, they didn’t understand.

“Are our enemies coming here?” Tang Ya asked.

“No.” Mr. Tao shook his head. “The Dragon’s Nest can be found anytime. It might be a bit delayed, but it wouldn’t affect us so much. But if we don’t leave right now, we might be stuck in the West for a long time.”

Zhu Shen and Tang Ya were surprised.

“Is the West dangerous?” Tang Ya asked.

“Is there a danger we don’t know about?” Zhu Shen also asked. It wouldn’t be this serious unless it was something very dangerous.

Mr. Tao smiled.

Tang Ya looked at Zhu Shen. “Do you understand Mr. Tao’s riddle?”

Zhu Shen was speechless.

“You don’t like riddles now, do you?”

Bi Zhu woke up in a wooden house in the village. She lived with the Mountain Princess.

This house was the newest in the village, but it still looked ordinary and small.

Bi Zhu walked out of the house and walked to a big tree in the distance.

She wanted to find someone to talk to.

“Auntie Qiao?” she called out softly.

“Princess, are you looking for me?” Qiao Yi walked out from behind the tree. Bi Zhu was startled.
“Auntie Qiao, can you make some sound next time?”

“What’s wrong, Princess?” Qiao Yi was puzzled. Bi Zhu asked softly, “What is the name of this village?”

“Mountain God Village,” Qiao Yi said.

“That’s good...” Bi Zhu breathed a sigh of relief. “Auntie Qiao, after this is over... if we survive, let’s go back to the South and stop wandering around for a while.”

Qiao Yi shook her head. “Princess, have you forgotten? We still need to go overseas to find the Heavenly Spirit Tribe.”

Bi Zhu was speechless.

She just wanted to go home.

After the gathering, Jiang Hao took out a book and started taking notes.

There wasn’t much that needed to be written down.

Only the Great Thousand God Sect’s involvement in Zhang’s affairs needed to be noted, and there was also a high possibility that the corpses would be wandering in the west. They might be getting closer to fortune and karmic treasure.

There was a possibility that Jiang Hao might run into the corpses.

Gu Jin’s fortune and identity might confuse the corpses to seek him out.

It was inevitable.

Jiang Hao sighed. He felt that he was getting involved in too many things after coming to the West.

It was difficult to escape.

The only way now was to quickly find the Sage's Pages and return home.

Before returning to his sect, he had to help Zhang with her offering.

It was an ordinary task.

He could now see how dangerous it was to make it to the Immortal Ascension Platform.

Even such an ordinary task was difficult to do. Zhang had underestimated the danger of advancement.

Not everyone could make it to a new realm safely.

After writing down everything, Jiang Hao began to study the nameless manual.

What he needed now was the power of perception. He couldn't raise his combat prowess, so this was helpful.

He needed to improve quickly. So, the only way was to use the spirit stones to digest the divine soul of the Holy Master.

Unfortunately, he couldn't do it now.

He didn't have enough spirit stones.

He only had twelve thousand left.

The next day, Jiang Hao found Hong Yuye.

He discussed what had happened in the gathering. He also mentioned the walking corpses in the West who were targeting fortune and karmic treasures.

He hoped to get some advice from her because the solution given by Senior Dan Yuan was of no use to him.

He was Gu Jin. So, he obviously couldn't use his identity to solve his own problem.

He also brewed a pot of tea for her.

"The Corpse Clan?" Hong Yuye asked.

"Yes. It's said to be someone from the Corpse Clan," Jiang Hao said.

"Why do you think he's looking for karmic and fortune treasures?" Hong Yuye poured a cup of tea for herself.

"If he's still a corpse, then karmic and fortune treasures are most likely needed to revive him." Hong Yuye took a sip of tea. "Currently, even if the corpse is awake, it has no life force. It's similar to a discarded body. As time passes, it'll disappear. Then, it'll wait for someone to revive the corpse again."

Jiang Hao nodded. He understood why it hadn't caused so much commotion.

The corpses were trying to find a way to revive themselves.

"If it appears, can you sense it?" Jiang Hao asked.

“People from the Corpse Clan have avatars. This person should be no exception.” Hong Yuye looked at Jiang Hao meaningfully.

Jiang Hao was somewhat puzzled. Many people had avatars.

The Divine Corpse Sect, the Corpse Clan, and the Great Thousand God Sect...

They all used clones and avatars.

Hong Yuye didn't provide much information, and Jiang Hao could only take one step at a time.

However, the danger seemed to exceed his capabilities.

He didn't know what to do.

In front of real power, he was too insignificant.

No matter how hard he worked over the years, he still couldn't become strong enough.

Perhaps in the sect, he could still manage. But once outside, he was reminded of where he stood. He felt helpless.

Maybe he should continue hiding in the sect.

The two headed toward the Thousand Springs River.

At that moment, an old woman descended from the sky near the spring.

There were already some people there. When they saw the old woman, they stepped back.

The old woman had dark auras around her. When she landed, the grass withered at her feet. The curse spread.

"I'm waiting for someone. I hope you won't get in my way," said the old woman as she looked around at the others.

The people could only nod and retreat or stay there silently.

Granny Kufa was a dangerous person.

It wasn't good to provoke her. She could kill someone with a curse without even lifting her finger.

Similar things had happened before.

For a while, the crowd dared not speak, but they were all curious about who Granny Kufa was waiting for.

After asking around, they found out that Granny Kufa's avatar had been killed while avenging her grandson.

Now, the main body was waiting for the enemy here.

Someone sighed. "If this person doesn't have a big, influential background, they're in trouble."

"Yeah. They managed to offend her. I heard that even the most powerful individuals of major sects don't want any beef with her," said a woman who was standing nearby..

Chapter 854: The Fearless Golden Core Realm Cultivator

Jiang Hao headed toward the Thousand Springs River.

After several days of walking, he finally saw the outline of the river.

From a distance, he saw many mountains. A river flowed from the top to bottom.

Many springs and tributaries converged into a river.

This was the Thousand Springs River.

Jiang Hao found that each spring was like nature's hot spring.

"It's a pity that there's no inn here," Jiang Hao said and sighed.

Hong Yuye glanced at him.

Jiang Hao didn't say much and looked ahead. He wanted to find clues about Sage's Pages.

However, no matter how he looked, he could find nothing.

He didn't know if the clue he had found was accurate or not.

The path to the springs was paved.

Jiang Hao and Hong Yuye walked together and headed toward the highest point of the mountain.

They wanted to take a look because they were hopeful that they could find something there.

“Friend...” said someone from close by.

Jiang Hao turned and saw a young man sitting under a tree.

He looked familiar.

“Did you call me, Senior?” Jiang Hao asked.

“Senior?” The young man smiled. “My status is not that high. I’m just slightly higher in the cultivation realm than you. I just wanted to say that... don’t go up there. The path is full of curses. It’s fine here, but it’s hard to say if you’ll be safe beyond this point.”

“Curses?” Jiang Hao looked and saw only faint traces of curses.

“Yes.” He Du nodded. “This path has been cursed by Granny Kufa. If you go up, you might suffer. I heard she is waiting for someone up there for revenge.” “Granny Kufa?” Jiang Hao was surprised.

He thought the curse had disappeared, and Granny Kufa might have given up.

Unexpectedly, she was still waiting for him.

She was actually quite knowledgeable. How had she found out that he was going to be here?

Jiang Hao didn’t know if she had just guessed it or found out by other means.

“Yes. Do you know about Granny Kufa, Friend?” He Du asked.

For a Golden Core Realm cultivator like him, it was natural for him not to know about powerful people like that.

Jiang Hao nodded. "I've heard about her a couple of times. What do you think of her, Senior?"

"She is a person who possesses a special magic treasure but acts recklessly. It's said that some major sects tried to kill her, but she escaped every time and then began to retaliate. She targets talented disciples of major sects for revenge. She is difficult to guard against. There was a powerful expert who tried to chase her but wasn't able to kill her. She almost killed him. A senior had to intervene to resolve the matter," said He Du.

"What kind of magic treasure is it that allows her to be so reckless?" Jiang Hao was curious.

"It's something related to curses and survival," said He Du. "According to some seniors, it might be related to the Longevity Clan. They didn't elaborate on the details. But Granny Kufa is formidable. It's said that she is likely involved with some formidable existence, so those who can actually kill her are reluctant to act against her. They just let her be. In recent years, she has been a bit bearable because she had a grandson. Unfortunately, her grandson was killed some time ago. Now, she has gone crazy. It's better not to provoke her, Friend."

"If she's so terrifying, what are you still doing here, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked.

"It's because... she has been useful for my Master. At least, she used to be. I'm not so sure now... A crazy person wouldn't care about friends or foes anyway,"

"Do you think her grandson deserved his death?" Jiang Hao asked after some thought.

"I never saw him, but based on rumors, her grandson was even more reckless and despicable than her. I... feel like it's better that he is dead," said He Du.

"Indeed... This Granny Kufa sounds really troublesome," said Jiang Hao.

The people around her weren't really scared of her cultivation realm but more about her going crazy and attacking everyone.

"Senior, are you from the Astronomical Academy?" Jiang Hao asked.

He had been thinking about where he had seen this person before.

Now, he remembered meeting him when he visited the Bright Moon Sect.

He had seen him use the Light and Dust Technique before.

“Your eyes are sharp!” He Du was surprised.

Jiang Hao didn’t say much and continued to walk toward the mountain peak.

He Du was shocked. Hadn’t he explained things properly?

He swallowed the words he was going to utter and followed along.

Jiang Hao and Hong Yuye walked up the stone steps and looked around. They were unhurried as if they were strolling leisurely in a courtyard.

As for the curses, they didn’t get close to them.

Even without using the Heavenly Fate Misfortune Pearl, Jiang Hao could easily resist these things.

The path that looked deserted soon filled with people.

A crowd gathered.

When they saw the cultivation realm of the two people, they sighed sadly.

They thought these two were inexperienced, so they didn’t know what was coming their way.

It surprised them more that He Du followed them.

Some people felt that he was there to protect those two.

“A Golden Core Realm cultivator... Does he think highly of himself?” Some people whispered along the roadside.

They knew that making it to the Golden Core Realm usually made people feel invincible.

However, as time passed, they realized that the Golden Core Realm was just the beginning.

Jiang Hao didn't pay attention to the people around him. He continued ahead and finally reached the peak.

At that moment, he still hadn't sensed any special aura, but he felt the curses starting to intensify. It pressed down on him.

Besides Jiang Hao, people around also felt the curse's power.

“Friend, the curse is stronger here,” He Du said.

Jiang Hao paid no attention to the curse but whispered, “Granny Kufa doesn't dare show herself, does she?”

Although he knew where the opponent was, he was sure.

It was necessary to understand the opponent's weakness to deal with them in one go.

Since Granny Kufa was seen as troublesome by everyone, it was best to deal with her in one blow.

He Du was surprised.

The others also felt astonished.

Was this person deliberately provoking Granny Kufa?

They had thought this newcomer was just ignorant and reckless, but now, they felt that perhaps he had some tricks up his sleeves. The curse intensified, but Granny Kufa didn't appear.

She was probably observing him.

Jiang Hao took out the golden wheel.

In an instant, he felt the curse's power erupting like a wave, followed by a figure in the void.

That was an effective concealment technique.

"It's you! You killed my grandson!" Granny Kufa looked at him in hatred and anger. "My grandson wouldn't even harm an ant, but you killed him!"

Jiang Hao looked at her calmly.

First, he needed to appraise her..

Chapter 855: He Was Here For The Kill

Jiang Hao set up a tea table on the side. He then brewed a pot of September Spring.

Only then did he turn to Hong Yuye. “Senior, care for some tea?”

She didn’t respond but sat down and drank the tea.

People around them kept their eyes on Jiang Hao and paid little to no attention to Hong Yuye.

They found Jiang Hao’s behavior strange. He was making tea at a moment like this!

“You still have the leisure for this.” Granny Kufa sneered.

At this time, curses continued to emerge around the Thousand Springs River as if the curses had been planted there since long ago.

“So ominous...” Jiang Hao shook his head and sighed. “Others play with curses but want to remain mysterious. Yet you want to show off how ominous you are.”

Jiang Hao’s eyes sparkled.

A powerful aura condensed in the air and then erupted with a loud boom.

They had no idea where the terrifying force came from.

Boom!

At the highest point of Thousand Springs River, an invisible force roared and sent people flying.

It was Granny Kufa who had blasted everyone away with her power.

The crowd was shocked.

In the next moment, Jiang Hao chased after Granny Kufa.

People reacted and followed with flying swords.

However, when they arrived, they found that the person had disappeared.

In the woods on the other hill, the Heavenly Cauldron unfolded.

He appraised her.

[Granny Kufa: in the early stage of the Immortal Ascension Platform. Her body contains the core branch of the Longevity Cursed Tree, which has been refined into the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse. Every fifty years, a small realm can be condensed into a Longevity Heart. Before death, it is possible to connect the Longevity Heart with a treasure or a cursed heart to awaken it. The cultivation realm lowers by one realm if killed. Yin-Yang Bracelet can be used to confine the surrounding curse and prevent the Longevity Heart from activating. It can be seized and destroyed, which will kill the enemy. She came after you because she couldn't vent her anger on anyone else. She is confident that the person with the golden wheel is the one who killed her grandson.]

Jiang Hao was somewhat surprised. The treasure turned out to be the Longevity Cursed Tree.

'It's no wonder her curses her so formidable, and she's hard to kill. However. he could use the Yin-Yang Bracelet to confine the curse and the power of the artifact.

The curse was in the Thousand Springs River.

He had to go back.

At first, he had intended to solve the problem and then return.

But now, he decided to take her along with him.

He could simply explain that he didn't want to cause a commotion and disturb

Hong Yuye.

For a moment, he didn't know how to explain.

But he couldn't hesitate. He deactivated the Heavenly Cauldron and charged forward.

The Mountain Sea Seal struck.

The opponent also reacted. With a burst of power, vitality was replaced with massive strength.

Boom!

Powerful forces collided.

Jiang Hao was thrown back.

Some people had just arrived. They saw Jiang Hao being pushed back all the way back to the Thousand Springs River.

Granny Kufa also arrived. She looked down at Jiang Hao. "You are indeed the one who killed my grandson!"

"If I say I just found the treasure lying around, would you believe me, Senior?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I don't believe you! Everyone makes excuses when they realize their death is near!" Granny Kufa sneered.

It seemed she had already figured out how to torture her opponent to death.

"Excuses?" Jiang Hao found that somewhat amusing. "Do you think the person who killed your grandson did the wrong thing?"

"Of course, he did. He killed my innocent grandson," said Granny Kufa.

"Innocent? Wasn't your grandson deserving of death?" Jiang Hao asked.

"What nonsense are you talking about?" Granny Kufa was angry. "You killed my grandson, and you still dare to slander him like this! Ask the people around. Wasn't my grandson a good and sensible child? If he did something wrong, it must have been someone around him who led him astray. He was good. Even if he made a mistake, shouldn't he be forgiven? Why kill him so ruthlessly? He was just a child!"

"I said I didn't kill your grandson," said Jiang Hao. "But I know who did." Granny Kufa and the people around were shocked.

Many people realized that they had underestimated this person. He was indeed a powerful figure.

He Du wasn't surprised. He just wanted to know why the person in front of him had come here.

"Do you really know who killed my grandson?" Granny Kufa asked.

"Yes, and she's right here." Jiang Hao nodded.

"Here?" Granny Kufa looked around. "Who? Who killed my grandson?"

"It's you," said Jiang Hao calmly. "You indulged him, spoiled him, and never taught him right from wrong. You gave him whatever he wanted, and you took care of anyone who offended him. Your actions made him think that the whole world would yield to him. He thought that everyone should worship him. It's you. You killed your grandson."

“What nonsense are you talking about?” Granny Kufa stared at Jiang Hao like a madwoman. “You are trying to play mind games with me. You’re trying to confuse me to save yourself!”

Jiang Hao smirked, and a blade appeared in his hands.

He was ready, and the Yin-Yang Bracelet covered the surroundings.

He stepped out so fast that his movements were a blur.

Granny Kufa was surprised. She finally sensed where her opponent was.

Behind her...

“Don’t turn around.”

A blade pierced Granny Kufa in the chest.

“I don’t need to play mind games with you and confuse you to save myself.”

Granny Kufa sneered. “Do you think you can kill me? If I were so easy to kill, do you think I would be so reckless?”

“Do you rely on the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse to survive? Do you want to try using it to save yourself?” Jiang Hao smiled and swung his blade. She dodged the attack but not completely. Her arm was cut off.

Jiang Hao laughed and swung the blade again.

His every attack drew blood.

Bit by bit, parts of Granny Kufa were hacked off.

Granny Kufa, once so obnoxious, was suddenly afraid. “What is this? What have you done?!”

Granny Kufa was horrified to find that her curses couldn’t touch the person in front of her at all. She couldn’t even use the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse through her treasure. Without the treasures, the power of the curse wouldn’t spread out.

All her winning cards had failed.

How could this be?

Jiang Hao leaped into the air and looked down at her. He slowly raised the blade in his hand.

He used the second form of the Heavenly Blade, Mountain Suppression.

“Don’t struggle, and don’t bother asking why this is happening. My arrival means your death. That’s all.”

With the blessing of the Mountain Sea Seal, the Mountain Suppression Technique became formidable.

Boom!

With one stroke, the mighty force of the mountain and sea pressed down.

Granny Kufa was horrified as the momentum overwhelmed her.

Then, she fell unconscious to the ground.

Her body shattered and scattered in the wind.

The thunderous blow silenced everyone.

The terrifying power made everyone tremble with fear.

This was definitely not an ordinary senior. It was no wonder this person had walked so casually along the mountain path.

He was here for the kill..

Chapter 856: Meeting The Person Who Killed Granny Kufa

Jiang Hao killed Granny Kufa.

At the place where her body shattered, a sapling emerged.

It was the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse.

He knew this wasn't a normal sapling when he reached out for it.

It was a magical item in the shape of a sapling.

It was too bad that he couldn't take it along with him.

He could have gotten bubbles out of it.

He checked it. There was no dust on it.

He was disappointed. There was no way he could wipe it to get bubbles.

Even under the Heavenly Blade's Mountain Suppression, the curses hadn't dissipated. It seemed like they were still trying to escape.

Jiang Hao sensed the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse everywhere.

Without hesitation, he let the purple aura enter the magical item and interfered with the curse.

In an instant, the curse shattered.

At that moment, the surrounding curses seemed to lose their intensity.

With a wave of his hand, Jiang Hao suppressed the curse with the Mountain Sea Seal.

He searched for the storage treasure and put it away when he found it.

He checked to make sure everything was fine. Then, he retrieved the Yin-Yang Bracelet.

Granny Kufa was dead.

However, just as he landed, he felt that the Mountain Sea Seal seemed to have triggered something else. It was very subtle. It might have been a clue related to the Sage's Pages.

He had to wait there for a while.

However, it didn't seem to be in line with Gu Jin's identity. When Gu Jin was young, he might have been full of pride and ambition but also kind and generous.

If he wanted to disguise himself, he had to be careful.

Gu Jin's name carried too much weight and attracted a lot of attention. He dared not use it lightly.

At that moment, the people around looked at each other in disbelief. Granny

Kufa was dead?!

“Granny Kufa isn’t really dead, is she?” someone asked.

“I saw it before. Her curses always caused a rampage and then exploded.”

Granny Kufa would always laugh mockingly after a fight. But this time, she didn’t.

“She might really have died this time,” said a woman in the crowd.

At that moment, an old man with a significantly powerful cultivation realm said, “I also saw it. Whenever someone tried to kill Granny Kufa, she always managed to escape in the end. She was difficult to catch. But this time... a sapling has appeared where she was. I think that is her treasure. She was always prideful and reckless because of that thing. She might actually be dead.”

Everyone fell silent.

It felt unreal that Granny Kufa had died.

The notorious Granny Kufa, who was fearless and difficult to kill, had died.

Some people still felt that Granny Kufa might appear at any moment.

If she had died this easily, it meant the major sects were useless.

Jiang Hao didn’t pay attention to their words. Instead, he walked straight to

Hong Yuye.

She was quietly sipping tea and waiting.

Just as Jiang Hao tried to sit in one of the chairs, she raised her head and looked at him.

Disdain appeared in her calm eyes.

Jiang Hao showed her the Longevity Thousand Hearts Curse that was sealed in a purple sphere that hovered on his palm.

“Do all unlucky things like to run to you?” Hong Yuye asked.

“Senior, you’re joking. The cultivation world is dangerous. That means unlucky things are everywhere. I don’t have an affinity with them,” said Jiang Hao. He also felt that he got entangled with ominous things one too many times.

But he couldn’t admit it.

Hong Yuye looked at him carefully. She didn’t say anything. Instead, she lowered her head and sipped her tea.

Jiang Hao also sat down and drank September Spring.

He had bought eight packs of it. Now, only seven remained.

It would be challenging to buy it in the next ten years.

At least, he wasn’t sure if he could buy it in such a remote place like the Heavenly Note Sect.

After they sat down, some people began to leave.

Soon, the news of Granny Kufa's death spread like wildfire.

Many people didn't believe it. However, when they dug deeper, they found out that Granny Kufa's heavenly connection had disappeared.

Forces related to Granny Kufa had completely vanished overnight.

Three days later, anyone who was close to Granny Kufa disappeared from their areas.

Those who were not close to her but were still connected to her declared that they were never on good terms with Granny Kufa.

Everyone was now sure that Granny Kufa was really dead. It was a fact that they couldn't ignore.

The arrogant old woman was finally dead.

Many people were curious about the killer.

A middle-aged man walked out of his hut in the Ancient River Sect. He had been in seclusion for many years.

He had heard about Granny Kufa's demise, so he wanted to make sure.

"Master," said a man.

"Is it true that Granny Kufa was killed?" the middle-aged man asked.

"Indeed." The man in his thirties nodded. "Where did it happen?"

“At the Thousand Springs River.” “Fetch me a portion of the sect’s best tea.”

“Understood.”

A moment later, the middle-aged man departed on his flying sword.

Meanwhile, in the ancient city, Jing Dajiang was surprised. “Why have so many people been spreading the news about Granny Kuf’s death? Who is Granny

Kufa?”

“I don’t know.” His two old companions shook their heads.

“It seems like many people want to meet the person who killed her. Since we’re free, let’s go take a look. Let’s go and check it out,” Jing Dajiang said.

“Granny Kufa is a junior, right? Why should we bother?” asked the bearded man.

“Let’s go see who the person is. What if it’s a wandering cultivator? They might have wanted to attract attention that way,” Jing Dajiang said with a smile.

The two old men nodded.

After that, they headed toward the Thousand Springs River.

“Is there a rumor that there’s information about the Sage’s Pages there?” Jing Dajiang asked.

“Yes.” The beardless old man nodded.

The three people became even more interested.

Down at the Thousand Springs River, a middle-aged man who had previously traded with Jiang Hao looked up. He was astonished.

‘This fellow cultivator is unexpectedly powerful...’ He walked toward him. He wanted to make another trade with the person.

Based on their previous exchange, Jiang Hao didn’t seem like someone who robbed others of their treasure.

So, there shouldn’t be any harm in trading now.

Jiang Hao suddenly looked up from his cup of tea.

Jiang Hao was quite surprised.

“Senior?” Jiang Hao politely said.

“Friend, please don’t misunderstand. I’m only here for a trade,” said the middle-aged man.

Jiang Hao felt bitter. ‘I don’t even have spirit stones...’

Then, he thought of Granny Kufa’s storage treasure that he had picked up earlier. He checked it and smiled.

“Senior, please have a seat..”

Chapter 857: Making A Pickaxe

"I'm Lou Mantian," said the middle-aged man.

He sat down and smiled. "I have run into you quite a few times, but I still don't know your name."

Jiang Hao thought for a moment. "I'm Gu."

He dared not reveal his full name.

Not many people knew about Gu Jin, but old people definitely knew who Gu Jin was. Jiang Hao wanted to be careful.

It would attract unnecessary trouble.

It was not necessary to use his full name.

After appearing here as Gu Jin, he dared not use his other identities.

"Friend Gu, take a look at the treasures I have here," Lou Mantian said with a smile.

Jiang Hao was also curious.

He didn't have many spirit stones on him. Despite Granny Kufa's prowess, she had kept a low profile and hadn't carried many spirit stones in her storage treasure.

There was still a significant amount in her storage treasure, though. He found 180,000 spirit stones there.

This was the richest person he had ever seen. She even had a few spirit herbs and other magical items.

If all these items were sold, it might fetch him more than 300,000 spirit stones.

Granny Kufa was quite wealthy.

At that moment, Lou Mantian brought out many magical items. Each one was rustier than the last.

They all looked ordinary, but each contained a hint of spiritual energy. Even powerful items such as these couldn't escape the erosion of time.

Then, Jiang Hao saw a halberd.

A violent aura emanated from it.

Halberds weren't easy to sell, and the rust was difficult to get rid of.

"This halberd is well-preserved. Friend Gu, would you like to take a look?" Lou Mantian asked.

Jiang Hao shook his head.

He chose a long sword. There was a hint of the sword's intent emanating from it.

There was also a shield, two bracelets, and two strange treasures.

Jiang Hao asked about the prices.

The price wasn't low. It almost cost a total of 120,000 spirit stones.

"Oh, I also have three packs of September Spring here. Would you like it?" Lou Mantian again.

Jiang Hao was speechless.

In the end, he spent 60,000 spirit stones on it.

He had spent a total of 180,000 spirit stones.

He didn't plan to buy tea leaves for himself, but Hong Yuye was right there, so he had to buy some.

Now, he had ten packs of September Spring left.

It wasn't a loss. The tea could always be sold for more.

He had so many magical items with him, but he didn't intend to sell them yet.

He planned to activate the sword embryo with the sword intent and take the bracelets back to give to the spirit beast and Xiao Li. He decided to give the armor to Lin Zhi.

He would melt the shield to make a pickaxe.

Cheng Chou wouldn't get anything from him this time. Helping him with cultivation was enough.

His progress couldn't be rushed.

He needed a little guidance. Otherwise, reaching the Golden Core Realm would be difficult.

"Friend Lou, do you need pills?" Jiang Hao asked.

"I've already bought all I need." Lou Mantian smiled.

Jiang Hao didn't say much but changed the topic. "Friend Lou, regarding the information about the ancient scrolls... What have you observed?"

"Nothing." Lou Mantian shook his head. "I heard that the water in the Sea Sky Forest is finally under control, but there are still some corpses inside. They are currently being subdued. But the cause remains unknown."

Jiang Hao nodded. It seemed like there was really no major problem there.

The corpses were truly waking in the West.

After that, Lou Mantian got up and left.

Jiang Hao waited.

These days, the Mountain Sea Seal was concealing the surroundings, and something would happen soon.

After that, Jiang Hao drank the tea and listened to the sound of the river.

No one came to disturb him. It was quite peaceful.

The next day, a middle-aged man arrived at the Thousand Springs River.

"I am Zhi Qing from the Ancient River Sect," said the middle-aged man who stood in front of Jiang Hao.

Jiang Hao was surprised. This person was powerful.

So, he invited him to sit.

"I've come to deliver some things," Zhi Qing said as he put a box of tea leaves on the table. "These are the tea leaves from our sect. I hope you like them." Jiang Hao was puzzled.

"I heard that you killed Granny Kufa... I had a grudge with her but couldn't kill her. It's unexpected but nice that you managed to do that. Please accept this as a small token of appreciation," said Zhi Qing politely.

Jiang Hao opened the pack of tea leaves and saw a unique aura on them.

There was no fragrance, but there was a type of coolness to them.

Even the circulation of spiritual energy became smoother.

The tea leaves seemed to be of good quality. It wasn't inferior to September Spring at all.

If it was of such a good quality, the price might be higher too.

If the tea was like September Spring and could heal injuries, it would cost even more.

All the senior cultivators not only required excellent tea leaves but also a good taste.

Otherwise, they wouldn't have it.

"Senior, you are too kind," said Jiang Hao politely. He could go without buying tea leaves for a long time.

He had gained a lot on this trip.

It was indeed useful to have strength on one's side.

If it wasn't enough, it would be disastrous.

Zhi Qing asked about Granny Kufa. He felt quite emotional.

The person he wanted to kill had ended up dead. It made him somewhat sentimental.

After that, he stood up, bowed to Jiang Hao, and left.

Jiang Hao stood up and bowed in return.

Once the other person left, he felt it was about time. The force condensed by the Mountain Sea Seal was almost complete.

It seemed like he could leave now. Following this path, he could reach the Mountain River Valley to check on Zhang and fulfill her request.

At the Mountain God Village, a young woman smiled. "Senior Bi Zhu, are you planning to go into the mountains?"

"Just call me Senior Sister," said Bi Zhu, who looked as young as the Mountain Princess.

Qiao Yi stood on the side. She wasn't surprised. It seemed like Princess Bi Zhu never grew old.

She looked the same when she was eighteen. Even after several hundred years, she remained the same.

"Then, you can call me Xiao Jie," Chu Jie said.

"Let's go inside," Bi Zhu said.

The one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment was more pleasant than he had expected.

Although she couldn't feel many changes, staying by her side made her cultivation smooth.

It was no wonder Chu Jie had advanced so quickly.

It was truly unbelievable.

"Be careful. There are many wild beasts here," said a hunter.

Chu Jie smiled in response.

Then, the group walked toward the mountain.

When they reached the mountainside, the hunters stopped. They didn't follow inside.

This was the territory of the Mountain God. They didn't dare continue forward.

Only the Mountain Princess could do so.

After that, Bi Zhu and the other two continued to climb up the mountain.

On the way, they saw a cave.

"This is it," Chu Jie said.

"It gives off a very violent aura," Qiao Yi said in concern.

If the aura went out of control, she had no way of surviving it.

"It's alright. Let's go in, or it'll become even more violent," said Chu Jie with a smile..

Chapter 858: This Child Must Be From Our Academy

“When did you discover this place, Xiao Jie?” Bi Zhu asked while she walked along an illuminated passage.

As Chu Jie walked ahead, a pure white bird flew beside her. The temperature around them dropped. A dim light was cast into the distance.

“When I was flying on my sword, I passed by and saw flames here. I sensed a powerful force and tried to intervene. I realized that I could stabilize the force, so I flew down. I didn’t know it would take a while,” said Chu Jie.

“Isn’t it a waste of time?” Bi Zhu asked.

She wondered if Chu Jie’s powers could be used for something more important.

“Waste of time?” Chu Jie smiled. “I never had a purpose to begin with, but now I do. So, how could this be a waste of time if it’s helping someone?”

Bi Zhu nodded and didn’t say much.

After that, they arrived at a huge cave.

The flames rolled, and beneath them, a powerful force stirred.

Above the flames, there was a clear force that absorbed everything.

Chu Jie walked to the center of the flames and sat cross-legged on the ground.

She absorbed the raging force.

As time passed, a gentle force emanated from her. It gathered above.

The Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment slowly absorbed the violent force.

Finally, it hovered above.

Bi Zhu looked surprised.

This process was not easy, and Chu Jie absorbed the force, neutralized, and condensed it.

Bi Zhu felt that it was a waste of her talent.

As the sun was about to set, the violent aura diminished significantly.

Although it was still surging, it wouldn't harm anything.

Chu Jie stood up and walked out of the magma. Bi Zhu couldn't help but ask,

"Aren't you going to take that force for yourself?"

Chu Jie looked up and shook her head with a smile. "No need."

"Why?" Qiao Yi asked.

"Because it's useless to me. Absorbing it would be a waste. It's better to leave it for those who need it."
Chu Jie replied.

'Useless?' Qiao Yi found it hard to believe. Absorbing this pure force would significantly enhance one's cultivation realm. How could it be useless?

She didn't know how to respond.

"But if you leave it here... what if someone evil comes here and absorbs such power? Wouldn't that be a waste?" Bi Zhu asked.

Chu Jie thought for a moment and said, "Let's say there are a hundred people in the village. Let's say that fifty people are good while the other fifty are evil. If there was some danger, would you choose to save only the good ones?"

Bi Zhu frowned.

Chu Jie smiled. "Good and evil are just that. If you only see evil, you'll decide to leave them to die without a thought. If you feel that the people are good, you will save them without a thought. At the end of the day, it's a choice. There are consequences to everything we do."

Bi Zhu was stunned. Qiao Yi felt taken aback.

"It's almost time. The uncles will be waiting for us. Let's go," said Chu Jie.

Jiang Hao sensed it. There was a presence here.

He looked up at the sky. The Mountain Sea Seal had faded away.

A bright white light shone down, and four pieces of jade appeared on it.

Jiang Hao reached out to grab them.

The three people who had just arrived also saw the four jade pieces.

They felt a strong ancient aura. It was extraordinary.

“What is this?” Jing Dajiang was astonished.

“The aura of the ancient pages. Grab them!” The bearded old man said immediately.

The three people took action.

Jiang Hao was startled.

The terrifying aura seemed to want to crush him.

The three people each grabbed a piece.

Jiang Hao dared not think too much and reached for the last piece.

Soon, the jade pendant was bound by his power and began to fall.

However, the other three, although bound, suddenly flickered.

The three jade pieces broke free from the restraint and rushed into the sky.

This sudden change surprised Jiang Hao.

Those three people were not ordinary. Why couldn't they catch the pieces?

“The Jade Pendants of Fortune... four of them! D*mn it! Why so many?” Jing Dajiang complained.

“One piece is missing,” The bearded old man said.

The three were surprised.

They looked above the Thousand Spirits River.

What they saw surprised them.

The person there had a plain face and an ordinary appearance, but light shone around him.

The earth glittered brightly where he stood.

The surroundings seemed vibrant somehow. His every move could make or break the West.

All things centered around him.

For a moment, they felt that this extraordinary person was from the ancient land. It was awe-inspiring.

In an instant, the feeling vanished.

What they saw was a restrained divine light and a powerful being with a calm aura that could soothe all things.

“This child must be from our Astronomical Academy!” Jing Dajiang exclaimed.

What they had felt couldn’t be wrong. This person had extraordinary talent.

“There’s something off about him. It’s a pity the chef disappeared. Otherwise, we could have caught her and questioned her. She looked at him quite closely that time,” the beardless old man said in regret.

“He is holding the Jade Pendant of Fortune. He’s definitely not an ordinary person. Let’s go and greet him,” Jing Dajiang said.

Then, the three instantly disappeared and arrived above the Thousand Springs River.

He Du was astonished but was frightened by the arrival of Jing Dajiang and others.

He was honored to see such powerful elders here, but why had they come here?

“Are you from the Astronomical Academy, Fellow Disciple?” Jing Dajiang shouted.

The people below were surprised. So, this person was from the Astronomical

Academy...

It was no wonder he could casually kill Granny Kufa.

Jiang Hao stood still in place.

When he saw Jing Dajiang and the others, he was stunned.

That vast aura left him in shock. ‘What level of power is this? Why does he think I’m from the Astronomical Academy?’

“Senior, who are you?” Jiang Hao clenched his fist. He didn’t want to reveal his identity.

“I am Jing Dajiang. You don’t need to call me ‘Senior.’ You can call me Dajiang,” said Jing Dajiang. “May I ask who you are?”

"I'm... Gu," said Jiang Hao.

'Jing Dajiang...' Jiang Hao realized he was a big shot from the academy. 'Why is such a person outside the academy right now?'

But it seemed Jing Dajiang couldn't see through him like Liu Ying had done.

It seemed the chef of the noodle shop was indeed extraordinary. Even such a powerful person didn't immediately know he was Gu Jin.

He breathed a sigh of relief.

This was good.

"Gu?" For a moment, the three were somewhat surprised.

They thought about the convergence of the ancient and the modern world.

Jing Dajiang tried to see through the person in front of him but couldn't. He was unable to see who this person was. He decided to find out more. In any case, he would try to take him to the Astronomical Academy first..

Chapter 859: Journey with Jing Dajiang

Lou Mantian walked on the road and continued forward.

He looked at the surroundings as if searching for something. He was deep in thought.

At that moment, he took out a spirit stone. He bit into it and swallowed it.

Suddenly, the sky rumbled.

A white light soared in the sky.

It was a jade pendant.

Lou Mantian watched the jade pendant fly through the air. He smiled softly.

He continued onward.

Meanwhile, in the Mountain God Village, after leaving the cave with Chu Jie, Bi Zhu enjoyed a nice dinner prepared by the villagers.

Bi Zhu suddenly realized something.

She had never cared whether these people were good or evil because it had nothing to do with her.

She had just passed through this village and needed a place to stay.

She didn't care whether they were good or evil because it was of no use to her.

The reason was that they couldn't hurt her, irrespective of whether they were good people or not.

So, she had never thought of them as anyone of use or as a threat.

'It seems I was too self-absorbed. It looks like I'm not suitable for the Four Great Emptiness, after all.' Bi Zhu laughed.

At night, she and Chu Jie sat in the courtyard and gazed at the starry sky. They enjoyed the peace of the night sky.

“Is your cultivation advancing smoothly?” Bi Zhu suddenly asked.

“In this world, there probably isn’t anyone who has as much advantage as me,” said Chu Jie. “I feel that as people gain something, they lose something as well. I have some thoughts about what I would lose. But... it’ll be my choice.”

“Isn’t it too soon? You’re still so young...” Bi Zhu sighed.

“How old are you, Senior Sister Bi Zhu?” “I just turned eighteen last year.”

“Oh? I’m in my twenties.”

Qiao Yi was bewildered. She couldn’t believe Chu Jie was in her twenties. She didn’t look like she was lying. Was it really possible for a twenty-year-old to be in the Primordial Spirit Realm?

Suddenly, a bright light flashed through the sky. The three saw two streaks of light whizzing by.

“What is that?” Bi Zhu asked.

The lights had come and gone too quickly.

Bi Zhu wanted to ask again, but the lights seemed to return.

A white jade pendant fell in front of Chu Jie, and another circled around Bi Zhu. It looked unsure whether she was the right person.

Bi Zhu frowned. She didn’t feel like she wanted this pendant.

Things related to the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment weren't for someone as ordinary as her.

Suddenly, the white jade pendant hesitated and then fell in front of Bi Zhu.

It seemed to have made its mind.

'What is this?' Chu Jie asked.

Bi Zhu thought of what Liu Ying had said before.

In the vortex of fate, both she and the one with the Heavenly Dao Foundation Establishment were involved.

In the Thousand Springs River, Jiang Hao looked at the three people. He was unsure what to say to them.

He couldn't tell them he was Gu Jin. It would attract too much attention.

"Disciple Gu, you have obtained the Jade Pendant of Fortune. It seems something big is going to happen," said Jing Dajiang solemnly. "These things don't appear often, but when they do, it means something big is going to happen. It might be related to the Sage's Pages."

"Can it guide me to find them?" Jiang Hao asked curiously.

"Maybe. We didn't get one, so we don't know," said Jing Dajiang.

"Seniors, none of you could catch it?" Jiang Hao asked.

"Yes," said Jing Dajiang. "Every major event will affect the situation in the West."

Only those involved in the vortex of fate can catch it.”

Jiang Hao understood. It seemed that there were four people in the vortex.

He nodded and didn’t say anything more.

He could only take one step at a time.

Going back was almost impossible, so he had to go forward.

As long as he avoided the corpses, there should be no major problems.

If he completed his tasks and left the West, no one would come after him.

Moreover, the havoc the corpses create in the West might not affect the South.

“What are your plans for the future, Disciple Gu?” Jing Dajiang asked.

“I plan to visit the Mountain River Valley,” Jiang Hao said truthfully.

Jing Dajiang was delighted. “It seems we all have something in common with the academy. The three of us are also planning to make a trip there. Let’s go together.”

Jiang Hao felt that this person always tried to repeatedly mention the academy.

He was supposed to be from the academy, so he didn’t object.

After that, he left with Hong Yuye.

Jing Dajiang and the others followed.

The people around them were surprised.

The news of Senior Gu killing Granny Kufa had spread like wildfire. Those who

had refused to believe it now accepted it as a fact.

Some major sects felt much better knowing someone from the Astronomical Academy had killed Granny Kufa. Otherwise, they would have lost all respect if she had been killed by some ordinary cultivator.

Everyone was pleased.

Three days later, around late July, outside the Mountain River Valley Sect, the Astronomical Scroll revolved around a black sphere. It emitted a faint aura.

It had been several months.

Many people felt that the person inside was going to die because the death aura kept leaking out.

The corruption and darkness corrupted almost everything.

Even with the Astronomical Scroll, it was useless.

People occasionally attacked it. They had no intention of leaving.

"It's been so long, and so many people are still attacking the sphere. It seems that Dole has offended many people," Senior Sister Lin said.

The others didn't feel anything. Dole was just an ordinary disciple. If he died, no one would care much. That was the outcome of getting involved with the Astronomical Academy. If one didn't have such great strength, it was better to stay away from people who did. Otherwise, the consequences would be dire. Jiang Hao flew on his sword and finally landed on a distant hillside. He looked for the fallen aura. "The demonic aura is so intense."

Zhang was already on the brink. She might actually succumb to it.

Was there a way to help her?

"I remember there was someone trying to probe the inside of that dark sphere, but they were trapped," said Jing Dajiang. Then, he took Jiang Hao to the nearby woods.

A man stood frozen there.

It was Guan Zhongfei.

Jiang Hao felt quite sentimental meeting him here again..

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Guan Zhongfei still bore the mark of the Mountain Sea Seal.

Jiang Hao had deliberately left them to scare him.

He could retrieve it, but he was in no hurry.

"He seems to be trapped. He probably saw or heard something he shouldn't have," said the beardless old man.

"The End of All Things?" Jiang Hao looked toward the black sphere.

“Not only them. The Great Thousand God Sect is also involved,” said Jing Dajiang. “They can be quite annoying.”

“What is her inner demon?” Jiang Hao asked.

“You can go in and see for yourself.” Jing Dajiang approached Guan Zhongfei. “Normally, we wouldn’t check it rashly. But this person happened to witness it at the right time, so we can make use of that.”

Jing Dajiang placed his hand on Guan Zhongfei’s shoulder. He then flicked his hand and cast a spell that covered everyone.

Immediately, Jiang Hao felt the surroundings change.

Soon, they appeared in a place where a scholar was reading something aloud.

It was the Astronomical Academy.

A young woman in her twenties walked while joyfully reading a book.

She looked dignified yet gentle.

Jiang Hao and the others followed her. They arrived at a simple house.

It was the young woman’s house.

It was clean and well-organized.

She approached the desk, where books and ink were neatly placed.

She sat down with a smile and began writing a letter.

“Mother, Father, are you both doing well? Are you taking the medicine I sent you? I bought some more spirit medicine that can cure hidden illnesses. Let me share some good news with you—I feel I can break through the Golden Core Realm soon. Once I do, I’ll use the academy’s teleportation array to return. It may be half a month later than expected, but that’s okay. By then, you’ll be able to see your daughter at the Golden Core Realm. Please don’t push yourselves. If there’s anything, wait for me to come back and help. I’m in good health now and can handle all the farm work.”

The young woman smiled softly as she wrote the letter.

She used the academy’s flying sword system to send the letter.

Once done, she walked into a room and started cultivating.

After a little over a month, the young woman emerged from the closed room again.

She looked excited. She had made it to the early stage of the Golden Core Realm.

Jiang Hao and the others watched silently.

How could there be positive memories in an inner demon?

As they watched her leave, Jiang Hao and the others followed.

She spent all the academy points in exchange for a round trip.

The teleportation array didn’t lead to her home but to a city.

It would take about half a day to fly there, but for her, that was no longer a problem.

She went to the city. She bought some delicious food, some tools, and some clothes. Only then did she use her sword to return.

Jiang Hao watched her. Her joy at getting to meet her family again was apparent on her face.

However, halfway through, chaos unfolded. What should have been a village was now a sea of fire.

Her heart sank.

She descended hastily to investigate. She saw an elderly man screaming frantically at the edge of the inferno as if he had lost his mind.

“Demons! They’re all demons!”

“Please don’t kill me!”

The young woman froze. “Demons? How could that be? There are no demonic sects nearby.”

She would have never let her parents stay if there was a danger of demonic sects here.

She didn’t feel good.

Without hesitation, she activated her Golden Core power and used her sword to return.

Her cheerful mood was replaced by anxiety.

Jiang Hao and the others followed in silence.

Her speed was swift, but she heard more screams as she got closer to her parents' house.

Cultivators slaughtered everyone who got in their way.

The young woman looked down. She gritted her teeth and flew toward her home.

Soon, she arrived at her mountain village.

She looked at her home. The protective barrier was broken, and a man with a longsword had killed an old couple.

"No! Stop!" The young woman rushed over to them.

The man laughed as though he enjoyed killing innocent people.

Her Golden Core aura erupted.

Boom!

The young woman forced everyone around her to retreat.

She rushed to the old woman's side. The middle-aged man was already dying.

"Mother! Father!"

She took out some pills in a panic.

She fed them the healing pills. Her father couldn't swallow them, and her mother coughed and vomited them out.

The young woman tried to use her Golden Core aura to try and heal them.

However, it was all in vain. They were beyond saving.

“Why isn’t it working?! Why?!”

Tears streamed down her face.

“Mother, I bought rouge for you. It’s the one you like...” The young woman turned to the dying man.
“Father, you wanted to go hunting, right? I bought you a bow and some arrows. I bought clothes too...”

“Mother, please...”

At that moment, someone flew over on a sword. “What a pretty girl! Let’s take her with us!”

The young woman looked up in rage. A storm of murderous intent swept over like a hurricane.

The sudden force frightened the newcomer, and he stepped back in fear.

He then turned and fled.

Her killing intent had risen. She wanted to kill everyone there.

However, at that moment, a blood-stained hand suddenly lifted and touched her.

“Don’t... don’t look at them like that,” said a weak voice.

“Mother, how can I save you?!”

"There's no need for that." The old woman looked at her. "Don't cry. You look undignified."

"I don't want to look dignified right now, Mother! I want you to be safe!" The young woman wiped her tears away.

"Have you advanced in your cultivation?" asked the woman.

"I... I don't want the Golden Core Realm if it's useless to save you. If only I had come here sooner, you would have been fine. If I hadn't stopped to shop, I could have saved you..."

The young woman was heartbroken.

If only she could have arrived sooner...

"We won't be gone," said the old woman. "We'll watch over you. We'll watch you grow into a powerful woman. You might not be able to see us, but we'll always be there."

"I don't want that! I went to the academy so that I could give you a better life. I want to watch you grow old and happy. I don't want this!" The young woman shook her head. Her hurt was replaced by blind rage again.

"Are you angry?" said a voice. "You should be. Those who killed your parents live a happy and carefree life. They watch you mockingly. For them, killing your parents was nothing. Nothing!"

"Shut up!" shouted the young woman.

"Shut up? The one who should shut up is you. Your parents gave birth to you, raised you, struggled for you, and gave up everything. Have you forgotten the time when you were sick? They knelt and begged the entire village just to gather enough money for your treatment. Have you forgotten the time when you wanted to study? They worked hard day and night just to earn a little more for you to have an education. Have you forgotten how you entered the academy? They carried you through mountains and rivers. Your father injured his leg on the way, yet he managed to take you to the academy on time. Now,

they're dead. What have you done for them? You don't dare to act recklessly so you can be safe. You hide and endure. You're a disappointment. If you have no strength, I'll lend you mine. Get up, pick your sword, and look. Look at the faces of those murderers. If you don't kill them, who will?"

The voice echoed in the surroundings and the words struck her heart like knives..