

## Another World 1711

### Chapter 1711: Revealing the Identity

Zhao Hai sat in the Space as he looked at everything that happened in the foreign trial. The situation was as he expected. There were no rules in the foreign trial at all. Everything was based on strength. The reason why people from the super sects wanted to kill the other cultivators was so that they wouldn't be able to make any reports about the trial. This way, they would be a step behind the super sects during future explorations. The super sects would always be at an advantage.

The Great World of Cultivation was ruthless. If you're weak, you would definitely be attacked. The stronger you are, the more resources you gain. And as you gain more resources, the stronger you would be. This would also translate to being able to live longer.

Zhao Hai didn't care about what was happening. After the cultivators dispersed, he took all of the corpses and turned them into Undead.

After dealing with these matters, Zhao Hai immediately released liquid silver to investigate. This time, Zhao Hai wasn't as reserved as he was back in the Black Tiger Gang. In the sect, there were experts that might detect the needles. Therefore, he was very careful.

However, there were no such experts in the foreign trial, so Zhao Hai doesn't need to worry about anything.

The foreign trial was very big. Moreover, the beasts inside weren't weak. Most of the beasts were at the dao avatar stage while a few of them were at the core formation stage.

Such a place was suitable for cultivators on the dao avatar stage. Not only can they experience life and death situations, they can also obtain resources fit for their level. Moreover, once they slay these beasts, they would be able to obtain a lot of good things.

Days passed and in a blink of an eye it was already five days since the opening of the foreign trial. The rift had officially closed. Tie Ying looked at the closing rift with a complicated expression.

He knew how important Li Lin was to Zhang Feng. Although Zhang Feng didn't express it, he could get some clues from the way Zhang Feng talked to Li Lin. He knew that Zhang Feng had attached great importance to Li Lin, even more than Hao Xing and Zhang Hao.

Tie Ying was also very curious about this. There was nothing to say about Zhang Hao. He was just a foundation building expert. Although his ability to manage was very strong, he was still quite weak. There was no need for Zhang Feng to pay him any more attention.

However, Hao Xing was different. Tie Ying has a certain understanding of Hao Xing. Hao Xing was someone that was under Zhang Feng's special protection. Moreover, he had always been a reliable subordinate. Usually, whenever Zhang Feng wasn't on Phoenix Cry Peak, everything was handled by Hao Xing. This shows how important Hao Xing was to Zhang Feng.

But now, Zhang Feng treats Li Lin as someone more important. Although Zhang Feng hid his treatment, Tie Ying was a hundred-year old fox. He was sensitive to a lot of things. This made Tie Ying curious. He couldn't understand why Li Lin was this important to Zhang Feng.

It was because of this discovery that Tie Ying gave the Dragon-Tiger Life Saving Pill to Li Lin. Tie Ying knew pretty well that since Zhang Feng treats Li Lin with importance, then Li Lin should be someone extraordinary. With the rift closing, Tie Ying was both relieved and worried for Li Lin. He immediately activated the transmission formation and disappeared from the platform.

At the same time, a white light flashed on the transmission formation of the treasure ship. As soon as Tie Ying appeared, he saw Zhang Hao standing on the side. It seems like Zhang Hao was waiting specifically for him. When Tie Ying appeared, Zhang Hao immediately bowed and said, "Senior Brother Tie Ying, Senior Brother is waiting for you inside his room."

Tie Ying nodded and then followed Zhang Hao to Zhang Feng's room. Upon entering the room, Tie Ying couldn't help but stare. This was because in addition to Hao Xing and Zhang Feng, Li Lin was also there.

Tie Ying was in a daze upon seeing Li Lin. This was because he saw Li Lin enter the foreign trial with his own two eyes. Moreover, he didn't see Li Lin going out. How could he appear here?

Seeing Tie Ying stunned, Zhang Feng chuckled and said, "Senior Brother, come over. Let me introduce someone to you." Tie Ying looked at Li Lin in confusion. But he still sat down. He believed that Zhang Feng would give him an explanation.

After Tie Ying sat down, Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Little Hai, introduce yourself to Senior Brother."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and then his body shuddered as he returned to his original appearance. Then he bowed towards Tie Ying and said, "Zhao Hai has seen Senior Brother. This is the Dragon-Tiger Life Saving Pill that Senior Brother gave me. Let me return it to you."

Tie Ying was stunned for a moment, but he was still able to reply, "It turns out to be a face-changing technique. I can see that your ability isn't much worse compared to that kid Han Buli. As for the pill, I already gave it to you. Keep it."

Zhang Feng laughed and said, "Senior Brother, accept the pill. To tell you the truth, the pill was made by Little Hai. He doesn't need your pill."

Tie Ying stared as he looked at Zhang Feng who was smiling. Then he turned his head to Zhao Hai. He couldn't believe that an ordinary person like him could make the treasure ship, Goldwind Eagle Armor, and refine the Dragon-Tiger Life Saving Pill.

After some time, Tie Ying recovered. His eyes shone as he said, "I thought about it again and again but I never thought that it was you. Good, good. Fantastic."

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Besides that, Little Hai also has a spatial divergent ability. These foreign trials, as long as he enters them, he can go in and out at any time. The rift is just decoration for him. This is the reason why he's here."

Tie Ying nodded and said, "So it's like that. Little Feng, did you tell Tie Yi and the others about this?"

Zhang Feng sighed and said, "Senior Brother, it's not that I don't want to tell, but this is a sensitive matter. Once the Hu Faction knows about Little Hai's ability, we would be in trouble. Think about it, what would happen if they found out about Little Hai's ability?"

Tie Ying stared for a moment before he nodded and said, "You're right. We should be more careful about this."

Zhang Feng replied, "I introduced Little Hai to you so that you will know who he is. This way, you don't need to worry about the foreign trial."

Tie Ying nodded, "Since Little Hai has this ability, there's no need to worry about him. Little Hai, how's the foreign trial?"

Zhao Hai replied, "It's not good. The super sects had just divided themselves into nine groups and are investigating the foreign trial. As for the people from the other sects, they had almost been wiped out. There are only a few who were able to escape the net. It's hard to say if those people would be able to survive for a year. The beasts inside the foreign trial aren't weak. And there are quite a number of them."

Tie Ying looked at Zhao Hai and said, "If it's dangerous there, you shouldn't return."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I can't do that. This is a good opportunity to kill beasts. I'll refine them into bones and use them as main materials for the ghost-face ships."

Tie Ying stared, then his eyes shone as he said, "You can make ghost-face ships now?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he nodded and said, "Yes, I can. I have almost understood the method to make ghost-face ships. If it wasn't because of the lack of time, I would have already remade the ghost-face ship that we acquired. I already released my undead inside the foreign trial to record the situation inside. I'll use this year to fix the ghost-face ship."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "That's good. Are you staying inside the treasure ship or the Ignored Valley?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I'll go to the Ignored Valley. After I fix the ghost-face ship, I'll recycle some materials and make more treasure ships."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng immediately understood what he meant. So he nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll leave that to you. I will prepare all that you need. I'll wait for the ghost-face ship and the treasure ships."

Zhao Hai nodded. Then he gave Tie Ying a salute and said, "Senior Brother, Senior Brother Tie, I'll ask to be excused." The two nodded. Then Zhao Hai vanished from the room.

Thinking about Zhao Hai, Tie Ying let out a long breath. Then he looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Little Feng, you really do have the means. To be able to get someone like Zhao Hai on your side, I really envy your luck."

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "I'm truly lucky. After Little Hai's first battle, he approached me and revealed his ability. Therefore, I immediately took him into the sect and sent him to the Ignored Valley. It didn't take long before he gave me the treasure ship."

Tie Ying smiled faintly and said, "No wonder you've been high-energy lately. With Little Hai, you will be able to get whatever you want. As long as Little Hai is present, the Hu Clan's demise is set in stone."

Zhang Feng's voice turned cold, "The Hu Clan actually dares to collude with the Wandering Soul Group. This is unforgivable. This is equal to betraying the sect. Sooner or later, I will settle our debts."

Tie Ying replied, "You still need to be careful. The Hu Faction isn't easy to deal with. Moreover, now that you killed a lot of people from the Wandering Soul Group, those lunatics wouldn't let you off. So no matter where you go, you need to be extra careful. Also, the top ten core disciples have been silent recently. I'm afraid they're planning something huge."

Zhang Feng nodded. A worried expression could be seen on his face.

## Chapter 1712: Making The Choice

In the Hu Clan's meeting hall in the Black Tiger Gang, several people were present. The age of these people seemed to be high. The one in the head position had white hair and beard. However, he still had a high-spirited aura. Now that he was old, he gave the feeling of an old attractive man. One could see

that he should be quite attractive when he was young. This person was the Hu Clan's Patriarch Hu Liangchen.

The cultivation method of the Hu Clan was a double cultivation method. This method was generally practiced by a man and a woman. Once they practice, this pair would live and die together. Their minds were also connected. It was an overbearing method.

Because of this cultivation method, the males of the Hu Clan were very charming while the women were very beautiful. They were a family of rare good-looking men and women.

The Hu Clan's method wasn't only useful to the people of their own clan. No matter what person you are, as long as you perform double cultivation with someone from the Hu Clan, you would benefit a lot. So every time a Hu Clan member was ripe for marriage, outsiders would use all they had to get them.

However, the Hu Clan has its own marriage procedures. Even if there were marriages from outside, they would be marrying into the Hu Clan and not the other way around. The Hu Clan would never reveal their double cultivation method to an outsider.

It was also because of their cultivation method that the Hu Clan was difficult to deal with. Since they battle in pairs, they would never separate even if they were against one or even ten people.

The Hu Clan's Patriarch Hu Liangchen was a Transcending Tribulation Expert. Since this is the case, this meant that his wife was also at the Transcending Tribulation Stage. This was the reason people dreaded the Hu Clan.

Naturally, Hu Liangchen was most famous not for his cultivation speed. To be honest, his cultivation speed was average within the Hu Clan. He wasn't a cultivation genius. What Hu Lianchen was famous for was his resourcefulness. He was called the wise man of the Black Tiger Gang. One could see from this point how resourceful he was.

But now, the wise man of the Black Tiger Gang was frowning. He has a worried expression on his face. The reason for this was Zhang Feng's recent actions.

Zhang Feng expanded his base and absorbed many young talents of the Black Tiger Gang. Tie Zhantian even sent Tie Ying and the others to join. This caused Hu Liangchen to feel a sense of crisis.

At first, when Zhang Feng was given the power to expand his base, Hu Liangchen didn't think much of it. After all, he knew how much resources Zhang Feng had in hand. Even if he wanted to greatly expand, it would be impossible.

Hu Liangchen didn't expect Zhang Feng to actually have the resources to expand his powerbase. He initially thought that Tie Zhantian gave Zhang Feng money. Therefore, he immediately issued an audit. Once he discovers that Tie Zhantian has diverted public funds, he would immediately chase Tie Zhantian off from his position.

In conclusion, Hu Liangchen's plan blew up on his face. Not only did they fail to grasp Tie Zhantian's weakness, they also gave Tie Zhantian the opportunity to fight back. This caused the major families to suffer heavy losses.

What worried him even more was the lack of information from the Wandering Soul Group team that was sent to attack Zhang Feng. This caused him to have an ominous feeling.

He made an agreement with the people from the Wandering Soul Group. They would attack Zhang Feng after he leaves to the life and death arena. However, Zhang Feng returned safely and he even brought a slot for the new foreign trial. Hu Liangchen thought that the Wandering Soul Group didn't take action against Zhang Feng because of the new foreign trial. But later he found out that this was wrong. This was because there was news that the Wandering Soul Group participated in the competition for the slots. It was abnormal for these people to not return to the Wandering Soul Group.

When Hu Liangchen heard this, his first instinct was that it wasn't good. If the people from the Wandering Soul Group didn't return, then that only meant one thing. They suffered an accident. And this accident has something to do with Zhang Feng!

The Wandering Soul Group's cultivators did attack Zhang Feng. But what happened next explained one thing, they had been killed by Zhang Feng.

Although he had reached a conclusion, Hu Liangchen wasn't happy at all. He knew clearly that the Wandering Soul Group weren't reasonable people. The moment they cooperated with the Wandering

Soul Group, they were trying to skin a tiger alive. Hu Liangchen was aware that the Wandering Soul Group had been looking for excuses to control the Hu Clan, but he was able to use various means to block them.

The loss of the Wandering Soul Group's people wasn't good news for Hu Liangchen. The Wandering Soul Group absolutely won't let Zhang Feng off. After all, although there was no evidence, Zhang Feng was the main reason for their disappearance.

At the same time, The Wandering Soul Group wouldn't let Hu Liangchen off. The Wandering Soul Group had always been looking for reasons to take control of the Hu Clan. And now an opportunity has arrived. If the Wandering Soul Group let go of this chance, then they would no longer be the Wandering Soul Group.

And just as expected, the Wandering Soul Group were now exerting pressure on him. If he didn't handle it well, the people of the Wandering Soul Group would eat him up.

Hu Liangchen knew clearly who he was in the heart of the Wandering Soul Group. He was just a dog in their eyes, a dog that has betrayed its original owner. The Wandering Soul Group needs a dog like him to bite the Black Tiger Gang and make it weak. If the dog was disobedient, the Wandering Soul Group would definitely punish it. This was because the Wandering Soul Group doesn't need a disobedient dog.

After being silent for some time, Hu Liangchen looked at the others and said, "Everyone, you should be aware of the current situation. The Wandering Soul Group is forcing our hand. Tell me about your thoughts."

Sitting with him were heads of the major families in the Black Tiger Gang. It can be said that they represented the majority of the Black Tiger Gang's strength. If they really joined the Wandering Soul Group, the Black Tiger Gang would definitely crumble.

Although these families usually follow the Hu Clan's lead, they were still in an alliance in the end. Therefore, at this time, Hu Liangchen asked for their thoughts.

The people from the major families were silent. Nobody spoke as they lowered their heads. It was as if they had endless worries.



Seeing their appearance, Hu Liangchen couldn't help but get angry. He added, "We asked the Wandering Soul Group to deal with Zhang Feng. I'm afraid we're already exposed. The Wandering Soul Group wouldn't let us off. At the same time, Zhang Feng's group wouldn't just let this matter go. Everyone, it's time to make up your mind. Do we cut our ties with the Wandering Soul Group and be good members of the Black Tiger Gang, or to betray the Black Tiger Gang and become members of the Wandering Soul Group. Everyone, you need to make a decision."

These family Patriarchs couldn't help but shake. They didn't think that they would reach this situation. It seems like the Wandering Soul Group has made their preparations. To be honest, they weren't prepared. They didn't know what choice to make.

They might have fought against Tie Zhantian all these years, but all of it was internal fighting. Although they borrowed the Wandering Soul Group's strength, it was no more than hiring mercenaries to do dirty work. They didn't want to join the Wandering Soul Group and help them destroy the Black Tiger Gang.

These heads of the major families weren't idiots. They knew that the Wandering Soul Group was polite to them because they were members of the Black Tiger Gang. But once they join the Wandering Soul Group, would they still be valued?

The Wandering Soul Group also had their own powerful families. If they take refuge in the Wandering Soul Group, would these powerful families allow them to hold onto their power? At that time, they would definitely be in conflict.

Once the major families of the Black Tiger Gang join the Wandering Soul Group, they would not be trusted by the sect. After all, they were traitors. The Wandering Soul Group would definitely be wary of them and try to reduce their strength as much as possible. When the time comes, could they still guarantee that they would have the same status?

Moreover, the Black Tiger Gang's domain wasn't any smaller than the Wandering Soul Group. These established powers inside the Wandering Soul Gang wouldn't let such a fat piece of meat off. But at the same time, the major families of the Black Tiger Gang wouldn't just let go of their benefits. A conflict was going to occur.

But at that time, there would no longer be a Black Tiger Gang to back the major families up. If they fought back, they would go against the entire Wandering Soul Group. The final result would certainly be ugly for them.

If they don't join the Wandering Soul Group, then they must cooperate with Tie Zhantian and make preparations to deal with the Wandering Soul Group. But if they work with Tie Zhantian, they would have to give up on some benefits and powers to save themselves. But they can still save themselves and their families' interests.

After all, they were still people of the Black Tiger Gang. They were deep-rooted in the sect. They were very familiar with the Black Tiger Gang. Even if they give away their benefits, they can still live leisurely in the sect.

Therefore, staying in the Black Tiger Gang and giving up some benefits was the best choice for them. The only uncertain thing about this was Tie Zhantian's attitude towards them.

All of the heads present have thought about this, including Hu Liangchen. They just didn't express their opinion since they don't know what the others think.

Hu Liangchen was about to speak when the Patriarch of the Si Clan suddenly opened his mouth and said, "Since nobody wants to talk, I want to say a few words. Our Si Family doesn't agree to joining the Wandering Soul Group. We're still very strong on our own. We can talk to Tie Zhantian about this situation. Although he has a lot of sinister means, he's a body cultivator in the end. He solves things in a straightforward manner. Now that the attack of the Wandering Soul Group is coming, we would still be members of the Black Tiger Gang if Tie Zhantian agrees. However, we should present our conditions. We'll weaken our power, but he shouldn't suppress us too much. If he disagrees, then that would be another matter to be discussed."

The Si Patriarch's response caused the others to give their own responses. They approved the Si Patriarch's plan. To be honest, they wanted to keep their position as major families in the Black Tiger Gang. They didn't want to become dogs under the Wandering Soul Group.

Hu Liangchen looked at everyone and understood their thoughts. But he gave them a test, "Everyone, you should know that discussing betrayal to Tie Zhantian wouldn't be easy. Don't forget how many conflicts we had with him over the years. Even if he doesn't suppress us now, what about later?" Hu Liangcheng observed their responses and saw the Patriarchs frowning. There was only one person who didn't seem bothered by it. Hu Liangchen immediately noticed who it was, it was the Ma Clan's Patriarch, Ma Feng!

The Ma Clan can only be regarded as a middle-class family in the Black Tiger Gang. However, their rise was faster among those present. When they rose up, they took refuge under the Hu Faction. Also, their rise was directly linked to the Wandering Soul Group. It can be said that the Ma Clan has the closest relationship to the Wandering Soul Group among all the families under the Hu Clan. Hu Liangchen suspected that the Ma Clan might be a pawn arranged by the Wandering Soul Group to help the Hu Clan. Now, it seems like this suspicion was true.

Hu Liangchen's eyes twinkled. He set a firm resolve as he looked at everyone and said, "What do you think?"

At this time, the Ma Patriarch looked at everyone and said, "Everyone, you need to think this through. Tie Zhantian is not a saint. If he really deals with us later on, what can we do? Do we just allow ourselves to be suppressed? However, the same might not be the case with the Wandering Soul Group. Collectively, we hold great strength. The Wandering Soul Group would definitely treat us well. Not only would we enjoy glory and fame, our families would also be prosperous for a long time."

After Ma Feng finished speaking, the expressions of the patriarchs changed. Ma Feng thought that he had convinced everyone, so he continued, "Everyone, the Wandering Soul Group already gave us a guarantee. The Wandering Soul Group certainly wouldn't treat us unjustly. If we don't go to them and wait for the Wandering Soul Group, we would be burning jade in exchange for common stone."

The expressions of the patriarchs continued to change. Killing intent flashed through their eyes. Seeing this Hu Liangchen knew that this was a crucial moment. He immediately said, "Everyone, this isn't something we can decide immediately. Please return to your families and discuss it with your members. What do you think?"

The patriarchs nodded as they stood up. At this time, Hu Liangchen stopped Ma Feng, "Brother Ma, please remain behind. I have something to tell you."

When Ma Feng heard this, his expression lit up as he nodded and remained. The other patriarchs didn't say anything as they all turned around and left.

Hu Liangchen looked at Ma Feng and said, "Brother Ma, take a seat. What you said made sense to me. With our conflict with Tie Zhantian, he definitely would not let us off. The reason why I made everyone make a choice was to see what kind of reaction they would have. However, their response made me disappointed."

When he heard this, Ma Feng couldn't help but stare. Then he said, "Brother Hu, the current situation is very serious. Those guys are still attached to the Black Tiger Gang. Do you think we need to take action?"

Hu Liangchen shook his head and said, "Not yet. If we take action now, those guys will definitely stick closer to the Black Tiger Gang. We need to wait and see if they really intend to take refuge under Tie Zhantian. If they want to stay in the Black Tiger Gang, then I will pretend to agree. Once we discuss with Tie Zhantian, I will make excessive demands that he wouldn't agree to. As long as Tie Zhantian begins to deal with the families, we will depend on the Wandering Soul Gang to make a move. With your strength and mine, our position in the Wandering Soul Group shouldn't be low. What do you think?"

The more he listened to Hu Liangchen, the brighter Ma Feng's eyes became. In the end, he couldn't help but let out a long breath. Hu Liangchen was truly an experienced and careful person. He nodded and said, "I will listen to Brother Hu's instructions."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Alright, you should head back. Don't send people to monitor the others for the next two days. That will only have an opposite effect. I will contact them and see their decision in two days."

Ma Feng nodded and said, "Alright, I will follow your instructions."

Hu Liangchen nodded, "Alright, go back. I'll talk to the others later and persuade them and stabilize their decision. Wait for the result two days later. You should also contact the Wandering Soul Group. Don't make them act rashly. If they attack at this time, those guys would definitely side with the Black Tiger Gang. It would be more troublesome if that happens."

Ma Feng nodded. Then he stood up and gave Hu Liangchen a salute before he left. Looking at Ma Feng's back, Hu Liangchen coldly snorted as he took out a jade sword and sent it out after writing his message.

Before long, besides Ma Feng, all the other patriarchs returned. After they sat down, Hu Liangchen said, "Everyone should have seen what just happened. Ma Feng has completely sided with the Wandering Soul Group. I think the reason why the Ma Clan was able to develop so quickly was because they have the support of the Wandering Soul Group. I told him to wait two days. I'm going to talk to Tie Zhantian tomorrow. If he agrees to our request, we will deal with the Ma Clan and then give him half of the loot. If Tie Zhantian doesn't agree, then we'll go with Ma Feng and communicate with the Wandering Soul Group. What do you think?"

When they heard Hu Liangchen, the other Patriarchs stared. Then they immediately nodded. These families cannot put all of their eggs in one person. Therefore, Hu Liangchen's plan was the safest way.

Hu Liangchen looked at everyone and said, "Since everyone has agreed, then I won't hold back. Let's discuss the conditions we'll put forward. The first issue is the core disciples. I reckon Tie Zhantian would raise the issue of the core disciples. The top ten core disciples simply have too much power. Tie Zhantian would definitely want to remove the restrictions. His disciples are all very powerful. The current top ten core disciples wouldn't be able to defeat them. We have to make concessions about the core disciples. But we also need to retain our strength. I think we should divide the top ten core disciple slots into two. Tie Zhantian can send people to get the slots but we need at least five slots for our side. If he doesn't agree, then the talks end there."

When the Patriarchs heard Hu Liangchen, they were stunned for a moment before their expressions changed. Although core disciples were called disciples, they were far more than that. They held great power, more power than the average Elder. Since they have a mountain base, they had access to a lot of resources. If five slots were given up, that was equivalent to cutting the flesh of the families. Naturally, they were disinclined to agree.

However, just like Hu Liangchen said, if they didn't make any concessions about the core disciples, Tie Zhantian wouldn't agree to their proposal. The core disciple issue was one of the main contention between Tie Zhantian and the Hu Faction. If they don't give in, then Tie Zhantian would still be suppressed. Tie Zhantian definitely wouldn't agree.

Hu Liangchen looked at everyone and knew what they were thinking. He said, "Everyone, five slots for the top ten Core Disciples is already a lot. If the Wandering Soul Group gets in control, do you think they would give us slots for their core disciples? If we discuss with Tie Zhantian, we can protect five slots. This is retreating in order to advance. Moreover, everyone thought that Tie Zhantian's disciples were united, but that was only because they were all equal in power. But once some disciples are more powerful than the others, do you think they would still be united? This is also a method to fracture Tie Zhantian's power base."

Hearing this, everyone thought about it for a moment before nodding. They agreed to what Hu Liangchen said. The Si Family's patriarch nodded and said, "Alright, I agree with Patriarch Hu's proposal." The other patriarchs expressed their agreement as well.

Hu Liangchen nodded and continued, "Since everyone agrees to this, then let's move on to another matter, that is Zhang Feng. With Zhang Feng's large movements recently, we can't just ignore him. We can make him one of the top ten core disciples and give him the power of a core disciple. However, later on, if a disciple receives the same merit as Zhang Feng, then the gang needs to handle it the same way. What does everyone think?"

The patriarchs paused but they still agreed. Letting Zhang Feng become a top ten core disciple might be good for Zhang Feng, but it wasn't the case. Although Zhang Feng wasn't a top ten core disciple, he essentially has the same status and power. And because of his special status, some of the sect's rules don't apply to him. Once he becomes one of the top ten core disciples, he would then be subjected to these rules.

Most importantly, with Zhang Feng becoming a top ten core disciple, one of Tie Zhantian's slots would be used up. Although Tie Zhantian might not have thoughts about this, how about his disciples? This was another way to put a crack on Tie Zhantian's faction.

Thinking of this, the patriarchs couldn't help but let out a sigh. Hu Liangchen was indeed the sect's wise man. His plans always had another layer to it. He would make the enemy think that they benefited while in fact they have fallen into a trap.

The patriarchs immediately agreed to the plan. Hu Liangchen also knew that the others had understood his plan. Then he immediately continued, "Third. We want a guarantee from the gang that our properties won't be taken. At most we will pay a tax to the gang every year. But the tax cannot exceed 30 percent of our income. The Black Tiger Gang wants to increase its power, our families want to develop. To be honest, we aren't as good as Tie Zhantian when it comes to utilizing strength. The Black Tiger Gang is going to fight the Wandering Soul Group, it's time for us to shed some blood."

Those present stared. They didn't expect Hu Liangchen to say that. In the past, Hu Liangchen took their businesses very seriously. It was because of this that they had come in conflict with Tie Zhantian many times. Now, he suddenly wanted to offer 30% of their profits. It sounded unreasonable.

Hu Liangchen looked at the patriarchs as he sighed and said, "If the skin doesn't exist, the hair wouldn't have anything to stick to. When the Wandering Soul Group gave its ultimatum, I finally understood. We are the people of the Black Tiger Gang and that will never change. The only reason the Wandering Soul Group is polite to us is because we are members of the Black Tiger Gang. If the Black Tiger Gang is united, the sect will remain powerful. Over the years, we have only been thinking of increasing the power of our families, to the expense of the sect. Because of this, the strength of the gang isn't as good as before. We cannot continue like this. If the Black Tiger Gang is in danger, we would be in danger."

Everyone nodded. The Black Tiger Gang isn't as good as in the past. Even the Roaring Flame Sect dared to provoke them. These people have always been silent in the past.

Hu Liangchen sighed and said, "The Black Tiger Gang is currently at a critical point of its life. Although we have been fighting against Tie Zhantian all these years, were still part of the Black Tiger Gang in the end. Our ancestors built this sect after hundreds of battles. The matter with Tie Zhantian is only internal. But if outsiders have any ideas about the sect, then I, Hu Liangchen, wouldn't let them off!"

Although Hu Liangchen was mild-mannered and calm, his words were firm and decisive. This caused the patriarchs to feel his determination.

The patriarchs heard this and felt their hearts turn hot. Their ancestors worked hard to establish the Black Tiger gang. Naturally, they don't hope for the sect to perish. Therefore, they felt the same way as Hu Liangchen.

#### Chapter 1714: Doubt

Hu Liangchen looked at everyone and said, "Although Tie Zhantian is a problem for us, he still cares for the sect's development. As long as we make concessions, he wouldn't hesitate to agree."

The patriarchs agreed. Hu Liangchen continued, "Everyone, we will discuss with Tie Zhantian tomorrow. I hope you can put the benefits of your families behind. For the sake of the Black Tiger Gang, we'll get through this difficult time together." Everyone nodded simultaneously.

Cultivators knew how to scheme, but at the same time, they also knew how to be firm. The passion in their heart is what drives them to continue on their path. With this passion, they would dare fight even against the heavens.

Although the families had been in conflict with Tie Zhantian for many years, they still regarded themselves as members of the Black Tiger Gang. Now that the sect was going through a difficult time, they would naturally stand by it.

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Every two days, Tie Zhantian would be inside his study dealing with the Black Tiger Gang's matters. He also received faint rumors about the Wandering Soul Group. He began paying attention to them after Zhang Feng's attack. It was because of this that he started thinking of plans to deal with the Wandering Soul Group.

As Tie Zhantian was working, a voice was heard from outside, "Gang Leader, the Hu Clan's Patriarch, as well as the other Patriarchs has come to seek an audience."

Hearing this, Tie Zhantian couldn't help but stare. Then his complexion changed as he said, "Invite them over."

Tie Zhantian cleaned his table as he waited for Hu Liangchen and the others to arrive. Before long, Hu Liangchen's group entered the study. They gave Tie Zhantian a salute which Tie Zhantian returned. The two sides usually met like this, so there's nothing special about it.

After the group had sat down, Tie Zhantian opened his mouth and said, "May I know why the Patriarchs came to see me today?"

Hu Liangchen looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "Does the gang leader know that the Wandering Soul Group is going to attack the Black Tiger Gang?"

Tie Zhantian stared as he looked at Hu Liangchen. He didn't know why Hu Liangchen would mention this. He didn't reply for some time, but he had a doubtful look towards Hu Liangchen and the others. He didn't know what they were planning to do. He thought that they had a scheme going on.

Tie Zhantian replied, "I have received information, but it has yet to be confirmed."



Hu Liangchen looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "The Gang Leader doesn't need to investigate more. I can tell you that the news is accurate. The Wandering Soul Group will attack us in the future."

Tie Zhantian stared, he didn't know why Hu Liangchen would tell him this. Seeing Tie Zhantian's puzzled expression, Hu Liangchen said, "Gang Leader, we're here today to negotiate with you."

Tie Zhantian looked at Hu Liangchen in confusion. He didn't understand what Hu Liangchen wanted to do. Hu Liangchen looked at Tie Zhantian and continued, "Gang Leader, in the past, we fought against you and struggled to get benefits. However, all of that is the internal matter of the Black Tiger Gang. But now, the Wandering Soul Group dared to intervene. They even want to destroy the Black Tiger Gang. This is something we cannot agree to. So today, on behalf of the major families, we're here to discuss with you. As long as you agree to our conditions, we will fully cooperate with you and deal with the Wandering Soul Group."

After he said that, Hu Liangchen took out a jade slip and handed it to Tie Zhantian. Tie Zhantian received the jade slip with a stern expression. He expects Hu Liangchen to present outrageous conditions. However, this is also an opportunity for the Black Tiger gang to unite.

Upon receiving the jade slip and reading its contents, Tie Zhantian was stunned. He thought that he might have misread so he read the contents once more. But after confirming the contents, he looked at Hu Liangchen with a shocked expression.

Seeing Tie Zhantian's shocked appearance, Hu Liangchen felt happy for some unknown reason. Making Tie Zhantian shocked caused him to feel accomplishment.

Hu Liangchen kept calm as he said, "I know that the Gang Leader wanted to settle things in a straightforward manner, so I won't be polite. The things written on the jade slip is our bottom line. There's no room for negotiation."

Tie Zhantian took a deep breath to calm his mood. He looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "If these are your conditions, then I accept."

Hu Liangchen looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "If the Gang Leader agrees, then there's nothing else to talk about. Please tell us your instructions."

Tie Zhantian took a deep breath before saying, "We need to do a few things. First, settle the conditions that you presented. Second, purge the sect of all those who are determined to follow the Wandering Soul Group. Third, the experts of the major families should return to the gang's unified command. The patriarchs of the families can form their own battle group and command them with me. But during wartime, if I give an order, you cannot disobey it."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Gang Leader can rest assured. We're also from the Black Tiger Gang. Now that the sect is at a critical point, we know what to do."

Tie Zhantian stood up and bowed towards Hu Liangchen and the others and said, "I, Tie Zhantian, am here to thank you all. I'm glad that everyone can stand together at this time to share the difficulties of the Black Tiger Gang. With that said, after this difficulty, I hope that you can still support me in leading the Black Tiger Gang to dominate the entire Northern Divergent Province, dominate the Great World of Cultivation!"

Hu Liangchen smiled faintly and said, "Gang Leader is too polite. Because of internal strife, the Black Tiger Gang hasn't been fighting outside. It's time to let other people know how fierce the Black Tiger Gang is."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "We'll begin with the Wandering Soul Group. But after we fight with them, I'm afraid the Roaring Flame Sect would also take action. Therefore, we should not only be on guard against the Wandering Soul Group, but also the Roaring Flame Sect as well. You guys should return to your families right now and purge the spies of the two sects. Even if you can't clean them all up, at least they can no longer send messages as easily."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Rest assured, Gang Leader, we know what to do. I also have something to tell you about the Ma Clan. They had been rising up quickly in the past few years. At first I thought it was you who supported them. But later on, I found out that they have the Wandering Soul Group behind them. When we said that we're going to meet you, the Ma Patriarch responded negatively. He wanted us to join the Wandering Soul Group instead. I stalled him for two days. I think it's better for us to destroy them as soon as we can. Otherwise, they might cause trouble when we fight the Wandering Soul Group."

Tie Zhantian nodded, "I'm also aware of the Ma Clan's matter. The Wandering Soul Group is indeed behind them. In fact, several of their elders are members of the Wandering Soul Group. Their headquarters also has a direct transmission formation to the Wandering Soul Group. If we want to deal

with them, we'll have to take care of that transmission formation. Otherwise, we wouldn't be able to wipe them all out."

Hearing Tie Zhantian, Hu Liangchen's heart couldn't help but shake. He wasn't aware that the Ma Clan had direct access to the Wandering Soul Group's transmission formation. It seems like he underestimated the Gang Leader.

Hu Liangchen knit his brows and said, "This is hard to deal with. The Ma Clan's transmission formation will be hidden well. I'm afraid it would be difficult for us to find it."

Tie Zhantian thought about it before he said, "Let me try to think of a solution. Give me a minute." After he said that, he took out a jade sword message and sent it out.

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Zhang Feng was currently working on the treasure ship that was parked on Phoenix Cry Peak. The mountain had a lot of matters to take care of. Moreover, Zhang Feng also got wind of the news that the Wandering Soul Group was going to attack. Therefore, he was very guarded towards any information regarding the Wandering Soul Group.

Upon receiving the jade sword message and reading its contents, Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. Then his expression changed. This was because Tie Zhantian's message told him that he had reconciled with the major families.

Upon reading the jade sword message, the first thought that entered Zhang Feng's mind was that Tie Zhantian had been kidnapped by the Hu Faction. However, he quickly changed his mind. Tie Zhantian was very careful when it came to the Hu Faction. Additionally, Tie Zhantian was very strong. The Hu Faction cannot capture him in a day or two. And if the Hu Faction had the ability to kidnap Tie Zhantian, then they wouldn't have waited until now.

However, what's the deal with the jade sword message? Is Tie Zhantian really fine? If he is, why would he send a jade sword message?

Thinking that it was strange, Zhang Feng immediately called Tie Ying and the others over. Then he handed the jade sword message to them. After reading the message, Tie Ying and the others couldn't help but be stunned. Tie Ying stood up and said, "Something's wrong. Master has been forced to send this jade sword message. I'm sure of it. We need to rescue Master!"

Tie Yi frowned and said, "First Brother, don't act on impulse. Nobody in the Hu Faction can force Master to send out a jade sword message. However, it is indeed strange."

Zhang Feng said, "The most important thing right now is to confirm the message and see if Martial Uncle is safe. If Martial Uncle is safe, then that's good. Wait a minute, I'll go and see if Martial Uncle is alright. If something is indeed wrong, then we'll have to draft a plan."

#### Chapter 1715: Changing Appearance

In another room, Zhang Feng took out a jade sword message and then sent it out after writing the message. This time, he sent a message to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was currently paying attention to the new foreign trial while inside the Space. He had no idea about what happened to Tie Zhantian and Hu Liangchen. This was because Tie Zhantian's area hasn't been scanned by the silver needles. After all, in that place was a Transcending Tribulation Expert. If the needles cannot hide from Nascent Soul Expert, there's no need to mention Transcending Tribulation Experts.

Although Zhao Hai was currently in the Space, he left a spiritual force imprint in the Ignored Valley. He was afraid that Zhang Feng or Han Buli would send him a message.

As Zhao Hai was paying attention to the foreign trial, Cai'er suddenly brought him a jade sword message and said, "Young Master, Senior Brother Zhang Feng has sent you a message."

Zhao Hai stared, then he immediately received the jade sword message and scanned it with his spiritual force. Then his expression changed as he turned his head to Cai'er and said, "Help me pay attention to the foreign trial. I'll go to First Senior Brother. It seems like something important has happened."

Cai'er nodded. Zhao Hai's body moved and appeared on the treasure ship. He didn't appear where Tie Ying and the others were, but instead in another room in Zhang Feng's area.

This doesn't mean that Zhao Hai doesn't want to go to that room. However, the message that Zhang Feng sent him said, "Emergency, quickly go to my quiet room!" It was a simple message but it made Zhao Hai understand the urgency of the matter. Therefore, he appeared inside the quiet room.

At the same time, because the message was too short, Zhao Hai knew that Zhang Feng was anxious.

Before this, Zhang Feng was in his study as he took care of the Phoenix Cry Peak's matters. After that, he met with Tie Ying and the others in the living room. And now, he met Zhao Hai inside his quiet room.

Seeing Zhao Hai arrive, Zhang Feng told him everything. He told Zhao Hai the message that Tie Zhantian sent as well as the fact that he thought that it was strange. Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you can disguise as me and see what's going on. If Martial Uncle is alright, then it's fine. If he's in danger, immediately use your ability to teleport back here. Then we'll make a plan."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Alright, I'll go." After he said that, his body changed as he turned into Zhang Feng's appearance. His aura, temperament, and spirit was exactly the same.

Looking at Zhao Hai's new appearance, Zhang Feng's expression couldn't help but change. Then he said, "Good, now follow me. Besides Senior Brother Tie Ying, nobody knows who you are. Just don't speak. If someone asks you, don't answer, even if it's Senior Brother Tie Ying." Zhao Hai nodded, then he followed Zhang Feng to the living room.

Tie Ying and the others were in the living room, their eyes were directed at the quiet room. They didn't understand what Zhang Feng was doing inside.

Before long, Zhang Feng came out. Tie Ying immediately said, "Little Feng, what do we....." But he couldn't help but pause there. This was because he saw another Zhang Feng behind the first one.

It wasn't only Tie Ying. The others were also shocked by what they saw. This was because there was another Zhang Feng!

Zhang Feng opened his mouth and said, "Senior Brothers can rest assured. This is the person I invited to take a look if Martial Uncle is fine or not." After he said that, Zhang Feng nodded towards Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai also nodded as he followed Zhang Feng and the others to the transmission formation. After Zhang Feng adjusted the coordinates on the formation, the formation lit up. Then Zhao Hai disappeared from the formation.

When Zhao Hai disappeared, Tie Ying looked at Zhang Feng and asked, "Little Feng, what's this about? Where did you find someone that resembles you so much?"

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Don't ask. As long as you know that this person is my subordinate, that's enough. Let's go back." The group returned to the living room and waited for information.

Meanwhile, after a flash of white light, Zhao Hai found himself inside a room. The first thing he saw was the room that he was in. Tie Zhantian was inside. Although he hasn't met Tie Zhantian before, he saw Tie Zhantian's image in the jade slip that Zhang Feng gave him before. Therefore, he could recognize the Gang Leader.

As for the other people inside the room, he also knew them. These were the patriarchs of the major families in the Black Tiger Gang. Since these people were crucial characters for Zhang Feng, it was impossible for Zhao Hai not to know about them.

Zhao Hai's expression changed. Naturally, he did it according to Zhang Feng's character. Then he immediately restored his calm as he gave Tie Zhantian a bow and said, "I have seen Martial Uncle." Then he turned to the patriarchs and said, "I have seen the various patriarchs."

Tie Zhantian didn't feel anything strange about Zhang Feng, so he immediately said, "Little Feng, I'm going to tell you something. Take a seat." Zhang Feng respectfully nodded before he found himself a seat and then sat down.

Tie Zhantian quickly elaborated the agreement that he reached with Hu Liangchen and the others. Then at the end, he added, "Little Feng, I heard that you have a subordinate that can change appearance as well as someone who has a spatial ability. I want to invite these two people to go to the Ma Clan with Patriarch Hu and then find the transmission formation and destroy it. With this, we can begin dealing with the Ma Clan. This will give us twice the result with half the effort."

Zhao Hai stared, he didn't expect Tie Zhantian to have that idea. He thought for a moment before he said, "Martial Uncle, I have no reason to disagree. Wait for a moment, I'll go and prepare." After he said that, he stood up, gave Tie Zhantian and the Patriarchs a salute, before returning to the transmission formation. Then with a flash of white light he disappeared.

Upon returning to the treasure ship, Zhao Hai went to the living room to make his report. Seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng immediately asked, "Little Hai, how is it?"

Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng and said, "First Senior Brother, let's go to the quiet room. I have something to tell you."

After entering the quiet room, Zhao Hai immediately told Zhang Feng about Tie Zhantian's situation. Zhang Feng blankly stared at Zhao Hai as he heard the report. He didn't expect such changes in the sect in just a few days. The major families actually had peace talks with Tie Zhantian. They would work together to deal with the Wandering Soul Group. Then they wanted to borrow his strength to deal with the Ma Clan.

Thinking of this, Zhang Feng couldn't help but burn with passion. He stood up and laughed as he said, "Good, fantastic. My Black Tiger Gang is finally going to move. Good. Little Hai, come with me. Let's tell Senior Brother and the others about this. Meet them using Li Lin's identity." Zhao Hai nodded and then turned into Li Lin's appearance. Then he followed Zhang Feng to the living room.

Tie Ying has long suspected the Zhang Feng impostor's identity. Seeing Li Lin appear with Zhang Feng, he immediately understood. He couldn't help but sigh about Zhang Feng's luck.

After Zhang Feng sat down, he immediately told Tie Ying and the others about Tie Zhantian's matter. Hearing this, Tie Ying and the others were stunned at first before they lit up with glee. To be honest, they dislike the internal fighting of the Black Tiger Gang. However, the internal fighting continued, which caused them to have a headache.

Now that the Black Tiger Gang was going to take action against their enemies, they were naturally happy. They all had a look of excitement on their faces. Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brothers, our first step is dealing with the Ma Clan. I will take Li Lin with me first. Just now, Li Lin pretended to be me and see Martial Uncle. We're asking for Li Lin's help this time."

Zhao Hai said, "Senior Brother is too polite"

Zhang Feng gave a nod as he turned to Tie Ying and the others and said, "Senior Brothers, you need to prepare. We will prepare to deal with the Ma Clan soon. When the time comes, we'll give them a lesson." Tie Ying and the others nodded. After that, Zhang Feng brought Zhao Hai to the transmission formation and then the two appeared inside Tie Zhantian's room.

Tie Zhantian and the others were waiting for Zhang Feng inside the study. Seeing Zhang Feng bringing Li Lin over, he couldn't help but stare. Tie Zhantian knew that Zhang Feng has a subordinate that can change appearance, and he also has someone who has a spatial ability. He didn't expect Zhang Feng to only bring one person, and that was Li Lin.

Tie Zhantian and the others have some impressions of Li Lin. He was a subordinate that suddenly appeared beside Zhang Feng. He seems to be someone that Zhang Feng took under him in the past and was sent out on a secret mission. Now, he returned and became Zhang Feng's trusted aide. This person seems to be a body cultivator and nothing else. His only public accomplishment was grabbing a slot to the new foreign trial in the first life and death arena. Moreover, he was supposed to be in the new foreign trial, how did he appear here?

Zhang Feng bowed to Tie Zhantian and said, "Martial Uncle, this is my subordinate who can change his face as well as the one with the spatial ability. Li Lin already went to the foreign trial and he hasn't shown himself outside yet. I apologize to Martial Uncle for not showing his real face."

Hearing Zhang Feng, what Tie Zhantian understood was that it wasn't Li Lin who was behind Zhang Feng. He nodded and then turned his head to Hu Liangchen and said, "Patriarch Hu, do you think my plan will work?"

Hu Liangchen was now aware of Tie Zhantian's plan. The plan was very simple. The person who can change his appearance will go to the Ma Clan with Hu Liangchen and find the transmission formation. Once they come back, Zhao Hai can sneak back to the Ma Clan and destroy the formation. After that, they would deal with the Ma Clan.

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "The plan is very good. We can begin." After he said that, he stood up and gave Tie Zhantian a salute before saying, "Gang Leader, I'll go prepare to visit the Ma Clan."



Tie Zhantian nodded. Hu Liangchen turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Come with me." Zhao Hai nodded and then walked out with Hu Liangchen. Tie Zhantian immediately discussed with the other patriarchs about how to deal with the Ma Clan.

Although the Ma Clan looked ordinary from the outside, their strength couldn't be underestimated. Additionally, they have the support of the Wandering Soul Group. Now that the Wandering Soul Group was prepared to attack the Black Tiger Gang, they certainly would have sent reinforcements to the Ma Clan. Therefore, Tie Zhantian didn't dare underestimate them.

Hu Liangchen led Zhao Hai back to the Hu Clan. Upon arriving, Hu Liangchen immediately called his grandson over. His grandson was a handsome person, he was also married. Hu Liangchen looked at his grandson and said, "Little Flower, go find a place to hide and don't come out. I'm leading this person to the Ma Clan and he will disguise as you. You cannot expose yourself before we return."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai couldn't help but roll his eyes. This grown man was actually named Flower. It was more ridiculous than Hu Liangchen's name.

Hu Liangchen's grandson looked at Zhao Hai curiously before he nodded without asking anything. Hu Liangchen turned to Zhao Hai and said, "You take Flower's appearance. You don't need to speak. It's alright as long as you finish your mission."

Zhao Hai nodded, then his body changed to take the form of Hu Liangchen's grandson. When Hu Liangchen and his grandson saw Zhao Hai's transformation, they couldn't help but be amazed. They didn't expect such a strange technique to exist.

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Good. Since it's urgent, I don't have much time to give you information. Little Flower has a mild temper and smiles when he sees people. However, he rarely goes outside. At the Ma Clan, you need to be careful and smile whenever you talk to them."

Zhao Hai wore a smile as he said, "Grandpa, you can rest assured." Seeing Zhao Hai's smile, Hu Liangchen almost couldn't believe that this person wasn't his grandson. This was because the smile was exactly the same.

Hu Liangchen let out a long breath. He looked at Zhao Hai with a complex expression as he said, "Let's go." Then he turned around and left. To be honest, if it was before, if he knew that Zhang Feng has a

subordinate that can perfectly copy people, he would have sent people to kill them as soon as possible. However, now that he was working with Tie Zhantian, he no longer has such thoughts. He was well aware how useful Zhao Hai was to the Black Tiger Gang.

Hu Liangchen brought Zhao Hai to the Ma Clan through the transmission formation. Because of their relationship, the Hu Clan has the coordinates of the Ma Clan's transmission formation. Therefore, it was very easy for Hu Liangchen to visit Ma Feng.

When the two appeared on the Ma Clan's transmission formation plaza, someone from the Ma Clan immediately identified them. They quickly ran over and said, "I have seen Patriarch Hu."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Tell your Patriarch that I'm here. I have something to talk to him about." The Ma Clan member nodded and quickly sent the message. Another Ma Clan member came back and politely asked Hu Liangchen to follow him.

#### Chapter 1716: Hand Over

Hu Liangchen has a special identity, especially in the Black Tiger Gang. Even if some people don't know what Tie Zhantian looked like, they would definitely recognize Hu Liangchen.

Hu Liangchen followed the Ma Clan member along with Zhao Hai. Just as the group walked a few steps, Ma Feng arrived to welcome them.

The three of them soon arrived in a study. When the three settled down, Hu Liangchen turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Flower, go and take a look around the Ma Clan." Then he turned to Ma Feng and said, "This is my eldest grandson. I brought him to see our allies. Please don't take offense, Brother Ma."

Ma Feng laughed and said, "Brother Hu, there's no need to be polite. So this is your grandson. I haven't met him before. I'll immediately have people lead him around the clan."

Hu Liangchen laughed and said, "Then I'll have to thank Brother Ma."

Zhao Hai bowed towards Ma Feng and said, "Thank you, Patriarch Ma. Grandpa, I'll be going." Hu Liangchen nodded and waved his hand. After Zhao Hai went out, Ma Feng immediately called a Ma Clan member to show him around. Meanwhile, Hu Liangchen stayed behind.

After Zhao Hai left, Hu Liangchen turned to Ma Feng and said, "We went to see Tie Zhantian to see his attitude. It seems like we need to make early preparations. I brought Little Flower over because I hope that he can stay with you for a while, Brother Ma. Meanwhile, I need you to prepare."

Hearing Hu Liangchen, Ma Feng immediately understood. In his mind, Hu Liangchen was afraid that the Hu Clan would be attacked. Therefore, he decided to keep his grandson safe. At the same time, this grandson would also be a point of connection towards the Ma Clan and the Wandering Soul Group.

Ma Feng immediately said, "Brother Hu, the situation hasn't reached that point yet. Once the army of the Wandering Soul Group arrives, Tie Zhantian wouldn't be a problem anymore. It's better to stay low for a while."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "I'm afraid Tie Zhantian already has his suspicions. Brother, you shouldn't make too many actions in the next few days. If you let him discover anything and he makes a move in advance, it would be troublesome for us. If that happens, even if we go under the Wandering Soul Group, we wouldn't be able to get ourselves a good position."

Ma Feng nodded. He also understood the situation. Although the Ma Clan was established with the support of the Wandering Soul Group, the reason for this was to deal with the Black Tiger Gang. If the clan's strength is greatly damaged, the Wandering Soul Group would no longer support it. If a dog is old and weak, it would be killed by the hunters to use as meat.

Therefore, Ma Feng approved Hu Liangchen's approach of saving their strength. So he nodded and said, "Alright, I'll pay attention."

Hu Liangchen looked at Ma Feng and added, "We must make little contact from now on. We need to be low-key. I'll keep Little Flower in the Ma Clan as a point of contact."

But Ma Feng actually has his own plans. He wanted to get in touch with the Wandering Soul Group. If Hu Liangchen's grandson is present, that plan wouldn't be convenient.

Because of this, he shook his head and said, "Brother, I understand your plan. However, there's no need to be that careful. As soon as you want to act, you can send me a jade sword message. I will certainly coordinate with you with all I have."

When he heard Ma Feng, Hu Liangchen pretended to have a grateful expression as he said, "Brother, if you say that, then there's no need for me to say anything more. If anything happens in the future, make sure to get in contact with me. We must advance and retreat together. Only in this way can we get the most out of this situation."

Ma Feng nodded. Hu Liangchen then said, "Alright, Brother Ma. I won't remain here for long. I'll head back. Staying here for too long might attract Tie Zhantian's attention. If anything happens, I will notify you immediately."

Ma Feng nodded. Then he looked at his subordinate and said, "Someone go invite the Hu Clan's Young Master back."

The servant immediately complied. Before long, Zhao Hai and the Ma Clan member returned to the study. Hu Liangchen looked at Zhao Hai and said, "How is it? The Ma Clan's garden is famous in the Black Tiger Gang."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "With the nine palace as a base, and the eight trigrams as a support, it is indeed an extraordinary formation. I feel lucky being able to see it with my eyes."

Hu Liangchen laughed and said, "You kid. Whenever you see formations, you immediately become obsessed with it."

Ma Feng also laughed and said, "Little Flower really has great talent. To be able to see the formation of our garden, it only takes a genius to do that. If I get a grandson with the same talent, I would be satisfied."

Hu Liangchen smiled and said, "Brother Ma, there's no need to flatter this little kid. I'm going. I'll inform you if anything happens." Ma Feng nodded and then delivered the two to the transmission formation.

When Hu Liangchen and Zhao Hai left, a person beside Ma Feng turned to him and asked, "Patriarch, what did that old fox want by coming over?"

Ma Feng sneered and said, "He must have slapped Tie Zhantian's face and found that they have no chance of getting along with the Black Tiger Gang. Knowing that our Ma Clan is close to the Wandering Soul Group, they want to rely on us. He even plans to send his grandson as a hostage. Hmph. I can help him, but he would owe the Ma Clan a favor. In the future, our Ma Clan will become a major family in the Wandering Soul Group. As for the families from the Black Tiger Gang, they will be suppressed."

Ma Feng turned his head to the person on his side and said, "Second Brother, how many days would it take for the people from the Wandering Soul Group to arrive?"

Ma Feng's Second Brother replied, "It would take them five days. The transmission formation is already prepared. Nobody would expect that our garden is a giant transmission formation."

Ma Feng nodded, then he stood up and said, "Did Hu Liangchen's grandson find anything?"

Ma Feng's Second Brother smiled and said, "Absolutely not. The formation is underground. Even if that kid is proficient in formations, our formation is hidden by other formations. He wouldn't expect to see a transmission formation there."

Ma Feng nodded, "That's good. Before the Wandering Soul Group arrives, we cannot let anybody discover the formation. Even Hu Liangchen and the others cannot know."

Ma Feng's Second Brother nodded. Ma Feng added, "The development of the Ma Clan depends on what happens next."

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Hu Liangchen took Zhao Hai back to the Hu Clan. Then Zhao Hai immediately changed back to Li Lin. Hu Liangchen looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Li Lin, how is it? Did you figure it out?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "I see it. Patriarch Hu doesn't need to worry."

Hu Liangchen nodded and said, "Let's go and see Gang Leader Tie."

Zhao Hai nodded as the two people went to the transmission formation and returned to Tie Zhantian's study. The Patriarchs have already returned to their own families. Only Tie Zhantian, Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng, and Hu Liangchen were present.

Tie Zhantian looked at Zhao Hai and said, "How is it?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "There's absolutely no problem. I didn't expect the Ma Clan's resolve to be huge. Underneath their garden is a huge transmission formation. The size is enough to transport a large artifact. It seems like the Wandering Soul Group would bring large artifacts when they attack us."

As soon as they heard Zhao Hai, Tie Zhantian and the others were stunned. Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Are you sure? Are there transmission formations anywhere else?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I'm sure, it's definitely not wrong. But I also think that they need a few days to prepare. We have to deal with them as soon as possible. There are a lot of people watching their transmission formation. If we want to destroy their transmission formation, we need to do it right before we make a move. So even if they want to repair it, it wouldn't be easy. I will be personally responsible for the large transmission formation. As for the other transmission formations, I can send Undead to destroy them."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Alright, we'll leave the transmission formations to you. You need to make sure that they remain unusable."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Senior Brother can rest assured."

Tie Zhantian turned his head to Zhang Feng and said, "Little Feng, can Li Lin really do it?"

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "Since Li Lin says so, then he can do it. He won't lie. Martial Uncle can rest assured."

Tie Zhantian looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't understand why Zhang Feng would trust him. But he didn't ask. He didn't know Zhao Hai, but Zhang Feng knew him very well. Since Zhang Feng was confident, then there's nothing to worry about.

Hu Liangchen couldn't help but look at Zhao Hai in surprise. He didn't expect Zhang Feng to give such a high appraisal towards Zhao Hai. He decided to engrave Zhao Hai's appearance in his mind.

Tie Zhantian looked at Hu Liangchen and said, "We'll act tomorrow. We need to eradicate the tumor that is the Ma Clan. Cut the claw that the Wandering Soul Group extended towards the sect."

Hu Liangchen nodded, "Keeping the Ma Clan is only inviting disaster. We still don't know how the Wandering Soul Group colluded with the Ma Clan."

Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "That's easy. Just kill the people from the Ma Clan and give them to me. When the time comes, we'll give the Wandering Soul Group a surprise."

Tie Zhantian and Hu Liangchen looked at Zhang Feng in confusion. Zhang Feng smiled faintly and said, "I have a method to make the Ma Clan's dead people say the truth. When the time comes, we can have Li Lin replace the Ma Clan member and deceive the Wandering Soul Group. As those guys are tricked, we'll be waiting here and give them a hard beating."

## Chapter 1717: Attack Starts

A day passed by in a blink of an eye. For cultivators, one day was too short. However, Zhang Feng and the others felt that the day was very long. This was because after the day passed, they would attack the Ma Clan.

Zhang Feng sat in the treasure ship opposite Zhao Hai, Zhang Hao, and Hao Xing. Tie Ying and the others had been transferred back by Tie Zhantian. Therefore, Zhang Feng could only talk with Zhao Hai and the others.

Zhang Feng looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, are you really confident? You should know how important the transmission formation is. If the Ma Clan has reinforcements from the Wandering Soul Group, you would be in trouble."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Senior Brother, don't worry. I guarantee that it will succeed. Right, Senior Brother, I have good news. Do you want to hear it?"

Zhang Feng stared, then he laughed and said, "You kid, you want to play a guessing game with me? Alright, tell me what it is. If it's underwhelming news, I wouldn't let you off."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Of course it's very good news. The ghost face ship we acquired last time has been remade. It's ready for battle. Is that enough good news?"

Zhang Feng stared, then his eyes lit up as he said, "Really? The ghost-face ship can fight now? Good, good. Let me take a look."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Let's go to the Ignored Valley. Since nobody would go there, nobody would discover it." Zhang Feng and the others nodded. Then they stood on the transmission formation to go to the Ignored Valley.

When they arrived at the Ignored Valley, Zhang Feng didn't see the ghost-face ship. However, he felt that the garbage in the valley seemed to be higher.

Seeing Zhang Feng and the others looking around, Zhao Hai couldn't help but smile as he said, "Senior Brother, don't look around. It's here." After he said that, Zhao Hai whistled. Then Zhang Feng saw a huge mouse that he never saw before. Then more mice came out and rushed to the heap of garbage. Then the large pile of trash began to be moved away.

Before long, the whole garbage heap disappeared. Zhang Feng and the others were stunned at the scene happening in front of them.

Zhao Hai looked at Zhang Feng and said, "Senior Brother, these are Goldeater Mice that have been occupying the Ignored Valley for a long time. They're very intelligent. Fortunately, they're easy to reason with and we have been living without conflict. Afterwards, I used methods to subdue their leader. Now they follow me.



Zhang Feng nodded, he looked at the mice and said, "So they're Goldeater Mice. There are so many of them. However, they are too low-level. It would take a long time to make them useful in battles. Making them deal with the trash here is good."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Senior Brother, there's the ghost face ship. I didn't expect the ship to be so beautiful inside."

Zhang Feng laughed and said, "Really? Then let me take a look." After he said that, they entered the ghost-face ship.

Zhao Hai didn't make too many modifications to the ghost-face ship. This was because he discovered that the ship couldn't just be changed on a whim. Each wall, each floor, each ceiling of the ship was like a body part. Each room was a meridian that was linked to the entire ship. Changing it would change the entire flow of energy of the ship. This was something that the treasure ship didn't have.

The reason the treasure ship was able to fight with the ghost-face ship to a draw was because the ghost-face ship has been modified by the Wandering Soul Group. This broke the ship's 'meridians', causing the energy flow to be disrupted.

Upon asking the Wandering Soul Group cultivators, Zhao Hai understood why. It turns out that the Wandering Soul Group had lost a lot of important information when they migrated. These information were crucial to the sect and some of it were about the ghost-face ship. Therefore, the Wandering Soul Group didn't know that the ghost-face ship couldn't be modified. Because of this, the current ghost-face ships were much weaker compared to the original.

Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't reveal this information to Zhang Feng. Zhang Feng hadn't seen the ghost-face ship before, so he didn't know what to compare.

After the group entered the ghost-face ship, they saw that its interior design was inferior to the treasure ship. However, it was still very good. Zhang Feng happily looked around. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, you've made another great contribution. I plan to give this ghost-face ship to Senior Brother Tie Ying."

Zhao Hai nodded. He understood that Zhang Feng wanted to win Tie Ying over. But at the same time, Tie Ying was someone worth having on your own side. Therefore, Zhao Hai didn't oppose it.

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "Senior Brother, I think we should keep the ghost-face ship here first. Have Senior Brother Tie Ying come here and familiarize himself with the ship. Then we'll use it to deal with the Ma Clan tomorrow."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "You stay here. I'll go get Senior Brother." Zhao Hai nodded. Then Zhang Feng turned around and left.

Before long, Zhang Feng returned with Tie Ying. Tie Ying looked excitedly at the ghost-face ship. He let out a long breath as he laughed and said, "This Tie Ying also has his own large artifact."

One couldn't blame Tie Ying for being excited. Although he was Tie Zhantian's first disciple, he was still barred from being one of the top ten core disciples. Tie Zhantian knew that Tie Ying was very strong, so to console him, he told Tie Ying that with his strength it wouldn't matter if he was a top ten core disciple or not. He should just leave the position to his juniors.

Tie Ying was a filial person, so he naturally complied. However, he wasn't truly happy in his heart. Seeing his juniors getting their own large artifacts, he couldn't help but be envious. But he didn't expect that he would get one for himself.

When Tie Ying became familiar with the ghost-face ship, a day had passed. Zhang Feng and the others arrived at Tie Zhantian's study. Tie Zhantian looked at them and said, "It's time. Li Lin, make your preparations. We'll give you five minutes and then we'll attack. Is that enough time?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "It's enough. In fact, five minutes is too long, it should be one minute. Once I destroy the formation, you should attack immediately. I can't stop the Ma Clan's attack for five minutes."

Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "Good. It's 8:30 right now. At exactly 9:00, we'll attack." Everyone nodded. Zhao Hai found a place to meditate in. Others saw it as Zhao Hai adjusting his breath, but in fact he was monitoring the Ma Clan.

The Ma Clan hadn't realized that a disaster was coming for them. Besides some weak members, the Ma Clan's members would be outside of the clan taking care of matters. Meanwhile, the clan's disciples would stay on the Black Tiger Gang to cultivate.

Because there were no trials or competitions lately, most of the Ma Clan's disciples were in the headquarters. Some were practicing with their artifacts, while some were cultivating in seclusion.

One of the top ten core disciples belonged to the Ma Clan. But because of the current circumstances, he returned to the Ma Clan. Naturally, his subordinates also followed him back. The power of the clan was currently concentrated on their headquarters.

The Ma Clan did so in order to greet the people from the Wandering Soul Group. They were preparing to attack the Black Tiger Gang. But little did they know, Tie Zhantian and the others were one step ahead of them. Their clan was about to be wiped out.

Time passed and in a blink of an eye it was 9:00. Zhao Hai stood up, then he looked at Tie Zhantian and said, "Gang Leader, I'm going." Tie Zhantian gave a nod.

Without delay, Zhao Hai disappeared from the room. Tie Zhantian immediately ordered, "Inform the clans, begin the attack!" With Tie Zhantian's orders, 20 large artifacts flew up, 18 of them were Black Tiger Ships, one was Zhang Feng's treasure ship, and the last was a ghost-face ship.

The Ma Clan had a lot of spies in the Black Tiger Gang. Naturally, they discovered that something was wrong. They immediately sent jade sword messages to inform the Ma Clan. But at this moment, an explosion occurred in the Ma Clan's headquarters. All of their transmission formations had been destroyed.

The Ma Clan didn't even see anyone approaching their transmission formations. Naturally, Zhao Hai wouldn't really send Undead to attack the Ma Clan. The transmission formations were destroyed by the Space. For Zhao Hai, destroying the transmission formations was just too easy.

Zhao Hai not only destroyed the transmission formations, he also intercepted the jade sword messages that were going into the headquarters. The Ma Clan had been completely cut off. They were now both deaf and blind to the outside.

However, the Ma Clan still felt that something was wrong. After all, their transmission formations had been destroyed. If they still felt that it was normal, then they weren't qualified to be called a clan.

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Alarms blared out in the Ma Clan, causing the experts of the clan to fly into the air. Naturally, they were able to spot the approaching large artifacts. It was at this time that they knew that trouble was coming.

The two large artifacts immediately flew out from the Ma Clan. One was a tiger ship that was bestowed to the top ten core disciples, while the other was a ghost-face ship.

The ghost-face ship was sent to the Ma Clan in preparation to deal with the Tie Zhantian. The Ma Clan didn't expect that it would be Tie Zhantian who would make the first move. Because of this, they were forced to use their secret weapon.

#### Chapter 1718: Battle of Transcending Tribulation Experts

Ma Feng paled at the sight of 20 large artifacts surrounding them. He knew several of these large artifacts since they belonged to the major families. Now, Ma Feng understood why Hu Liangchen brought his grandson with him. It wasn't to make him a hostage but instead to find the transmission formation to the Wandering Soul Group and disable it. Moreover, they succeeded. The transmission formation connecting to the Wandering Soul Group has been disabled.

Thinking of this, Ma Feng's heart couldn't help but freeze. He thought that he had hidden the transmission formation well by putting it underneath the garden. Who would have thought that it would still be discovered and disabled. Now, the Ma Clan has no way to get reinforcements. They had lost their final advantage.

As the 20 large artifacts encircled the Ma Clan, powerful cultivators of the Black Tiger Gang began appearing behind them. This formed a watertight encirclement of the Ma Clan.

Ma Feng stood on top of the Ma Clan's ghost-face ship as he looked at the people of the Black Tiger Gang slowly pressuring them. Then he loudly said, "Tie Zhantian, Hu Liangchen, if you have the courage, come out and talk to me."

"Hahaha. Ma Feng, now that we have reached this point, what's left to talk about? Alright, since you want to talk, I'll let you say your final words."

Along with this voice, a huge figure appeared on top of a black tiger ship, it was Tie Zhantian. Then he turned to another black tiger ship and said, "Patriarch Hu, since your name was also mentioned, why don't you come out and hear his words."

Hu Liangchen laughed and said, "Haha. Since the Gang Leader said so and since Patriarch Ma Feng seems sincere, I would naturally give face." After that, Hu Liangchen appeared on top of his black tiger ship.

Seeing that both of them appeared, Ma Feng gritted his teeth and said, "Hu Liangchen, you're despicable and shameless. You actually cooperated with Tie Zhantian to deal with me. To think that I trusted you, you're a villain."

Hu Liangchen looked at Ma Feng as he coldly snorted and said, "Villain? Ma Feng, don't forget that you're a traitor. Although our families have contradictions with the Gang Leader, we're still people of the Black Tiger Gang. Our roots are in the sect. But you, you actually allied with the Wandering Soul Group. You're leeching off the Black Tiger Gang to betray it in the end. Someone like you has no qualifications to judge other people. Killing you is no more than getting rid of a sect traitor."

Upon hearing Hu Liangchen, Ma Feng couldn't help but blare up in anger, "The Black Tiger Gang is at a dead end. Sooner or later, the sect will perish. Just wait, once the Wandering Soul Group arrives, you will die without a grave."

"Hmph" Tie Zhantian coldly snorted and said, "Ma Feng, I remember that you were originally a Serving Disciple. Afterwards, the last Gang Leader saw that you had potential so he promoted you to the Outer Sect. Then with his help, you were able to smoothly enter the Inner Sect. After the last Gang Leader died and I took his position, I made some evaluations and thought that the sect hasn't treated you badly. But now you want to kill the Black Tiger Gang. Traitors like you will be punished by the heavens sooner or later."

Ma Feng didn't care about Tie Zhantian's words as he coldly snorted and replied, "Cultivators would clash with the heavens along their path. Who cares about what methods you use. Good people wouldn't live long in the Great World of Cultivation. The Ma Clan can get big benefits in the Wandering Soul Group. So why shouldn't we go over there?"

Tie Zhantian coldly snorted and said, "The Wandering Soul Group is no more than a stray dog that's being chased by the super sects. How could they be better than the Black Tiger Gang? You'd rather go to them than stay in the Black Tiger Gang? What a joke."

Ma Feng sneered and said, "Stay in the Black Tiger Gang? Don't you see what the Black Tiger Gang is right now? You're fighting against each other. Not only did the sect's strength stagnate, it also decreased. Following a sect that is going to disappear is naturally unwise. I've schemed all I can, but I didn't expect Hu Liangchen to be foolish enough to stay loyal to the sect."

Tie Zhantian coldly snorted and said, "My Black Tiger Gang has been established for thousands of years. It has weathered through multiple storms. How could it collapse so easily? Ma Feng, you've talked enough. It's time for you to die!"

Hu Liangchen looked at Ma Feng and said, "Are you still hoping for the Wandering Soul Group's reinforcements? There's no need to wait. All of your jade sword messages have been intercepted. The Wandering Soul Group has no idea that you're being attacked."

Tie Zhantian coldly ordered, "Kill them all. Eradicate the traitors to the sect!" Tie Zhantian moved as he threw a punch towards Ma Feng.

Although large artifacts are powerful, they weren't necessarily effective against experts at the Nascent Soul Stage and above. These experts moved fast and were powerful. Large artifacts might not be slow, but they weren't as agile as normal artifacts. It was just like a person who was being charged by a tank. They could just easily dodge to the side while the tank would have a hard time turning. They would have a hard time chasing the person.

A Nascent Soul Expert has the same relationship with the large artifacts. They were even more relaxed compared to the person who would dodge a tank. After all, Nascent Soul Experts had their own movement techniques. It was almost impossible for a large artifact to kill a Nascent Soul Expert.

If a large artifact found it difficult to deal with Nascent Soul Experts, then what about Transcending Tribulation Experts? Whether it be Tie Zhantian or Ma Feng, both were cultivators at the Transcending Tribulation Stage. In the Great World of Cultivation, they were among the top experts. These people can tear open large artifacts and kill the people inside. Using large artifacts against these experts was simply useless.

Therefore, to deal with Transcending Tribulation Experts, another Transcending Tribulation Expert would be needed. Zhao Hai hid in the Space as he watched the battle happening outside. He also wanted to see how Transcending Tribulation Experts fight.

As Tie Zhantian threw himself towards Ma Feng, a phantom of a tiger appeared behind him. Then Tie Zhantian punched out.

The tiger roared into the skies as it threw itself towards Ma Feng. The tiger's moves were neither large nor small. Each of its movements seem to trigger the clouds. Moreover, each step it made had the strength of a mountain.

Seeing this, Ma Feng coldly snorted as a tornado appeared behind his body. As the tornado became faster and faster, the howling of ghosts could be heard from within. After that, the tornado vanished and a malicious ghost appeared.

The malicious ghost had fiendish features. It had eight arms that were as soft as an octopus' tentacles. On each of its arms were claws that looked like an eagle's talons.

Once the malicious ghost appeared, it immediately shrieked as its eight claws grasped towards Tie Zhantian. The moves of the two Transcending Tribulation Experts were immediately directed at taking the lives of the other.

Zhao Hai looked at the two experts with a serious expression. Although they had yet to truly clash, the aura that they let out was too much for him. It seems like even a single strike from them held terrifying force.

At this time, Tie Zhantian and Ma Feng's moves connected. The tiger and the malicious ghost battled each other in mid-air.

It was also at this moment that the others made their moves. Although the Ma Clan also had experts, they were no match for Hu Liangchen and the others. In a short time, the Ma Clan were placed at a disadvantage.

Then suddenly, from the Ma Clan's residence, an astonishing aura came out. This aura caused those on the battlefield to shake. The aura was too strong. It was the aura of Transcending Tribulation Experts.

Feeling this aura, Hu Liangchen's expression changed. Then he angrily roared, "Good, Ma Clan. You actually hosted Wandering Soul Group experts in your house. Everyone, kill every person from the Ma Clan!"

And just like Hu Liangchen said, several Transcending Tribulation Experts came out from the Ma Clan's residence. The ghost qi around their body was very dense. They didn't look like they were from the Black Tiger Gang. Moreover, their aura was formidable. It was clear that they were more powerful than the average Transcending Tribulation Expert.

However, these experts were still blocked by the Black Tiger Gang's own experts. And more experts from the Black Tiger Gang joined the battle.

Looking at this situation, Tie Zhantian coldly snorted at Ma Feng as he said, "Ma Feng, you're a dog of the Wandering Soul Group. You will die today! Mountain Tiger's Fist!"

The fist technique that Tie Zhantian used wasn't a particularly profound technique of the Black Tiger Gang. In fact, it was one of the basic techniques of the sect, the Black Tiger Divine Fist. Almost all disciples of the sect knew this technique. However, people who took it to the utmost pinnacle were very few.

Tie Zhantian's black tiger divine fist has reached the realm of simplicity and returning to the truth. Every move he made and every gesture he showed were all in line with the fist technique. The mountain tiger's first held the power of a black tiger god's killing strike.

As Tie Zhantian released his fist, the tiger behind him pounced forward. The tiger's action was simple and looked like it could be easily dodged. However, the target would soon find out that all of their escape routes had been blocked. They could only stand in place and take the attack.



Ma Feng had the same feeling. He felt that Tie Zhantian's fist had blocked his escape routes. Now, he could only meet Tie Zhantian's attack head-on. To be honest, this way of fighting was disadvantageous to him. Tie Zhantian was a body cultivator, so going head-to-head against him wasn't a wise choice. However, Ma Feng had no other option than to do that.

Ma Feng also knew that it wouldn't be good for him if he doesn't go all out. Tie Zhantian was much stronger than he imagined. He thought that Tie Zhantian's scuffle against the major families over these years has affected his cultivation. Who would have thought that Tie Zhantian's strength was still formidable.

However, Ma Feng wouldn't just admit defeat. His eyes turned ruthless as he called out, "Eight Demon Claws!"

Ma Feng's malicious ghost roared as its claws grasped towards Tie Zhantian's tiger. The two avatars immediately clashed.

While pouncing, the tiger swung its right paw towards the malicious ghost while also biting its head.

Although it might seem like the tiger and ghost were intensely fighting, the real situation was different. Tie Zhantian had completely suppressed Tie Zhantian. His fist was locked on to Ma Feng's body and soon it hit.

Like what Ma Feng thought, fighting a body cultivator head-on wasn't a good idea. Although he had been clashing with Tie Zhantian, he never allowed the other side to get close to him. He had always kept a distance while entangling Tie Zhantian. And because the malicious ghost wasn't weak, Tie Zhantian didn't risk going close to attack.

However, when the experts from the Wandering Soul Group appeared, Tie Zhantian was truly enraged. He didn't think that the Ma Clan and the Wandering Soul Group would make such arrangements. If Hu Liangchen really defected, then the Black Tiger Gang would be in real danger.

Because of this, Tie Zhantian decided to use his killing strike, the mountain tiger's fist. This was a killing move of the black tiger divine fists. Its power lies in the fist intent to show the might of a mountain tiger's overbearing roar. One roar to silence all the beasts in the mountain. It was a tyrannical fist technique.

When a tiger attacks, it would pounce and kill their prey in one move. Then they would break their target's bones. This aggression would cause others to be terrified.

Although Ma Feng's malicious ghost was also strong, it was still a ghost in the end. It wouldn't be able to go head-to-head with Tie Zhantian's tiger. If the ghost really clashed with the tiger, then it would no doubt be destroyed.

Moreover, Tie Zhantian's fist technique belonged to the yang-type techniques. Because of this, the malicious ghost was completely suppressed. This caused Ma Feng to have troubles facing Tie Zhantian. Once his defenses were broken, Tie Zhantian's attack went straight to his chest.

The sound of bone breaking was heard, then Ma Feng vomited blood. One could even see bits of his internal organs in the blood that he spat out. Ma Feng knew that he wouldn't be able to live for long. But since Transcending Tribulation Experts have a formidable life force, he would be able to live for some time. His two eyes turned red as he looked at Tie Zhantian. Then he gripped Tie Zhantian's fist and attacked his head.

This blow carried all of Ma Feng's strength. If hit by this blow, even Tie Zhantian wouldn't escape death.

Tie Zhantian also understood what Ma Feng was trying to do. He already met this situation more than once in his life. Tie Zhantian coldly snorted as his fist vibrated and separated from Ma Feng's grip. At the same time, his body revolved causing Ma Feng's attack to hit the air.

After he rotated, Tie Zhantian attacked the back of Ma Feng's head. Ma Feng vomited blood once more before he fell down. It was impossible for him to survive this attack.

## Chapter 1719: Guessing The Identity

Ma Feng died, a Transcending Tribulation Expert has fallen. Despite this, the battle still continued. The Wandering Soul Group experts still fought. If they stopped fighting, they would be killed. If they continued to fight, they might find an opportunity to survive.

However, in face of absolute strength, fighting was a futile effort. With the Black Tiger Gang's entire strength directed at dealing with the Ma Clan and the Wandering Soul Group's experts, the latter was no doubt at a disadvantage. The Wandering Soul Group's experts were fighting like trapped beasts.

Naturally, the Black Tiger Gang doesn't intend to make these Wandering Soul Group's experts live another day. These were Transcending Tribulation Experts. If they were placed any other place, they would become hegemons. If these Wandering Soul Group experts were let off, they would cause a large amount of damage to the Black Tiger Gang. The consequences of which couldn't be imagined.

These Wandering Soul Group experts were now trapped. If they weren't dealt with, then Tie Zhantian would feel sorry for himself.

Upon killing Ma Feng, Tie Zhantian could go and deal with the Transcending Tribulation Experts of the Wandering Soul Group. However, these experts had above average strength. Because of this, Hu Liangchen and the others wouldn't be able to deal with them soon. When Tie Zhantian saw this, he knew that even if he helped, it wouldn't do much.

Seeing the battle between the Transcending Tribulation Experts, Tie Zhantian coldly snorted as he scanned the entire battlefield. Besides the experts of the Wandering Soul Group, the others had been killed.

The battle ended in less than an hour. The Wandering Soul Group's experts had been eradicated. Although these experts were very strong, they cannot defend against the might of the entire Black Tiger Gang. With so many experts attacking them, they naturally couldn't survive.

When the battle ended, Tie Zhantian looked around him and said, "Tie Ying, lead the others to clean the battlefield. There's no need to bother with the corpses, someone will come and deal with them. Restore the terrain to its original form. As for the rest, come with me."

At this time, Zhao Hai appeared. He waved his hand and wrapped the corpses with black gas. In a blink of an eye, the corpses disappeared.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Zhang Feng hurriedly flew to his side and said, "Li Lin, where were you earlier?"

Zhao Hai smiled bitterly as he replied, "Senior Brother, since I cannot help with the battle, I hid myself."

Zhang Feng nodded, "Alright, good. The situation is indeed beyond your capabilities. Let's go back."  
Zhao Hai nodded and then returned with Zhang Feng.

Tie Zhantian and the others knew of Zhao Hai's ability. So upon seeing Zhang Feng speaking with Zhao Hai, they didn't say anything. They just nodded towards Zhao Hai as everyone returned to the Black Tiger Gang's headquarters.

Tie Zhantian and the others had no special meaning to their actions. They knew that Zhao Hai's ability had helped them a lot, so they acknowledged his presence. But in the eyes of the other cultivators, the situation was different.

Who was Zhao Hai? He was Li Lin, an unremarkable Inner Disciple. Because Zhang Feng's faction has been gaining traction recently, some people knew who he was.

For these people, Li Lin was a lucky fellow. Although he wasn't strong, he was able to join Zhang Feng's action early on. This allowed him a higher status compared to other Inner Disciples.

But seeing how Tie Zhantian and the others greeted Zhao Hai, these people couldn't help but be surprised. They didn't expect people like Tie Zhantian to be polite to Zhao Hai. They couldn't help but change how they looked at Li Lin.

Zhao Hai has no idea about what happened, he just followed behind Tie Zhantian and the others. Besides Tie Zhantian, Hu Liangchen and the other patriarchs, there was also Zhang Feng as well as Tie Ying and Tie Zhantian's other disciples. The original top ten core disciples were also present. Since Tie Zhantian didn't have the chance to claim his five slots, the original top ten core disciples were still complete in attending this meeting.

After everyone sat down, Tie Zhantian said, "I didn't expect the Ma Clan to have Transcending Tribulation Experts from the Wandering Soul Group. Fortunately, we were able to deal with them. This time, we have severed the claws that the Wandering Soul Group placed inside the sect. Those people from the Wandering Soul Group would definitely settle this debt. There's a few things we need to do. First is to block the news from spreading out. From now on, nobody can send any messages outside the sect. Those who violate the order will be charged with betraying the Black Tiger Gang."

“Secondly, we need to increase our defenses. We will not give the Wandering Soul Group a chance to invade.”

“Third, Little Feng. I saw Tie Ying using a ghost-face ship. Is it the one you snatched before? I heard that you dismantled that ship. Did you find someone to remake it? I’ll have to ask for their help to repair the large artifacts that were damaged in the battle against the Ma Clan. Ask the person his conditions and we’ll do our best to accomplish it.”

“Fourth, Li Lin. We need you to get information from the Undead.” Tie Zhantian turned to Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai was not polite. He was now acting as Li Lin, and his main characteristic was being cold. Therefore, upon hearing Tie Zhantian, he immediately replied, “Replying to the Gang Leader, the Wandering Soul Group will attack in five days. They plan to attack using two groups acting in unison. The first group will come from the Ma Clan’s transmission formation. There would be 10 ghost-face ships as well as 15 Transcending Tribulation Experts. And with the Ma Clan’s 5 Transcending Tribulation Experts, they pose a significant threat.”

Zhao Hai paused here as he looked at everyone and continued, “The second group would have 20 ghost-face ships as well as the majority of the Wandering Soul Group’s strength. They would directly attack the sect. It’s an attack from both inside and outside. They’re planning to corner the Black Tiger Gang.”

Hearing Zhao Hai’s report, the expressions of Tie Zhantian and the clothes changed. They didn’t expect the Wandering Soul Group to put so much capital into this attack.

Zhao Hai looked at Tie Zhantian and added, “Besides these two groups, the Wandering Soul Group also got in contact with the Roaring Flame Sect. They will also attack at the same time. With this, there would be three armies that would attack the sect.”

Tie Zhantian and the others were frowning. Their faces were gloomy. They didn’t really think that the situation would be this bad. After some time, Tie Zhantian coldly snorted and said, “The Black Tiger Gang has survived through all kinds of storms. How could we fall by the attack of the two sects? Everyone, there’s no use hiding your strengths. We need to show our true might. If Little Feng can fix our large artifacts, I can let out 15 large artifacts. Naturally, there’s also Little Feng’s treasure ship, Tie Ying’s ghost-face ship, and the Ma Clan’s two large artifacts. As for Transcending Tribulation Experts, I can send out 15.”

Hearing Tie Zhantian, Hu Liangchen knew that it was time to show the family's strength. Therefore, he didn't hesitate as he said, "The Hu Clan can take out six large artifacts as well as six Transcending Tribulation Experts."

Tie Zhantian nodded. He knew that the Hu Clan was rich. Moreover, the Transcending Tribulation Experts that they would send would certainly be stronger compared to average Transcending Tribulation Experts. The Transcending Tribulation Experts of the Hu Clan were all paired cultivators. These three pairs of experts could defeat six Transcending Tribulation Experts.

The other families also revealed their strengths. There was no clear measurement of strength before, but upon hearing the reports, Zhao Hai couldn't help but be startled. The Black Tiger Gang did indeed have great strength. If the sect really went all out, it wouldn't be a problem dealing with the attacks of the Wandering Soul Group and the Roaring Flame Sect.

After everyone showed their strength, Tie Zhantian nodded and said, "We have three groups to deal with. The first group are those that would come from the Ma Clan's transmission formation. We can wipe them out quickly. If we don't, they might cause more trouble. The second is the Roaring Flame Sect. They will move together with the Wandering Soul Group to attack us. Since they're just going to take advantage of the situation, they shouldn't be sending a lot of experts. It should be easy to deal with them. The third group would be the most difficult. It's the Wandering Soul Group's main attack team. They will have the most power. The Hu Clan and Si Clan will deal with the group coming from the Ma Clan. You need to deal with them as soon as possible. The Han Clan and four families would deal with the Roaring Flame Sect. As for the rest, you'll come with me to deal with the Wandering Soul Group's main force. Everyone, what do you think?"

Everyone present knew that this was a crucial time for the sect. Therefore, nobody opposed the plan. Seeing that everyone was silent, Tie Zhantian nodded. Then he turned to Zhang Feng and said, "Little Feng, how about you?"

Hu Liangchen and the others also turned to Zhang Feng. To be honest, Hu Liangchen and the others looked highly upon Zhang Feng. Going against the top ten core disciples alone was a huge feat. This wasn't something ordinary people can achieve.

Zhang Feng shook his head and said, "I have no problems. I'll go according to the Gang Leader's plan."

Tie Zhantian nodded, "Alright, then I'll ask everyone to go prepare. We're going to fight to the death." Everyone nodded. Then they stood up and left after giving a salute.

Tie Zhantian asked Zhang Feng to stay behind, naturally this included Zhao Hai. Tie Zhantian turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Are you Zhao Hai?"

Zhao Hai and Zhang Feng couldn't help but stare. Li Lin's identity was kept hidden by Zhang Feng from Tie Zhantian. Did Tie Ying tell him? That's impossible. Tie Ying was someone who kept his promises. Moreover, Zhao Hai's identity wasn't a threat to Tie Ying. Therefore, Tie Ying has no reason to reveal it.

## Chapter 1720: War Starts

Zhang Feng and Zhao Hai looked at Tie Zhantian in confusion. They really hoped that Tie Zhantian knew Zhao Hai's status and not guessed it. If he knew about it, then it could be blamed on Tie Ying. But if Tie Zhantian guessed it, then that would mean that Hu Liangchen and the others had guessed it as well.

However, Zhang Feng and Zhao Hai were doomed to be disappointed. Tie Zhantian looked at them as he smiled and said, "There's no need to think about it. It wasn't only me who guessed Zhao Hai's identity, Hu Liangchen and the others guessed as well. Zhao Hai is known to have a spatial ability in the lower realms. And Li Lin only reappeared after Zhao Hai arrived. Moreover, he also has a spatial ability. Therefore, Little Feng, there's no need to hide. Just promote Zhao Hai to the Inner Sect."

Zhang Feng nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll have Little Hai return to his original face. Right, Martial Uncle, you should not allow anyone to go to the Ignored Valley."

Tie Zhantian nodded. Then he waved his hand and said, "You can go. Little Feng, remember. After this, you will be one of the top ten core disciples. Moreover, you're more powerful than the others. You don't need to be timid. The Hu Clan and the others made huge concessions. It seems like they also understand the importance of the sect to their future. You don't need to worry about anything. Show your strength with confidence. The stronger you are, the more your voice will be heard."

Zhang Feng nodded, then he led Zhao Hai out and returned to the treasure ship. Upon sitting down, Zhang Feng smiled bitterly and said, "I thought we hid it well. I didn't expect those old foxes to discover your identity. But this is also good. You can now appear on my side. Little Hai, you go back. You have a lot of things to take care of. Right, can you finish repairing the large artifacts before the battle starts?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "There's no problem. Senior Brother doesn't need to worry. I'll repair them as soon as possible."

Zhang Feng replied, "Alright, you can go. Now that your identity has been revealed, people would certainly go to the Ignored Valley. You shouldn't return there for the time being. You can find another place to cultivate in."

Zhao Hai nodded, "The Black Tiger Gang's territory is huge. I can go find a barren hill somewhere."

Zhang Feng nodded, "Good. After this, I'll get you to open a cave residence."

Zhao Hai nodded before he turned around and left. Actually, the place he found wasn't far from the Ignored Valley. Moreover, it had very thin spiritual qi. Nobody would want to go there.

Zhao Hai appeared in a place with empty mines. There were pieces of trash on the surroundings as overflow from the Ignored Valley.

Zhao Hai dug a simple cave in the valley and then returned to Zhang Feng. He was going to take the broken large artifacts to the Space and repair them.

Ever since knowing about Zhao Hai's spatial ability, Zhang Feng was no longer interested in how large his spatial storage was.

Just like Zhao Hai said, his ability didn't have any offensive means. There were only two things, one was a spatial tunnel that allowed him to go to any place he went to before. The other was a large spatial storage. Both of these weren't very useful to Zhang Feng.

After Zhao Hai returned to the valley, he immediately entered the Space. Naturally, repairing the large artifacts wasn't an issue. Zhao Hai was now focused on the Undead Transcending Tribulation Experts of the Wandering Soul Group. As soon as these Undead entered the Space, the aura of the Space immediately changed.



The faith power that the Transcending Tribulation Experts provided was equivalent to the faith power provided by several hundred Immortal Experts. Moreover, it wasn't only faith power that they could provide. During battle, they can supply Zhao Hai's large artifacts with their spiritual qi and faith power. This was equivalent to having Transcending Tribulation Experts control the large artifacts. This would make the large artifacts more powerful.

Besides consulting the Transcending Tribulation Undead, Zhao Hai also observed the movement of the Black Tiger Gang over the five days.

The Black Tiger Gang appeared very normal to the outside, but it was preparing for the battle with all of its strength. In the past few days, in addition to repairing the large artifacts, Zhao Hai also had another job. He would give reports to the Wandering Soul Group. This was to hide the fact that the Black Tiger Gang knew of their attack.

At first, Tie Zhantian was unaware of this. But after interrogating the Undead, he found out that Ma Feng and the Wandering Soul Group had made an agreement to send timely reports. If a report was late, then that would mean that something has gone wrong.

Moreover, this report needs a certain spiritual signature from a Transcending Tribulation Expert. If there was no signature, then the Wandering Soul Group wouldn't believe it.

In this case, only Zhao Hai can send the reports. This was because only the Undead from the Wandering Soul Group could imprint these signatures.

Five days quickly went past. It was finally time for the Wandering Soul Group to attack. Two days ago, Zhao Hai gave the large artifacts to Zhang Feng. This caused Tie Zhantian to be relieved for a bit.

Tie Zhantian knew clearly well that this was an important time for the Black Tiger Gang. This time, the Black Tiger Gang would need to go all out. If they lose, then the sect would no doubt be uprooted. There was no other option, they needed to win.

Although he was now in command of the Hu Faction and the entire sect, if he made a wrong decision then the Hu Faction would certainly kick him off his position. When that time comes, the Black Tiger Gang would be in more trouble.

Because of this, the pressure on Tie Zhantian was very big. He almost didn't rest as he handled various tasks. He also made sure that there were no mistakes.

The disclosure of Zhao Hai's identity didn't attract too much attention due to the current situation. Compared to a war, an Outer Disciple being promoted to the Inner Sect was irrelevant.

Five days later, Zhao Hai stood behind Zhang Feng along with the rest of Zhang Feng's subordinates. Beside Zhang Feng were several Nascent Soul Experts. Zhang Feng's power was now concentrated on the treasure ship. In front of them was the Ma Clan's garden.

The garden of the Ma Clan has been dismantled leaving only the transmission formation behind. The transmission formation could only send one large artifact at a time. Zhang Feng and the others were now waiting for these large artifacts to come out.

Time passed and it was 8:00 am. This was also the agreed time between Ma Feng and the Wandering Soul Group. And just on time, the transmission formation lit up before a huge shadow appeared on top of it.

The shadow on the transmission formation was the ghost-face ship of the Wandering Soul Group. As soon as the first ghost-face ship appeared, it flew up immediately, then the second ghost-face ship followed behind.

There was no delay between the appearance of the ghost-face ships. It seems like they were impatient to fly away from the transmission formation. Before long, ten ghost-face ships appeared over the Ma Clan's garden. But at this time, the people of the Wandering Soul Group couldn't help but stare at the surroundings.

The reason why these people were stunned was because they thought that there wasn't any problem with the Ma Clan. Moreover, they passed through quickly because they were afraid that they would be detected by the Black Tiger Gang. They wanted to transport themselves as soon as possible and the push forward to attack the Black Tiger Gang.

However, they didn't expect the Black Tiger Gang to be waiting for them. Therefore, upon seeing their surroundings, they found out that something was wrong. They wanted to warn the people behind them, but it was too late. Ten ghost-face ships had already entered the Black Tiger Gang.

When all of the ghost-face ships had arrived, the Ma Clan's transmission formation exploded. After that, Hu Liangchen gave the order, "Kill them all!"

Among all the large artifacts, Zhang Feng's treasure ship was the fastest. Its acceleration was almost instant. Before long, the treasure ship clashed with the ghost-face ships.

Although the refining method of the ghost-face ships was special, these ghost-face ships were far from the original. It can be said that they weren't on the same level. Upon clashing with the treasure ship, a huge hole appeared in the center of the ghost-face ship. The ghost-face ship then fell to the ground, it could no longer be used.