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Chapter 2761: Friends

According to Domain Lord Wen, the Black Crystal Sea is by no means a place of peace and harmony.

Within it lurk some Starry Sky Divine Beasts and possibly star pirates.

The so-called star pirates are teams formed by powerhouses from the Divine Realm, specifically to rob starships traversing the Black Crystal Sea, seizing Dark Divine Crystals from the hands of the Divine Realm powerhouses on those ships.

Star pirates are everywhere and countless, a phenomenon that has existed for billions of years, with no powerhouse able to eradicate them completely. Some powerhouses are even among them, reaping gains without effort.

Therefore, when the Divine Realm powerhouses of Redflame Star venture into the Black Crystal Sea to mine black crystals, they always do so in groups, led by the Starlord, accompanied by the Realm Lords and Domain Lords from each domain.

This way, even if they encounter star pirates, they can work together to counter them.

At that time, one Starlord, five Realm Lords, plus sixty Domain Lords, their combined strength is not weak, and they can still fight even if they encounter a True God Realm in the preliminary stage.

The Fire Roc flies very fast, reaching the Starlord Hall located in the center of Redflame Star within a day.

The Starlord Hall is atop the highest peak of Redflame Star, Red Flame Peak, and is more than ten times grander and more magnificent than the Domain Lord Hall. The divine power around the Starlord Hall is surging and abundant, with a large number of Divine Beasts guarding the surroundings, making it the best cultivation site on Redflame Star.

Fang Bai saw the intense envy on the faces of Realm Master Liu and the other eleven Domain Lords.

Fang Bai had no doubt that if their strength allowed, they would certainly challenge the Starlord to become the new ruler of this star.

Of course, Fang Bai was the same.

In the Divine Realm, only by continuous cultivation and challenges can more cultivation resources be acquired, enabling one to constantly improve and eventually stand at the highest peak.

Soon, a powerful group of experts, the strongest batch on Redflame Star, had gathered on the huge square in front of the Starlord Hall, including five Realm Lords and sixty Domain Lords.

Only the Starlord had yet to appear.

The five Realm Lords were evidently familiar with each other and exchanged some courtesies upon meeting.

The sixty Domain Lords, due to frequent changes, were mostly unfamiliar with each other.

However, for those who found each other agreeable, they would still greet each other and engage in some exchange.

Fang Bai stood with Domain Lord Wen on the edge of the square in an inconspicuous spot, listening to Domain Lord Wen introducing the identities, backgrounds, and characters of the Realm Lords and Domain Lords, noting who was easy to get along with and who was better left alone.

But Fang Bai's goal was to head to the Black Crystal Sea, with no intention of socializing with those Realm Lords or Domain Lords, nor would he, like some Domain Lords, try to curry favor with the five Realm Lords.

This was something Domain Lord Wen was quite alike with him.

"The Black Crystal Sea contains many unknown dangers, so it's important to make some friends. If we encounter peril, we can join forces. If we find someone like-minded, we should get to know them,"

Domain Lord Wen said with a smile to Fang Bai.

Fang Bai replied, "So, Domain Lord Wen also has some friends among these Domain Lords?"

Domain Lord Wen answered, "I don't manage to get along with many, but over the years, there are a few. Let me introduce you."

Fang Bai nodded, and went with Domain Lord Wen towards a male and female Domain Lord who were conversing.

"Domain Lord Zhu, Domain Lord Lan, it's been a while!"

Domain Lord Wen clasped his fists towards the male and female Domain Lord with a smile.

Domain Lord Zhu and Domain Lord Lan, seeing it was him, also clasped their fists in return with a smile, then looked at Fang Bai with an inquiring expression.

"Let me introduce... This is Domain Lord Fang, the new Domain Lord of Fire Cloud Mountain in the Western Realm."

Fang Bai smiled and exchanged greetings with Domain Lords Zhu and Lan.

Birds of a feather flock together.

Since Domain Lord Wen and Fang Bai with Domain Lords Zhu and Lan could become friends, Fang Bai and Domain Lords Zhu and Lan also got along quite well.

After chatting for a while, Fang Bai learned that Domain Lords Zhu and Lan were siblings, each ruling a domain, clearly showing their unusual strength.

And Fang Bai found that Domain Lord Wen seemed to have feelings for Domain Lord Lan, and her brother, Domain Lord Zhu, seemed to be subtly encouraging them, hoping they would become a couple.

Domain Lord Zhu, being the earliest to become a Domain Lord among the four, and having the most experience, suggested, "Since we four agree, let's form a small group. When we reach the Black Crystal Sea, we can look out for each other. We'll distribute the black crystals we acquire based on our contributions. Any objections?"

Fang Bai, Domain Lord Wen, and Domain Lord Lan all shook their heads to indicate they had no objections.

Before long, a powerful aura surged in, imposing pressure on the heads of dozens of Realm Lords and Domain Lords present.

"The Starlord is here."

One of the Realm Lords said in a low voice.

And so, all the powerhouses gazed towards the Starlord Hall.

Fang Bai, Domain Lord Wen, Domain Lord Zhu, and Domain Lord Lan also stopped their conversation, looking towards the entrance of the Star Jade Hall.

A dozen breaths later, a middle-aged man in red appeared in front of the powerhouses.

That middle-aged man was the Redflame Starlord.

The Redflame Starlord has been the ruler of this star for over ten thousand years, and no other powerhouse has been able to shake his position.

The Redflame Starlord possesses a high-level Void God Realm cultivation, with strength capable of instantaneously killing an ordinary preliminary Void God Realm expert, and even slaying a mid-tier Void God Realm expert within ten breaths.

The Redflame Starlord never smiles, exuding an aura of authority. When his gaze swept over the dozens of Realm Lords and Domain Lords, the powerhouses dared not meet his eyes and instinctively lowered their heads.

"The starship is ready and can set sail at any time. Are all the powerhouses prepared?"

The Starlord's voice boomed in their ears like a thunderclap.

"We've been ready for some time."

"Just awaiting the Starlord's command!"

The powerhouses said with fervor and excitement.

The Starlord nodded and said, "Then on behalf of the Starlord, I wish you all can obtain more divine crystals than last time. Alright, let's cut the chatter and set off immediately! Ship, come!"

With the Starlord's summon, a huge beam of light shone before the Starlord Hall. Once the beam faded, a completely dark starship appeared before the gods.

It was a starship over a hundred feet long and more than a dozen feet wide, made of unknown material. There were two symmetrical formations at the rear of the starship, and Fang Bai had heard from Domain Lord Wen that these two formations powered the starship's navigation through the stars, activated only with a vast amount of divine crystals.

The divine crystals consumed during a starship's long voyage are extremely staggering, which is why starships are also called "Crystal Swallowing Behemoths."

This is also fundamentally why the Redflame Starlord periodically collects divine crystals from the Realm Lords and Domain Lords.

With the Starlord's command, the gods boarded the starship in an orderly fashion, each assigned to a room.

The starship has three levels; the Starlord resides on the top level, the second level is for the five Realm Lords, while Domain Lords like Fang Bai can only stay on the bottom level.

Chapter 2762: Skeleton Star Pirates

Coincidentally, Fang Bai's room is adjacent to Domain Lord Wen, Domain Lord Zhu, and Domain Lord Lan.

However, they didn't gather to chat; instead, they stayed in their rooms to recharge, preparing for the potential battle at the Black Crystal Sea.

The starship quickly launched, leaving Redflame Star at an immeasurable speed, navigating through the vast starry sky.

It's hard to say how much time has passed, but the starship is getting closer to the Black Crystal Sea.

Fang Bai's heart suddenly started beating faster, as if a bad premonition was coming.

Fang Bai knows this is a sign of approaching danger.

However, there's no news yet that they've reached the crisis-laden Black Crystal Sea. Could it be they encountered the legendary Star Pirates mid-way?

Fang Bai left his room and arrived at the spacious deck at the front of the starship, where most of the Redflame Star's powerful individuals going to the Black Crystal Sea had already gathered.

The Domain Lord Wen and Domain Lords Zhu and Lan, whom he met earlier, were also among them.

Dozens of Redflame Star's strong individuals, each with a solemn expression, were ready for battle.

"What's happening?"

Fang Bai walked up to Domain Lord Wen and the other two domain lords to inquire.

"There are Star Pirates!"

Domain Lord Wen said sternly, raising his hand to point to the sides of the starship they were on.

Fang Bai released his Divine Sense, spreading it in the direction Domain Lord Wen pointed, and sure enough, he discovered that several miles away, two ships were rapidly approaching.

Silhouetted on those two starships, the number of strong individuals seemed to greatly exceed those on their starship.

"Everyone, the Star Pirates are attacking, prepare for battle!"

The Redflame Starlord stood at the very top of the starship, his eyes shining brightly as he shouted sharply.

The ship was extremely fast, and just as he finished speaking, those two pirate ships appeared within sight.

Those two pirate ships looked somewhat worn, but their hulls were larger than their starship's hull, and each ship had over a hundred strong individuals onboard.

Those strong individuals were wielding divine artifacts, screaming strangely, with greedy eyes cast on Redflame Star's starship as if it were their delicious prey.

"Skeleton Star Pirates... now we're in big trouble..."

Domain Lord Wen's face changed dramatically when he saw the large skull insignia on the two pirate ships.

Fang Bai asked, "Skeleton Star Pirates? Are they powerful?"

Domain Lord Wen smiled bitterly, "I heard the Skeleton Star Pirates have nearly three hundred members, including two high-rank Void God Realm experts, twenty mid-rank Void God Realm experts, and over two hundred low-rank Void God Realm experts..."

Upon hearing this, Fang Bai took a sharp intake of breath, thinking the Skeleton Star Pirates were indeed formidable. Just the two high-rank Void God Realm experts alone could bring substantial trouble to their starship.

Everyone in Redflame Star who heard of the Skeleton Star Pirates' notorious name felt their scalps tingle and faces turn pale; some even considered escaping.

"It's futile... their ships are faster than ours!"

Domain Lord Wen sighed, hearing some domain lords around him voice demands for the ship to escape quickly.

"Having been targeted by the Skeleton Star Pirates, unless we hand over all of our cultivation resources, a battle is inevitable. Our overall strength is far inferior; we stand no chance. If you don't want to die, you can only exchange cultivation resources for life!"

Domain Lord Zhu spoke with a look of frustration.

They were originally coming to the Black Crystal Sea to "make a fortune," but unexpectedly encountered such a large pirate group like the Skeleton Star Pirates halfway, and could only accept their bad luck.

"What if we don't have any cultivation resources?"

Fang Bai asked.

His Five Elements Space Ring was now completely empty, and he couldn't produce any cultivation resources for the Skeleton Star Pirates.

Domain Lord Lan looked at Fang Bai with wide eyes and asked, "Domain Lord Fang, you don't... have any cultivation resources, do you?"

Fang Bai scratched his head and said, "You've hit the nail on the head. All the Divine Crystals I had were given to the Starlord earlier, and now I can't produce even one Divine Crystal."

"You're really unfortunate..."

Domain Lord Lan said with a look of pity to Fang Bai: "If you don't have any Divine Crystals, you'll definitely be taken by the Skeleton Star Pirates as a Crystal Mining Slave."

Fang Bai froze: "A Crystal Mining Slave? What do you mean?"

Domain Lord Lan replied: "It's being a slave that helps them mine Divine Crystals! Only when you've mined a certain amount will they let you go! But... some crystal sea zones in the Divine Realm often contain great risks, and once you become a Crystal Mining Slave, the hope of leaving alive is slim..."

She originally thought that after saying these words, Fang Bai would turn pale and shiver, but unexpectedly, Fang Bai remained calm and fearless.

"You're... not afraid?"

Domain Lord Lan asked curiously.

Fang Bai laughed, "Afraid, but of what use is that?"

"The Skeleton Star Pirates' minimum requirement for Divine Crystals is a hundred thousand pieces, anything less and you'll be taken as a Crystal Mining Slave. Unfortunately, I don't have extra Divine Crystals, or I would lend you some..."

Domain Lord Zhu said with a guilty expression.

While he considered Fang Bai a friend, he wasn't willing to sacrifice his own Divine Crystals for Fang Bai and become a Crystal Mining Slave himself.

After all, becoming a Crystal Mining Slave is a perilous fate.

Domain Lord Wen thought for a moment and said to Domain Lords Zhu and Lan, "You two, besides your own hundred thousand pieces of Divine Crystals, how much can each of you spare? Together let's see if we can gather a hundred thousand Divine Crystals."

Domain Lords Zhu and Lan each glanced at their Spatial Divine Rings and then said:

"I can spare about thirty thousand pieces!"

"I... can only spare about twenty thousand pieces."

Domain Lord Wen smiled bitterly: "I can only spare about thirty thousand pieces too... Let's give these eighty thousand Divine Crystals to Domain Lord Fang first, and then we'll say a few nice words to the Skeleton Star Pirates' experts; maybe they'll show mercy."

They then gathered around Fang Bai, each transferring their spare Divine Crystals to Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring.

Fang Bai received the Divine Crystals and smiled, "Thank you all for your generosity. Once I've mined Divine Crystals in the Black Crystal Sea, I'll return them to you."

Domain Lord Wen said solemnly, "Domain Lord Fang, don't get too happy yet. I've heard the Skeleton Star Pirates' experts are cold and ruthless; giving them eighty thousand Divine Crystals may still lead to your capture as a Crystal Mining Slave. So... you must pray for your own fortune."

Fang Bai laughed heartily, "Life and death are determined by fate! And my fate has always been good!"

As they spoke, the two pirate ships of the Skeleton Star Pirates had already approached Redflame Star's starship, less than a hundred yards away.

"Friends from Redflame Star, you must already know who we are, right? Yes, we are the Skeleton Star Pirates! You should also understand our rules, right? Therefore, if you don't want to die, please prepare your Divine Crystals! We will send some experts over to collect them... Do not try to resist, or you know the consequences!"

A loud and ringing voice suddenly echoed from the left pirate ship of the Skeleton Star Pirates, resounding in the ears of the Redflame Star's strong individuals.

Chapter 2763: Crystal Mining Slave

The powerful figures of Redflame Star looked at each other in dismay, unable to decide whether to hand over the hundred thousand Divine Crystals obediently for peace, or to fight fiercely and drive off the Skeleton Star Pirates.

"Let's fight them!"

Fang Bai heard a few Domain Lords within the starship let out low growls.

Those who growled were, like Fang Bai, unable to produce a hundred thousand Divine Crystals. They would rather risk everything than be caught to become Crystal Mining Slaves.

"Fighting might cost us our lives! It's better to buy our way with Divine Crystals; maybe we can earn it back double at the Black Crystal Sea!"

Most of the Domain Lords, including Domain Lord Wen, Domain Lord Zhu, and Domain Lord Lan, shared this opinion.

Since they had enough Divine Crystals, they naturally did not want to risk their lives against the notorious Skeleton Star Pirates.

Fang Bai remained silent, only intensely observing the two high-rank Void God Realm experts on the Skeleton Star Pirate Ship.

The aura of those two high-rank Void God Realm experts was even more intense than that of the Redflame Starlord, clearly indicating superior combat strength.

Seeing this, Fang Bai knew the battle between both sides would not happen.

The difference in overall strength was too vast. Unless the Redflame Starlord had taken leave of his senses, he wouldn't urge everyone to fight desperately.

Sure enough, moments later, when two members of the Skeleton Star Pirates came over to collect the Divine Crystals, the Redflame Starlord was the first to transfer a hundred thousand Divine Crystals into the other's Spatial Divine Ring.

Seeing the Starlord cooperate so readily, the other powerful figures of Redflame Star lost any thought of resistance. They, too, quickly transferred their hundred thousand Divine Crystals to the two members of the Skeleton Star Pirates.

Before Fang Bai, three Domain Lords from Redflame Star were caught and taken onto the starship by a member of the Skeleton Star Pirates because they couldn't come up with a hundred thousand Divine Crystals.

The member who acted was a mid-rank Void God Realm expert, equivalent to a Realm Lord of Redflame Star; those three Domain Lords were no match for him, thus dared not resist and meekly submitted.

"You, a hundred thousand Divine Crystals!"

A grim-faced Skeleton Star Pirates member, over a zhang tall, stood before Fang Bai, holding out the Spatial Divine Ring in his palm.

Fang Bai grinned and said, "I only have eighty thousand Divine Crystals, is that okay? I'll make up the missing twenty thousand later..."

"Impossible!"

The Skeleton Star Pirates member glared and, without another word, reached out to grab Fang Bai.

Domain Lord Wen, Domain Lord Zhu, and Domain Lord Lan wanted to put in a good word, but seeing the other party not giving a chance, they could only sigh helplessly.

Fang Bai's figure blurred as he narrowly dodged the grasp of the Skeleton Star Pirates member.

The member of the Skeleton Star Pirates was stunned by his failure, then his eyes turned vicious, as he asked harshly, "What, are you thinking of resisting?"

Fang Bai replied, "I wouldn't dare! I'll go by myself!"

He then turned to clasp his fists toward Domain Lord Wen, Domain Lord Zhu, and Domain Lord Lan, saying, "Goodbye, for now."

After saying this, he flew towards a starship a hundred zhang away belonging to the Skeleton Star Pirates.

Upon landing on the deck, several members of the Skeleton Star Pirates rushed forward to put a chain around his neck and led him to the hold at the back.

Fang Bai didn't know what material the chain was made of, but when he pinched it, it felt extremely strong, likely impossible to cut with ordinary Divine Artifacts. He wondered if his Pangu Axe or Blood-Drinking Mad Blade could break it.

It was said that once wearing this chain, as long as he was within ten miles of the two leaders of the Skeleton Star Pirates, it would be detected.

The two leaders of the Skeleton Star Pirates were high-rank Void God Realm experts. If discovered by them, the consequence was death—no chance of luck.

Despite the chain around his neck causing discomfort, Fang Bai knew he couldn't provoke the hundreds of experts opposing him and had no choice but to endure.

Inside the ship, over a hundred powerful figures from the Divine Realm, each with chains around their necks like Fang Bai, were seated cross-legged.

Needless to say, these were Crystal Mining Slaves captured by the Skeleton Star Pirates, meant to be taken to the crystal zone to mine Divine Crystals for them.

Upon Fang Bai's capture, those "Crystal Mining Slaves" looked at him, some indifferently, some with pity, others gloating...

Fang Bai walked to a corner, sat down, and silently closed his eyes in meditation.

He didn't know how much time passed when he felt a slight vibration of the ship, indicating the starship was starting and heading into deep space.

In the starry sky, there was no day or night.

Sitting cross-legged, Fang Bai cleared his mind of distractions and continually practiced the Blazing Flame Divine Fist, feeling his combat strength had made significant progress. Even against mid-rank Void God Realm experts, his chances of victory seemed high.

"The Black Tortoise Crystal Zone has arrived! Stop the ship!"

Suddenly, a clear voice rang out, followed by the gradual halt of the starship.

"You Crystal Mining Slaves, come out!"

Moments later, Fang Bai and over a hundred Crystal Mining Slaves, led by several members of the Skeleton Star Pirates, came to the deck outside the cabin.

"Is that the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone? What a vast crystal zone!"

Fang Bai and the other powerful figures of the Divine Realm extended their Divine Sense Diffusion, probing the deep space on the left of the starship, where clusters of black nebula-like crystal zones appeared—likely the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone mentioned by the Skeleton Star Pirates.

The Black Tortoise Crystal Zone spanned ten thousand miles, dark and terrifying. It was said to contain abundant Divine Crystals, but also fearsome Starry Sky Behemoths. Entering to mine Divine Crystals risked being devoured by these behemoths at any moment.

Over billions of years, countless experts who ventured into the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone for Divine Crystal mining had perished, let alone Crystal Mining Slaves like Fang Bai, who met similarly countless tragic ends.

Led by ten members of the Skeleton Star Pirates, Fang Bai and over a hundred Crystal Mining Slaves left the starship and flew toward the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone.

"Go in! Once you mine a hundred thousand Divine Crystals, you can return and be released!"

A member of the Skeleton Star Pirates waved Fang Bai and the other slaves forward.

"You have ten breaths' time. Failure to enter will lead to immediate execution!"

Seeing the slaves hesitate, another member of the Skeleton Star Pirates threatened menacingly.

Thus, Fang Bai and over a hundred Crystal Mining Slaves, filled with fear of the unknown, went into high alert and cautiously flew into the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone.

At first, the group stayed close together to avoid attacks from the legendary Starry Sky Behemoths.

Later, as they didn't see any behemoths appear, they let down their guard and began splitting up in twos and threes.

Alone, Fang Bai moved through the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone, concealing his aura and blending with his surroundings. This way, he became invisible, undetectable even to high-rank Void God Realm experts.

Soon, within a massive star stone over a hundred zhang in size, Fang Bai finally discovered the presence of Divine Crystals.

Chapter 2764: Starry Sky Behemoth

Fang Bai punched a massive Star Stone into pieces, then collected over ten thousand Divine Crystals from it into his Five Elements Space Ring, feeling overjoyed.

Fang Bai had keen senses and constantly scanned all directions with his Divine Sense while flying within the crystal zone, quickly discovering several other Star Stones containing Divine Crystals.

In just a short time of a thousand breaths, Fang Bai had collected over a hundred thousand Divine Crystals.

Originally, Fang Bai could have returned to the Skeleton Star Pirate Ship, handing over a hundred thousand Divine Crystals to regain his freedom.

However, Fang Bai had never intended to do so from the beginning.

If possible, he would collect as many Divine Crystals as he could from the Black Tortoise Crystal Zone and then quietly leave, avoiding the Skeleton Star Pirates.

Suddenly, Fang Bai sensed intense Divine Power fluctuations ahead. He used the Star Stones as cover to gradually approach the source of the fluctuations.

When he was several miles away from the source, Fang Bai halted, diffusing his Divine Sense and discovered that two Crystal Mining Slaves were engaged in a brutal fight.

They cursed at each other as they fought. After listening for a moment, Fang Bai understood why they were fighting.

It turned out that one of the slaves wanted to reap without sowing, trying to seize the Divine Crystals the other slave had found, leading to a fierce battle.

Fang Bai hid to the side, not planning to intervene.

Of course, if the two Crystal Mining Slaves ended up perishing together in the battle, Fang Bai wouldn't mind claiming their Divine Crystals for himself.

The two Crystal Mining Slaves were fighting desperately to kill each other, and the battle was extremely fierce.

"What is this aura?"

Suddenly, a Terrifying Aura spread from deep within the crystal zone, enveloping a thousand-mile radius.

Fang Bai and the two battling Crystal Mining Slaves were all caught within this Terrifying Aura.

Fang Bai immediately thought of the "Starry Sky Behemoth," a creature that turned the face of a Divine Realm powerhouse pale just by mentioning, and he shrouded himself even more deeply.

The two Crystal Mining Slaves also stopped fighting, looking towards the source of the Terrifying Aura in fear.

In the blink of an eye, a terrifying behemoth, over a few dozen feet long and entirely pitch black, appeared within Fang Bai's Divine Sense.

The behemoth's body was elliptical, resembling a giant whale, with a pair of eerie, glowing green eyes that appeared quite intimidating.

The Starry Sky Behemoth, although massive, was not clumsy at all. Its speed while moving through space exceeded that of many Divine Realm powerhouses of the same realm.

Moreover, the Starry Sky Behemoth had a keen sense of smell and was highly aggressive; Divine Realm powerhouses captured by its aura rarely escaped.

Therefore, whenever Divine Realm powerhouses spoke of the Starry Sky Behemoth, their faces would change with fear.

Fang Bai noticed that even though he had concealed all his aura, the glowing green eyes of the Starry Sky Behemoth still glanced towards his direction, as if it had sensed his aura.

Fang Bai felt a sense of dread as if marked by the Grim Reaper's gaze, sending a chill down his spine.

The Starry Sky Behemoth's target was clearly the two Crystal Mining Slaves engaged in the fight earlier.

After capturing the aura of the two Crystal Mining Slaves, it rushed towards them, opening its maw wide, generating an irresistible strong pull like a Black Hole.

The two Crystal Mining Slaves, who had been fighting to the death moments ago, now tacitly joined forces to attack the Starry Sky Behemoth.

They both understood that neither their strength nor speed matched the Starry Sky Behemoth, and teaming up might offer a chance of survival. Otherwise, only death awaited.

However, their strength was ultimately too weak. Their attacks failed to threaten the Starry Sky Behemoth, which swallowed them with its Black Hole-like maw within a matter of moments, turning them into blood in its belly.

Fang Bai had only heard of the Starry Sky Behemoth's terrifying power before, but witnessing it firsthand, he couldn't help but gasp in shock, hiding behind the Star Stone, holding his breath, not daring to move an inch.

After devouring the two Crystal Mining Slaves, the Starry Sky Behemoth swam in Fang Bai's direction, its nostrils twitching as if smelling something.

Moments later, it swam past Fang Bai without discovering his presence.

Once the Starry Sky Behemoth had moved far away, Fang Bai finally breathed a sigh of relief, realizing a layer of sweat had formed on his forehead.

Worried about the Starry Sky Behemoth's sudden reappearance, Fang Bai waited for a long time after it had passed. Only then did he cautiously release his Divine Sense to survey the surroundings and, finding no trace of the Starry Sky Behemoth, did he emerge from behind the Star Stone he was hiding behind.

"Your life ends here!"

At that moment, a sinister voice suddenly rang out, accompanied by a blaze slashing towards Fang Bai from behind.

Fang Bai shifted several dozen feet to the side to evade the attack, turning around to see that the assailant was a Crystal Mining Slave with bushy eyebrows.

The Crystal Mining Slave had a cultivation level similar to Fang Bai's, also being a Void God Realm beginner. After detecting Fang Bai's presence with his Divine Sense, he rapidly closed in, launching a surprise attack, hoping to kill Fang Bai unexpectedly and seize his Spatial Divine Ring.

Unbeknownst to him, Fang Bai's Divine Sense was far more powerful and had long since detected his presence, rendering the so-called surprise attack meaningless.

"Courting death!"

Fang Bai did not intend to attack other powerhouses but certainly wouldn't allow them to assault him. Since this Crystal Mining Slave wanted to seize his Divine Crystals, Fang Bai would show no mercy.

Seeing the Crystal Mining Slave's hand form into a knife and slash a blaze, Fang Bai sneered, neither dodging nor avoiding, and directly confronted the attack.

"Boom!"

The blaze sliced against Fang Bai's body, erupting into a large spark, yet Fang Bai remained unscathed.

The slave realized he was no match for Fang Bai upon missing his strike and retreated quickly, fleeing dozens of miles in an instant.

"Now that you're here, you will stay!"

Amidst an exuberant laugh, Fang Bai shot an arrow from the Houyi Bow. The Flame God Arrow transformed into a stream of light, piercing through dozens of miles of space, pinning the Crystal Mining Slave against a Star Stone spanning several hundred feet wide.

"Overestimating yourself!"

A cold smile played at the corners of Fang Bai's mouth as he flew over to the Star Stone, grasping into the void, claiming the Spatial Divine Ring on the deceased slave's hand as his own.

Easily breaking through the ring's Formation, Fang Bai scanned within using his Divine Sense and discovered thirty thousand Divine Crystals.

"These thirty thousand Divine Crystals were likely snatched by this guy!"

Fang Bai muttered to himself.

In the period that followed, Fang Bai encountered three more attacks, slaughtering five Crystal Mining Slaves and acquiring a total of a hundred thousand Divine Crystals.

Additionally, Fang Bai had several close encounters with Starry Sky Behemoths, witnessing dozens of Crystal Mining Slaves being sniped by the behemoths firsthand.

Luckily, Fang Bai had an extraordinary physique and miraculous mastery of the Concealment Aura Art, allowing him to narrowly escape each time.

However, as the saying goes, "He who often walks by the river eventually gets his shoes wet."

During a fierce battle with an attacking Crystal Mining Slave, Fang Bai's aura was finally locked onto by a Starry Sky Behemoth.

Chapter 2765: Void God Realm Mid Stage

The starry sky behemoth stretched a length of a hundred zhang, far more powerful than any starry sky behemoth Fang Bai had discovered before, with strength equivalent to a mid-level Void God Realm powerhouse.

It opened its huge mouth and inhaled forcefully, making it impossible for Fang Bai and the crystal mining slave to resist its suction power, and both fell into its giant maw.

Fang Bai reacted swiftly, at the moment he fell into the mouth of the starry sky behemoth, he placed the Five Elements Space Ring inside the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, while he himself hid within the Five Elements Space Ring.

He believed that with the protection of these two divine artifacts, even with the powerful digestive ability of the starry sky behemoth, it would be difficult to harm him.

The starry sky behemoth's body was enormous, swallowing a five chi high Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, it felt nothing amiss and continued to wander in the starry sky with Fang Bai.

"Fang Bai, how did you get here? Are you alright?"

The Emperor's Palace Immortals, staying inside the Five Elements Space Ring for cultivation, saw Fang Bai appearing before them in a rather disheveled manner and couldn't help but ask worriedly.

In their impression, apart from the fight with Heaven Devouring Great Emperor which left him severely injured, Fang Bai had hardly met any opponents afterwards nor appeared so disheveled as now.

Fang Bai smiled bitterly and recounted the events since arriving in the Divine Realm, the Emperor's Palace Immortals were surprised at how formidable a starry sky behemoth could be, secretly clicking their tongues.

"From what you say, the Divine Realm is not any secluded paradise, and it's even more perilous than the Immortal Realm!"

The Hundred Flowers Empress remarked with emotion.

According to Fang Bai, to gain more strength in the Divine Realm, one must find ways to acquire more divine crystals.

And to acquire more divine crystals, besides challenging the Domain Lord, the Realm Lord, or even the Starlord and replacing them, one must go deep into the starry sky to search for crystal zones.

The former requires constant challenges against other powerhouses or facing challenges from them; without formidable strength, one must face the threat of death at any moment.

The latter seems carefree, but is actually more dangerous, for if one is unlucky enough to be caught by a Star Pirates Group as a crystal mining slave, or suffers an attack from a starry sky behemoth, the outcome would be extremely tragic.

The Lightning Mink was quite eager, rubbing its paws enthusiastically, "I really want to step into the Void God Realm quickly and embark on an adventure in the Divine Realm with the Palace Master!"

Fang Bai said, "You reminded me. The divine crystals I've acquired, I should take this opportunity to distribute them among you. From now on, whenever I obtain divine crystals outside, you'll have a share. I hope it helps you step into the Void God Realm soon!"

With that, Fang Bai distributed the hundreds of thousands of divine crystals that he had placed in the Five Elements Space to the Emperor's Palace Immortals.

Although each Emperor's Palace Immortal received not many divine crystals, they were still just Immortal Emperors and their ability to absorb divine crystals is weak, these divine crystals would take a long time for them to completely absorb and digest.

Once they all step into the Void God Realm, they would need a large amount of divine crystals for cultivation, and by then, they could seek out divine crystals themselves without relying on Fang Bai.

Fang Bai knows that only by becoming stronger than the starry sky behemoth that swallowed him could he possibly escape from its body and regain freedom. So he went into seclusion with the Hundred Flowers Empress, Empress Linglong, and other Emperor's Palace Immortals in the Five Elements Space Ring.

This time, Fang Bai's seclusion lasted a long time, until he exhausted the two hundred thousand divine crystals belonging to him.

Whether in the Immortal Realm or the Divine Realm, the initial advancement in cultivation is relatively fast, but the further it progresses, the more cultivation resources are needed, and the slower the advancement.

Fang Bai's physique was different from ordinary people, his talent was high, and he absorbed all the divine power contained in the two hundred thousand divine crystals, without wasting a single bit.

His body stored abundant divine power, taking advantage of the surging and mighty divine power, he finally succeeded in advancing at the last moment before ending seclusion, stepping into the ranks of mid-level Void God Realm powerhouses.

By this point, Fang Bai already possessed the strength to challenge the Redflame Starlord.

However, after advancing, Fang Bai's vision broadened, he had no intention to return to Redflame Star to become a Starlord, but hoped to venture further into the depths of the starry sky to seek fortune.

It is said that in the depths of the starry sky, there are more and larger celestial bodies and higher-ranking divine crystals.

"I'm preparing to leave, you must focus on cultivating! Hope that next time when I return, you'll all have stepped into the Void God Realm!"

Leaving these words with the Emperor's Palace Immortals, Fang Bai left the Five Elements Space Ring and went outside to the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron.

The Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron was unharmed, showing that such divine artifacts do not fear the erosive liquids inside the starry sky behemoth.

Fang Bai released his divine sense and discovered that the starry sky behemoth which had swallowed him had inadvertently taken him to an unknown place, in the distant starry sky, there were many extraordinarily large celestial bodies, making Redflame Star pale in comparison.

Even more joyously, in some crystal zones here, there were white divine crystals, whose divine power was more plentiful than that of the same size black divine crystals.

The starry sky behemoth's body was huge, but it was naturally skilled at concealing its aura, and its dark complexion almost blended in with the starry sky, making it hard to notice.

This starry sky behemoth quickly entered a starry zone to hide, seemingly ready to ambush strong Divine Realm cultivators who come to mine divine crystals.

Fang Bai's divine sense probed the weakest point of the starry sky behemoth's body, then one hand holding the Blood-Drinking Mad Blade, the other the Pangu Axe, he concealed his aura, silently approaching there, preparing to find an opportunity to break open the starry sky behemoth's body with full force.

The starry sky behemoth never expected that the Divine Realm powerhouse it devoured had never been digested, but rather had turned into a major hidden threat ready to deal it a fatal blow at any moment.

Fang Bai, too, had not expected that before he could make his move, this doomed starry sky behemoth would become a ghost under the blades of other Divine Realm powerhouses.

When the starry sky behemoth attacked two Divine Realm powerhouses who came to the crystal zone to mine divine crystals, it never expected the opponents to have hidden their strength, after a fierce fight it was counter-slayed, its hundred zhang long body was split open by their divine artifacts.

At that moment, Fang Bai rushed out from the starry sky behemoth's broken body, suspended in the starry sky.

The two Divine Realm powerhouses, both possessing mid-level Void God Realm cultivation, after slaying the starry sky behemoth, claimed the beast core from its body, and couldn't help but laugh with joy.

It should be known that a mid-level Void God Realm starry sky behemoth beast core has a value equivalent to ten thousand white divine crystals.

And ten thousand white divine crystals are worth a hundred thousand black divine crystals.

Upon learning this from the two Divine Realm powerhouses, Fang Bai couldn't help but feel eager, thinking that with his current strength, he might be able to slay a high-level Void God Realm starry sky behemoth.

At that time, the beast core obtained from a high-level Void God Realm starry sky behemoth would be worth a million black divine crystals, ten thousand white divine crystals!

Chapter 2766: Attempting Alchemy and Artifact Refining

Upon seeing Fang Bai's youth, and yet having reached the mid-stage of the Void God Realm, the two Divine Realm experts had a mind to befriend him and invited him to join them on their journey to the Water Element Star.

Water Element Star is a celestial body countless times larger than Redflame Star, where Void God Realm experts abound, and even True God Realm experts are not uncommon.

What Fang Bai yearned for most was the numerous cultivation resource exchange places on Water Element Star, holding many rare cultivation resources from the Divine Realm.

Fang Bai planned to go to Water Element Star to learn which things in the Divine Realm could be exchanged for more Divine Crystals, and then find a way to obtain those items.

Previously, the Divine Crystals Fang Bai used for cultivation were all Black Divine Crystals, which contained the least divine power and were of the lowest value, used only by lower-tier Void God Realm experts.

Those Divine Crystals containing more divine power, such as White Divine Crystals, and even better than White ones—Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Cyan, Blue, Purple crystals—if acquired, could provide greater help in cultivation.

Fang Bai heard from the two Void God Realm experts that the most valuable Purple Divine Crystal in the Divine Realm could be worth trillions of lowly Black Divine Crystals, which shows how precious they are.

However, the rarer the item, the fewer there are and the harder it is to obtain; it's said that Purple Divine Crystals can only be acquired by the strongest twelve Principal Gods in the Divine Realm.

The other Divine Realm experts can only dream about them.

At present, Fang Bai followed the two Void God Realm experts back to their ship.

The two Void God Realm experts, knowing Fang Bai was "short on funds," paid some Divine Crystals for Fang Bai, allowing him to stay on the ship and journey together towards Water Element Star.

During conversations with the two Void God Realm experts, Fang Bai learned they were brothers, the elder named Long Fei, and the younger Long Xing, and they had always lived on Water Element Star.

The brothers took a starship from Water Element Star to this crystal region to find Divine Crystals, unexpectedly encountering an attack from a Starry Sky Behemoth.

Fortunately, the brothers had formidable strength and seamless cooperation, jointly slaying the Starry Sky Behemoth.

Regarding Fang Bai emerging from the Starry Sky Behemoth's body, the brothers still felt bewildered, unable to fathom why Fang Bai wasn't dissolved by the Behemoth's bodily fluids.

It's known that even a Void God Realm expert, let alone an ordinary divine artifact, could not resist the corrosive fluids of a Starry Sky Behemoth and would quickly become a pool of blood.

"I happen to have a divine artifact that can resist the corrosive fluids of the Starry Sky Behemoth, thus I hid inside it, escaping disaster,"

Fang Bai said with a smile to the Long brothers.

The starship they were on soon returned to Redflame Star.

Fang Bai, visiting Water Element Star for the first time, was extremely curious, following the Long brothers into a giant city after the starship landed.

The city housed millions of Divine Realm experts, with every building grandiose and majestic, surpassing even the Immortal Hall of the Immortal Realm.

Fang Bai followed the Long brothers to the cultivation resource exchange market within the city.

Inside the market, Fang Bai discovered a large number of Starry Sky Behemoth beast cores and various Divine Crystals.

Starry Sky Behemoth beast cores are essential for crafting divine elixirs and divine artifacts.

Divine Crystals are the basic cultivation resources for Divine Realm experts.

Because these two items are hard currency in the Divine Realm, they can almost be used to exchange for any item.

Upon seeing the divine elixirs and divine artifacts, Fang Bai's heart stirred, thinking that the art of alchemy and artifact refining should be quite similar, and being adept in them both, if provided with the necessary resources, he might also be able to craft divine elixirs and artifacts.

If he could master this skill, he could earn a large amount of Divine Crystals for cultivation.

"What? You know the arts of alchemy and artifact refining?"

Upon hearing Fang Bai mention this, the Long brothers were quite shocked, looking at Fang Bai in disbelief.

It's known that in the Divine Realm, alchemists and artifact refiners are incredibly scarce, with perhaps only one alchemist and one refiner among every ten million Divine Realm experts.

This shows how sought after alchemists and artifact refiners are in the Divine Realm.

Fang Bai was told by the Long brothers that on Water Element Star, an alchemist or artifact refiner could earn as many as ten million White Divine Crystals annually.

Fang Bai realized that ten million White Divine Crystals equaled billions of Black Divine Crystals, making him secretly gasp.

Thinking back to his time on Redflame Star when he couldn't even produce a hundred thousand Black Divine Crystals and ended up being captured as a crystal mining slave, he couldn't help but sigh deeply.

"As long as the materials for alchemy and artifact refining are available, I can give it a try."

Fang Bai wasn't entirely sure he could truly craft divine elixirs and artifacts, thus he didn't make any absolute promises.

"Then give it a try!"

The Long brothers said excitedly, "If you're successful, in the Divine Realm, you'll be revered by the gods."

In the Divine Realm, the status of alchemists and artifact refiners is higher than in the Immortal Realm and also safer.

Because no matter how powerful or vicious a Divine Realm expert is, they won't easily kill an alchemist or artifact refiner, or else they would face condemnation by the gods and find themselves unable to move forward in the Divine Realm.

The reason is precisely due to the scarcity of alchemists and artifact refiners in the Divine Realm.

Coincidentally, the Long brothers possessed a Starry Sky Behemoth beast core and all the cultivation resources needed for alchemy and artifact refining; they originally planned to exchange the beast core for Divine Crystals, but after hearing Fang Bai speak, they decided to offer it to him.

According to them, their generosity towards Fang Bai was due to recognizing his potential, believing that once Fang Bai truly succeeded in alchemy and refining, he would surely reward them generously.

In fact, it turned out they were right to be generous to Fang Bai because Fang Bai always repaid kindness with overwhelming gratitude. At that time, once Fang Bai crafted divine elixirs and artifacts and acquired these two identities, a large amount of Divine Crystals would be easy to obtain, and just a small portion would suffice for the brothers' cultivation needs.

After touring the cultivation resource exchange market, Fang Bai returned with the Long brothers to their residence, readying to use their cultivation resources to attempt alchemy and refining.

Fang Bai entered the cultivation room of the Long brothers to begin preparations, while the Long brothers guarded him outside.

After a few days, Fang Bai, having exhausted almost all the cultivation resources the Long brothers had prepared and facing multiple failures, finally crafted a Void God Realm divine elixir and a Void God Realm divine artifact.

"Sorry for using up all the materials you provided and producing only one divine elixir and one divine artifact,"

Fang Bai said with an awkward smile to the Long brothers after emerging.

To him, squandering so many cultivation resources yet producing so few divine elixirs and artifacts felt extremely wasteful and quite shameful.

Unexpectedly, the Long brothers were ecstatic, telling Fang Bai, "What is a bit of waste? Do you know that normally, an alchemist or artifact refiner in the Divine Realm would waste several times more than what you've used to successfully craft just one divine elixir or artifact, with time measured in months!"

Chapter 2767: Challenging the Starlord

The Long brothers couldn't be happier, feeling they had struck gold.

In the Divine Realm, alchemists or artifact refiners are already rare, and those strong enough to excel in both fields are exceptional among them.

If they follow Fang Bai closely in the future, serving him diligently, they wouldn't need to risk their lives searching for Divine Crystals in crystal zones.

"So... can we head to the Cultivation Resource Exchange Market now and start refining elixirs and artifacts for the Divine Realm experts?"

Fang Bai asked, looking at the jubilant Long brothers with a smile.

"Of course!"

The Long brothers nodded vigorously.

Fang Bai asked again, "So... can you stay and help me?"

The Long brothers had been waiting for this, and they exclaimed excitedly, "Of course we can!"

Fang Bai said, "How many Divine Crystals can I earn for refining a Divine Elixir or a Divine Artifact for the other Divine Realm experts?"

Long Fei replied, "On our Water Element Star, white Divine Crystals are the most used. So, if you refine a Divine Elixir or a Divine Artifact for other experts, you can earn a hundred thousand white Divine Crystals."

Fang Bai calculated silently and asked again, "Then, how many Divine Crystals have you two earned annually before?"

The Long brothers exchanged a glance, and Long Xing said, "Sometimes more, sometimes less. At most around five hundred thousand, and at least around three hundred thousand, all white Divine Crystals."

Fang Bai said, "Alright, if you're willing to stay, I'll give you one million white Divine Crystals every year. Moreover, if you need Divine Elixirs or Divine Artifacts, I can prioritize refining them for you!"

The conditions Fang Bai offered exceeded the Long brothers' expectations, so they readily agreed.

Thus, in this city on Water Element Star, a Divine Realm expert who was both an alchemist and an artifact refiner suddenly appeared.

When this seemingly overly young alchemist and artifact refiner crafted a Void God Realm Divine Elixir and a Void God Realm Divine Artifact for a Divine Realm expert, his reputation instantly boomed.

As a result, Fang Bai was so busy over the following month that he barely had time for cultivation, refining elixirs and artifacts for the various Divine Realm experts day and night.

Given Fang Bai's speed, he could make five Divine Elixirs or five Divine Artifacts each day.

So, every day, he could gain five hundred thousand white Divine Crystals.

After a month, this number was terrifying.

Sometimes, Fang Bai would sit quietly and calculate his earnings, even he was amazed.

Eventually, Fang Bai realized this couldn't continue, so he announced that he would only craft one Divine Elixir and one Divine Artifact each day, with a base price of one million white Divine Crystals, prioritizing those who bid higher.

Although the quantity of Divine Elixirs and Artifacts he crafted diminished, his income didn't decrease much. Instead, as his success rate improved, his fame grew, and more Divine Realm experts sought him for alchemy and artifact refining.

Some wealthy Divine Realm experts even spent tens of millions of Divine Crystals to obtain the needed Divine Elixir or Artifact sooner.

Thus, the Divine Crystals inside Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring increased at an observable rate.

And the Emperor's Palace Immortals training within it were stunned by the daily surge of Divine Crystals, conjecturing Fang Bai might have acquired some unique opportunity.

Having amassed so many Divine Crystals, the Emperor's Palace Immortals no longer scrimped on cultivation; each became more diligent, aiming to enter the Void God Realm and reunite with Fang Bai in the Divine Realm sooner.

The dozens of Emperor's Palace Immortals who followed Fang Bai were either Emperor Realm experts or nearing it.

After this period of cultivation, the weakest among them had advanced to the Emperor Realm, and those who were Immortal Emperors had advanced to the Great Emperor Realm, only a step away from the Void God Realm.

Another month passed, and Fang Bai had accumulated enough Divine Crystals to leave some for the Long brothers and then enter secluded cultivation.

After this seclusion, although Fang Bai failed to advance, he solidified his realm and significantly enhanced his combat strength.

"Have you heard? Alchemist Fang is going to challenge Starlord Yang of our Water Element Star!"

"Really? As far as I know, Alchemist Fang's cultivation level is only mid-level Void God Realm!"

"I find it strange too... Could Alchemist Fang challenge beyond his level?"

"I don't think Alchemist Fang is arrogant; if he lacks the skill, he wouldn't rashly challenge Starlord Yang."

"Starlord Yang is an old Void God high-rank expert who has held the Starlord position for over thirty thousand years. Beating him won't be easy!"

"Let's wait and see! Starlord Yang's old, lacks ambition, and cannot bring us more benefits. I hope Alchemist Fang wins!"

"That's true! Alchemist Fang's young and promising. If he becomes Starlord, perhaps us Realm Lords and Domain Lords would gain more benefits!"

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Nobody knew who leaked the news, stirring the experts across Water Element Star, focusing countless eyes on the Starlord Hall.

"Fang Bai hasn't come out to deny it, so it doesn't seem to be an unfounded rumor!"

Within Water Element Star's Starlord Hall, Starlord Yang said to several high-rank Void God Realm experts seated on his left and right.

He spoke with a contemptuous smirk, as if Fang Bai didn't even register in his eyes.

Those high-rank Void God Realm experts were his recruited followers, helping him manage Water Element Star.

However, by regulation, if Fang Bai challenged him, other Divine Realm experts couldn't interfere.

This means Fang Bai's challenge to Starlord Yang was a fair one-on-one duel.

And the news of Fang Bai challenging Starlord Yang was indeed released outside through the Long brothers as per Fang Bai's instructions.

Fang Bai knew that once he succeeded in challenging Starlord Yang, he would become the new Starlord of Water Element Star, possessing the power to allocate the star's cultivation resources.

This was far easier than refining elixirs and artifacts for other Divine Realm experts.

Initially, Fang Bai refined elixirs and artifacts to amass a large number of cultivation resources for himself.

Now that his strength has improved, and he's confident of defeating Water Element Star's Starlord Yang, why should he waste more time and effort on refining elixirs and artifacts for others?

Unless someday he lacks cultivation resources again, Divine Elixirs and Artifacts would only be refined for himself and the Emperor's Palace powerhouses.

Despite their insufficient confidence when the Long brothers announced Fang Bai's challenge to Starlord Yang, they did so out of respect for Fang Bai's will.

They had tried persuading Fang Bai to wait until his cultivation level reached high-rank Void God Realm, but Fang Bai wasn't willing to wait another day.

Then, at the agreed time, accompanied by the Long brothers, Fang Bai arrived at the square in front of the Water Element Star's Starlord Hall, explicitly challenging Starlord Yang to a duel.

As a Starlord, Starlord Yang naturally wouldn't back down, leading his followers out of the Starlord Hall to confront Fang Bai.

Chapter 2768: High Rank Void God Realm

"With merely a mid-level cultivation in the Void God Realm, you dare challenge this Starlord. Are you tired of living?"

Starlord Yang of the Water Element Star gazed at Fang Bai on the opposite side with a sneer, full of disdain.

Fang Bai smiled lightly, "In the Divine Realm, there's no rule against mid-level Void God Realm experts challenging the high level, is there?"

Starlord Yang was momentarily stunned, then laughed mockingly.

"At such a young age, you have such cultivation and also hold positions as both a Pill Master and an Artifact Refiner. It would be a pity if I killed you. I advise you to abandon the challenge and join me to rule this Water Element Star together."

Starlord Yang began to try to win over Fang Bai.

He valued Fang Bai's potential, believing that if he could recruit Fang Bai, it would greatly benefit his own cultivation and solidify his position as Starlord.

Little did he know that what Fang Bai coveted was precisely the position of Starlord and the cultivation resources it commanded.

Thus, the battle with Starlord Yang was something Fang Bai had been preparing for days and was determined to undertake.

Although Starlord Yang had numerous subordinates, due to the rules of the Divine Realm, they could not assist him, so this battle was one-on-one. Fang Bai was confident in defeating Starlord Yang and taking his place.

The Dragon brothers stood behind Fang Bai, both excited and apprehensive.

Excited because if Fang Bai defeated Starlord Yang, their status as followers would rise significantly, and they would reap rich rewards.

Apprehensive because if Fang Bai were to lose, it might result in death, and their future on this Fire Cloud Star would become difficult.

"If you're willing to cede the position of Starlord to me, we can avoid this fight. What do you think?"

Facing Starlord Yang's attempt to sway him, Fang Bai smiled as he spoke.

Starlord Yang, furious, spat out angrily, "You refuse a toast only to drink a forfeit! Fine, give me your life!"

In a thought, a massive fire dragon formed above his head, emitting a high-pitched dragon's roar, lashing its teeth and claws, spanning the void, pouncing towards Fang Bai.

Fang Bai's figure soared in mid-air, summoning the Pangu Axe, swinging it mightily. A beam of axe light, with the force of splitting heaven and earth, cleaved the massive fire dragon in two.

"You little god, you do have some skill!"

Seeing this, Starlord Yang realized that Fang Bai's strength was not as weak as he had imagined. Holding a determined stance to kill with one blow, he summoned his Divine Artifact, aiming it at Fang Bai's head.

His Divine Artifact was a massive hammer, weighing over a hundred thousand catties. As it descended, it was as if a small star traversed the void, carrying an incredible momentum.

Seeing the power of this attack, Fang Bai didn't confront it head-on. Holding the Pangu Axe in his left hand, he supported the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron with his right hand to counter the hammer strike.

"Boom!"

The giant hammer struck the Five Elements Origin Qi Cauldron, causing the city pool, which housed millions of Divine Realm experts, to tremble.

Under the impact of the collision between the two Divine Artifacts, both Fang Bai and Starlord Yang were knocked back a thousand feet before stabilizing.

This clash allowed both sides to gauge each other's strengths, making neither dare to take the other lightly.

Especially Starlord Yang, who never expected that Fang Bai, with a cultivation level one realm lower than his own, could contend with him on equal footing, leaving him shocked.

The Dragon brothers who accompanied Fang Bai, witnessing this, were convinced of Fang Bai's ability to challenge above his level, greatly boosting their confidence.

Fang Bai and Starlord Yang, one trying to protect his Starlord position, the other endeavoring to seize it, continued their fierce battle above the city, each striving to overcome the other.

Starlord Yang, an experienced high-ranking Void God Realm expert, had attempted to break through to the True God Realm in recent years but repeatedly failed due to his advancing age and declining vitality.

In contrast, Fang Bai's mid-level Void God Realm cultivation was fully consolidated. Being young with abundant vitality, coupled with the aid of two Divine Artifacts, his combat power was not inferior to that of Starlord Yang.

After several days of intense fighting, Starlord Yang eventually began to show signs of fatigue.

"Give up the position of Starlord willingly, and I will spare your life!"

Seeing Starlord Yang's desperate struggle, Fang Bai shouted loudly.

Starlord Yang, looking grim, still laughed loudly, "As Starlord, I have made many enemies over the years. If I lose this position, I wouldn't survive more than a few days. So I'd rather fight you to the end and die at the hands of a newcomer like you without regret!"

Fang Bai knew he had developed a death wish, feeling slightly reluctant. "In the future, I will be Starlord, and you can be Deputy Starlord. You will still manage the Water Element Star, and I will only focus on cultivation, not interfering with your affairs. I'll take seventy percent of the Divine Crystals, while you take thirty. What do you think?"

Seeing Starlord Yang hesitate, Fang Bai added, "My journey will extend far beyond the Water Element Star! Once my cultivation level advances, I'll go to other galaxies seeking opportunities. Then, you can still be the Starlord of the Water Element Star."

Starlord Yang believed in Fang Bai's words, recognizing that Fang Bai's future achievements would far exceed his own. They shook hands and made peace, with Starlord Yang publicly acknowledging his defeat to Fang Bai before millions of experts on the Water Element Star.

True to his word, after receiving the Divine Crystals, Fang Bai gave thirty percent to Starlord Yang and used seventy percent to concentrate on secluded cultivation.

The Water Element Star, home to millions of experts in the Divine Realm, offered substantial tribute in Divine Crystals. The seventy percent share Fang Bai received each year numbered in the tens of millions, sufficient for him and the Immortal Cultivators within the Five Elements Space Ring, even after allocating a portion to the Dragon brothers.

Aware of his own weakness within the Divine Realm, Fang Bai left the Water Element Star with millions of white Divine Crystals, seeking seclusion in the depths of the starry sky within a small Star Stone.

The duration of his secluded cultivation was unclear, extending until he exhausted most of the white Divine Crystals and reached and stabilized the high level of the Void God Realm, before leaving the small Star Stone and returning to the Water Element Star.

"In just three years of seclusion, the Starlord advanced from a mid-level to a high-level in the Void God Realm. Such a rate of advancement is truly astonishing!"

Starlord Yang, witnessing Fang Bai's return as a high-ranking Void God Realm expert, was deeply shocked, finally understanding the significant gap between himself and Fang Bai, and accepting defeat wholeheartedly.

Post advancement, Fang Bai found little interest in remaining on the Water Element Star. However, he spent several years on this star.

During these years, he continuously infused the Five Elements Space Ring with Divine Crystals, ensuring the uninterrupted cultivation of Immortal Cultivators within the Emperor's Palace, frequently entering the Five Elements Space Ring to supervise and spar with them.

Under Fang Bai's guidance and with the diligent cultivation of the Emperor's Palace Immortal Cultivators, they finally broke through during a period of several years to the Void God Realm.

As a result, the Hundred Flowers Empress, Empress Linglong, and others ascended from being empresses to Divine Realm experts, leaving the Five Elements Space Ring to appear beside Fang Bai.

Chapter 2769: Seeking True God Realm Cultivation Techniques

Regarding the sudden appearance of dozens of Void God Realm experts around Fang Bai, Starlord Yang was surprised yet felt it was understandable.

After all, in the Divine Realm, whether a Domain Lord, Realm Lord, or a Starlord, they would have a group of followers around them.

However, upon closer look, Starlord Yang discovered that these supporters around Fang Bai were all incredibly young and possessed extraordinary talents. Once they mature in the future, they will undoubtedly become a force to be reckoned with in the Divine Realm.

Thus, Starlord Yang grew more respectful of Fang Bai, thinking that such a potential and powerful being was someone worth befriending to forge a good bond for the future.

After Fang Bai advanced to the high rank of the Void God Realm, the path to breakthrough into the True God Realm required acquiring higher rank cultivation techniques and divine crystals containing more divine power.

However, the strongest expert on Water Element Star was only a high-rank Void God Realm, with no True God Realm techniques available.

Therefore, after discussing with several other Emperor's Palace deities, Fang Bai decided to leave the position of Starlord of Water Element Star to Starlord Yang. He, along with the Emperor's Palace deities, rode some divine beasts and flew towards other star systems in the depths of space.

According to Starlord Yang, within the cosmos, there were countless star systems, and in those dense star systems, above the Starlords, there were Hundred Starlords and Thousand Starlords.

The Starlords who governed ten stars, a hundred stars, or even a thousand stars were even more powerful, all being True God Realm experts beyond the reach of Void God Realm experts.

"To obtain True God Realm cultivation techniques, you can go to the commerce assembly in those large star systems to undertake tasks. Upon completion of tasks, you can acquire corresponding True God Realm techniques or equivalent cultivation resources."

Before Fang Bai departed, the knowledgeable Starlord Yang said this to Fang Bai.

Fang Bai led the Emperor's Palace deities, wandering in the cold and desolate, endless starry sky, slowly advancing along the stellar path indicated by Starlord Yang.

No time passes in the starry sky.

They did not know how long they had been traveling, only knowing they had passed countless stars, big and small.

On those stars, some showed no signs of life, while others were inhabited by many powerful beings. However, the stars hosting the strongest Divine Realm beings were only similar to Water Element Star.

So Fang Bai did not linger and continued to advance.

His goal was a star inhabited by True God Realm beings and commerce assemblies.

Although the cosmos was boundless, there was no telling when they would find the target they hoped for, they were not in a hurry, progressing while cultivating, their strength therefore gradually improving.

During idle moments, Fang Bai, Baihua, Linglong, and other Emperor's Palace deities practiced formations.

The saying goes, the myriad of changes does not stray from the core principles. Fang Bai's creation of the Immortal Array, when executed proficiently by these deities who already possessed divine power in the Divine Realm, still had unexpectedly effective results.

And their practice of formations soon proved useful.

Upon encountering a Star Pirates Group consisting of over a hundred members, led by Fang Bai, the Emperor's Palace dozen deities formed an array to confront them and won a decisive victory, not only defeating the Star Pirates Group but also acquiring a starship and numerous divine crystals.

Starships are costly and travel through space at extremely fast speeds. With this "transportation," Fang Bai and the deities abandoned the divine beasts.

According to a member of the Star Pirates Group, their starship came from Jade Dragon Star, a colossal star with a circumference of millions of miles, inhabited by many True God Realm experts and a few commerce assemblies.

With this gain, Fang Bai and the deities were overjoyed and brought along some members of the Star Pirates Group familiar with the star road to pilot the starship toward Jade Dragon Star.

On this day, the vast Jade Dragon Star finally came into view. Fang Bai and the other Emperor's Palace deities disembarked from the starship and stored the starship inside the Five Elements Space Ring.

Jade Dragon Star does have dedicated docking spaces for starships, but the internal space of Fang Bai's Five Elements Space Ring is vast. It can accommodate not just one starship but hundreds or even thousands, so why spend large sums renting a berth for a starship?

Additionally, Fang Bai discovered a special feature of the Five Elements Space Ring, that is, as his strength continues to grow, the spatial area keeps expanding.

Currently, the area of the Five Elements Space Ring has expanded from several hundred miles in the Immortal Realm to over a thousand miles and still shows signs of further expansion.

This discovery made Fang Bai delighted.

"Everyone, I am Flying Eagle, and I know everything about Jade Dragon Star, all is crystal-clear to me. If you need any assistance or have any inquiries, you can ask me, and I guarantee the most satisfactory answers for you..."

Just as the deities entered the largest city on Jade Dragon Star, Yulong City, a seemingly shrewd, self-proclaimed mid-level Void God Realm expert named Flying Eagle approached, warmly saying this.

Fang Bai glanced at a member of the Star Pirates Group they had subdued, listened to him whisper a few words quietly in his ear, and understood that this guy in front was similar to a "tour guide" or "sales assistant" in the secular world, earning divine crystals this way.

"How do you charge?"

Fang Bai looked at Flying Eagle and asked with a smile.

Flying Eagle, energized, said, "Ten thousand white divine crystals a day... Guests should not find it expensive; within this day, I will always accompany the guests, answering queries and ensuring you feel it's value for money..."

Flying Eagle talked eloquently, hoping to persuade Fang Bai to earn this sum.

Fang Bai nodded and immediately transferred ten thousand white divine crystals to Flying Eagle, smiling and said, "Lead the way, find us a place to rest first. Then take me to the largest commerce assembly. If the affairs are well-handled, there will be extra rewards!"

Flying Eagle responded and led Fang Bai and the Emperor's Palace deities to a luxurious inn within Yulong City, handling all lodging procedures for them.

Once they had a place to settle, Fang Bai asked Flying Eagle to lead him to the largest Starshine Commerce Assembly in Yulong City, and before leaving, he also allowed Baihua, Linglong, and other Emperor's Palace deities to wander around the city to see if they might encounter some opportunities.

Under Flying Eagle's guidance, Fang Bai soon arrived at the Starshine Commerce Assembly.

There are four major commerce assemblies on Jade Dragon Star, of which the Starshine Commerce Assembly boasts the longest history and richest foundation. It's said they have over a hundred thousand strong experts, including more than a hundred True God Realm experts.

The Starshine Commerce Assembly holds many True God Realm cultivation techniques and numerous rare treasures from the Divine Realm, where any expert, upon undertaking and completing a task here, can exchange for techniques or treasures, fair for all.

Fang Bai was received by a steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly, named Wanshi, possessing an initial-stage cultivation level of the True God Realm.

After Fang Bai explained his purpose, Wanshi stroked his beard with a smile and said, "The guest desires True God Realm cultivation techniques? That's easy..."

He pointed to a massive crystal wall and said, "The guest only needs to lightly touch the crystal wall to see numerous related tasks. Simply take one task from there and complete it, then return to exchange it for a True God Realm cultivation technique."

So Fang Bai gently touched the crystal wall with his palm, immediately revealing over a hundred different tasks.

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Fang Bai looked carefully and found that the tasks displayed on the crystal wall included hunting a certain Divine Realm expert, acquiring a beast core from a kind of Starry Sky Behemoth, and searching for some mystical flower or exotic fruit...

In any case, out of those hundreds of tasks, none were easy for a high-rank Void God Realm expert to complete.

"I choose this one!"

Fang Bai's gaze hesitated on the crystal wall for a moment before finally settling on one of the task bars, pointing at it as he spoke.

"Are you certain?"

The steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly looked at Fang Bai in surprise, seemingly not expecting him to choose this task.

"This is it!"

Fang Bai laughed, "What I hate the most in my life are those who abuse women. I have no qualms about killing him!"

The task bar showed a portrait of a True God Realm expert named Xieying, with a line of small text below.

The small text explained Xieying's background and strength, as well as his crimes against over a hundred women from the Divine Realm.

Among the women Xieying had abused was the daughter of a high-ranking member of the Starshine Commerce Assembly, which was why the assembly had posted this task and placed it prominently on the crystal wall.

Completing the task to hunt down Xieying would result in rewards, including a True God Realm cultivation technique.

Xieying's strength was at the initial stage of the True God Realm, and he had a divine artifact to assist him, along with advanced stealth abilities, making him difficult to kill.

Over the years, many True God Realm experts had taken this task, but all had ended in failure, and Xieying remained at large to this day.

The steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly clearly did not expect Fang Bai, with only high-rank Void God Realm strength, to take on such a challenging task.

"Xieying is extremely malevolent and murderous. If you go to kill him, you might end up harming yourself! Have you thought it through?"

The steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly reminded Fang Bai once more.

He knew cultivation wasn't easy, and seeing Fang Bai, so young yet already accomplished, he had developed a fondness for talent and thus kindly reminded him.

Fang Bai smiled and said, "I shall give it a try!"

The steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly saw that Fang Bai was determined despite the advice, thinking him youthful and reckless, and sighed silently.

"The task has a ten-year deadline. Within ten years, if you cannot kill Xieying, the task will be automatically canceled. Remember, you are not the only strong one taking on this task, so be quick or be left out!"

The steward of the Starshine Commerce Assembly reminded once more.

Fang Bai nodded, expressing his understanding.

Immediately, he left his image and a wisp of his divine sense inside a Divine Crystal at the Starshine Commerce Assembly to verify his identity later and then departed with the task.

Soon after returning to the inn, Baihua, Linglong, and other gods of the Emperor's Palace also returned in succession.

Baihua and the other gods of the Emperor's Palace wandered around Yulong City, exchanging their Divine Crystals for some cultivation resources they liked, and then showed them off to Fang Bai.

Fang Bai's thoughts were entirely on hunting Xieying and exchanging for the True God Realm cultivation technique, so he glanced at the treasures Baihua and the others had exchanged and shook his head with a smile: "Your luck wasn't great. The things you exchanged aren't very special and won't be very helpful to your cultivation!"

Baihua and others roamed around Yulong City, exchanging their Divine Crystals at the Cultivation Resource Exchange Market, hoping to grab some valuable items that would greatly aid their cultivation, but hearing Fang Bai's words, they felt a bit disappointed.

Fang Bai laughed heartily: "To get rare treasures, it is not easy at this Cultivation Resource Exchange Market; we must go to the depths of the starry sky where even Divine Realm experts seldom visit! All right, let's stay here in Yulong City for now and set off in a few days!"

"Palace Master, where are we going this time?"

The Lightning Mink asked excitedly.

He loved to move around, and although Yulong City was nice, staying in one place became boring.

Fang Bai said, "I took a task from the largest commerce assembly here, the Starshine Commerce Assembly. After completing it, I can get a True God Realm cultivation technique! With a True God Realm cultivation technique, I may reach the True God Realm! In this Divine Realm, only those in the True God Realm aren't considered bottom of the barrel!"

The Lightning Mink rubbed its hands together eagerly: "Is the task difficult? Can we complete it if we work together?"

Fang Bai said, "It's just killing an initial stage True God Realm expert. I think it can be done! Even if I can't do it alone, with all of you, it's definitely possible!"

Thus, led by Fang Bai, the gods of the Emperor's Palace stayed in Yulong City for a few days before leaving Jade Dragon Star, boarding a starship seized from the Star Pirates Group, and flying towards the depths of the starry sky.

The Jade Dragon Star System is just a small star system, consisting of ten stars with Jade Dragon Star as the main body, inhabited by billions of Divine Realm experts, primarily True God Realm experts.

According to the Starshine Commerce Assembly's information, the person named Xieying is still active among the ten stars of the Jade Dragon Star System.

Xieying is extremely cunning and powerful. Over the years, numerous experts have attempted to hunt him down, only to be counter-killed or evaded by him.

The distances between the ten stars of the Jade Dragon Star System span millions of miles, and Fang Bai and the gods travel along these distances on their starship, searching for traces of Xieying.

"The Starshine Commerce Assembly provided me with the breath of Xieying himself. Now each of you should sense it and remember it well."

Fang Bai said, taking out a Divine Crystal and releasing a wisp of aura.

This aura belonged to a True God Realm expert, exuding an invisible pressure, and it was the aura provided by the Starshine Commerce Assembly as Xieying's own breath.

Supposedly, Xieying was originally a member of the Starshine Commerce Assembly but fled after violating the daughter of an assembly high-ranking member, committing numerous crimes over the years.

Even now, in the Soul Hall of the Starshine Commerce Assembly, Xieying's Soul Lamp still exists, and the wisp of his own aura was collected from the Soul Lamp.

The fact that Xieying's Soul Lamp has not been extinguished indicates he is still alive and well, which makes the assembly's experts grit their teeth in hatred and consider it a disgrace.

"The Jade Dragon Star System has ten stars, and we, the dozens of strong ones, will be divided into ten groups to search, increasing our chances. That Xieying, though good at concealing his aura, cannot escape our keen senses, and we may find his traces."

Fang Bai said, scanning across Baihua, Linglong, and other gods of the Emperor's Palace, and added, "Once separated, remember to be cautious and avoid conflict with other experts. If you encounter danger, send a distress signal immediately. Also, whoever first discovers Xieying's traces should promptly send a signal and call the others to assist, striving to eliminate Xieying in one sweep."

Hearing this, the other gods of the Emperor's Palace nodded solemnly.

Therefore, Fang Bai and the dozens of gods of the Emperor's Palace split into ten groups, each flying to one of the ten stars of the Jade Dragon Star System.