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Chapter 1471 - Changes in the Talent Tree

The Talent Tree couldn't further derive spirit runes amidst the three metamorphoses, so Lu Ye could only continue to comprehend the saber skills inheritance within the short sword.

While nurturing his psyche, he would go out to practice swordsmanship, making decent progress.

This desolate island was indeed seldom visited; Lu Ye had been here for over a month. Even though it was still part of the All Phenomena Ocean, not many people passed by.

For a homeless person like him, this was obviously a good place to stop and rest.

Another day, Lu Ye swung the long saber before the rock wall, feeling vaguely aware of something but unable to fully grasp it, so he reluctantly sheathed his saber and stood still.

He knew that some things couldn't be forced. Since the short sword legacy was in his hands, he believed he would eventually comprehend its true meaning, so he wasn't in a hurry.

Observing the metamorphosis of the Talent Tree within him, it had not yet concluded, but the fire seed had obviously grown much larger, and its radiant glow had become brighter.

Judging by this, the completion of the Talent Tree's metamorphosis was just days away.

Without further hesitation, Lu Ye returned to the cave to retrieve the array banners he had set up, summoned the starboat, and headed toward All Phenomena Island.

Not long after he left, several streams of light descended at the place. The leader looked around for a moment and laughed heartily, "This is it. From now on, this will be the territory of our Tyranny Palace!"

A seemingly naive and beautiful woman timidly said, "Senior Brother Chu, we have no objection to the location you chose, but about the name... could it be reconsidered a little?"

The others quickly nodded, clearly feeling this name wasn't very appropriate.

Senior Brother Chu waved his hand with an air of dominance, "What's there to reconsider? Tyranny Palace sounds impressive, it's decided!"

His face full of excitement made the following women feel quite helpless, but the group had always followed his lead, so naturally, it wasn't appropriate to voice any opposition now.

Moreover, considering Senior Brother Chu's background, even though the name Tyranny Palace might not sound pleasant and could easily provoke hostility, few would dare to casually cause trouble, especially on such a neglected desolate island—occupy it just as it is.

Senior Brother Chu said, "We've found a territory. What's next? Any good suggestions?"

A seemingly delicate woman, who looked like she'd be blown over by the wind, spoke softly, "I see other Spirit Islands have many people. Shouldn't we recruit some people too?"

Hearing this, Senior Brother Chu's eyes lit up, "Indeed, we should start recruiting and expanding our strength. Only with enough strength can we stand firm. One day, the name Tyranny Palace will resonate throughout the All Phenomena Ocean, and many Spirit Islands will come to pay homage!"

He seemed to anticipate this scene already, his expression very excited. The few women exchanged glances, feeling a poignant despair, as if they had followed the wrong person.

They had all come from impoverished backgrounds and, though not well-experienced, understood the principle of 'might makes right.' Senior Brother Chu was different; he was from a distinguished background with strong connections and had never suffered hardships, holding naive expectations and fantasies about this ramshackle cultivation world.

Lu Ye was navigating the starboat towards All Phenomena Island when an audio talisman came through, revealing a message from Chu Shen.

"Big Brother, I've led people to occupy a Spirit Island, but now I'm short on hands. Are you interested in coming over to oversee it?"

Chu Shen actually occupied a Spirit Island, which surprised Lu Ye. He wondered what Chu Shen was doing taking over a Spirit Island in the All Phenomena Ocean. Usually, only external forces needing a place to settle would seize a Spirit Island. Moreover, Spirit Islands in the All Phenomena Ocean were resources themselves; good Spirit Islands had abundant energy and even spirit jade veins. Forces occupying Spirit Islands essentially seize cultivation resources.

But Chu Shen was a native cultivator of the All Phenomena Galaxy, which already occupied the largest All Phenomena Island, so there was no need to seize another.

And the one Chu Shen occupied wouldn't be any kind of Spirit Island, Lu Ye guessed it was just a deserted, neglected island.

This young master from Cheling World was likely playing a game of make-believe...

Lu Ye naturally had no interest and didn't even bother replying.

Two days later, he returned to All Phenomena Island, activated the Thousand Faces Spirit Runes to slightly alter his appearance, and entered the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

This time, he naturally aimed to buy fire-type treasures. Once the Talent Tree's metamorphosis was complete, the fuel previously consumed would certainly be depleted.

Lu Ye wanted to be prepared in advance.

He randomly found a guild manager to engage in conversation. The manager, upon hearing the quantity of goods Lu Ye intended to purchase, was overjoyed and immediately pulled out an inventory list. Everything on the list was available in stock at the guild.

Lu Ye negotiated the price slightly, securing this batch of fire-type treasures at a favorable rate. He also purchased a large quantity of elixir pills of various types.

Only then did he leisurely leave the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

This round of purchasing significantly shrunk Lu Ye's wealth, prompting him to sigh, realizing that spirit jade, indeed, never seemed to be sufficient, no matter how much one had.

He wandered around All Phenomena Island for a while, found a place where no one was watching, altered his appearance once more, and returned to the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

Mainly because he had nowhere else to go at the moment, the completion of the Talent Tree's metamorphosis was imminent. He didn't want to run around, so he simply stayed inside the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

The third floor of the guild is specifically for lodging, of course, the prices are ridiculously high. That's why Lu Ye hadn't stayed here before, but at this moment, there was no time to care about that.

Two days passed quickly, and Lu Ye was in his guest room comprehending the short sword legacy when he felt a disturbance within his body.

He quickly focused his mind to observe and found, indeed, that his Talent Tree had completed its metamorphosis.

His heart immediately filled with anticipation, wondering what new changes the Talent Tree would bring this time.

Upon close observation, the Talent Tree was still burning fiercely, like a giant tree of flames, but in terms of perception, Lu Ye noticed that it seemed somewhat different from before.

It wasn't the shape but rather the flames burning on the Talent Tree.

Previously, the flames on the Talent Tree gave a sense of being wild and destructive, but now the flames seemed to have a vibrant vitality and even an elegant and ethereal sense!

This was a very contradictory feeling, but Lu Ye could genuinely feel it.

Carefully experiencing the novelty the flames brought, Lu Ye had a faint sensation that the Talent Tree's ability to incinerate impurities might not only be used on himself but could also be used on others!

Before this metamorphosis, the Talent Tree did not have such a power.

When he first obtained the Talent Tree, Lu Ye had wondered if he could use its power to cleanse impurities in others, making their spirit force as pure as his own.

At the time, he wanted to try it on Amber, but due to having no assurance and to prevent causing harm to Amber, he did not dare to do so lightly.

Through the next two metamorphoses, Lu Ye did not have this impression, but unexpectedly, after this metamorphosis, an idea from long ago had become reality.

Although he had no one to try it on, Lu Ye could still determine that the Talent Tree was indeed capable of incinerating impurities within others. However, whether this would cause harm in the process wasn't something Lu Ye could judge; he would have to try it to find out.

Most likely, it would cause some harm, which required him to have extremely strong control over his spirit force.

This change was quite beneficial. In the future, if his friends or family were invaded by an irremovable force, he could lend a hand to resolve it.

Yet, the metamorphosis of the Talent Tree certainly wasn't limited to just this.

While taking out the fire-type treasures he had bought earlier for the Talent Tree to devour, Lu Ye continued his observations.

He soon discovered that after this metamorphosis, the Talent Tree's efficiency in devouring had significantly increased. Compared to a few days ago, the same fire-type treasures could be completely devoured in a shorter period.

This was because the roots of the Talent Tree had become much more lush and longer; this was obviously the fundamental reason for the increased efficiency.

This was as expected.

Lu Ye activated Blood Shadow and Single-Stalk Twin Lotus, using the Talent Tree's division to condense a doppelganger, but he was disappointed to find out that the doppelganger was still just one, with no way to condense a second one.

After attempting for a while, Lu Ye found that besides the changes before, the Talent Tree seemed to have no more changes.

This is it?

If that's all it is, it seems the significance of this metamorphosis isn't great.

The last metamorphosis granted the Talent Tree the power to derive spirit patterns.

Lu Ye was speechless for a while, almost wanting to grab the Talent Tree by the neck and make it spit out the consumed fuel, which was worth ten million spirit jade.

However, as things were, Lu Ye could only helplessly accept it, secretly consoling himself that the Talent Tree must have more changes, just that he hadn't discovered them yet.

Continuing to let the Talent Tree devour the energy from the fire-type treasures he bought, this time he didn't have to worry about it metamorphosing again. Based on previous experiences, the next metamorphosis would require more extensive fuel reserves, making Lu Ye wonder if using all of his spirit jade to buy fire-type treasures would meet the demands of its transformation.

The improved efficiency of the Talent Tree's devouring saved Lu Ye a lot of time as well.

Three days later, he left All Phenomena Island.

He had to take a trip to the Merfolk Territory. He had previously purchased a large amount of elixir pills from the All Phenomena Merchants Guild for this journey, as the Merfolk Race sorely lacked such items.

Lu Ye wanted to buy some spirit treasures to take along, but in the underwater environment, spirit treasures wouldn't be of much use.

Finding a deserted island nearby, he found a hidden spot, set up a Formation to protect it, and took out the green sea conch to blow.

To reach the merfolk territory, he had to take a two-step process: The first was to return to the Constellation Palace to remove the sea conch seal he left there, then return. When he could use the green sea conch again next time, he'd be able to enter the merfolk territory directly and teleport to outside the Divine Conch Hall.

Otherwise, relying on Lu Ye to swim there from the Constellation Palace wouldn't be feasible. By the time he reached the merfolk territory, the portal at the Constellation Palace would have disappeared, leaving him trapped underwater.

Chapter 1472 - The Function of the Small Constellation Palace

The portal created by sounding the green sea conch has a limited duration, an issue that cannot be changed.

Originally, he intended to use the Constellation Palace as a reserve storage place. However, this plan is now futile, since he cannot make a round trip from the Constellation Palace to the Merfolk Territory in one teleportation, and the portal's destination can only be chosen for one location.

As the sound echoed, a green light emerged from the green sea conch, transforming into a portal. Lu Ye promptly rushed in.

He immediately erased the marks left by the previous use of the green sea conch, then hurried to the place where he had piled up seaweed and star beast corpses, stuffing them all into his storage ring. To store these materials, Lu Ye had previously asked for a bunch of storage rings from the chamber of commerce, which were cheap, and given the large business transaction, they were happy to give them away.

In no time, the piled-up seaweed and star beast corpses in the corner were all collected.

Lu Ye glanced at the portal, realizing there was still some time left, he quickly ran to the main entrance of the Constellation Palace and pushed it open.

During his last return visit, he happened to encounter Bai Lu. Lu Ye was considering that if Bai Lu was still around this time, he would ask her to deliver a message to the Merfolk that he would visit the Merfolk Territory in a few days to deliver some elixir pills to them.

The door opened wide, but there was no sign of Bai Lu.

As expected, Bai Lu already knew he had left here, so it was unlikely for her to linger around for no reason.

There was nothing he could do but wait until the green sea conch could be used again to go directly.

As he was about to turn and leave, he noticed a peculiar-looking star beast passing by in the distance, looking quite plump. Lu Ye hadn't seen this type of star beast before, so he drew his sword gourd, unleashed a Sword Qi, and dispatched the star beast on the spot.

With a swift movement, he plunged into the seawater and collected the star beast's corpse.

As he was about to return to the Constellation Palace, Lu Ye suddenly noticed some unusual activity in the storage space on the back of his hand, prompting him to investigate with surprise.

When he discerned the source of this unusual activity, he was even more astonished.

The Small Constellation Palace inside was actually experiencing slight vibrations...

Lu Ye couldn't make sense of this, as items stored in storage spaces were usually isolated from the outside world and wouldn't easily manifest powers, especially the Small Constellation Palace, which he had examined many times without understanding its purpose.

This time it was unexpectedly vibrating slightly.

As expected of a gift from the Constellation Palace, truly extraordinary!

Lu Ye quickly brought out the Small Constellation Palace, not worrying about it being corroded by the seawater, for the Constellation Palace itself had stood beneath the All Phenomena Ocean for countless years, and this item looked identical to it, so there was no reason for it to be eroded easily.

Sure enough, once he brought it out, the Small Constellation Palace showed no signs of erosion. Furthermore, Lu Ye even sensed it was voraciously devouring the surrounding seawater.

Bubbles of varying sizes appeared out of thin air and swiftly rose, and Lu Ye clearly detected that each bubble contained extremely pure and rich stellar space energy.

For a moment, he was stunned, suddenly gaining some Insight into the powers of the Small Constellation Palace.

But now was not the time to continue experimenting, as the portal from the green sea conch wouldn't last long; he needed to return quickly.

He put away the Small Constellation Palace, approached the portal, and flashed through it. When he reappeared, he found himself on the desolate island he had been at before.

Holding the Small Constellation Palace in his hand and examining it closely, it was now silent, and despite attempting to inject spirit force into it, as before, there was no response.

Yet, from the recent experience, Lu Ye understood that to activate this item, spirit force from a cultivator wouldn't do, nor would spirit jade or spirit crystal; only the seawater from the All Phenomena Ocean would suffice!

No wonder he hadn't found a way to activate it before, as Lu Ye never thought of trying to activate it beneath the All Phenomena Ocean.

If it hadn't been for this unexpected discovery, it might have remained undiscovered for now.

However, he would undoubtedly enter the All Phenomena Ocean for cultivation in the future, and by then he would naturally perceive it.

He left his hiding place, surveyed his surroundings, found a deserted spot, and plunged into the All Phenomena Ocean, not daring to dive too deep, lest he encounter some vicious star beast, stopping at a depth of thirty fathoms below the sea.

The same scene as before unfolded; the Small Constellation Palace was frantically devouring the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean, and bubbles of varying sizes appeared out of nowhere.

Lu Ye held the Small Constellation Palace in one hand and reached into the bubbles with the other, discovering, as expected, that these bubbles were filled with extremely pure stellar space energy, readily refined.

The Small Constellation Palace could actually transform the All Phenomena Ocean's seawater into stellar space energy that cultivators could refine and absorb!

If that's the case, then this truly is a valuable treasure!

Everyone knows that the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean is condensed with extremely pure stellar space energy. To any cultivator, this vast ocean is an inexhaustible and unlimited cultivation treasure vault. Yet, from ancient times to now, no cultivator has benefited from it, because pure All Phenomena Ocean water cannot be refined, and it possesses strong corrosive properties, which even a cultivator's body cannot withstand, nor can spirit treasures or magic treasures.

But with the Small Constellation Palace, things are different; it can convert the seawater into energy that cultivators can refine, holding this item means that the All Phenomena Ocean's seawater becomes entirely available for one's use.

Lu Ye suddenly thought of something. In the competition within the Constellation Palace, the victorious cultivators would receive the reward of mystic light from the heavens, and that mystic light contained pure energy of varying quantities, which could be absorbed and refined by the cultivators.

Where did this energy come from? It certainly couldn't appear out of thin air; there must be a source.

Everyone thought it was the Constellation Palace's own reserve, but now it seems that it absolutely isn't.

The pure energy contained within the mystic light was no doubt all sourced from the All Phenomena Ocean, converted by the Constellation Palace from the seawater.

Thus, the Constellation Palace itself possesses such a conversion ability, and the bestowed Small Constellation Palace undoubtedly inherits this capability.

The Small Constellation Palace clearly has more abilities than just this one because during its process of converting seawater, Lu Ye found he could slightly activate it.

After quietly sensing it for a moment, Lu Ye attempted to control it.

Soon, the bubbles emerging from the Small Constellation Palace became much more frequent and larger, which undoubtedly meant its efficiency in converting seawater had improved, allowing more seawater to be converted into stellar space energy in a shorter amount of time.

Similarly, Lu Ye could also control it to reduce the efficiency, with the corresponding external performance being fewer and smaller bubbles.

Moreover.

Under Lu Ye's control, the Small Constellation Palace began to swallow the stellar space energy it had reversed. The amount of energy being swallowed wasn't much, so it didn't impact the birth of bubbles.

Additionally, the Small Constellation Palace was slightly vibrating.

Lu Ye was unsure what consequences continued actions might lead to, but some things need to be tried to find out.

In no time, the door of the Small Constellation Palace suddenly opened, and while Lu Ye focused his gaze, he saw thousands of luxurious lights emitting from the door; as Lu Ye fixed his eyes, the view abruptly changed.

A small object, yet as the door opened it was no bigger than Lu Ye's palm, but when Lu Ye gazed at it, the door rapidly enlarged within his view, causing the whole person to involuntarily charge toward the inside of the door.

Unprepared, Lu Ye plunged right in.

Upon reappearance, he was no longer in the All Phenomena Ocean, and after surveying the surroundings, he was astonished to discover he had returned to the Constellation Palace!

Suddenly realizing, there was a connection between the Small Constellation Palace and the Constellation Palace itself, allowing him to come here directly through the Small Constellation Palace!

Before him lay a portal, which was unlike the one condensed by the green sea conch, as this portal was manifestly more solid and stable, appearing as an open door in the form of a ghostly image.

This resolved the problem he was previously struggling with!

In the future, he can rely on the green sea conch to travel to the Merfolk Race's territory and use the Small Constellation Palace when he wishes to come to the Constellation Palace.

However, it's still unknown whether the usage of the portal in the Small Constellation Palace would have time restrictions similar to the green sea conch, a point that requires further experimentation to ascertain.

Initially intending to linger here a while to see if the portal would disappear, but upon reconsideration, Lu Ye realized that without his support, the Small Constellation Palace would undoubtedly fall deep into the All Phenomena Ocean, and going too deep would be unsafe upon departure.

So, Lu Ye quickly returned, utilizing that door-like portal, and again felt the sensation of seawater enveloping him, having returned to the All Phenomena Ocean.

Next to him, the Small Constellation Palace was indeed slowly sinking, and Lu Ye swiftly caught it.

The portal was still open, and Lu Ye attempted to close it, which was easily accomplished.

Not rushing to exit, Lu Ye tried to activate the Small Constellation Palace's capability again, letting it devour the energy from the reversed seawater, like before, thousands of luxurious lights bloomed and transformed again into the portal leading to the Constellation Palace itself.

After several attempts, Lu Ye confirmed one thing.

The portal of the Small Constellation Palace can be opened at any time without any time restrictions, which in this regard is far superior to the green sea conch.

But the green sea conch has its own advantages; it can leave a mark at a location in advance and open portals to the marked spot.

However, the Small Constellation Palace cannot do this and can only enter the Constellation Palace itself.

Comparing them, both types of teleportation have their merits, but the power of the Small Constellation Palace reversing seawater is something the green sea conch absolutely lacks.

In this world, apart from the Constellation Palace itself, there is probably no other treasure capable of such power.

Having such a treasure means that Lu Ye need not worry about future cultivation, as the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean is vast, far beyond his single usage capacity.

However, using the Small Constellation Palace's power also has a downside that's hard to ignore, particularly the lack of suitable place, as the All Phenomena Ocean is busy with people, making discovery easy.

Going underwater is a choice, but if heading beneath the sea, Lu Ye has his Talent Tree; what need is there for the Small Constellation Palace?

Chapter 1473 - Set Eyes on the Same Island

Understanding the various powers of the Small Constellation Palace, Lu Ye discovered that besides opening a portal to the main hall of the Constellation Palace, the effect of reversing the seawater into stellar space energy seemed rather redundant for him. This was because, to wield the power of this treasure, he had to delve underwater, and to go underwater, Lu Ye needed to activate the power of the Talent Tree...

That shouldn't be the case; the things bestowed by the Constellation Palace shouldn't be so redundant.

After a brief deliberation, a thought suddenly popped into Lu Ye's mind. If this idea could be realized, then the value of the Small Constellation Palace would be immense!

But before that, he had to find a suitable place.

The deserted island he landed on last time seemed to be a good choice. The place was sparsely populated, hardly visited by anyone on regular days, making it ideal for an attempt.

Thinking so, Lu Ye immediately summoned his starboat and sped towards the deserted island from last time.

More than a day later, he arrived at the location of the deserted island. His Mental Consciousness scanned the area, finding no trace of humans; it truly was an untouched place.

Without lingering, he plunged headlong into the All Phenomena Ocean, swimming below the island.

Normally, islands, even those with surfaces exposed above the sea, have parts that connect to the land beneath the sea; that is where the island's foundation lies.

But the islands in the All Phenomena Ocean are different. These islands, regardless of whether Spirit Islands or deserted ones, lack foundations. They float like floating lands on the All Phenomena Ocean.

Strangely, since ancient times, these floating Spirit Islands in the All Phenomena Ocean have never changed their positions. Regardless of whether the All Phenomena Ocean is calm or tumultuous, they remain fixed.

No one knows why this is, much like no one understands why these seemingly ordinary Spirit Islands are unscathed by the waters of the All Phenomena Ocean.

The countless islands in the All Phenomena Ocean appear to be protected by an obscure force. Even if Sun Blaze powerhouses fight on them, they show no damage.

If not for this, given the chaotic environment of the All Phenomena Ocean, with various forces constantly clashing, many islands would have been sunk long ago.

Lu Ye moved his form, arriving beneath the deserted island. After some searching, he found a suitable spot and placed the Small Constellation Palace there. He slightly controlled the palace's power, keeping it at a decent but not exaggerated efficiency in reversing the seawater.

For cultivators, the Small Constellation Palace's function might seem redundant, but Lu Ye was thinking of placing it here to see if, over time, it could improve the cultivation environment of this deserted island, perhaps turning it into a Spirit Island!

If possible, it would mean he could create a Spirit Island of his own using the Small Constellation Palace.

In the future, if he found a way back home and brought the cultivators from the Nine Provinces here, they would have a suitable and comfortable cultivation environment!

Lu Ye wasn't sure if this would work, but for now, it seemed likely. However, such matters shouldn't proceed too quickly, as it would be easy to attract unwanted attention, which was why he controlled the Small Constellation Palace's reversal efficiency.

Having set the Small Constellation Palace in place and applied some disguise, Lu Ye then returned.

He needn't worry about anyone stealing this treasure, for without the ability to dive deep into the All Phenomena Ocean, no one but him could claim it.

As for the star beasts underwater... there had never been any signs of strong star beasts in shallow waters, so there was even less to worry about.

Now, all that remained was the test of time.

He returned to the rocky cave where he had previously hidden, comprehending the short sword legacy while quietly waiting.

Several days later, the green sea conch was finally usable again. Lu Ye promptly took it out and gently blew into it.

A portal opened, and he stepped through.

Once again, he appeared in front of the Divine Conch Hall. However, unlike the previous two times, this time, two merfolk stood guard here. Upon seeing Lu Ye's figure, one of them immediately ran off, while the other began gesturing and speaking in a garbled manner to Lu Ye.

Lu Ye didn't understand, but upon seeing the merfolk rushing away, he roughly grasped the situation.

It was apparent that Bai Lu had instructed these two merfolk to guard here because she didn't know when Lu Ye would arrive. Thus, she needed to be informed immediately of his arrival, with the departing merfolk going to notify her.

Sure enough, moments later, Bai Lu rushed over, shouting from afar, "Li Taibai!"

Lu Ye looked towards the voice and saw her with a beaming smile, her fish tail swaying constantly as she approached.

"Time is short, so I'll be brief. I brought you some things, and if there's anything you want, let me know next time I'm here, and I'll buy it for you," he said, taking out the elixir pills he had previously purchased at the All Phenomena Merchants Guild and sorting them into several storage rings to hand over to Bai Lu.

"What is this?" Bai Lu asked, dumbfounded as she took them.

"They're elixir pills available outside."

"So many? They're too valuable." Bai Lu looked moved, thinking Lu Ye was just stopping by out of curiosity, not expecting him to bring so much with him.

The Merfolk Race had previously experienced the wonders of the elixir pills, which were beneficial for both healing and cultivation. However, the last time they traded with Lu Ye, the quantity and variety of elixir pills received were limited, so they treated them like treasures.

"Use them as you need. I'll buy more when you run out, so don't be frugal." After saying this, Lu Ye didn't linger, waved his hand and said, "I'm leaving now, see you next time!"

With that, he turned and stepped into the portal, his figure disappearing from sight.

"When will that next time be?" Bai Lu shouted, but there was no response. She couldn't help but slap the ground with her tail, creating a thud. The two other merfolk nearby shivered, sensing the princess's displeasure.

Carrying the storage rings given by Lu Ye, Bai Lu returned with a heavy heart. There were so many elixir pills, she needed to hand them over to the elders for handling. Moreover, Lu Ye had said if the Merfolk Race needed anything, they should let him know next time. But she really had no idea what the tribe could need.

Lu Ye had already returned to his hidden cave.

This time, he didn't discuss the trade with the Merfolk Race because, firstly, there wasn't enough time—he couldn't wait for them to gather enough spirit jade before returning. Secondly, the Merfolk Race were not the type to disregard favors. Sending so many elixir pills meant they would definitely reciprocate. This was evident from their two previous trades.

So when he visits again, the Merfolk Race would likely be ready with enough spirit jade as compensation. Of course, even if they don't, maintaining a relationship with the Merfolk Race would make future tasks more convenient.

The Small Constellation Palace had already been set up, and Lu Ye could not leave temporarily because he needed to see if his plan would succeed, necessitating some time here.

He was about to continue understanding the legacy within the short sword when he sensed some commotion outside. Shortly after, a slightly familiar voice reached his ears, "Sister, there's a cave here. How come we didn't notice it last time?"

Another familiar voice followed, "On the Spirit Islands of All Phenomena Ocean, the creations of the world are numerous. What's strange about a cave? Such a deserted island must be uninhabited. Let's go in and take a look."

As they spoke, the rustling of clothes was heard, and then the first speaker exclaimed in surprise, "Sister, there's a Formation covering this place!"

"Someone's here!" The elder sister was slightly startled, ready to withdraw with her sister, when suddenly there was a change before them, and the Formation broke effortlessly. Immediately, a sitting figure came into the sisters' view.

With six eyes meeting, the sisters were slightly taken aback because they realized they had met this person before—the one Little Dumb said looked like Senior Brother Fa from behind!

At the cave bottom, Lu Ye calmly looked at the Star Moon Sisters. He couldn't figure out why they had come here. Due to the Formation blocking and just returning from the Merfolk Tribe, he hadn't been paying close attention, leading to only noticing them when they were close.

In the All Phenomena Ocean, such unexpected encounters between unfamiliar cultivators would usually lead to mutual caution, but the Star Moon Sisters didn't seem guarded against Lu Ye.

Seeing Lu Ye's face clearly, the sisters hurriedly curtsied gracefully. Cai Xing said, "Sorry to disturb you, Fellow Daoist. We meant no offense. Please forgive us!"

Saying this, the sisters slowly withdrew while Lu Ye remained motionless.

After they left, Lu Ye furrowed his brow and stood up.

He dashed out of the cave, hanging mid-air, carefully observing, and his frown deepened. Because during his short stay at the Merfolk Territory, quite a few people had arrived on this deserted island!

Furthermore, judging by their setup, it seemed they were planning substantial construction to establish a foundation on this island.

They definitely weren't acting on a whim; rather, they had planned this for a while. In other words, someone had long set their eyes on this island, intending it to be a base for their forces!

As for the leader...

Upon seeing the Star Moon Sisters, Lu Ye had a suspicion, and now he saw it was correct.

Who else could it be if not that brat Chu Shen?

Lu Ye recalled, a few days back, this guy sent a message saying he had occupied a Spirit Island, wanting Lu Ye to come and oversee things, but Lu Ye found it troublesome and ignored him.

To think that this island he occupied might be this one?

This is no Spirit Island; it's clearly an unclaimed deserted island.

Besides Chu Shen, Little Dumb, Little Crooked, and Lucky Star, whom Lu Ye met last time, were there, along with a dozen or so cultivators he didn't recognize. Who knew where Chu Shen found these people, but judging by their spirit force fluctuations, they were only at Early Stage and were busy working energetically.

At this moment, the Star Moon Sisters approached Chu Shen and said something to him. Chu Shen turned to look at Lu Ye, and his eyes instantly brightened.

Meeting his gaze, Lu Ye felt a headache, wishing he could drag the kid to a remote place and beat him until his own mother couldn't recognize him.

Of all the deserted islands in the All Phenomena Ocean, why did this kid have to target the same one Lu Ye did?

Chapter 1474 - Accelerating the Deduction

Just as Lu Ye was feeling overwhelmed, Chu Shen had already approached him, a smile on his face and a warm demeanor. From afar, he cupped his hands in greeting, "Chu Shen from Tyranny Palace, greetings, Fellow Daoist!"

"Tyranny Palace?" Lu Ye frowned slightly. What kind of ridiculous name is that? Aren't they afraid of getting beaten up when they go out?

Chu Shen's eyebrows danced around, "Tyranny as in overflowing with dominance!"

Faced with such blatant hints, Lu Ye pretended not to understand. As long as he didn't admit it, no one could treat him as Fa Wuzun.

Chu Shen understood the sensitivity of Fa Wuzun's identity. Even though he was certain the person in front of him was indeed Leader Fa, since Leader Fa didn't admit it, he wouldn't bring it up either.

The only thing he couldn't quite figure out was how Leader Fa coincidentally ended up here. The last time he sent a message inviting Leader Fa to come, there was no response, and he assumed it was a lost cause. Yet, here they were today.

Now, there was no way he could miss this opportunity. He was well aware of Leader Fa's formidable power. If Leader Fa were to oversee things, the overall strength of Tyranny Palace would certainly elevate to a whole new level.

Not rushing to state his intentions, Chu Shen knew that Leader Fa wasn't someone easy to deal with. Being too eager could backfire, so he courteously asked, "How should I address you, Fellow Daoist?"

He truly didn't know Leader Fa's real name, as Fa Wuzun was merely an alias.

Lu Ye glanced at him lightly, "Li Taibai!"

"So it's Senior Brother Li, my respects!" Chu Shen responded courteously.

"What is it that you want?" Lu Ye asked. Although he already had a guess, he needed to clarify.

Chu Shen replied, "Here's the situation, Senior Brother. Our Tyranny Palace has decided to establish a base here. If you're interested..."

"Find another place!" Lu Ye interrupted him before he could finish.

He still needed to wait for the Small Constellation Palace's power to ferment here. How could he let others mess up the place? Besides, with so many deserted islands in the All Phenomena Ocean, Chu Shen had plenty of choices other than this one.

"Huh?" Chu Shen looked stunned for a moment, then gazed at Lu Ye pitifully. If it were anyone else speaking to him like that, he would've already called Little Dumb and the others to form a formation and defend against the enemy. But coming from Leader Fa, he didn't dare to argue.

"Any objections?" Lu Ye glanced at him.

Chu Shen hurriedly said, "No, no, no! How could there be any? I'll find another place right away without disturbing your peace, Senior Brother! So, shall I leave now?"

"Go ahead."

Chu Shen cupped his fists and turned to leave.

However, he had barely taken a few steps when Lu Ye's voice came from behind, "Wait a moment."

Chu Shen turned back, "Is there anything else, Senior Brother?"

Lu Ye pondered in silence. Originally, he was thinking of waiting for the Small Constellation Palace's power to ferment and not wanting anyone to cause disturbances. But if his plan truly succeeded, this deserted island would gradually become a Spirit Island...

And once it became a Spirit Island, it would inevitably attract attention. By then, even if Chu Shen didn't come, others would.

On the other hand, if Chu Shen occupied this place in advance, it might actually reduce some troubles and keep matters under control.

After all, Chu Shen was the young master of Cheling World and had Jiu Yan as a backing. Even though Tyranny Palace was just starting and not very established, not many would dare to trouble him. Just the name of Chu Shen itself was a layer of protection!

Thinking about it, letting Tyranny Palace occupy this spot didn't seem like a bad idea. It could actually have some benefits...

"Senior Brother?" Chu Shen didn't understand what Lu Ye was up to as he remained silent.

After a while, Lu Ye made up his mind and said, "From now on, this place will be the territory of Tyranny Palace. But I have a request!"

Chu Shen's expression turned solemn, "Please, go ahead, Senior Brother!"

Lu Ye pointed to the location where he had previously stayed, "That part belongs to me!"

Chu Shen was taken aback but then overjoyed, "No problem!" He thought to himself that even if the whole island belonged to Leader Fa, it wouldn't be an issue!

Leader Fa could be relied upon. This clearly meant agreeing to the previous proposal to stay and oversee Tyranny Island. However, since Leader Fa hadn't made it explicit, he could also pretend not to know.

Feeling delightful!

Currently, Tyranny Palace didn't have many people. Apart from Little Dumb, Little Crooked, and others, the rest were recruited from Zhaolai Island using spirit jade. Naturally, such recruits weren't very loyal, and their abilities weren't great, as Chu Shen couldn't offer favorable terms.

Lu Ye thought that with Cheling World and Jiu Yan backing him, Chu Shen would have no worries about food and clothing, and no lack of spirit jade. But in reality, he had an agreement with Jiu Yan that while venturing outside, he couldn't rely on Jiu Yan or Cheling World's name, and Jiu Yan wouldn't provide material support. The spirit jade he was currently spending was still the fifty million Lu Ye gave him after the auction.

Currently, Tyranny Palace has fewer than twenty people, all of whom are at the Early Stage of the Constellation Realm. With Lu Ye, the battle power of the Constellation Realm is assured.

However, if one wishes to truly establish a foothold in the All Phenomena Ocean, it cannot be done without a Moon Jade.

But for such a deserted island, no one would bother to attack it, so whether there is a Moon Jade or not doesn't matter.

The group from Tyranny Palace was busily working on the island. Lu Ye watched for a while, shook his head helplessly, and returned to his cave to continue comprehending the saber skills heritage.

After a session of comprehension, using some treasures to restore his damaged Mental Consciousness, Lu Ye then activated the power of the Talent Tree to start deriving the Concealment Spirit Runes.

This is a time-consuming task that requires careful and deliberate work, so whenever he has free time, Lu Ye engages in the derivation of Concealment.

However, this was the first time Lu Ye conducted a derivation after the Talent Tree's third metamorphosis.

Soon, Lu Ye noticed some anomalies.

The efficiency of this derivation seemed to be much faster than before, and... he could actually control the efficiency of the derivation manually!

This discovery filled Lu Ye with joy because, up until now, deriving a new spirit rune took a very long time, generally taking at least half a year. Since the Talent Tree's second metamorphosis, he had only derived four new spirit runes: Void, Divine Sharp Edge, Sacred Guard, and the new As-Close-As-Siblings.

He always wanted to speed up the Talent Tree's derivation speed and efficiency but didn't know how to achieve it.

Until this third metamorphosis of the Talent Tree, it seemed to have gained this ability!

During the derivation, the changing speed of the Yin-Yang Dual Origins on the Talent Tree leaves was much faster than before, and under his control, this efficiency could increase even more.

Filled with joy, he realized that there were indeed other effects after the Talent Tree's third metamorphosis. Previously, he only noticed that the power to incinerate external objects could be used on others and felt that it should not only be like this.

Now it seems that he was right, it was just that he hadn't been deriving spirit runes and thus didn't notice.

But soon after, Lu Ye noticed something unusual—along with the Talent Tree's derivation, the stored fuel was rapidly depleting, although not as fast as when he delves into the All Phenomena Ocean, it was still extremely rapid.

The faster Lu Ye accelerated the derivation of spirit runes, the faster the Talent Tree's fuel was consumed, and conversely, it would slow down.

At a loss for words, it turned out that the increased efficiency of derivation came at a cost, and that cost was the consumption of fuel!

Originally, Lu Ye had replenished a large amount of fuel for the Talent Tree the last time, thinking that as long as he didn't go deep into the All Phenomena Ocean for cultivation, it would last for many years, but now it seems that this hope was dashed.

If he wants to quickly derive new spirit runes, he must consume a large amount of fuel, just like in his cultivation, exchanging resources for time!

However, overall, this change in the Talent Tree is a good thing for Lu Ye, as he has many spirit runes to re-derive. Assuming each spirit rune takes at least half a year, it wouldn't be possible to derive all spirit runes completely in several decades, but now with enough fuel, this time can be greatly reduced.

Though feeling helpless, Lu Ye still chose to do so. For him, time is precious. If the fuel is consumed, he can spend spirit jade to buy more, so it's not an issue.

On Tyranny Island, the construction of Tyranny Palace is in full swing, and some new Constellations have been recruited to join in.

These Constellations actually don't understand why Chu Shen chose such a place to establish a base, because it's basically meaningless. Even if this godforsaken deserted island is forcibly occupied, it has no actual value. But since they were merely recruited, receiving a fixed monthly stipend, they only need to do their own tasks without worrying much.

Chu Shen occasionally visits Lu Ye, but Lu Ye usually refuses him, as he is busy deriving spirit runes and comprehending saber skills and has no time to see him.

Chu Shen doesn't mind.

Until one day, when he came to visit again, Lu Ye surprisingly didn't refuse him, allowing him to enter the cave, which was quite unexpected for Chu Shen.

He wasn't polite because he assumed the person in front of him, Li Taibai, was Leader Fa, so naturally he didn't stand much on ceremony.

He took out the wine and food he brought and sat with Lu Ye, drinking and chatting casually.

Through this, Lu Ye learned why Little Dumb and others were with him, because those few women originally had nowhere to go. Chu Shen specially found them, painted a beautiful picture, and brought them to his side.

Of course, the main link was Fa Wuzun, otherwise, it wouldn't be so easy for the women to get on Chu Shen's ship.

"What do you plan to do after occupying such a deserted island?" Lu Ye asked.

Chu Shen scratched his head, "I don't know either. I just wanted to do something after being confined in the Cheling World for so long. At the very least, I want to make a name for myself, so in the future, when I, Chu Shen, stand out, people won't say I'm just a Little Young Master from the Cheling World, but recognize me as the Palace Master of Tyranny Palace!"

Chu Shen is ultimately young, doing things based solely on passion without much calculation, and looked at Lu Ye, asking, "Senior Brother, can you teach me?"

Lu Ye, holding a wine glass, spoke nonchalantly, "The name Tyranny Palace... doesn't sound good!"

If someone else had said this, Chu Shen would consider it nonsense, but if Leader Fa said so, there must be reasoning, and he nodded repeatedly, "Yes, yes, I agree. Then, big... Senior Brother, can you suggest a name?"

Chapter 1475 The Revival of the Desolate Island

Lu Ye drank the wine in his cup and gently rubbed the glass with his fingers. After a moment of contemplation, he said, "Unparalleled, from now on, this place will be called Unparalleled Island!"

Chu Shen nodded in agreement: "Unique in the world, unmatched under the heavens!" He gave Lu Ye a thumbs up: "Great name, we'll go with Senior Brother's suggestion, from now on this will be Unparalleled Island!"

Lu Ye remained indifferent to such blatant flattery. The reason he picked the name Unparalleled was because of his current identity, publicly known as Li Taibai of the Unparalleled Continent.

If the Small Constellation Palace could transform this barren island into a Spirit Island, then later he could find a chance to bring people from the Nine Provinces here to cultivate. Naming it Unparalleled would make them feel more closely connected.

"The second matter, we should stop recruiting ordinary Constellations." Lu Ye spoke again.

Currently, there are over twenty people recruited on Unparalleled Island, but these people don't have a sense of belonging or identity with the Unparalleled Palace. More numbers would be useless, and their strengths are not high. For the basic foundation of the Unparalleled Palace, the current manpower is sufficient.

Chu Shen nodded continuously: "Senior Brother is right, we have stopped recruiting. I had Lucky Star keep an eye on Zhaolai Island, but there's been no word from any Moon Jade wanting to join our Unparalleled Palace."

Expecting any news would be strange. Which Moon Jade would want to come to this forsaken place? On the major Spirit Islands of the All Phenomena Ocean, Moon Jades are the pillars of strength. The Unparalleled Palace is just starting, lacking strength and reputation, so naturally, no one wants to come. Besides, the monthly salary Chu Shen can offer wouldn't be high.

"The third matter, quickly set up the big array on the island."

Chu Shen hesitated but still nodded readily: "I'll arrange it!"

Originally, he planned to first build the basic foundation of Unparalleled Island. As for the big array... it seemed irrelevant, because the place was a barren island and no one would attack. What use was the big array? It would be a waste of spirit jade. However, since Leader Fa said so, he could only comply.

"Does Senior Brother have any other instructions?" Chu Shen asked.

Lu Ye shook his head: "No more."

"Then I'll take my leave!" Chu Shen stood up to leave, but just as he turned, he heard Lu Ye's voice from behind: "You left something behind."

Chu Shen was startled and quickly looked back. Indeed, there was something extra in front of where he was sitting just now. When he saw what it was, he was overjoyed: "This treasure mustn't be lost, thank you Senior Brother!"

He quickly bent down to pick it up and walked out of the cave to carefully examine it. Indeed, it was an As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc, filling his heart with joy.

Previously, he asked Jiu Yan for an As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc but it was cut by Lu Ye. It was impossible to ask for a second one. While worrying about where to find one, he got one unexpectedly now.

Clearly, Leader Fa made it a point to make amends for him.

Array discs, after all, were made by Leader Fa, and he naturally had many.

"Senior Brother Chu!" Little Crooked suddenly approached.

Chu Shen put away the array disc and looked towards her, seeing that Little Crooked seemed a bit excited. He quickly asked, "What is it?"

Little Crooked said, "Senior Brother Chu, focus and feel if there are any differences here compared to a few days ago?"

Chu Shen was puzzled but still focused his mind to sense closely. Moments later, his expression involuntarily became serious! He looked at Little Crooked with surprise and doubt: "Stellar space energy?"

Little Crooked nodded vigorously: "Yes, stellar space energy!"

Chu Shen widened his eyes and looked around: "No way?" His luck couldn't be this good, right? Picking a neglected barren island and it was about to come alive?

The islands on the All Phenomena Ocean are generally divided into Spirit Islands and barren islands. Spirit Islands usually possess stellar space energy, while barren islands do not.

Barren islands were not worth mentioning. Apart from being a stop for passing cultivators, they are useless. However, Spirit Islands vary in quality. Some Spirit Islands have sparse stellar space energy, unable to satisfy the most basic cultivation needs because the energy is too thin. Yet some good Spirit Islands not only have rich stellar space energy but can even foster Spirit Jade Veins. Such high-quality Spirit Islands are inevitably occupied by top forces or Star Systems, leaving regular people unable to intervene.

However, Spirit Islands and barren islands are not immutable. Some Spirit Islands inexplicably lose stellar space energy, and Spirit Veins dry up. Conversely, some barren islands suddenly burst with vitality, birth stellar space energy when unnoticed, and gradually transform into Spirit Islands.

This process of transformation from a barren island to a Spirit Island is referred to by cultivators as coming alive, akin to revival from death.

Chu Shen could confirm that Unparalleled Island previously had no stellar space energy. But today, upon careful sensing, he detected the existence of stellar space energy. Although thin, it was undoubtedly stellar space energy.

This was clearly a sign of a barren island coming alive!

Greatly shocked, if so, this barren island wouldn't be a place without value. It's unknown how far it can ultimately transform, but as long as it connects with a Spirit Island, it holds immense value.

Suddenly, he recalled the three instructions from Leader Fa. The last one was to quickly arrange the island's big array. Earlier, he couldn't understand why Leader Fa insisted on this. It now seemed Leader Fa already noticed the subtle change in Unparalleled Island.

By preparing the big array in advance, it could both prevent the loss of stellar space energy and guard against external threats.

If Unparalleled Island were just a deserted island, naturally, none of this would need consideration. But as it turns around, it demands more attention.

Leader Fa is indeed farsighted!

As thoughts turned in his mind, Chu Shen softly asked, "Aside from you, who else has noticed?"

Little Crooked said, "They should all have noticed."

Chu Shen thought so too. Constellation Realm cultivators are quite sensitive to stellar space energy. He hadn't noticed earlier mainly because the stellar space energy is still very thin at present and he hadn't paid close attention. As long as the others are a bit attentive, they should have some detection.

"Call Little Dumb, Junior Sister, and the Star Moon Sisters to set up the big array on the island first; other matters can be delayed!" Chu Shen quickly instructed.

Little Crooked also understood the gravity of the matter, nodded immediately, and turned to leave, clearly preparing to set up the formation.

Chu Shen stayed where he was, suddenly feeling what is called the bittersweet worry of happiness. If Unparalleled Island really becomes a Spirit Island, then Unparalleled Palace won't be able to hold it, even with Leader Fa overseeing it. No matter how strong Leader Fa is, he is after all only one person. Therefore, manpower must be recruited. But don't bother with Constellation Early Stage; it's better to find some capable and substantial talents, preferably recruit a Moon Jade!

He took out the audio talisman and communicated to Lucky Star, who was stationed on Zhaolai Island, giving some instructions.

At the same time, Lu Ye also took out his own audio talisman and sent a message: "There?"

The other side quickly responded: "If you have something to say, say it. No chit-chatting if you don't have business; I'm very busy!"

It's been a while since we've met, and the old thing has become more temperamental!

Besides, what could this old guy be busy with? Although his cultivation is so-so, anyone can tell he's running out of lifespan. Such a Moon Jade is not welcomed in the All Phenomena Ocean, so Lu Ye

figured that since coming here, he's likely still wandering around without any faction willing to take him in.

"I'll get you a job. Go to Zhaolai Island and look for a woman from Unparalleled Island who seems delicate. Say you're willing to accept recruitment. Hmm, if you can't find Unparalleled Island, head for Tyranny Island!"

Tang Jun replied, "Old man here is overwhelmed with tasks, so busy that I can't spare a doppelganger, and you think I need you to find work for me? What's this Unparalleled Island or Tyranny Island, never heard of them, I'm not going!"

"Then don't regret it later. I'm afraid there won't be any good opportunities here for Qingli Dao World in the future!" Lu Ye said, then put the audio talisman away.

Somewhere in the All Phenomena Ocean, Tang Jun, who was navigating stellar space, suddenly halted.

If Li Taibai spouts some nonsense, he wouldn't care at all, unless it involved finding the way home, which would interest him slightly. But pulling in the Qingli Dao World means he couldn't ignore it.

Unable to figure out what good thing Li Taibai was talking about.

Curious and restless, he sent messages to ask, but got no response. Tang Jun cursed, took out the star map, located Zhaolai Island, and dashed away.

Being idle, going to have a look wouldn't hurt. He believed Li Taibai wouldn't mess with him over such matters, and even if he did get tricked, he could just leave without any loss.

He hurriedly rushed to Zhaolai Island, immediately seeing a large number of cultivators gathered there, many with recruitment signs in front or beside them, making the place dizzyingly busy.

Tang Jun had been here several times and had tried to be recruited, but seeing his age suggesting not many years to live, they all rejected him, which left him quite upset.

Lu Ye guessed right, since arriving at the All Phenomena Ocean, Tang Jun had been in a state of idleness. The Constellation Palace opening had nothing to do with him, and he couldn't get involved in the Moon Jade matters, making life quite boring.

With thoughts of Unparalleled Island or Tyranny Island, he kept searching through the crowd.

Before long, he indeed saw a woman who seemed delicate, with a sign for Tyranny Island's recruitment beside her.

The seemingly delicate woman was talking to another petite woman when Tang Jun walked over and heard them discussing recruitment rewards.

He quietly stood by and waited, and before long, the two women finished their discussion, the delicate woman appearing quite delighted.

Lucky Star had already noticed Tang Jun, and now she turned to look: "Sir, do you need something?"

Tang Jun, stroking his beard with one hand, pointed to the sign beside her with the other: "I'm here for that."

Saying this, he slightly stimulated his spirit force, revealing his Moon Jade Mid-Stage cultivation.

Lucky Star was stunned!

She never expected to have such good fortune one day. She had just received instructions from Chu Shen to modify the recruitment information a bit, and immediately attracted not only a Constellation Late Stage but also a Moon Jade!

Chapter 1476 - Unparalleled Across the World

When the Constellation Palace was inaugurated, the Lucky Star was ironically named, as she had nothing to do with luck at all. Instead, misfortune hounded her, and she chose this name mainly to ward off bad luck and see if it could improve her misfortune-attracting nature.

The effect was minimal.

Until today, when first a senior sister at the Constellation Late Stage was recruited, and now a Moon Jade appeared!

Lucky Star's eyes were slightly misty: "Senior, did you really come because of the recruitment?"

"Of course I did!" Tang Jun nodded.

Lucky Star dared not be negligent, putting forth her utmost sincerity to begin negotiations with Tang Jun. She initially thought that Moon Jade's conditions might be hard to meet, but who would have thought that the newcomer had no special requirements at all, accepting all the conditions she offered. For a moment, Lucky Star was a bit at a loss.

It was the petite girl at the Constellation Late Stage who noticed something while watching from the side.

After the negotiations were settled, Lucky Star put away her token: "Ladies, I'll take you to Tyranny Island!" Previously, with the Constellation Early Stage recruits, Lucky Star had them find the place themselves according to the star map. But the two recruits this time were of different caliber, so to show sincerity, she decided to lead the way personally.

Leaving Zhaolai Island, seeing Lucky Star poised to fly directly, Tang Jun quickly summoned his starboat.

Lucky Star blushed and boarded it.

Tang Jun's speed was swift, taking less than half a day to reach Unparalleled Island. On the way back, Lucky Star had already explained the situation, and at this moment, Chu Shen was on the island to greet them.

Seeing that one was indeed at the Constellation Late Stage and the other was Moon Jade, he discreetly gave Lucky Star a thumbs-up for a job well done and stepped forward to pay respects.

They met face to face and introduced themselves.

Then, Chu Shen led Tang Jun and the petite girl for a casual tour of the island, outlining his future plans and ambitions while the two listened silently without comment.

Though Unparalleled Island wasn't small, the tour didn't take long. Chu Shen felt somewhat anxious, uncertain if the conditions he offered would entice these two to remain. If not, all previous efforts would have been in vain.

"If you have any questions, feel free to ask. I will not hide anything. Unparalleled Palace has just started, and the conditions are indeed a bit rudimentary, but I believe that as long as everyone works together with me, Unparalleled Palace will have a voice in this All Phenomena Ocean in the future."

Tang Jun gently shook his head, "I'm getting on in years, seeing many things in the twilight of my life, but this place brimming with new life is quite intriguing."

His words clearly indicated his willingness to stay, and Chu Shen was overjoyed, turning his gaze to the petite woman who had identified herself as Ban Ci.

For some reason, even though it was his first time meeting her, Chu Shen felt more pressure from her than from Tang Jun, the Moon Jade.

Ban Ci slightly smiled, "I have only one question!"

"Speak, senior sister!" Chu Shen's expression turned solemn.

"The junior sister who recruited me said this is Tyranny Island and you're called Tyranny Palace, but you just introduced it as Unparalleled Island and Unparalleled Palace?"

Chu Shen breathed a sigh of relief and explained, "I thought Unparalleled sounds better than Tyranny, so I changed it."

Ban Ci glanced at him, nodded slightly, and asked no more, saying, "This Spirit Island may have just shown signs of vitality, but if it continues like this, its future prospects are promising. Such Spirit Islands are rare, and as they say, it's easy to add flowers to the brocade but sending coal in the snow shows true affection. I am willing to stay and weather the storm with the Palace Master, just don't forget our contributions when you achieve great success!"

Chu Shen was delighted, "I absolutely won't forget. Thank you, Senior Sister Ban Ci, and thank you, Senior Tang!"

Ban Ci smiled, "Now that we're one of you, if there's anything that needs help, just order us, Palace Master."

Chu Shen said, "There's no need to trouble you two with other trivial matters, but we are currently preparing to set up the big array on the island. I wonder if you two have any knowledge of the Array Path?"

Ban Ci said, "I know a little."

Tang Jun also nodded, "Slightly familiar."

"Then please oversee the big array arrangement!" Chu Shen said, suddenly recalling something: "Right, if possible, try not to go near that spot."

Ban Ci glanced in that direction, somewhat curious, "What's special about that place?"

Chu Shen said, "That's the dwelling place of a very important guest of mine. He enjoys peace and quiet and doesn't like to be disturbed."

Tang Jun's eyes flashed with a sharp light, having wondered why he hadn't seen Li Taibai since he arrived, and now knowing Li Taibai was hiding over there.

He couldn't help but inwardly curse the kid for bringing him here while hiding aside himself.

Ban Ci also looked at that direction with keen interest.

Tang Jun didn't hurry to find Lu Ye, instead choosing to begin the layout of Unparalleled Island's big array with Ban Ci and Little Crooked.

His claim of having only slight familiarity with the Array Path was indeed humble. For someone who had lived for so many years without reaching the upper realm, dabbling in various side paths to pass the time was natural. In the Array Path, he was undoubtedly an expert, and setting up a big array for a Spirit Island posed little difficulty for him.

Little Crooked's level in the Array Path was not worth mentioning in front of him.

But what surprised Tang Jun was that the woman named Ban Ci also had formidable skills in the Array Path. Every minor adjustment she made gave him an epiphany, and just for this reason, her prowess in the Array Path was even higher than his.

This made Tang Jun sigh with emotion.

Several days after arriving on Unparalleled Island, Tang Jun finally found an opportunity to visit the cave where Lu Ye was staying.

An elder and a youth, reuniting after nearly a year.

In a year's time, there wasn't much change in their appearances, but upon seeing Lu Ye, Tang Jun was taken aback: "What happened to your cultivation?"

He almost doubted his own senses, as Lu Ye already exhibited the spirit wave fluctuations of the Constellation Late Stage!

How could this be possible?

The first time he met Lu Ye, he was only at the Constellation Early Stage. He used the power of a red talisman to kill Qin Yuandai, almost wiping out Qin Yuandai's entire line. Tang Jun had chased him, and both got swept into the Insect Path, arriving in the All Phenomena Galaxy.

Back then, Lu Ye had advanced to the Constellation Mid-Stage, which did not surprise Tang Jun because he didn't know how long Lu Ye had been in the Early Stage and assumed he was already at the cusp of advancing to the Mid-Stage.

But since arriving in the All Phenomena Galaxy, it had only been a year and a half at most.

To rise from the Constellation Mid-Stage to the Late Stage in a year and a half? It was simply incredible!

Yet the truth was right before his eyes, and upon careful perception, Lu Ye indeed was in the Constellation Late Stage!

Even someone as experienced as Tang Jun, who had lived for countless years, was utterly shocked.

Simply advancing in rank was nothing, but Tang Jun knew that Lu Ye not only had the rank but also the ability to defeat enemies across realms. Back in the Constellation Early Stage, he managed to send Zhao Tianmu fleeing back to the Qingli Dao World in disgrace. Now at the Constellation Late Stage, wouldn't he be capable of even battling Moon Jade?

Unparalleled Li Taibai, truly unparalleled in the world!

If such a figure does not die, he will surely hold a place in this vast stellar space in the future.

Tang Jun suddenly felt that he should reassess his relationship with this young man and couldn't simply treat him as a junior.

Taking a deep breath to steady himself, Tang Jun asked, "Is this Unparalleled Palace something you supported?"

Why else would he have specifically called him here?

Lu Ye shook his head: "Not exactly, just some coincidences."

"I think I understand your intention in calling me over here. This Spirit Island is in the process of transformation, and if it continues, it will undoubtedly be good. You want me to establish a foothold here in advance, so if people from our two realms come in the future, they will have a place to stay, correct?"

"That's exactly what I was thinking."

Tang Jun shook his head: "It's a good idea, but not to mention how we currently can't find our way back, even if we did, how would you ensure the Palace Master of Unparalleled Palace would welcome them and provide them shelter? If this becomes a great Spirit Island, many will flock here, and it won't be easy to get in then."

Lu Ye replied, "There's no need for you to worry about this. I can guarantee it."

His words should still be effective with Chu Shen, and even if they weren't, he could use the Small Constellation Palace to create another Spirit Island.

Everyone thought Unparalleled Island was transforming, but it was actually the Small Constellation Palace at work. With this valuable treasure in hand, Lu Ye could choose which barren island to transform!

Tang Jun did not know the relationship between Chu Shen and Lu Ye, but Chu Shen previously mentioned that someone important to him was living here, indicating that their relationship was likely significant.

He pondered for a moment before speaking slowly, "I can stay and keep watch if you wish, but I have one condition."

Lu Ye glanced at him, somewhat reluctant to respond. But then he thought about it; the Small Constellation Palace's transformation capabilities on Unparalleled Island required long-term observation. Moon Jade was hard to find, and Tang Jun was the only reliable person he could trust. Having Tang Jun there could avoid many problems, even if attacked; they would stand a chance.

So for now, it was necessary to appease him.

"Go ahead!"

"I need a regular quota for Qingli Dao World cultivators to enter the Unparalleled Continent for cultivation!"

Lu Ye looked at him with a peculiar expression: "Your Qingli Dao World cultivators want to enter the Unparalleled Continent for cultivation? Why?"

The Unparalleled Continent could be visited, but what cultivation opportunities were there? With Corpse Race running rampant, and eventually, the Unparalleled Continent's foundations would get absorbed by the Nine Provinces, world deterioration was unavoidable, and it would become an ordinary domain unsuitable for cultivation.

So Lu Ye couldn't understand Tang Jun's reasoning behind this condition.

Chapter 1477 - The Specter Is Pursued

"There are issues with the Qingli Dao World!" Tang Jun didn't intend to hide anything; this wasn't some shameful secret, and if he wanted Li Taibai to agree to his terms, he indeed couldn't conceal it.

With his explanation, Lu Ye finally understood Tang Jun's intentions.

The Qingli Dao World has been promoted to a large-scale domain for almost two thousand years now. Qin Yuandai, whom he killed, and Tang Jun were among the first batch of people to benefit from this. With the promotion of their domain, they broke through to Constellation and gradually grew to Moon Jade.

But over the years, although the number of Constellations born in the Qingli Dao World is considerable, no one else has ascended to Moon Jade.

This is clearly odd.

Since Tang Jun and Qin Yuandai, only Wu Zhuo has ascended to Moon Jade in the Qingli Dao World, but Wu Zhuo's ascension to Moon Jade was due to his participation in the Divine Sea dispute of the Reincarnation Tree. He survived the dispute, gained the opportunity to ascend to Constellation, making his cultivation path smooth.

For years, Tang Jun had sensed the problem with his domain, but unfortunately, he had no clue about the cause until one day when a powerful figure passed by the Qingli Dao World and, upon his guidance, Tang Jun finally gained insight into the truth.

According to that powerful figure, the Qingli Dao World itself has some problems, so the cultivators in it, after ascending to Constellation, regardless of their talent, cannot break through to Moon Jade. In other words, those who gain the opportunity for ascension within the Qingli Dao World for their breakthrough, their cultivation can only reach the Constellation Late Stage at most.

Such domains are not limited to the Qingli Dao World alone in the stellar space; there are similar domains, though they are few in number.

To solve this problem, the only way is to send one's cultivators to other domains for cultivation breakthrough. In this way, there is a chance for further advancement.

This was also the reason why Tang Jun followed Qin Yuandai's faction to the Unparalleled Continent back then. He thought that if he could take over the Unparalleled Continent, then the cultivators of their domain would have a path forward in the future. Unexpectedly, Qin Yuandai was killed by a red talisman, and he himself got caught in the Insect Path while chasing Lu Ye, wandering to this All Phenomena Galaxy.

Now that Lu Ye has a request for him, and the two are like locusts tied to the same rope, Tang Jun believes that this small demand, Li Taibai shouldn't refuse.

Lu Ye certainly wouldn't refuse, but he had a strange expression: "Are you sure you want to send your cultivators to the Unparalleled Continent for cultivation?"

Tang Jun said, "I don't need many slots; one person each year wouldn't be excessive, right?"

If they were to send people, they would certainly choose those with outstanding talent and hope to ascend to Moon Jade. Such individuals wouldn't be many, so one person a year would definitely satisfy the needs of the Qingli Dao World.

It would only occupy one person's opportunity to ascend to Constellation.

"Not excessive!" Lu Ye nodded. Even if it's one person, ten people, or a hundred people each year, it doesn't matter. The Unparalleled Continent itself isn't a good place; his roots are in the Nine Provinces, but there's no need to tell Tang Jun this.

As for how Tang Jun would explain when he discovered the truth later... that's a matter for the future.

The two discussed satisfactorily, and Tang Jun was pleased: "If we can find a way back, then joining forces with the Jade Conch, we can certainly hold a position in this All Phenomena Ocean."

Relying solely on Qingli Dao World and Nine Provinces, establishing oneself in the All Phenomena Ocean is quite difficult; Qingli Dao World has only two Moon Jade, and Nine Provinces don't have any. So, if they truly want a place to settle in the All Phenomena Ocean, they must borrow the strength of the Jade Conch, as they come from the same star system and must act as a whole.

This is also the way many weaker star systems survive in the All Phenomena Ocean.

"Do you have any leads on a way back?" Lu Ye asked.

Tang Jun shook his head: "I also paid attention and inquired before, but unfortunately, there are no valuable clues. The Insect Path is still chaotic, looking like it can't be stabilized in the short term."

Speaking of this, Tang Jun also sighed with helplessness; the stellar space is too huge, with numerous star systems, and the Jade Conch is remote and unknown. Except for star systems associated with the Jade Conch, no one has heard of it.

And trying to gather information about the Jade Conch in an environment like the All Phenomena Ocean is like searching for a needle in a haystack.

The elderly and the young lost interest in idle chat, and Tang Jun soon left.

Not long after Tang Jun left, Lu Ye felt traces of his restriction at the cave entrance being triggered again. This triggering had no malicious intent, but was a kind of knocking style, evidently someone came to visit.

Slightly frowning, his Mental Consciousness probed out to investigate, finding standing at the entrance a petite figure, a woman he hadn't seen before.

However, anyone appearing on the Unparalleled Island at this time should be someone recruited by Chu Shen, and her cultivation is quite impressive, clearly at the Constellation Late Stage.

Lu Ye had no idea why she was looking for him, thought for a moment, and opened the restriction.

The woman walked in steadily.

Not long after, she reached Lu Ye, and in the somewhat dim environment, her bright eyes glanced around him with a curious look.

"What's the matter?" Lu Ye asked.

The woman shook her head and spoke: "You're the friend of Palace Master Chu, right? I'm Ban Ci, recruited by Palace Master Chu, and I'll be living on the Unparalleled Island from now on."

Her self-affirmed attitude left Lu Ye bewildered, completely unaware of what she intended.

Ban Ci then asked: "How should I address you?"

Lu Ye pondered for a moment and reported his name: "Li Taibai!"

Ban Ci nodded slightly, "I've remembered."

After speaking, she turned with her two small hands behind her back, leisurely strolling away.

This woman... what is she up to?

However, Lu Ye figured she was just curious about who was living in this place and intentionally came to take a look, perfectly natural.

Once Ban Ci left, Lu Ye finally took out the audio talisman.

He had two audio talismans, one belonging to Li Taibai, the other to Fa Wuzun. There weren't many people Fa Wuzun's talisman could contact.

He planned to reach out to the specter.

Leveraging the power of three metamorphoses of the Talent Tree over this period, he had completed deriving the new Concealment Spirit Runes, and on the leaves of the now-blazing Talent Tree, there was this additional spirit rune.

The cost was not small, and the fuel consumption of the Talent Tree was significant, but it was well worth the saved time.

The effect of the new concealment is undoubtedly much stronger than before. Though it might not match the specter's spectral runes, it's not far off.

However, concealment always needs to work in tandem with breath-concealing, merely hiding the form is useless. The stronger the cultivator, the stronger their Mental Consciousness. Even if the form is hidden, if the breath is not concealed, it will still be easily detected.

The specter is undoubtedly very proficient in this area, but unfortunately, Lu Ye couldn't glean the breath-concealing part of the spectral runes from her last time, seemingly not a matter of money.

Lu Ye intended to try again. If it really doesn't work, getting the specter to inscribe the breath-concealing part of the spectral runes for him to see would be fine, not necessarily having to look at her body.

The message sent, there was no response; no idea what this woman was doing.

After a while, the audio talisman suddenly vibrated. Lu Ye checked and found it was indeed the specter responding, but without any detailed information, just a location.

Clearly, it was for him to meet at this location.

Lu Ye took out the star map to verify the location. Ascertained, he rose immediately, constructed spirit runes, clad himself with the new concealment, and silently slipped out of the cave, gliding outwards.

Tang Jun, arranging the big array, seemed to sense something and glanced in the direction Lu Ye left.

On the other side, the woman called Ban Ci also raised her eyelids, imperceptibly taking a look.

Once distanced from Unparalleled Island, only then did Lu Ye summon his starboat and headed to the agreed location.

The position sent by the specter wasn't very close to the All Phenomena Ocean. Even with Lu Ye traveling via starboat, it took two full days. Here lay a huge piece of floating land; apparently, a fragment from the disintegration of some dead star, the entire floating land resembling a large bowl, with a giant depression in the center.

Lu Ye collected his starboat from afar, donned Fa Wuzun's appearance and attire, concealed his form and breath, and glided towards that side.

He wasn't worried about the specter ambushing him here. Despite limited interactions, he knew she wasn't a good person but not vile or shameless to that extent.

Nonetheless, Fa Wuzun's identity was sensitive; caution was still warranted.

Circumnavigating the floating land from afar, he found nothing unusual, nor saw any sign of the specter.

"Where are you?" Lu Ye transmitted.

In no time, he received the specter's response: "Coming!"

After waiting a bit, indeed, a figure approached swiftly from afar, who could it be if not the specter? But upon seeing the scene behind her, Lu Ye couldn't help but twitch his eye!

Because he noticed that the specter was being pursued!

She was being chased by a Moon Jade!

In an instant, Lu Ye grasped the specter's intent. No wonder she chose this spot as the rendezvous; seemingly, when he contacted her two days ago, she was already being hunted. She's something else, being pursued by a Moon Jade, yet dragging it on till now.

Judging by her appearance, she wasn't having a good time, looking rather disheveled.

For a Constellation Late Stage to endure under a Moon Jade's pursuit for so long speaks volumes of her substantial foundation. By summoning him here, it was either to divert the trouble to him or join forces to eliminate this Moon Jade.

Yet, even though Lu Ye had recently advanced to Constellation Late Stage, he knew well he was no match for a Moon Jade since the nature of forces within Constellations and Moon Jades is entirely different.

Back when the three of them joined forces against the Skeletal General, and it was a compromised Moon Jade at that, they went through a lot to bring it down. Now, the one chasing the specter is a Moon Jade Mid-Stage, far superior to the Skeletal General, how could two possibly withstand it?

Lu Ye couldn't even fathom how the specter managed to hold on.

Understanding the situation, Lu Ye immediately summoned his starboat, readying to distance himself from this trouble!

Chapter 1478 - Maggot Clinging to the Bone

Lu Ye was somewhat wary of the specter, thinking that this woman wouldn't stoop so low as to ambush him here.

In fact, the specter didn't do so, but Lu Ye never expected she was actually being pursued.

Seeing Lu Ye summon his starboat, the specter panicked and transmitted, "Don't run, join me in fighting him!"

Fight your damn head!

Lu Ye turned a deaf ear to her words, as the speed of the starboat gradually increased and transformed into a stream of light rushing towards the distance.

The specter sighed helplessly upon seeing this scene, "Since that's the case, don't blame me!"

Lu Ye suddenly had a bad premonition.

Sure enough, the next moment, he heard the specter shout loudly behind him, "Fa Wuzun, save me!"

The Moon Jade, who was in pursuit of the specter, was startled upon hearing the name "Fa Wuzun." He was hunting the specter because she killed a sect member he valued highly. Unfortunately, although the specter's cultivation was not as high, her escape skills were top-notch. He had been pursuing her for several days without success.

However, the specter had nearly reached her limit over these days. At most, half a day more, and she'd have no way out.

An individual appearing on the specter's escape route didn't concern the Moon Jade initially. During his pursuit, he had also encountered passing cultivators, but all of them had steered clear, similar to this one's reaction.

But the mention of the name "Fa Wuzun" could not be ignored.

This figure was also a powerful presence stationed on the All Phenomena Ocean, belonging to a faction researching how to mass-produce the As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc. Sadly, there had been little progress; this creation was the work of Fa Wuzun, who could undoubtedly mass-produce it.

Every faction was interested in such treasures that could shift the balance of the cultivation world, and many were looking for Fa Wuzun's whereabouts. Unfortunately, ever since the Melee Battle Meet, Fa Wuzun seemed to have vanished without a trace.

The Moon Jade never expected to encounter Fa Wuzun here. Looking closely, the figure's back indeed resembled him greatly.

He had never truly met Fa Wuzun but had seen his likeness captured secretly during an auction.

If this person truly were Fa Wuzun, he must not let him slip away.

Seeing Lu Ye's starboat accelerating, the Moon Jade acted decisively, raising his hand to unleash a golden light.

Standing on the starboat, Lu Ye pushed his spirit force to its limits. Suddenly alarmed, he turned around and, without thinking, struck with his saber.

This strike not only had traces of the Tyrannical Saber Technique but also marks from the short sword legacy. Coupled with his current Constellation Late Stage cultivation, it was the strongest strike he had ever delivered.

The saber struck the incoming golden light, but Lu Ye felt no resistance. Realizing the danger, the golden light bypassed the Boulder Mountain Saber and headed straight for his face.

Lu Ye tilted his body, and the golden light swept past his ear, cutting off a few strands of hair.

The golden light, instead of attacking him again, twirled and flew back.

The speed of the starboat beneath Lu Ye's feet had reached its limit, transforming into a stream of light and rushing towards the distance. In his field of vision, the figure of the Moon Jade quickly diminished.

Secretly relieved by his quick actions, he thought, if this Moon Jade had entangled him, it would have been trouble.

However, if it came to that, he could still use the Void Spirit Runes to escape. The opponent might not be able to do anything about him. He remembered when he was in the Constellation Early Stage, he used this trick to evade Tang Jun's pursuit too.

Looking back, the Moon Jade did not seem to have the intention to pursue, making Lu Ye frown slightly, feeling something was off.

Watching Lu Ye's departing figure, the Moon Jade scanned the surroundings, seeing no sign of the specter, but he knew she must be hiding somewhere nearby. She had done this repeatedly during the chase, and it had taken him much effort to find her each time.

But dealing with this Specter Race was not the priority at the moment; in terms of value, Fa Wuzun was far more consequential.

"Within ten days, report to the Eternal Island for punishment, or even if you're a disciple of that master, I will not spare you!"

After these words, the Moon Jade looked down at what he held in his hand, which was half a rope, golden in its entirety. It was the true form of the golden light that had attacked Lu Ye earlier.

He thought his strike would be irresistible for Lu Ye, but he had underestimated Lu Ye's strength and reaction. That casual strike hadn't impacted Lu Ye as expected, so when he realized he couldn't stop Lu Ye from escaping, he took something from Lu Ye instead.

At this moment, wrapped around that half rope were several strands of cut hair.

Showing a reluctant expression, the Moon Jade hardened his resolve. With a firm grip, his spirit force surged, and the half rope suddenly glowed with golden light, then burst into flames as if ignited.

This half golden rope was a magic treasure, an exotic treasure kind. Burning it like this naturally destroyed it completely.

But compared to the value of Fa Wuzun, what did a magic treasure count for?

A moment later, Moon Jade opened her palm, and the golden rope had disappeared, replaced by a golden mark on her palm!

After a quick glance, she flashed and chased after him.

Moments after she left, a ghostly figure suddenly emerged from the nearby stellar space—it was the specter who had been hiding there all along.

She looked in the direction Moon Jade had left, knowing something was amiss, and quickly transmitted a message to Lu Ye: "I don't know which secret technique that person used, but they might be able to track you. Be careful!"

Dragging Fa Wuzun into this turmoil was truly a last resort, as she had no way of escaping a mid-stage Moon Jade's pursuit. Two days ago, Fa Wuzun happened to send a message, so she conveniently gave him a meeting point, hoping to join forces to fend off the enemy, but it did not go as planned.

If Fa Wuzun were caught or killed because of this, she would feel guilty. After all, during the battle with the Skeletal General, Fa Wuzun had been a great help.

In her capacity, she's willing to give Fa Wuzun a friendly warning. Still feeling uneasy, she silently trailed far behind the mid-stage Moon Jade.

Almost at the moment the golden rope was incinerated, Lu Ye sensed something was off, as if something was secretly watching him from the shadows. No matter how fast he pushed the starboat, he couldn't escape it.

He wasn't sure what was happening at first, but after seeing the specter's message, Lu Ye realized that Moon Jade hadn't given up on him and was using some unknown secret technique to track him.

"I'll settle this with you later!" Lu Ye responded viciously.

He had initially planned to return directly to the All Phenomena Ocean, but now that plan was out the window. If Moon Jade could really track him, Unparalleled Island must not be exposed.

Hiding on All Phenomena Island seemed like a solution, for no one could make a move there, but he couldn't hide there forever, and he didn't know how long this secret technique would last.

The specter sensed Lu Ye's frustration and could only reply, "I couldn't help it. I intended to team up with you, but you ran so fast. It's my fault. Survive this, and I'll make it up to you later!"

Whether or not she'll make it up to him is not the main issue right now; the main issue is how to resolve the current predicament.

As he was contemplating this, the sense of being watched became much stronger. Lu Ye turned his head and saw a light spot quickly approaching from behind, moving much faster than him.

It was Moon Jade, also piloting a starboat in pursuit.

Though both had starboats, her higher cultivation and superior starboat quality meant it was only a matter of time before she caught up.

Lu Ye could only raise a hand and send out a weapon control, letting it fly off in another direction while he pushed the starboat to its limit to buy some time.

Half an hour later, the distance was reaching a critical point. Sensing the surge in spirit force from Moon Jade behind him, realizing she was about to strike, Lu Ye couldn't spare a thought for the starboat and directly activated the Void Spirit Runes, vanishing from the spot.

Just as Moon Jade was about to strike, she frowned because even she couldn't see how Lu Ye disappeared.

She quickly looked at her palm and found that the golden mark was pointing in another direction, and judging by her perception, Fa Wuzun was already thousands of miles away!

How did he do that? Her expression was puzzled; it couldn't be that Fa Wuzun's starboat had a teleportation array connected elsewhere, could it?

The secret technique's guidance wouldn't be wrong, so she immediately adjusted her direction and pursued the marked direction.

In that direction, Lu Ye had already dispatched several weapons and was desperately fleeing.

But moments later, he sensed that Moon Jade had already caught up, forcing him to once again activate the Void Spirit Runes to change locations.

Repeatedly, in this chase and escape, Lu Ye realized that no matter what he did, he couldn't shake off Moon Jade's pursuit.

His mind understood clearly; unless he took down Moon Jade this time, escape was impossible.

Making up his mind, Lu Ye identified a desolate planet and flew towards it.

He rushed onto the desolate planet, and upon arrival, heard an angry shout from far behind: "You can't escape! Surrender, and I won't make things difficult for you. But if I catch you, you'll suffer!"

Lu Ye naturally paid him no heed. Seeing time was running out, he didn't bother to be picky and directly retrieved the green sea conch from where he landed, channeling spirit force into it to blow.

Meanwhile, he appeared to be anxiously watching Moon Jade approach.

The conch's sound echoed, and a green light flickered.

Moon Jade had already entered the desolate planet. Seeing Lu Ye's actions from afar, though she didn't know what he intended, she still sent a palm strike from a distance.

A gigantic palm imprint appeared out of thin air, descending as if the sky itself was collapsing, quickly engulfing Lu Ye's figure.

The dust below rose into the air, creating chaos.

Chapter 1479 - Heaven's Retribution Comes Full Circle

On the desolate planet, the Moon Jade cultivator chased and observed coldly below, his expression suddenly changed because, according to his senses, Fa Wuzun's aura vanished without a trace.

He swiftly waved his wide sleeve, dispersing the dust, letting the scene below come into view.

Sure enough, Fa Wuzun wasn't there, only a portal-like thing stood in the distance.

Did Fa Wuzun create this portal with his techniques? What kind of astonishing method is this? Does his repeated teleportation have something to do with this portal? Where does this portal lead?

His thoughts changed rapidly, and he quickly glanced at his palm, frowning.

Because the golden mark on his palm was quickly dimming, about to disappear.

The secret technique he performed using half a piece of golden rope was immensely powerful. As long as both parties are in the same space and not too far apart, they can be tracked using the mark. Now, the mark was quickly disappearing, implying that Fa Wuzun either entered another space or was far away, beyond the effective range of the secret technique!

He suspected it was the former possibility because the portal seemed unstable, unlikely to lead far away. In other words, Fa Wuzun must have used the portal to hide in another space!

Lu Ye certainly wasn't in another space. The portal created by the green sea conch allowed him to enter the merfolk's territory. Strictly speaking, they were still in one space, but because the All Phenomena Ocean's waters segregated them, the underwater and outside it counted as two worlds, thus causing the secret technique to fail.

He hesitated a little; he had two choices now, chase through the portal or wait where he was!

Chasing had risks; no one knew what was on the other side. Waiting was even less reliable, as no one could tell if Fa Wuzun would come out again; he might even leave from elsewhere.

With just a slight hesitation, he made his decision, charging towards the portal and diving in.

Fa Wuzun was merely a Constellation, while he was a Moon Jade. Anywhere Fa Wuzun could go, he could too. Even if Fa Wuzun ambushed him on the other side, he was confident he could manage it!

An encounter with Fa Wuzun was fortuitous; missing this chance would make finding Fa Wuzun difficult again. If he captured him, the As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc could be mass-produced, providing unimaginable benefits to his faction.

Elsewhere, Lu Ye emerged clumsily before the Divine Conch Hall, two merfolks tasked by Bai Lu to guard here immediately moved to greet him. Unexpectedly, before they could approach, Lu Ye frantically stirred his spirit force, causing a thunderous commotion.

The two merfolk were stunned, unsure what Lu Ye was doing. Lu Ye shot forward, grabbing each of them, throwing them far away, then spun around to watch the portal closely!

Forced to use the green sea conch to get here, he was also gambling that the Moon Jade wouldn't easily give up on him. If the opponent, confident in their strength, pursued him, it would suit him. But if the opponent was cautious and didn't chase, Lu Ye's strategy would fail.

The portal wouldn't last long; once it vanished, leaving here would mean he'd genuinely need to swim out.

From his past experiences, Lu Ye knew that with his current cultivation, swimming out of the All Phenomena Ocean was unreliable. He might become a meal for a Moon Jade or Sun Blaze star beast on the way.

Therefore, all Lu Ye could do now was hope the opponent would chase him!

The brief wait seemed to stretch time infinitely.

Fortunately, within moments, the portal began to tremble; Lu Ye felt assured, knowing it was a sign someone was passing through.

The Moon Jade cultivator had indeed followed!

His figure shot out, arriving behind the portal, just to see the Moon Jade from earlier revealing his presence. This fellow was also cautious; upon entering an unknown place, he had preemptively

activated his protective power around himself. Unsure what magic treasure manifested its force, a silver belt, like a silver dragon, coiled and danced around his body.

Taking advantage of his opponent's initial confusion upon arrival, Lu Ye channeled his spirit force madly into the Boulder Mountain Saber, his muscles and blood vibrating rhythmically. In that instant, his sight held nothing else but the Moon Jade chasing him.

Saber light arose, unending.

The sound of the tide faintly emerged; the Moon Jade suddenly turned to look, knife light swept in boundlessly. But according to his senses, the incoming saber light wasn't just saber light; it resembled ocean waves.

The man snorted coldly, "Constellation and Moon Jade are fundamentally different; using such trivial methods to act recklessly!"

Raising his hand gently, the saber light shattered, smoothly transforming his hand into a claw, reaching for Lu Ye. He fully expected to catch him, but unexpectedly, behind the shattered saber light lay even more densely packed saber light.

"Hmm?" The man's eyes flashed with astonishment. It was too late to retreat now, and in a confrontation with a Constellation, he hardly felt a need to retreat. His spirit force spurred as his outstretched hand continued to grab forward.

The sound of the tides grew fiercer, like a tsunami overshadowing the sky, the saber light forming waves layering continuously, unending.

Ten waves!

Hundred waves!

Thousand waves!

Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves!

Recently, Lu Ye had been contemplating the saber skills from the short sword legacy. Although he had some insights, he always felt something was missing. It wasn't until this confrontation with the Moon Jade that he finally realized the essence behind the legacy's saber was its unending momentum, rather than its ethereal appearance.

There was indeed a fundamental disparity between the power of the Constellation and Moon Jade, akin to the difference between a handful of sand and a solid rock. If they clashed, the Constellation's power would easily be shattered.

But if one layer couldn't withstand it, what about ten layers? A hundred, a thousand, or even ten thousand layers?

The saber skills in the short sword legacy weren't overly complex or profound, but they seemed designed specifically for overcoming stronger opponents, especially suitable for a Constellation against a Moon Jade, perfectly fitting the situation Lu Ye faced now.

As the Moon Jade thrust out a large hand, layers of saber light continuously shattered.

Although it seemed ineffective, Lu Ye sensed that the overpowering force on the thrusting hand was diminishing as the saber light shattered!

In other words, the Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves had indeed weakened this strike, even dimming the protective power on the opponent's arm.

If not for the opponent preemptively activating the protective magic treasure, this strike would undoubtedly have put them at a disadvantage.

However, the disparity in their strengths was significant; in just an instant, Lu Ye's continuous saber lights were broken. The opponent's hand pressed against Lu Ye's chest, unleashing mana!

Even though Lu Ye hastily activated the Sacred Guard Spirit Runes for protection, it shattered instantly.

His chest caved in, and Lu Ye felt his heartbeat pause momentarily. He was flung backward, crashing heavily against the wall of the Divine Conch Hall. His throat was sweet, and a metallic taste filled his mouth.

Secretly horrified, the Moon Jade was indeed a formidable Moon Jade, especially at mid-stage. This level of power was truly beyond his current ability to contend with.

He was horrified, but the pursuing Moon Jade was even more surprised. He had never encountered a Constellation that could withstand a strike from him.

With such strength, he certainly could have taken the top spot when the Constellation Palace opened, but for some reason, after the Melee Battle Meet, Fa Wuzun vanished without a trace.

Suddenly, there was a strange noise, followed by a cold shout: "Who dares to act unruly in my Royal Conch Palace?"

Hearing this voice, Lu Ye was overjoyed.

From the moment he appeared, he desperately fueled his spirit force, causing a thunderous commotion, all to alert the strong experts of the Merfolk Race. It seemed his plan succeeded.

Great Elder Yan Miao had arrived, and from the senses, powerful auras belonging to Moon Jade cultivators were approaching from all directions.

Though there were no Sun Blaze experts stationed with the Merfolk, there were still several Moon Jades. At the very least, Lu Ye knew the five Great Elders were all Moon Jade stage. As for whether there were other Moon Jades, Lu Ye was unsure, but he imagined there must be.

What good could come from a mid-stage Moon Jade causing trouble at the Royal Conch Palace of the Merfolk Race?

The Great Elder's shout was in the Merfolk language, which Lu Ye could resonate with mentally, but the Moon Jade cultivator could not, obviously not understanding what Yan Miao was shouting.

But he wasn't foolish. Sensing the many Moon Jade auras, he immediately realized the bad situation, finally understanding why Fa Wuzun came here—it turned out someone was protecting him here!

Realizing it was no longer viable to capture Fa Wuzun, the Moon Jade cultivator decisively decided to return through the portal.

Meanwhile, Lu Ye, who had slid down from the Divine Conch Hall wall, was frantically rushing over. The portal hadn't yet disappeared; if the enemy retreated, it would be difficult to kill him later. If this person survived with that secret technique for tracing his whereabouts, Lu Ye's future life would be restless.

He was unaware that when he used the Green Sea Conch to enter, the other party's secret technique had already been nullified.

Right now, Lu Ye had only one thought: he must stop this person from leaving at all costs.

But with the other person right by the portal, Lu Ye needed time to rush over, and would he make it in time? Furthermore, even if he managed to get there, the gap in their capabilities was stark; Lu Ye might not be able to stop him.

Just as he watched the enemy prepare to leave, the green portal suddenly began to tremble again.

Lu Ye froze, then quickly realized someone else was coming through.

Uncertain who it might be, he wondered if someone passing by noticed the portal he left on the desolate planet and, out of curiosity, entered to take a look?

However, the next moment he realized he was mistaken.

The one entering from the portal wasn't anyone else but that specter. Upon appearing, she had a sneaky, suspicious demeanor, immediately concealing her presence!

Lu Ye nearly laughed out loud; indeed, what goes around comes around—Heaven spares no one.

This unexpected disaster was all due to the specter. Despite being chased, she actually arranged to meet him and even hoped to divert disaster his way.

Ultimately, she ended up walking right into this dragon's lair and tiger's den!

Chapter 1480 - Who Does Heaven Ever Spare?

The specter felt that her recent period of time had been unbelievably unlucky!

She casually killed a guy, only to find out that there was a Moon Jade Mid-Stage backing him up. As a result, she was chased until she had nowhere to run, no place to hide. It was only by borrowing Fa Wuzun's intervention that she managed to divert the Moon Jade, giving her a chance to catch her breath.

After the Moon Jade went after Fa Wuzun, she felt a bit uneasy, so she followed from a distance, wanting to quietly see if Fa Wuzun could escape the pursuit.

As it turned out, they all flew using starboats, and not wanting to make any obvious movements, she was soon left behind and out of sight.

Helpless, she found a desolate planet to hide and heal her injuries.

Her injuries hadn't even healed when she heard someone shouting, "You can't escape, just surrender and I won't make things difficult for you. But if I have to capture you, it'll be a bit painful," or something like that.

On hearing this, the specter realized it was the voice of the Moon Jade who'd been chasing her!

She immediately understood that Fa Wuzun had also hidden on this desolate planet, leading the Moon Jade there in pursuit.

At that moment, she even suspected that Fa Wuzun knew she was there and deliberately led the Moon Jade over, but she quickly realized it was just a coincidence.

When she stealthily emerged from her hiding place to investigate, she found that Lu Ye had left a portal.

Curiosity piqued, she had no idea where the portal led, and Fa Wuzun and the Moon Jade were nowhere in sight.

Even though she knew in her heart that such an unknown portal was not something to enter lightly, as a woman, she couldn't suppress her curiosity. After a battle of minds, she miraculously stepped into the portal.

She was quite experienced in such matters, and as soon as she stepped into the portal and steadied herself, she immediately activated her Concealment and Breath-concealing Spectral Runes.

Then she saw a familiar face, none other than the Moon Jade who had been chasing her relentlessly!

The other party, who seemed flustered for some reason, was obviously startled upon seeing her, and quickly followed with a murderous intent, raising a hand to strike her head.

The specter had no time to retreat, let out a cry, opened her mouth beneath her veiled face, and a streak of blood light shot out, hitting the incoming hand.

Whatever method she used, the Moon Jade's attack did not succeed. With a booming crash, the Moon Jade staggered and took a few steps back.

As for the specter, her entire aura became lethargic, and she looked disheveled, clearly having suffered a severe energy loss from the attack.

It made sense, as using a means to repel someone at the Constellation Late Stage, even if the Moon Jade was unprepared, would inevitably come at a high cost. It was undoubtedly her strongest survival technique.

After one strike, the specter felt dazed and instinctively retreated, wanting to leave this place of trouble.

But just as her body moved, her arm was tightly gripped, and in her daze, she saw Fa Wuzun suddenly appear before her, holding her arm.

"You..." the specter opened her mouth, then her expression changed dramatically: "No!"

Lu Ye wasn't going to listen to her. Since she came, she wouldn't leave!

He flicked his wrist, sending the specter flying without caring if she lived or died, then pushed his blade forward, enveloping the Moon Jade ahead with blade light.

The Moon Jade had just regained her stance, only to be shrouded in blade light. Although she quickly resolved it, it was too late to escape through the portal.

Several figures arrived one after another, members of the Merfolk race, and with their arrival, ethereal, melodious songs began to resonate.

"Merfolk!" The Moon Jade was shocked, never expecting there to be Merfolk here, and a group at that!

Lu Ye had already withdrawn, and Bai Lu appeared beside him, concerned, "Li Taibai, are you okay? What happened?"

Lu Ye wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth and shook his head, saying, "It's nothing. I was pursued, and having no other choice, I fled here. I'll apologize to the Great Elder later, but I've brought trouble upon you."

Bai Lu shook her head, "It's no trouble. As long as you're okay."

Lu Ye glanced at the crumbling portal, "No time. I'll leave first and come back in a few days."

Just as he moved, someone grabbed his ankle. Looking down, he saw the specter, weak as if barely alive, having crawled to his feet. She pouted pitifully, holding his ankle, and looked up at him: "Take me with you!"

Lu Ye and Bai Lu communicated through Mental Consciousness, a resonance in thought that the specter could not hear, but being perceptive, she noticed Lu Ye's intention to leave.

She didn't know where this place was, but a group of Merfolk lived here, seemingly strong, and Fa Wuzun appeared evidently friendly with them. To leave, she had to rely on Fa Wuzun to take her along.

Lu Ye pointed to the specter on the ground and told Bai Lu, "Keep an eye on her. She's a Ghost Cultivator; don't let her recover too quickly."

"Is she an enemy?" Bai Lu asked.

Lu Ye wasn't sure how to classify the specter. After thinking for a moment, he said, "Not quite, but not a friend either."

Lu Ye pulled his big foot out of the specter's grasp, glanced at the battlefield over there, and felt reassured, quickly rushing towards the portal.

A mournful voice from the specter followed him: "FA-ther, take me with you, I'm so scared alone here!"

What use is calling me father now!

Without looking back, Lu Ye plunged into the portal, and as his figure disappeared, the portal vanished too.

In front of the Divine Conch Hall, several Moon Jade Mid-Stage merfolk battled the invading enemies. Under the mystical song's assistance, they easily controlled the situation, showing no mercy as they directly slew the Moon Jade Mid-Stage intruders on the spot.

Don't be fooled by how polite the Great Elder and others are to Lu Ye. In reality, they have no good impressions of the entire human race. The reason their tribe has fallen to this state is because of a powerful human.

On the desolate planet, Lu Ye reappeared but wasn't in a hurry to return to the All Phenomena Ocean. The green sea conch requires a time interval to be used again, needing a few days.

He found a secluded place nearby, set up a Formation, and began healing himself.

A day later, he set out for the All Phenomena Ocean.

This trip was initially meant to make a transaction with the specter, to see if he could inspect the Breath-concealing Spectral Runes on her, or at the very least, have the specter imprint them for some spirit jades.

Who would have thought it would spiral into this kind of trouble?

Although the trouble is solved now, things must start and end properly.

The starboat is also gone. During the chase, there was no time to care for it. Fortunately, Lu Ye is now quite wealthy. Losing a starboat of average quality isn't much, he can always buy a better one later.

He puffed his way back toward the All Phenomena Ocean, and nearing Unparalleled Island, he took the opportunity to dive into the ocean.

Swimming all the way to Unparalleled Island, he arrived at his place where the Small Constellation Palace is set up.

The Small Constellation Palace was still reversing the seawater, transforming it into pure stellar space energy, with bubbles of all sizes constantly rising. Lu Ye considered it, then placed his hand on the Small Constellation Palace, enhancing its efficiency in reversing seawater.

Since he was to observe whether the construction of Spirit Island was proceeding smoothly, increasing efficiency could also save time.

Then, he activated the Small Constellation Palace's power to open the portal to the main Constellation Palace.

The portal opened by the green sea conch doesn't last long; the farther the distance, the shorter the duration. However, Lu Ye didn't know how long the portal from the Small Constellation Palace could last.

He wanted to test it; if this portal could be maintained indefinitely, he would no longer fear being trapped under the All Phenomena Ocean. Just like earlier, he wouldn't have had to rush back. Even if the green sea conch's portal disappeared, he could return to Unparalleled Island via the Constellation Palace.

Maintaining the portal consumes energy, but the seawater of the All Phenomena Ocean is endless. As long as the Small Constellation Palace continues reversing seawater, the energy to maintain the portal would be negligible.

After finishing these tasks, Lu Ye swam out, resurfaced at his entry point, and leisurely returned to Unparalleled Island.

Having been away for a few days, the stellar space energy on the island was undoubtedly denser. It seems the idea of using the Small Constellation Palace to create a Spirit Island could indeed be implemented.

Moreover, this change has undoubtedly caught the attention of some passing cultivators because Lu Ye noticed someone secretly observing from afar.

Thankfully, he had invited Tang Jun over to sit in guard; otherwise, such a revived Spirit Island without a Moon Jade would easily catch unwelcome attention. With Tang Jun present, many unnecessary troubles were invisibly reduced.

The island's facilities were almost completed. For Constellation cultivators, these were not difficult tasks. The Constellation Early Stage members recruited earlier undoubtedly had more anticipation now than when they first arrived here.

When they first arrived, Unparalleled Island was just a barren island. Now, as Unparalleled Island was coming to life, the energy on the island was increasing daily. For them, it was a huge benefit because cultivating on a Spirit Island like this could save them a lot of spirit jades.

Ordinarily, Constellation Early Stage cultivators without backgrounds would struggle to establish themselves on a Spirit Island. No Spirit Island would recruit people like them; even the home galaxy's cultivators can't be accommodated, so why recruit outsiders?

Tang Jun was still conducting the big array formation, but a certain difficulty arose.

So not long after Lu Ye returned to Unparalleled Island, Chu Shen came to him.

Sitting sheepishly before Lu Ye, he hesitated for a moment.

Lu Ye glanced at him, knowing roughly what he had come for, and directly pointed out: "Is it a lack of spirit jades?"

Chu Shen blushed a bit and praised: "Born to me by my parents, but understood by Senior Brother!"

The spirit jades in his hand were originally the five hundred thousand Lu Ye gave him after the auction, but they had long been spent. To set up a big array capable of enveloping the entire Spirit Island with considerable defense, mere hundreds of thousands of spirit jades wouldn't suffice.

Having no other way, Chu Shen came looking for Lu Ye.

Because he knew Leader Fa was indeed wealthy!