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Chapter 1511 Blue Jade World

Moreover, Lu Ye strongly suspected that the Reincarnation Tree knew he had practiced a secret technique of a certain race, because back then, during the Divine Sea conflict in the Taichu Realm, he had used that technique to annihilate an entire race.

Otherwise, Lu Ye, now merely a Constellation, would not have the Reincarnation Tree placing its hopes on him.

The Taichu Realm is an inner secret realm of the Reincarnation Tree, rumored to be its birthplace. Given the Reincarnation Tree's immense power, naturally, nothing happening within can escape its awareness.

"Time waits for no one, young friend. If you have no preparations to make, let's set off now. I await your triumphant return!" As these words were spoken, two green leaves suddenly drifted down from the Reincarnation Tree. One floated towards the back of Lu Ye's hand, gently branding itself there and quickly merging, making Lu Ye immediately feel the previously consumed Reincarnation Tree mark return.

The other green leaf, as he had seen before, burst with an intense green light while flying, then transformed into the silhouette of the Reincarnation Tree, its branches drooping and intertwining to form a portal.

Lu Ye stepped silently into the portal, with Lih Shang following closely without needing an invitation.

With a single step forward, the world changed.

In the slightly dim domain, as Lu Ye appeared, he immediately saw two towering figures standing before him.

He looked up, curiously examining these two figures.

Though he already had a rough idea of the domain's conditions from the Reincarnation Tree and knew what races lived here, Lu Ye had never seen them before.

The figure on the left seemed somewhat familiar, resembling an old tree that had become a spirit, bearing traces of the Reincarnation Tree, with limbs and facial features on its trunk, but still different from the Reincarnation Tree.

This should be the Wood Spirit Race!

In stellar space, there's the Five Elements Spirit Race, corresponding to metal, wood, water, fire, and earth, collectively called the Spirit Race. However, due to differences in their element signs, each Spirit Race is distinctly different.

The Spirit Race is also an extremely rare race. Although not as rare as the merfolk, fairies, or Soul Race Lu Ye had encountered, their numbers are relatively few compared to other races.

Regardless of which Spirit Race, they all possess Spirit Cores within, akin to a star beast's Crystal Core but far more useful. Spirit Cores significantly benefit a cultivator's cultivation and comprehension of certain secret techniques, attracting many with ulterior motives.

The figure standing beside the wood spirit was equally tall. However, unlike the wood spirit which appeared like an old tree spirit, this one resembled a giant mushroom.

With a semi-circular black cap atop its head, the dark hue appeared incredibly sturdy, definitely not inferior to any protective spirit treasure.

Its body was straight and round, with two small, bean-sized eyes on its facial features, looking quite comical.

Spore Tribe!

This was a race Lu Ye had never seen nor even heard of before; witnessing it now made him marvel at the vastness of stellar space, where nothing is too strange. Although he had seen a lot in the All Phenomena Ocean, it was merely the tip of the iceberg in this vast stellar space.

Whether it was the wood spirit or the Spore Tribe, they both emanated an aura comparable to the Constellation Late Stage, indicating this domain was undoubtedly a large one. The nature's spiritual energy here was quite abundant; otherwise, it wouldn't have nurtured the Constellation Realm.

According to information from the Reincarnation Tree, this domain is a shared habitat of the Wood Spirit Race and the Spore Tribe, peacefully coexisting here for many millennia. However, with the recent invasion by an enemy, they were unable to sustain themselves and had no choice but to send for help from the Reincarnation Tree.

Looking back, Lu Ye saw a doppelganger of the Reincarnation Tree behind him, indicating his arrival here was due to the doppelganger's function.

At this moment, however, the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger had all its leaves turning yellow and shedding, uncertain when it would recover its vital energy again, if at all.

As Lu Ye materialized, the wood spirit and Spore Tribe both respectfully saluted him.

The wood spirit buzzed as it spoke: "Mu He, Clan Leader of the Blue Jade World's Wood Spirit Race, greets the two Fellow Daoists!" Then gestured towards the Spore Tribe beside him: "This is Black Umbrella, Clan Leader of the Spore Tribe."

Black Umbrella also spoke: "Greetings to the two Fellow Daoists!"

Lu Ye pondered slightly: "Unparalleled, Li Taibai!"

Lih Shang, standing behind him, remained silent, resembling a loyal maid.

Mu He's gaze passed over Lu Ye, looking towards the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger behind him. Observing that it had withered, he remarked in surprise, "Only the two of you on this trip?"

Lu Ye nodded: "Yes, just the two of us."

Mu He seemed slightly disappointed. He and Black Umbrella had requested help through the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger, expecting powerful reinforcements, yet only two Constellations were sent. Even if they were both at the Constellation Late Stage, their impact on such a war would be extremely limited.

However, these were sent by the Reincarnation Tree, and having two more allies was still better than none. Mu He dared not underestimate them and buzzed again: "Since the two of you have just arrived, please settle down first before we make further plans."

Lu Ye raised his hand and said, "No need, Clan Leader, please describe the current situation to me in detail."

He could naturally sense the feelings of the Wood Spirit, but some things don't need to be explained; actions always speak louder than words. Moreover, the Reincarnation Tree specifically summoned him to help, recognizing his ability to restrain the invading race's methods.

Had it been another race invading the Blue Jade World, Lu Ye might struggle to handle it alone, but if it were that race... that would be different.

He planned for a quick resolution, as he did not have much time to waste here.

The trunk of the Wood Spirit slightly furrowed its brow but still cooperatively began to explain the current situation.

Although the Reincarnation Tree could understand the requests of the Wood Spirit Race and the Spore Race left in this realm through its doppelganger, it wasn't very clear about the specific situation.

With Mu He's explanation, Lu Ye found that the situation in the Blue Jade World was much better than he had imagined.

He initially thought that the invasion would have left this world in ruins and desolation, but in reality, the Wood Spirit Race and the Spore Race had constructed a solid defense line, resisting the final onslaught of the invaders.

This gathering place was also the last Pure Land of the two major races in the Blue Jade World. If this Pure Land were breached, their fate would inevitably be enslavement and annihilation.

As Mu He explained, Lu Ye looked up, seeing white clouds pressing down from the sky, like thick cotton wads.

When he first arrived here, he thought those were just ordinary clouds, but with Mu He's explanation, he realized that they weren't clouds at all. That was a technique deployed by the Spore Race.

What looked like white clouds was actually a collection of countless tiny spores.

It was precisely this peculiar spore cloud defense that repelled the advancing invaders.

Now, this gathering place was thoroughly surrounded by the spore cloud. Without breaching the spore cloud's protection, the enemy could only stare helplessly from the outside.

However, being trapped for so long would inevitably result in loss, so realizing the bleak future, Mu He, along with Black Umbrella, requested help from the Reincarnation Tree.

Lu Ye observed and saw occasional flashes of blood-red glow within the dense spore cloud, but they quickly faded.

After Mu He finished speaking, he said no more. Lu Ye pondered for a moment and said, "I'll go take a look. I'll trouble the two Clan Leaders to notify all departments."

Mu He said, "Fellow Daoist, please be careful and do not leave the protection range of the spore cloud."

Lu Ye nodded and soared into the sky. Lih Shang's figure flickered and followed, but soon, her figure vanished without a trace.

Under normal circumstances, when she disappeared like this, Lu Ye would have to activate Insight Spirit Runes to see some traces, but this time, even though she disappeared, she still actively allowed Lu Ye to sense a bit of her presence, letting him clearly perceive her location.

This was undoubtedly Lih Shang's way of avoiding any misunderstanding on his part.

Rushing into the spore cloud, Lu Ye immediately sensed the peculiarities of the spores. They were so tiny that they were almost invisible to the naked eye, but despite their size, they gave off a sense of danger. Lu Ye understood at once that the spore cloud, formed by these tiny spores, wasn't just a mere defense. If an enemy dared to venture inside, they would surely be covered by the spores, though Lu Ye didn't know what the consequences would be.

This reminded him of Hua Ci, who also grew mushrooms. These unique mushrooms, when shattered, released innumerable mysterious and unpredictable spores.

Shortly after entering the spore cloud, Lu Ye saw two towering figures standing side by side. Getting closer, he found that it was a Wood Spirit and a member of the Spore Race.

At that moment, the Spore Race member placed a hand on the Wood Spirit, and energy surged around them. Lu Ye couldn't tell what mysterious technique was being employed, but amazingly, as the Spore Race member exerted their power, mushrooms of various sizes continuously grew from the Wood Spirit, then burst open, transforming into many spores, merging into and enlarging the spore cloud.

Lu Ye stopped to observe them for a while, finding it quite magical.

The Wood Spirit and Spore Race member curiously studied Lu Ye as well, but it was clear they had already received some intelligence from their respective Clan Leaders. They nodded kindly at Lu Ye, showing expressions of gratitude.

In situations like this, anyone who dared to come to their aid, human or otherwise, was met with the Wood Spirit and Spore Race's respect and thanks.

Lu Ye also nodded in acknowledgment, encouraging them, "Hold on a little longer!"

He could see that these two, a Wood Spirit and a member of the Spore Race, were both heavily exhausted. They had clearly been holding out for some time, and their cultivation levels were not high, only at the True Lake level.

As he proceeded forward, he continually encountered more combinations of the Spore Race and Wood Spirit.

This spore cloud, covering the entire gathering place, was undoubtedly the result of such cooperation. Countless years of coexistence had blurred the lines between the two races, and their coordinated defensive tactics had become second nature.

Chapter 1512 - Soul Possession

The cultivation levels of the Spore Race and Wood Spirits vary greatly. Initially, Lu Ye encountered mostly Cloud River and True Lake standards until he ventured dozens of miles into the spore cloud and met the Divine Sea Realm Spore Race and Wood Spirits.

This was clearly the arrangement of both races, with those of higher cultivation levels at the front and those with lower levels at the back.

Further ahead, there were Spore Race and Wood Spirits in the Constellation Realm. This was already considered the front line of the battlefield, where not only the spore cloud existed but also an immense blood-colored sea, like a Blood Sea, enveloping the entire spore cloud.

Blood Race!

The race invading the Blue Jade World, notorious in this stellar space like the Insect Race, was the Blood Race.

The Blood Sea surged; it was clearly not a technique that any single member of the Blood Race could execute. Like the methods of the Spore Race, the Blood Race could also unite their clan's strength to form a tower from grains of sand, turning weakness into strength.

It was a confrontation of titans, with the boundless Blood Sea surging around the spore cloud, constantly dragging spores into its depths.

However, the spores drawn into the Blood Sea did not simply vanish. Though most were obliterated by the Blood Sea, some quietly exerted strange effects.

So when Lu Ye arrived at this position, he witnessed the clash between the spore cloud and the Blood Sea, resembling two massive ferocious beasts devouring each other.

After observing silently for a while, Lu Ye noticed the spore cloud was clearly at a disadvantage. If the situation continued to develop as it was, the defensive depth of dozens of miles would likely be entirely consumed within one or two months.

While he observed quietly, not far off, Lih Shang gazed at Lu Ye with a complex expression.

She had been discovered and captured in some star system by a powerful figure, then transported to the All Phenomena Ocean for auction, ultimately falling into Lu Ye's hands.

Originally, she didn't pay much attention to this human. Both were in the Late Stage of the Constellation Realm, and she believed with her strength she could easily escape, especially since most cultivators were unaware of the Soul Race's methods.

But after a bout of fighting, she realized she had underestimated. In Lu Ye's Divine Sea, unbelievably, there was a battleship-like presence, leaving her with almost no chance to counterattack, forcing her to abandon her original plans.

Recently, although Lu Ye didn't mistreat her and even showed sincerity in gaining her trust, Lih Shang would never easily trust him. From start to finish, she decided to disregard whatever Lu Ye said as mere noise, because a rare race like the Soul Race had great allure for other races. Whoever acquired one would try to make them loyal.

She had heard of human cunning, so under no circumstances would she believe a word Lu Ye said, which was why she never engaged in any communication with him, knowing humans excelled at using words to sway minds—something she needed to guard against.

Only after going to the Merfolk Territory and meeting a group of merfolk...

Lih Shang couldn't believe those rare merfolk got along so well with Lu Ye, nor did Lu Ye ever show any covetousness toward them.

This made her slightly wonder if she was judging him wrongly with suspicion.

Recently, she was contemplating whether to talk with Lu Ye and inquire about his friends who had lost their physical bodies, but she hadn't made a decision yet.

Suddenly, summoned by the Reincarnation Tree, she encountered the most renowned stellar space supreme treasure, leaving her utterly speechless with shock.

She had long heard that the Reincarnation Tree bestowed marks on certain cultivators—a rarity seen once in hundreds or thousands of years, granted only to the most favored cultivators.

Some powerful figures even did statistics showing that nine out of ten cultivators marked by the Reincarnation Tree had the chance of advancing to Sun Blaze.

Those without a chance for advancement usually met untimely deaths rather than lacking aptitude.

Lih Shang hadn't expected that the human who bought her at auction had once been marked by the Reincarnation Tree, implying he possessed the aptitude for Sun Blaze.

Thinking about her time with him, witnessing various mystical phenomena, Lih Shang realized she underestimated him.

Such a person would surely become an Overlord someday.

Additionally, being favored by the Reincarnation Tree implies good character, as the stellar space supreme treasure would never mark people of inferior character.

Only at this moment did Lih Shang change her view of Lu Ye, secretly deciding to find an opportunity to have a proper discussion with him after this incident.

While observing, Lu Ye suddenly turned to look in her direction: "Can you sneak in without being noticed?"

Lih Shang didn't know his intention but responded honestly, "I can!"

The methods of the Soul Race are incomprehensible to other races, so sneaking into the Blood Sea posed no difficulty.

Lu Ye nodded, then looked at the Spore Race Constellation next to him, who was driving the spore cloud against the Blood Sea: "Would you mind creating a big commotion, Fellow Daoist!"

The Spore Race Constellation was puzzled: "What are you intending, Fellow Daoist?"

Lu Ye calmly said, "I want to go in, but I don't want to be discovered by them."

The Spore Race Constellation furrowed their brow, "That might be a bit difficult." Currently, there's a Blood Race Constellation opposing with a Blood Sea. Within the Blood Sea, the Blood Race's perception is incredibly sharp, any intrusion would inevitably be detected.

Just as Lu Ye was about to say he had his own methods, Lih Shang appeared proactively and enveloped Lu Ye with outstretched arms.

Lu Ye couldn't help but be taken aback for a moment, but quickly sensed joy in his eyes.

Not understanding what this woman from the Soul Race was thinking, this time she was so cooperative.

Without resisting, Lih Shang flung herself into Lu Ye's body and disappeared instantly, but Lu Ye clearly felt a peculiar energy envelop his body, making him feel ethereal. This ethereality was even more exquisite than when he activated his Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes.

Not only that, when Lih Shang merged completely with him, Lu Ye clearly sensed a significant enhancement in his strength.

This is undoubtedly a unique method belonging to the Soul Race.

Soul Possession!

The reason the Soul Race is envied by others is because of this unique racial talent. They can attach to any living being, enhancing the strength of the possessed and can even manifest some unique abilities of the Soul Race.

If not, at the auction, Lih Shang wouldn't have been priced so high, and the people from Room A-6 would not have gone all out, bidding over thirty million spirit jade.

It's fair to say that if a Soul Race member with similar cultivation is nearby, anyone's survival and strength can be significantly enhanced.

Feeling the noticeable increase in strength, Lu Ye had a vague sensation that even if a newly advanced Moon Jade stood before him, he might well have a chance to cut them down!

The moment Lih Shang possesses Lu Ye, the Spore Race Constellation loses sight of Lu Ye in their vision and immediately understands Lu Ye's confidence. With such a miraculous method, indeed one could easily infiltrate the Blood Sea undetected, immediately saying in a solemn voice, "Please be extremely careful, Fellow Daoist!"

As those words fell, the spore cloud in front of him suddenly became incomparably violent, switching from defense to offense, rushing madly towards the Blood Sea ahead. As the chaos erupted, Lu Ye had already seized the opportunity to dart forward, quickly plunging into the Blood Sea.

Under normal circumstances, even if Lu Ye constructed Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes himself, infiltrating in this manner would pose certain risks, potentially being detected by the Blood Race Constellation. But at this moment, the Blood Race Constellation was distracted, focused on countering the spore cloud's assault, leaving them with no spare attention to focus elsewhere.

Coupled with the unique methods of the Soul Race, by the time the Spore Race Constellation ceased its actions, Lu Ye had effortlessly infiltrated the Blood Sea.

Within the Blood Sea, Blood Race members were everywhere, not just a single Constellation.

To Lu Ye's surprise, the Blood Race comprised not only of Constellations but also of Divine Sea and True Lake members, though he didn't see any Cloud River Realm members, likely because the Cloud River's strength was too weak, rendering them ineffective in this level of war.

Those Divine Sea and True Lake Blood Race members didn't need to do much else, merely activating their Blood River Technique, seamlessly joining the effort. The true activation of the Blood Sea's power lay with those Blood Race Constellations.

Lu Ye was suddenly enlightened, realizing the absurdly large scale of the Blood Sea was indeed the result of pooling the power of numerous Blood Race members.

Close by was the Blood Race Constellation battling with the Spore Race Constellation, their cultivation quite admirable, at a Constellation Mid-Stage level. However, should Lu Ye wish, he could fully attempt to assassinate them.

Lu Ye wasn't in a hurry to do so; he needed to understand how many Blood Race Constellations were within the Blood Sea!

He harbored immense hatred for this race, and given the opportunity, he naturally desired to eliminate them all.

Roaming within the Blood Sea, he probed the distribution of Blood Race powers.

It took him the better part of a day to finally comprehend that there were quite a few Blood Race Constellations, over fifty, with countless Divine Sea and True Lake members, numbering in the thousands at least.

Lu Ye couldn't help but feel a headache. Those Divine Sea and True Lake members could be ignored for now since they lacked Constellation-level strength and couldn't leave this domain. Once the Blood Race Constellations were dealt with, they were nothing more than lambs to the slaughter. But over fifty Constellations, spread across different areas, even if he struck quickly, it'd be impossible to eliminate them all.

Even deploying a doppelganger wouldn't work.

Unless he could set up a trap array encompassing the entire battlefield, preventing their escape, but the Blood Race aren't fools. How could they allow such preparations, and to arrange such a large-scale array, Lu Ye himself couldn't realistically do it in less than one to two months.

He could only aim to kill as many as possible.

Just as Lu Ye was preparing to take action, a voice suddenly reached his ear, "Why hasn't the reinforcements arrived yet? These Spore Race members are unbelievably troublesome!"

Another voice responded from not far away, "It's been confirmed, the reinforcements will arrive in three days!"

The previous voice, icy and harsh, said, "Then let them survive just three more days!"

With the Blood Race's current power, they could take down the Blue Jade World, albeit with more time. But reinforcements would greatly accelerate the takeover process of the Blue Jade World.

Chapter 1513 - Interception

Lu Ye, who was about to make a move, frowned upon hearing the conversation between those two Blood Race members. Reinforcements were on the way for the Blood Race and would arrive in three days.

He knew he couldn't possibly wipe out all the Constellation Blood Race members, and once he made his move, there would likely be many who got away. If they joined up with the reinforcements, it would be another hassle.

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye decided not to act immediately and silently slipped away.

The Blood Sea was vast, and in order to take over the Blue Jade World, the Blood Race had dispatched quite a few members. Even though Lu Ye currently had the Soul Possession of Lih Shang, he couldn't move too quickly, so it took a whole hour for him to emerge from the Blood Sea.

He planned to deal with the Blood Race's reinforcements first before handling those who had invaded the Blue Jade World.

Despite this plan in mind, Lu Ye wasn't entirely sure from which direction the Blood Race was coming.

Reaching the near-space domain of the Blue Jade World, he looked back and discovered that the Blue Jade World was different from most other domains he'd encountered; it wasn't a spherical star but more like a massive floating land.

The original scenery of the Blue Jade World was unknown, but from this vantage point, the domain was clearly withering. Only the gathering places of the Spore Race and the Wood Spirit Race were encased by the boundless Blood Sea, showing only shades of blood with nothing else visible.

Contemplating for a moment, Lu Ye raised his hand to condense a doppelganger.

He usually wouldn't expose his doppelganger in front of others, but this time he couldn't care less in order to block the Blood Race's reinforcements.

Besides, Lih Shang was part of the Soul Race, and even if she saw some of his secrets, she wouldn't have the opportunity to broadcast them widely.

Lih Shang, attached to Lu Ye at this moment, became one with him but still keenly observed her surroundings. Under her watchful gaze of amazement, another Lu Ye appeared out of thin air.

However, after just a glance, Lih Shang looked away because the newly emerged Lu Ye was completely nude.

Doppelganger? Lih Shang was somewhat puzzled; this seemed different from her understanding of doppelgangers because, in her perception, there was no difference between this doppelganger and the main body.

The doppelganger soon dressed himself, took up the sword gourd, and an awe-inspiring sword cultivator emerged into the world.

The main body and the doppelganger immediately split up and flew in completely different directions. This way, no matter from which direction the Blood Race reinforcements approached, Lu Ye had a high chance of discovering them in advance.

At a location approximately half a day's journey from the Blue Jade World, the main body and the doppelganger patrolled and searched.

After two days, the main body finally found something, looking ahead; a vast swath of blood red was advancing towards them, imposing and grand—it was undoubtedly the Blood Race's reinforcements.

Judging by scale alone, the Blood Race's reinforcements were many, but compared to those besieging the Blue Jade World, they were clearly less numerous.

While Lu Ye didn't have the opportunity to wipe out the Blood Race besieging the Blue Jade World, there was a chance to deal with these reinforcements.

He immediately activated his Blood River Technique, slightly restraining the power of the Blood River Technique and controlling the scale of the Blood Sea to a comparable level while simultaneously activating the Saintliness Restraint Technique to hide his saintliness.

This was necessary; otherwise, once his saintliness emerged, the Blood Race would definitely become aware.

Lih Shang, possessing Lu Ye's soul, immediately understood his intention—clearly, he intended to disguise himself as part of the Blood Race.

One had to admit that the Blood Path Secret Technique cast by Li Taibai was almost indistinguishable from that used by the Blood Race, but ultimately, the Blood Path Secret Technique cultivated by the human race differed from the Blood Race's own secret techniques. Such a disguise may not show any flaws from the outside, but once in close contact, the Blood Race would surely detect it.

She silently prepared for battle, knowing that someone noticed by the Reincarnation Tree must be quite capable, but she wasn't sure how strong Lu Ye truly was since she hadn't seen him in action since joining him.

She felt this journey was filled with peril.

Lu Ye propelled his Blood Sea to meet that vast mass of blood red.

The blood red showed no signs of obstruction or even stopping; Lu Ye's Blood Sea seamlessly merged into it, and in the next moment, a voice came from nearby: "How is the situation in the Blue Jade World?"

This clearly misunderstood him as a tribesman coming from the Blue Jade World to meet them.

Lu Ye casually replied, "Somewhat tense; the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race refuse to yield, their spore cloud's defenses are tight and hard to breach!"

The voice snorted coldly, "The Spore Race and the Wood Spirits are obstinate; once we've broken through their spore cloud, let's see what they'll have to resist!"

Lu Ye responded sinisterly, "We'll turn their world upside down!"

The voice retorted, "These two races have some unique skills, making it unwise to kill them all; we should keep some for breeding later on."

The owner of the voice should be the leader of this reinforcement, a Blood Race member with Constellation Late Stage cultivation, conversing with Lu Ye one sentence after the other.

Yet Lih Shang was utterly confused at this moment.

She couldn't understand why the Blood Race hadn't seen through Li Taibai's tricks. Not only did they accept him smoothly, but they actually took him for one of their own.

Although many races cultivate Blood Path Secret Techniques in the stellar space, the Blood Path Secret Techniques practiced by other races are fundamentally different from those of the Blood Race. In theory, as soon as Li Taibai's Blood Technique mixes with the blood hue of the Blood Race, they should have immediately detected it.

Yet, the Blood Race was clueless and truly considered him one of them.

While she was racking her brains over this, Lu Ye had already quietly spread his Blood Sea as he conversed with the Blood Race, merging it into the surrounding blood hue.

If he wanted to eliminate these Blood Race reinforcements in one stroke, he had to control this area of blood hue. Simply put, he needed to spread his Blood Sea over all the Blood Race reinforcements. Once successful, none of them would escape.

In the Blue Jade World, he didn't do this because the scale of that Blood Sea was too vast for him to manage alone.

But circumstances here were different. Although the number of Blood Race reinforcements was considerable, the gathered blood hue wasn't very large. All he needed was a bit of time to spread his Blood Sea completely.

As Lu Ye spread his Blood Sea, he also probed the strength of these Blood Race reinforcements. There were many at the Constellation level, along with some in the Divine Sea and True Lake Realm.

Earlier, he was curious about how those in the Divine Sea and True Lake could invade the Blue Jade World, as without reaching Constellation, they couldn't traverse stellar space physically.

Now, he understood it was the Constellation Blood Race who brought them over in this way.

This wasn't a solitary battle; it was a war between races. The Blood Race's Blood Technique was unique, and in such a war, even those in the Divine Sea and True Lake could play a significant role. Without the Blood Race at the Constellation level, it would be hard to succeed.

"Restrain your power!" The leading Blood Race suddenly shouted in dissatisfaction.

Though Lu Ye was expanding his Blood Sea cautiously, it couldn't completely elude the Constellation Blood Race's notice, yet the others did not repel his Blood Sea as they all considered him one of their own.

But as the leader of the reinforcements, the Blood Race Constellation couldn't allow Lu Ye to over-expand his Blood Sea and overshadow them.

"Okay!" Lu Ye responded verbally, but the speed at which he spread his Blood Sea suddenly increased greatly.

"What are you doing?" The Blood Race leader harshly questioned, sensing something was amiss, suddenly alert: "Who are you?"

Earlier he hadn't paid much attention, mostly because Lu Ye was obscured by his own Blood Sea and he couldn't see Lu Ye's appearance. Moreover, Lu Ye's Blood Technique seemed genuine, leading him to assume he was a fellow clansman, until suddenly realizing that Lu Ye's voice sounded unfamiliar.

There were only so many Constellation in his ranks, especially someone at the Constellation Late Stage like Lu Ye, and the Blood Race leader hadn't recalled hearing this voice before.

Lu Ye ignored him, continuing to spread his Blood Sea, but this time, it wasn't as easy. Many Blood Race Constellations became alert, no longer allowing his Blood Sea to merge easily.

Lu Ye sighed in his heart; this Blood Race leader was indeed cautious. Just a bit more time, and he could fully spread his Blood Sea, ensuring no Blood Race in this place could escape.

At this point, he hadn't fully spread his Blood Sea, only about seventy percent, and with the alertness and repulsion from the Blood Race Constellations, it wasn't possible to act as before.

Lu Ye hesitated no longer, his figure flickered and in an instant, he was upon the Blood Race leader.

The Boulder Mountain Saber unsheathed, its blade flashed and fell.

The Blood Race leader was stunned for a moment. Earlier, with Lu Ye enveloped in his Blood Sea, he couldn't see Lu Ye's appearance, but now as he approached, how could he not see?

"Human?" The Blood Race leader was utterly shocked, never expecting that the person he assumed was a clan member turned out to be a human!

Upon a closer look, this human's face seemed very familiar.

Overjoyed: "Lu Yiye!"

These words stunned Lu Ye. He was sure he had never met this Blood Race leader before, and since he left the Nine Provinces, he always acted under the name of Unparalleled Li Taibai, never revealing his real name or origins to anyone.

This guy candidly called out his name, genuinely surprising Lu Ye.

He didn't know that during the battle at the Taichu Realm of the Reincarnation Tree years ago, after he slaughtered all the Blood Race cultivators involved, he was marked by the Blood Race. In the Divine Sea contention throughout history, the Blood Race always secured numerous victory slots, comprising the most talented of their young generation. People drawn from over a dozen large domains perished without exception, including Sacred Seed; how could the Blood Race let this go?

Moreover, Lu Ye also slew a large number of the Insect Race's young Divine Sea, leaving seemingly only one that got away.

After the Divine Sea contention, the Blood Race and Insect Race jointly issued a Bounty Order against Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens. Anyone who encountered him in the stellar space and could kill him could go to the two races' domains to claim a huge bounty, a bounty that not even Moon Jade could ignore.

Of course, given the notorious reputation of these two races, it's hard to say how many would be enticed by such a bounty. At the very least, those within the Insect Race and Blood Race, with some strength, were watching out for Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens.

Chapter 1514 - Life Blood Technique

Lu Ye's image message had been seen by many strong figures from the Insect Race and Blood Race, including this Blood Race leader, which is why he could recognize his appearance.

Although Lu Ye had been mingling in the All Phenomena Ocean for a few years and come into contact with many people, he rarely encountered members of the Blood Race or Insect Race, as these two races didn't have much space for survival in such places.

It was only during auctions at the Constellation Palace that cultivators from the Blood Race and Insect Race came to bid, but at that time, Lu Ye appeared in the guise of Fa Wuzun, so naturally, he wasn't discovered.

This time, appearing as his true self, the Blood Race leader immediately recognized him and was overjoyed. Taking over the Blue Jade World and enslaving the Spore Race and Wood Spirit were clan matters, but if he could capture Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, the reward would be his alone.

Seeing Lu Ye's knife slashing down, he raised his hand to grab at Lu Ye's face, sharp cold light gleaming on his five fingers.

However, the next moment, the joy on his face disappeared, replaced by sheer horror.

For at the instant he made his move, a mysterious force suddenly spread, its strength so overwhelming that it made his entire body tremble. Lu Ye's not-so-tall figure appeared to soar in his eyes, like an irresistible deity.

Saintliness! And it's unimaginably intense saintliness!

This Lu Yiye is actually a Sacred Seed, and his saintliness is far more powerful than any Sacred Seed he had ever seen.

In an instant, his mind was seized, his blood Qi scattered, and the claw reaching for Lu Ye's face became weak and powerless.

As Lu Ye's long knife slashed down, it directly cleaved the guy in half, like cutting through wood.

His form flickered, Void Spirit Runes appeared beneath his feet, and he disappeared from his spot. When he reappeared, he was already in front of another Blood Race Constellation, slashing down in the same manner.

Within the expansive Blood Sea, he could reach wherever he wanted with a thought.

Lih Shang was stunned!

She had initially thought this trip would be a bitter battle fraught with great danger, but when Lu Ye actually made his move, she realized she'd worried too much.

Because these Blood Race Constellations were powerless in front of Lu Ye, wielding his knife, he cut them down like vegetables, one Blood Race Constellation after another met their end beneath his blade.

She truly couldn't understand how Lu Ye accomplished this, for these Blood Race Constellations facing Lu Ye were in panicked disarray, unable to utilize even thirty percent of their strength.

What shocked Lih Shang even more was Lu Ye's elusive techniques, akin to Teleportation, and even with her Soul Possession on him, she couldn't perceive the intricacies within.

The Blood Race reinforcements had quite a few Constellations this time, numbering over twenty, yet under the absolute suppression of saintliness, they still couldn't withstand Lu Ye's slaughter.

In just a short moment, nearly ten had already died, and Lih Shang couldn't sense the saintliness because she wasn't of the Blood Race, but the Blood Race themselves could clearly feel it.

All along, the Blood Race never understood how Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens managed to decimate the young elite of the Blood Race in the Taichu Realm.

Until now, they finally realized.

Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens is a formidable Sacred Seed, with saintliness so strong that it's unheard of, and against such an enemy, how could the Blood Race be a match?

The surviving Blood Race Constellations immediately wanted to flee, but Lu Ye's previous deployment played its role, under the cover of the Blood Sea, with saintliness spreading, most of them found their strength scattered, bodies weakened, making escape impossible.

Only a few Blood Race Constellations, because they weren't enveloped by Lu Ye's Blood Sea, had a chance to escape.

They couldn't care about their fellow clan members, focusing solely on survival, dispersing to leave the original Blood Sea.

A figure flashed beside Lu Ye, and the doppelganger finally arrived. Previously, due to the distance between the true form and doppelganger, the doppelganger couldn't use the Void Spirit Runes to Teleport over.

However, upon discovering the Blood Race reinforcements, the doppelganger had already headed this way, only now reaching the battlefield.

After handling the remaining Blood Race Constellations suppressed by the saintliness, Lu Ye immediately split up with the doppelganger for pursuit.

The Blood Race's Blood Escape Technique is unparalleled in the stellar space, but Lu Ye also knows the Blood Escape Technique, hence the fleeing Blood Race holds no advantage over Lu Ye.

Moreover, Lu Ye is currently in a state of Soul Possession by Lih Shang, his own strength soaring, so in pursuit, it took no time to catch up with the Blood Race Constellation fleeing ahead. Driven by the Blood Sea, it wrapped around that Blood Race, and with a single cut, ended his life.

Lu Ye, without stopping, pursued another direction.

With the distance continually closing, the fleeing Blood Race Constellation ahead clearly realized that the odds were against him, suddenly standing still, he turned around, glaring fiercely at the pursuing Lu Ye, gritting his teeth, "Lu Yiye, my Blood Race will fight you to the death!"

As the words fell, blood Qi surged around him, as if his whole being was boiling.

Under Lu Ye's astonished observation, the Blood Race individual suddenly swelled and burst into a puddle of Blood Water.

Lu Ye frowned, surprised at the creature's fierceness – knowing he was not a match, he chose self-destruction...

He vaguely felt something was amiss but had no time to think deeply, casually pocketing the Blood Crystal left by the Blood Race and activating Void Spirit Runes to teleport to the doppelganger. The doppelganger was pursuing a Blood Race Constellation, relentlessly attacking with Sword Qi from the sword gourd, driving the Blood Race to desperation.

Upon arrival, the original body teamed up with the doppelganger and easily slew the target.

Thus, all the Constellations who came to aid the Blood Race were wiped out, leaving the Divine Sea and True Lake Blood Races that they brought from their home world defenseless against the erosion of stellar space energy. By the time Lu Ye chased them down, those of the Divine Sea and True Lake had already struggled to death.

Looking ahead, the initial battlefield was littered with the corpses of Blood Race, faces frozen in terror and despair, numbering in the thousands.

Lu Ye returned and only collected the Blood Crystals within the bodies of the Constellations; he couldn't be bothered to deal with those from the True Lake and Divine Sea Blood Races.

In a distant stellar space, within a domain occupied by the Blood Race.

In a grand hall, blood-colored soul lamps flickered; each lamp corresponded to a Blood Race cultivator. Under normal circumstances, these soul lamps remained lit above all else, indicating the cultivator's life force was intact.

But now, a large number of soul lamps were extinguished, causing the Blood Race cultivator guarding the area to turn pale as he observed, his body trembling slightly.

He noted that among the extinguished lamps, there were at least twenty belonging to Constellations, which undoubtedly signified their deaths.

Most of the soul lamps went out quietly, except for one, which suddenly burst forth with a bright blood glow before going dark, revealing the name Lu Yiye!

"This is a catastrophe!" The Blood Race cultivator knew the matter was of utmost importance; their home world was strong, yet losing so many Constellations at once was a deep pain. He dared not delay, quickly reporting the incident.

Soon, a powerful Blood Race of the Moon Jade arrived.

Listening to the governor's report, the Moon Jade Blood Race, with a sinister expression, inquired, "Did the Life Blood Technique reveal the name Lu Yiye?"

The governor cultivator promptly replied, "It was Lu Yiye, I didn't see it wrongly."

The Moon Jade Blood Race snorted coldly, "What a fortuitous discovery when it was least expected!"

In recent years, both the Blood Race and Insect Race have been seeking Lu Yiye, but without results. Unexpectedly, this time, the Constellations of the Blood Race used the Life Blood Technique to send back information before their deaths.

The Taichu Realm Divine Sea battle led to significant losses across the Blood Race domains, with promising young Blood Races all dying at the hands of Lu Yiye. Normally, in such clashes, those who die are considered expendable, but among those Blood Race youths were holders of Sacred Seed, which is extremely precious. Thus, a bounty was placed not solely for Lu Ye's life, but primarily to reclaim the Sacred Blood.

That is the most treasured item for the Blood Race.

Having learned of Lu Yiye's whereabouts, even as a Moon Jade, he couldn't remain unmoved.

Knowing the deceased clansmen all went to the Blue Jade World, the Moon Jade didn't hesitate and immediately soared to head towards the Blue Jade World.

Half a day later, Lu Ye returned to the Blue Jade World once more, finding the battlefield situation largely unchanged, though the protective range of the spore cloud had evidently shrunk.

Now, with reinforcements dealt with, Lu Ye only needed to eliminate the Blood Race Constellations here in the Blue Jade World.

Knowing he couldn't wipe them out entirely, Lu Ye wisely chose not to waste energy, using Lih Shang's skills to silently infiltrate the Blood Sea, advancing tens of miles until he reached the side of a Blood Race Constellation who was resisting Blood Sea against the spore cloud. He released and retracted his saintliness instantaneously and simultaneously brought down the long blade.

The Blood Race hadn't reacted before meeting their untimely death, not even a scream was heard.

The annihilation of the Constellation's life force startled nearby Blood Race, none knew what transpired, for since the invasion of Blue Jade World, the Blood Race had faced no substantial losses; though some Divine Sea and True Lake individuals fell against the Spore Race and wood spirits, not a single Constellation died.

Now, inexplicably, one had perished!

While the Blood Race pondered the events, another Constellation's aura suddenly extinguished, marking only the beginning of the streak, with numerous Blood Races falling victim mysteriously, seven or eight perishing in mere moments.

The remaining Constellations were terrified, fully deploying their Blood Techniques. Generally speaking, within Blood Sea, Blood Race possesses extremely powerful Insight and perception power, no outsider entering the Blood Sea can escape their detection.

However, Lu Ye himself could activate the purest Blood Technique, thus even if the Blood Race sensed his presence, they would merely see him as a companion.

As time passed, more Blood Race Constellations perished in battle, and the remaining Blood Race finally noticed something amiss with Lu Ye's side, realizing that wherever this individual they mistook as kin traveled, a Constellation invariably met their end.

Chapter 1515 - Coming to Surrender

Feeling Lu Ye's aura again, it was extremely unfamiliar, not a Constellation of this domain at all, and immediately a Blood Race member shouted in Lu Ye's direction, "Who are you?"

There was no response. Instead, Lu Ye rushed straight towards his position.

"Courting death!" That Blood Race Constellation was furious, surprisingly not dodging, but taking the initiative to meet Lu Ye.

Although Lu Ye killed many Blood Races before, his cultivation was ultimately just a Constellation. This Blood Race was not afraid, assuming Lu Ye succeeded through ambush. As long as they were prepared, they wouldn't share the fate of their clansmen.

In an instant, the two figures collided in the vast Blood Sea. The Blood Race Constellation who came to meet him only saw a few exquisite saber lights enveloping him before losing consciousness.

Being both in the Constellation Late Stage, there's no way he could be Lu Ye's opponent in a one-on-one battle. Moreover, Lu Ye was in the state of being Soul Possessed by Lih Shang, making him even more formidable.

The nearby Blood Race Constellations sensed the situation here, all were shocked, thinking Lu Ye relied on ambush to be invincible before. Only now did they realize, this unknown enemy was so powerful that their own clansmen of the same cultivation couldn't hold up even for a moment in front of him.

Daring not to delay any longer, they all gathered towards Lu Ye, clearly intending to besiege him together.

Seeing this, Lu Ye was delighted. He initially thought there was no way to wipe out all the Blood Race Constellations here, so he didn't bother to spread his Blood Sea. But now these Blood Race Constellations were coming to encircle him, and this was a good opportunity.

Not rushing to activate his saintliness, he continued to restrain it with the Saintliness Restraint Technique, fiercely battling the Blood Race Constellations coming from all directions.

With many enemies and few allies, even with Soul Possession by Lih Shang, Lu Ye was in a perilous situation, frequently getting wounded.

He held back his killing intent, not delivering a fatal blow to any Blood Race Constellation but instead fought desperately, portraying a constant facade of being on the verge of collapse.

The Blood Race Constellations saw hope, their attacks becoming increasingly fierce, yet they never truly succeeded.

More Blood Race Constellations joined the battlefield, wanting to quickly eliminate Lu Ye, as a large number of Constellations were held up by him here. The Blood Sea was falling behind in the confrontation against the spore cloud. To change the situation, they had to first kill Lu Ye.

Lu Ye was in an increasingly unfavorable state, facing such a siege. What he could do was very limited, only able to repeatedly activate the Sacred Guard Spirit Runes to protect himself.

Estimating that it was about time, and indeed unable to hold on any longer, Lu Ye finally released the suppression of the Saintliness Restraint Technique. Intense saintliness spread out tumultuously as the Saintliness Restraint Technique dissipated.

The Blood Race Constellations gathered around turned pale, their minds in chaos, blood Qi scattering, instantly becoming soft-footed shrimp.

Slaughter bloomed.

Lu Ye had endured them for so long, almost beaten to a pulp by them, all for this moment, how could he show mercy now? A big sun-like radiance exploded, and a lotus bloomed slowly.

Petals formed by saber light fluttered, attacking in all directions, and none of the Blood Race Constellations tainted could withstand it. Instantly, one powerful aura after another was obliterated.

Lu Ye did not rest, swiftly killing towards the nearest Blood Race. Fear and disbelief overflowed from that Blood Race's eyes, seeing a bright saber light slashing down. He wanted to dodge, but his body was weak and powerless, unable to evade at all.

One after another, Blood Race Constellations participating in the encirclement of Lu Ye fell, and the Blood Sea seemed to become even thicker.

And without these Blood Race Constellations hosting it, the scale of the Blood Sea remained but could no longer resist the counterattack of the spore cloud. Once suppressed, the spore cloud now charged forward with divine assistance, and the sound of wails rose continuously.

Those voices came from the Divine Sea and True Lake Blood Races in the Blood Sea. Originally, with Constellation Realm experts standing in front, leveraging the power of the Blood Sea, they were in no danger, only needing to support the Blood Sea. But now that most of the Constellation Realm experts were dead, how could they alone withstand it?

Within the spore cloud, the furious roars of Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race cultivators echoed, advancing with crushing momentum.

Not all of the Blood Race Constellations joined the encirclement of Lu Ye, and some did not participate. Now seeing the situation lost, they dared not linger, leaving the Blood Sea to flee outward.

Just as they escaped the Blood Sea, they saw another Blood Sea pouring down from high above.

These Blood Race Constellations were all overjoyed, rushing to meet it, with some exclaiming joyfully, "Reinforcements have arrived!"

The timing of the reinforcements matched the information they received, so these Blood Race Constellations had no suspicion at all and surged into the Blood Sea one by one.

Inside that Blood Sea, Lu Ye's doppelganger wore a peculiar expression, having never seen anyone so eager to court death.

The doppelganger stayed there, mainly intending to kill off any stragglers, but didn't expect them to mistake him for reinforcements and come willingly.

This made things easier.

Once those Blood Races charged into the Blood Sea, they realized something was wrong, for although the Blood Sea was sizeable, there were no clansmen inside, only an aura belonging to the Constellation Late Stage, and crucially, that aura felt exactly the same as the one wreaking havoc below.

Before they could figure out what was happening, the boundless Blood Sea suddenly erupted with powerful saintliness. The doppelganger wielded the power of the sword gourd, and streams of Sword Qi surged in all directions.

Lu Ye's true self also used the Void Spirit Runes to teleport over and join forces with the doppelganger. Within moments, they had slaughtered all the fleeing Blood Race Constellations cleanly.

The Blood Sea retracted, and Lu Ye hovered in the air, looking down indifferently.

The doppelganger had already been reabsorbed by him. Under his perception, there were no more traces of Blood Race Constellations within the Blood Sea. All that remained were some Blood Race individuals at the Divine Sea and True Lake stages. Their numbers were not small, but under the counterattack of the Spore Race and the Wood Spirit Race, their complete annihilation was only a matter of time.

At this point, there was no longer any need for him to intervene.

Half a day later, the battle was over. As expected, without the protection of the Constellations, the Blood Race was completely exterminated. The spore cloud disappeared, the ground was covered in a thick layer of blood, and numerous members of the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race roared angrily towards the sky. But there was no joy; all Lu Ye felt was sadness.

Although they won this battle with Lu Ye's help and eradicated all the invading enemies, the domain in which these two races lived had now been exposed to the sight of the Blood Race. The Blood Race would not let things rest and would surely return one day.

With this in mind, the two races decided to migrate their people into the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree. Only the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree could temporarily offer them a peaceful living environment.

In a giant tree house, Lu Ye was silently healing his injuries. He had suffered frequent injuries while being besieged by the Blood Race, but they were all superficial wounds, so he recovered quickly.

Lih Shang stood not far away, guarding him like a sentinel.

The Spore Race Clan Leader, Black Umbrella, and the Wood Spirit Race Clan Leader, Mu He, came over to sincerely express their gratitude to Lu Ye and Lih Shang. Originally, they thought that with only two people sent by the Reincarnation Tree, they were bound for disaster. Who would have imagined that just these two people could crush the Blood Race forces so completely?

They had no idea how Lu Ye and Lih Shang accomplished this, nor did they need to know. The immediate crisis was temporarily resolved, and the two races had already begun preparations for their migration.

Fortunately, the number of clansmen from both races was not large, so the migration was not too troublesome.

Another day later, the two races had made all necessary preparations, and a large number of clansmen gathered together.

Lu Ye stood quietly to the side. To be honest, he was a bit curious about how the Spore Race and the Wood Spirit Race planned to migrate. Both races had Constellations, but most were below the Constellation Realm and could not physically traverse stellar space.

Lu Ye speculated that they might use large starboats; only in this way could they transport so many clansmen below the Constellation Realm.

However, if that was the case, a considerable number of starboats would be needed. Did the Spore Race and the Wood Spirit Race have such resources?

But Lu Ye soon realized he was wrong.

The migration of the two races did not rely on starboats but rather on the spore cloud.

Under the joint efforts of the cultivators from both races, a large spore cloud began to spread, enveloping all the clansmen within it. Soon after, the spore cloud, encasing the two races' people, floated up into the air and drifted out of the domain.

This method had a similar marvel to the Blood Race's way. The Blood Race used the Blood Sea to transport their Divine Sea and True Lake members, while the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race utilized the spore cloud.

Whether Blood Sea or spore cloud, it was clear that they could protect the safety of beings below the Constellation Realm.

The vast spore cloud rushed out of the domain, looking from afar like a massive cotton candy. Some Constellations from the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race gazed through the spore cloud towards the direction of the Blue Jade World, filled with reluctance and helplessness.

This was, after all, the domain where these two races had lived for many years. Now having to abandon it naturally felt disheartening.

But since the Blood Race had discovered their domain, it was no longer suitable to remain.

Lu Ye also landed within the spore cloud, following its journey while guiding the way for the two races' cultivators.

He did not know the exact route from the Blue Jade World to the Reincarnation Tree's location, but he could sense the direction of the Reincarnation Tree through the mark on the back of his hand, making him indispensable for guidance.

This journey could take at least half a year.

Propelled by the combined efforts of the Constellations from both races, the spore cloud moved swiftly. Lu Ye estimated its speed was on par with his starboat.

As the migration journey officially began, Mu He and Black Umbrella arrived together once more to express their gratitude to Lu Ye and Lih Shang, bringing them some gifts as tokens of thanks. After all, if not for Lu Ye and Lih Shang's timely intervention, both races would likely have faced extinction.

After exchanging a few words with the two Clan Leaders, they took their leave, as they had many clansmen's emotions to console and potential dangers along the way to remain vigilant about. It wasn't appropriate for the Clan Leaders to stay with Lu Ye too long.

After they left, Lu Ye looked at the gifts they brought.

They were two pieces of green crystal. Lu Ye wasn't sure what they were, but given that the Clan Leaders had brought them as tokens of gratitude, they were surely not ordinary items.

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Under his perception, Lu Ye detected that the energy contained within these two green crystals was immensely vast, yet very gentle, and it harbored a rich vitality.

This thing... could probably be used for healing? The effect might be quite good.

However, if that were the only use, its value wouldn't be significant.

After all, this was Xie Li's token of gratitude, and it wouldn't be appropriate for Lu Ye to ask the two Clan Leaders about it directly in their presence.

While he was pondering, he heard Lih Shang speak up: "This is the wood crystal left behind by a wood spirit after its death."

She clearly recognized this object.

Since acquiring Lih Shang, this Soul Race woman had never spoken to Lu Ye proactively, maintaining silence as if she were mute, full of vigilance and slight hostility towards Lu Ye.

But ever since being summoned by the Reincarnation Tree, Lu Ye had clearly felt a shift in her attitude. Although the reason was unclear, it was positive for him.

Previously, Lih Shang had even actively used the Soul Possession Secret Technique to help him vanquish enemies.

Lu Ye always wanted to open his heart and be honest with Lih Shang, as the issues regarding those martyrs in Xianyuan City might need to be resolved starting with the Soul Race.

The change in Lih Shang's attitude gave Lu Ye hope.

"A wood crystal from a wood spirit's death? Similar in nature to the crystal cores of star beasts or blood crystals of the Blood Race?" Lu Ye asked.

Lih Shang nodded: "Indeed, but a wood crystal is far more valuable and rarer than crystal cores and blood crystals. Not all wood spirits leave behind a wood crystal upon death, only a portion can."

"What's it used for?" Lu Ye humbly inquired.

"A wood crystal contains a large amount of pure power, refining it can enhance your blood Qi energy, temper the Essence of Blood and Flesh." She took a close look at the two wood crystals in Lu Ye's hands: "These two should be wood crystals left by a Moon Jade Realm wood spirit after its death. If you refine them, you can reach Peak Constellation in no time."

Hearing this, Lu Ye couldn't help but feel a bit disappointed.

There's no denying, wood crystals are great, they save cultivation time and greatly enhance cultivation progress, and these are wood crystals left behind by Moon Jade Realm wood spirits.

Currently, the Wood Spirit Race has no Moon Jade; these should be the treasures left by the ancestors of the Wood Spirit Race, likely treasures kept in reserve by the wood spirits.

Offering such items as a token of gratitude shows the wood spirits' sincerity.

But Lu Ye doesn't need them, if he truly wants to expedite his cultivation, he could just jump into the All Phenomena Ocean, why rely on wood crystals?

Seeing Lu Ye's disappointment, Lih Shang added: "Wood crystals of wood spirits have mysterious power, not only can they temper the Essence of Blood and Flesh, but if you refine them, you'll achieve better results in comprehending wood type secret techniques."

Lu Ye didn't need to comprehend any wood type secret techniques, his own power was fire type which was completely unrelated to wood type.

The Talent Tree did have a Leaf Dance spirit rune, considered wood type, but Lu Ye hardly ever used it because activating it with fire type spirit force made it feel awkward and cumbersome.

"No other uses?" Lu Ye asked.

Lih Shang thought for a moment: "Your human race has a faction of healing cultivators, if a healing cultivator refines a wood crystal, their ability to heal others would drastically improve. This thing can be said to be a supreme treasure every healing cultivator dreams of!"

This statement caught Lu Ye's attention.

He was not a healing cultivator, but Second Senior Sister and Hua Ci were healing cultivators, gifting these two wood crystals to them would be nice. It could aid in enhancing their cultivation, shortening their cultivation progress, and also improve their healing abilities.

The two wood crystals should belong one to Lu Ye and one to Lih Shang each.

Lu Ye looked up at Lih Shang: "How about a trade?"

"What?" Lih Shang looked at him.

"I'll keep both wood crystals, and if there's anything you want, I'll trade it with you."

Lih Shang then understood Lu Ye's intentions, slowly shaking her head: "Even without me in this battle, you can still be invincible; this is the gratitude from the wood spirits and spore race to you, it has nothing to do with me." She never really understood why the star beasts of the Blood Race were so restrained and repressed around Lu Ye, like mice seeing a cat.

This was Lu Ye's secret, and she didn't intend to ask more.

But she knew, even without her Soul Possession, it wouldn't have been a problem for Lu Ye to handle those Blood Race members with his means.

"That's what you say, but one of these wood crystals is definitely yours."

The Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race didn't know the true situation of that battle, they just assumed Lu Ye and Lih Shang had cooperated, hence they sent two wood crystals.

Lih Shang shook her head: "I have nothing I want, if you insist on giving me something, I hope you can release my restriction!"

Lu Ye looked at her quietly for a moment, then suddenly raised his hand and tossed a Token to Lih Shang, the very Token controlling the restriction on her body.

Lih Shang was just speaking casually, never expecting Lu Ye would actually give it to her. After receiving the Token, she couldn't help but pause, a complex expression on her face: "Aren't you afraid I'll run away?"

Lu Ye said seriously, "I have something to ask your help with, and you should be able to feel that I have no ill intentions towards you!"

If he wanted to ask for her help, naturally he should discuss things with her properly. Using that restriction to control Lih Shang would only make her unwilling to cooperate with him.

Lu Ye had always been considering finding a suitable opportunity to lift her restriction, but without gaining her trust and having some basis for communication, rashly lifting it would surely make Lih Shang run.

Perhaps now is the opportunity.

Lu Ye could only take a gamble.

After giving Lu Ye a deep look, Lih Shang crushed the Token in her hand, as if some nameless force unravelled around her, making her feel much more at ease.

She had no intention of fleeing. Instead, she sat down not far from Lu Ye and said, "Tell me about your friends' situation."

Previously, Lu Ye mentioned it casually without elaborating, and Lih Shang wasn't interested in understanding. Now that she took the initiative to ask, it was certainly a good thing for Lu Ye.

Lu Ye then briefly described the situation over in Xianyuan City.

Lih Shang, upon hearing this, said: "Using Soul Cleansing Water to maintain the psyche's immortality is indeed a method. It has both advantages and disadvantages. The advantage is that the Divine Soul Mark won't vanish, even if one's psyche is scattered, it can use the power of Soul Cleansing Water to reconsolidate the soul body. The disadvantage is the lack of freedom, being essentially trapped. Your friends should have had very resolute spirits in their lifetimes, otherwise they wouldn't have been able to hold on for long without their psyches becoming chaotic."

Lu Ye thought about those people in Xianyuan City and nodded: "They are a group of predecessors worthy of respect." He humbly inquired, "Is there a way to solve this?"

Lih Shang pondered for a moment and said, "I'll need to see the specific situation to know. After this matter is settled, take me there."

"Alright, I'll trouble you then." Lu Ye agreed enthusiastically.

Previously, he didn't know how to return to the Nine Provinces, but this time, as long as he completes the Reincarnation Tree's commission, he can inquire about information on the Nine Provinces, and surely find the route back. With the Reincarnation Tree doppelgangers dispersed everywhere in stellar space, this shouldn't be too difficult for it.

The journey wasn't peaceful, as from time to time star beasts came to attack, all repelled by the joint efforts of the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Constellations.

Some star beasts actually had no malice, they were merely curious about the spore cloud, something rarely seen in stellar space, and came over to take a look.

During this time, they even encountered a Moon Jade Realm star beast. This star beast was extremely large, like a whale swimming through stellar space.

Moreover, this creature brought three small whale star beasts, suggesting it was a family of four.

The Spore Race and Wood Spirit Constellations were very tense. Facing a Moon Jade Realm star beast, even if they worked together to resist, it would inevitably lead to heavy casualties.

In the end, it was Lu Ye who stepped forward, relying on the power of the red talisman, confronting the family of four for a long time before finally persuading them to leave.

The red talisman isn't a big problem as long as it's not fully activated. By slightly stimulating its power, star beasts can be deterred.

This method only works against star beasts, though. If facing cultivators, it would only make them more covetous.

Having witnessed the terrifying power of the red talisman, Lih Shang found herself increasingly unable to understand Lu Ye. She naturally recognized that red talisman as originating from the Dwarf Race, otherwise it wouldn't have such power, but Lu Ye didn't seem like he came from any top domain, and yet he wore a red talisman, and was even valued by the Reincarnation Tree, granted a mark.

Thus, after three months of journeying, Lu Ye sensed that the connection between the Reincarnation Tree mark and the front was becoming tighter, indicating they were growing closer to the Reincarnation Tree.

During these three months, his relationship with Lih Shang improved quite a bit; although not reaching the level of friendship, at least they could chat casually.

Lu Ye had once asked her about her ability to conceal herself, only to find that the Soul Race's concealment was different from Ghost Cultivators'. Ghost Cultivators use the power of Spectral Runes to conceal themselves, whereas the Soul Race has a natural ability to do so, as they exist in a manner that is neither real nor unreal, incredibly mysterious.

Lu Ye initially intended to leverage the Soul Race's abilities to develop the Concealment Spirit Runes plan, but it fell through.

One day, while Lu Ye was refining spirit jade and cultivating, his heart suddenly skipped a beat, as if some crisis was impending.

He quickly opened his eyes, just in time to see Lih Shang across from him opening her eyes as well, looking at him gravely.

Lih Shang evidently sensed something too.

Not only did they sense it, but the Constellations within the spore cloud of the Spore Race and Wood Spirits all felt it as well, prompting a commotion within the spore cloud.

Lu Ye quickly leapt out of the spore cloud, and turned back to see a bright red light rapidly approaching from a distance.

Lih Shang stood beside him, her expression grave: "A Blood Race Moon Jade!"

Moreover, judging by the force of the incoming presence, it wasn't an ordinary Moon Jade, at the very least a Moon Jade Mid-Stage, possibly even a Late Stage!

Having left the Blue Jade World for three months, Lu Ye never imagined that a powerful Blood Race would still be pursuing him. Even with his current strength, facing a newly ascended Moon Jade was immensely challenging, let alone a Mid- or Late-Stage Moon Jade.

Black Umbrella and Mu He also arrived together, their faces changing at the sight of the blood red behind them, exemplifying the plight of small races—lacking a strong protector, encountering danger in this boundless stellar space usually spelled doom, risking annihilation at the slightest misstep.

Chapter 1517 - You're Actually a Sacred Seed!

Looking at the rapidly approaching blood light, Lu Ye's expression was solemn, with thoughts churning in his mind as he contemplated a strategy to break the enemy.

Relying on the As-Close-As-Siblings Array Disc might be a way, as there are a few Constellation Late Stage cultivators among the wood spirit and Spore Race, which could fully form a Black Tortoise Array. But even so, can they really stand against a Moon Jade Mid-Stage or Late Stage?

A group of Constellation Late Stage forming an array might be able to contend with a Moon Jade Early Stage, but for Mid-Stage or Late Stage, the difficulty is too great.

Moreover, once the Constellation Late Stage of the wood spirit and Spore Race are drawn out, it may affect the stability of the spore cloud. Currently, the spore cloud can shelter the tribe members below the Constellation of the two races, which is the result of all Constellation working hard together.

If the stability of the spore cloud is lost, it could lead to heavy casualties among the two tribes.

So Lu Ye thought about it briefly and dismissed the idea of borrowing power from the wood spirit and Spore Race. This could only be a last-resort plan.

If that's the case, then he'll have to face the Moon Jade alone.

Fortunately, the opponent is from the Blood Race, against whom he inherently has a tremendous advantage. And he's not entirely alone; Lih Shang can provide significant support.

With a determined thought, he sent an audio transmission to Mu He and Black Umbrella: "Take your people and go first, I'll hold him off for a while!" If he truly couldn't stop him, then he could only join forces with the Spore Race and wood spirit.

Having said this, he advanced proactively, Lih Shang said not a word, and directly rushed into Lu Ye's body with open arms.

Mu He and Black Umbrella didn't have time to intervene before they saw Lu Ye swiftly dart away. With clenched teeth, they fully activated the spore cloud to quickly flee.

Blood Hero saw the spore cloud from afar, with eyes filled with cold murderous intent.

He set off from the home world, first heading to the Blue Jade World, but found it already deserted, leaving only a large number of fallen Blood Race corpses, which saddened him greatly.

Without stopping, he pursued relentlessly, because he had a general idea that the Spore Race and wood spirit would seek refuge with the Reincarnation Tree. So pursuing them was not off course, and after a lengthy chase, he finally caught up with this migrating tribe.

At this moment, seeing a stream of light rushing out of the spore cloud towards him, Blood Hero hastily exerted his Ocular Power to observe. At a glance, he was overjoyed because within that stream of light, he saw the figure that numerous powerful ones of his race deeply yearned for.

The intelligence transmitted by the Life Blood Technique from a dying Constellation of his race was indeed accurate. Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens was indeed here. This trip was not in vain.

The distance between them rapidly closed, and Lu Ye's expression became even more grave, as he gradually realized that the coming Blood Race member was a Moon Jade Late Stage.

Now, this is a big problem!

If it were a Mid-Stage, he might still have a chance to fight, but since the opponent is a Late Stage, Lu Ye truly felt uncertain.

But at this point, there was no room to retreat; he could only brace himself and move forward.

Intense blood light suddenly bloomed from around Blood Hero, transforming into a Blood Cloud. Even though he was dealing with a Constellation Late Stage as a Moon Jade Late Stage, he did not dare to be careless. The matter of Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens was too significant; he had to capture him at the first opportunity and eliminate his chance of escape. Therefore, he activated his Blood Technique to prevent Lu Ye from fleeing if things went awry, otherwise, dealing with a junior much weaker than himself would not have required such an imposing display.

As he aroused the Blood Cloud, dominating momentum spread, and suddenly, his expression froze. He saw an equally intense blood light blooming ahead, also transforming into a Blood Cloud in an instant.

This Lu Yiye... had actually cultivated the Blood Path Secret Technique!

Blood Hero coldly snorted, "Absolutely ridiculous!"

The origin of the Blood Path Secret Technique comes from the Blood Race. The secret techniques of various races nowadays are adaptations of the Blood Race's techniques. Anyone with a modicum of common sense would know never to flaunt the Blood Path Secret Technique in front of the Blood Race; otherwise, it would only bring harm to themselves.

However, Blood Hero had to concede that Lu Yiye's accomplishment in the Blood Path Secret Technique was profound. Just from the scale and volume of that Blood Cloud, even the Constellation Late Stage of the Blood Race pales in comparison.

Perhaps it's not just a matter of attainment; it might also relate significantly to Lu Yiye's own abundant blood Qi.

Not bad indeed. After capturing Lu Yiye, recovering the Sacred Blood, and devouring his Qi and blood, it could be a small supplement, Blood Hero thought to himself.

In the stellar space, two Blood Seas clashed violently without suspense, and Lu Ye's Blood Cloud was instantly overwhelmed.

When boundless bloodlust prevailed, his Blood Sea became fragmented and was devoured into Blood Hero's Blood Sea before it could reform.

Within the Blood Sea, Lu Ye's blood Qi surged around him. He immediately felt the immense gap between himself and the Moon Jade Late Stage. If he considered himself a blade of grass, then the opponent was a towering tree, incomparable in strength or momentum.

Even though it was anticipated, when the outcome unfolded before him, Lu Ye's expression was somewhat helpless.

A chilling sensation rose from the depths of his heart as Lu Ye sensed a brilliant and sharp aura hurtling straight towards him from the front.

He raised a hand to grip the hilt of the Boulder Mountain Saber, his gaze fixed unwaveringly ahead, pouring all his spirit force madly into the blade.

Within the Boulder Mountain Saber, spirit runes rapidly formed and took shape.

Suddenly, the long saber unsheathed, its arc like the moon, striking forward.

The Blood Hero sneered repeatedly, the immense disparity in strength leaving him with no thought of dodging this blade. Without evading, he reached out a hand to grab the blade, intending to let this Lu Yiye experience true despair.

However, in the next instant, his sneer turned to shock because an inexplicable aura of power suddenly erupted from Lu Ye. Under its impact, the blood Qi throughout his body dissipated, and his strength was greatly suppressed.

The incomparably sharp Boulder Mountain Saber struck down as if cleaving through thick leather. Blood splattered, and the Blood Hero cried out, withdrawing his large hand, revealing a gash deep enough to bare bone between his fingers.

Lu Ye closed in, his momentum overbearing and wild, continuously executing the Tyrannical Saber Technique, augmented by Lih Shang's Soul Possession. Nearly every slash was the full explosion of his strength.

The Blood Hero continuously retreated, eyes trembling intensely, staring at Lu Ye in disbelief and exclaimed, "You're a Sacred Seed? You're actually a Sacred Seed?"

Among the Blood Race, only those who refined Sacred Blood are called Sacred Seeds.

The Blood Hero himself was a Sacred Seed, having refined Sacred Blood; otherwise, he could not have achieved his current accomplishments. But he never anticipated that Lu Yiye of the Nine Heavens, who had been on the minds of their race for so many years, was also a Sacred Seed, and far surpassed him in saintliness.

Not only surpassing him, but even the Sun Blaze experts of his race had a tremendous gap compared to him. The most intensely saintly Sun Blaze he had seen seemed unworthy even to carry Lu Yiye's shoes.

The Blood Hero found it hard to believe, but experiencing it personally, he had no choice but to believe, for under that intense saintliness suppression, his own Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation could only exert Moon Jade Early Stage strength.

This level of suppression was terrifying. Even the Sun Blaze he had seen couldn't achieve such a degree!

Just speaking, he realized something was wrong. Lu Yiye was evidently a human; how could he be a Sacred Seed? The next inconceivable thought surfaced: "You actually can refine Sacred Blood?"

The saintliness on Lu Yiye wasn't fake. Since he wasn't a Sacred Seed of the Blood Race, it indicated he had means to refine Sacred Blood. But... is this possible?

The Blood Race's Sacred Blood origin is mysterious, even the Blood Race themselves face enormous risks in refining it, nearly a situation of nine deaths for one life. Other races, once contaminated, would surely die, even a Sun Blaze.

Yet now, a human who had refined Sacred Blood stood alive before him, using the suppression of saintliness to bind his hands and feet.

Given this, all the Sacred Blood from those few junior Sacred Seeds who died to Lu Yiye in the Taichu Realm have already been refined by him.

Even before that, Lu Yiye had already refined much Sacred Blood; otherwise, the saintliness couldn't be this terrifying!

The Blood Hero finally understood how those junior Sacred Seeds in the Taichu Realm had died. The Blood Race never figured out how a human had annihilated all those juniors because, under their race's arrangements, those juniors could quickly converge and cooperate to resist enemies in the Taichu Realm. The Divine Sea cultivators involved in the struggle were utterly powerless to contend. Using this method, the Blood Race could always claim some victory slots in the Taichu Realm.

But if relying on saintliness suppression, those juniors indeed couldn't resist, and grouping together made it even easier for them to be wiped out.

Understanding this, the shock in the Blood Hero's eyes gradually transformed into fervor.

Because he saw in Lu Yiye the possibility of refining vast amounts of Sacred Blood. The Blood Race's process of refining Sacred Blood was perilous, unrelated to cultivation level. Even as a Moon Jade Late Stage, he couldn't refine too much Sacred Blood, with each refining being a life-and-death ordeal.

Something the Blood Race struggled to achieve, a human managed to accomplish. The Blood Hero greatly desired to understand how Lu Ye succeeded. Judging by the saintliness on Lu Yiye, he had refined at least dozens of drops, maybe more...

Thus, if he could capture him, the Blood Hero could have a chance to uncover this secret to enhance his own saintliness. Sun Blaze... would be just around the corner!

While myriad thoughts churned in his mind, Lu Ye's saber momentum continued incessantly, driving him back step by step.

It's not that the Blood Hero was weaker at the moment, but that he was contemplating how to capture Lu Ye alive.

Under saintliness suppression, Lu Ye could clearly feel his opponent could only exert Moon Jade Early Stage cultivation. This brought him great peace of mind. A Moon Jade Early Stage, even if no match, wouldn't lead to a dire situation.

If worse comes to worst, he could use the red talisman to resolve him, but the red talisman was Lu Ye's final trump card. He was reluctant to use it unless absolutely necessary.

During the exchange, boundless saber light enveloped the Blood Hero, but Lu Ye's mood bit by bit grew heavier because, apart from the initial strike that injured the Blood Hero, the remaining assaults had little effect.

Lu Ye suddenly realized he had oversimplified things.

Chapter 1518 - Soul Battle with Moon Jade

Under the suppression of saintliness, the Blood Hero can only exert the strength of the Moon Jade Early Stage, but that doesn't mean he truly is just at the Moon Jade Early Stage.

After all, he has the foundation of the Moon Jade Late Stage, especially with that powerful physique!

Due to their cultivation of Blood Techniques, the Blood Race generally possesses bodies stronger than those of other races, not to mention someone like the Blood Hero.

From the earlier instance when the Blood Hero was caught off guard and took a full-force slash from Lu Ye, yet the injuries weren't severe, it was clear that if his physique weren't strong, that slash would have crippled one of his arms. It's precisely because his physique was strong that he could withstand such a fierce slash.

The current situation Lu Ye faces is indeed like this; the Blood Hero, with some precaution, even with Lu Ye exerting all his force under the augmentation of Lih Shang's Soul Possession, could at most only leave shallow wounds after breaking through the blood light protecting the Blood Hero's body, far from causing any significant injury.

The Blood Hero has yet to retaliate, avoiding Lu Ye's assaults as much as possible, only enduring when he had no way to evade. However, those shallow wounds were no different from scratches to a warrior of his caliber. Coupled with his abundant blood Qi and a physique honed to the extreme, those wounds healed almost instantly, almost in the blink of an eye.

Lu Ye swung his saber over a hundred times without achieving any success.

The Blood Hero suddenly grinned and said, "My turn!"

His intention was to capture Lu Ye alive and discern the secrets of refining Sacred Blood; otherwise, how could he bear such disrespect from a Constellation in front of him?

To capture someone alive, naturally, one must wear down the opponent's strength and will; this is why he let Lu Ye exert his full force. He wanted Lu Ye to witness the vast disparity in their strengths firsthand, and now it seems like the right time.

As soon as he finished speaking, the Blood Hero threw a punch.

Lu Ye's expression turned serious; though this punch appeared ordinary, he felt an immense threat and quickly brandished his saber before him.

When the immense force struck, it felt as if a star had crashed into him; his body was uncontrollably pushed back, while the Blood Hero refused to let up the advantage, relentlessly pursuing like a maggot clinging to a bone, his fists hammering down like a violent storm.

Though Lu Ye did his utmost to block, how could he withstand such an assault? He was struck until he was dizzy and disoriented, desperately shifting to a defensive stance, constructing layers of Sacred Guard Spirit Runes.

However, even the Sacred Guard couldn't withstand the Blood Hero's attacks; each layer shattered almost as soon as it formed.

In merely a few brief moments, Lu Ye had no idea how many punches he had taken; his chest churned with blood Qi, the taste of blood filled his throat, and several of his bones were broken.

The Blood Hero stopped his assault, calmly standing while looking at Lu Ye: "Surrender, I don't want to kill you!"

Humans capable of refining large amounts of Sacred Blood are incredibly valuable; no matter what, he had to uncover the secret within Lu Yiye before considering killing him.

Lu Ye said nothing, merely raised a hand to wipe the blood from the corner of his mouth. His left hand slowly lifted, pressing down on his right wrist to stop its faint tremor, his gaze resolute and determined.

He needed to find an opportunity to unleash the red talisman; otherwise, based on his strength alone, he was no match for this Blood Race at the Moon Jade Stage. But using the red talisman required some charge-up time; before then, he couldn't let the Blood Hero notice anything.

With a step forward, he appeared before the Blood Hero, unleashing a series of continuous saber strikes.

The Blood Hero slowly shook his head: "Stubborn fool!"

He raised his fist to attack once more!

Saber light flickered, and fists came down as the two silhouettes clashed furiously, but Lu Ye's assault was futile against the Blood Hero; the Moon Jade's late-stage physique was beyond the current Lu Ye's capability to shake. On the contrary, the Blood Hero's fists made Lu Ye's body tremble with every hit.

From the onset, Lu Ye was at a disadvantage, and the situation worsened with time—this was the significant difference in their foundations, not something external force could remedy.

The Boulder Mountain Saber, enhanced with Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes, was sharp enough in itself; few at the same level could withstand the Boulder Mountain Saber's strikes. Yet, the Blood Hero, with mere blood Qi protection and his formidable physique, rendered Lu Ye's strikes ineffective.

It was only thanks to the suppression of saintliness that the Blood Hero's strength had significantly dropped, or else this fight wouldn't have been a contest at all.

During the intense confrontation, Lu Ye quietly infused spirit force into the red talisman hidden within himself, yet he dared not act too recklessly, fearing the Blood Hero might notice. Hence, triggering the red talisman's power required a bit more time.

Lu Ye didn't even know if he could hold out until then, as his situation was becoming more dire—his vision was already blurring, and the blood running from his forehead dyed his eyes red, turning everything he saw into a bloody hue.

His left arm hung limply, and his chest was deeply dented.

Suddenly, Lu Ye's movements froze, the Boulder Mountain Saber halted above the Blood Hero's head.

The Blood Hero stood mere inches before him, a hand reaching out, plunging into his chest. That large hand clutched Lu Ye's heart, mana pulsing within its palm, ready to crush Lu Ye's heart at the slightest hint of resistance.

"Surrender!" The Blood Hero demanded coldly.

Such a perfect opportunity, though the red talisman's power hadn't fully charged, the matter had reached such a point there was no time to hesitate. Just as Lu Ye was about to desperately unleash the talisman's power, Lih Shang's voice suddenly echoed in his mind: "Open the Divine Sea!"

With a shift of thought, Lu Ye hurriedly opened his Divine Sea.

In the next moment, something bizarre happened. His vision suddenly turned strange, and his whole body felt relieved, as if all his injuries had disappeared. Then, he collided head-on with the Blood Hero in front of him.

Although he clearly crashed into the Blood Hero, there was no feeling of impact. By the time Lu Ye regained his senses, he was standing above a vast and magnificent ocean.

Lu Ye was momentarily stunned, then suddenly realized: "Divine Sea!"

This was clearly not his own Divine Sea, because Lu Ye didn't see the Soul Suppressing Pagoda, and the aura here felt unfamiliar to him. The entire ocean appeared blood-colored, like a Blood Sea.

Lu Ye immediately understood where he was.

This was obviously the Divine Sea of the Blood Hero!

Lih Shang had brought him in, initiating a soul battle, just like what Lih Shang had done to him on the way back from the All Phenomena Island auction.

Invading someone else's Divine Sea to initiate a soul battle isn't a simple matter for most people, as everyone's Divine Sea is protected by defenses. Without breaking these defenses, one cannot invade the Divine Sea, so specific methods or treasures are required.

However, the Soul Race are naturally gifted with such abilities, and they excel in psyche, giving them a huge advantage in such battles.

Sure enough, on the Blood Sea, a figure suddenly appeared, precisely the psyche spirit body of the Blood Hero.

At this moment, he frowned at Lu Ye, completely unable to understand how Lu Ye managed to invade his Divine Sea. But when he saw the figure beside Lu Ye, he suddenly understood: "Soul Race!"

He realized how Lu Yiye could possess such abilities. Even if he was careless, it shouldn't have been possible for a mere Constellation to invade his Divine Sea so easily; it turned out the Soul Race was helping.

The Blood Hero was delighted; such fortune was unstoppable. The value of a Soul Race member was significant. If he could subdue Lu Yiye and capture this Soul Race member, he would make a huge gain.

He sneered at Lu Ye: "Soul battle is indeed the specialty of the Soul Race, but this is my Divine Sea. Just the two of you want to make waves?"

Despite seeing a Soul Race member aiding Lu Ye, the Blood Hero was unafraid and even pleased. Physically suppressing Lu Ye might not guarantee success, but exploiting the psyche would increase the chances.

As he spoke, his presence unfolded, still at the Early Stage of Moon Jade.

The suppression of saintliness doesn't only affect physical strength but also divine soul power, which no Blood Race member can resist.

The Blood Sea began to churn, transforming into massive waves, like an ancient ferocious beast awakening, ready to devour the intruding thieves.

Lu Ye's expression turned odd, merely watching the terrifying wave engulfing him with indifference, showing no intent to evade.

The massive wave swallowed his figure.

Yet, the Blood Hero frowned because he suddenly felt something was amiss.

As the Blood Sea calmed and the waves receded, the Blood Hero's eyes widened in shock.

On the Blood Sea, somehow, appeared a dilapidated battleship, with Lu Yiye standing on the deck, looking at him coldly.

The fierce waves just now had no impact on him whatsoever.

What is this? Even with the Blood Hero's knowledge, he couldn't recognize this bizarre battleship.

Was it a Soul Device? But could such a Soul Device exist?

Very quickly, his expression turned to astonishment because, with the surge of Lu Ye's divine soul power, the dilapidated battleship suddenly became resplendent, and within it appeared numerous vague figures, distributed around.

The once ragged battleship suddenly seemed alive, like an ancient ferocious beast intruding into the domain, fearsome and terrifying.

A massive and violent sense of crisis arose in the Blood Hero's heart. Before he could act, the battleship shuddered abruptly, and a huge, potent beam of light shot towards him, its fierce power making his heart race.

Fortunately, here was the Blood Hero's Divine Sea, granting him a geographical advantage, making it very convenient to move. Facing such an assault, he quickly dodged, easily avoiding it.

But the next moment, the Blood Hero felt his psyche tremble uneasily. Although that strike didn't hit his psyche spirit body, it hitting anywhere within his Divine Sea caused him damage.

The Blood Hero barely stabilized his stance before another bright light beam assailed him. He evaded again, but like last time, the beam struck the Blood Sea, stirring it violently and causing him great discomfort.

When the third light beam approached, the Blood Hero roared in rage: "Enough!"

Raising his hand, the Blood Sea churned, and an object rose from within, resembling a mirror, clearly a Soul Device.

Chapter 1519 - Soul Scattered and Spirit Destroyed

The beam of light struck, and the mirror was held by Blood Hero in both hands, shielding in front of him.

The fierce beam slammed onto the mirror's surface without making any sound. The surface smoothly flowed, completely swallowing the beam.

Lu Ye maneuvered the ghost ship to fire several beams, all of which were swallowed by that peculiar mirror Soul Device. It immediately became clear to him that this mirror was of extremely high quality.

Under the suppression of saintliness, although the strength of Blood Hero's psyche spirit body was only at the Moon Jade Early Stage, this mirror Soul Device had been nurtured in his Divine Sea for countless years. Despite the power of the ghost ship, Lu Ye could do nothing about him for the moment.

He wasn't in a hurry, after all, in this kind of offense and defense, he held absolute initiative and advantage. Although the mirror Soul Device was good, it ultimately had its limit and couldn't sustain indefinitely.

Blood Hero temporarily blocked the ghost ship's attack with the mirror Soul Device, but he knew this wasn't a long-term solution, so he was also looking for an opportunity to counterattack.

Waves roiled in the Divine Sea, as water columns continuously rose from the Blood Sea, like blood dragons with bared fangs, swooping towards the ghost ship with an astonishing momentum.

However, the ghost ship was both offensive and defensive, and once its protective array was activated, the numerous blood dragons could not break through, unable to do anything to the ghost ship for a while.

The situation came to a stalemate; Lu Ye had no solution for Blood Hero, and Blood Hero likewise had no good way to deal with Lu Ye.

Lih Shang had been quietly standing beside Lu Ye, but suddenly spoke, "I'll help you!"

As said, his figure flickered and melted into the ghost ship like a wisp of smoke.

In the next moment, Lu Ye raised his eyebrows, showing a surprised expression because he clearly felt that with Lih Shang's integration, the already powerful momentum of the ghost ship became even more fierce.

Lih Shang had such an ability?

He did know that the Soul Race's Soul Possession Secret Technique wasn't limited to living beings' bodies; some could even possess cultivators' weapons, enhancing their lethality. But the ghost ship wasn't a weapon; strict speaking, it was a Soul Device.

Lu Ye didn't know the Soul Race could possess Soul Devices, but thinking about it, it wasn't surprising. The Soul Race was named for the soul, and Soul Devices needed Divine Soul Power to activate.

He initially intended to gradually wear down Blood Hero's mirror Soul Device's power, but with Lih Shang's soul possession aid, he immediately intensified his offensive.

The beams fired from the ghost ship grew brighter and thicker. Blood dragons along the path couldn't withstand, exploding one after another.

Beams crashed into the mirror Soul Device, causing Blood Hero's face to wildly change. He clearly felt that the Soul Device companion for years was quickly reaching its limit.

Yet, he couldn't let those beams rampage in his Divine Sea and had to take the initiative to store each beam in the mirror, knowing it would lead to dire consequences but having no choice, akin to being slowly tortured, filling his heart with agony.

In anger, he could only intensify his assault on the ghost ship, frantically mobilizing his Divine Sea's power.

The Blood Sea boiled more violently.

However, the ghost ship had its protective array, and though Blood Hero's exerted power was much stronger than Lu Ye's, it still couldn't break the array to harm Lu Ye's psyche spirit body.

Moments later, under Blood Hero's despairing gaze, cracks appeared on the mirror Soul Device, from which bright light shone forth, exuding a terrifying aura.

Blood Hero's expression turned to panic, but soon became resolute. He placed the nearly broken mirror in front of him and charged towards the ghost ship, shouting, "Let's die together!"

Upon seeing the cracks on the mirror, Lu Ye sensed danger.

This mirror Soul Device had previously absorbed too much of the ghost ship's attacks, and the absorption seemed not to eradicate but temporarily store them within. Now with the mirror about to shatter, the stored attacks might burst out at once!

Such a ferocious onslaught couldn't be withstood by Blood Hero, nor likely could the ghost ship itself withstand it.

Seeing Blood Hero charging with the mirror in hand, Lu Ye immediately realized his thoughts were correct. This Blood Race Moon Jade intended to drag him to death.

"Lih Shang, leave quickly!" Lu Ye shouted. Though he wished to maneuver the ghost ship out of Blood Hero's Divine Sea, under the intentional blockade by Blood Hero, this vast Divine Sea wasn't a place he could freely leave. Now he could only rely on Lih Shang's ability.

As Lu Ye's words fell, Lih Shang reappeared, quickly grabbing Lu Ye's hand and leaping upwards, as if jumping into the void.

In the last sliver of his sight, Lu Ye saw a brilliant flash, like a big sun exploding, Blood Hero's unwilling roar, and then the terrifying power surged everywhere. Even the ghost ship, covered by a protective array, was torn to pieces under such force.

Lu Ye felt a pang in his head, stifling a groan, then felt a severe pain throughout his body, especially in his chest.

When he returned to his senses, he found himself back on the previous battlefield, facing the Blood Hero. The Blood Hero still had one hand stretched out, plunged into his own chest, clutching his heart, maintaining the posture from before the soul battle.

But at this moment, the Blood Hero no longer had a trace of life, his wide eyes empty and lifeless.

His psyche spirit body had shattered; although his physical body was intact, survival was impossible.

Lu Ye raised the Boulder Mountain Saber in his hand and slashed out diagonally, the blade flashing past.

Having lost its vitality, the Blood Hero's physical body was no longer as strong. The arm plunged into Lu Ye's chest was severed, and Lu Ye staggered backward a few steps, leaning against a soft body—it was Lih Shang who had caught him.

Mustering the last bit of strength, Lu Ye lifted his hand and unleashed a fierce Raging Flames, enveloping and burning the Blood Hero's corpse. Only then did he say to Lih Shang, "Let's go!"

He didn't know how many Moon Jade of the Blood Race were pursuing them this time. Although it seemed like only the Blood Hero was present, who knew if there were more behind? He was now heavily injured, physically weak, and his Divine Soul Power was greatly depleted.

If another Moon Jade attacked, he would have no choice but to use the red talisman.

Lih Shang reached out and grabbed the Blood Crystal left by the Blood Hero after his death, before taking Lu Ye and flying toward the direction of the spore cloud.

On the way, she spoke, "That Blood Race Moon Jade's cultivation far surpassed both of ours, so I had to wait for the moment when his mind was relaxed to initiate the soul battle."

She was undoubtedly explaining to Lu Ye why she hadn't triggered the soul battle from the start. She had been waiting for the right opportunity, and when the Blood Hero thought he had the upper hand, having thrust his giant hand into Lu Ye's chest, that was when his mind was relaxed.

Lu Ye nodded silently and wiped the blood from the corner of his mouth, whispering, "Thank you!"

It was fortunate to have Lih Shang this time. Without her triggering the soul battle, he would have had to use the red talisman to have a chance at dealing with that Blood Race Moon Jade. But even then, it was only a chance; if the red talisman failed against the Blood Hero, the outcome would not have been good for him.

During the soul battle, the Ghost Ship gave him a significant advantage—this contraption was both defensive and offensive, and even those with Divine Soul Power exceeding his couldn't easily gain the upper hand. The Blood Hero's fate was evidence; despite being suppressed by saintliness, he could still perform at the Moon Jade Early Stage level, but ended up with his soul dispersed.

Since acquiring this Ghost Ship, Lu Ye had always regarded it as the greatest barrier to protect his Divine Sea, as he couldn't launch attacks proactively and relied on the Ghost Ship for passive defense.

But if he had abilities like Lih Shang's, he could initiate soul battles against stronger opponents, using Divine Soul Power to prevail over them.

After a short while, several tall figures approached—they were Mu He and Black Umbrella.

Earlier, they had left, riding the spore cloud, but they decided to return and provide aid to Lu Ye, after some discussion—it was ultimately a matter concerning the Wood Spirit Race and the Spore Race, thus they couldn't remain disengaged and indifferent.

Upon convergence, seeing Lu Ye's condition, both Mu He and Black Umbrella were shocked. But after learning that the Blood Race Moon Jade, who had pursued them, had already been killed, they were even more astonished.

After all, it was a Moon Jade. Although Mu He and Black Umbrella didn't know the precise cultivation, at least it should have been a Moon Jade Mid-Stage, and to be killed in such a short time was incredible. What kind of earth-shattering power did the two Constellations sent by the Reincarnation Tree possess?

Back within the spore cloud, the Constellations of both races continued to ride it forward. Previously, Lu Ye had positioned himself ahead of the spore cloud to guide them and to guard against potential danger upfront, ready to intervene as needed.

This time, however, Mu He and Black Umbrella placed him at the center of the spore cloud, amongst some newly born Wood Spirits and Spore Race children.

This was undoubtedly the safest position within the spore cloud.

Lu Ye didn't refuse, as he was in no condition to engage with anyone else at this point.

Lih Shang stayed by his side, as he sat cross-legged, focusing on healing his physical body and examining his Divine Sea.

Whether it was the Ghost Ship or the ferocious attacks launched from it, neither appeared out of thin air—they stemmed from Lu Ye's own Divine Soul Power. His Divine Soul Power was significantly depleted from the recent battle.

The imprint of the Ghost Ship remained, so even though the Ghost Ship in his Divine Sea was destroyed when the Blood Hero's mirror Soul Device shattered, with the imprint still present, Lu Ye could always reconjure the Ghost Ship anew.

The destroyed Ghost Ship was merely a manifestation of Lu Ye's Divine Soul Power.

The physical injuries could be healed by consuming elixir pills, and currently, with his Constellation Late Stage cultivation and the use of Blood Race secret techniques, recovery wasn't difficult—just a matter of time.

However, replenishing Divine Soul Power wasn't as convenient, and without enough Divine Soul Power, even if his physical body recovered, he would remain in a state of mental fatigue.

He had some elixir pills intended for restoring Divine Soul Power, bought as reserves from the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, but their effectiveness left much to be desired.

Chapter 1520 Psyche Refinement Herb

Looking across the stellar space, there are numerous kinds of elixir pills that can restore the physical body, of all shapes and sizes, but not many that can rejuvenate the psyche, and those are also much more expensive.

The elixir pill Lu Ye bought from the All Phenomena Merchants Guild was already the best, but the effect was not quite satisfactory.

He thought for a moment, then took a handful of seaweed from his storage ring and put it in his mouth to chew.

Unexpectedly, Lih Shang, who had been guarding by his side, looked shocked when she saw the seaweed: "Psyche refinement herb?"

Lu Ye glanced at her, somewhat surprised, and said, "You recognize it?"

This seaweed was something he brought back from the Constellation Palace. At the time, the entire Constellation Palace was wrapped in this seaweed, making it look furry. It took him several months to clean it all up, which shows just how massive the quantity was.

He kept the seaweed because he thought it might be something valuable, especially for its miraculous effect on recovering Divine Soul Power.

However, he never figured out exactly what this seaweed was.

"Can I take a look?" Lih Shang asked.

There was nothing he couldn't show, so Lu Ye grabbed another handful of seaweed and handed it to Lih Shang. She took it and examined it closely, her expression strange: "It looks somewhat like the psyche refinement herb, but it's a bit different from what I know. Where did you get these?"

"Picked up." Lu Ye replied casually, it was indeed picked up...

Lih Shang was speechless. To randomly find a psyche refinement herb, his luck was truly astonishing.

"Tell me about it," Lu Ye said. He was still interested in the seaweed because it could restore Divine Soul Power and was undoubtedly very valuable, especially since he had an enormous quantity on hand.

However, its origin was difficult to explain, and since Lu Ye didn't lack spirit jade, he had never exposed it, otherwise, he would have exchanged it for spirit jade long ago.

"The psyche refinement herb is a special product from my hometown, but even there, it is extremely rare and precious. It's particularly useful to us of the Soul Race. The name indicates its function — it can be used to refine the psyche. While it may not be the best, it is the safest with the least hidden dangers. This thing looks like the psyche refinement herb, but somehow not quite," Lih Shang said, puzzled.

Lu Ye had a thought: "Maybe different growth environments cause them to look different? But this thing is indeed beneficial for the psyche."

Ordinary environments might not impact the psyche refinement herb greatly, but the special environment under the All Phenomena Ocean is a different story.

"That could be it," Lih Shang nodded, agreeing with Lu Ye's hypothesis, "but to be sure, I have to test it."

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye offered her a large pile of seaweed.

Lih Shang's eyes went wide: "This much?"

A lot? Lu Ye thought of the seaweed he had piled up at the Constellation Palace, and a little was nothing.

"Isn't this your hometown's specialty? Isn't it plentiful there?" Lu Ye asked.

Lih Shang looked at him with a complex expression: "Though it's a hometown specialty, each plant is extremely rare... don't chew it, this thing isn't for eating."

Lu Ye halted his chewing: "It's not for eating, then how do you use it?"

He had always eaten it this way, especially while cultivating Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves, he would eat a bit of seaweed each time.

"Wait, let me see if it's indeed the psyche refinement herb," Lih Shang said, sitting next to him, and carefully pulled a single piece from the pile that Lu Ye gave her, holding it in her palm.

Lu Ye felt her Divine Soul Power begin to surge, then watched in amazement as the seaweed in her palm began to emit a faint glow, with an extremely peculiar energy starting to flow from it.

Lu Ye couldn't help but twitch his eye, silently spitting the chewed psyche refinement herb into his hand.

After a moment, Lih Shang opened her eyes, brimming with joy: "This is the psyche refinement herb, just that it looks a bit different from those produced in my hometown."

"Where did you find it?" Lih Shang asked, but realized it was inappropriate to ask right after speaking.

Lu Ye didn't mind and replied casually: "Discovered it incidentally in some domain, but it's gone now. This requires Spirit Power to guide and refine?"

He had tried using spirit force for refining before but with no success. Thus, he chose to consume it. Given the Talent Tree's protection, he wasn't worried about being poisoned. He found it effective for restoring Divine Soul Power, so he continued eating it, unaware that his approach was wrong.

"Yes, you need to refine it with Spirit Power. This is a soul-refining Spirit Grass. Chewing and swallowing it like that is wasteful."

Lu Ye tried refining the seaweed according to Lih Shang's method and was delighted moments later when he found that this method resulted in much better outcomes than consuming directly.

Consuming it only restored a small portion of Soul Power, but refining it with Spirit Power not only restored more Soul Power but also refined his Soul Power!

In the short term, there might not be a huge impact, but over time, his psyche would become extraordinarily resilient and powerful.

Realizing his previous mistakes, Lu Ye couldn't help but feel some regret over the psyche refinement herbs he consumed. Fortunately, the number of psyche refinement herbs he had was substantial enough that his earlier consumption was negligible.

He just wondered if the herb could be used in alchemy. If so, its benefits could be even greater.

While Lu Ye pondered, Lih Shang pushed back the pile of psyche refinement herbs in front of her.

Lu Ye looked up at her.

Lih Shang said, "The psyche refinement herb is extremely precious. Now that you've suffered a loss of soul power, it's just right to use it for recovery."

Lu Ye smiled and pushed the psyche refinement herb back to her: "You keep it, consider it my gratitude to you. I have some more of this stuff, it's enough."

Lih Shang pursed her red lips, hesitating a bit.

If it were other things, she naturally wouldn't care. Most treasures in stellar space are useless to the Soul Race, but the psyche refinement herb is different. This is exactly what the Soul Race needs, and seeing so many psyche refinement herbs even gives her hope of advancing to Moon Jade.

Even she couldn't remain indifferent.

However, she still felt it necessary to remind Lu Ye: "Do you know how much a single psyche refinement herb would sell for?"

"How much?" Lu Ye asked.

"At least five thousand spirit jade!"

Lu Ye was taken aback. He knew the psyche refinement herb was undoubtedly valuable but didn't expect it to be so precious. Five thousand for one, then how much are the psyche refinement herbs stored in the Constellation Palace worth?

Not to mention those in the Constellation Palace, just the ones given to Lih Shang are worth at least a million.

While Lu Ye was calculating his wealth, Lih Shang thought he finally realized the value of the psyche refinement herb and felt reluctant to give it away, so she pushed the psyche refinement herb back to him.

Lu Ye finally came back to his senses: "Take it, and if we encounter enemies again, there'll be a place where I need your help."

Lih Shang looked into his eyes and couldn't detect a trace of reluctance. Curiosity piqued her; she couldn't figure out what kind of person Lu Ye was. Such valuable things, given away just like that...

And it's not like you can buy psyche refinement herbs with spirit jade.

In the end, she still accepted it and said softly, "Thank you!"

Lu Ye continued to refine the psyche refinement herb to restore his own soul power. The more he refined, the more he could feel the mystique of this item, indeed capable of tempering his psyche.

Lih Shang didn't refine the psyche refinement herb, remaining quietly by his side.

Black Umbrella and Mu He occasionally came to check on Lu Ye, to see how well his injuries were healing. It seemed that the children of the Wood Spirits and the Spore Race had also been informed by their elders of the gratitude owed to Lu Ye and Lih Shang, and occasionally children would run over to give them a few small mushrooms.

Those mushrooms appeared in various colors and had notable restorative effects, and they tasted sweet.

Lu Ye's injuries improved day by day, and his soul power became abundant.

No more Blood Race experts came after them. It seemed that Blood Hero had acted alone. After all, someone at Moon Jade Late Stage wouldn't need anyone's assistance. Blood Hero surely thought he could easily take down Lu Ye with his own strength, but he ended up in such dire straits, with his psyche shattered and his life force extinguished.

The remaining journey was fairly peaceful.

Until three months later, an astonishing scene appeared in the stellar space ahead.

It was a gigantic tree emitting a glowing radiance, standing there in the stellar space. The tree was enormous and boundless, its canopy lush and its roots spiraling outward like giant dragons entwined across the stellar space.

Each star seemed like fruit hanging from the tree, emitting brilliant light.

Whether they were Spore Race, Wood Spirits, or Lu Ye and Lih Shang, they all stood amazed on the spore cloud, lost in this breathtaking scene.

Although Lu Ye had entered the Reincarnation Tree twice, he had always directly entered its interior and had never seen its appearance from the outside.

Until this moment!

The visual impact of such a colossal tree was incredible; Lu Ye had never imagined a tree could grow in such a manner.

This tree, encompassing such an area, was like an entire star system on its own!

The spore cloud slowly approached the range covered by the tree, the closer they got, the more they felt their own insignificance.

Following the guidance of the Reincarnation Tree mark on the back of his hand, Lu Ye led the spore cloud to the front of one of the Reincarnation Tree's branches. The branch danced lightly and descended, and at the front of the branch, a dark portal suddenly opened with a Single Flash.

On the spore cloud, the Constellations among the Spore Race and Wood Spirit Race were bidding farewell to their people.

Most of the people from both races could migrate into the Tree World within the Reincarnation Tree for protection and survival, but the Reincarnation Tree didn't accept cultivators at the Constellation Realm or above.

Because those at the Constellation Realm already have the ability to survive in stellar space, the Constellations from both races couldn't enter the Tree World.

Farewells were ultimately painful, and partings were reluctant.

Only after a long while, under the maintenance of the Constellations from both races, did the people orderly pass through the portal into the Tree World that the Reincarnation Tree had prepared for them.