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Chapter 1521 - Star Map

In front of the massive dangling branches of the Reincarnation Tree, the spore cloud had already disappeared, leaving only nearly a hundred giant figures standing—these were the wood spirits and the Constellations of the Spore Race.

Led by Mu He and Black Umbrella, the Constellations of both races solemnly bowed to Lu Ye and Lih Shang. Mu He spoke, "Thank you, two Fellow Daoists, for your previous assistance and for escorting us along the way, allowing our wood spirit and Spore Race clansmen to migrate peacefully. We will remember this kindness in our hearts."

Lu Ye bowed in return, "Clan Leader, no need to mind. I was merely acting under the orders of the Tree Elder." After a pause, he curiously asked, "What will you all do next?"

The wood spirits and the Spore Race below the Constellation Realm had all been guided into the Reincarnation Tree World, but those Constellations no longer had a place to go. Lu Ye also didn't know what their plans were.

Mu He replied, "We will seek a domain where we can survive, and then bring the clansmen over when the time comes."

In the stellar space, there were actually many domains where one could survive. However, many domains hadn't birthed very powerful beings. If it were common races, finding a domain to survive wouldn't be difficult. But the wood spirits and the Spore Race were unique, so simply a domain where they could survive wasn't enough; it also needed to be hidden enough, or they might be targeted by some powerful entities.

Of course, if they were lucky enough to find havens of other wood spirit or Spore Race tribes, they could integrate smoothly.

In this regard, Lu Ye was powerless and could only wish them good luck from afar.

Under the leadership of Mu He and Black Umbrella, the Constellations of both races departed, getting further and further away.

Only then did Lu Ye turn around and, together with Lih Shang, walk into a portal behind them.

It was still that same Unnamed Space as before, where Lu Ye and Lih Shang appeared, seeing the figure of the Reincarnation Tree waiting there.

On its trunk, the face of the Reincarnation Tree revealed a kind smile, "Both young friends have done well this time, thank you for your hard work."

Lu Ye said blandly, "Tree Elder, you follow the rules, but others don't follow the rules with you, what do you have to say about that?"

The reason the Reincarnation Tree called Lu Ye over to solve the issue in the Blue Jade World was that it was a matter at the Constellation level. Therefore, even though it heard the requests of the wood spirits and the Spore Race, it could only seek out Lu Ye, the only Constellation. Otherwise, it could easily send a Sun Blaze expert over.

But in the end, the Blood Race actually sent over a Moon Jade, and it was a Moon Jade Late Stage, coming to chase after. If not for Lu Ye's saintliness suppression, and with Lih Shang's assistance, Lu Ye's red talisman would surely not have been preserved in this battle.

The Reincarnation Tree was puzzled, "What happened?"

Lu Ye briefly recounted what he had encountered earlier. As for how he, a Constellation Late Stage, could kill a Moon Jade Late Stage, there was no need to elaborate. The Reincarnation Tree knew he possessed strong saintliness, which could suppress the powers of the Blood Race.

After listening, the Reincarnation Tree displayed anger, "Such actions by the Blood Race have already broken the rules. Rest assured, I will give you an explanation for this matter."

As it spoke, it suddenly closed its eyes.

At the same time, in the stellar space, within each domain occupied by the Blood Race, the doppelgangers of the Reincarnation Tree suddenly began to shake violently.

It had been several years since the last Divine Sea struggle. These doppelgangers of the Reincarnation Tree were budding and sprouting, growing strong, waiting for the flourishing century. However, at this moment, they suddenly withered, and then died.

In each major domain, the Blood Race members responsible for guarding the Reincarnation Tree doppelgangers noticed this strange phenomenon and quickly reported it. Soon, in front of each Reincarnation Tree doppelganger, Blood Race Moon Jades and even Sun Blazes came to investigate.

The many doppelgangers of the Reincarnation Tree continued to shake. With an obscure power surging, the Moon Jades and Sun Blazes of the Blood Race who came to investigate soon understood the situation. Each face became overcast as water, cursing those Blood Heroes for lacking capability and ruining their clan's once-in-a-century great opportunity.

The invasion of the Blue Jade World, if without the Reincarnation Tree's intervention, the Blood Race could send whichever powerful being they wished. If the Blue Jade World couldn't resist, it was the Blue Jade World's issue. But since the Reincarnation Tree had intervened, they had to follow its rules. The Blood Race broke rules first, and now the Reincarnation Tree doppelgangers withered thereafter, which was evidently the Reincarnation Tree's punishment.

Without the Reincarnation Tree doppelgangers, it would be challenging for the Blood Race's domains to participate in the Divine Sea struggle of the Taichu Realm in the future, nor to gain benefits from it. This was undoubtedly a significant loss for the Blood Race as a whole.

In the Unnamed Space, the Reincarnation Tree explained to Lu Ye the punishment inflicted on the Blood Race's domains. Lu Ye felt little emotion.

He knew the Reincarnation Tree couldn't truly do anything drastic to the Blood Race, and there wasn't a need to find a Blood Race Sun Blaze to break eggs to frighten chickens. Although this punishment seemed mild, when viewed in the long term, it would undoubtedly have a substantial impact on the future development of the Blood Race as a whole.

Those who could emerge victorious in the Divine Sea struggle of the Taichu Realm would have great accomplishments in the future. The Blood Race traditionally held many spots each time, but now, with the Blood Race unable to participate, it would give other races some opportunities and reduce the number of strong individuals the Blood Race could produce in the future.

"Young friend, this matter has already reached Perfection, but is there anything you need me to do?"

Previously, the Reincarnation Tree had mentioned that if this task could be completed, it could grant Lu Ye one request as a form of reward.

Lu Ye had no other requests; he just wanted to know how to return from the All Phenomena Galaxy to the Jade Conch Galaxy!

Others might not know, but for the Reincarnation Tree, whose doppelgangers spanned across the star map, this surely wasn't an issue.

However, he didn't directly ask how to return from the All Phenomena Galaxy to the Jade Conch. Instead, he asked, "Tree Elder, if I set off from here to return to my homeland, how long would it take with my current strength?"

The Reincarnation Tree pondered for a moment and then said, "With your strength, even with the help of a starboat, it will take at least a hundred years to set off from here."

A hundred years... Although it wasn't as terrifying as imagined, it was still a very long time. Lu Ye had only been cultivating for a little over a decade.

"What if I set off from the All Phenomena Galaxy?"

The Reincarnation Tree pondered again, "Three to five years will suffice!"

Lu Ye was delighted and quickly said, "Then please, Tree Elder, grant me a star map that can guide me from the All Phenomena Galaxy back to my homeland!"

"As you wish!"

The Reincarnation Tree seemed to have been prepared for this. As it spoke, its trunk shook, and a halo of light fell from the dense foliage, floating into Lu Ye's hand.

The halo dissipated, and Lu Ye could then see what was inside. It was a leaf, seemingly unremarkable, but if Mental Consciousness was immersed within it, one could see a complete star map.

Lu Ye made a brief probe and found that it was indeed a route map from the All Phenomena Galaxy back to the Nine Provinces. He promptly and respectfully put it away, bowing slightly, "Thank you, Tree Elder!"

Finally, he could go home!

Although there was a doppelganger of the Reincarnation Tree in the Nine Provinces and he could certainly ask the Reincarnation Tree to send him back, returning to the Nine Provinces was not his ultimate goal. Bringing the Constellations of the Nine Provinces out and establishing a foothold in the All Phenomena Ocean to cultivate and grow stronger was.

So regardless, he needed a route between the Nine Provinces and the All Phenomena Galaxy. Otherwise, if he returned to the Nine Provinces but never went to the All Phenomena Ocean, it would be meaningless.

The Reincarnation Tree gently said, "This is what you deserve. Does the young friend wish to return to the All Phenomena Ocean now? This old man can send you on your way!"

Lu Ye quickly replied, "Then I'll trouble the Tree Elder."

The Reincarnation Tree smiled slightly, and its branches drooped down, weaving into a portal.

Lu Ye led Lih Shang and stepped inside when the voice of the Reincarnation Tree suddenly rang out, "Young friend, before advancing to the Moon Jade, it's best to venture into the Yin-Yang Great Millstone!"

Emerging from the portal, Lu Ye found himself back in his cave on Unparalleled Island, which was novel. His previous ability to travel directly into the Reincarnation Tree was due to the Reincarnation Tree's mark at work.

Yet he did not know how the Reincarnation Tree managed to send him back the same way.

However, the profound means of such a stellar space supreme treasure as the Reincarnation Tree were beyond his understanding. Though this journey took half a year, it finally resolved a matter that was weighing on his mind.

As a reward for completing the Reincarnation Tree's commission, he received a star map for returning to the Nine Provinces, and his relationship with Lih Shang had significantly progressed.

However, before he left, the words of the Reincarnation Tree still lingered in Lu Ye's mind.

It advised him to venture into the Yin-Yang Great Millstone before advancing to Moon Jade...

The Yin-Yang Great Millstone is a marvel of the stellar space. When Lu Ye once read records of it in the Xiyuan Pavilion of the Dwarf Race, the first entry was about the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, leaving a deep impression on him even though he had never been there.

According to the Dwarf Race's records, the Yin-Yang Great Millstone was almost a dead zone. Any creatures that ventured in never returned, even Sun Blaze!

Yet the Reincarnation Tree, being such a strong entity, obviously wouldn't make idle suggestions, but he didn't know why it advised him to venture into the Yin-Yang Great Millstone!

Unable to figure it out, Lu Ye stopped pondering. His mind was preoccupied with the star map, so he quickly took it out for careful study.

After examining it for a moment and confirming the route, according to the star map from the Reincarnation Tree, traveling from the All Phenomena Galaxy back to the Nine Provinces requires passing through only two star systems, which was quite astounding.

But this star map was given by the Reincarnation Tree, so it must be correct. All he needed was to make the journey personally to find out.

However, before that, there were many things to prepare and some matters to arrange.

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye stood up and headed out. He had to share this good news with Tang Jun. The strength of the Nine Provinces was still somewhat lacking. A group of newly elevated Constellations wasn't enough to make much impact, so if they were to march into the All Phenomena Ocean in the future, they would need to unite the forces of the entire Jade Conch Galaxy to have a basis for establishing themselves.

This approach was common for many weaker star systems. Uniting everyone within a star system was the correct path.

Qingli Dao World, where Tang Jun hailed from, would be one, the Jade Conch World, the leader of the Jade Conch Galaxy, would be another, and with the Nine Provinces, the combined strength of the Three Worlds, though not extremely strong, wouldn't be weak either in the context of the All Phenomena Ocean.

Leaving his cave, Lu Ye traveled through air and looked around. He saw that Unparalleled Island had become increasingly prosperous and lively. The crisscrossing streets below were bustling with passing cultivators, already exhibiting the atmosphere of a large Spirit Island.

Chapter 1522 - Preparations

The stellar space energy on Unparalleled Island is quite abundant. Lu Ye calculated silently and realized that at this rate, it might only take a few months before Unparalleled Island transforms into a high-class Spirit Island.

How long did it take to transform from a desolate island that no one cared about into a high-class Spirit Island?

The effectiveness of the Small Constellation Palace far exceeded his expectations, even when he was controlling its power and not letting it exert its full potential.

The power exerted by the Small Constellation Palace wasn't even close to ten percent.

If it were fully unleashed, Unparalleled Island would have long become a high-class Spirit Island.

Only the front half of Unparalleled Island is bustling, while the back half remains tranquil, which is where local island cultivators live and cultivate.

The largest palace there is Tang Jun's residence!

As Lu Ye floated over, before entering, he heard Tang Jun's loud laughter coming from inside. It seemed the old guy was entertaining guests, and Lu Ye sensed the presence of two other unfamiliar Moon Jade auras besides Tang Jun inside the hall.

Not wanting to disturb them, Lu Ye decided to leave for the time being.

He wandered to the front half of Unparalleled Island, strolling through the streets, and soon sensed a familiar presence from within a shop.

Entering gracefully, he saw several cultivators lingering inside, examining the goods.

The shop's attendant was attending to customers, while the shopkeeper sat behind the counter. Upon seeing Lu Ye, he quickly stood up and enthusiastically greeted him, "Brother Li, what brings you here? Please, come in, come in!" Saying this, he motioned for Lu Ye to enter the inner room for a chat.

This shopkeeper was none other than Ahn Zhe, who clearly had already secured a shop here.

Lu Ye said, "I'm just browsing, Brother Ahn, no need to stand on ceremony."

Ahn Zhe didn't insist, personally accompanying him, "These are some specialties from our home world, Brother Li. Just take whatever you fancy!"

If it weren't for Lu Ye's influence, securing a shop on the bustling Unparalleled Island would have been impossible. But thanks to Lu Ye's intervention, he managed to secure the shop for their home world on very favorable terms. This alone was a great contribution to his domain, allowing him to enjoy considerable privileges and comfort.

As Lu Ye wandered leisurely, he was simply indulging his curiosity, as many of the items were things he had never seen before. Ahn Zhe accompanied him, engaging in casual conversation.

Before long, Lu Ye left the shop, and Ahn Zhe said, "Brother Li, let's skip the formalities. If you ever need Dragon Breath Crystals, I'll give you the best price."

Lu Ye nodded, "Thank you then, Brother Ahn. I'll let you get back to your business and will come by when I have more time."

After bidding farewell to Ahn Zhe, Lu Ye continued his wandering.

Thanks to Chu Shen's meticulous planning, although Unparalleled Island was bustling with activity, everything was orderly, and there were no disturbances. The island's interests were entwined with many powerful forces, including top-tier ones, so even though Unparalleled Island's strength might not be formidable, no one dared to cause trouble. After all, cultivators who reached the Constellation Realm were all astute individuals.

Lu Ye wanted to see if the alchemist woman had opened a shop here, but after searching, he didn't find her, so he gave up.

He had mentioned it casually at the time, and if she wasn't willing to come, there was nothing he could do about it.

An audio talisman conveyed a message, and upon checking, Lu Ye found it was a message from Tang Jun, with just one word: "Come!"

Clearly, Tang Jun had noticed Lu Ye's visit earlier, but since he was entertaining guests then, he couldn't neglect them.

Lu Ye headed straight to Tang Jun's palace, and before long, he was in the visitors hall, where he saw the old man, with beautiful maids serving tea, which intrigued Lu Ye.

The old man seemed quite full of himself now, and moreover...

"Why do you seem much younger?" Lu Ye frowned, somewhat doubting his own eyes.

Tang Jun smiled proudly, "I recently spent a large sum to buy a Longevity Fruit, which increased my lifespan significantly. It seems to be working!"

Lu Ye knew that the old man had little time left, but he didn't expect him to have acquired a spirit fruit that could increase lifespan. His luck was truly remarkable.

"Weren't you unafraid of death?" Lu Ye teased. Previously, Tang Jun had given him the impression that he wasn't very afraid of dying, knowing he didn't have long to live.

Tang Jun laughed, "I wasn't afraid of dying before because there was nothing to look forward to! Now that there's something to look forward to, I naturally want to live a bit longer."

The old man's recent days could be described as thriving.

Thinking back to when he first arrived at the All Phenomena Ocean, despite being a Moon Jade, no faction was willing to accept him, leaving him feeling like a homeless stray dog, pitiful and forlorn.

But times have changed. As the only Moon Jade cultivator on Unparalleled Island, in the Moon Jade Mid-Stage, Island Master Chu Shen undoubtedly valued him highly, not only giving him a generous salary but also granting him some say and suggestions regarding Unparalleled Island's management.

It was precisely because of these connections that many Moon Jades personally came to visit him and establish connections.

If not for such relationships, how would he so easily acquire treasures like the Longevity Fruit that could extend one's lifespan?

Along with Unparalleled Island's rise, Tang Jun's own aspirations soared!

He felt that he could still push himself further; if not ascending to Sun Blaze, at least he should advance to Moon Jade Late-Stage, right?

"Speaking of which, you disappeared for half a year again. What have you been up to?" Tang Jun looked at Lu Ye with some dissatisfaction.

Previously, Lu Ye had vanished for half a year when he went to that secret place with Ban Ci. Now he had disappeared again for half a year; he was like a divine dragon, appearing and disappearing without a trace.

Lu Ye's expression was solemn: "Old Tang, I know how to go back to the Jade Conch!"

Tang Jun smirked: "And where did you get this information from? Be careful not to be tricked." Having experienced this before, Tang Jun no longer held much hope for the information Lu Ye gathered.

Recently, he had been quietly seeking information too, but to no avail.

He couldn't find any useful information on his side, so he didn't believe Lu Ye would make progress.

"The source of the information is not easy to explain, but this time, there's absolutely no problem!"

Tang Jun's expression gradually became serious as he turned to look at Lu Ye. He knew a bit about Lu Ye, and if he used the word "absolutely," it indicated that the information this time was quite reliable.

"How long will it take approximately?" Tang Jun asked in a deep voice.

Lu Ye knew he was asking about the distance, so he replied, "Three to five years!"

"What plans do you have?"

Lu Ye said, "Naturally, to unite the Qingli Dao World and the Jade Conch World, then lead people back to the All Phenomena Ocean. The Jade Conch is too remote, staying isolated in such a place is not good. Only by bringing them to the All Phenomena Ocean to see the myriad phenomena, can our two realms have a good future development."

Tang Jun nodded slightly: "There's no problem on the Qingli Dao World side. When the time comes, just tell Wu Zhuo, and he will cooperate with you. But as for the Jade Conch side..."

Last time, Tang Jun gave Lu Ye a jade slip to take to Wu Zhuo, but unfortunately, Lu Ye was deceived by Zhu Yuan and taken to meet the former Nine Provinces expert Ma Bin, and he never returned to the Nine Provinces.

"You'll have to find a way to handle the Jade Conch side. The people there aren't easy to deal with." Tang Jun slowly shook his head. He hadn't interacted much with people from the Jade Conch World, but he could feel their pride and haughtiness. Lu Ye, a mere Constellation Realm, might not fare well going there.

Lu Ye smiled and said, "I'll lead them to riches. If they still don't want to, then there's nothing more to say; let them fend for themselves."

"When are you leaving?"

"In a few days, I have some things to arrange."

"Let me know when you leave; I'll see you off!"

Lu Ye nodded, "I will indeed need your help then!" Originally, Lu Ye was worried that the old man might not be of much help, but seeing today's scene, the old man was indeed quite influential in the All Phenomena Ocean. Having him step in would be far more effective than Lu Ye going on his own.

Returning to his cave, Lu Ye instructed Lih Shang to stay here, while he left Unparalleled Island.

After leaving the All Phenomena Ocean, he headed to the same concealed location on the desolate planet, blew the green sea conch to open the portal, transformed into Fa Wuzun's appearance, and stepped inside.

Just as he steadied himself, a figure pounced toward him, delivering punches and kicks!

Lu Ye raised his hand to block and fend off the attacks, swiftly capturing the approaching figure.

Looking at the specter, who had her butt raised and was facing away from him, Lu Ye said with annoyance, "What are you doing? Rebelling?"

The specter tilted her head and angrily said, "Let go!" Both her hands were grabbed painfully by Lu Ye, posed in such an embarrassing posture; it was truly uncomfortable.

Lu Ye forcefully pushed her, and she stumbled forward a few steps, finally regaining her balance. She angrily said, "Where have you been? You've been gone for so long without coming to get me!"

"Weren't you the one who wanted to come here?"

Back then, the specter had relentlessly demanded to come here and cultivate with Bai Lu, and now she was blaming him, which was utterly unreasonable.

"But you can't just leave me here without a care!" The specter was furious, saying so as she shot Lu Ye a fierce glare, then began walking toward the portal.

It was clear she intended to leave.

Having been in and out of here a few times, she knew that without waiting for Lu Ye, she could leave on her own as long as the portal remained.

Before her figure disappeared, she fiercely declared to Lu Ye, "Once I ascend to Moon Jade, the first one I'll deal with is you!"

Lu Ye finally understood why she was in such a hurry to leave; she was clearly preparing to ascend to Moon Jade.

At the concealed location on the desolate planet, the specter emerged and quickly fled outside, fearing Fa Wuzun would catch up and beat her. She secretly planned that once she ascended to Moon Jade, she would capture Fa Wuzun and punish him, to avenge the humiliation she repeatedly suffered.

In the Merfolk Territory, Lu Ye had no intention of leaving. As the portal vanished, Bai Lu, who heard the commotion, hurried over.

Seeing Lu Ye, Bai Lu was evidently very happy.

Chapter 1523 - Everything Is Ready

After a brief chat, Lu Ye stated his purpose, and Bai Lu hurriedly took him to see the Great Elder Yan Miao.

This time, Lu Ye came to the Merfolk Territory to borrow money!

The spirit jade in his possession was running low, and now that he needed to prepare for the return to the Nine Provinces, he must buy some things. Not to mention, starboats have to be bought in bulk; otherwise, the numerous Constellation cultivators in the Nine Provinces flying on their own would not only consume more time, but also be unsafe.

Moreover, the starboats he wanted to buy weren't small ones. He was looking for the large type that could accommodate many people, and the prices for these were generally quite steep.

Yan Miao smiled and said, "Fellow Daoist, how much do you need?"

Lu Ye said, "How much can your noble race provide?"

Yan Miao pondered for a moment: "Is fifty million enough?"

The Merfolk Race provides shelter with a giant spirit jade vein, but it isn't simply mined at will, because it's where they reside. Mining is planned, ensuring that the vein's size isn't reduced, and the annual quota is fixed.

Besides, the Merfolk Race uses spirit jade for cultivation, keeping some in reserve; fifty million is what they can offer.

"That's enough!" Lu Ye nodded quickly. He just needed to buy some starboats, which shouldn't cost too much.

"Then, Fellow Daoist, please wait while I ask our people to pack it up and deliver it to you."

Yan Miao left, not making Lu Ye wait long, only about two hours, before a merfolk brought over fifty million spirit jade.

Lu Ye intended to write a promissory note but was stopped by Bai Lu, who suggested giving more elixir pills or materials needed by the merfolk in the future instead.

Lu Ye said, "I fear I won't be back within the next ten years."

Bai Lu's expression changed slightly: "What's happening?"

"I must return to my homeland, and the journey is long; coming and going will take some time."

Only then did Bai Lu understand, although feeling reluctant, unable to prevent it, he could only ask Lu Ye to report back safely upon his return.

Lu Ye heartily agreed.

As usual, he borrowed a seahorse star beast from the Merfolk Race and rode it toward the Constellation Palace. By half a day later, he arrived at the Constellation Palace, pushed open the door, and entered.

The seahorse star beast had accompanied Lu Ye on several trips, already familiar with the route. Seeing Lu Ye enter the Constellation Palace, it returned alone to the Merfolk Territory.

Inside the Constellation Palace, there were still some storage rings left by Lu Ye, storing a large amount of psyche refinement herbs and star beast bodies from the All Phenomena Ocean.

After thinking, Lu Ye took some for backup, leaving the rest there, before using the Small Constellation Palace portal to return to Unparalleled Island.

After swimming a short distance, he quietly emerged from the ocean and returned to Unparalleled Island.

As soon as he entered Spirit Island, Chu Shen greeted him: "Senior Brother, you're back?"

He'd heard Lu Ye returned earlier but couldn't find him; unexpectedly, Lu Ye had gone out.

"Hmm, is there something?" Lu Ye asked.

Chu Shen mysteriously said: "Senior Brother, come with me first."

Saying this, he led Lu Ye to his residence, where he presented a storage ring to Lu Ye like a treasure, happily saying, "Please take a look, Senior Brother!"

Lu Ye was puzzled; he picked up the storage ring and immersed his mind in exploration, finding a million spirit jade inside.

"This is..." Lu Ye gazed at him.

Chu Shen replied: "This is the spirit jade from the array disc sales and our shares of Unparalleled Island's profits!"

"So much!" Lu Ye exclaimed.

Lu Ye wasn't sure how much the array disc sales brought in, but it certainly wasn't this much; with most being from Unparalleled Island's profits.

Chu Shen smiled broadly: "Senior Brother doesn't know; Unparalleled Island has gained fame, becoming a renowned brand in All Phenomena Ocean. Just renting those shops brings large profits annually, plus we take part in some shop operations, sharing the yields - one might say money flows in daily; this is only the beginning, and it'll increase even more in the future."

Lu Ye showed admiration: "Well done!"

Receiving praise, Chu Shen smiled more happily: "All thanks to Senior Brother's guidance; without Senior Brother, where would Unparalleled Island be today?"

Lu Ye shook his head, asserting that although he indeed helped initially establishing Unparalleled Island, its current development owed much to Chu Shen's vision and relentless efforts; its prosperity couldn't be separated from his contributions.

Nowadays, mentioning Chu Shen means recognizing him as Unparalleled Island's Island Master, with everyone giving respect - no longer known merely as the offspring of Sun Blaze strongmen, Jiu Yan's son.

And this was exactly what Chu Shen desired.

A Constellation cultivator leading others in such an intricate environment, building a vast legacy in the All Phenomena Ocean, was truly legendary.

"By the way, I will be leaving soon and won't be back for ten years." Lu Ye spoke.

Chu Shen was startled: "Where is senior brother going?"

"Back to my homeland!"

Chu Shen understood; since it's to return to homeland, that is only natural. However, he wasn't sure where Lu Ye's homeland was, as it was surprising that the round trip would take ten years.

"Would senior brother like to take a few people along on the journey to help?" Chu Shen offered, but upon careful thought it seemed unsuitable. Leader Fa's strength was already at the peak of Constellation, there would be no one on Unparalleled Island able to assist him. Only Tang Jun could, but if Tang Jun left as Unparalleled Island's only Moon Jade, who would oversee Unparalleled Island?

"No need." Lu Ye shook his head, "I can go and come back quickly on my own, it will be more carefree that way."

"Then please stay safe on your journey, senior brother. I will be waiting for your return!" Chu Shen said solemnly.

Lu Ye nodded, then thought of something: "Do we have a shop on the island that sells starboats?"

Chu Shen said: "Yes, does senior brother want to buy a starboat?"

"I want to buy a batch; how do their starboats' quality and price compare to those sold by All Phenomena Merchants Guild?"

Chu Shen laughed: "Many starboats from All Phenomena Merchants Guild are provided by them, so the quality is definitely guaranteed, and the price is somewhat cheaper than at All Phenomena Merchants Guild. Of course, if senior brother wishes to buy, I will ensure they give you the best price!"

By midday, under Chu Shen's arrangements, a Constellation Late Stage cultivator brought a beautifully crafted booklet over, courteously handing it to Lu Ye.

The booklet seemed to be forged from some peculiar metal, with various starboats illustrated on it. When Lu Ye infused spirit force into it, the starboat illustrations seemed to come alive, transforming into a misty shadow that floated before Lu Ye, allowing him to examine these starboats more meticulously and comprehensively.

Lu Ye was continuously reviewing them, discovering that indeed these starboats were quite decent, with a comprehensive range of types and excellent quality.

Lu Ye quickly favored a starboat named Silver Fish.

Su Yuqing once gifted him a starboat, also called this name, and in appearance, it resembled the ones in the booklet—they both looked like a silver fish.

However, the starboat gifted by Su Yuqing was a small one, accommodating only up to nine people.

But the Silver Fish Lu Ye favored now was a large spirit ark capable of accommodating over a hundred people.

The price was exceedingly costly, and even with Chu Shen's connection granting the best price, it still amounted to a hefty eighty thousand spirit jade.

Lu Ye planned to buy thirty starboats; firstly, the Nine Provinces had numerous Constellation cultivators, and fewer starboats would certainly not suffice. Secondly, he intended to leave some in Nine Provinces for future use when more Constellation cultivators wished to visit All Phenomena Ocean.

Despite already choosing the Silver Fish starboat, Lu Ye still flipped through the booklet, hoping to find a more suitable option.

As he looked further, while another starboat didn't capture his interest, he became interested in a battleship called Tiger Shark!

Thinking about it, when numerous starboats navigate the stellar space, having a battleship for protection would certainly be safer.

The Tiger Shark battleship was shaped like a shark in the sea, looking menacing. This battleship was not a large-sized one, considered small, manageable by three to five people. Ultimately, large battleships were beyond Lu Ye's current financial capacity to handle.

The battleship was undoubtedly more expensive; even the small Tiger Shark battleship cost fifty thousand spirit jade per unit.

After a brief evaluation, Lu Ye eventually placed an order with the Constellation cultivator, purchasing thirty Silver Fish starboats and ten Tiger Shark battleships.

The recently acquired sixty million spirit jade swiftly shrank by more than half.

The Constellation cultivator clearly did not anticipate such a substantial business deal and, after collecting the deposit, grinned widely, promising to prepare the goods within ten days and deliver them here.

After the Constellation cultivator left, Lu Ye sent a message to Tang Jun, then headed to Ahn Zhe's shop to buy some Dragon Breath Crystals as backup, and also acquired a variety of miscellaneous gifts to bring back home.

After various dealings, Lu Ye was left with only ten million spirit jade.

He couldn't afford to use these spirit jade anymore. Whether starboats or battleships, they all required some spirit jade for future navigation.

Returning to his cave, he waited patiently.

During this time, Lu Ye tried to contact Piao Ke, considering that despite the circumstances, Piao Ke was one of his few friends at All Phenomena Ocean, and he should at least inform him regarding his departure.

However, he found he couldn't get through to Piao Ke and suddenly remembered that Piao Ke had long run away, seemingly avoiding a betrothed marriage.

No idea if Piao Ke had advanced to Moon Jade yet. By the logic, he should have already entered the Constellation Palace to advance.

Before the ten-day period lapsed, the starboats and battleships Lu Ye ordered were already prepared.

Lu Ye personally inspected them, ensuring that these starboats and battleships were in perfect condition, with no damage or signs of previous usage, only then did he hand over the remaining spirit jade.

With all preparations complete, it's time to depart and return to Nine Provinces!

In the cave, Lu Ye rose to his feet, looking at Lih Shang beside him. Lih Shang understood and pounced on him, activating the Soul Possession Secret Technique to cling onto Lu Ye. Her identity was special and couldn't be exposed outside. Even though the Soul Race had peculiar abilities to conceal themselves, she couldn't guarantee not being detected by Moon Jade.

Chapter 1524 - Changyun Galaxy

Lu Ye dashed out of the mountain cave.

Tang Jun was waiting outside, his expression solemn. Seeing him, he greeted, "Let's go."

Summoning a starboat, Lu Ye stepped on board, and Tang Jun piloted it to swiftly exit the All Phenomena Ocean, flying in a certain direction.

After flying for over half a month, the stellar space suddenly became lively, with a large number of cultivators converging in the same direction, which was exactly where Tang Jun and Lu Ye were headed.

"What's happening?" Lu Ye asked curiously as he looked around.

Tang Jun shook his head, "Not sure, but it's definitely not something bad."

Cultivators are a bunch that never miss a chance for profit; being able to attract such a large group must mean there's something beneficial.

The further they ventured, the livelier it became ahead, as more and more cultivators seemed to appear out of nowhere.

After a few more days, an entrance to an Insect Path appeared ahead.

From a distance, they saw a long queue in front of the Insect Path, and many cultivators were rushing out from it, entering the All Phenomena Galaxy.

Lu Ye furrowed his brows, "Old Tang, is that the Insect Path leading to the Changyun Galaxy?"

According to the star map given by the Reincarnation Tree, if he wanted to return to the Nine Provinces from the All Phenomena Galaxy, he needed to pass through two star systems, the first being the Changyun Galaxy.

The Changyun Galaxy is connected to the All Phenomena Galaxy by an Insect Path, making travel convenient.

However, each star system's Insect Path is guarded by powerful figures from the home galaxy, and without connections, it's not easy to pass freely. Lu Ye could only rely on Tang Jun to find a way.

Fortunately, the Changyun Galaxy has cooperation with Unparalleled Island; there are two shops from the Changyun Galaxy on the island. Tang Jun had some interaction with Moon Jade from Changyun, making it easy for Lu Ye to enter the Changyun Galaxy.

But now it seems that Lu Ye is not the only one wanting to enter the Changyun Galaxy; many others want to enter too. Yet Moon Jade, who guards the Insect Path entrance to the Changyun Galaxy, seems not to be stopping it...

This is quite peculiar.

Getting closer, they found out that those wanting to enter the Changyun Galaxy had to pay a fee in spirit jade, and the price wasn't cheap — each person needed to pay five thousand spirit jade!

For an average Constellation, five thousand spirit jade is quite a fortune. Lu Ye had struggled to catch a White Spirit, earning only around three to four thousand spirit jade.

Tang Jun docked the starboat and led Lu Ye straight to a Moon Jade by the Insect Path.

"Brother Tang!" The Moon Jade saw Tang Jun and promptly clasped his hands.

Tang Jun returned the gesture, then approached the Moon Jade, curiously asking, "Brother Zhang, what's going on? Why are so many people trying to enter your Changyun Galaxy?"

The Moon Jade surnamed Zhang chuckled, "Brother Tang may not know, but the Great Wheel of Fortune suddenly descended upon our Changyun Galaxy. Once the news spread, it turned into this."

Tang Jun was taken aback, "The Great Wheel of Fortune?" He couldn't help but sigh, "Your galaxy is truly blessed; such a divine object has descended, surely bringing you wealth!"

The Moon Jade surnamed Zhang laughed heartily, "Luck is luck; we didn't expect such a thing to happen. With so many Fellow Daoists eager to come, we can't just stop them. We can only collect some passage fees and let them seek their fortune."

While speaking, he looked at Lu Ye standing beside Tang Jun, "Is this Brother Tang's young relative?"

Tang Jun nodded, "An unremarkable nephew, wanting to gain some experience. Somehow, he desires to visit your Changyun Galaxy. But rest assured, Brother Zhang, this lad, though his strength is lacking, is not a troublemaker and won't embarrass your galaxy."

Lu Ye remained composed, stepped forward, and greeted, "Greetings, Senior Zhang!"

The Moon Jade surnamed Zhang smiled slightly, "Since he is Brother Tang's acquaintance, the passage fee is waived. You may enter the Changyun Galaxy with this token; if anyone questions your origins, simply present this."

With that, he handed Lu Ye a token.

Lu Ye thanked him and took it.

The Moon Jade surnamed Zhang added, "Since you have the chance, you might as well try your luck at the Great Wheel of Fortune; something good might happen."

Tang Jun clasped his hands, "I shall escort him there first; we won't disturb you further."

"Please proceed, Brother Tang!" The Moon Jade surnamed Zhang gestured.

Walking to the side, Tang Jun transmitted, "You lucky kid, you stumbled upon the Great Wheel of Fortune. If I had known, I wouldn't have needed this favor." He paused briefly, "Do you know what the Great Wheel of Fortune is?"

"I've heard of it." Lu Ye nodded.

He had come across records about this in Xiyuan Pavilion of the Dwarf Race, and found it interesting, leaving a deep impression.

Strictly speaking, the Great Wheel of Fortune is a cosmic treasure, but unlike most cosmic treasures, this thing does not stay in one place; it occasionally hides and occasionally appears, with its location and time completely unpredictable.

Here in the All Phenomena Ocean, many Insect Paths connect major galaxies, so often when the Great Wheel of Fortune appears, the cultivators of the All Phenomena Ocean can receive the message immediately and rush over.

And the galaxy where the Great Wheel of Fortune manifests will typically adopt the same approach as the Changyun Galaxy this time, not obstructing cultivators from entering. Because if one truly blocks them, it will incur public fury, so instead they charge a certain amount of spirit jade as a fee, allowing them to earn quite a bit of spirit jade.

Generally speaking, the appearance of the Great Wheel of Fortune can earn a galaxy at least several billion spirit jades, which is a sizeable number anywhere.

The word "Fortune" in the Great Wheel of Fortune is aptly derived from this, as its appearance brings fortune to the galaxy where it manifests.

However, if cultivators get involved, it may not only bring fortune but possibly misfortune...

It entirely depends on luck, unpredictable by anyone.

"Since you know, I won't say much more. This matter is worth participating in; it won't take too much time anyway," Tang Jun said.

"Understood." Lu Ye nodded, "Then I'll be off, take care, old friend."

"Go!" Tang Jun waved his hand. He also wanted to try his luck with the Great Wheel of Fortune, but the people from Changyun Galaxy evidently wouldn't just let a Moon Jade enter their home galaxy casually. Otherwise, if they open this door, lots of Moon Jade might come, and Changyun Galaxy could no longer control the situation. So they can only allow Constellations to enter.

Lu Ye turned and headed towards the Insect Path, not needing to queue. The Insect Path was large, with people coming and going; he only needed to enter from a place where no one was around.

Soundless and silent, the surrounding scenery became bizarre and fantastic. When Lu Ye stood firm again, he had arrived at the Changyun Galaxy.

There were also Moon Jade ranked Zhang of Changyun here waiting, so though many cultivators came, no one dared to cause trouble.

There's no need to ask where the Great Wheel of Fortune is; simply follow the direction of the crowd.

Lu Ye released his starboat and flew forward with the crowd. Lih Shang quietly released his Soul Possession state, standing beside him. Though many cultivators were nearby, all were Constellation-ranked, avoiding discovery.

Everyone eagerly headed in one direction, the journey peaceful.

After just five days, a massive copper disc suddenly appeared ahead, standing in the stellar space. The copper disc was grand and ancient, seemingly battered, as though it had endured the bright splendor of warfare. It's hard to imagine what cruel battles this cosmic treasure had experienced to become like this.

Some Sun Blaze experts had tried to tame it, but throughout history, no Sun Blaze had ever succeeded. Ultimately, no matter how tattered it appears, a cosmic treasure remains a cosmic treasure, not easily subdued.

A lot of cultivators gathered around the copper disc, mostly Constellations, along with the presence of several Moon Jade ranked Zhang strong scents, positioned on four sides, presumably Moon Jade ranked Zhang from Changyun Galaxy stationed here.

Continuously, cultivators from all directions vanished into the copper disc and returned appearing.

Some wore smiles, clearly having gained something from the copper disc, while others shook their heads in regret, likely having found nothing.

That was considered fortunate. When Lu Ye arrived, he saw a cultivator emerging from the copper disc, completely charred, his expression full of terror, unclear about his experience inside.

Soon after, a thunderous boom sounded, and a purple Thunderbolt manifested above the cultivator's head, swiftly striking down.

The cultivator, at Constellation Late Stage, shouted loudly and activated a protective spirit treasure overhead. Yet that single strike from the purple Thunderbolt shattered the protective spirit treasure.

Another thunderous boom echoed, and another purple Thunderbolt fell. The cultivator's face changed dramatically, hurriedly rushing towards the nearby direction where a Moon Jade was located, shouting, "Senior save me!"

The Moon Jade merely watched coldly, unmoved.

The purple Thunderbolt struck, and the cultivator's form trembled, becoming even more ravaged. He spat blood, appearing extremely weakened.

Though not dead, the injuries were evidently severe, unclear how long recovery might take.

Without staying any longer, he strained himself to leave at once, quickly vanishing from sight.

The nearby cultivators watched, their hearts touched...

Entering the Great Wheel of Fortune, it's not about strength but luck. Good luck may yield benefits inside, but bad luck, like the fate of the previous person, might be considered fortunate; one might even lose one's life.

As for what benefits the Great Wheel of Fortune holds inside...no one knows, because those who receive benefits conceal them and don't let others see.

Yet it's said some have found a magic treasure perfectly suited for them inside.

Lu Ye didn't hope for too great a benefit; if he could obtain a Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal, it would be worthwhile. Last time Ban Ci invited him to accompany him to a secret place, promising a Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal as reward, but after an unexpected mishap, nothing transpired, and Lu Ye hadn't seen Ban Ci since.

Observing around for a while, Lu Ye noticed quite a few unlucky individuals, some struck by lightning, some burned by fire, and others emerging engulfed in a cloud of black smoke, appearing deeply unlucky without knowing what they encountered.

Chapter 1525 - Differential Treatment

Lu Ye watched from the side for quite some time, and found that this was indeed a matter of luck, with no apparent pattern. Some people looked sly and untrustworthy, yet came out of the Great Wheel of Fortune unscathed, while others appeared upright and full of integrity, but emerged looking miserable.

It had nothing to do with the level of one's cultivation either.

"Let's go in too." Lu Ye said softly, and Lih Shang, who had been standing by his side, immediately activated the Soul Possession Secret Technique to attach herself to him.

Lu Ye retracted the starboat and collided with the dilapidated copper disc.

A ripple spread out as if he had crashed into water, and by the time Lu Ye came to his senses again, he found himself in a foggy space.

There was nothing else in the space except a human-sized illusory copper disc standing before him. It looked the same as the massive copper disc outside, but it was clearly more complete and was engraved with countless bizarre patterns, each extremely tiny, numbering likely no less than one hundred thousand.

Even more bizarre, these patterns were constantly changing, evolving into more patterns.

Lih Shang released the Soul Possession state and appeared beside Lu Ye, curiously examining the copper disc in front of her. It was her first time seeing the Great Wheel of Fortune, and naturally, it was novel to her.

Lu Ye knew how to activate this Great Wheel of Fortune. Since it was entirely based on luck, there was no need to hesitate.

Lu Ye had always thought that his luck was not bad.

He immediately applied his Black rank skill, forcing out a drop of his Essence Blood, and flicked it towards the copper disc.

To spin the Great Wheel of Fortune, one must use their own Essence Blood as a catalyst, and each time it appeared, a cultivator had only one chance to spin it. Once it was spun, they'd have to wait for the next appearance of the Great Wheel of Fortune to try again.

The Essence Blood, containing enormous energy, fell onto the copper disc and was absorbed completely in an instant.

Then... nothing happened!

Lu Ye looked at the motionless copper disc in surprise, unable to comprehend why. According to what he had read, once the copper disc absorbed a cultivator's Essence Blood, it would spin, and the patterns would flicker unpredictably. When the disc stopped spinning, whichever pattern remained lit would correspond to the fortune or misfortune the cultivator would receive.

But what did it mean that the copper disc absorbed his Essence Blood and remained unmoving?

Was this thing broken?

It didn't seem likely; after all, it was a stellar space supreme treasure, how could it be broken? And with so many cultivators participating, although Lu Ye hadn't witnessed their participation, it was apparent that many had benefited.

How could it break when it was his turn?

But no matter how long he waited, the copper disc showed no reaction.

Lu Ye turned his head towards Lih Shang: "You try it!"

Even if Lu Ye hadn't suggested it, Lih Shang was keen to try. It was a rare opportunity not to be missed, but the Soul Race had a unique physique, neither fully corporeal nor entirely spiritual, without Essence Blood. However, the Soul Race had similar methods.

An extremely pure strand of Soul Power suddenly separated from Lih Shang's body and shot into the copper disc. Then Lih Shang clasped her hands together, looking pious, and began to pray, muttering something that Lu Ye couldn't make out.

Lu Ye sneered at this scene; relying on luck alone, Lih Shang's actions seemed useless, and the copper disc seemed to have some kind of problem, making it questionable whether it was even usable.

Yet to Lu Ye's surprise, after Lih Shang's pure Soul Power was absorbed by the copper disc, it actually started spinning rapidly. At the same time, the many patterns on it began to flicker and extinguish at a dizzying pace.

This thing... wasn't broken! So why was he unable to activate it? Lu Ye couldn't help feeling frustrated.

The spinning of the copper disc gradually slowed, but the flickering and the rapid changing of patterns became even more frequent. Correspondingly, Lih Shang's expression grew more pious.

A moment later, as the spinning copper disc stabilized, a single pattern shone brightly, and from it shot a stream of light that flew straight into Lih Shang's body.

Lih Shang's body trembled slightly, then she smiled with joy.

Seeing this, Lu Ye immediately knew she had gained some benefit, though he had no idea what it was specifically and found it difficult to ask.

Lih Shang had no intention of hiding it. With a flip of her hand, a copper ring appeared in her palm, emanating a bizarre aura.

"Soul Device?" Lu Ye was stunned, and he could tell that this was no ordinary Soul Device; it was likely a magic treasure-level Soul Device!

Compared to ordinary treasures, Soul Devices were already much more valuable and rare, let alone a magic treasure-level Soul Device. Such an item was a treasured gem, not even available in the market. Additionally, unlike normal magic treasures, which require Mana to activate, those at the Constellation level cannot activate a magic treasure's powers due to insufficient spirit force.

Yet, a magic treasure-level Soul Device can be activated by those at the Constellation level, though the power it can unleash would be somewhat diminished.

Here he was, having spent his Essence Blood, yet the copper disc didn't budge, while Lih Shang obtained such an incredible Soul Device—what a world of difference.

Perhaps his Essence Blood was applied incorrectly? Feeling enlightened, Lu Ye didn't bother with envy and forced out another drop of Essence Blood into the copper disc. He then clasped his hands together and prayed solemnly, mimicking Lih Shang's posture.

He squinted his eyes to observe the copper disc's reaction, only to find it as unresponsive as before!

Lu Ye's face turned dark!

He always considered his luck not too bad, but now he couldn't even activate the copper disc. This made no sense at all.

Lih Shang held back a laugh nearby and comforted Lu Ye, "Even if you don't gain luck, you haven't been cursed with misfortune. I've heard many people come here and leave empty-handed anyway."

"I don't believe it!" Lu Ye frowned. It's true that many people gain nothing from the Great Wheel of Fortune. No good, no bad, but this wheel should at least react somehow.

Lu Ye felt like he was being targeted.

Yet he couldn't figure out why.

Unwilling to give up, he tried infusing another drop of Essence Blood with even more sincerity than before, but still to no effect.

Glaring hatefully at the copper disc in front of him, had it not been for the mysterious power of this stellar space supreme treasure, he would've slashed it with a blade.

"Let's go!" Lu Ye called to Lih Shang, turning around.

After three unsuccessful attempts to trigger any response from the copper disc, there was no point in trying further. Losing more Essence Blood would affect his body.

No sooner had he turned than something suddenly hit the back of his head. It didn't hurt, but it alarmed Lu Ye, making him quickly turn back around.

With a crisp "ding-dong," Lu Ye looked toward the sound and saw something on the ground.

Upon closer inspection, it looked like a white jade pear, but not a real pear. Looking even closer, it seemed not to be a pear at all, because it had many sound holes.

Lu Ye frowned, looking at the object on the ground and then at the Great Wheel of Fortune, unable to make sense of what happened at that moment.

Undoubtedly, this white jade pear came from the Great Wheel of Fortune; otherwise, it couldn't have hit the back of his head.

But he hadn't even spun the Great Wheel of Fortune, so how did this thing appear?

"For me?" Lu Ye looked at the wheel with some skepticism.

Most stellar space supreme treasures have their own spiritual intelligence, like the Reincarnation Tree. Even the Constellation Palace has never communicated with Lu Ye, yet possesses its own spiritual intelligence.

So, Lu Ye guessed the Great Wheel of Fortune had one too.

Still, Lu Ye couldn't understand why he couldn't spin the Great Wheel of Fortune, yet it gifted him this item.

Of course, there was no response. After waiting awhile and confirming there was nothing unusual about the white jade pear, only then did Lu Ye bend down to pick it up.

When he held it, Lu Ye realized it was not a white jade pear at all but an ocarina, made not of white jade, but some mysterious beast bone.

Glaring deeply at the copper disc, Lu Ye was left with no choice but to depart with Lih Shang.

Outside the Great Wheel of Fortune, the area was still bustling. Countless cultivators busied in and out, some overjoyed and some utterly miserable. Truly some homes were happy, others sorrowful.

Summoning the starboat, he sped off into the depths of stellar space, gradually leaving this lively place behind.

He pulled out the star map given by the Reincarnation Tree, checking the surrounding constellations, ensuring his course wouldn't deviate. This was essential for navigating stellar space, as a minor deviation could lead to significant errors.

Lu Ye was not crossing the entire Changyun Galaxy but heading to one of its dead stars, marking the first stop on his journey home.

What mysteries lay on that dead star would only be revealed upon arrival.

The journey wasn't short; with the current speed of the starboat, it would take at least three months to reach.

On the starboat, Lih Shang played with his newly acquired copper ring Soul Device, looking utterly fascinated. Although Lu Ye didn't know the ring's powers, Lih Shang's expression indicated it was something good.

Lu Ye then examined the bone ocarina he got from the copper disc. There was a small hole on top and several holes on the sides and bottom.

After investigating it thoroughly, Lu Ye couldn't determine what level of treasure the bone ocarina was. It seemed ordinary, with no trace of restriction inside.

Trying to infuse it with spirit force yielded no reaction at all.

This thing... wasn't a treasure at all, just seemed like a trinket!

Lu Ye was so frustrated that his nose crooked.

If nothing were given, so be it. If something's given, why not a good thing? No Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal he longed for, no spirit treasure or magic treasure, just a bone ocarina — what was that supposed to mean?

Lu Ye felt the Great Wheel of Fortune was treating him too unfairly.

Chapter 1526 - The Marvels of the Bone Ocarina

Feeling unhappy, Lu Ye had nowhere to vent his frustration, so he sulkily picked up the bone ocarina and blew into it hard.

The discordant melody reverberated within the starboat.

He truly lacked any musical talent; during the trials at the Divine Conch Hall of the Merfolk Race, he barely passed by relying on his uniqueness. How could he possibly play the bone ocarina well?

Lih Shang's good mood was ruined, and she helplessly extended her hand to Lu Ye: "Give it to me!"

"Can you play it?" Lu Ye asked her in surprise.

"I've learned a bit," Lih Shang replied.

Lih Shang had definitely learned more than just a bit. When the bone ocarina's sound began to play, a desolate and ancient ambiance started to permeate.

After finishing the tune, Lih Shang handed the bone ocarina back to Lu Ye, who waved his hand: "It's yours!"

This thing was completely useless in his hands, and during the long journey, listening to a few tunes from Lih Shang could help pass the time.

As he finished speaking, Lu Ye suddenly felt something and turned to look in a direction. He saw a gigantic figure rapidly approaching. Under the starlight from all directions, the figure appeared particularly ferocious and terrifying.

"Moon Jade star beast!" Lih Shang also noticed the figure and couldn't help but shout.

Lu Ye quickly accelerated the starboat to escape to the distance. He had personally experienced the terror of the Moon Jade star beast; previously, he and Ban Ci had teamed up to kill a Great Lust Demon Spider. But that time, they relied on the advantage of a sneak attack; if faced directly, they definitely wouldn't be a match.

This approaching star beast was much more formidable than the Great Lust Demon Spider, possibly comparable to the Moon Jade Late Stage. With Lu Ye and Lih Shang's small build, how could they possibly withstand it?

The starboat turned into a stream of light, continuing to accelerate forward, with the star beast relentlessly pursuing from behind. Despite its massive figure and seemingly clumsy movements, its speed was not slow at all. Even though Lu Ye pushed the starboat to its speed limit, he could barely maintain enough distance not to be overtaken.

Logically speaking, star beasts encountering living beings in stellar space, if unable to succeed for a long time, would often voluntarily give up. But this Moon Jade star beast, for some reason, was as persistent as a leech, unwilling to let go.

Lu Ye stubbornly held out against it for half a month, seemingly unable to shake off this beast that clung like a tail.

During this half month, Lu Ye's personal exhaustion was substantial, not to mention the significant consumption of spirit jade. After all, starboats traveling at full speed also needed to draw on some of the power from spirit jade.

Lu Ye couldn't understand—he hadn't offended this Moon Jade star beast, so why was it so relentless?

Continuing like this was not a solution. Seeing that it was indeed impossible to shake off the star beast, Lu Ye had no choice but to launch a weapon control in another direction.

After flying forward for a while, Lu Ye shouted to Lih Shang: "Soul Possession!"

Lih Shang, without hesitation, immediately depended on Lu Ye's body, and then Lu Ye withdrew his starboat, disappearing in a Single Flash.

Reappearing in the position where he had launched the weapon control earlier, spanning tens of thousands of miles away.

He quickly glanced around, finding a large meteorite. He concealed his body on it, activating the Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes to blend into it like a specter.

Tens of thousands of miles away came terrifying energy—no doubt the Moon Jade star beast had lost its target and was in a rage. Lu Ye was increasingly certain the opponent was a star beast comparable to the Moon Jade Late Stage.

He didn't dare move, not even letting any of his own aura escape, and drifted toward the depths of stellar space along the meteorite's path.

He even detected the traces of the Moon Jade star beast passing several thousand miles away, evidently still searching around.

After drifting for a few days and no longer sensing the Moon Jade star beast's presence, Lu Ye finally relaxed, lifting his concealment and breath-concealing.

He looked around to confirm his position anew, plotted his course, and launched the starboat again, continuing forward.

After the previous encounter, Lu Ye was even more cautious, knowing that danger lurked everywhere in stellar space. This time, luck was on his side, having encountered only the Moon Jade star beast which he could manage to escape from. Had it been a Sun Blaze star beast, he and Lih Shang would only have been able to wash their necks clean.

The following half month passed without incident, allowing Lu Ye and Lih Shang to relax a bit. To be fair, though space held many dangers, they weren't always easily encountered, and should they face an unavoidable crisis, they could only resign themselves to fate.

The melodious sound of the bone ocarina rang again, as Lih Shang seemed to enjoy this instrument greatly.

Before the tune finished, Lu Ye's face suddenly changed, as he sensed the presence of the Moon Jade star beast again—this time, more than one!

Turning his head, he saw from deep in stellar space three fiery streams speeding toward them, and through the stream's cover, Lu Ye saw three steeds!

The three steeds—two large, one small—were entirely wrapped in flames, as if blazing fiercely, displaying absolute might. It was clearly a family of three.

Lu Ye felt a bit relieved as the three star beasts, despite being Moon Jade, were not as formidable as the last one. If the last encounter was Late Stage, then these three were two mid-stage and one Early Stage.

Since he managed to shake off the Late Stage star beast earlier, he was confident he could escape from the mid-stage and early one as well. Lu Ye immediately pushed the starboat's speed up, fleeing for several days before finally shaking off this family trio.

On the starboat, Lu Ye exhaled deeply, exchanged glances with Lih Shang, then both turned their gaze toward the bone ocarina Lih Shang held.

If the first star beast attack was mere coincidence, then the second occurrence revealed a peculiar pattern to them.

Because each time he encountered a star beast, it happened right after Lih Shang played the bone ocarina.

"Do you sense any special power in it?" Lu Ye asked.

Lih Shang shook her head: "It seems like just a regular musical instrument!"

That's true, if this bone ocarina really possessed some unique power, Lu Ye should have been able to sense it, but the coincidence of two star beast attacks remains unexplained.

Verifying it is quite simple.

A few days later, on a desolate planet, Lu Ye painstakingly arranged a big array. Furthermore, his doppelganger was waiting tens of thousands of miles away, ready to assist him and Lih Shang at any time.

With everything ready, Lu Ye finally looked at Lih Shang, who was waiting beside him, and nodded slightly.

Lih Shang picked up the bone ocarina and gently blew into it.

Though the sound of the bone ocarina was melodious, its reach was very limited. Lu Ye didn't really think the Moon Jade star beast encountered earlier was attracted by this thing, but it had to be tested to know for sure. Otherwise, having such a strange object around wouldn't feel safe.

After Lih Shang finished playing, Lu Ye cautiously scouted the surroundings and found no abnormalities, so he sighed in relief, feeling he might have been overthinking it; the earlier incidents were likely just coincidences.

He didn't stop Lih Shang and let her continue playing.

Lih Shang played three songs in a row, and still, everything remained calm and unaffected.

Lu Ye called out, "That's enough."

It was confirmed that he had indeed been overthinking earlier. Such an object without any restrictions couldn't possibly attract Moon Jade star beasts.

However, no sooner had he spoken than rumbling sounds came from underground, resembling rolling thunder.

Lu Ye's expression changed, and just as he was about to investigate further, the sound reached Lih Shang's location.

Lih Shang reacted swiftly; her figure shifted from the spot just as rocks flew about, revealing a sudden hole, from which a pair of blood-red eyes glared.

Soon, the owner of those red eyes crawled out from the hole swiftly.

Lu Ye remained calm. In his perception, the intruder was not a Moon Jade star beast but merely a star beast comparable to the Constellation Late Stage.

Taking a closer look, he noticed that the creature resembled an armadillo, covered entirely in thick Scale Armor, looking exceptionally robust.

Soon, Lu Ye's eye twitched as another armadillo beast emerged behind the first, followed by a third...

In the blink of an eye, more than a dozen armadillo beasts appeared.

"Armadillo beasts," Lih Shang identified the type of star beasts they were facing.

All the armadillo beasts' gaze fixated on Lih Shang's direction—more precisely, on the bone ocarina in her hand.

"Throw it to me!" Lu Ye called out to Lih Shang.

Lih Shang immediately tossed the bone ocarina over, and once Lu Ye caught it, he saw the armadillo beasts indeed turned their gaze towards the ocarina in his hand!

It was certain now that the previous encounters with Moon Jade star beasts and this armadillo beast horde were all attracted by the sound of the bone ocarina.

Lu Ye cursed internally; what was the Great Wheel of Fortune doing, giving him such a hazardous thing without any rhyme or reason? Luckily, it hadn't attracted a Sun Blaze star beast yet; otherwise, he wouldn't even know how he'd die, and that would be too unjust.

But Lu Ye could not sense any Power of Prohibition coming from this bone ocarina; it seemed like a regular musical instrument. Why could it attract star beasts?

Unable to figure it out temporarily, Lu Ye slowly drew Boulder Mountain Saber.

Faced with Moon Jade star beasts without the strength to resist was one thing, but against a group of Constellation star beasts, he naturally had no reason to retreat.

The brandishing of the saber inevitably provoked the armadillo beasts, whose strange beast roars echoed, and they charged towards Lu Ye.

Lu Ye didn't bother to dodge, holding his saber and charging forward, instantly engaging in battle.

Lih Shang dashed over, and her Soul Possession enhanced Lu Ye's physique, greatly enhancing his strength.

The saber swung and fell, blood splattered; the Scale Armor on these armadillo beasts was indeed formidable, more so than physique cultivators—indeed formidable enough that even with the Divine Sharp Edge empowered Boulder Mountain Saber, it was difficult to kill them with one blow, and at best, it could only leave some wounds on them.

Each armadillo beast required Lu Ye to chop several times to bring it down.

He felt increasingly the inadequacy of his own cutting power; in the previous battle with the Blood Race Moon Jade, conditions were even worse, because his slashes had no effect at all—if Lih Shang hadn't

initiated a soul battle to vanquish the enemy on the psyche level, he would've had no effective means in that fight.

Despite the Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes empowering Boulder Mountain Saber with sufficient strength, it still wasn't enough, but Lu Ye was temporarily at a loss on how to resolve this issue.

Chapter 1527 - Copper Coin

Among peers, Lu Ye's saber was unmatched, but while traversing the stellar space, his opponents were not just of the same rank, and even if they were, the power of some protective spirit treasures was not easily broken.

A dozen armadillo beasts were jumping and lunging, but without much coordination, only rushing and biting wildly. For Lu Ye in the state of Soul Possession, dealing with them wasn't too difficult, just required some time.

One by one, the armadillo beasts fell in battle, their blood staining the ground red. As Lu Ye was fighting fiercely, suddenly, Lih Shang's voice rang in his mind: "Careful!"

At the same time, Lu Ye turned and slashed to his side. From that direction, an armadillo beast had somehow leaped out of the battle circle, opening its mouth and spraying a beam of copper light at him!

Lu Ye wasn't sure what this copper light was. From beginning to end, these armadillo beasts hadn't shown any special means, yet this particular one seemed different.

But regardless of what this copper light was, it was, after all, just a means exhibited by a Constellation star beast, so Lu Ye wasn't afraid.

As he slashed down with his saber, Lu Ye frowned because the Boulder Mountain Saber showed no sign of being obstructed. The copper light went straight through and headed towards his flesh.

Lu Ye hurriedly constructed Sacred Guard Spirit Runes on his body to block it.

Strangely, the Sacred Guard couldn't block this copper light. The copper beam passed right through the Sacred Guard Spirit Runes and struck his body.

Lu Ye's expression changed slightly, and in the next moment, he felt his body suddenly sink, as if a great mountain was pressing down on his shoulders, causing his body to stiffen abruptly.

Originally in mid-air, his body fell uncontrollably downward. Looking down, he saw his body enveloped in a faint copper light, identical to the light emitted by the armadillo beast's mouth.

The surviving armadillo beasts charged from all directions. Lu Ye wanted to dodge, but his body was extremely heavy, and he couldn't evade in time.

The sound of tearing flesh echoed, accompanied by Lu Ye's muffled grunts, as wounds appeared on his body, leaving him in a dire state.

He crashed to the ground with a thud, dust flying up. The armadillo beasts attacked like maggots on a corpse, their tusks ferocious, intending to seize the opportunity to tear Lu Ye to pieces.

"Come out!" With the situation critical, Lu Ye quickly called for Lih Shang. He couldn't understand the essence of the copper light, considering its marvelous power, but it seemed somewhat similar to Chu Shen's Body-stiffening Mirror, though with stronger and more bizarre effects.

However, regardless of what the copper light was, since it invaded his body, he could burn it away with the power of the Talent Tree, freeing himself from the copper light.

Lih Shang was currently in Soul Possession on him. If she didn't leave first, the power of the Talent Tree might burn her away too.

Hearing this, Lih Shang immediately tried to release the Soul Possession Secret Technique, but to her surprise, she couldn't. Under the suppression of the copper light, she seemed entirely merged with Lu Ye.

In the moment of delay, the armadillo beasts had brutally attacked again, leaving several deep wounds on Lu Ye.

Lu Ye couldn't wait any longer, only thankful for the arrangements he had made earlier; otherwise, it would have been troublesome.

A thought summoned a Great Array Jade Cluster into his hand. As spirit force was poured into it, a humming sounded, and streams of light surged from all sides.

The armadillo beasts charged violently, but this time, they couldn't harm Lu Ye. A visible transparent light screen appeared where he stood, blocking all the attacking armadillo beasts.

A protective array!

Lu Ye had previously set up a Formation here intended for the Moon Jade star beast. Of course, a Formation set up in such a short time wasn't a significant threat to the Moon Jade star beast; he just wanted to buy himself some time to escape.

However, instead of Moon Jade, a group of Constellations came, putting the big array to good use.

With the protection in place, he didn't worry about being attacked. Under the control of the jade cluster, Sword Qi began to rampage within the array!

To enhance this array's lethality, Lu Ye even placed the sword gourd at the Array Eye, the only treasure he had that could act as one.

The Sword Qi, forming a long river, swept the armadillo beasts into it.

Their Scale Armor was indeed tough, but it couldn't withstand such an endless onslaught. In no time, the vitality within the Sword Qi river began to fade.

Lu Ye focused on one particular armadillo beast, urging the Sword Qi river towards it.

This armadillo beast was the one that had spat out the copper light. None of the other armadillo beasts had such an ability, only this one did. But despite closer observation, Lu Ye couldn't see anything special about it.

Indeed, this armadillo beast was nothing special, not larger than its kin, with similar strength, and it hadn't shown any similar technique since emitting that copper light.

Until the Sword Qi river engulfed it and shredded it on the spot, all the attacking armadillo beasts were thoroughly eliminated.

The chaotic battlefield gradually calmed down. Lu Ye stood where he was, frowning deeply. It wasn't that he didn't want to move; he simply couldn't. Moving a step required enormous strength, his body felt so unusually heavy.

This heaviness wasn't physical reality but rather a sensation he felt. If he were really that heavy, deep footprints should have been left where he stood, but in fact, his prints were shallow.

"Still can't break free?" Lu Ye asked.

Lih Shang's voice came with some helplessness: "No!"

"That's quite strange!"

By logic, the copper light is a technique used by the armadillo beast, and now that it's dead, the technique should lose its effect. Yet the copper light continues to envelop Lu Ye, making him look as if he's cast from copper molten.

Under this copper light, Lih Shang is utterly unable to release the Soul Possession.

The doppelganger is still thousands of miles away waiting for a response; Lu Ye isn't in a hurry to go there because the sword gourd still needs to be recovered, and he wants to see what exactly is special about that armadillo beast.

There's no reason why out of all the armadillo beasts, only it can provoke such copper light; the strange part is it only activated it once...

Lu Ye had long silently warned himself not to underestimate anyone because of their low power; the world is full of strange methods and treasures, and one never knows when they might be caught off guard.

He always acted this way, but didn't expect to suffer a loss when dealing with a Constellation star beast this time.

Days passed one by one, until a few days later, the copper light covering Lu Ye's body suddenly trembled slightly, then abruptly vanished.

The moment freedom was restored, Lih Shang released the Soul Possession Secret Technique, flashed out, looking quite relieved.

She was really afraid that she'd have to remain in a Soul Possession state with Lu Ye perpetually, and if that happened, the two of them would never be able to separate.

Lu Ye moved his somewhat stiff body, first reclaiming the sword gourd before going to the location of the special armadillo beast's corpse.

Previously, under the sweep of the Sword Qi river, this armadillo beast's corpse had become quite tattered.

Lu Ye examined it carefully and found that there was indeed nothing special about the corpse; under Mental Consciousness perception, he didn't sense any anomalies.

Looking at the other armadillo beasts' corpses, they seemed to be all the same.

That's indeed strange; if these armadillo beasts have no differences, then why could one of them use such miraculous techniques? Even someone like him, seasoned in Hundred Battles, suffered a

considerable loss. If it wasn't for the pre-arranged big array, this trip would really have relied on the doppelganger's assistance to escape.

Persistently, he dissected the corpses of each armadillo beast, and Lu Ye indeed found something unusual.

It was discovered inside that special armadillo beast.

Wiping off the bloodstains on the object, Lu Ye focused his gaze on the item in his hand.

It resembled a Copper Coin, round on the outside with a square hole in the middle, adorned with extremely intricate patterns on both sides, looking like spirit runes yet not quite.

"What's this?" Lih Shang curiously looked over.

Lu Ye shook his head indicating he didn't know, but he felt that the armadillo beast's ability to emit copper light must be related to this item.

From this perspective, the copper light wasn't a technique of the armadillo beast itself but rather the power of the Copper Coin; it explains why only this armadillo beast could emit copper light while the others couldn't. The reason was this.

This was undoubtedly a treasure!

Lu Ye felt quite pleased, having personally witnessed the power of the copper light; it made even someone like him stiff and incredibly heavy, let alone the other Constellations.

Even Moon Jade, if hit by such copper light, would likely see her power significantly weakened!

Lu Ye tried to channel spirit force into the coin, but there was no reaction, then infused it with Mental Consciousness, with equally no effect.

Thinking about it, he handed the Copper Coin to Lih Shang: "You try it!"

Lih Shang took it and tried various methods, finding that no matter what she did, she couldn't get the Copper Coin to react, thus returning it to Lu Ye: "This might be an exotic treasure!"

Lu Ye had the same thought.

There's no reason why the armadillo beast could harness this treasure's power, but when it came to him and Lih Shang, it had no effect.

There's only one possibility, which is that this item is a one-time-use exotic treasure, losing its effect after being used once.

Based on the fact that the armadillo beast only emitted copper light once, this possibility was quite great.

Lu Ye couldn't help but feel a bit depressed; rarely stumbling upon such a great treasure only to find it's a one-time-use exotic treasure. Lu Ye's good mood instantly soured, and he couldn't help but let out a sigh.

However, what puzzled Lu Ye was that if this was indeed an exotic treasure, why wasn't it destroyed?

Under normal circumstances, this type of one-time-use exotic treasure would be destroyed after losing its power, yet the Copper Coin remained intact.

Though it had lost its power, Lu Ye decided to keep it, because the Copper Coin had many complex patterns on both sides, which might benefit his derivation of spirit runes. He could study it when he had free time.

Chapter 1528 - Mist Dragon

Endless stellar space, with Myriad Stars glittering, the starboat sails far.

Lu Ye sat upright on the starboat, playing with the bone ocarina in his hand. Now it was certain that once this thing is blown, it would attract nearby star beasts.

He was not sure why the Great Wheel of Fortune gave him such a thing instead of a useful treasure. Even a piece of Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal would do.

Lih Shang at least got a decent Soul Device...

The bone ocarina was strange, but as long as it wasn't blown, it wouldn't attract star beasts. This suggested that it was the sound from the bone ocarina that attracted star beasts, not the ocarina itself.

First acquiring the bone ocarina, then the exotic treasure Copper Coin, he gathered two peculiar items along this journey.

Within the Changyun Galaxy, it was relatively bustling, with many Constellation cultivators coming and going, and even the figure of Moon Jade was seen, indicating that this was a rather powerful star system.

However, even among cultivators from the same star system, when they met in stellar space, they wouldn't easily approach each other because no star system is a monolith, and there are always some disputes and conflicts.

Thus, although Lu Ye encountered some people, there was no interaction. Basically, if they discovered each other, they mutually avoided each other.

With nothing happening along the way, Lu Ye and Lih Shang took turns being vigilant, practicing cultivation during their free time. Although the special environment of the All Phenomena Ocean was absent, and Lu Ye's cultivation efficiency wasn't high, the long journey allowed for accumulation, and the effect should be considerable. In any case, he had his unique advantages for cultivation.

After entering the Changyun Galaxy for a full six months, the starboat arrived at a dead star, and Lu Ye descended directly.

This dead star, many years ago, might have been a domain full of vitality, but for some unknown reason, the vitality perished, and the domain's essence was lost, gradually transforming into a dead star.

Such dead stars are countless across the stellar space.

It's challenging to find traces of life once active on the dead star, indicating that it had been lifeless for many years.

According to the star map guidance given by the Reincarnation Tree, this dead star was a transit point for Lu Ye to return to the Nine Provinces.

The dead star was barren, and Lu Ye controlled the starboat, gliding slowly, releasing his Mental Consciousness to explore the surroundings.

"Look over there!" Lih Shang suddenly spoke, pointing in a direction.

Lu Ye turned to look and saw a valley-like location in that direction. In the valley, a small tree, withered for who knows how many years, stood proudly.

Lu Ye quickly collected the starboat and, along with Lih Shang, flew towards the direction.

Soon, they arrived close and, gazing at the withered small tree, Lu Ye nodded, "This is it!"

This small tree, able to stand here after the death of the dead star's essence for countless years, was clearly not an ordinary object because it was essentially a doppelganger of the Reincarnation Tree!

This doppelganger, left by the Reincarnation Tree countless years ago, had died along with the domain itself.

The doppelganger of the Reincarnation Tree existed reliant on the domain. Without vitality within the domain, the doppelganger couldn't survive independently.

It's precisely because a doppelganger was left here that the Reincarnation Tree could know some subtleties about this dead star; otherwise, the vast stellar space, with innumerable dead stars and desolate planets, any secret would have long been discovered by a cultivator.

Lu Ye needed to dig out the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger, as it would be of great use later on.

The star map given by the Reincarnation Tree not only guided him on how to return to the Nine Provinces but also marked some response measures.

This doppelganger was not a common item and theoretically could be considered an affiliated treasure of the stellar space supreme treasure, similar to the relationship between the sword gourd, the pill gourd, and the Creation Vine.

However, because there were many doppelgangers of the Reincarnation Tree, scattered throughout the entire stellar space, their value wasn't considered high, yet they were ultimately affiliated treasures of the supreme treasure, possessing some extremely special powers.

If the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger were intact, it wouldn't be so easy to excavate. But this one had died many years ago, and Lu Ye spent only a little time to dig it out and then with much effort cut it into pieces and took it.

Then they parted ways with Lih Shang, searched around, but didn't find anything of value.

According to the star map guidance by the Reincarnation Tree, about ten thousand miles away from where the doppelganger was located, was an Abyss that Lu Ye needed to find.

But after looking around, there was no discovery.

It was vaguely guessed that as the years passed, the topography of the dead star had changed, and the Abyss might have been buried. After all, the Reincarnation Tree's knowledge of this dead star was based on the assumption that the doppelganger was still alive. Following its death, the changes in the dead star were beyond the Reincarnation Tree's knowledge.

Unable to find the Abyss, Lu Ye had no choice but to dig underground. He had to head deep below the surface.

Fortunately, as a Constellation cultivator, this task was not difficult, but before that, he had to understand some underground conditions to avoid going in the wrong direction.

This needed Lih Shang's help. Her body, existing between the virtual and real, easily entered the underground, investigated for half an hour, then returned, bringing Lu Ye to a certain spot in the valley, pointing underground, "From this direction, approximately two miles deep!"

"That's a big project," Lu Ye clicked his tongue, summoning the Boulder Mountain Saber, and soared into the sky.

Immediately, his entire body flipped, head down, feet up, as he fell. As he plummeted, he began to spin rapidly, enveloped in the light of his saber, transforming into a drill.

He landed silently, a round pit appearing on the ground, and Lu Ye continued to delve deeper into the underground, shrouded in the sabre's light.

Pushing downwards, he advanced effortlessly and, after a full two hours, Lu Ye suddenly felt an emptiness below, and he fell into a vast underground space.

Lu Ye stowed away the Boulder Mountain Saber, glanced around a bit, and didn't rush deeper, choosing instead to go back up once again.

The pit he left outside needed some camouflaging. Though it was rare for anyone to come here, and even if they did, it was unlikely they'd discover the pit, one must always prepare for the unexpected.

Using a Formation for camouflage was not a wise choice; this dead star was barren, devoid of any energy, and a Formation wouldn't hold long.

The best disguise was the most natural concealment. After a while, Lu Ye camouflaged the entrance and returned to the underground depths.

Upon reaching the underground space, Lu Ye followed the narrow passage forward, the general direction being downward.

Lih Shang moved like a fish in water here, his form flickering in and out of sight.

After several more Shichen, Lu Ye sensed a mysterious presence emanating from ahead.

Nearing, he found, as the intelligence from the Reincarnation Tree suggested, a natural Insect Path!

Insect Paths appearing within domains are rare. Generally, they only appear in stellar space; it was unknown why such an Insect Path appeared in this domain.

The decay and deathly silence of this domain were directly linked to the presence of the Insect Path. It could be said that the appearance of this Insect Path led to the death of what was once a vibrant domain.

By comparison, the entrance to this Insect Path wasn't large; in the All Phenomena Galaxy, the Insect Paths were generally far more grandiose.

Moreover, this Insect Path didn't seem as stable as those in the All Phenomena Galaxy. Lu Ye observed an indistinct power surging within.

Lu Ye thought for a moment and decided against traversing the Insect Path with his physical body, instead summoning the Dragon Throne.

Donning the dragon scale and the scarlet cover armor, Lih Shang had already performed Soul Possession on Lu Ye beforehand.

Staring at the Insect Path before him, Lu Ye stepped forward, feeling an engulfing force pulling him into the Path.

Lu Ye found this Insect Path indeed unstable, for during the entire process, the Dragon Throne had evidently borne substantial pressure, unlike other Insect Paths Lu Ye had traversed effortlessly.

A stable Insect Path poses no threat to living beings, yet an unstable one is unpredictable. Getting lost inside is common, as was the case with Lu Ye and Tang Jun, who were swallowed by an Insect Path. Without the heart core of a Void Beast, escape would've been impossible.

Fortunately, while this Insect Path was unstable, it wasn't excessively so.

After a moment, Lu Ye felt his body lighten, exiting the Insect Path. His scarlet figure leapt forward before turning to see the Insect Path's exit resembling the maw of an invisible beast, mysterious forces swirling inside.

Surrounded by fog, visibility was vastly restricted. Even extending his Mental Consciousness, it reached less than three feet away from his body.

As marked by the Reincarnation Tree on the star map, emerging from the dead star's Insect Path led to the interior of a stellar space marvel.

Mist Dragon!

This stellar space marvel, when viewed from afar, resembles an ancient dragon formed by condensed mist, hence the name.

The Mist Dragon's interior held no lethal threats, yet anyone entering recklessly would face dire consequences, easily losing their way and becoming trapped forever.

Even a Constellation like Sun Blaze wouldn't dare to arbitrarily venture into the Mist Dragon's domain.

Lu Ye stowed away the cover armor, preparing to retrieve an item from the storage ring, when Lih Shang let out a muffled groan, involuntarily detaching from him.

"What's wrong?" Lu Ye asked, puzzled as he looked at her.

Lih Shang appeared strained, seemingly resisting an invisible pressure. Looking around, she realized, "Is this a stellar space marvel?"

"Yes," Lu Ye nodded.

"No wonder..." A knowing expression crossed Lih Shang's face.

"Does this stellar space marvel suppress you?" Lu Ye speculated.

Lih Shang replied, "It's not just this stellar space marvel; all stellar space marvels have a peculiar suppression. They're generally born in the most ancient times, when the environment was vastly different from now. We're accustomed to today's living conditions, and suddenly finding ourselves in an ancient environment is inevitably uncomfortable, much like a mortal entering water."

"Why am I unaffected?" Lu Ye wondered, having felt no suppression at all.

Chapter 1529 - Soul-Devouring Aphid

Lih Shang sized him up and down: "Have you participated in the Divine Sea Competition of the Reincarnation Tree?"

Since learning that Lu Ye had the mark of the Reincarnation Tree, Lih Shang had some suspicions because the Reincarnation Tree typically grants its mark to cultivators who perform exceptionally well in the Divine Sea Competition of the Taichu Realm.

The Reincarnation Tree uses this method to select talents it favors.

Lu Ye having the mark of the Reincarnation Tree clearly indicates he had an extraordinary performance in the Divine Sea Competition.

"That's right." Lu Ye nodded, not sure what this had to do with the Divine Sea Competition.

Lih Shang explained: "The Taichu Realm is the birthplace of the Reincarnation Tree, one of the oldest spaces in this world. The spirit light born there possesses incredibly mystical power, not only reinforcing your foundation when you advance to a Constellation but also granting you the ability to withstand the suppression of most stellar space marvels in this world."

"Is there really that?" Lu Ye was greatly surprised, as he had never heard of it before.

In the Divine Sea Competition of the Taichu Realm, the final hundred who emerged victorious all received the reward of mystical spirit light, aiding their advancement to a Constellation. Of course, the higher the ranking, the more mystic light one would receive. At that time, Lu Ye ranked first and received the most mystic light.

He only knew before that the spirit light from the Taichu Realm had better efficacy than those nurtured in usual domains, making a cultivator's foundation more solid when advancing to a Constellation. His current invincibility at the same level was partly due to the contribution of the Taichu Realm spirit light.

But he was truly unaware that the spirit light had other effects.

Yang Qing never mentioned this to him before.

It was obviously not that Yang Qing didn't know, but he simply didn't bother to mention it...

This inevitably reminded Lu Ye of an event, more than two years ago when the Constellation Palace opened. He headed to the palace with Piao Ke and the specter. Upon entering that range, both Piao Ke and the specter significantly struggled, as if resisting some pressure, yet he felt nothing.

Despite finding it strange, he had no time to inquire.

Now he learned that what Piao Ke and the specter resisted then was indeed the suppression of the stellar space marvel, which he could not feel at all.

Lih Shang added: "Those who emerge victorious in the Divine Sea Competition possess a certain degree of resistance against the suppression of stellar space marvels. However, the lower the ranking, the weaker the resistance. For this reason, despite the extreme danger of the Divine Sea Competition, the powerhouses from various domains are keen to bring their outstanding juniors to participate. If they can emerge victorious, they will have a significant advantage in exploring some stellar space marvels in the future."

"Explore stellar space marvels?" Lu Ye was quite surprised. "Why explore them when they are so dangerous?"

Lih Shang nodded: "Although stellar space marvels are incredibly dangerous, it is said that there are many mystical benefits within them. There might even be dormant stellar space supreme treasures. Seizing one or two could easily become a world-stabilizing treasure. Many significant figures are passionate about exploring stellar space marvels and have gained numerous benefits from them."

Lu Ye understood. This explained why the Divine Sea Competition was so perilous, yet the powerhouses of various domains were still drawn to it, bringing their most outstanding juniors to participate. So there was this aspect as well.

Besides the benefits of the mystic light from the Taichu Realm in strengthening a cultivator's foundation, these powerhouses undoubtedly valued the resistance against stellar space marvel suppression even more.

As Lih Shang said, any cultivator entering the environment of a stellar space marvel felt like a mortal entering water. Yet he felt no pressure at all.

However, to explore a stellar space marvel, Lu Ye's current cultivation was still somewhat insufficient. Most stellar space marvels were extremely perilous inside. The Mist Dragon was among the very few marvels with no internal danger, but even so, once entered, it was not easy to escape.

Lu Ye retrieved a segment of the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger from his storage ring, and with a gesture, a flame ignited in his palm. He brought the doppelganger segment closer. Strangely, the segment of the Reincarnation Tree immediately caught fire, like a torch.

The torchlight illuminated an area of three meters around them, driving away the mist within its range.

To exit from within the Mist Dragon, one must rely on the power of the Reincarnation Tree's doppelganger. Only then could they avoid getting lost. Without the torch's light covering them, they would continually wander in the mist.

"Stay close to me!" Lu Ye called out.

Lih Shang followed closely behind Lu Ye, who didn't know which direction to head but chose a random direction to move forward, figuring that as long as they didn't get lost, they would eventually find their way out no matter which direction they chose.

After walking for about half a day, they were still surrounded by mist. Stellar space marvels are generally immense and not easy to exit.

However, according to the markings of the Reincarnation Tree on the star map, the size of the Mist Dragon was relatively small among stellar space marvels. Barring unforeseen circumstances, they should be able to exit within ten days to half a month.

After another half-day, Lu Ye suddenly stopped, looking ahead with a serious expression.

Noting the unusualness, Lih Shang glanced past him, and her eyes narrowed.

There sat a figure ahead, seemingly a member of the human race, but devoid of any vitality—dead for who knows how long.

There were no wounds on his entire body, but his face was incredibly aged, indicating he did not die from wounds but was trapped here and died of old age...

Lu Ye and Lih Shang both felt a chill creeping up their spines. Though they knew the ominous nature of the Mist Dragon, and that anyone who ventured in would struggle to escape, it was still unsettling to see someone trapped here until their death.

If not for the star map guidance given by the Reincarnation Tree, Lu Ye would never have entered such a place.

He moved forward slowly, and upon reaching the corpse, he investigated for a moment. Lu Ye's expression turned graver: "This is a Moon Jade!"

"How can you tell?" Lih Shang asked in confusion.

Lu Ye touched the clothing on the other person: "This is a magic-treasure class Vestment robe!" However, due to the ravages of time and the corrosive nature of the mist within the Mist Dragon, this Vestment robe had lost its effectiveness. With a slight exertion of force, it fell apart.

He then looked at the two storage rings on the person's hand, took them off, and sensed them briefly. There was a restriction lock inside the rings. Lu Ye put them away, bowed to the corpse, and murmured some words.

Lih Shang listened carefully and heard Lu Ye muttering something like "taking your treasure ring, burying your body."

Lu Ye then collected the corpse in front of him, intending to find a suitable place to bury it after leaving the Mist Dragon.

They continued forward...

Throughout the ages, many living beings had entered the Mist Dragon, but most met dire fates. Besides a lucky few who managed to escape, the rest were trapped here until they died of old age.

Even before they exited the range of the Mist Dragon, Lu Ye had already collected five differently postured corpses. Some sat cross-legged like the first human Moon Jade, dying quietly, while others fought desperately before their deaths to no avail.

Several days later, a sudden scream from Lih Shang startled Lu Ye.

Turning his head, he saw Lih Shang's face twisted in agony, as if she was enduring tremendous torment. Her form flickered, and she seemed to be battling against something with her power.

"What's wrong?" Lu Ye hurriedly asked, unable to detect any dangerous aura in the area and confused as to why Lih Shang was under attack.

Lih Shang's expression was utterly terror-stricken: "Soul-Devouring Aphid, there's a Soul-Devouring Aphid here!"

Lu Ye frowned.

He had no idea what kind of creature a Soul-Devouring Aphid was, but seeing Lih Shang so panicked implied it was nothing good, likely something attacking the psyche.

He quickly spread his Mental Consciousness to sense around but found nothing. Puzzled, he asked, "Where is it?"

"It has already invaded my body!" Lih Shang's demeanor turned hopeless. If the Soul Race feared anything most, then the Soul-Devouring Aphid would definitely rank among the top three across the stellar space. This thing was practically a nemesis for the Soul Race. Once, an appearance on their homeland nearly wiped them out, with their strong sacrificing many lives to seal it away in the end.

Lu Ye quickly focused and scrutinized Lih Shang, constructing Insight Spirit Runes in his eyes. Initially, he noticed nothing unusual, but soon he detected something.

Within Lih Shang, there were tiny insects, so small as to be barely visible, frantically gnawing at her soul body, causing Lih Shang extreme pain yet powerless to expel them.

"Enter my Divine Sea!" Lu Ye shouted immediately.

"I can't!" Lih Shang shook her head desperately, her long hair swinging, "Soul-Devouring Aphids are the bane of the psyche. Even if you were a Sun Blaze, entering your Divine Sea would mean certain death! Li Taibai, help me with one favor—if you ever meet other Soul Races in the future..."

"Stop the nonsense, enter my Divine Sea quickly, I have a way to handle them!"

Upon hearing this, Lih Shang froze momentarily, then, trusting him, joyfully leaped into Lu Ye's Divine Sea.

On the serene sea surface, Lih Shang's figure appeared, and Lu Ye also promptly manifested his psyche spirit body.

Oddly, as Lih Shang entered Lu Ye's Divine Sea, the Soul-Devouring Aphids that had already invaded her began to withdraw of their own volition. A clump of black mist, about the size of a baby's fist, visibly floated out from Lih Shang's body—a consolidation of Soul-Devouring Aphids.

Even as they were, they were hard to discern with the naked eye. Individually tiny, collectively they were easier to observe.

These Soul-Devouring Aphids were like cats catching a whiff of fish, quickly swarming into Lu Ye's Divine Sea, leaving Lih Shang stunned.

This occurrence undoubtedly pointed to one thing: Lu Ye's Divine Soul Power was purer and stronger, making him more alluring to the Soul-Devouring Aphids.

Lih Shang was shocked, knowing that as a member of the Soul Race, she should not lag in Divine Soul Power against any race of equivalent rank. Yet the Aphids' reactions indicated Lu Ye far surpassed her in this aspect, or there wouldn't be such a change.

But immediately, Lih Shang became terrified, shouting at Lu Ye, "Don't let them enter the soul sea!"

Chapter 1530 - The Source

Lih Shang didn't know what means Lu Ye had to deal with the Soul-Devouring Aphids, but once these bizarre insects entered the soul sea, they will rapidly reproduce. What awaited Lu Ye was certainly the exhaustion of the divine sea and complete loss of soul power.

The Soul-Devouring Aphids that invaded her body just moments ago were not actually that numerous, yet in a fleeting moment, they had already multiplied into a small mass, showcasing their eerie nature.

Lu Ye acted as if he hadn't heard, simply staring at the cluster of Soul-Devouring Aphids that had rushed into his soul sea.

He had initially been considering how best to solve Lih Shang's problem safely and effectively, but unexpectedly these little bugs ran out by themselves, saving him a lot of effort.

Once the Soul-Devouring Aphids entered the soul sea, Lu Ye immediately felt a piercing pain, the sensation of his psyche being torn apart. Under his perception, he could clearly detect the Soul-Devouring Aphids frantically gnawing at the power within his divine sea, splitting and reproducing rapidly into more individuals.

In just a brief moment, the number of Soul-Devouring Aphids had doubled.

This thing... it's truly mysterious.

Lu Ye had wanted to observe more, but the pain from his psyche was truly unbearable, forcing him to activate the power of the Talent Tree.

Instantly, a peculiar flame emerged within the divine sea, encompassing all the Aphids, and under the flame's shroud, each Soul-Devouring Aphid was completely turned to ashes, obliterated.

Filled with anxiety yet unsure of what to do, Lih Shang couldn't help but be stupefied, staring at the mysterious flame. She could vaguely sense the enormous threat the flame posed to her...

Thinking back to how she had once challenged Lu Ye to a soul battle, hoping he'd release her, Lih Shang felt a chill. Luckily, Lu Ye had never harbored any intent to kill her, otherwise, she would've long met the same fate as the Aphids when the flame came forth.

"Are you alright?" Lih Shang asked worriedly.

"I'm fine." Lu Ye shook his head.

The psyche was slightly damaged, but he'd recover by refining one psyche refinement herb later.

"Li Taibai, can I stay here?" Lih Shang asked shyly, though she was not timid and had a firm will, but the Soul-Devouring Aphids were indeed the nemesis of the Soul Race. With the Aphids in the Mist Dragon, she dared not wander outside carelessly.

Previously, the Aphids only attacked her and didn't disturb Lu Ye, attracted by her soul body.

Lu Ye sensed her fear, secretly amused, but replied, "Of course you can."

He stepped out of the divine sea, holding a torch to continue onward, feeling quite puzzled.

The star map given by the Reincarnation Tree clearly marked no peculiar dangers within the Mist Dragon; the sole threat was the dragon itself, so how could there be Soul-Devouring Aphids?

But upon reconsideration, the Reincarnation Tree's knowledge of this place might not be timely. Perhaps it's from years ago, and Aphids invaded here and became trapped; it wouldn't be too strange.

Earlier, he had Lih Shang as a companion, but now, with her hiding in his divine sea, he felt rather alone.

After another brief walk, under the torchlight, another corpse appeared within the illuminated area. Lu Ye was not surprised, but he was momentarily taken aback upon glancing at the corpse.

Because this corpse was too small.

It looked like a little girl about five or six years old...

Lu Ye knew this couldn't really be a child; normal children wouldn't appear in such a place.

Upon closer inspection, he noticed the child was exquisitely crafted, chubby all over, her wrists like lotus roots adorned with a jade bangle.

While scrutinizing, Lu Ye suddenly noticed a plume of black mist emanating from the child's body, rushing straight toward him.

The black mist seemed very familiar to him; instinctively, Lu Ye activated his spirit force to protect himself, but the mist ignored his defensive spirit force and directly entered his body, vanishing.

In the next moment, a scream from Lih Shang echoed within the divine sea: "Li Taibai, there are more Soul-Devouring Aphids!"

Lu Ye immediately manifested his psyche spirit body, indeed seeing a mass of black mist formed by Aphids within his divine sea. Without delay, he activated the Talent Tree's power, burning the little pests clean away.

Lih Shang was horrified: "How could there be more Aphids?"

She thought she'd be safe here, yet was scared again, her face pale.

"I think I've found the source," Lu Ye stated, his mind alert as he looked up at the plump corpse. It was probably the origin of the Aphids.

The little girl must have encountered an Aphids attack, accidentally entered the Mist Dragon, and became trapped here. The girl died, but the Aphids survived.

That explains why this place has Aphids; they were from outside.

Lu Ye gazed at the little girl's corpse and sighed lightly. Regardless of her true identity, she looked like a child and died in such a location; it's truly pitiful.

He reached to grab her arm, intending to collect her alongside the previous corpses, to bury properly later.

But upon touching, Lu Ye felt something was amiss; squeezing the tender, lotus root-like arm, he found it still had elasticity, despite being cold, not like a typical corpse.

He paused slightly, carefully feeling, and his face showed surprise the next moment.

This little girl... is actually still alive! But her life force has weakened to the extreme, like a candle in the wind and rain, ready to extinguish at any moment.

Lu Ye couldn't help but hesitate...

If she were just a corpse, there wouldn't be much to say, just collect the body and find a place to bury it. But she still had a hint of life.

Leaving her to die felt wrong to him. Yet if he tried to save her without knowing her true nature, and she turned out to be a villain with strong powers, it could be disastrous.

After a long pause, Lu Ye gritted his teeth. He couldn't overcome his conscience if he left her be like this. He decided to try saving her first and see if she could be revived.

Taking a step back, even if she were truly malicious, he had saved her life. Anyone with a shred of conscience shouldn't kill him.

With this thought in mind, Lu Ye quickly took out an elixir pill, placed it in the girl's mouth, and activated his spirit force to help her swallow and refine it.

Pill after pill was swallowed, and Lu Ye could clearly feel her life force slowly getting stronger, her body no longer felt as icy cold as before.

Yet she showed no sign of waking up, likely due to having been injured for too long, and her physical functions were difficult to restore.

Lu Ye was particularly concerned that while he was working on her, a black mist of Soul-Devouring Aphids emerged from the girl occasionally, entering his Divine Sea, where it was quickly burned away by the power of his Talent Tree.

After some time, Lu Ye confirmed that the girl's body was mostly fine but still showed no signs of awakening.

Linking this to the Soul-Devouring Aphids, Lu Ye had a hypothesis and moved his Divine Soul Power, invading her Divine Sea.

If she were in a normal state, Lu Ye wouldn't have been able to do this, yet the girl had been unconscious for who knows how long, tortured by the aphids, her soul defenses shattered, allowing Lu Ye easy entry.

Glancing around, Lu Ye was shocked—this wasn't a Divine Sea; it was a nest of insects!

The entire Divine Sea was dried up, without a trace of Psyche Force leftover. Every sight was filled with a swarm of Soul-Devouring Aphids, a vast expanse of black!

The aphids that had previously bothered Lu Ye had evidently flown out from here.

Sensing the aura of Lu Ye's psyche spirit body, the aphids flocked towards him, enveloping him tightly in an instant.

Mysterious flames suddenly ignited, sweeping in all directions, large numbers of aphids disintegrated into nothingness, the flames continued to spread, more aphids burned up.

After a while, Lu Ye withdrew the power of the Talent Tree, and there was no sign of aphids left in his vision.

Except at the center of the dry Divine Sea, there stood a white cocoon.

Lu Ye flew forward, checked carefully, and discovered a trace of Psyche Force emanating from within the cocoon; through its haziness, he could vaguely see a small figure curled inside.

If he wasn't mistaken, this cocoon should house the girl's psyche spirit body.

Whether this cocoon was a Soul Device or a Psyche Secret Technique, either way, it was remarkable to persist amidst endless aphids' encirclement.

Lightly knocking on the cocoon, the silhouette within didn't react, leaving Lu Ye helpless to withdraw for now.

The voice of Lih Shang came to his mind: "Li Taibai, what's the situation now?"

Lu Ye briefly recounted his earlier experiences, and Lih Shang finally emerged from his Divine Sea, standing with a stunned look at the seemingly sleeping small figure before them.

"Do you know her cultivation level?"

Lu Ye shook his head, "I'm not sure."

Though her physique didn't seem strong, possibly not reaching Constellation, anyone surviving in stellar space had to be one, so what could her dried Divine Sea reveal about her cultivation?

"What now?" Lih Shang asked.

Lu Ye really wanted to know what to do next. He thought he was collecting a corpse, only to discover it was a living person and didn't know her cultivation level or character, which was troubling.

Her physical vitality had gradually been restored, and the Soul-Devouring Aphids in the Divine Sea had all been eliminated; her survival was assured.

Yet her psyche sustained serious injury, and it was unknown when she might recover.

After hesitating for some time, Lu Ye said, "Let's take her along."

Having saved her, he couldn't just abandon her; might as well save her completely, perhaps forming a good bond.

Lih Shang nodded, stepped forward, and picked up the small figure, while Lu Ye held up the torch to continue onward, Lih Shang following closely.

They traveled for several days more, suddenly the fog cleared, and boundless starlight struck their view.

Lu Ye rejoiced.

Finally made it out!