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Chapter 1531 - Three Million Spirit Jade

After flying forward for some distance, he turned around to look back, and indeed saw a vast area of mist shrouding the starry sky. The shape the mist had gathered into was a gigantic dragon, with claws bared, vividly lifelike.

Lu Ye was currently positioned right at the dragon's belly!

Secretly relieved that he chose the right direction, because the dragon's belly was the weakest position; had he chosen another direction and come out from the dragon's mouth, it would have taken a much longer time.

He summoned his starboat again and prepared to take out some spirit jade from the storage ring to place into the starboat, so he could save his own spirit force while traveling.

But his movement suddenly halted, and his expression turned to one of bewilderment.

He discovered that the spirit jade he had placed in the storage ring had unexpectedly disappeared!

Before leaving All Phenomena Ocean, he borrowed fifty million spirit jade from the merfolk, and Chu Shen gave him another ten million, totaling around sixty million.

However, after purchasing a large number of Silver Fish starboats and Tiger Shark battleships, he spent most of it at once; later, Lu Ye bought many other items too, leaving him with around ten million spirit jade, which he kept for emergencies.

He did not place all these spirit jade in one storage ring; most were stored in his rune tattoo space. Even so, there were about three hundred thousand spirit jade in the storage ring.

Along the way, Lu Ye consumed spirit jade, but the amount was minimal. When he checked last time, those spirit jade were clearly still there, but now they had all simply vanished.

Thinking he might have remembered the location incorrectly, he checked his other storage ring, but similarly found no trace of spirit jade.

Three hundred thousand spirit jade disappearing without explanation... This incident is indeed quite eerie.

It can't be said they were stolen, as recently it's been only Lih Shang accompanying him, and Lih Shang would never do such a thing. Besides, how can something in a storage ring be stolen?

He furrowed his brow deeply and sent his Mental Consciousness into the storage ring where the spirit jade were originally placed to look for clues.

Upon closer inspection, he indeed found something peculiar.

His heart stirred, and he took the item out.

Lih Shang glanced over and was instantly surprised: "How did it change form?"

Lu Ye solemnly held a Copper Coin, which he had obtained from the armadillo beast not long ago. But at this moment, it could hardly be called a Copper Coin, a Silver Coin seemed more fitting.

Because this thing had turned silver, though its shape hadn't changed much.

Lu Ye had no idea why it had changed form, only vaguely felt that this transformation was highly related to his three hundred thousand spirit jade. After he first obtained this Copper Coin, he couldn't discern anything from inspecting it, and so he casually threw it into the storage ring. That storage ring was precisely the one where he placed the three hundred thousand spirit jade.

Further shocking Lu Ye was that, under his silent perception, he could feel an immensely terrifying yet contained power from the Silver Coin.

The level of horror in that power was far beyond his current capability to reach!

This Copper Coin was found within the armadillo beast, and at that time, Lu Ye felt that the beast could activate an eerie copper light, which was released by the power of this Copper Coin. But infusing spirit force into it showed no reaction, so he and Lih Shang speculated this item might be an exotic treasure that could only be used once.

But now it seemed this wasn't the case.

This thing was not an exotic treasure but a truly magnificent artifact; however, it seemed that activating it required a special cost...

Lu Ye could sense that he could indeed trigger its power, but if his speculation was correct, the cost would be quite significant.

Thinking it over, Lu Ye retrieved a piece of spirit jade from his rune tattoo space and placed it atop the Silver Coin.

A scene that astonished Lu Ye and Lih Shang unfolded.

They saw silver light flowing from the Silver Coin, wrapping around the spirit jade, and then the intact piece of spirit jade transformed into light, completely devoured by the Silver Coin!

Lih Shang was taken aback, "What is this situation?"

Lu Ye shook his head, "I don't know!" The one thing he was certain of was that this Copper Coin was undoubtedly an extraordinary treasure!

The three hundred thousand spirit jade all vanished by being consumed in this way by the Copper Coin! But if things truly were as Lu Ye hypothesized, then while the cost of three hundred thousand spirit jade was steep... it was definitely worth it!

The armadillo beast had initially released a copper light, which under its suppressive shroud felt as pressing as carrying Boulder Mountain for Lu Ye at the Constellation Late Stage. If he hadn't utilized the pre-set Formation, the situation would have been quite awkward.

Yet now the Copper Coin had turned into a Silver Coin, if activated, the emitted light was likely silver, far surpassing the power of the Copper Coin.

Lu Ye felt tempted to test the power of this Silver Coin, but when considering the cost of three hundred thousand spirit jade, he had to refrain. Even with his wealth, such an attempt would be somewhat burdensome.

Three hundred thousand spirit jade transformed a Copper Coin into a Silver Coin, so what about three million spirit jade, or even thirty million?

Lu Ye was full of thoughts, but he truly lacked the capability to attempt verification.

After collecting the terrifyingly powerful Silver Coin, Lu Ye activated the starboat and soared into the depths of the stellar space.

According to the star map provided by the Reincarnation Tree, he should have entered a desolate area by now.

In the stellar space, there are many star systems, but the territories between star systems are not tightly connected, so similar desolate areas are numerous in stellar space. Such areas are generally fraught with perils and do not belong to any star system.

Some desolate areas are domains occupied by powerful star beasts, some are where stellar marvels are located, and others hide various undetectable dangers.

Of course, some desolate areas are simply too barren, lacking even a respectable domain that nurtures vitality.

The greatest danger in this desolate area is the presence of several stellar marvels, with the Mist Dragon being just one, and also the least dangerous.

The starboat sailed forward, and Lu Ye constantly checked the star map in his hand to ensure he wouldn't deviate from his course. After half a month of travel, a peculiar scene suddenly appeared ahead.

In the vast expanse of stellar space ahead, there seemed to be a huge mirror standing, reflecting the scenery in all directions. However, the mirror looked as if it had been shattered, with crisscrossing cracks throughout, appearing extremely horrifying.

But Lu Ye was delighted because seeing this thing meant his course was correct.

Stellar marvel, Cracked Sky Mirror!

The crisscrossing cracks on the mirror surface were not cracks at all, but rather space fissures. Anyone who ventured into them would face a dire fate.

Lu Ye stood on the starboat, gazing at the Cracked Sky Mirror. Even from afar, he could still sense the extremely mysterious power fluctuations emanating from within.

If he were powerful enough, he could attempt to enter and comprehend the mysteries within. If he could survive, his understanding of Void Spirit Runes would undeniably improve by several levels.

Because the Void Spirit Runes correspond to this mystical space power, which he deeply felt when he and Tang Jun fell into the Insect Path.

Unfortunately, his current strength was too weak, and he didn't dare to rashly intrude upon such a terrifying stellar marvel.

He piloted the starboat to change direction and prepared to bypass the Cracked Sky Mirror. The greatest danger of this stellar marvel was not the visible space fissures, but the invisible ones. Influenced by this marvel, the surrounding billions of miles of stellar space were unsafe. No one knew when they might

suddenly encounter a completely undetectable space fissure, and if one were unfortunate enough to encounter one without a strong enough body, they would perish in an instant.

The Cracked Sky Mirror was enormous. Even at the speed of Lu Ye's starboat, it took a full month to barely bypass its area of influence. During this time, he didn't see a single creature, not even a low-intelligence star beast knew to stay away from this terrifying place.

Having bypassed the Cracked Sky Mirror, Lu Ye spent a few more days before adjusting his course and continuing onward.

At a certain moment, he suddenly turned to look in a direction and saw a beam of light sweeping across from afar, appearing in a great hurry.

It was undoubtedly a cultivator, and judging from the spirit force fluctuations, it was a cultivator at the Constellation Late Stage. It was unclear which star system they hailed from.

Finally encountering a living person, even though the other party had no intention of greeting him, Lu Ye finally felt a touch of vitality in this cold stellar space.

Although dangerous, such desolate areas are not entirely untraveled, because the quantity of spirit jade these places nurture is ample. Compared to competing within one's home star system, seeking here undoubtedly yields greater rewards.

However, those daring to venture into such places are generally audaciously skilled individuals.

Lu Ye realized that he underestimated the courage of cultivators from the nearby star systems because ever since bypassing the Cracked Sky Mirror, he frequently encountered cultivators hurrying past, some alone, others in small groups.

But after some days, he vaguely felt that something was amiss because the bustling activity in this desolate land exceeded his expectations.

The star systems bordering this vast desolate expanse were four in total: Tranquil Moon Galaxy, Indeterminate Galaxy, Beixuan Galaxy, and Daluo Galaxy, all marked on the star map.

The cultivators coming and going didn't seem to be just searching for spirit jade; instead, they seemed to be looking for something else. What surprised Lu Ye even more was that more than eighty percent of these cultivators were combat cultivators!

Because, without exception, they all carried their weapons with them.

This was truly peculiar. Lu Ye was used to having the Boulder Mountain Saber hanging at his waist, ready to draw it in case of an enemy encounter. However, many cultivators, including combat cultivators, would typically store their weapons in storage rings without affecting their combat readiness.

Especially since some combat cultivators' weapons were extremely large and inconvenient to carry.

Yet the combat cultivators he recently encountered displayed their weapons openly, often activating the powers of their weapons as they flew by.

Moreover, few cultivators used starboats for flying; they crossed the void with just their bodies!

Lu Ye vaguely felt that something significant might be occurring in this area, though he was merely passing through and didn't care much.

Unexpectedly, one day a cultivator, upon discovering him, directly flew toward him, sending a beam of light from afar.

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The cultivator's origins were unknown to Lu Ye, and he naturally didn't recognize the person. The light cast toward him wasn't dangerous; it was just a jade slip.

Lu Ye reached out to grab it, just as he was about to ask what was going on, the person flew away without saying a word, leaving no opportunity for Lu Ye to communicate.

He furrowed his brows, his mental consciousness immersed in the jade slip to investigate. There was only one message inside.

In one month, at Planet Tengu, an artifact awaits those fated!

At the end of the message was a signature. Lu Ye glanced at it and discovered the signer was someone named Luo Shenzhi!

The name was peculiar, whether it was a title or a real name, he couldn't tell.

The message was simple, seemingly summoning him to a place in a month, and the location was outside Planet Tengu.

Lu Ye wasn't a cultivator from the nearby star systems, so he had no idea where Planet Tengu was, and he didn't plan to involve himself in the local matters; getting home was more urgent.

He had only completed about twenty percent of his journey so far and didn't have the time to involve himself in other affairs. The person who transmitted the information to him probably mistook him for a cultivator from the nearby star systems, but didn't know he had come from the All Phenomena Galaxy.

After storing away the jade slip, Lu Ye continued his leisurely journey forward, but within days, he noticed something interesting: many cultivators traveling nearby were heading in the same direction as him, and this time, all of these cultivators were piloting starboats, heading directly where they wanted, without traversing by body.

The little girl he had rescued from the Mist Dragon was still unconscious, continuously in a coma, and Lih Shang took care of her, sparing Lu Ye any worries.

On this day, Lu Ye noticed the signs of a skirmish in the distance.

Such skirmishes were not uncommon in this desolate place. Lu Ye had previously encountered a few disputes among cultivators, fighting intensely, bustling, although the scenes were small, essentially one-on-one duels.

After all, cultivators from four star systems converged here, making peaceful coexistence unlikely.

This time seemed different. Lu Ye utilized ocular power to look ahead and saw an intense battle unfolding, where two cultivators were besieged by a group of star beasts.

No idea what the two cultivators did to land in such bad luck. Judging by their spirit force fluctuations, one was at the Constellation Late Stage, and the other at the Constellation Early Stage, with a corpse nearby, lying dead beyond any hope, looking miserable.

Five or six hyena-like star beasts besieged them, clearly star beasts, yet attacking with a semblance of order, making the two cultivators' situation increasingly dire.

Lu Ye watched from afar, suddenly raising his brow, eyes fixed on the Constellation Early Stage, revealing a surprised expression, because he realized he... knew this person.

Even if it were someone he didn't know facing such a situation, Lu Ye wouldn't mind lending a helping hand to form a good relationship, let alone someone he knew.

As he piloted the spirit ark forward with increased speed, he saw the Constellation Late Stage suddenly cast a Spirit Talisman. As its power erupted, he repelled the hyena star beasts for a moment, leaping out of the battle circle, rapidly fleeing into the distance.

He blatantly abandoned his Early Stage companion.

The situation was already bleak; with the departure of the Late Stage companion, survival seemed impossible. Hyena beasts surrounded from all directions, opening bloodthirsty mouths to end the cultivator's life.

At that moment, a silver light slammed into them, directly knocking away a star beast lunging near the cultivator. The immense impact not only caused severe trembling to the starboat, but split the star beast in two, blood spattering.

The silver light grazed past the Early Stage cultivator's body, charging forward without losing momentum. From within the silver light, a figure leapt out, the faint sound of saber songs resounding, soon followed by a sky full of saber lights flickering.

The Constellation Early Stage hadn't realized what was happening, just knowing a large hand grabbed his shoulder, and under its guidance, he narrowly evaded star beast bites multiple times. Once, a hyena's fangs were just an inch away from his neck, shocking him into a cold sweat.

By the time he pulled himself together, those seemingly invincible hyena star beasts were all dead.

His face filled with shock, completely unprepared for his survival, he finally realized someone saved him at a critical moment. He turned his head to look, only to see a somewhat familiar face smiling at him.

The cultivator was slightly stunned, clearly not expecting to encounter Lu Ye here, then exclaimed with joy: "Brother Lu?"

"Long time no see, Brother Duu Lang!" Lu Ye smiled at him, the Boulder Mountain Saber slowly returning to its sheath.

The person before him was notably Duu Lang, whom he met in the Taichu Realm.

Back during the Divine Sea struggle involving the Reincarnation Tree, he met several young cultivators from various domains inside, although hardly establishing deep exchanges, solely connecting with two: Duu Lang and Yuk Yaorao, whom he spent some time together.

The first fortune he made in the Taichu Realm was thanks to Duu Lang's generosity, who at the time gave him some jade-eating ants, enabling him to mine the Spirit Jade Vein unfortunately, over the years, Lu Ye hadn't tended to those jade-eating ants, and those little creatures starved to death long ago...

After parting from the Spirit Jade Vein, Lu Ye continued participating in the Divine Sea struggle, while Duu Lang withdrew early, knowing he wasn't strong enough to emerge victorious, he chose not to take the risk.

Lu Ye only knew Duu Lang hailed from a domain called Red Sky Continent, but wasn't clear which star system it belonged to, surprisingly encountering him here.

So, it could be said that Red Sky Continent was among the nearby four star systems.

In this vast stellar space, being able to meet again after parting is a kind of fate.

"You... how are you at the Constellation Late Stage?" Duu Lang could hardly believe his own eyes.

Back then, we were all only at the Divine Sea stage, even though Lu Ye won first place, it's only been a few years, and he's already cultivated to the Constellation Late Stage, leaving me far behind in cultivation.

Truly unbelievable.

"Just lucky, encountered some good opportunities."

Duu Lang naturally knew it wasn't just about luck, but he asked instinctively in shock and did not delve further after realizing it was inappropriate. He exclaimed, "Brother Lu indeed is remarkable. During the Divine Sea competition, I noticed Brother Lu was no ordinary person, and now it seems my judgment was correct."

"Who was that just now?" Lu Ye asked.

Duu Lang seemed to be accompanying him, yet at the moment of crisis, that person actually abandoned Duu Lang and ran off without even notifying him, really quite over the line.

"Ah, it's a long story!" Duu Lang sighed, turned his head to look at the corpse beside him, his expression gloomy, and bowed to the torn and tattered corpse before taking it up with reddened eyes.

It was apparent this deceased cultivator had some relation to Duu Lang, possibly senior brothers or something of the sort.

Seeing Lu Ye with no intention to handle those star beasts' bodies, Duu Lang asked, "Brother Lu, if you don't mind, can I take these corpses?"

"As you like!" Lu Ye nodded, the star beasts' bodies still hold some value, especially the Crystal Cores of the star beasts, but Lu Ye had seen times of great wealth and did not place much importance on these.

Duu Lang collected those few star beast bodies and boarded the starboat at Lu Ye's invitation.

The starboat is after all just for traveling, but fortunately, the one Lu Ye bought was of good quality, so even after a shocking collision, it wasn't damaged.

Seeing Lih Shang caring for the fainted little girl, Duu Lang bowed, "Greetings, Missus, Red Sky's Duu Lang, pays respect to Missus!"

It wasn't his fault to mistake, indeed the stance of the three looked so much like a family of three, that Duu Lang couldn't help but murmur in his heart while paying respect, it's been a few years, and Brother Lu's child is so big already, truly impressive!

Lih Shang blushed slightly at the words, but did not explain, only glanced at Lu Ye.

Lu Ye quickly said, "Brother Duu Lang misunderstood, this is Fellow Daoist Lih Shang."

Duu Lang was embarrassed, bowed again, "Fellow Daoist Lih Shang, please forgive, it was Duu Lang's blunder."

Lih Shang still kept silent, clearly not meaning to blame Duu Lang.

"Which way are you going?" Lu Ye asked, although eager to go home, it was rare to meet a familiar person here, escorting Duu Lang a bit was no problem.

Duu Lang's reaction was a bit odd, "Brother Lu, aren't you going to seize the treasure?"

"What treasure?" Lu Ye was confused but quickly remembered the jade slip from Luo Shenzhi he got a few days ago, which mentioned the treasure being obtained by the fated ones, guessing that the treasure Duu Lang spoke of should be the same as what the jade slip mentioned.

"Brother Lu doesn't know?" Duu Lang was surprised, frowned, and said, "Brother Lu appeared here, I thought you came to seize the treasure, which Star System are you from?"

"I'm from the Jade Conch Galaxy, not from this nearby galaxy."

"Jade Conch..." Duu Lang thought for a moment and then shook his head, "Never heard of it." After all, he was just at the Constellation Early Stage, and hadn't been in the Constellation for long, how would he know of Jade Conch.

But why would Lu Ye appear here if he is from the Jade Conch Galaxy? Duu Lang truly couldn't understand.

"Brother Duu Lang, which galaxy are you from?" Lu Ye asked.

Duu Lang replied, "Our Red Sky Continent is located in the Indeterminate Galaxy!"

Lu Ye raised his eyebrows, this was really fortunate, he needed to traverse the entire Indeterminate Galaxy, the star map given by the Reincarnation Tree showed that to return from the All Phenomena Ocean to the Nine Provinces, he needed to pass through two Galaxies, one is Changyun, the other is Indeterminate.

This way, escorting Duu Lang back is a matter of being on the way.

He had been worried about crossing the Indeterminate Galaxy as an outsider and potentially causing trouble, as the cultivators there most likely would have means to identify each other's identity, and if someone mistook him for a miscreant, it'd be hard to explain.

If he were alone passing through Indeterminate Galaxy, being cautious would be fine, but ultimately he plans to bring Nine Provinces people over, which is a whole fleet, massive in scale, bound to cause misunderstandings.

If he could through Duu Lang communicate in advance with the powerful individuals of the Indeterminate Galaxy, it could save these unnecessary troubles.

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Lu Ye was actually somewhat confident about this matter. He didn't intend to hide anything from the strong individuals of the Indeterminate Star System; as long as he could meet them and explain the situation of All Phenomena Ocean, he believed they would be happy to get involved.

No one could refuse the allure of All Phenomena Ocean, which is almost the center of this entire stellar space. Who wouldn't want to connect with such a place?

However, if this happens, he would have to bring people from Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch World along the way from Nine Provinces, and upon reaching here, also bring along people from the Indeterminate Star System. The fleet would naturally be enormous.

Entering the Changyun Galaxy afterward, it is uncertain whether this would provoke hostility from the locals...

He could only take one step at a time, as he couldn't predict what would happen years later; when one reaches the mountain, one will find a way.

Collecting his thoughts, Lu Ye asked, "Brother Duu Lang, what is the status of the Red Sky Continent in the Indeterminate Star System? Does your domain have any Sun Blaze strong individuals?"

If Red Sky has Sun Blaze, then things would be much easier.

Duu Lang shook his head with a bitter smile: "If Red Sky had Sun Blaze, we wouldn't have fallen into such a dire situation today."

"How so?" Lu Ye frowned, noticing that Duu Lang's life didn't seem to be going well.

Duu Lang sighed: "Brother Lu, do you remember I once talked to you about the issues of our home world?"

Lu Ye then recalled that back when he mined with Duu Lang, Duu Lang indeed mentioned the problems of the Red Sky Continent, whose foundation was dwindling, causing the domain to weaken. So, within the Taichu Realm, he had no other pursuits but merely wanted to mine some spirit jade and return, hoping to delay the decline of Red Sky.

Within stellar space, the number of domains is too numerous to count; some grow robust like newborns, while others are aging, their days numbered.

Nine Provinces is a domain growing vigorously, whereas the Red Sky Continent is the complete opposite.

The weakening of a domain's foundation brings about many issues, impacting the group of cultivators the most. Within a domain, the maximum level of cultivation a cultivator can achieve is directly associated with the strength of the domain's foundation.

Once, the Red Sky Continent was a powerful entity; though not at the tier of top domains, it was still one of the strongest among the domains in the Indeterminate Star System, often having three to five Sun Blaze individuals overseeing it.

But as the foundation weakened, Sun Blaze strong individuals aged and passed away, and the cultivation of Red Sky cultivators gradually suffered.

Especially within the recent millennium, the decline of Red Sky's foundation has been severe, leading to the point where the domain can no longer generate spirit light, which prevents the Divine Sea from advancing to Constellation.

If this continues, the level of Red Sky will further decline, gradually changing, so the highest achievements of cultivators within the domain will continuously be suppressed until the domain lacks nature's spiritual energy and becomes unsuitable for cultivation.

Of course, such weakening would last many years, and the lives of ordinary people wouldn't experience significant direct impacts.

Currently, Red Sky has no Sun Blaze, a few Moon Jade, and it's difficult for new Constellations to arise. This is practically an apocalypse for the entire Red Sky cultivation world.

To seek a way forward, Red Sky can only depend on the strongest domain in the home galaxy, which is the Indeterminate World, in exchange for a few cultivators to qualify for advancement to Constellation.

Since the home domain can no longer enable cultivators to advance from Divine Sea to Constellation, they can only send those with potential to the Indeterminate World for nurturing.

But such quotas are ultimately few. Each year, Red Sky can only send three individuals to the Indeterminate World. Whether these three can successfully advance to Constellation is uncertain; sometimes, luck is good and one or two advance; other times, luck is bad, and none do.

And for this matter, Red Sky has paid a significant price, to the extent that currently, the cultivators of the Red Sky Continent live under the roof of the Indeterminate, acting according to others' whims.

Duu Lang and a senior brother from the home domain came here once, one for seeking spirit jade for cultivation, the other for an opportunity; but here encountered a Constellation Late Stage Indeterminate cultivator named Xu Dingyang, the one who abandoned him and fled alone.

The two brothers of Duu Lang were forcibly enlisted by Xu Dingyang... They had no choice but to follow him and act together.

The result was encountering this group of star beasts, fighting fiercely to no avail, Duu Lang's senior brother was killed on the spot, and Xu Dingyang fled. If Lu Ye hadn't intervened, Duu Lang would have long died.

After listening, Lu Ye couldn't help but sigh: "I see this place is a mixed bag of individuals from the four galaxies, coexisting together. If you seek spirit jade, there's no need to come here."

Duu Lang replied: "We don't want to come here either; it's just the home domain is failing, nearby stellar spaces are filled with figures of other domain cultivators, and finding spirit jade is extremely difficult. We can only try our luck here."

Generally speaking, the nearby space of a domain is where its cultivators search for spirit jade; other domain cultivators wouldn't easily intrude, or it would be a provocation.

But now, the power of the Red Sky Continent is too weak and relies on others; cultivators of the domains in the Indeterminate Star System have ceased caring about the feelings of Red Sky cultivators. Even if spirit jade is nurtured near Red Sky, it's all harvested by other domain cultivators.

Pushed by the circumstances, Duu Lang and his brother had no choice but to come here.

After thinking for a moment, Duu Lang said, "Moreover, we didn't come here just for the spirit jade. If we can get that opportunity, even if we can't keep it ourselves, offering it up later could significantly improve Red Sky's situation."

"What kind of opportunity is it exactly?" Lu Ye had heard Duu Lang mention it several times, and even if he wasn't particularly interested, he was intrigued.

Yet Duu Lang shook his head, "Actually, I'm not sure what kind of opportunity it is. It's just that over a hundred years ago, words started spreading among the nearby star systems that there was a great opportunity in this desolate land. Since then, people have been exploring it."

Lu Ye chuckled, "You don't even know what kind of opportunity it is, yet you rushed over here. Aren't you afraid the information is wrong? And after all these years, even if there was such an opportunity, it's probably been seized long ago."

However, Duu Lang shook his head seriously, "The information isn't wrong. I've asked the elders of our domain and they said this matter is real, and that the opportunity is still there, not yet acquired by anyone."

Lu Ye was skeptical, "Duu Lang, think about it. If there truly is such a great opportunity, why haven't the Moon Jades and Sun Blazes taken action? The cultivators I've encountered recently are all Constellations, not a single Moon Jade or Sun Blaze in sight."

Duu Lang explained, "I'm not entirely sure of the specifics, but it seems that a hundred years ago, the Sun Blazes of the surrounding four star systems reached an agreement that except for Constellations, neither Moon Jades nor Sun Blazes are allowed into this area. The opportunity here is only for the Constellations of the four star systems to compete for, which is why you don't see any Moon Jades or Sun Blazes."

Lu Ye couldn't help but frown, feeling that this whole thing was somewhat unreliable.

Seeing this, Duu Lang said, "Brother Lu, you are also a combat cultivator. This opportunity is specifically for combat cultivators. Since you are here, why not give it a try? Given your cultivation, you might have a chance."

"An opportunity for combat cultivators?" Lu Ye was greatly surprised. Is there such a thing as faction-specific opportunities?

But then he thought about it again. Recently, most of the cultivators he had encountered were combat cultivators, which was indeed strange. Moreover, it wasn't just Duu Lang searching for this opportunity; cultivators from the four star systems were as well. If the opportunity was baseless, it wouldn't attract so many people.

This opportunity... might actually exist!

Duu Lang sighed, "Ultimately, Red Sky isn't strong enough. Others probably know what the opportunity truly is, but unfortunately us Red Sky cultivators do not. Otherwise, we could clear things up for Brother Lu."

Lu Ye thought for a moment and asked, "Who is Luo Shenzhi?"

Duu Lang replied, "He is a descendant of a Sun Blaze Overlord from the Daluo Galaxy and is considered the strongest in the Constellation Realm across these four star systems. Brother Lu, have you received a summons from Luo Shenzhi?"

Lu Ye nodded, "A few days ago, someone came over to deliver a message, asking me to go to some Planet Tengu."

"We received it too earlier. In fact, over the past century, the opportunity has appeared several times, but no one has been able to seize it. It seems like it has shown up again, on Planet Tengu. Luo Shenzhi probably discovered something but is unable to solve it, which is why he's gathering people. Brother Lu, if you're not in a hurry, you might as well go and have a look."

Seeing Lu Ye remain silent, Duu Lang said, "Planet Tengu is just ahead; it's not out of your way."

"On the way, huh?" Lu Ye was surprised, "Then let's go and have a look."

The earlier battle had left Duu Lang somewhat injured, so he spent the following time on the starboat healing.

Lih Shang's voice suddenly reached Lu Ye's ears, "Fellow Daoist, should I call you Li Taibai, or Lu Yiye?"

Previously, when solving the Blue Jade World problem with Lu Ye, a Blood Race Constellation had directly revealed Lu Ye's name. Although Lih Shang found it strange at the time, she didn't think much of it.

It wasn't until this time when she heard Duu Lang repeatedly calling "Brother Lu" that she realized there was something wrong with the name Li Taibai.

Lu Ye looked up at her, only to see her looking at him with a playful smile. Unbothered, he transmitted back, "A name is just a code, Fellow Daoist. You can call me whatever you like. But my real name is Lu Ye. People call me Lu Yiye, and I can't do anything about it. Li Taibai is just an alias."

He had also been called Ye Liu and Fa Wuzun before...

"Why do people call you Lu Yiye?" Lih Shang was puzzled.

Lu Ye said, "In my homeland, there's a little gadget for testing a cultivator's aptitude. It's said that leaf growth of sixty-four is the peak of aptitude. When I was tested, only one leaf grew, so some unethical fellow gave me the nickname Yiye, and it just spread."

Lih Shang was stunned for a while before suddenly covering her mouth and laughing, a look of absolute amusement on her face, "Sixty-four leaves is the best, and you got just one?"

This was the greatest joke in the world.

Although Lih Shang hadn't met many Foreign Clan cultivators, she was sure that no one in the Constellation Realm could match Lu Ye. After all, she had personally witnessed how Lu Ye navigated skillfully and decisively among the many Blood Race cultivators.

For someone like him to have only one leaf of aptitude, the little gadget that tests aptitude must have a big problem!

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Lih Shang smiled happily, but Lu Ye couldn't be bothered to pay her any attention. However, come to think of it, this was the first time he saw this woman smile after spending so much time with her.

The starboat continued forward, occasionally overtaking some cultivators who were also heading toward the destination. They appeared to be those summoned by Luo Shenzhi, preparing to head to Planet Tengu.

Lu Ye sensed the strength of the four galaxies, as even such a barren area had so many Constellations, let alone their home planet.

He did not know the exact location of Planet Tengu, but Duu Lang did. Following Duu Lang's guidance, they reached the location of Planet Tengu in just over ten days.

From a distance, it appeared to be a desolate planet, but its shape was quite distinctive, not the usual spherical form seen in stellar space. From certain angles, it resembled a giant dog lying horizontally in the stellar space.

It looked very much like those hyena star beasts that attacked Duu Lang earlier.

Lu Ye vaguely guessed that this was probably the origin of the name of Planet Tengu.

They did not approach Planet Tengu, as many cultivators were staying in the Void outside Planet Tengu. Various starboats gathered here, and there were no less than three hundred, which was quite a spectacle.

More cultivators were on their way here, as there were a few days left until the time Luo Shenzhi had mentioned. Although the cultivators here had assembled, there was no substantial action yet.

Lu Ye maneuvered the starboat to find a relatively spacious spot to dock and looked around.

In terms of starboat performance, his starboat should be considered quite good here. However, when purchasing the starboat earlier, Lu Ye had considered certain issues, so his starboat appeared very plain on the outside and did not reveal its quality, thus not attracting attention.

Lu Ye faintly felt a gaze directed at him, and he followed it to see a cultivator named Xu Dingyang.

The other was clearly surprised to see that Duu Lang was still alive, but only glanced briefly before withdrawing his gaze.

At this moment, few figures gathered around Xu Dingyang, seemingly all cultivators from the Indeterminate World. Xu Dingyang, being a descendant of Sun Blaze, should have a high status in the Indeterminate World.

"Which one is Luo Shenzhi?" Lu Ye asked.

Duu Lang pointed in a direction and said, "That's him!"

Following Duu Lang's direction, Lu Ye saw a young man dressed in luxurious clothing, extremely handsome, standing on the deck of a starboat, chatting and laughing with the surrounding cultivators, with a relaxed manner.

Reputed as the strongest Constellation in the four galaxies, Luo Shenzhi did not exude an overbearing aura; instead, he appeared gentle.

The starboat should be his, and the cultivators gathered around him had impressive cultivation levels, most of them at the Constellation Late Stage. However, Lu Ye could tell that, despite their laughter and chat with Luo Shenzhi, there was an inexplicable sense of caution in their expressions.

Perhaps feeling Lu Ye's gaze, Luo Shenzhi casually glanced over, his gaze pausing on Lu Ye for a moment, and he nodded slightly in acknowledgement.

Lu Ye also nodded, returning the gesture.

Unexpectedly, Luo Shenzhi flew directly from his starboat, landing near Lu Ye's starboat, smiling warmly: "Fellow Daoist, you seem unfamiliar. May I know which domain you are from?"

Lu Ye didn't bat an eye: "Red Sky!"

Luo Shenzhi shook his head gently: "No, there is no one like you in Red Sky."

Lu Ye replied coolly: "You are from the Daluo World, far away from my Red Sky. How can you be so familiar with every cultivator from Red Sky?"

As soon as he finished speaking, before Luo Shenzhi could react, a cultivator shouted: "Presumptuous! Whatever Young Master Luo asks, you answer straightforwardly. No need to say more than necessary."

The cultivator was among those who had been chatting with Luo Shenzhi earlier, evidently looking to curry favor with him.

Luo Shenzhi smiled gently: "Naturally, I cannot know every cultivator from Red Sky. I am only interested in strong ones, and I recognize most of the Constellation Realm powerhouses in the four galaxies, yet I have not met you, Fellow Daoist."

Lu Ye was puzzled. He was standing quietly here, not exerting his own aura, so why did Luo Shenzhi consider him a powerhouse? Continuing with casual fabrication, he said: "I have been in retreat for many years with rare outings."

Luo Shenzhi nodded: "That seems about right. Since Fellow Daoist has come, we will need your assistance later. This task will not be easy to solve."

After a brief conversation, Luo Shenzhi quickly departed again.

Yet, his previous words conveyed information that led many to secretly assess Lu Ye, as Luo Shenzhi was said to possess a pair of perceptive eyes and mysterious abilities. If he claimed Lu Ye was a powerhouse, it was likely accurate.

Unfortunately, those evaluating Lu Ye found nothing remarkable.

Time passed slowly, and more and more people arrived, piloting their starboats.

By the time the month-long period ended, the number of cultivators gathered here had exceeded a thousand. This showed the deep foundation of the four galaxies. Most of the cultivators were combat

cultivators like Lu Ye had encountered before, with a few from other sects who had come along to assist them.

Luo Shenzhi wasted no time and leapt into action, speaking slowly: "Fellow Daoists, you have all answered the call to come here for that opportunity. However, to seize that opportunity, there is a major challenge ahead." He pointed to Planet Tengu behind him and continued, "Everyone is surely aware of the situation on Planet Tengu—it's a nest of star beasts. Not only are there Constellation star beasts as numerous as cattle, but there are also two Moon Jade star beasts. To enter Planet Tengu, we must first unite and deal with those two Moon Jade star beasts."

If it weren't for those two Moon Jade star beasts, Luo Shenzhi wouldn't have gathered so many cultivators. When he first confirmed the opportunity was on Planet Tengu, he would have brought people to acquire it immediately.

But precisely because of the two Moon Jade star beasts, Luo Shenzhi had no choice but to gather forces to deal with them together.

Someone shouted, "We are all gathered here by Young Master Luo, so feel free to give your orders, and we will act accordingly!"

Many others immediately echoed loudly.

No one who came here is a fool; they naturally know that this situation indeed requires someone to lead. The summons were sent by Luo Shenzhi, who is reputed to be the strongest Constellation in these four galaxies. It's safe to say that only he is qualified to preside here—anyone else would struggle to gain the people's confidence.

Luo Shenzhi took it upon himself: "In that case, I will make a small effort. However, let me make this clear: before dealing with the two Moon Jade star beasts, if anyone retreats in the face of battle or seizes the chance to harm their enemies, then you will be opposing me, Luo Shenzhi. If this leads to failure, I will hunt you down, no matter the ends of the earth!"

The crowd once again echoed, expressing their absolute willingness to follow orders.

Luo Shenzhi immediately began allocating tasks. He seemed to have a deep understanding of the cultivators in the four galaxies. Even if he didn't know everyone, he was well aware of many in the Constellation Late Stage, calling them forward to assign them various tasks.

With so many people from different star systems gathered, dealing with the two Moon Jade star beasts wasn't difficult—after all, there's strength in numbers. However, Planet Tengu wasn't only home to two Moon Jade beasts; it was also teeming with many Constellation star beasts, requiring numerous forces to handle.

Luo Shenzhi organized everything methodically, demonstrating his exceptional ability and meticulous thinking.

Everyone went about their tasks as ordered.

Lu Ye, on the other hand, had not been assigned anything and was ready to enjoy some leisure when he saw Luo Shenzhi looking his way: "Fellow Daoist, when the time comes, please team up with me to slay the Moon Jade star beast!"

Hearing this, Lu Ye nodded slightly: "No problem!"

Seeing Lu Ye's calm demeanor, Luo Shenzhi became even more convinced of his strong prowess.

Once the arrangements were settled, the operation commenced, with a dozen teams heading towards Planet Tengu from different directions, each led by a Constellation Late Stage cultivator.

The environment of the desolate planet was extremely harsh, with clouds rolling below and sandstorms raging. The cultivators from the dozen or so teams entered Planet Tengu and soon disappeared from sight. Even with Lu Ye's full ocular power, he couldn't discern what was happening inside.

However, it wasn't long before those cultivators flew back out from different directions, with a swarm of star beasts in hot pursuit.

The star beasts looked like the hyena star beasts Lu Ye had encountered before, suggesting that this desolate planet was indeed their home nest.

Most of the teams were being chased by numerous Constellation star beasts. Despite the chaotic pursuit, they weren't in grave danger. These teams fled while retaliating, infuriating the star beasts and luring them into pre-arranged ambushes.

However, two of the teams found themselves in dire circumstances, as they were pursued by the two Moon Jade star beasts.

Judging by the aura alone, these were mid-stage Moon Jade star beasts, their bodies dozens of times larger than normal hyena star beasts, resembling ferocious giant beasts.

During the retreat, unlucky cultivators constantly fell victim, caught up by the Moon Jade star beasts and bitten down. No matter how they counterattacked, it was impossible to stop them, resulting in blood scattering across the sky.

The terrifying might of the Moon Jade star beasts made even seasoned Constellation cultivators' hair stand on end.

It truly was bad luck for those two teams of cultivators to be pursued by the Moon Jade star beasts...

Lu Ye stood beside Luo Shenzhi, looking calmly at a Moon Jade star beast approaching them.

Lih Shang hadn't come. She remained on the starboat taking care of an unconscious young girl, so she couldn't possess him for this battle.

However, Lu Ye didn't need to face the Moon Jade star beast alone, so he wasn't particularly worried.

If not for the presence of so many people, he would have liked to test the power of Silver Coin. Although it had absorbed three million spirit jades, some things remain unknown until tried.

Those ambushing the Moon Jade star beast were hiding within a concealed big array, which an array cultivator had set up earlier, so there was little risk of being discovered by the star beast. Additionally, star beasts generally have lower spiritual intelligence; otherwise, they wouldn't be so easily lured out.

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In an instant, the cultivators of one team led a Moon Jade star beast into the big array, each of them in a panic.

Originally, this team had ten or more people, but now only five are left alive. The others were all struck down by the Moon Jade star beast during their retreat, even those in the Constellation Late Stage struggled to withstand the beast's attacks, often ending up dead or maimed.

The power of the big array was instantly activated, and countless dazzling lights enveloped the Moon Jade star beast. Not only that, many cultivators hidden within the array also deployed various techniques, attacking the star beast.

Lu Ye was among them, slashing out crescent-shaped saber lights, displaying the standard expected of someone in the Constellation Late Stage.

The Moon Jade star beast clearly didn't expect to be ambushed by so many people and suffered some minor setbacks in the surprise attack, angrily growling, its massive body rampaging recklessly through the array.

In an instant, chaos ensued everywhere it went, wherever the star beast rampaged, cultivators in that area met with bad luck.

On the other side, the second Moon Jade star beast faced almost the same situation, both battlefields were ablaze, intensely fierce.

The cultivators dealing only with Constellation star beasts were relatively more relaxed. For one, Constellation star beasts had limited strength, and for another, there were many cultivators. Therefore, compared to the battlefields with Moon Jade star beasts, the battles involving Constellation star beasts were relatively stable, requiring steady and relentless attacks to openly resolve them.

The cultivators in the two Moon Jade star beast battlefields had it tough. Although star beasts generally had low spiritual intelligence, Moon Jade beasts were after all Moon Jade beasts, their strength and physique far exceeding those of Constellations. Even with the assistance of the pre-arranged big array, the scene was perilous, with some suffering injuries at unlucky moments and occasionally dying in battle.

Luo Shenzhi, worthy of being the strongest Constellation of the four galaxies, wielded a golden long spear with unparalleled power, his figure also extremely agile, often unexpectedly leaving wounds on the Moon Jade star beast.

Lu Ye watched silently, feeling that if Luo Shenzhi had participated in the Constellation Palace, he should have easily secured a place within the top hundred.

This guy indeed possessed considerable power.

Though Luo Shenzhi managed to wound the Moon Jade star beast, the difference in cultivation was too vast. He encountered the same issue Lu Ye had faced against Blood Hero; the Moon Jade star beast's physique was too strong, with those injuries having little effect, instead intensifying the beast's fury.

The situation was unfavorable to the cultivators, yet no one retreated. Opportunity lay ahead; only by overcoming these two Moon Jade star beasts could they seize it. This was the best opportunity in a century.

Lu Ye continued to calmly slash out saber lights, exhibiting considerable power, though the effectiveness was uncertain. It wasn't that he feared for his life, but in such an environment where he fought alone without the conveniences of others, he naturally needed to be more cautious.

Others, including Luo Shenzhi, had familiar comrades collaborating with them. Even if unable to form an array, they understood the art of cooperation, capable of covering for each other in attack or retreat. Those who could form arrays were even better off, surpassing other cultivators in both offense and self-preservation.

Lu Ye even had time to investigate the situation of other battlefields. He saw Duu Lang encircled by a group of Constellations attacking those Constellation star beasts. Although Duu Lang wasn't very powerful, he seemed inconspicuous within the crowd and should be fine if cautious.

He noticed that the other Moon Jade star beast battlefield was in a worse situation compared to his.

Having Luo Shenzhi on his side meant he bore about twenty percent of the pressure, making the situation much better. However, the other battlefield lacked such a powerful individual, appearing chaotic, with the Moon Jade star beast rampaging wildly, several people already unlucky enough to die in the fight.

While silently observing, Lu Ye's expression suddenly turned serious, as he focused ahead to see a huge figure charging towards him, mouth wide open. An intense suction force emanated from that gaping maw.

Lu Ye frowned, unsure why he was so unlucky to be targeted by this Moon Jade star beast. He was clearly just hiding on the side, unleashing saber lights.

But with a quick thought, he figured he wasn't necessarily unlucky; the Moon Jade star beast knew to pick on the weak. Everyone else had companions to coordinate with; he was alone. Who else would the Moon Jade star beast target but him?

Lu Ye hastily maneuvered his body to dodge. Though the powerful suction force from the Moon Jade star beast's mouth couldn't draw Lu Ye into it, it certainly affected his ability to move.

Only then did Lu Ye understand why some who seemed strong were so easily defeated by the Moon Jade star beast; this was the reason behind it.

Desperately channeling his spirit force, he narrowly avoided the beast's snapping jaws, yet before regaining his footing, a sense of danger stalked his rear like a maggot clinging to the bone. Without needing to look, Lu Ye knew the star beast was hunting him down.

With no choice, he had to continuously dodge.

Luo Shenzhi's eyes lit up, shouting: "Fellow Daoist, well done, keep it this way and restrain it!"

As he spoke, the golden spear vibrated, shooting out like a dragon, piercing into the star beast's body. Yet this thrust only buried half a foot deep, failing to inflict an effective injury on the star beast.

Others seized the opportunity, unleashing powerful techniques, spraying the star beast with blood, appearing grievously wounded, but in truth, only inciting its ferocity.

The star beast roared and howled, its movements growing quicker, certainly not stopping until it killed Lu Ye.

Lu Ye cursed his bad luck, although he was agile, he was only able to delay the star beast briefly. Any mistake would mean certain doom over a prolonged period.

Realizing the star beast truly targeted him alone, Lu Ye dared not hesitate, rushing toward one direction.

In that direction, several cultivators from the same sect formed an array, looking quite impressive.

Seeing Lu Ye rushing towards them, the leading cultivator's face changed, and he shouted angrily, "Get lost!" While speaking, a curved blade in his hand had already slashed down. As the spirit force surged, the blade suddenly shimmered brilliantly, revealing a giant saber light, bursting forth with full force.

If Lu Ye had hailed from another domain, this person truly wouldn't dare to make such a ruthless move in front of so many people.

But since Lu Ye had previously declared himself from Red Sky, it made the cultivator have no scruples. The situation of Red Sky is well known among the four galaxies; it is currently the weakest domain among them, so if he kills him, likely, no one will come to trouble him.

As the giant saber light fell, this cultivator didn't even have time to see Lu Ye's fate. The curved blade in his hand was already wildly swinging towards the Moon Jade star beast charging over.

Though they had formed an array, allowing them to exert power beyond their capabilities, they were ultimately somewhat lacking. As the Moon Jade star beast collided, the saber light shattered, and several figures flew out, each vomiting blood, and the array broke without attack.

The star beast wanted to annihilate them completely, but Luo Shenzhi had already rushed over, finally saving them in a critical moment.

Cultivators from all four directions joined forces again, fighting fiercely against the raging star beast.

Lu Ye finally truly experienced the might of the Moon Jade star beast. Although he has killed a few Moon Jades before, each time has been opportunistic, mostly relying on external force—either by ambushing heavily injured opponents or using special means to suppress them but never conducting such a direct confrontation with fire and sword.

This time, he witnessed the fearsome power of the Moon Jade. Yet, this is just a star beast that doesn't seem particularly unique.

The cultivators from the four galaxies, despite their collective efforts, still couldn't do anything to the beast, their strength gap was too wide.

Others also noticed the tenacity of this star beast. After such an intense battle, many were already wounded, and a few unlucky ones had died. With the star beast's power growing even more ferocious, they couldn't help but feel compelled to retreat.

Luo Shenzhi noticed this, shouted loudly, "Hold on, don't slacken!"

With his call, even those considering retreat felt they couldn't just leave.

However, the situation soon improved because as more Constellation star beasts fell, more cultivators were freed up to join the siege of the two Moon Jade star beasts.

It should be noted that Luo Shenzhi had gathered about a thousand people; all of them were Constellations, among them were many in the Constellation Late Stage. When on average, several hundred besiege one Moon Jade star beast, no matter how vast the strength disparity, the Moon Jade star beast couldn't withstand it.

The stellar space battlefields grew ever more lively, as more people joined, the plight of the two Moon Jade star beasts became increasingly dire.

Despite the limited damage Constellations could inflict upon them, so many people perfectly illustrated the saying that many ants can bite an elephant to death.

No matter how low the spiritual intelligence of these two star beasts, they instinctively understood to seek advantage and avoid harm. Sensing danger, they immediately turned tail to flee toward Planet Tengu, along the way, no one dared to forcibly stop them.

Luo Shenzhi's eyes flickered with severity, knowing that slaying these two star beasts was achievable now. So many had paid such a high price to corner them into this state, if it was all for naught, all past efforts would be wasted.

He immediately shouted, "Fellow Daoists, if you don't fight now, when will you?"

As he spoke, he raised his hand and released a red light, frantically urging his spirit force into it.

A mighty aura blossomed from the red light.

Lu Ye turned his head to look and instantly recognized the red light as a red talisman!

However, judging by its aura, the talisman was not from the Dwarf Race, just an ordinary red talisman.

So even though the talisman was crafted by a Sun Blaze expert, its power was discounted when a Constellation like Luo Shenzhi wielded it.

Unlike the red talismans from the Dwarf Race, which can be nurtured, growing stronger over time.

Just like when Lu Ye as a Constellation Early Stage cultivator activated a red talisman, he only needed one strike to kill a Moon Jade.

Now he's in the Constellation Late Stage, and the talisman has been nurtured in his body for several years; should he activate it, there's absolutely no opponent under Sun Blaze!

As for whether it can harm a Sun Blaze level opponent... the chance is probably slim.

Seeing Luo Shenzhi even offering such a precious item like a red talisman, others with similar strengths were no longer stingy, each employing their methods.

Chapter 1536 - Speculation

This clearly shows the advantage of having a decision-maker in similar events. With just one call from Luo Shenzhi, many people immediately stepped in to help.

Various exotic treasures with different shapes were summoned, and as the spirit force surged, the multicolored lights began to shine, enveloping the two fleeing star beasts.

The power of exotic treasures is generally much higher than that of treasures of the same quality because exotic treasures are mostly single-use items. Whoever possesses one treats it as a trump card and will not easily use it.

However, no matter how precious an exotic treasure is, it can't surpass a red talisman. Luo Shenzhi even used a red talisman, so how could the cultivators with exotic treasures bear to be stingy with theirs?

This round of attack proved highly effective. Both Moon Jade star beasts were significantly injured, slowed in movement, and their momentum diminished. One of the Moon Jade star beast's tails was even knocked off, bleeding profusely.

At this moment, the red light in Luo Shenzhi's hand suddenly erupted, transforming into a stunning strike aimed at one of the fleeing Moon Jade star beasts.

The power of this strike was approximately at the level of a mid-stage Moon Jade!

The star beast targeted was already heavily injured from the previous siege. Faced with such a strike, it had no time to dodge. Suddenly, moonlight-like radiance emanated from its body, enveloping it like flowing water, apparently a self-protection measure.

But this measure wasn't very effective against the red talisman strike; the moonlit shield broke, revealing a massive wound on the star beast's back, through which its writhing organs were clearly visible. This strike nearly split it in half.

Yet, it was still alive. Knowing its situation was dire, it turned to charge back.

"Kill!" Luo Shenzhi shouted, and numerous cultivators attacked together, quickly killing the star beast on the spot.

However, everyone could only helplessly watch as the second star beast fled in a sorry state. Although severely injured, it managed to escape, and no one could stop it despite attempts to intercept.

In this battle, many cultivators died or were injured, and only one of the two Moon Jade star beasts was killed, even at the cost of Luo Shenzhi's red talisman. Such an outcome was far from satisfactory, but given the circumstances, everyone could only accept it.

In the end, even though these thousand people were summoned, they were ultimately a disorganized group. If they had truly hailed from the same sect and worked cohesively, they might have been able to kill both Moon Jades with the scale of thousand constellations.

After the battle, some people immediately flew towards Planet Tengu.

Even though one Moon Jade star beast escaped, it was so severely injured that it's uncertain how much strength it could still exert, making it not particularly fearsome. Now that the biggest obstacle was removed, the cultivators were eager to seek opportunities on Planet Tengu.

As many cultivators left, Luo Shenzhi sat to recover. Using that red talisman consumed a lot of his spirit force, and several figures stood around him, presumably his fellow sect members.

One of them glanced at the departing cultivators and snorted, "A motley crew!"

Clearly dissatisfied with the performance of many cultivators earlier, it's certain that many were holding back. Had more people used their exotic treasures earlier, the second star beast might not have had the chance to escape.

Luo Shenzhi had used even a red talisman, which naturally infuriated them as those people hesitated over their exotic treasures.

Another person chuckled, "Human hearts are unpredictable, no need to force. Moreover... this is good for us."

The person who spoke earlier frowned, "There's still one Moon Jade left; how is this good?"

The other explained, "Though the Moon Jade isn't dead, it's severely wounded. Even if we unluckily encounter it, it's not a big threat. But if others encounter it..."

Their group was powerful, especially with someone like Luo Shenzhi; they indeed had the strength to fight a heavily wounded Moon Jade. But others didn't have their foundational strength.

The previously speaking cultivator understood, "I see!" His dejected mood instantly lifted.

Even though the cultivators from the four galaxies seemed united earlier, once they entered Planet Tengu, unless they were from the same domain, they would all be rivals.

Eliminating more rivals would indeed increase their chances of success.

While Luo Shenzhi was still recovering, Lu Ye had already piloted a star beast with Lih Shang and Duu Lang to arrive at Planet Tengu.

Diving into the thick clouds and looking down from high above, the environment within Planet Tengu was incredibly harsh. Such a desolate planet, apart from the star beasts, could not sustain any life for long periods.

Previously, Lu Ye was curious as to why star beasts would take a desolate planet as their lair, but upon reaching this place, he realized that this desolate planet was somewhat special.

On the surface of Planet Tengu were numerous large craters, with unknown depths and dark interiors. Such craters were innumerable across the planet's surface.

Standing beside Lu Ye, Duu Lang explained, "The interior of Planet Tengu is like a beehive, with extremely complex terrain, and that Moon Jade star beast must have fled back and hidden somewhere. Brother Lu, you should be careful."

Lu Ye nodded, carefully observing the desolate planet from above, vaguely feeling that its shape resembled a giant Tengu, and not merely a simple resemblance...

He had seen a similar type of domain before.

When Lu Ye first arrived at the Blood Refinement World, he felt like it was the body of a female giant with its head and limbs severed. Later it was confirmed that it was indeed the body of a female giant, though dead for who knows how many years, and slaughtered by unknown hands; her corpse transformed into a domain.

If the situation of the Planet Tengu is the same as that of the Blood Refinement World, doesn't that mean this is also a domain formed from the corpse of an exceptionally powerful star beast?

The Blood Refinement World gave birth to creatures like the Blood Race, and the Planet Tengu gave birth to the Tengu star beasts. The two have many similarities.

If so, it makes sense that the Tengu star beasts consider this their nest, after all, it is where they were nurtured.

There were no signs of other cultivators; the cultivators who came here had entered the underground through the surface pit.

Lu Ye was very curious about what kind of opportunity could be considered unique for combat cultivators. He originally didn't intend to get involved, but since he was already here due to various coincidences, he might as well join in the fun.

As for that Moon Jade star beast that escaped, Lu Ye was not afraid.

Piloting the starboat, he casually approached a pit. Lu Ye put away his starboat and entered first, with Duu Lang and Lih Shang, who was holding the little girl, close behind.

They fell nearly ten thousand feet downwards before finally reaching the bottom. The bottom wasn't sealed; there were passages in all directions. Just as Duu Lang had said, the inside of the Planet Tengu was like a complex beehive.

Lu Ye wasn't sure which direction to take, so he randomly chose a direction and led the way, observing his surroundings as he walked.

There were frequent forks in the paths; Lu Ye proceeded with spontaneity, without any apparent pattern.

Soon he discovered a problem: inside the Planet Tengu, Mental Consciousness was greatly suppressed and could only extend about ten feet from the body.

This struck him as odd because he didn't sense any peculiar force here. The suppression of Mental Consciousness at the Mist Dragon was understandable, as it was a stellar marvel. But what was strange about the inside of the Planet Tengu?

Gradually, Lu Ye's expression became uncertain, as he suspected these interconnected passages might not be mere passages...

Combined with his earlier speculation about the Planet Tengu, Lu Ye was startled; could these passages actually be blood vessels?

The passages varied in size, with numerous branches where the passages became smaller, much like blood vessels.

Occasionally, he could hear sounds of battles, but due to the complex nature of the passages, Lu Ye couldn't discern which direction the sounds were coming from.

After walking for a while, he suddenly entered a relatively spacious area, where pairs of scarlet eyes suddenly lit up, staring straight at Lu Ye and his companions.

Then, beastly roars echoed as a group of Tengu star beasts charged. Judging by his perception, these star beasts weren't particularly strong; the most powerful were at the Constellation level, with some comparable to the Divine Sea-True Lake, not enough to concern him.

The flash of the Boulder Mountain Saber's blade several times wiped out all these star beasts.

As they continued onward, they occasionally encountered some Tengu star beasts, but the creatures weren't formidable and were easy to deal with.

However, Lu Ye noticed something interesting: these Tengu star beasts seemed to possess some special abilities here, as they could hide themselves perfectly and were hard to detect before launching a surprise attack.

Several times, Lu Ye only became aware of their presence when they initiated an attack.

This clearly wasn't an inherent ability of the Tengu star beasts; it was likely given by the unique environment here. After all, this place nurtured them, so demonstrating some special powers here wasn't surprising.

Sounds of combat occasionally echoed from all directions, clearly indicating that the cultivators were fighting. Yet, though Lu Ye had traveled for so long, he hadn't encountered a single cultivator.

There were nearly a thousand cultivators summoned by Luo Shenzhi. Even if there were casualties from the previous battle, eight or nine hundred of them still entered the Planet Tengu, yet Lu Ye hadn't met anyone. This illustrated the complexity of the place's internal environment.

Lu Ye continued searching for two days, encountering only a few Constellation Tengu, with no other discoveries.

If this continued, Lu Ye estimated that even if he searched here for several months, he might not find anything.

He pondered, if the opportunity truly lay inside the Planet Tengu, it should be in a particularly special place, such as where the heart is located? Or where the brain is?

With this thought, Lu Ye felt he had found a direction.

Reaching the location of the heart wasn't difficult; he just needed to follow the largest passage. Lu Ye remembered his entry point was in the direction of the spine, so he shouldn't be far from the heart.

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Although Lu Ye was not sure about the exact location of the heart, if his previous speculation was correct, as long as he followed the largest passageway all the way forward, he would reach the heart's location.

Sure enough, after a day, Lu Ye and the others suddenly entered a huge chamber, much larger than any space they had encountered before, and its shape was very strange, resembling a gigantic heart upon closer inspection.

Unfortunately, Lu Ye didn't make any special discoveries here. However, there were traces left by others who had been here before, as there were some Tengu star beast corpses remaining in this place.

After a brief search, Lu Ye was preparing to head back, but suddenly paused, focusing his gaze ahead.

Lih Shang sensed something as well and stopped in his tracks.

Although Duu Lang did not know what was wrong, judging by Lu Ye's stance, he knew the situation was not good. He quietly gathered his spirit force, looking vigilant.

Footsteps suddenly echoed from the front, followed by several figures appearing.

It seemed like quite a few people had the same idea as Lu Ye; someone had explored here before, and now more were arriving.

A moment later, as they came face to face, the leader among the three on the opposite side recognized Lu Ye, first freezing before getting furious: "It's you!"

As he spoke, Lu Ye also recognized these three people.

Though he didn't know their background, they had previously teamed up to fight a Moon Jade star beast. At that time, Lu Ye was isolated and targeted by the Moon Jade star beast, forcing him to flee and escape. During the escape, he utilized the power of these three to block the pursuing Moon Jade star beast.

The three came from the same school and could form an array, displaying considerable power. It turned out their array was quite decent. Although the Moon Jade star beast broke through their formation with brute force, they were not at risk of losing their lives. Later, they received timely support from Luo Shenzhi, and there were no casualties.

For Lu Ye at that time, it was an act of desperation, but for the three, Lu Ye had undeniably drawn disaster onto them. Therefore, the leader at that time didn't hesitate to slash at Lu Ye, but in the end, couldn't harm him.

Past events were in the past, and now everyone was exploring for opportunities within the Tengu Star. Encountering each other was one thing, but meeting again, naturally, they were not pleased with Lu Ye.

After recognizing Lu Ye, the faces of the three were filled with hostility, and the leader in particular unsheathed his curved saber, his spirit force surging violently, without concealing his intent to kill.

Duu Lang's expression changed: "Yuk Jin, what do you intend?"

Lu Ye did not know these people, but Duu Lang did, as they all came from the Indeterminate Star System. Yuk Jin and his companions hailed from a very powerful domain, and their capabilities were exceptional. Especially in this situation, they could form an array, and if it came to a fight, Duu Lang believed they would surely be no match.

Yuk Jin's expression was indifferent: "Since you've come here, don't ask such childish questions." He slowly raised his curved saber, pointing it at Lu Ye: "Let's settle the previous debt!"

Lu Ye suddenly floated back, distancing himself from them, even wrapping his spirit force around Lih Shang and Duu Lang as he floated back.

Seeing this, Yuk Jin thought Lu Ye was afraid of him, sneering with disdain: "No wonder Red Sky has fallen to such a state today, inhabited entirely by those who covet life and fear death!"

Duu Lang clenched his fists in rage, but did not dare to retort, knowing that if they didn't provoke the other side, there might still be a slim chance of survival. If they truly angered them, they would surely meet a deadly end, and in this place, being killed meant no one would bring justice.

"Be careful!" Lu Ye suddenly spoke.

Yuk Jin froze: "What?"

Just as he finished speaking, he suddenly sensed a huge threat approaching from behind, accompanied by a dense, bloody odor. As he hastily turned his head to look back, he saw a massive figure emerging from the shadows, its gaping maw lunging at the two sect brothers behind him.

Yuk Jin was terrified, quickly shouting: "Get out of the way!"

However, it was ultimately too late.

As the jaws closed, terrible screams erupted, followed by the sounds of chewing and bones shattering, instantly extinguishing two life forces.

Yuk Jin's forehead was covered in cold sweat, having never expected to be so unlucky to encounter this wounded Moon Jade star beast. Evidently, this star beast had been hiding here, unnoticed when they arrived.

At this moment, the grievously injured Moon Jade star beast was blocking the path behind him just ten feet away, its gruesome maw chewing, blood flowing down its corner. Quickly realizing he wasn't this star beast's opponent, Yuk Jin swiftly moved forward.

However, the Moon Jade star beast moved faster. A shadow suddenly darted out from behind it, and Yuk Jin's body froze. He struggled to lower his gaze, only to find something like an arrow piercing through his chest, carrying the Moon Jade star beast's aura and vitality—it was unmistakably its tail.

"Save..." Yuk Jin despairingly reached out to Lu Ye, like grasping for a straw to clutch at life. The Moon Jade star beast's arrow-like tail flicked, pulling Yuk Jin back, tossing him into its maw for a round of chewing.

In a flash, three Constellation met their demise.

Duu Lang watched, his scalp tingling with fear. He had previously only participated in besieging Constellation-level star beasts and had never directly faced the terror of the Moon Jade star beast. Only now did he understand the true horror of the Moon Jade star beast.

And this was just a severely injured Moon Jade star beast...

Finally understanding why Lu Ye suddenly stopped moving forward, Duu Lang had thought he sensed the arrival of Yuk Jin and the others. Now it seemed, what he sensed was likely the hidden Moon Jade star beast!

The arrival of Yuk Jin and the other two was merely an accident.

Now that Yuk Jin and the other two were dead, the three of them were trapped in this heart chamber, fearing they too would soon follow in Yuk Jin's footsteps.

Knowing his death was certain, Duu Lang instead relaxed, his whole being easing up. For years, he had lived under others' roofs, always having to read the mood, leading to a rather depressing existence. Dying like this didn't seem all that unacceptable.

In front of Duu Lang, Lu Ye gazed at the Moon Jade star beast, quietly assessing his current strength, deciding that it would be prudent not to take risks.

Although with Lih Shang's Soul Possession blessing, he might manage to battle a Moon Jade Early Stage with all his might, this star beast was ultimately a Moon Jade Mid-Stage. Even severely wounded, its ferocity was more intense. Fighting such a star beast in such a confined space was far from wise.

Upon this thought, Lu Ye silently took out his Silver Coin. Whether its power was as strong as he imagined would only be known by trying.

The Moon Jade star beast, after devouring Yuk Jin and the others, was still unsatisfied. It roared and charged toward where Lu Ye was standing, like a mountain collapsing.

And yet suddenly, a silver light burst from Lu Ye's hand and shot toward it.

It was unfortunate for the star beast; it was actually quite fast. If this was the vast stellar space, this silver light might not have been able to hit it. But the narrow environment limited its space for maneuvering. Upon seeing the silver light, the star beast intended to dodge but ultimately couldn't avoid it due to the terrain.

The silver light struck its lower abdomen, causing it not even a hint of harm...

But the star beast acted as if struck by lightning, its agile figure suddenly becoming unbearably heavy, crashing down with a boom. The silver light on its lower abdomen spread like mercury, enveloping it in a

layer of silver light in the blink of an eye. From afar, it appeared as if it had become a giant beast cast in silver.

It maintained a posture with its foreclaws outstretched, its Sharpness-tipped claws trembling slightly, as if wrestling against some power but unable to shake free. Its eyes turned completely blood-red, full of violence and rage.

Lu Ye clicked his tongue in wonder.

Though he had personally experienced the power of the treasure coin before, back then it was a bronze light, completely different from this silver light, so Lu Ye couldn't be sure what kind of power the treasure coin could wield in this instance.

Despite estimating it as high as possible, it still fell short of the treasure coin's prowess.

He had thought that at most, the treasure coin would slow the Moon Jade star beast's actions, but he didn't expect it to be directly immobilized.

Strictly speaking, it wasn't immobilization but a kind of miraculous sealing!

Not only was Lu Ye amazed, Duu Lang was utterly dumbfounded, and so was Lih Shang, both with eyes wide and mouths agape.

Under their astonished gazes, Lu Ye slowly approached, walking up to the Moon Jade star beast, standing almost inside its gaping maw, causing cold sweat to break out on Duu Lang's back.

He touched the Moon Jade star beast before him, feeling a silvery texture under his hand, which was quite peculiar.

Then he leapt onto the Moon Jade star beast's back, and looking around, saw that its back was littered with wounds, both large and small, deep and shallow, but since their previous battle was days ago, given the Moon Jade star beast's physique, these wounds were already healing.

Lu Ye found a relatively large wound, drew out his Boulder Mountain Saber, and with the Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes enhancing it, a gleam flickered across the blade as he slashed down fiercely!

The blade sank three inches into flesh, blood splattering!

Lu Ye, however, felt a numbness in his hand...

The physique of a Moon Jade Mid-Stage star beast was astonishingly strong, and the effect of his strike was minimal.

Stimulated by the slash, the Moon Jade star beast's might exploded fully, but under the silver sealing, it couldn't move at all. Besides making Lu Ye a bit uncomfortable, it had no other substantial effect.

Lu Ye raised and lowered his saber, hacking away one cut after another.

After over a hundred consecutive chops, he finally sliced open the Moon Jade star beast's body, revealing its insides. The burst of violent force made Lu Ye steamy all over, as if his blood inside was surging like a great river.

Duu Lang stared blankly, finding it hard to believe such an absurd event could occur without witnessing it firsthand. A powerful Moon Jade star beast was somehow sealed immobile by a mysterious force and then hacked to death by a Constellation...

It wasn't until long after that the Moon Jade star beast's life force slowly dissipated, its blood-red eyes overflowing with anger and reluctance.

Chapter 1538 - Where Opportunity Lies

Within the chamber of the heart, as the vitality of the Moon Jade star beast extinguished, the overwhelming force that swept in all directions also vanished like smoke.

Lu Ye stood atop the star beast's corpse, clutching the treasure coin in his hand.

After he emitted that silver light, the treasure coin reverted to its original appearance, seeming unremarkable, and despite channeling spirit force into it, there was no reaction. But through the battle just now, Lu Ye knew that its power was somewhat absurdly formidable.

However, using this treasure coin came at a considerable cost. It had no reaction to a cultivator's spirit force, but it could absorb the power of spirit jades to store up energy.

From this, it seemed that the reason the armadillo beast could activate the treasure coin's abilities was likely because of this.

It's just that the armadillo beast, living in stellar space, had limited access to spirit jades; hence, it could only unleash the bronze light. But once it was in his possession, the treasure coin absorbed three million spirit jades, evolving to emit an even more powerful silver light...

Bronze light seals, Constellation Realm cannot withstand!

Silver light seals, Moon Jade Realm becomes like a silver sculpture.

Lu Ye couldn't help but wonder if there was a golden light above the bronze and silver lights. If he wanted the treasure coin to emit the power of the golden light, how many spirit jades would it need to absorb? If there truly was a golden light, could it even seal Sun Blaze?

But it's just a thought. The treasure coin took three million spirit jades to emit silver light, so generating a more powerful light, who knows how much it would cost.

He didn't have too many spirit jades to waste; those needed to be kept in reserve for when the Nine Provinces' fleet began voyages in the future, which would consume no small amount of spirit jades.

Putting away the treasure coin, Lu Ye rummaged through the belly of the Moon Jade star beast, retrieving the storage rings of Yuk Jin and others.

These three fellows were pure unfortunates, accidentally stumbling upon this place and being devoured clean by the Moon Jade star beast. However, they were ultimately Constellations, so their storage rings must hold some value.

Lu Ye then prepared to put away the corpse of the Moon Jade star beast.

Regardless, this was a star beast he had spent three million spirit jades to slay, and the star beast's corpse itself held some value, a bit of a recovery.

Yet, to his surprise, he found he couldn't put the star beast's corpse into the storage ring.

This was something he had never encountered before.

Usually, there are only two reasons for this: the item is too large to fit in the storage ring, or it's a living being or some special entity, like a storage ring itself that cannot be stored within another storage ring.

Though the star beast's corpse was large, it wasn't beyond the storage ring's capacity, leading Lu Ye to suspect there might be other storage rings within the star beast's body.

It was highly probable it had consumed cultivators beyond Yuk Jin and the others...

Thinking this, he began searching meticulously once more.

Soon, Lu Ye found something in the blood-soaked abdominal cavity. To his amazement, it wasn't a storage ring.

It looked like a small statue.

Lu Ye rinsed it with clear water, confirming it indeed was a statue.

Scrutinizing it closely, he noticed the craftsmanship was likely poor, as the statue appeared quite vague, with only faint features visible, and no racial characteristics discernible.

Lu Ye attempted to store it in the storage ring but found it impossible. It seemed that the earlier inability to store the star beast's corpse was due to this statue.

Lih Shang and Duu Lang also came to look but couldn't discern much.

However, since it couldn't be stored in the storage ring, it was likely not an ordinary item. Lu Ye tried channeling spirit force into it and clearly sensed his own spirit force being absorbed by the statue.

In the next moment, Lu Ye's expression sharpened, and he suddenly tossed the statue away, his face displaying a wary expression.

"What happened?" Lih Shang asked.

"It looked at me!" Lu Ye said solemnly.

Lih Shang was stunned, "It looked at you?"

"Didn't you see?" Lu Ye frowned.

Lih Shang shook her head, only noticing that Lu Ye had channeled spirit force and then suddenly threw the statue away.

Lu Ye turned to Duu Lang beside him, "It just opened its eyes, did you see that?"

Duu Lang also shook his head, "No, Brother Lu, perhaps you're seeing things?"

Lu Ye remained silent, convinced it wasn't his imagination. When he infused spirit force into the statue, the statue indeed opened its eyes and glanced at him. The gaze was peculiar, almost a smirk, giving Lu Ye an inkling that this statue might be some sort of living being.

Otherwise, why couldn't it be stored in the storage ring?

Amidst his uncertainty, he suddenly noticed a mysterious green light spreading from where the statue lay, rapidly expanding in all directions.

Lu Ye and the other two quickly took to the sky, avoiding the halo of light, none of them knowing what had just happened.

In the next instant, Lih Shang's expression changed: "I'm being excluded!"

Duu Lang was taken aback, then quickly rejoiced: "The blue aura flows, opportunity has arrived, I understand now, this is the opportunity!"

What he said wasn't clear, but his meaning came through loud and clear.

"This is the opportunity?" Lu Ye couldn't see how this change resembled any sort of opportunity.

Duu Lang explained: "That phrase was unintentionally spoken by Xu Dingyang earlier, I don't quite understand the specifics, but this must undoubtedly be an opportunity, Brother Lu truly has great fortune!"

So many people ventured to Planet Tengu in search of that legendary opportunity, but they didn't expect it to be swallowed by a Moon Jade star beast.

If Lu Ye hadn't killed that Moon Jade star beast, it really wouldn't have been found.

Duu Lang then looked towards Lih Shang: "Fellow Daoist need not resist, this is an opportunity exclusive to combat cultivators, as Fellow Daoist is not a combat cultivator, you were excluded, there is no danger, you just need to relax."

Upon hearing this, Lih Shang stopped resisting, and in the next moment, her figure suddenly disappeared, whereabouts unknown.

Outside Planet Tengu, Lih Shang suddenly appeared, at a location less than three thousand miles from the planet, along with the figures of other cultivators, numbering around a hundred.

Lih Shang looked around, realizing that while she couldn't discern the specific sects of those people, they did not appear to be combat cultivators.

She immediately understood Duu Lang was right, it was an opportunity exclusive to combat cultivators, non-combat cultivators couldn't stay within, and those who weren't combat cultivators had been excluded, only the combat cultivators remained inside Planet Tengu.

She mused that, even if Lu Ye was the first to find the opportunity, he couldn't obtain it, there must be an additional test of skill, otherwise, there was no reason all the combat cultivators would stay behind.

Only by passing the test could one truly obtain the opportunity, this was as it should be.

Thinking this, Lih Shang quietly stood in place, waiting.

In the heart chamber, the blue aura grew denser, like blue liquid filling the space, even though Lu Ye and Duu Lang were in mid-air, they were enveloped in it.

Not only in the heart chamber, but the entire interior of Planet Tengu was enveloped by this blue aura, many cultivators who knew the true situation showed joy, knowing that the opportunity had been found, the power was activated, and what they now needed to do was to fully display their learned skills to pass the test.

This opportunity, appearing in the desolate area, had been around for a hundred years, during which similar situations occurred more than once, the powerful domains knew the specific situation, but Red Sky's domain knew little.

Within the blue aura's embrace, Lu Ye felt everything around him quickly fading away. He could see Duu Lang's figure earlier, but a blink later, Duu Lang was gone too.

His body suddenly felt lighter, and when he came to, he found himself inside a blue hall.

Before he could examine the hall, Lu Ye felt an inexplicable force sweep over his body, as if everything about him was exposed.

Not only did he experience this, but all the cultivators enveloped by the blue aura came to such a blue hall, encountering the same experience.

However, each cultivator's blue hall looked the same but was definitely not the same space, each stood in a separate hall.

The force that swept over him came quickly and left quickly. Once it disappeared, Lu Ye focused his gaze forward.

Not far ahead was that strange statue. But as Lu Ye's eyes scrutinized it, the statue quickly melted, twisting and writhing to transform into a humanoid shape.

Lu Ye was dumbfounded.

Because the humanoid form the statue took on looked exactly like him, not only in appearance but even the aura was identical, and the figure even wielded the same Boulder Mountain Saber!

Since starting his cultivation journey, Lu Ye had encountered many strange things, but this was the first time something as bizarre as what was before him had happened.

Though unclear about the situation, Lu Ye knew in such circumstances, taking the initiative was crucial. Upon seeing this figure identical to himself, he hardly hesitated before drawing his Boulder Mountain Saber and slashing out fiercely, saber lights cutting sharp and fast as lightning as he charged forward.

But to his utter shock, as he moved, the figure also sprang into action, its aura suddenly becoming immensely aggressive and thunderously imposing, drawing from its waist a long saber identical to the Boulder Mountain Saber, its saber light sharp as snow.

Tyrannical Saber Technique!

Lu Ye's eyes narrowed.

This figure identical to him actually performed the Tyrannical Saber Technique!

As the saber lights shattered, the two Boulder Mountain Sabers clashed, Lu Ye leaned forward, pressing with all his might, but the force from the opposite side was in no way inferior, blocking his mighty strike.

Their faces were mere inches apart, their gazes meeting, each could see their reflection in the other's eyes.

After a moment of stalemate, they almost simultaneously exerted force, blinding saber cries rang out, the two figures each bent backward, a visible saber aura burst out from the point of contact, roaring outward.

The two figures instantly steadied themselves, their sabers once more slashing towards each other.

Chapter 1539 - My Strongest Enemy Is Myself

No fancy collisions, saber lights and saber clashing sound together, with each collision, both Lu Ye and the sculpture-formed figure shake violently, spirit force stirring.

After just a moment of engagement, Lu Ye confirmed one thing: this opponent is another version of himself. He not only has the exact same appearance and saber, but even the strength and combat style are identical.

Is this the trial of that opportunity?

If so, one must pass this trial to obtain that opportunity, meaning he must deal with another version of himself!

This bizarre event is something Lu Ye has never experienced before, and it's a bit novel at first.

But the problem follows: how can one rely on their own strength to deal with another version of oneself?

Many thoughts flashed like lightning through his mind, making Lu Ye's mind steady, his gaze resolute like ice. No matter how similar the figure before him looks, it is ultimately just a likeness, not really him.

This is very likely an incredibly sophisticated Illusory Realm, so sophisticated that his vision cannot see any flaw.

The clash of force and the resonate of sabers seem endless, the dangers of combat cultivator contests being vividly manifest in this moment. With each confrontation, both sides nearly walk the edge between life and death, something Lu Ye could never experience when battling other enemies.

Until now, any enemy he faced, even those with strength matching his, could never have the same combat style, so such a scene was difficult to appear.

But in this battle, it is truly equally matched, and both sides have incredibly aggressive auras. Each saber strike brings the ultimate oppression, as if either the enemy dies or he would perish.

However, despite the intense combat reaching its peak, both figures can perfectly block each other's attack without sustaining any damage.

Lu Ye felt like he was looking into a mirror; this battle, though intense, felt extremely awkward to him.

Until a certain moment, the figure opposite suddenly changed its saber stance, a point of light blossomed, leaving Lu Ye surprised, hurriedly backing off.

Light erupted like a big sun, a Saber Lotus slowly bloomed, each petal's dance was condense of saber light, covering half of the grand hall with Saber Lotus.

Lotus Sun!

Though Lu Ye had guessed when the opponent used Tyrannical Saber Technique that the full Tyrannical Saber 3rd Movement might be displayed, he was still a bit incredulous upon witnessing it firsthand.

This Illusory Realm is too sophisticated indeed; all of his abilities could perfectly manifest in the figure opposite him.

Facing the might of Lotus Sun like this for the first time, it felt completely different compared to when he used it himself. This was experiencing it from the perspective of the attacker, deeply realizing Lotus Sun's horror.

Even though he quickly decided to back off to avoid unfavorable circumstances, he still inevitably got enveloped by the aftermath of Lotus Sun — saber lights cutting all around him, and Lu Ye hurriedly constructed Sacred Guard Spirit Runes to barely resolve it.

Before he could stabilize his posture, points of saber light rushed to kill.

Myriad Stars!

No escape, no avoidance, Lu Ye's skin tightened in chill, reflecting the sight of countless Myriad Stars pouring down upon him.

With one move losing the initiative, Lu Ye found the opponent's offense relentless, intent to leave him dead here. A defeat in such a trial, killed by another version of himself, would be undeniably humiliating.

Even Sacred Guard can't withstand such a continuous violent assault, and Lu Ye knew well about his own attack power, so he fundamentally abstained from defense, instead urging his saber stance — saber lights continuously slash forth.

Sound of Tide Sea arose, layer upon layer, endless.

Myriad Stars fell, Tide Sea breached, Lu Ye only felt a slight pain on his arm, seizing the moment to retreat.

Before he could stabilize his form, a figure emerged from the shattered saber light, enveloped in boundless killing intent, brutally oppressive aura weighing heavy on the heart.

Lu Ye finally realized what his enemies once faced against him; under such tyrannical oppression, if one's mind wasn't composed, it was easy to fall into disadvantage even if one possessed adequate strength that may not be fully exhibited.

He twisted his saber forward, meeting the attack, as it's the only option available for him now.

Both sabers collided again, a loud noise emerged, with both forms trembling. Although the figure opposite held an advantage earlier, Lu Ye now composed his mind, preventing immediate defeat.

But gradually, he noticed some unusual spots, stealing a glance at his right arm where a saber wound remained.

In theory, such a flesh wound should mean nothing to him, with his strong physique and vitality, recovery is merely a matter of moments.

But in fact, this not-so-large wound somehow still hadn't healed. Not only had it not healed, but it even kept expanding, with blood pouring out and staining his clothes red.

Lu Ye clearly sensed that a peculiar force lingered around the wound, hindering its healing, rendering his robust physique and vitality useless.

Lu Ye furrowed his brows slightly.

It was becoming more difficult to determine whether his speculation was correct.

He initially thought that everything here was just an Illusory Realm, just so sophisticated and realistic that he couldn't detect any flaws.

But if it was an Illusory Realm, how could he get hurt? And the injury was so strange.

Could this not be an Illusory Realm?

With this moment of distraction, the hard-won balance was once again broken. Lu Ye only saw a flash of saber light opposite him; even though he dodged immediately, he couldn't avoid it, and a wound was cut on his abdomen.

Raising his saber to block the opponent's attack, he silently felt the condition of the wound on his abdomen and found that it was the same as the wound on his arm, both surrounded by that strange force. Under the influence of that force, not only couldn't the wound heal, but it was also slowly getting worse.

The opponent's saber was peculiar!

Lu Ye immediately understood one thing: although the opponent's saber looked exactly like the Boulder Mountain Saber, it wasn't the real Boulder Mountain Saber. That saber carried a unique force that could interfere with wound recovery, even having the strange property of worsening the wound.

In the short term, such peculiarities didn't have much effect on Lu Ye, but over time, it could be problematic, especially since Lu Ye was facing an enemy that was another version of himself, possessing all his skills. Any slight weakness on this side could become the crucial point of victory or defeat!

Lu Ye quickly activated the power of the Talent Tree to burn and refine himself. In an instant, the strange force lingering on the two wounds burned away entirely, and under the influence of his strong physique and vitality, the wounds promptly began to heal.

With this problem resolved, Lu Ye relaxed a little, but the situation was still not optimistic. Originally both sides were evenly matched, but just a slight delay had put Lu Ye in a slightly weak disadvantage. He knew well that if he couldn't quickly recover from this slight disadvantage, it would only grow wider! Because his combat style was such that any slight advantage would quickly expand with oppressive force and thus establish victory.

But how to recover from this disadvantage against such an opponent?

Lu Ye couldn't think of what to do. Even facing Moon Jade wasn't as tricky as this battle. Lu Ye suddenly realized something: the hardest enemy to defeat in this world was actually himself!

This was quite absurd.

He considered whether to don the Dragon Throne; he had a Dragon Throne, and it was impossible for the opponent to also have one. As he was about to give it a try, he found that he couldn't open his storage ring.

Startled in his heart, he tried to connect with the red talisman being nurtured inside him, only to find that even the red talisman couldn't be activated.

Lu Ye instantly understood that in such a battle, external forces were inaccessible, and he could only rely on his own abilities.

As the opponent slashed out with a saber, Lu Ye's eyes suddenly lit up. Holding his saber, he immediately met the attack; in this strike, the timing was extremely well-grasped, and he forcibly turned back his slight disadvantage.

So... there were openings in my combat after all!

The enemy's slash just now had a small flaw, or rather an unrefined spot. Such openings were often fleeting and hard to grasp, but everything the enemy displayed was owned by Lu Ye, so seizing that chance wasn't difficult for him!

Lu Ye had never noticed this before, as he had never had such an experience.

Deeply afraid, he thought that if an enemy had seized that opportunity in a battle before, he could have been in big trouble. But since he discovered it now, he naturally wouldn't make the same mistake in the future.

Lu Ye's heart suddenly moved. Such an opportunity was rare, and perhaps he could use this chance to find more of his own shortcomings, correcting if there were any, and encouraging himself if there weren't.

Upon reaching this thought, Lu Ye grew a bit interested in such a battle, fully exerting his power to continuously engage and clash with the enemy in front.

And indeed, he found many of his inadequacies, especially after gaining an advantage, as his sweeping attacks would often give enemies opportunities to exploit.

In the past, he hadn't been overturned by enemies because their strength and insight weren't enough. If they had been, any opportunity could have been enough to bring Lu Ye to ruin.

Secretly sweating, Lu Ye realized he had never noticed these things before, mainly because his cultivation progressed too quickly, and he had never been systematically taught. His saber skills were basically honed instinctively in life-and-death situations.

These were enough for Lu Ye to dominate in front of most cultivators of the same rank. Perhaps some had seen flaws, but against Lu Ye's overwhelming power, they couldn't fight back.

But ultimately, one's fate must be in their own hands, and reliance on the opponent's weakness cannot be the strategy.

Lu Ye found this to be an extremely rare opportunity, a chance to make up for his shortcomings, much like looking in a mirror, finding all his inadequacies from the reflection, and then correcting them.

Chapter 1540 My Blade...

Lu Ye suddenly understood something and realized the true nature of this so-called opportunity exclusive to combat cultivators.

Originally, he thought that only by passing this test could he attain the opportunity.

But now it seems that the test itself is the greatest opportunity!

After this, his saber skills would definitely advance to a higher level, which is a benefit that normal hard cultivation could not provide.

As for why it involves combat cultivators... Lu Ye couldn't understand, but according to Duu Lang, this opportunity had appeared in the desolate land for a hundred years. During that century, it had manifested several times.

If it were a tangible opportunity, it would have been taken away long ago, leaving only this peculiar opportunity to be preserved.

This is likely the result tacitly approved by the strong cultivators of the four galaxies, leaving such an opportunity here to allow combat cultivators from the home galaxy to temper themselves and enhance their combat abilities.

However, Lu Ye soon noticed something unusual. His opponent seemed to possess a strong learning ability because once Lu Ye found and countered a flaw, that flaw disappeared and would never appear again.

During the fierce battle, time slowly passed by.

Initially, Lu Ye was able to maintain balance between them by constantly seeking out flaws, but as the opponent's saber skills continuously improved, flaws became harder to find, until Lu Ye could no longer find any exploitable opportunities.

Combat returned to a state of equilibrium, and neither side could do anything to the other!

But Lu Ye knew that if things continued this way, he would be the one to lose; in fact, without the Talent Tree, he would have already been defeated because the wounds caused by the opponent's long saber were too bizarre.

Right now, although the Talent Tree is restraining the Mysterious Power of the opponent's long saber, if he doesn't resolve the opponent, this battle will never end...

He must think of a way to take down this opponent.

This is the downside of insufficient information. Cultivators like Xu Dingyang and Luo Shenzhi, who know the details of the opportunity, would never feel the urge to defeat another version of themselves because they know it's too difficult, almost impossible.

At this moment, it's been two days since the internal opportunity on Planet Tengu was activated. During these two days, cultivators have continuously appeared out of nowhere outside Planet Tengu, all of them combat cultivators who were still inside before.

The first group to appear had looks of obvious disappointment and frustration because they lost too early and didn't gain much benefit from the opportunity. However, the later the cultivators appeared, the more joyful they looked because they gained enough benefit.

Lih Shang, who was waiting outside, was unaware of the situation, as Lu Ye had yet to emerge, making it impossible to inquire about the circumstances.

Fortunately, Duu Lang appeared, greeting with a joyful expression.

Lih Shang hurriedly asked, "What's the situation inside?"

Duu Lang quickly recounted his experience, and upon hearing it, Lih Shang showed a thoughtful expression, then asked many details, all of which Duu Lang answered truthfully.

Finally, she asked, "How did you get out?"

Duu Lang said, "I got out naturally after losing."

Lih Shang understood, knowing that since Lu Ye had not appeared, he must still be fighting inside, having not yet lost.

However, it seems that the timing of a cultivator's defeat doesn't relate to their cultivation level because a Late Stage Constellation cultivator had already emerged, yet Duu Lang, an Early Stage Constellation, only appeared now. Since everyone inside encounters versions of themselves, those who can more accurately perceive their own shortcomings can persist longer.

Lu Ye was completely unaware that losing would allow him to leave. Currently, he's single-mindedly focused on defeating the opponent in front of him.

But everyone has the same background, the same strength, and even identical combat styles. Anything Lu Ye can execute, the enemy can also perform; achieving such an outcome without employing any External Force is essentially an impossible task.

Yet he remains persistent because he thought of a possibility!

When he first entered the hall, a Mysterious Power swept over his body, then the statue transformed into his likeness, acquiring all the techniques he had at that moment.

If that's the case, then if he now possessed a new technique, perhaps he could defeat the opponent.

However, he probably only had one chance because once he executed that technique, the opponent would definitely be able to do the same.

Back when battling Blood Hero, Lu Ye discovered a problem: with his current strength, it's hard to threaten cultivators with far superior strength. Take Blood Hero for example: at that time, saintliness had suppressed his cultivation to Moon Jade Early Stage, but the Boulder Mountain Saber could at most inflict some simple wounds on him, without much impact.

If it weren't for Lih Shang initiating a soul battle, extinguishing the opponent from the psyche, Lu Ye would have had no way against Blood Hero in that fight.

Recently, Lu Ye has been thinking about how to solve this problem; changing sabers is impossible, and the Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes couldn't make the Boulder Mountain Saber sharper.

After much thought, he indeed came up with a solution, though this idea has yet to be fully perfected.

Until this time, during a life-and-death struggle with another version of himself, Lu Ye felt it was time to try it. If it works, perhaps it could end decisively; if not, then other plans must be made.

With a calm heart and clear gaze, the Boulder Mountain Saber was raised, blocking an attack from the opponent.

The duel had been ongoing for several days, and since it was a fight with another version of himself, they already knew each other inside out. It was almost as if with a mere lift of a hand, the opponent would know exactly what was coming next.

Seizing the moment the opponent withdrew their blade, Lu Ye suddenly gripped the hilt with both hands. This unusual action clearly caught the shadow across from him off guard, as up until now, Lu Ye had only wielded his blade single-handed.

The sound of tides subtly rose, yet this time, there were no sweeping flashes of the blade. With both hands on the saber, Lu Ye advanced swiftly and struck down towards his foe.

The timing of this slash was exquisitely precise, giving the opponent no chance to parry. Yet at the point of impact, a Sacred Guard Spirit Rune shimmered into existence on the enemy's skin.

Such clashes between the Divine Sharp Edge and Sacred Guard had happened countless times over these past days. The spear and the shield were in constant stalemate, with neither able to best the other.

But this time, things felt notably different. Not only had Lu Ye's expression become more focused, but the opponent's face also turned grave.

As the Boulder Mountain Saber cleaved into the Sacred Guard, it was not simply empowered by the Divine Sharp Edge, but looking closely, countless tiny, dense tides surged and flowed in a rapid current.

In an instant, the blade of the Boulder Mountain Saber seemed to transform into a serrated edge, the minute tides upon it flowing with even more ferocious intensity.

This was Lu Ye's alternative application of the Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves, an approach he'd been contemplating recently.

His thinking was simple: since the sharpness of the Boulder Mountain Saber was no longer sufficient to threaten opponents with particularly strong physiques, instead of trying to enhance its sharpness which was too challenging, he considered a different angle — if it isn't sharp enough, sawing could work too.

A saw can't chop any piece of dry wood but it can saw through it easily.

This was the first time using this method against an enemy, he hadn't even tried it out before, so he wasn't sure of its effectiveness.

Thus, with this strike, Lu Ye was watching intently.

The effect was immediate; the Sacred Guard Spirit Rune, which could have withstood a blow with additional divine sharp edge power, shattered in an instant under this assault, allowing the Boulder Mountain Saber to slice smoothly into the foe's body, cutting from the shoulder blade down to the entrails!

The scene froze as the enemy stood unmoving, looking at Lu Ye with amazement.

Lu Ye panted heavily, the relentless combat over these days had taken its toll on him, but fortunately, this strike hadn't let him down.

"You've won!" The figure identical to Lu Ye suddenly spoke.

Lu Ye was startled.

He hadn't heard the opponent speak at all since their fight began, believing them to be a manifestation of some mysterious power, and didn't expect they could actually talk.

Being able to talk... Did that mean they were alive?

Yet no blood flowed from the wound; the incision opened by the Boulder Mountain Saber was clean and smooth, not like that of flesh and blood.

Instinctively, he tried to pull his saber back, only to find it stuck. The opponent's opened flesh clamped tightly to the blade.

As the opponent struck with a slash of their own, Lu Ye had no choice but to retreat.

His expression was grim.

This was the second time recently that he had lost his saber; the first was in that secret place when the Great Lust Demon Spider had caused him to lose his Boulder Mountain Saber, but fortunately he managed to slay the Great Lust Demon Spider and retrieve it.

The shadow stood there with the Boulder Mountain Saber embedded in their body, seemingly unaffected, gazing with a smirk at Lu Ye. "I had planned to spend my twilight years in this cursed place, but I didn't expect to encounter a young guy like you. Since you've won, I can only honor the ancient pact! But kid, remember this: never lose your own saber again!"

As these words were spoken, a shocking scene unfolded before Lu Ye; the Boulder Mountain Saber embedded in the shadow's body began to melt quickly and was entirely absorbed by him.

Lu Ye raised his hand in anguish, "My saber..."

The Boulder Mountain Saber had been his loyal weapon since shortly after he began cultivation. He had even hoped to find a Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal to advance it to a magic treasure. Yet now, the Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal was nowhere to be found, and the Boulder Mountain Saber had been absorbed!

This shadow... What in the world was it?

Moreover, what did he mean by some kind of ancient pact?

Though furious at heart, Lu Ye did not act rashly, as he sensed that the shadow's strength was certainly not limited to what it had displayed previously.

What he had seen might just be the tip of the iceberg.

He tried linking with the red talisman, but still, there was no response.

As Lu Ye pondered his next move, the shadow spoke again, "Kid, don't live too long. This old man has been asleep for far too long and just wants to wake up sooner!"

With that, and under Lu Ye's astonished gaze, the entire figure began to rapidly dissolve.