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Chapter 1541 Barghest

Outside the Tengu Star, many cultivators were stationed. These cultivators were either like Lih Shang, who did not belong to the combat cultivator faction and were excluded at the start of the trial, or like Duu Lang, who persisted inside for varying durations before ultimately being defeated and withdrawing.

However, even in defeat, due to the unique nature of the trial, almost all combat cultivators who participated had grown to varying extents. This growth was unrelated to their cultivation foundation but instead focused on their combat skills. In the trial, everyone realized many of their own shortcomings.

This kind of growth is invaluable because if these shortcomings were noticed during a battle with a formidable enemy, it could exact a significant cost. Now that the combat cultivators have realized their deficiencies, they naturally seek to amend and correct them.

The reason why cultivators from the four galaxies have not left is not simply to watch for amusement; there is also an implicit competition among them.

Everyone wants to see which galaxy's cultivators can persist the longest in this trial. This subtle contest has occurred several times over the past century, each time an opportunity presents itself.

As of now, all the people from Tranquil Moon and Beixuan galaxies have been eliminated. Those still within the Tengu Star include only Xu Dingyang from Indeterminate and Luo Shenzi from Daluo, with the ultimate victor bound to be one of these two.

Yet, regardless of who it is, even those from the Indeterminate Galaxy believe that Luo Shenzi should be able to persist longer. After all, the title of the strongest Constellation in the four galaxies isn't called out, but fought for.

Indeed, after a moment, a figure suddenly appeared, covered in blood, looking rather battered. It was none other than Xu Dingyang from Indeterminate.

Several Indeterminate cultivators rushed up to him, concernedly asking questions. Xu Dingyang shook his head with dimmed eyes, looked around, and, not seeing Luo Shenzi, his expression grew even more somber.

He knew that in this opportunity contest, he had lost once again.

After waiting for half a day more, Luo Shenzi appeared. Although he too looked battered, compared to Xu Dingyang's condition, it was undoubtedly much better.

A group of Daluo Galaxy's cultivators quickly stepped forward to offer congratulations. Luo Shenzi smiled slightly and exchanged pleasantries with them, then unintentionally looked over a certain spot in the stellar space, furrowing his brow as he asked, "That Fellow Daoist over there, hasn't come out yet?"

Upon hearing this, everyone looked toward the starboat where Duu Lang and Lih Shang were but indeed didn't spot Lu Ye.

Previously Luo Shenzi specifically went to say a few words to Lu Ye, which everyone saw, so they had some impression of Lu Ye.

But ultimately, Lu Ye was a stranger and not famous. Even if he hadn't emerged, no one paid much attention until now when Luo Shenzi asked, and everyone realized.

A Daluo cultivator spoke up, "It's no surprise he hasn't come out; he might have died in there."

Although the opportunity trial inside the Tengu Star itself wasn't lethal, there were star beasts inside, and also an escaped Moon Jade star beast. If one were unfortunate enough to encounter it, a Constellation cultivator would not have the means to withstand it.

Previously, not all cultivators who entered inside the Tengu Star returned safely; some unlucky ones met their end within it, though the number was not large.

Now, not seeing Lu Ye, everyone naturally thought that he was likely doomed.

Luo Shenzi said nothing but vaguely felt that such a person should not have died inside the Tengu Star. His innate insight allowed him to see things others could not, and he could roughly judge a cultivator's strength or weakness.

Otherwise, when he met Lu Ye, he wouldn't have proactively greeted him, as he had sensed a threat from Lu Ye, deeming him a Constellation whose strength was not inferior to his own.

If such a person died inside the Tengu Star, there could only be one possibility: inadvertently encountering that Moon Jade star beast and being killed.

Cultivators were waiting here to see who could persist until the end. Now that the result was out, they naturally had no interest in staying longer.

Moreover, such an opportunity could only be participated in once in a lifetime for every combat cultivator. Even if the opportunity were found again next time, they could no longer partake.

They all prepared to head back.

At this moment, another figure suddenly emerged, and instantly, all eyes from all directions focused there. Once they saw clearly, they all showed expressions of confusion, doubt, shock, and astonishment.

They all thought the last one standing was Luo Shenzi, but unexpectedly it wasn't! A guy they didn't know emerged to surpass Luo Shenzi.

The appearing Lu Ye had no idea what was happening. Sensing the attention from all sides, he raised his left hand slightly, resting it on the hilt of the Boulder Mountain Saber at his waist, gently rubbing it with his thumb, and slightly lowering his eyelids.

But he quickly realized that although all those people were looking at him, there was no malice or hostility, only curiosity and shock.

He frowned, flashed, and headed towards Lih Shang and Duu Lang, intending to meet them first.

"Fellow Daoist, hold on!" A voice came from behind.

Lu Ye turned to look, only to see Luo Shenzi break away from the crowd, floating over, and stop in front of him, gazing intently.

"What is it?" Lu Ye looked at him.

Luo Shenzi first saluted solemnly, "Fellow Daoist, I wish to duel with you!"

He was genuinely curious about how Lu Ye had managed to last longer than him. Although he acknowledged Lu Ye's strength, he believed he wouldn't lose to any cultivator of the same rank.

In these four galaxies, he had fought against every well-known Constellation and had never been defeated, which laid the foundation for his title as the strongest Constellation.

Originally, he thought it would be difficult to find a suitable opponent in these four galaxies, but unexpectedly, another one appeared today.

For Luo Shenzhi, how could he miss such an event? Competing with a strong opponent, especially one from the same combat cultivator faction, was something that made his blood boil with anticipation.

Lu Ye sized him up and didn't sense any malice, only a strong fighting spirit, and he roughly understood what this person was up to.

If he were truly a cultivator from these four galaxies, responding to this challenge wouldn't be a problem, but he was ultimately just a passerby and didn't want to cause any trouble.

Moreover, he had previously assessed Luo Shenzhi's strength and believed that entering the top one hundred of the Constellation Palace was no problem; getting into the top fifty might be difficult. He had defeated many like this at the Constellation Mid-Stage, and now that he was at the Constellation Late Stage, he had no interest in competing with Luo Shenzhi.

He simply replied indifferently, "No time!"

Luo Shenzhi quickly said, "Then when will you have time, Fellow Daoist? You choose the time and place, I have no problem!"

Lu Ye walked past him, waving a hand and said, "We'll see when I have time."

Luo Shenzhi called out behind him, "So it's settled then!"

The many cultivators from the four galaxies were dumbfounded. Although they knew Luo Shenzhi liked to battle strong opponents, it was rare to see him so impatient, and they couldn't understand why he was doing this.

Lu Ye lasted on Planet Tengu longer than Luo Shenzhi, an event witnessed by many, but that didn't necessarily mean his strength was as formidable.

Some Constellation Early Stage cultivators also lasted longer than those at the Constellation Late Stage; one couldn't simply conclude that the early stages were stronger.

After reuniting with Lih Shang, Lu Ye summoned his star beast and, with Lih Shang and Duu Lang in tow, dashed towards the depths of stellar space. In the coming period, he needed to traverse this desolate land, enter the Indeterminate Galaxy, and then cross the entire Indeterminate!

The road ahead was long.

After Lu Ye and his companions left, the cultivators gathered on Planet Tengu quickly dispersed as well.

Luo Shenzhi didn't leave but gazed in the direction Lu Ye departed, asking, "Zong Yun, didn't the Great Elder say he was planning to visit the Indeterminate World?"

A young man beside him replied, "The Great Elder did mention it. If we calculate the time, he should be preparing for it. You know, the Indeterminate and our Daluo are on friendly terms, and there are often interactions between us."

Luo Shenzhi nodded, turned around and said, "Let's go home!"

Even someone like Luo Shenzhi wouldn't recklessly charge into another Star System, but visiting with the elders of the sect would be a different matter.

He saw that Lu Ye had no intention to fight him, but he impatiently wanted to have a match with Lu Ye to see who was stronger. This visit with the Great Elder to the Indeterminate might give him the opportunity, and if not, he could always create one!

In any case, he was determined to have this battle.

On the starboat, Lu Ye sat cross-legged, having left the navigation to Duu Lang, who, being from the Indeterminate Galaxy, was naturally familiar with the routes.

The Boulder Mountain Saber lay horizontally across his lap, and Lu Ye gazed down at his saber, still finding it a bit hard to believe.

The scene in that azure hall was just too bizarre.

The figure identical to him had devoured the Boulder Mountain Saber, and at the time, he thought he had lost his treasured saber forever, feeling a wave of heartache and anger.

Who would have thought that after the figure melted, it would transform into the likeness of the Boulder Mountain Saber, looking exactly the same as his previous saber, without the slightest difference.

Yet he could clearly feel that the current Boulder Mountain Saber was entirely different from the previous one.

Barghest!

This was the information that came from the blade of the new Boulder Mountain Saber after he touched it, also the name of that shadow.

At this moment, calling it the Barghest Saber seemed more appropriate, although the two characters for Boulder Mountain still adorned the handle.

Barghest was a living entity, but not in the traditional sense, nor could it be considered a spirit; it was an exceedingly peculiar existence, so peculiar that Lu Ye had never heard of such a thing before.

While he was deep in thought, Lih Shang's audio transmission suddenly came to his ear: "Lu Yiye, the opportunity you encountered before might be from the Combat Race!"

Lu Ye was startled; he had only discovered its true identity after obtaining the Barghest, but Lih Shang, who hadn't participated in the trial, figured it out.

He turned to look at Lih Shang, who explained, "My Soul Race is a rare species, and the Combat Race even rarer, arguably one of the rarest species in this world, so my Soul Race knows a little about them."

Chapter 1542 Combat Race

The barghest is indeed a member of the Combat Race, which Lu Ye only found out after acquiring it. However, Lih Shang had already deduced it beforehand. It seems that this is not merely a matter of mutual understanding between rare races.

Sure enough, Lih Shang said, "An elder in our clan met a member of the Combat Race a long time ago, so our clan has records of such information. I observed the trials you participated in earlier, and they seem very much like those unique to the Combat Race. If you pass the trial, you can earn their allegiance."

Although Lu Ye had already gained the barghest, he didn't know much about the Combat Race, so he humbly asked for guidance, "Can you tell me about the Combat Race?"

Lih Shang was more than willing to oblige and began to explain.

In Lih Shang's explanation, the Combat Race is an extremely peculiar race, so peculiar that it's hard to determine if they're even living beings, because they lack vitality, yet they have thinking and their own ideas.

The birth of the Combat Race can be traced back to ancient times. No one knows how they came into existence, but it's known that their numbers are very few, and no new members can be born because the ancient places that once nurtured them have long since been destroyed. In other words, every member of the Combat Race is accounted for; once one dies, that's one less. Perhaps one day in the future, the Combat Race will only exist in old records, never to be seen again.

The Combat Race is named so because they are almost exclusively created for combat cultivators. If a combat cultivator can pass their trials and earn their recognition, they gain a significant boost.

They can transform into any weapon form desired by the combat cultivator.

Just like how the barghest turned into the Boulder Mountain Saber; however, it first had to consume the Boulder Mountain Saber.

Moreover, the Combat Race can grow in strength alongside their master. The ones that remain in the world today have followed many powerful masters, making each one of them a formidable creature in their own right.

"I suspect that the Sun Blazes in this four galaxies know the truth, but they don't dare to meddle with such an opportunity at will. Because once they do, the difficulty of the trials increases, and they might fall in it."

The strength and insight of a Sun Blaze are not comparable to those of the Constellation. This opportunity has appeared here for a century, and it's impossible that the Sun Blazes of the four galaxies haven't come to investigate. With their abilities, they should have no trouble finding out where the opportunity lies, but still, no Sun Blaze or Moon Jade has intervened. They just leave it for the Constellation cultivators to contend among themselves and gain experience.

Because the Combat Race has followed countless powerful masters, the strength they can exert is by no means comparable to an average Sun Blaze. Ordinary Sun Blazes trying to conquer the Combat Race would risk getting killed by them.

In contrast, Constellation cultivators participating ensures their safety, and one could say they even show leniency, not letting them die in the trials.

With such considerations, even Sun Blazes and Moon Jades who know the truth about the Combat Race dare not carelessly search for them, giving an advantage to the Constellations of these four galaxies.

Hearing this, something moved in Lu Ye's heart: "Doesn't this mean, if one gains the recognition of the Combat Race, when a combat cultivator ascends from Constellation to Moon Jade, the weapon can also advance to a magic treasure?"

Lih Shang said, "In terms of quality, every weapon formed by a member of the Combat Race is far from simple as a magic treasure. However, how much power they can manifest post-acquisition depends entirely on how powerful the master is. A Constellation cultivator acquiring a Combat Race member can only wield a spirit treasure's power. But reaching Moon Jade, one can manifest the power of a magic treasure."

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye's heart filled with joy.

Recently, the advancement of the Boulder Mountain Saber was a pressing issue for him. He had missed two pieces of Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal, and he didn't have the time to search for more. He thought of returning to the All Phenomena Ocean later to find some, or if all else failed, shamelessly approaching Ban Ci to buy her piece of Phoenix Sky Blue Crystal.

Unexpectedly, this issue didn't need to be faced at all.

As they spoke, Lih Shang glanced at the Boulder Mountain Saber at Lu Ye's waist. She suspected Lu Ye had already gained the Combat Race's recognition, but it's something that shows no obvious signs on the surface, making it hard to inquire about.

"Every member of the Combat Race has its unique ability; these are innate powers. The Combat Race member that our clan elder knew had the power to slash at the psyche, so if an enemy's physical body was cut, their psyche would also be injured."

Lu Ye thought this was similar to the Soul Severing Saber's nature he had obtained before. But as his cultivation grew, the Soul Severing Saber became less effective since its quality wasn't high enough to harm cultivators at the Constellation level.

Since ascending to the Constellation, the main purpose of the Soul Severing Saber was to help him build various spirit runes inside the Boulder Mountain Saber to enhance its power.

After the barghest consumed the Boulder Mountain Saber, it also consumed the Soul Severing Saber. Yet, upon sensing, the Soul Severing Saber still remained, so he continued to utilize it for building various spirit runes inside the Boulder Mountain Saber.

As for the barghest's special abilities, Lu Ye guessed it was related to the strange power surrounding the wounds inflicted by it.

That strange power hindered the healing of wounds, as if countless ants were gnawing at the wound, not only blocking the healing process but also causing the wound to expand over time.

If Lu Ye hadn't used the power of the Talent Tree to burn away the barghest's special power, he couldn't have won the battle. The most probable outcome was losing due to excessive blood loss.

Subsequently, Lu Ye thought of something else: "Since the Combat Race has its own thoughts, doesn't that mean if it stays by its master's side all the time, the master would have no privacy at all?"

This made Lu Ye secretly wary, thinking that he should put away the Boulder Mountain Saber whenever he got intimate with Hua Ci in the future.

Lih Shang smiled and said, "That won't happen, because once the Combat Race is subjugated, they fall into slumber. Only when their master perishes will their consciousness awaken. If you truly subdue the Combat Race, they will become ordinary weapons."

Lu Ye suddenly recalled what the barghest said last, about not wanting to experience too long a slumber, so he told Lu Ye not to live too long. It turns out he meant this...

The lifespan of the Combat Race is nearly infinite. They are the oldest race, following their masters through generations, battling across lands. They have lived for unknown years, and compared to the lifespan of the Reincarnation Tree, they are in no way inferior.

"Moreover, the Combat Race seems to have a special ability to help their master grow, but I'm not sure exactly what kind of ability this is," Lih Shang added.

Although she didn't know, Lu Ye had some inkling because he felt that when his spirit force and Mental Consciousness infused the Boulder Mountain Saber, there was something vaguely strange.

Just as Lu Ye was about to give it a try, Duu Lang, who was piloting the starboat, suddenly called out, "Brother Lu, someone is chasing us!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye turned his head and indeed saw a starboat behind, approaching rapidly at great speed.

After seeing the appearance of that starboat, Duu Lang couldn't help but frown, "It's a starboat from the Indeterminate World!"

Lu Ye thought for a moment and instructed, "See what they want."

Perhaps they were just going the same way. After all, everyone was heading to the Indeterminate World, so going in the same direction was normal.

But the other side was clearly not just going the same way because when our starboat slowed down and theirs overtook, they suddenly blocked the front.

Several familiar figures on the starboat were people Lu Ye had seen outside Planet Tengu before, with Xu Dingyang leading them.

Lu Ye hadn't noticed them from afar, but now up close, he could see that more or less all of them had traces of the barghest's sinister power.

This was evidently left from being injured by the barghest in some test.

These forces could be resolved or suppressed, but the extent of resolution and suppression depended on the cultivator's own foundation. Xu Dingyang and his people were surely not lacking, but clearly, they couldn't dissolve these sinister powers in a short time.

At this moment, sensing the sinister power lingering in their bodies, Lu Ye even had a feeling that he could control the eruption of these sinister powers through the Boulder Mountain Saber.

If that were the case, their wounds would surely deteriorate rapidly.

Suppressing the urge to try, Lu Ye stood on the starboat, gazing indifferently at Xu Dingyang and his group.

Duu Lang proactively stepped forward and greeted, "Elder Brother Xu, why are you blocking our way?"

Regarding Xu Dingyang, Duu Lang had not an ounce of goodwill. Previously, he was here with a senior brother training himself and seeking opportunities when Xu Dingyang encountered them and forcibly conscripted them. Later, they encountered a group of star beasts, and his senior brother died in battle. Seeing the dire situation, Xu Dingyang abandoned him and fled. If not for Lu Ye's timely appearance, Duu Lang would have been dead.

However, with things as they were, even though Duu Lang deeply despised Xu Dingyang, he couldn't show it.

Xu Dingyang didn't even spare Duu Lang a glance, acting as if he didn't exist. His piercing eyes were fixed on Lu Ye, and after a long while, he spoke, "You're not a cultivator from Red Sky. Where do you come from?"

In a place like Red Sky, they were well aware of how many Moon Jades and Constellations there were; there was no one like Lu Ye.

Moreover, considering that Lu Ye could surpass Luo Shenzhi in the trial on Planet Tengu, Xu Dingyang didn't believe that a cultivator like this could emerge from Red Sky's current foundation.

But Lu Ye seemed familiar with Duu Lang, making it all the more intriguing.

Lu Ye pondered briefly; he needed to pass through the Indeterminate, and though accompanied by Duu Lang, Red Sky was declining and couldn't dictate terms in the Indeterminate Galaxy. He would still need to discuss matters with the strong ones from the Indeterminate World. Thus, in response to Xu Dingyang's inquiry, he couldn't hide the truth.

He could only reply, "I come from the Jade Conch Galaxy!"

Xu Dingyang furrowed his brow and turned to look at the people beside him, seemingly wanting to know if they had heard of the Jade Conch Galaxy. As a result, they all shook their heads.

Xu Dingyang didn't bother to delve too deeply; it was merely from another star system. He spoke, "Regardless of where you come from, I want to know if you got anything inside Planet Tengu."

With this question, Lu Ye became increasingly certain that these Constellations from big worlds knew the truth about the opportunities.

Chapter 1543 - Qing Li of the Demon Race

Someone like Duu Lang wouldn't know what the Combat Race is; they'd probably just assume that the test itself was the opportunity. Lu Ye initially thought so too, until the barghest swallowed his Boulder Mountain Saber...

But the Constellations like Xu Dingyang and Luo Shenzhi are different. Their domains have powerful sun blaze forces stationed there, and since the sun blazes are aware of the Combat Race, there's no reason they wouldn't inform their juniors, encouraging them to strive to tame the Combat Race.

The benefits gained from that test itself are secondary; the barghest is their true target, yet no one has succeeded in a hundred years.

"Yes!" Lu Ye responded.

Xu Dingyang's expression lit up, and he impatiently asked, "Can I have a look?"

Lu Ye showed a contemplative look, seemingly a bit reluctant, but still tossed over a storage ring.

Xu Dingyang caught the storage ring and quickly inspected it, but soon the joy on his face disappeared entirely. He looked up at Lu Ye in disbelief: "This is what you obtained on Planet Tengu?"

Inside that storage ring were some corpses of Tengu star beasts...

But what he wanted to see wasn't these things. Although the star beast corpses have some value, they weren't much for Xu Dingyang.

"This is all I've gained." Lu Ye looked at him calmly.

Xu Dingyang frowned and then glanced at the Boulder Mountain Saber at his waist: "I want to see your saber!"

Lu Ye slowly shook his head: "As a combat cultivator yourself, you should know the significance of a weapon to a combat cultivator. The saber... cannot be shown!"

Xu Dingyang stared at him forcefully: "What if I insist on seeing it?"

He didn't believe someone from an outside star system like Lu Ye could tame the Combat Race within Planet Tengu. Before setting out, his sun blaze had told him that the Combat Race wasn't easy to subdue, not in a hundred years, not even in a thousand or ten thousand years. A cultivator from the four galaxies might not be able to tame them. Each ancient Combat Race has followed too many powerful

masters, each one a once-in-a-lifetime genius, and an ordinary cultivator simply doesn't capture their attention.

As demonstrated, even someone like Luo Shenzhi hasn't succeeded; how could an outsider like Lu Ye possibly manage?

However, it was a fact that Lu Ye persisted in the Planet Tengu longer than Luo Shenzhi, which was undeniable. Just in case, Xu Dingyang wanted to see Lu Ye's saber.

If Lu Ye had truly subdued the Combat Race, the saber might have undergone some changes.

Xu Dingyang's demeanor was resolute, as if he didn't regard Lu Ye at all. He had the confidence, coming from a domain like Indeterminate World. Though his strength wasn't as great as Luo Shenzhi's, he didn't consider himself inferior to other Constellations.

The atmosphere grew heavy, and the aura of several cultivators beside Xu Dingyang became increasingly dangerous.

Duu Lang's face turned ugly, and he spoke solemnly: "Elder Brother Xu, Brother Lu is my friend. He is merely passing through. Elder Brother Xu, you..."

Before he could finish, one of the people beside Xu Dingyang coldly interrupted: "Shut up, this is not your place to speak!"

Duu Lang tried to argue more, but Lu Ye slightly raised his hand, stopping him. Lu Ye looked calmly at Xu Dingyang and his companions: "Do you really want to see?"

Xu Dingyang said, "If it is convenient for you, Fellow Daoist..."

"Naturally... it's convenient!" As Lu Ye's words fell, he had already leaped out of the starboat, charging forward with his saber drawn, emitting a clang, and the blade's light unfurled.

Duu Lang didn't even see clearly what happened; when he came back to his senses, Lu Ye was already standing on the opposite starboat, holding the storage ring he had just tossed to Xu Dingyang and carrying his long saber at an angle, with traces of blood hidden on the blade.

Xu Dingyang and his companions seemed to have been struck by lightning, retreating in all directions, each bleeding profusely and looking terrified.

Although these people had decent strength, they were far inferior to Luo Shenzhi. Even if Luo Shenzhi were here, Lu Ye could take him down with a few strikes, let alone Xu Dingyang and his companions.

Hurriedly steadying themselves, the shock in Xu Dingyang and his companions' eyes had not faded, and they looked incredulously at Lu Ye, who held the long saber, finally understanding why Luo Shenzhi had valued Lu Ye so highly before.

At the time, everyone thought Luo Shenzhi was being unnecessarily mysterious; now they knew that Luo Shenzhi truly had exceptional insight when it came to recognizing people.

"Have you seen clearly?" Lu Ye looked at Xu Dingyang and asked lightly.

Xu Dingyang's face was pale, clearly not yet recovered from that soul-stirring strike. If the other party had wanted to take his life with that strike, he definitely wouldn't have been able to resist.

He instinctively nodded.

Only then did Lu Ye sheathe his saber: "Excuse me!"

He flashed back to his own starboat, and Duu Lang didn't need any instructions; he quickly maneuvered the starboat towards a distant place.

Until Lu Ye's starboat disappeared from sight, Xu Dingyang and his companions slowly came to their senses, returning to their own starboat. The cultivator who had previously reprimanded Duu Lang looked remorseful: "This person is not inferior to Luo Shenzhi!"

Xu Dingyang said hoarsely: "He's stronger than Luo Shenzhi!"

The others hadn't fought Luo Shenzhi directly, so they didn't know how powerful he truly was. However, Xu Dingyang, who had been defeated by Luo Shenzhi, could clearly judge that although Luo Shenzhi was indeed strong, it would be impossible for him to injure Xu Dingyang with a single move.

But the person who claimed to be from the Jade Conch Galaxy did it!

Jade Conch... where exactly is it? Can a Constellation be this powerful?

"Elder Brother Xu, did he get it?" someone asked.

Xu Dingyang looked down at the wound on his abdomen, where blood was flowing but there was no sign of sinister force. He shook his head slowly: "Probably not. The Combat Race on Planet Tengu possesses a peculiar power, and wounds inflicted by them are hard to heal, as you all should know. However, the saber of this person did not have such power."

The cultivator nodded: "I thought so. How could an outsider be so lucky as to subdue the Combat Race?"

"Let's go back to Indeterminate!" Xu Dingyang called out, looking at the direction of the starboat's voyage, obviously heading towards the Indeterminate Galaxy. Although he couldn't rival the other party, once in Indeterminate, it would be his territory. Would he still fear that person wouldn't bow down?

This cut that injured him could not be so easily settled.

"We should have killed them," Lih Shang voiced on the starboat. "Xu Dingyang doesn't seem like a forgiving person. He's from Indeterminate. If you go to Indeterminate, he won't let it slide."

Lu Ye shook his head, offering no explanation.

He saw through Xu Dingyang's nature too. If possible, he would also want to eradicate them, to end all troubles. But Xu Dingyang and the others had left from Planet Tengu almost right after him, heading in the same direction, likely witnessed by many.

If Xu Dingyang and his group died, even without any evidence, the strong from Indeterminate World wouldn't let it slide.

This was not beneficial for what he intended to do next. He didn't want any conflict with Indeterminate World; instead, he wished to build a good relationship and achieve some cooperation.

But this was not easy. After all, he was just a Constellation, and in the vast stellar space, his power was too insignificant to qualify for equal dialogue with the strong of Indeterminate.

Not killing but only injuring wasn't a momentary impulse. Xu Dingyang wanted to see his saber, merely to know whether the Combat Race had been subdued by him. He injured several of them without leaving any sinister force, which should be enough to wash his suspicion.

Xu Dingyang and his group probably didn't know that the sinister force of the barghest was something he could control. That force was a natural trait of the barghest, and now, as its master, he could release and retract it freely.

The starboat sailed on smoothly, with occasional star beasts being avoided by Duu Lang from a distance, casting occasional glances towards Lu Ye full of envy.

Back then, they were all in the Divine Sea, participating in the contest of the Taichu Realm. But after all these years, he had only reached the Constellation Early Stage, while Lu Ye had advanced to the Constellation Late Stage. The cultivation gap was worlds apart.

That wasn't all. The key was that the strength Lu Ye demonstrated was simply unbelievable. Xu Dingyang was already an outstanding Constellation of his generation in Indeterminate World, sharing the same Late Stage cultivation as Lu Ye, yet was injured in an instant. His several fellow sect members were injured along with him.

Duu Lang couldn't help but imagine, if he had such potential, how could he not be strong enough in the future, unable to save the Red Sky Continent?

But it was merely a daydream. He knew his own situation well. Currently, Red Sky was declining, the foundations within the domain were eroding, talents were becoming sparse. It wouldn't be many years before Red Sky became just an ordinary domain, without a trace of cultivators. Whenever he thought of this, Duu Lang felt a deep pain in his heart.

With Duu Lang steering the starboat, and Lih Shang protecting it, Lu Ye didn't have to worry about anything. He immersed his mind into the Boulder Mountain Saber, slowly channeling his spirit force into it.

Suddenly, he found himself within a vast, blue hall.

The blue hall was the place where he had previously battled the barghest.

At this moment, a figure stood not far in front of Lu Ye. It wasn't the barghest, for it was a slender, daring female figure.

The woman was stunningly beautiful, with sharply arched eyebrows full of heroic spirit. Clearly, she was not human, for two furry ears stood upright on top of her head.

She looked like a rabbit had transformed into a spirit.

This must be a Demon Race, Lu Ye thought to himself.

At this moment, the rabbit-like woman stood quietly in place, with a long saber in her hands, her entire presence showing not a trace of aura.

Her long saber bore some resemblance to Lu Ye's Boulder Mountain Saber, though it seemed even heavier.

As Lu Ye looked at her, her eyes slowly opened, and a burst of golden light emanated from her gaze. Lu Ye's body tensed unconsciously, an inexplicable illusion forming that he was facing not a rabbit, but a ferocious tiger.

A clanging sound echoed as the rabbit demon slowly drew her saber, her voice resonating: "Hundred Battles, Qing Li of the Demon Race!"

Indeed, she was a cultivator of the Demon Race, and Qing Li should be her name. As for Hundred Battles... Lu Ye guessed it referred to her origin, whether it be a Star System or a domain.

However, there was no time for Lu Ye to think further, as in the instant her long saber was unsheathed, Qing Li dashed towards him like a rabbit, forcing Lu Ye to raise his saber to meet her.

But before he could move, he saw her saber light erupt, and suddenly, it seemed as though an ancient beast was opening its gaping maw towards him, baring its fangs ready to bite.

Chapter 1544 - Indeterminate

On the starboat, Lu Ye opened his eyes, his face showing a hint of pain, the consequence of having a strand of his Mental Consciousness being severed. Yet, he showed no signs of fatigue; instead, his eyes were spirited and full of excitement.

Because he discovered that subduing the barghest brought far greater benefits than he had anticipated.

Not to mention that the barghest belongs to the Combat Race, able to gradually grow stronger along with its master's power, thus sparing him from future troubles in advancing to the level of the Boulder Mountain Saber. Moreover, the barghest itself is a huge treasure, a treasure waiting for Lu Ye to explore.

Lih Shang once mentioned that the Combat Race seems to have abilities that assist their master's growth, though she didn't know what that ability exactly was.

At that time, Lu Ye had felt something, and was about to investigate it when Xu Dingyang and others caught up, leaving him no time to check.

Until the recent battle...

Throughout history, the barghest has followed many powerful masters, none of which were exceptions—they were all combat cultivators, and naturally, many of them used sabers.

These cultivators were all geniuses of their time, their achievements far outweighing ordinary cultivators. Many of them, even in a place like Sun Blaze, were formidable and renowned as terrifying figures, each a dominator in their realm.

If these mighty figures chose to, they could leave a mark within the barghest's body, which was less an imprint and more like a legacy.

Just like Qing Li, whom Lu Ye encountered earlier. What he saw was not Qing Li herself but a manifestation of the imprint she left within the barghest. That slash she directed at Lu Ye, was the essence of her legacy.

Under that slash, Lu Ye had no way to defend himself and was forced out. Had they met in reality, it would mean Qing Li could have killed Lu Ye in one strike.

This of course does not mean that Qing Li already possessed this ability during the Constellation Late Stage. When Qing Li left this imprint legacy, it might have been at the level of Sun Blaze or another level of cultivation. Even if Qing Li only exerted power equivalent to Lu Ye's, Lu Ye still could not have withstood it.

In the future, when Lu Ye becomes stronger, he too can leave his own imprint legacy within the barghest, benefiting future generations.

Of course, even if Lu Ye intended to do so, it would be many years in the future, and not everyone could leave an imprint legacy within the barghest. To do that, one must first gain the barghest's approval. If unapproved, any forcefully left imprint would quickly dissipate.

Lu Ye's combat skills and instincts were honed through life and death struggles. Throughout his cultivation journey, the most significant issue he faced was the lack of systematic guidance and teaching.

At first, the Righteous Blood Sect was in decline. The sect master was a magic cultivator and a physique cultivator, the Second Senior Sister was a healing cultivator, and the Fourth Senior Brother was a sword cultivator. There was no one to teach him. It was the Third Senior Brother who, without ever meeting him, gave him some saber skills cultivation insights.

But Lu Ye's strength grew so rapidly that it soon surpassed the limits of the Nine Provinces cultivator, leaving no one able to teach him further.

The Constellation Palace previously granted him the legacy of Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves, which delighted Lu Ye because he finally received something different from the Tyrannical Saber Technique. Yet it couldn't fundamentally resolve the challenges he faced—as his cultivation gradually advanced, so too should his saber skills grow. Mere honing through life and death was no longer sufficient.

The imprint legacy within the barghest was precisely what he now desperately needed.

Qing Li was just the first; the imprint legacies hidden within the barghest were countless. As long as Lu Ye could defeat the imprints left by each of those strong figures, he could grasp the essence of their legacies, absorb their insights, and promote his own growth.

Suppressing his inner excitement, Lu Ye didn't rush to try again but instead reflected on the slash Qing Li had just executed.

Undoubtedly, that slash was not a simple cut but the concentration of an entire saber skill system. Qing Li had condensed all her saber skills into that one slash.

Just like the Tyrannical Saber 3rd Movement is not merely those three movements. If one were to only emulate those movements superficially, it would be impossible to comprehend the profoundness of the Tyrannical Saber Technique.

The power Qing Li used at that time was entirely consistent with her own—there was no difference whatsoever. Yet Lu Ye was still killed in one strike, which meant that in terms of saber skills, Qing Li surpassed him by a significant margin.

This didn't dishearten Lu Ye but instead invigorated him, as he saw the potential for his own growth.

After contemplating for a long while, Lu Ye once again immersed his mind, entering the verdant great hall. As he looked up, Qing Li remained in the same posture he had witnessed before, hands crossed on the saber hilt, standing with the long saber.

However, she quickly opened her eyes, and Lu Ye saw two points of golden light bloom once again.

Unlike last time, Qing Li didn't announce her name or origins but directly launched an attack this time.

Lu Ye thought he could hold on a bit, but the moment Qing Li struck, he realized he was wrong. He barely made out a gaping mouth lunging for him, and then his psyche was ejected from the verdant great hall.

A truly fierce and malevolent figure, baring fangs!

The Mental Consciousness was severed once more, yet Lu Ye didn't mind. This minor damage meant little to him, and should he wish to recover, he still had the psyche refinement herb available.

After thinking deeply for a while, repeatedly simulating in his mind, Lu Ye entered the verdant great hall for the third time.

Time flows, as Lu Ye sits cross-legged on the starboat, the Boulder Mountain Saber resting across his knee, his spirit force periodically channeled into the saber. Occasionally, he takes out spirit jade or psyche refinement herb to refine. To an outsider, it seems as if he is cultivating.

Lih Shang becomes increasingly certain that Lu Ye must have subdued the Combat Race; otherwise, his odd behavior throughout the journey makes no sense. However, as they spend more time together, she gradually notices Lu Ye's uniqueness. She vaguely feels that one day, in this vast stellar space, there will undoubtedly be a place for Lu Ye. Being able to associate with such a person while his strength is still humble seems quite worthwhile.

Traveling through the stellar space is incredibly monotonous and tedious. Although the scenery in the stellar space is magnificent and breathtaking, the longer you look, the less remarkable it seems.

Yet, this tedious voyage is something every cultivator must experience because the stellar space is vast, making it impossible to arrive at a destination easily.

Starting from Planet Tengu, it took a full three and a half months for the group to traverse that desolate star region and enter the Indeterminate Galaxy.

And this is only just entering the Indeterminate Galaxy; to reach a specific domain, another period of navigation is required.

Lu Ye is entirely oblivious to the passage of time, his mind focused on confronting Qing Li.

Over the course of more than three months, he was slain by Qing Li thousands of times, but finally, he glimpsed some paths. Although he still isn't Qing Li's opponent, he can at least engage in a bout with her instead of being immediately slain upon entering.

This is undoubtedly significant growth.

During the battles with Qing Li, it is also an opportunity to comprehend the essence of her legacy. Lu Ye eagerly absorbs the nourishment Qing Li left behind, feeling grateful for this senior who once gained insight from the barghest.

Moreover, amid this constant slaying, Lu Ye discovers that his Divine Sea has shown considerable growth, as he frequently needs to refine psyche refinement herb to replenish his depleted Mental Consciousness, which, in turn, strengthens his psyche.

While Lu Ye is refining spirit jade, Duu Lang speaks up: "Brother Lu, now that we've entered the Indeterminate Galaxy, where do you intend to go next?"

Lu Ye then remembers some of his previous plans, recently becoming engrossed in his confrontation with Qing Li, having forgotten other matters.

After some thought, Lu Ye says: "How far is Red Sky from the Indeterminate World?"

Duu Lang replies: "The two domains are not far apart; given the speed of Brother Lu's starboat, it should only take half a month."

This is also because Red Sky has weakened and wishes to attach itself to Indeterminate due to its proximity. If it were too far away, Red Sky wouldn't consider aligning with the Indeterminate World; there are other domains in this home galaxy to choose from, although none are as powerful as Indeterminate.

"Then let's head to Red Sky first; allow me to visit your esteemed domain's seniors!"

Intending to establish a collaboration with Sun Blaze of the Indeterminate World is not an easy task; Lu Ye currently lacks the qualification to communicate with the powerful Sun Blaze cultivators. To those Sun Blaze who have lived for countless years, Lu Ye—a Constellation—is merely a child.

Therefore, Lu Ye thinks perhaps he can use Red Sky's strength as a stepping stone.

With Red Sky's weakness and decline, no matter how Indeterminate World considers the matter, if Red Sky learns they can voyage to the All Phenomena Ocean, they would undoubtedly refuse because they are most eager for change.

Thus, Lu Ye plans to first discuss matters with Red Sky's Moon Jade, then have them introduce him to the powerful ones of Indeterminate. If all goes well, establishing a collaboration with Indeterminate shouldn't be difficult.

Upon hearing this, Duu Lang is noticeably pleased and immediately pilots the starboat, guided by the star map, towards the Red Sky Continent.

The environment within the Indeterminate Galaxy is unmistakably different from that desolate star region; here, stars and domains teeming with life are visible everywhere, which is the typical situation within a normal galaxy.

Lu Ye continues to struggle against Qing Li, making good progress. He estimates that in a bit more time, he should be able to fully comprehend the legacy Qing Li left behind.

This fills him with silent anticipation, wondering what other wondrous legacy Qing Li might offer afterward.

Two months later, within the green palace of the barghest, two figures collide fiercely, the saber resonance clangs incessantly, saber momentum is ferocious, their figures interwoven, each long saber slashing downward.

Amid intense spirit force agitation and some stalemate, Qing Li's figure suddenly drifts backward.

Lu Ye ponders, not pursuing.

He sees Qing Li sheath her saber, then nod slightly to Lu Ye before her figure disappears.

Lu Ye realizes he has likely comprehended the essence of Qing Li's legacy, passing her test.

After nearly half a year of struggle, gradually growing through repeated slaying, achieving this is indeed no small feat. Compared to the sharpness and threatening nature of the Tyrannical Saber Technique, the continuous sweep of Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves, Qing Li's saber skill legacy emphasizes agility.

Thankfully, witnessing his various shortcomings while subduing the barghest previously, Lu Ye thinks passing Qing Li's test wouldn't have been so straightforward otherwise.

Chapter 1545 Specter Race Yien Xi

Almost at the same moment Qing Li's figure disappeared, another figure appeared in front of Lu Ye, and upon seeing it clearly, he couldn't help but feel surprised.

Because this figure that appeared after Qing Li was actually a member of the Specter Race.

Compared to many other races whose physiques are similar to that of the human race, the Specter Race's characteristics are very obvious, because their exposed skin is covered in mysterious spectral runes, some of which are natural and others cultivated, different from ordinary rune tattoos.

Does the Specter Race also have experts who wield sabers? Lu Ye was amazed.

Due to the unique nature of the Specter Race, they have unparalleled talent in the path of ghost cultivation; it can be said that every member of the Specter Race is a born ghost cultivator, excelling at stealth and surprise attacks, unlike combat cultivators who engage in frontal confrontation.

While Lu Ye was pondering, the Specter had slowly opened his eyes, with spectral runes seemingly etched in his pupils, making his eyes appear extremely peculiar.

He slowly drew his saber from its sheath, and a voice emanated: "Netherworld, Yien Xi of the Specter Race!"

As soon as the words fell, he was already one with his saber, transforming into a blade of light slashing towards Lu Ye, the fierceness of his attack not inferior to Qing Li's.

Lu Ye hurriedly raised his saber to parry, but in the next moment, he was taken aback as the blade of light that was clearly slashing towards him seemed to have a life of its own, bypassing his counterattack and sweeping towards him from the side, causing Lu Ye's saber to sink instantly.

If he hadn't spent the past half year contending with Qing Li, he would have likely met his end against this strike from Yien Xi, but through his battles with Qing Li, Lu Ye had experienced considerable growth, so even though Yien Xi's strike was bizarre, Lu Ye still managed to catch a hint of a clue.

What he thought would block Yien Xi's strike hadn't felt any resistance, and upon taking another look, Yien Xi had already flashed to another side, delivering another slash.

Moments later, Lu Ye withdrew his mind from the blue hall; though he was defeated and cut down in the struggle against Yien Xi, there was still no hiding the expression of excitement in his eyes.

Yien Xi's saber skills were entirely different from Qing Li's; compared to Qing Li's agility, Yien Xi's saber skills could be described as elusive and unfathomable.

Yien Xi's combat style was unlike that of a traditional combat cultivator because he never faced his enemies head-on; during the exchange, his figure darted back and forth like a wisp of wind, completely traceless.

But when he did strike, it was with a force as overwhelming as thunder, making it irresistible.

Yien Xi's inherited saber skills were undoubtedly peculiar. Lu Ye had a vague sense that if he could comprehend the intricacies within, he'd no longer fear being besieged by others in the future.

Recalling the previous battle, no matter how fast he moved, he hadn't managed to lay a scratch on Yien Xi, instead, he was gradually dismantled by Yien Xi's offense.

Whether it was Qing Li or Yien Xi, the power they could currently exert was exactly the same as Lu Ye's, because the force supporting their saber skills was infused by Lu Ye himself into the Boulder Mountain Saber.

But under the same power foundation, Lu Ye was no match for Qing Li when they first encountered each other, and still wasn't an even match for Yien Xi upon meeting him again.

Lu Ye knew it wasn't that he was worse than them, but because the insight and experience the two had when leaving their legacy far surpassed his own.

He had spent half a year comprehending Qing Li's saber skills, and he had experienced significant growth; he believed that understanding Yien Xi's saber skills this time wouldn't take as long because, with his growth, the legacy marks left by these predecessors would also become simpler for him.

Just as he was about to try again, he heard Duu Lang say, "Brother Lu, we're approaching Red Sky!"

Upon hearing this, Lu Ye looked up and saw a domain ahead, appearing from afar with intermingled blue and yellow hues, as though the entire domain was streaked with lines.

By now, Lu Ye was no longer a fledgling. Having traveled through the stellar space for years and seen various domains both large and small, he still hadn't quite understood what a top-tier domain looked like.

So he could generally glimpse some clues about whether a domain was strong or weak from a glance.

Undoubtedly, Red Sky gave him a poor impression, like an old man critically ill, which undoubtedly signaled the decline of a cultivation domain.

With Insight Spirit Runes enhancing his eyes, upon careful observation, the energy in the stellar space showed no sign of being absorbed by Red Sky; instead, it seemed as if the foundation of Red Sky was seeping into the stellar space.

Normally, a thriving domain would absorb the energy of the stellar space to gradually grow stronger over time; as the foundation of a domain strengthens, its level would incrementally rise, although this process typically takes millions of years.

There are only a few domains capable of actively absorbing the foundational elements of other domains to advance their own growth in the entire stellar space, like the Nine Provinces.

Red Sky has shown signs of decline a millennium ago, and today, this process has accelerated markedly.

Typically, in a major domain, cultivators would patrol the near space as governors to prevent foreign invasions or star beast attacks, but Red Sky seemed completely undefended.

On this journey, Lu Ye barely saw any cultivators of Red Sky, and the ones he occasionally encountered looked hurried.

Duu Lang piloted the starboat into the Red Sky Continent without encountering any inspection or exploration.

Only upon entering an area where a sect was based did he vaguely sense Moon Jade's Mental Consciousness exploring a bit before quickly withdrawing.

Without a doubt, this was the sect where Duu Lang originated. With few cultivators stronger than Constellation level remaining in the entirety of Red Sky, Duu Lang held a considerable status here, and after making some arrangements, settled Lu Ye and Lih Shang comfortably before saying, "Brother Lu, I shall report to my master now; if my master wishes to see you, I will inform you again."

"As it should be." Lu Ye nodded, going along with local customs, this was someone else's territory, naturally, he had to follow their arrangements.

After Duu Lang left, Lu Ye looked at Lih Shang: "Do you want to hide?"

Lih Shang, being from the Soul Race, was not convenient to expose himself in front of outsiders to avoid attracting covetous eyes. The Constellation might not see through it, but Moon Jade might not be the same.

Lih Shang thought for a moment, then nodded: "Then I will hide in your Divine Sea."

Although Lih Shang could also perform Soul Possession on Lu Ye, it would consume Lih Shang's strength, while hiding in the Divine Sea would not.

Lu Ye opened his Divine Sea, and Lih Shang's figure flickered as he entered.

There was no telling when there would be a response from Duu Lang, so Lu Ye was not in a hurry and continued to enter the green hall to contend with Yien Xi.

At the same time, in another hall, Duu Lang stepped in and came before an elder sitting cross-legged, greeting respectfully: "Master!"

The elder did not react, so Duu Lang waited quietly.

After a long while, the elder slowly opened his eyes to look at Duu Lang, sighing lightly: "I already know about your Senior Brother Yooi's matters, his fate was like so, no need to grieve."

The Senior Brother Yooi mentioned by the elder was the Constellation who perished in the Desolate Star Region at the mouth of the Tengu star beast.

Duu Lang said indignantly: "If it weren't for Xu Dingyang dragging us to provoke those star beasts, Senior Brother Yooi wouldn't have died in vain. It's infuriating that Xu Dingyang left me unattended after Senior Brother Yooi's death, fleeing on his own."

The elder scolded with a huff: "Regardless if Xu Dingyang is a cultivator from another domain, not related to you, or truly a fellow disciple, facing danger, he has the freedom to escape with his life; Duu Lang, ultimately, a cultivator's life is in their hands, not to be placed in hopes of others' benevolence."

Duu Lang lowered his head, clenching his fists: "I understand the reasoning, but I am simply unwilling!"

The elder gazed at Duu Lang, letting out a long sigh: "If you are truly unwilling, then strive to become stronger. Someday, if you achieve Sun Blaze, you may find a way out for the Red Sky cultivators."

Though he said that, becoming Sun Blaze... was extremely difficult, Red Sky had not birthed a Sun Blaze in many years, and across the entire Indeterminate Galaxy, only the Indeterminate World had a Sun Blaze.

The elder then asked: "How did you manage to escape alive?"

Duu Lang hurriedly answered: "I was fortunate to meet a friend who saved my life in a time of crisis, allowing me to return."

"Oh?" The elder was somewhat surprised. Duu Lang being his disciple, he knew who Duu Lang interacted with and could call friends, but few could have saved him under such circumstances, raising his curiosity about the person's identity.

"Master, you have also met this person." Duu Lang began.

The elder raised an eyebrow: "The young Qin from the Cloud Eclipse World?"

Cloud Eclipse World was also a domain in the Indeterminate Galaxy, and the elder knew Duu Lang had a decent connection with a Constellation surnamed Qin from Cloud Eclipse World; if someone among Duu Lang's few friends could save him then, it would be this Qin lad.

"It's not Senior Brother Qin." Duu Lang shook his head, "Does Master remember years ago when you took me to the Reincarnation Tree's Divine Sea tournament?"

The elder thought for a moment, scenes from back then vivid, suddenly astonished: "You didn't happen to encounter Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, did you?"

Back in the Divine Sea tournament, Duu Lang only stayed in the Taichu Realm for a month before coming out. The elder knew he met someone in there, and that was Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens.

The master and apprentice could have left early, but stayed to see how long Lu Ye could endure, and witnessed the birth of a miracle.

Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens claimed the top spot in that Divine Sea tournament with absolute advantage.

Duu Lang suddenly bringing up the Divine Sea tournament now, the elder's mind was sharp and naturally drew connections.

Duu Lang said excitedly: "Master is right, the one who saved me was Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens!"

"How did he end up in the Desolate Star Region?" The elder looked shocked, though the Nine Heavens World's exact stellar region was unknown, it surely wasn't within the four galaxies since the elder hadn't heard of it.

"Disciple doesn't know." Duu Lang shook his head, also curious why Lu Ye was in the Desolate Star Region, but such matters were inappropriate to inquire casually.

The elder said: "If I remember correctly, that young man was only at the Divine Sea Level 8 back then, even lower than your level, isn't it?"

"Yes." Duu Lang nodded.

The elder said: "Such a person is bound to achieve great things in the future, since you have a connection with him, take the chance to make allies. Even if you cannot rely on such a connection in the future, having this friend is something to be proud of."

Chapter 1546 - Suddenly a Dad

While speaking, the old man remembered a question and asked puzzledly: "It's only been a few years, that young man should have cultivation not far off from yours. Even Xu Dingyang fled at the sight of him; how does he have the ability to save you from catastrophe?"

Duu Lang's expression turned solemn: "Though it sounds unbelievable, Master, Brother Lu is now in the Constellation Late Stage!"

"What?" The old man was shocked, "Constellation Late Stage, are you sure?"

If not for knowing his disciple's character, the old man would have thought he was joking. How long has it been? For a cultivator to progress from Divine Sea Level 8 to Constellation Late Stage is incredibly unheard of.

Duu Lang laughed and cried: "Master, how could I be mistaken about such a thing? And later, Luo Shenzhi gathered thousands of people to Planet Tengu; even if I was mistaken, Luo Shenzhi wouldn't be wrong. In the test of the opportunity on Planet Tengu, Brother Lu lasted longer than Luo Shenzhi; he was the last one out!"

"Impossible..." The old man felt his understanding completely overturned; cultivation in the Constellation Realm isn't this simple. Even with ample resources, time is needed for refining. Within less than ten years, how can one's cultivation experience such immense growth?

But very quickly, the old man remembered someone.

It was the person who took Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens to participate in the Divine Sea dispute. At that time, the person casually threw a 9-star treasure into the treasure pond of the Reincarnation Tree, finally winning abundantly...

The old man had seen that person from afar once, and immediately felt their cultivation was unfathomable. Although his own eyesight couldn't discern their exact cultivation level, just from the Sun Blaze present's attitude towards them, that person must be a top-tier Sun Blaze. Their strength was fearsome, even making those Sun Blaze from top-tier domains cautious.

With such a formidable person as a patron, everything for Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens seemed natural.

As thoughts flashed through his mind, the old man realized he couldn't treat Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens as a simple Constellation junior, as he had a powerful stalwart backing him.

Collecting his emotions, the old man said: "A debt of gratitude for saving a life should be remembered. Though you may not have the ability to repay now, if the other party requires something in the future, as long as it doesn't conflict with your ideals, nor is it wicked, you should exert yourself fully in aiding them!"

Duu Lang responded respectfully: "Master's teachings will be remembered by your disciple!" He changed the topic: "Master, Brother Lu says he would like to visit you, I wonder if Master..."

Hearing this, the old man smiled: "Since he is your lifesaver and you first met at a humble stage, he is courteous; how could I not oblige him? Go and make the arrangements."

If it were just Duu Lang's lifesaver, whether or not they meet is inconsequential. The visit requested is merely a junior's respect for a senior, and even if I do meet him, it would likely make him uncomfortable, better not to see. But considering Lu Ye has such a formidable backer, the old man thought it's best to meet.

"Yes!" Duu Lang voiced, respectfully withdrew.

In the visitors hall, Lu Ye was once again "slain" by Yien Xi and emerged, his head aching slightly. As he opened his eyes, preparing to contemplate the gains and losses of the recent battle, his expression suddenly tensed.

Because just half a foot away from him, a finely crafted face was staring at him with wide, clear eyes full of curiosity.

Lu Ye was startled and instinctively reached for the saber handle, barely restraining himself from swinging it.

However, upon seeing clearly who it was, he held himself back.

The one staring at him was none other than the young girl he had rescued from the Mist Dragon.

Since the day she was rescued, the young girl had remained in a coma. Lih Shang, who cared for her, had also often checked her situation, knowing only that the Soul-Devouring Aphids in her Divine Sea had disappeared, yet she inexplicably remained unconscious. Her body still emitted life force, but the precise condition remained unknown.

For half a year now, Lu Ye had grown accustomed to her unconsciousness. Who could have expected that upon opening his eyes this time, she would be awake, staring at him from such a close distance.

The girl appeared to be a mere five or six years old, but Lu Ye wasn't naive enough to believe she was truly a little girl.

She might well be an ancient monster living for unknown countless years. As for why she emerged in the form of a little girl, Lu Ye didn't know. The world has many mystical secret techniques, each with extraordinary powers.

"You're awake?" Lu Ye asked calmly, his right hand resting on the Boulder Mountain Saber's handle. Although he didn't sense any malice from her eyes, he remained cautious just in case.

If she suddenly opened her mouth, transforming into a bloodthirsty maw, then I'd be royally screwed.

The girl's eyes brightened momentarily, then she opened her mouth and cheerfully called: "Papa!"

Lu Ye was stunned, thinking his ears might have malfunctioned. He frowned and asked: "What?"

"Papa!" The girl beamed, and with a joyful leap, she threw herself at Lu Ye, clutching his neck tightly.

Lu Ye, unprepared, was succumbed to her embrace, knocked back onto the bed.

At last, Lu Ye clearly heard, astonished beyond belief.

He had imagined various possibilities upon her awakening, and even if she repaid him with enmity, he wouldn't be surprised. But for her to call him papa...

What's going on here?

"Papa, papa!" The girl continued calling, evidently delighted, as if she truly were Lu Ye's daughter, reunited after a long separation, full of joy and happiness.

Lu Ye stiffened entirely; he was adept at life-and-death battles, but with this delicate little figure jumping into his arms calling him papa, it softened his heart to the point of melting, leaving him uncertain of how to respond.

The little girl, on the other hand, was rubbing her cheek against his face, looking very content.

"Lih Shang, save me!" After a brief moment of consideration, Lu Ye finally remembered he wasn't alone and quickly called for help from Lih Shang, who was hiding in his Divine Sea.

Lih Shang was stunned. She had been hiding here, completely unaware of what was happening outside. Hearing Lu Ye's cry for help, she thought he was under attack and quickly flashed out, holding a Soul Device copper ring obtained from the Great Wheel of Fortune, her Soul Power ready to burst forth.

Then she witnessed an extremely strange scene.

Lu Ye lay on the bed as if struck by an immobilization talisman, a small figure clingingly nestled on his chest, enjoying his embrace intimately.

Their eyes met, and Lih Shang was shocked: "She woke up?"

Having cared for this little girl for a full six months without any communication, seeing her awake made Lih Shang genuinely happy.

But the scene confused her: "What's going on here?"

"Save me!" Lu Ye signaled desperately to her.

Lih Shang didn't know how to save him.

The little girl suddenly crawled up from Lu Ye, turned to look at Lih Shang, froze briefly, and then charged toward Lih Shang with her soft pink arms open, colliding into her embrace, and cheerfully called: "Mom!"

Lih Shang froze, her eye twitching a few times, and looked at Lu Ye: "What did she call me?"

Lu Ye got up, quietly moved aside, sorted out his clothes, remained silent, avoiding trouble.

"Mom!" The little girl called again, and by now Lih Shang finally confirmed what she was calling, feeling both amused and helpless, said: "Kiddo, you got the wrong person, I'm not your mom!"

Then it was the girl's turn to stiffen, lifting her head, her clear eyes staring at Lih Shang, visibly becoming misty, and soon tears were flowing down her cheeks like detached pearls.

She asked pitifully: "Mom, don't you want me anymore?"

"I'm not your mom!" Lih Shang tried to explain helplessly, being from the Soul Race, it was impossible for her to have a child from the human race!

This didn't help, as soon as she said it, the girl burst into tears, crying her heart out as if she had suffered the world's greatest grievance.

Lih Shang was stunned, looking desperately at Lu Ye for help.

Lu Ye scratched his head, pondered for a while, then suddenly brightened up, and signaled to Lih Shang by tapping his head, indicating that the girl's mind might be broken.

Previously, the girl was tortured unconscious by the Soul-Devouring Aphid. When Lu Ye investigated her Divine Sea, he found it completely dried up, only her psyche spirit body was wrapped in some unknown force, which barely saved her.

No matter what this girl was before, her mind is likely damaged after being tortured by the Soul-Devouring Aphid for so long.

The girl now seemed like a newborn chick from an egg, the first thing she saw after breaking the shell was her parents.

Lu Ye guessed this was why she called him and Lih Shang her parents, otherwise the situation couldn't be explained.

Lih Shang came to a realization as well, looked at the little girl crying her heart out in her arms, knowing that this wasn't a time to argue seriously, and began to console her.

After all, she had cared for this little girl for six months, her affection for her deeper than Lu Ye's, and as a woman, she was more delicate in her thoughts.

After a lot of soothing words, the little girl finally stopped crying, perhaps tired from crying, or more likely fatigued due to problems with her Divine Sea, she cuddled into Lih Shang's embrace and fell asleep.

Yet even in her sleep, she would occasionally sob, as if encountering grievances in her dreams.

Lih Shang placed her carefully on the bed, covered her with a quilt, then looked at Lu Ye: "What do we do now?"

Lu Ye had no idea what to do; he had never been a parent.

Originally, he intended to let the girl go free when she woke up, who would have thought they were recognized as her parents.

"Check if there's anything strange about her body." Lu Ye directed Lih Shang from a distance, afraid the girl would wake up and recognize him as her dad.

Lih Shang noticed his worry, couldn't help but roll her eyes at him, then carefully examined the girl's body, frowning shortly after: "Strange."

"What's strange?" Lu Ye asked.

"It seems she's never cultivated at all." Lih Shang was puzzled; she had checked multiple times when the girl was unconscious but had assumed her abnormalities were due to serious injuries. But now that she was awake, still no traces of cultivation could be seen.

She seemed like a true mortal.

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Whether it was Lu Ye or Lih Shang, both knew that the little girl was not an ordinary person, for she had her own Divine Sea and could traverse the stellar space in the flesh, at the very least, she should be a Constellation.

Moreover, the fact that she could preserve her psyche spirit body amidst the erosion of the Soul-Devouring Aphid suggested that her cultivation was likely more than just Constellation level.

Yet, her body indeed showed no signs of having undergone cultivation, which was very strange.

Lu Ye personally investigated and found that it was indeed as Lih Shang had said.

For a moment, in the room, the two of them stared blankly at each other, at a complete loss.

The reason behind the girl's condition was secondary; the real trouble was that, for some unknown reason, she identified them as her parents.

After some thought, Lu Ye said, "You take care of the girl; I don't know how to raise children!"

"Neither do I!" Lih Shang retorted, looking at him.

Lu Ye persuaded, "Just take care of her casually. Moreover, she's not an ordinary child. There's a chance she might actually be older than the two of us combined. It's just that her mind is unclear now, and she exhibits a bit of a child's temperament."

Lih Shang looked at him with a resentful expression.

Lu Ye suddenly picked up the audio talisman, felt it for a bit, and said, "I need to go out for a while, to visit Moon Jade of this world." Saying so, he hastily left.

Duu Lang had sent a message, informing him that his master had agreed to meet, and asked if Lu Ye was available. If he was, he would take him there immediately.

Arriving at the designated meeting place with Duu Lang, Duu Lang was already waiting, and the two of them immediately flew in a certain direction together.

On the way, Lu Ye inquired about the name of Duu Lang's master, Moon Jade, and learned that it was Huah Sheng.

Moments later, they arrived in front of a grand hall. Without needing to announce their arrival, Duu Lang directly led Lu Ye inside the hall.

In the spacious hall, only one figure was sitting cross-legged, exuding a profound aura.

Lu Ye looked up and saw that Huah Sheng appeared elderly, with white hair and beard, and even his face was covered with wrinkles. Lu Ye knew that this old man, like Tang Jun, had not much time left in terms of longevity, and his condition seemed even more severe than Tang Jun's.

Tang Jun had at least bought a Longevity Fruit before, which had considerably extended his life, maybe allowing him to live for several more centuries. But this old man didn't seem to have long to live.

Duu Lang led Lu Ye forward and respectfully said, "Master, Brother Lu Yiye has arrived!"

Lu Ye also respectfully saluted, "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, greets Senior Huah!"

A gentle smile appeared on Huah Sheng's face as he looked Lu Ye up and down, confirming what Duu Lang had mentioned before—that this young man, who had shone brightly by the Reincarnation Tree, had indeed reached the Constellation Late Stage.

Though he showed no outward sign, inside he was in turmoil. Such cultivation speed was unheard of! This suggested that not only did he have powerful backing, but his aptitude must also be exceptionally high; otherwise, such rapid growth in such a short time would be impossible.

Furthermore, from what Duu Lang had reported earlier, this Lu Yiye was not just a cultivator in name, but possessed power befitting his cultivation.

"Young friend, no need to be so formal, have a seat and let's talk," Huah Sheng gestured with increasing warmth.

Lu Ye naturally complied and sat on a nearby cushion.

"My disciple is unworthy, and previously he was saved by young friend's intervention. This old man is beyond grateful," Huah Sheng slowly spoke.

Lu Ye quickly responded, "Senior overstates it, I have known Brother Duu Lang for a long time and was merely offering help within my ability, it was nothing much. Besides, back in the Taichu Realm, Brother Duu Lang also gifted me some valuable items."

Huah Sheng clearly knew about past events, stroking his beard as he chuckled, "Just some jade-eating ants, how could they compare to saving someone's life." Turning to Duu Lang, "You must not forget this life-saving favor, and it's rare that Young Friend Lu doesn't hold your weak strength in contempt, so you must get closer to him in the future."

Duu Lang quickly nodded in agreement.

The conversation that followed was not very substantive; Huah Sheng assumed Lu Ye had come as a matter of etiquette, and so they spoke of whatever came up lightly.

But who would have guessed, after chatting for a while, Lu Ye suddenly said, "Senior, actually, I have come with a request."

Huah Sheng smiled, "Whatever young friend needs, feel free to say, if I can help, I won't refuse." Besides the life-saving favor Lu Ye had done for his disciple, Huah Sheng also didn't mind cultivating a good relationship with Lu Ye and whoever the powerful figure backing him was.

Lu Ye hesitated for a moment, without mentioning what he wanted, but instead asked, "Senior, have you heard of the All Phenomena Galaxy?"

Upon hearing this, Huah Sheng was momentarily stunned, then nodded and said, "When I was younger, I also journeyed across the stellar space, so I've naturally heard of the renowned All Phenomena Galaxy, which is said to be the central galaxy of the stellar space."

Duu Lang was clearly unaware of the All Phenomena Galaxy. He asked curiously, "Center Galaxy? Master, is this All Phenomena Galaxy located at the very center of the entire stellar space?"

Huah Sheng chuckled, "This Center Galaxy doesn't refer to a geographical location. I'm not sure if the All Phenomena Galaxy is at the exact center of the entire stellar space, but it is called the Center Galaxy because it has many wormholes leading to other galaxies. Cultivators from thousands of galaxies can enter the All Phenomena Galaxy through these wormholes. Its prosperity is unimaginable; unfortunately, I've never had the chance to see it myself."

Duu Lang was taken aback, finding it hard to imagine a galaxy containing wormholes connecting to thousands of others.

Huah Sheng briefly explained to his disciple and then looked toward Lu Ye, curiously asking, "My disciple said you are from the Jade Conch Galaxy. Is that not the case?"

Lu Ye replied, "I indeed originate from the Jade Conch, but I have come here from the All Phenomena Galaxy."

Hearing this, Huah Sheng was taken aback, "You came from the All Phenomena Galaxy?"

Lu Ye nodded, "Exactly!"

Huah Sheng seemed to realize something, a bit excitedly asking, "How long did it take you to travel here, young friend?" It couldn't have been too long, as he had seen Lu Ye a few years ago near the Reincarnation Tree.

"A full year!"

Huah Sheng was shocked, exclaiming, "A year?"

Beside him, Duu Lang also displayed an incredulous expression. Although a year is a considerable amount of time, if one were traveling through space, it wouldn't be much. After all, it had taken them almost half a year just to return from the desolate star region.

Does this mean that Lu Ye has only traveled through stellar space for half a year before encountering them?

Is the All Phenomena Galaxy that close to the Indeterminate?

After his shock, Huah Sheng suddenly shook his head, "Impossible. When I was young, I inquired about the location of the All Phenomena Galaxy. It is extremely distant from us in the Indeterminate—reaching it in a year is impossible... unless there's a newly emerged stable wormhole!"

Lu Ye said, "I did use a wormhole, but not a newly emerged one. It's a wormhole that's been around for a long time."

"Where is this wormhole located?" Huah Sheng was excited. For someone like him who had lived for thousands of years, his state of mind was usually calm. Yet he couldn't contain his excitement because if people could really reach the All Phenomena Galaxy in a short time, it would offer a promising route for the entire Red Sky.

"It's in the desolate star region," Lu Ye replied.

As expected, Huah Sheng thought, Duu Lang encountered Lu Ye in the desolate star region, and Lu Ye only took a short time to arrive from the All Phenomena Galaxy. If there really were a wormhole, it must be in the desolate star region.

But the desolate star region is a place where constellations from the four galaxies frequently venture, yet no one has ever reported finding a wormhole—how curious.

"Young friend, could you inform me of the exact location of that wormhole?" Huah Sheng gazed at Lu Ye earnestly; since Lu Ye had come to see him and voluntarily mentioned the All Phenomena Galaxy and the wormhole, Huah Sheng assumed that Lu Ye wouldn't refuse to tell him more details.

Lu Ye indeed had no intention of hiding it, because such information couldn't be kept secret for long. Moreover, he had something to ask of the Indeterminate Galaxy—whether he entered the Long Cloud or reached the All Phenomena Galaxy. The Indeterminate might also need his help, so a collaboration with goodwill from both parties would be best for mutual benefit.

Not to mention, when the fleet enters the Long Cloud Galaxy later, Lu Ye must first greet the strong cultivators there. Otherwise, if so many cultivators suddenly intrude on their galaxy, they might view it as an invasion, leading to misunderstandings and conflict, which would be undesirable.

The strength of the Long Cloud isn't weak.

Just as Lu Ye was about to speak, Huah Sheng raised his hand to stop him, frowning in thought for a moment, "Young friend, there's no need to tell me just yet!"

Lu Ye looked at him confusedly. Huah Sheng had been the one to ask, but now he said there's no need to tell. Lu Ye didn't understand what Houa Sheng was thinking.

Seeing his expression, Huah Sheng smiled bitterly, "You must be aware of the current state of Red Sky. Right now, Red Sky is essentially reliant on the Unfixed Realm. If I knew of a route leading to the All Phenomena Galaxy, I couldn't keep it to myself; I'd have to report it to the Sun Blaze at the Unfixed Realm. So it's better not to know." After a pause, Huah Sheng added, "Young friend, if I may request something of you."

Lu Ye nodded, "Go ahead, Senior."

"If there's ever a day you return to the All Phenomena, could you take some people with you? No more than ten, and all constellations!"

Lu Ye said, "Senior, I do plan to return to the All Phenomena, but I must first return to my homeland. I only passed through here on my way from the All Phenomena Galaxy."

Huah Sheng seemed to understand, "You're planning to return home to take people to the All Phenomena?"

Lu Ye nodded, "So if you wish for me to take some along, it wouldn't be a problem, but it would require some time."

"There's no rush. Just bring some of our Red Sky constellations with you when you return." Saying this, Huah Sheng finally realized Lu Ye's true intent, "Young friend, you aim to meet with the Sun Blaze of the Unfixed, don't you?"

Previously, he had only wanted to secure a passage for the younger generations of his domain. Now he realized Lu Ye's true motive.

Because if Lu Ye intended to bring people from his homeland, passing through the Unfixed Realm, he would need permission from the Unfixed side first.

Chapter 1548 - Out of Patience

But Lu Yiye is merely a Constellation, how could he have the standing to meet Red Sky of Indeterminate, that's why he came to see me, hoping I would recommend him.

Huah Sheng thought to himself, understanding Lu Ye's intention.

Upon careful reflection, in contrast to seeking a pathway for Constellation solely for his own domain, if Lu Yiye could truly establish a collaboration with Indeterminate, the prospects should be far better.

"Indeed, I wish to meet Red Sky of Indeterminate. Might I beseech Senior for an introduction?"

After considering momentarily, Huah Sheng nodded, "That is not an issue, and I believe Indeterminate will be very interested. Young friend, you should prepare for now, and join me tomorrow on the journey to Indeterminate!"

"Thank you, Senior."

A moment later, Lu Ye left the grand hall together with Duu Lang, who was evidently fascinated by All Phenomena Galaxy, asking numerous questions about it. Lu Ye casually mentioned some things, leaving Duu Lang full of longing. Yet without witnessing it directly, it's truly difficult to imagine the grand

magnificence of All Phenomena Ocean, the prosperity of each Spirit Island, and the countless cultivators bustling around.

After escorting Lu Ye back, Duu Lang reluctantly departed.

Returning to his residence, the little girl was still asleep, while Lih Shang sat quietly beside her, looking after her.

Lu Ye sorted through his thoughts; the intention of taking people from Jade Conch to All Phenomena Ocean is no easy task, with Indeterminate only being the first hurdle. When returning to Nine Provinces, things with Jade Conch World need handling as well. In any case, Jade Conch Galaxy has no noteworthy Moon Jade to offer, Nine Provinces can't be relied on in the short term, and Qingli Dao World's Wu Zhuo obviously can't leave either, so the hope rests on sending people from Jade Conch World.

Even if the matters with Jade Conch are settled, upon returning, negotiating while entering Changyun will be necessary.

Success comes after difficulty!

"Shall we give her a name?" Lih Shang suddenly spoke.

Lu Ye was interrupted from his thoughts and looked up at her.

Lih Shang said, "This little girl is incoherent, probably doesn't even know her own name. She ought to have a name."

"What name do you want to give her?" asked Lu Ye.

Lih Shang thought for a moment, "Let's call her Yaya."

Lu Ye's eye twitched, finding women quite peculiar. Despite knowing that she couldn't truly be a small child, she was treated as one throughout the care over these past six months.

"As you like!" Lu Ye had no objections.

Yaya slept for another while, finally woke up, and upon seeing Lih Shang, gleefully ran to her and embraced. After a short while, she came to sit in Lu Ye's lap, leisurely calling out "Papa, Mama" endlessly.

Lu Ye, being worn out, had no time to hone cultivation in the azure hall, resorting only to deriving spirit patterns.

Night passed without words, the next day, Lih Shang slipped into Lu Ye's Divine Sea, as Lu Ye stepped through the door to meet Huah Sheng and proceed to Indeterminate.

After taking a few steps, he turned to Yaya, "Come with me."

This trip to Indeterminate likely wouldn't return to Red Sky, so Yaya had to be brought along.

Yaya didn't move but raised her arms like lotus roots, chirping, "Papa, carry me!"

Lu Ye's eye twitched again, silently staring at her.

Yaya maintained her pose, seemingly noticing Lu Ye's resistance, her pout forming, eyes misting over.

Lu Ye cautioned internally, "This isn't a child, this isn't a child!"

She only appears as one; don't be deceived by her pitiful and adorable appearance!

After a moment, before Yaya could start crying, Lu Ye hurried forward and picked her up.

Feeling a bit exhausted, wondering what misdeed he committed, randomly saving someone, only to end up with a daughter...

Yaya, thrilled, initially behaved but soon squirmed joyfully in his embrace, occasionally pinching his face or nose, resembling a monkey as she flipped around him, sometimes perched on his shoulder, sometimes seated in his arm.

Lu Ye was worn to the point of having no temper left.

Shortly thereafter, Lu Ye arrived at the rendezvous point where Huah Sheng awaited alone; Duu Lang wouldn't be joining on this journey.

Seeing a small girl riding on Lu Ye's shoulder, Huah Sheng was slightly surprised, "Young friend, this little girl is..."

Before Lu Ye could respond, Yaya spoke first, "He's my papa, the best papa in the world!"

Lu Ye chuckled, unsure what to say, knowing that if he dared utter a 'no', Yaya would burst out crying.

Huah Sheng smiled kindly, looked Yaya up and down, and praised, "Young friend is impressive, even a child commands such affection." Saying this, he casually waved his hand, and a treasure resembling a headband appeared in his palm: "Our first meeting, how about I give you a little gift?"

Yaya glanced at the headband in Huah Sheng's hand, then showed a disdainful expression, looked away, and softly said, "Trash!"

The expression on Huah Sheng's face immediately froze.

Although it's a gift for a child, since he's someone from Moon Jade, he would naturally not be stingy. This headband is at least a spirit treasure-level exotic treasure, how could it be trash? And to be directly judged by a child like this...

Lu Ye also felt a bit embarrassed; when Yaya was with him and Lih Shang, she appeared extremely innocent, just like an ignorant child. Who would have thought she'd say something so shocking at this moment.

He quickly grabbed Yaya down from his shoulder, holding her by the collar with one hand, slapped her on the buttocks: "What nonsense are you saying, quickly apologize to Grandpa!"

Yaya covered her hands behind her, being lifted by Lu Ye with one hand, looking extremely pitiful, with a face full of grievance as she gazed at Huah Sheng: "Grandpa, I was wrong!"

Lu Ye was also embarrassed: "Please pardon her, Senior, this child has some problems, it's my fault for not teaching her well." He couldn't explain much more.

Finding her amusing, Huah Sheng laughed heartily: "It's fine, it's fine. Kids are sometimes shocking with their words, children say the darnedest things, children say the darnedest things!"

He no longer mentioned giving a gift, retrieved the headband, summoned a starboat, and after Lu Ye brought Yaya aboard, they soared into the skies.

If traveling from Red Sky to the Indeterminate by Lu Ye's speed, it would probably take about half a month, but Huah Sheng was noticeably faster, expectedly needing less than ten days.

Along the way, Yaya was completely restless, running back and forth on the starboat, looking at this and that. Occasionally when she saw something magnificent in the stellar space, she would pull Lu Ye to share it with him.

Lu Ye got a headache, overwhelmed by how difficult it is to raise children.

After a long while, Yaya finally got tired of playing, then ran to Lu Ye's side, sat in his lap, and fell asleep in a comfortable position.

A day later, while Lu Ye was refining spirit jade in cultivation, he distinctly felt the starboat's speed slow down, raised his eyes and saw a stream of light approaching rapidly.

Huah Sheng spoke, "It's an Indeterminate starboat, seems to be heading to Red Sky, though I'm not sure what's going on, young friend please wait a moment."

Lu Ye nodded slightly.

Soon, the starboat came to the front, Huah Sheng looked intently, recognized someone inside, and clasped his fists: "So it's Fellow Daoist Kang, are you heading to Red Sky?"

The middle-aged man on the starboat, with a serious expression, looked over upon hearing these words. This was Fellow Daoist Kang referred to by Huah Sheng, also a Moon Jade Late Stage, but unlike the aged, weak-blood Qi Moon Jade Late Stage like Huah Sheng, Kang Cheng was in his prime. Even within the Indeterminate World, his position was not low, he was hopeful to become a Sun Blaze powerhouse.

Kang Cheng stood with his hands behind his back, said indifferently: "I'm indeed heading to Red Sky."

Huah Sheng was surprised: "What urgent matter could Fellow Daoist have?"

Under normal circumstances, Moon Jade cultivators from Indeterminate wouldn't go to a place like Red Sky, so Huah Sheng couldn't figure out what Kang Cheng was doing. Since they happened to meet halfway, it was natural to inquire.

While the two were talking, Lu Ye was also looking over there, though his gaze wasn't on Kang Cheng, but rather on a young man beside him.

That man was Xu Dingyang!

Lu Ye vaguely felt that the other party was probably coming for him, having injured Xu Dingyang and others in the desolate star region but not being able to finish them off, it seems trouble truly is coming as Lih Shang said.

Lu Ye did not expect Xu Dingyang to be so impatient. Judging by the time, he should have just returned to the Indeterminate World, yet he brought a Moon Jade Late Stage to head straight to Indeterminate.

When their eyes met, there was an obvious cold glint in Xu Dingyang's eyes.

On that starboat, Kang Cheng's glance fell on Lu Ye, saying indifferently: "It's not a major matter, I just heard that cultivators from other star systems are invading this star system, and I'm somewhat uneasy, so I came to take a look myself."

Huah Sheng was surprised: "Invasion? Where did this come from?"

Lu Ye was indeed an outsider cultivator, but a Constellation just passing through couldn't be considered an invasion.

Huah Sheng was somewhat familiar with Kang Cheng's personality, a very proud person. Even if there was some past issue between Lu Ye and Xu Dingyang, it shouldn't warrant such a big fuss, it's inappropriate for seniors to meddle in the younger generation's affairs. Thus, Huah Sheng was perplexed, what exactly was Kang Cheng's intent? Surely he couldn't be standing up for Xu Dingyang?

The truth is, Kang Cheng indeed came personally for Lu Ye, but not in the way Huah Sheng thought, to stand up for Xu Dingyang.

His philosophy coincided with Huah Sheng's, matters among juniors should be resolved by juniors themselves, seniors intervening just makes the juniors look incompetent.

It's just that upon hearing some things about Lu Ye from Xu Dingyang, Kang Cheng realized Lu Ye was talented and started having some thoughts.

This generation of the Indeterminate World was quite decent, yet lacked standout talents. Duu Lang had Luo Shenzhi, overshadowing all Constellations, Xu Dingyang was already very good, yet still dimmed in comparison to Luo Shenzhi.

If he could recruit Lu Ye to stay and serve the domain, it might change this situation.

A Constellation from some wandering star system, Kang Cheng was confident in recruiting. As for the external invasion he mentioned, it was just an excuse, allowing him to act personally and display Indeterminate's might.

Chapter 1549 - Where Was She Picked Up?

First a show of force, then an offer of benefits. If that outsider cultivator is truly remarkable, Kang Cheng wouldn't even mind proposing a marriage alliance, because no matter what, the talent must be retained.

If not for these considerations, how would he, someone at the Moon Jade Late Stage, personally rush to Red Sky, bringing along Xu Dingyang just to help identify people?

Xu Dingyang had no idea about these schemes in Kang Cheng's mind. He simply thought Kang Cheng had intentionally come to stand up for him, feeling quite surprised and wondering how this elder of his had changed his disposition.

"Fellow Daoist Kang, I'm afraid there's been a misunderstanding," Huah Sheng quickly explained, "This Young Friend Lu Yiye you mentioned does indeed come from the Jade Conch Galaxy, but he is merely passing through. He stopped briefly at Red Sky because he is an old acquaintance of my disciple, Duu Lang."

"Whether it's a misunderstanding, I have my own considerations." Kang Cheng looked calmly at Lu Ye, "I was going to Red Sky, but since we met here, it saves some trouble. Sect Master Huah, I am taking this one with me."

As he said this, he extended his hand to grab towards Lu Ye.

Huah Sheng was shocked, completely puzzled as to how the situation had developed into this, and quickly shouted, "No!"

Though he originally intended to take Lu Ye to the Indeterminate World himself, being taken by Kang Cheng is a completely different matter from personally escorting him there.

As he spoke, he waved his large sleeve, also raising a palm to meet him.

As mana collided, a meteorite the size of a house nearby was shattered, and Huah Sheng's starboat rocked for a moment, retreating about 30 miles before stabilizing.

On the other hand, Kang Cheng remained unmoved; although both were at the Moon Jade Late Stage, there was clearly a significant disparity in their strength.

He frowned at Huah Sheng, "You want to stop me?"

Secretly hesitating on how to demonstrate the might of the Indeterminate, Huah Sheng had simply fallen into his strategies, which was just what he wanted. He no longer held back, flying out from his starboat towards Huah Sheng's starboat. He performed some mysterious secret technique, and as he approached, his figure grew larger and larger, soon as massive as a star, covering the vast stellar space. A commanding shout came from his mouth, "Sect Master Huah, I'm definitely taking this person. You should know your place!"

With those words, that massive hand slowly reached out, its overpowering force pressing down on the starboat.

Huah Sheng broke into a sweat from anxiety. Even if he were truly a match for Kang Cheng, given the current situation of Red Sky, he couldn't engage too fiercely in a skirmish here. All he could do was shout, "Fellow Daoist Kang, I was planning to bring Young Friend Lu to Indeterminate. There's an important matter to meet with the World Lord. This is important. I urge Fellow Daoist Kang to show some mercy!"

Should the matter Lu Ye mentioned be achieved, it would be beneficial for the entire Indeterminate Galaxy, not just a solution for the Red Sky cultivators' path. The whole of Indeterminate could gain. Huah Sheng believed the Lord of the Indeterminate World would surely take great interest in Lu Ye's proposal.

So even if Lu Ye was merely a Constellation, the Indeterminate side could not likely treat him with disdain and would probably treat him as an esteemed guest.

But Kang Cheng had suddenly acted, and if this complicates things, Huah Sheng wouldn't know how to handle the aftermath.

Kang Cheng, however, remained indifferent. The enormous hand continued to press down, and though Huah Sheng struggled to resist, Lu Ye felt immense pressure.

He gazed at the descending hand, sighing slightly as he secretly linked with the red talisman he had been nurturing within.

He knew Huah Sheng wasn't a match for Kang Cheng, and Lu Ye had no intention to use the red talisman against Kang Cheng. If he truly killed Kang Cheng here, things would become irreparable.

He just wanted to use the red talisman to intimidate Kang Cheng, hoping to make him retreat willingly.

Yet before Lu Ye could even activate the power of the red talisman, Yaya, who had been sleeping in his lap, suddenly rubbed her eyes, then muttered, "So noisy!"

She opened her eyes, visibly unhappy, glaring at the enormous hand that blocked her view and the starry sky. Her chubby cheeks suddenly puffed up, and she leapt up from Lu Ye's lap.

Before Lu Ye could react, Yaya had already leapt from the starboat, her small figure rushing forward.

Lu Ye instinctively reached out to grab her, but missed, leaving him momentarily stunned.

Looking up, he saw Yaya's small, pink fist swinging forward. A jade bangle she wore on her wrist gleamed with a faint light, and her voice rang out, "You interrupted my sleep!"

The small punch appeared to lack any strength, yet under its force, the hand covering the starry sky shattered with a loud crash. A piercing scream followed, and a figure, spitting blood, flew backwards.

Lu Ye saw it clearly—it was Kang Cheng, who had previously been so domineering. One of his arms had completely shattered, with blood spilling into the long sky.

He barely paused, grabbing Xu Dingyang, still on the starboat, and his form turned into a flash of light, quickly escaping in the direction they had come from, disappearing in the blink of an eye.

Outside Huah Sheng's starboat, Yaya did not pursue. She yawned, turned around, settled back into Lu Ye's arms, snuggled in, found a comfortable position, and fell peacefully asleep, wearing a content expression.

Over on Huah Sheng's side, he maintained his posture with hands raised, still in a defensive stance against Kang Cheng, appearing like a stone statue, staring blankly at the little girl in Lu Ye's arms, cold sweat forming on his brow.

Lu Ye, too, was frozen in place, maintaining his seated posture, not daring to move, his forehead drenched with cold sweat...

After a long while, Huah Sheng swallowed nervously, carefully stood up, then cautiously sat down again, staring at the little girl in Lu Ye's arms, not daring to breathe loudly for fear of disturbing Yaya's sleep.

"Young friend, is this your daughter?" Huah Sheng quietly transmitted his voice.

Even though he had lived for thousands of years, he had never seen anything so incredible. How could a Constellation produce a Sun Blaze? It was absolutely impossible.

But earlier, Yaya had clearly been affectionately calling out "Dad, Dad."

Lu Ye didn't know how to explain, so he simply said, "I picked her up."

"Where did you pick her up?" Huah Sheng blurted out, and from his expression, it seemed he also wanted to find one.

Lu Ye didn't say anything more, just looked down at Yaya.

Before, he had sensed that Yaya wasn't an ordinary little girl. He had guessed that her cultivation wasn't just as simple as a Constellation, but he truly didn't expect that she was actually a Sun Blaze!

The moment she threw that punch earlier, the distinctive aura of a Sun Blaze was very obvious. Although it was only a flash, Lu Ye sensed it clearly.

But the strange thing was, neither he nor Shang could find any traces of cultivation on Yaya.

He felt a cold sweat break out, realizing he had spanked her before... Fortunately, she hadn't gotten angry at that time, otherwise, even a hundred of him wouldn't be enough for her punch.

It seemed he had to treat Yaya better from now on! Lu Ye made a mental note to himself.

"Young friend, what should we do now?" Huah Sheng asked.

They had originally planned to go to the Indeterminate World to discuss cooperation with the Sun Blaze there, but before even reaching Indeterminate, Kang Cheng had already been injured. If they were to continue to Indeterminate, who knows what awaited them.

Lu Ye felt it was a bit tricky too. After thinking for a moment, he said, "Senior Huah, if you were the Sun Blaze of Indeterminate, would you be interested in the All Phenomena Galaxy?"

Huah Sheng replied, "Having a route into the All Phenomena Galaxy within a year is naturally very interesting to me. The All Phenomena Galaxy is renowned, who wouldn't want to integrate into it?" Understanding Lu Ye's intention, he continued, "One Moon Jade's actions do not represent all of Indeterminate. You have no personal enmity with Indeterminate, and that Moon Jade is merely injured, not dead. If there are sufficient benefits, this matter will likely not be pursued."

Lu Ye nodded, "The route into the All Phenomena Galaxy is sufficient interest."

Huah Sheng said, "I was initially worried that with your low strength, you wouldn't qualify to negotiate on equal terms with Indeterminate, and if Indeterminate forced you to hand over the route, they could

easily abandon you and move forward alone, or even compel you to lead the way. Now, it seems, young friend, you do have the qualification." As he spoke, he glanced toward Yaya.

With such a Sun Blaze by his side, Lu Ye indeed had the right to have a dialogue on equal footing with Indeterminate.

Huah Sheng's concerns were understandable, as he didn't know the hardships that awaited when heading to the All Phenomena Galaxy from here. Not to mention passing through the Mist Dragon requires Lu Ye to lead the way with a torch made from the Reincarnation Tree's branch. Crossing into the Insect Path and reaching the Changyun Galaxy also requires someone to negotiate passage for a large number of cultivators.

Even if everything goes smoothly, entering the All Phenomena Galaxy and lacking a foundation would make it difficult to establish oneself. Although Indeterminate is not weak, galaxies like Indeterminate are abundant in the All Phenomena Galaxy. Few such galaxies have spiritual islands of their own, and without help, life in the All Phenomena Galaxy would be tough.

This is why Lu Ye was never too worried about the strong of Indeterminate using force against him. If the agreement was finalized, Indeterminate would have much that needed his involvement.

As long as he can meet the Sun Blaze of Indeterminate, Lu Ye is confident he can persuade him.

Now that he has Yaya, his confidence has grown even more.

"Then let's continue forward!" Lu Ye declared. According to the star maps provided by the Reincarnation Tree, Indeterminate was unavoidable, so the issue there must be addressed.

Huah Sheng nodded, steering the starboat onward.

Throughout this journey, Yaya remained asleep. Lu Ye wasn't sure if it was due to the punch she unleashed earlier or for some other reason.

He found an opportunity to inform Shang, who was hiding within his Divine Sea, about Yaya's previous display. Shang was evidently shocked upon hearing it.

Both of them believed that no matter how strong Yaya was, her demeanor still seemed like that of a child. This undoubtedly had to do with her damaged mind. There was a concern, though, whether, if she ever regained her sanity, she might become embarrassed or angry at having referred to two Constellations as her parents.

The thought of such a scenario was chilling.

Days later, a domain appeared in sight ahead; the Indeterminate World had arrived.

From a distance, the size of the Indeterminate World was clearly much larger than Red Sky, with a much deeper foundation. A domain capable of producing a Sun Blaze is undoubtedly a first-rate large domain. It's not that the domain facilitates the birth of a Sun Blaze, but rather the birth of a Sun Blaze elevates the domain's status.

However, a large domain, ultimately, is still just a large domain. Until it becomes a pinnacle domain, it cannot produce a Spirit Jade Vein.

Chapter 1550 Do You Want Some?

The starboat had not yet approached the Indeterminate World when Lu Ye noticed someone spying from afar. It seemed Kang Cheng had reported his encounter upon his return, putting them on alert.

The one observing was a Moon Jade cultivator, which made Huah Sheng secretly groan, praying for things to go smoothly afterward. If negotiations fell apart and they ended up at odds, regardless of Lu Ye's outcome, Sun Blaze's future would be bleak.

Sun Blaze's situation was already not favorable, relying on the grace of the Indeterminate World to survive. Being accused of collusion would leave the Indeterminate cultivators with no way out.

They continued forward, and near the Indeterminate World's vicinity, a row of figures blocked their path, with Kang Cheng taking the lead.

Kang Cheng's face was somewhat pale, obviously related to the injuries he sustained a few days ago. However, his shattered arm had regenerated, which, for a Moon Jade, was no difficult task, only needing a price to be paid.

Besides Kang Cheng, there were five other Moon Jade cultivators, both male and female, each exuding strong auras, highlighting the formidable foundation of the Indeterminate World.

Of course, these were not all the Moon Jade cultivators of the Indeterminate.

On their journey, Lu Ye and Huah Sheng had inquired about the Indeterminate World's foundation, discovering it had three Sun Blaze cultivators, though two were frequently traveling and seldom seen. Thus, only one Sun Blaze resided within the domain, serving as the World Lord of the Indeterminate World, named Jyang Shang.

Huah Sheng's starboat stopped ten miles away from the Moon Jade cultivators, a distance easily breached by them.

Staring at the lineup ahead, Huah Sheng felt secretly tense, unsure of the Indeterminate side's stance. Meeting Lu Ye's eyes, they both disembarked from the starboat.

Yaya was already awake, riding on Lu Ye's neck, gripping his hair with a nonchalant expression, her small legs swinging over Lu Ye's chest.

All eyes gathered on the seemingly inconspicuous Yaya, clearly knowing Yaya's Sun Blaze background.

Led by Kang Cheng, the six Moon Jade cultivators bowed in unison: "Honored guest's arrival brightens our humble domain, warmly welcoming you!"

Seeing this, Lu Ye's eyebrows rose, realizing things hadn't taken a turn for the worse.

Even if Kang Cheng had lost an arm to Yaya before, it was his offense in the first place. Had Yaya wanted his life, he wouldn't have survived. Losing only an arm was quite fortunate for him.

In stellar space, offending a Sun Blaze had grave consequences. Kang Cheng, being late-stage Moon Jade, knew better than to hold a grudge.

Even if he did harbor resentment and sought his domain's Sun Blaze's intervention, who knew who would emerge stronger? Plus, a confrontation between Sun Blaze cultivators wasn't easily resolved. No one wanted to see Sun Blaze powerhouses clashing within their home galaxy.

Considering all factors, Kang Cheng could only pretend nothing had happened before, yet he couldn't guess if the seemingly childlike Sun Blaze powerhouse across from him held any grudges.

Thus, over the past days, Huah Sheng had been anxious about Indeterminate's attitude, while Kang Cheng was even more apprehensive...

Now with the Indeterminate World's stance clarified, it was up to Lu Ye to respond.

Lu Ye understood, clasping his fists in salute: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, greetings Fellow Daoists!"

In terms of age and cultivation, calling them seniors wasn't an issue. However, he was acting on behalf of the Jade Conch, and with Yaya present, he couldn't afford to seem weak.

The Moon Jade cultivators exchanged glances, one female furrowing her brow: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens? Are you the Lu Yiye who participated in the Reincarnation Tree Divine Sea struggle years ago?"

Even Sun Blaze had participants in the Divine Sea struggle, and naturally, so did the Indeterminate World. The leader was the female speaking, though her Divine Sea participant had perished shortly after the struggle began in the Taichu Realm, much to her regret.

She hadn't left immediately, waiting until the Taichu Realm closed, so others might not know of Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, but she had heard of him.

Returning home, she spoke of the event to the local Moon Jade cultivators, leaving all astonished. After all, in such a competition, a Divine Sea Level 8 standing out was extraordinary.

"Indeed!" Lu Ye replied calmly.

The female scrutinized him, shocked at his rapid cultivation improvement, yet somewhat reassured: "No wonder you were able to surpass Luo Shenzhi."

As she spoke, her Mental Consciousness surged, discreetly transmitting audio to the nearby Moon Jade cultivators.

Back then, besides Lu Yiye's performance, the female was also astounded by the powerhouse accompanying him, though others only noticed Yang Qing's distinctiveness and strength. Because of her bloodline, the female sensed Yang Qing's terror slightly more.

Recounting the event now, the expressions of the surrounding Moon Jade cultivators grew increasingly grave.

Kang Cheng bitterly regretted, realizing that after hearing Xu Dingyang's account, he had hastily assumed Lu Ye was a promising talent, intending to recruit him into the Indeterminate World to counter Luo Shenzhi, never imagining such a terrifying background behind him.

If he had known earlier, Kang Cheng would never have acted as he did.

Now, it seemed there were at least two Sun Blaze cultivators behind Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens: the one who took him to the Reincarnation Tree and the little girl sitting on his shoulders.

This is what they know, who knows if there are more? That Nine Heavens World must be an extremely formidable top domain.

How could such people be coveted by Indeterminate? If they forcibly keep them, it might bring trouble upon themselves.

Because of Yaya's presence, the Indeterminate side dared not act rashly. Now, after the woman's audio transmission, several Moon Jade cultivators paid even more attention.

Lu Ye spoke, "I have come here abruptly to discuss an important matter with your domain. I wonder if it's convenient?"

Kang Cheng was no longer the cold and aloof figure from before. His face blossomed into a smile, "Since there is an important matter, please, Fellow Daoist, come in for a conversation."

Huah Sheng had told him a few days ago that he would bring Lu Ye to Indeterminate to discuss some important matter. At that time, Kang Cheng didn't pay attention, but now it seems Huah Sheng wasn't deceiving him.

"Pardon the intrusion!" Lu Ye nodded and stepped forward, Huah Sheng closely accompanying him.

While walking, Lu Ye was in the center, with several Moon Jade cultivators from Indeterminate flanking him. Kang Cheng and Lu Ye made small talk occasionally, introducing the enchanting scenery of their domain.

They also seemed to notice that even though the little girl riding on Lu Ye's neck was a Sun Blaze expert, the trip seemed to be led by Lu Ye. Moreover, the girl gave off a strange feeling, more like an innocent child, not at all like a Sun Blaze.

Only Kang Cheng was aware that beneath the cute and naive exterior was genuinely Sun Blaze cultivation.

Entering the domain and arriving at the Indeterminate Sacred Palace, where the clouds were misty, rare beasts and extraordinary birds ran and soared freely in the wild. Amidst the swirling mist, the pavilions and towers were faintly visible, with rugged stones strewn across the mountains, and a silver waterfall hanging straight down for three thousand feet, presenting a magnificent sight.

On the tallest and grandest peak, stood a majestic great hall. Kang Cheng and others led Lu Ye to this place, and Lu Ye immediately sensed an endless pressure subtly emanating within the hall.

Sun Blaze!

Lu Ye understood that there was a Sun Blaze expert inside the great hall, probably the World Lord Jyang Shang of this domain.

It's not hard to understand; since Lu Ye brought a Sun Blaze over, naturally the home domain's Sun Blaze must make an appearance; it's a display of presence.

That endless pressure, though intense, did not affect him too much, indicating there was no intent to trouble him.

That pressure targeted the girl Yaya riding on Lu Ye's neck!

At the Sun Blaze level, experts naturally wouldn't trouble a Constellation without cause; only another Sun Blaze expert would catch their interest.

Yaya was originally looking around leisurely atop Lu Ye's head, her expression carefree, but upon arriving here, she suddenly puffed her cheeks and jumped away like a monkey, directly heading into the great hall.

Lu Ye was shocked and hurriedly shouted, "Yaya!"

But Yaya was already out of sight.

Lu Ye quickly stepped forward to chase after, and Kang Cheng and others had no choice but to follow.

Once Lu Ye entered the great hall and looked up, he finally saw Yaya's figure. She stood at the forefront of the hall, where there was a desk, and behind it sat a middle-aged man looking like a scholar, holding a feathered fan. The endless majesty Lu Ye felt was exactly emanating from this person.

This was clearly Jyang Shang, the World Lord of Indeterminate World.

Jyang Shang had a feather fan in his hand, initially seemed to be gently fanning himself, but now inexplicably froze, concentrating on Yaya who stood facing him, with a grave expression.

Yaya didn't look at him; she only stared at Jyang Shang's desk, on which were three fruit plates. One plate held grape-like berries but crystalline, another had two or three pear-like spirit fruits, and one plate contained some red small fruits.

"Do you want to eat?" Yaya suddenly looked up at Jyang Shang, her eyes clear.

Jyang Shang's eyelid visibly twitched, momentarily unsure how to respond.

"Then I'll eat!" Yaya became delighted, grabbing the pears and red small fruits with both hands and stuffing them into her mouth, looking like she hadn't eaten for a long time.

In the blink of an eye, the two plates of spirit fruit were cleaned out by her, then she picked up the plate with grape-like berries, eagerly running to Lu Ye, raising it as if to show off: "Daddy, delicious!"

Lu Ye's mouth twitched slightly.

The hall instantly fell silent, with a pin-drop audibility, all eyes focused on Lu Ye. Kang Cheng and others' mouths were agape, nearly wide enough to fit an egg, completely disbelief.

Lu Ye then realized that the hall wasn't only occupied by Jyang Shang. Behind the table on the left side were two more people. He didn't recognize one, but the other looked very familiar, this person now watching Lu Ye with great interest, slightly smiling, making one feel as though bathed in a spring breeze.

This person was clearly Luo Shenzhi.