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Chapter 1551 - Requesting Passage

Lu Ye couldn't fathom what Luo Shenzhi was doing here; he was from the Daluo Galaxy and logically shouldn't be here.

However, upon seeing the Moon Jade beside Luo Shenzhi, Lu Ye understood that he must have come with his elders.

And judging by the situation, Jyang Shang should have been hosting that Moon Jade, and coincidentally, Lu Ye arrived with Yaya, so he was also included in the reception.

Typically, a Moon Jade wouldn't warrant such attention from a Sun Blaze, but given that Daluo is the strongest among the four galaxies, Jyang Shang couldn't afford to be negligent even if only one Moon Jade came.

At this moment, everyone's gaze in the great hall was focused on Lu Ye, their eyes filled with astonishment.

Even that Daluo Moon Jade beside Luo Shenzhi was no exception, unable to comprehend the situation where someone could move freely under Jyang Shang's Sun Blaze presence, and undoubtedly, was also a Sun Blaze.

Such a Sun Blaze, looking so peculiar was one thing, but to call a Constellation 'dad'... What was going on?

Lu Ye looked down at Yaya, gently patted her head, and said softly, "Help yourself."

Then he looked towards Jyang Shang, cupped his fists in salute: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, greets the World Lord!"

Jyang Shang gently waved a feather fan, retracting his entire aura, and smiled faintly: "Take a seat!"

Though Yaya's various oddities were indeed surprising, being a Sun Blaze, his mental fortitude was extraordinary, and he naturally wouldn't show shock.

Under Kang Cheng's arrangement, Lu Ye sat at the table below Jyang Shang's left hand, and all the Moon Jades also took their seats.

Soon, young and beautiful female cultivators of Indeterminate served spirit fruits and wine. Yaya, having already finished a bunch of grape-like berries, was delighted to see more spirit fruits and gorged herself, paying no mind to others' reactions.

Jyang Shang finally shifted his gaze from Yaya to Lu Ye, his expression thoughtful: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, this name seems familiar to me."

Across from Lu Ye, the Moon Jade of Daluo Galaxy stroked his beard: "I believe I have heard of it too."

The female Moon Jade who had previously recognized Lu Ye immediately spoke up: "World Lord, a few years ago, the Blood Race and Insect Race jointly issued a bounty. Do you recall?"

With that, Jyang Shang suddenly looked enlightened and said to Lu Ye, "Could you be the Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens who caused the Blood Race's army to be wiped out in the Taichu Realm, leaving only one of the Insect Race?"

Even Lu Ye hadn't known about this, and said surprised: "The Blood Race and Insect Race put a bounty on me?" Could it be a mistake? But in the Taichu Realm, it was him who eradicated the Blood Race and fought the Insect Race.

Suddenly remembering being recognized by a Blood Race Constellation back on Blue Jade World, and then being chased by a Blood Race Moon Jade from millions of miles away.

He had wondered how a Blood Race Constellation he never met recognized him, but if the Blood Race had long been watching him and even issued a bounty, it made sense.

In the Taichu Realm back then, the Blood Race's Divine Sea was wiped out by him, and only one of the Insect Race's Divine Sea survived, which must have captured his image without his knowledge.

"You didn't know?" Jyang Shang smiled at him.

Lu Ye shook his head: "First time hearing about it."

Jyang Shang joked: "The bounty jointly issued by the two races is quite lavish, enough to entice a Moon Jade. Young Friend, you should be cautious as you travel through stellar space in the future."

Lu Ye nodded: "Thank you, World Lord, for the warning." In the past, he indeed needed to be more careful, but now with Yaya by his side, there was nothing to fear—if trouble came knocking, Yaya would teach them a lesson.

Luo Shenzhi looked at him with excitement: "So Brother Lu has such a glorious past, no wonder he's so impressive." It seemed he was even more interested in Lu Ye now.

On the other hand, the Moon Jade beside Luo Shenzhi looked puzzled, because judging by the timeline, the last Divine Sea battle was only a few years ago, and back then, this Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens was merely at the Divine Sea stage. How had he reached the Constellation Late Stage so quickly? Such a cultivation speed was alarming, leading to a suspicion that this Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens and that Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens might not be the same person.

Jyang Shang asked again, "The Nine Heavens World you hail from, it shouldn't be in any nearby star systems, right?"

Lu Ye replied: "Nine Heavens World is located in the Jade Conch Galaxy."

"Jade Conch!" Jyang Shang paused in thought, shaking his head: "Never heard of it."

Even though the Jade Conch Galaxy isn't too far from here, interstellar space spans in all directions. Though Jyang Shang had traversed many star systems, he wouldn't have heard of Jade Conch if he hadn't been in its direction.

"Young Friend, is this a journey you're on?" Jyang Shang asked again.

"Not exactly a journey, I'm returning to Jade Conch, passing through here."

Jyang Shang praised, "At your age and cultivation, I only dared travel around my home galaxy, but Young Friend has already ventured millions of miles away. Truly promising youth."

"Out of sheer necessity," Lu Ye sighed, "I inadvertently took an Insect Path from this galaxy to an unfamiliar star system, and only after much effort found the route home, thus embarking on my return journey!"

"Oh?" Jyang Shang expressed surprise. He naturally knew about things like the Insect Path. There was already one known Insect Path within the Indeterminate Galaxy. However, it connected to a very desolate star system, which posed no threat to Indeterminate and held no value. He casually asked, "I wonder, from which star system did Young Friend enter via the Insect Path?"

Since Lu Ye was able to traverse a Constellation, the location of that star system couldn't be too distant; perhaps he'd even heard of it or visited it.

Lu Ye gazed at him and said lightly, "All Phenomena Galaxy!"

In the grand hall, originally a group of Moon Jade cultivators were drinking and eating spirit fruit, engaging in quiet conversation. But when the words "All Phenomena Galaxy" were uttered, everyone froze in their actions and turned to look at Lu Ye.

Even Jyang Shang, who sat at the top, was slightly taken aback, and the eyes of the Daluo Moon Jade across from Lu Ye shone with a bright light.

It was apparent that everyone had heard of the famous All Phenomena Galaxy!

After a long pause, Jyang Shang slowly spoke, "I have indeed heard of an All Phenomena Galaxy, where it's said there are countless Insect Paths. Many star system cultivators gather there in prosperity, a

spectacle unmatched by ordinary star systems. It is rumored to be the center of the entire stellar space!"

Lu Ye nodded, "That's the very All Phenomena Galaxy."

Jyang Shang's expression turned serious, tinged with excitement, "Young Friend, are you certain you're not mistaken?"

Lu Ye said, "I've lived there for several years; I wouldn't be mistaken. There exists an All Phenomena Ocean, vast and boundless, where cultivators who gather from all directions dwell."

Crack...

Someone accidentally crushed the cup in their hand, spilling liquid through clenched fingers. They were oblivious, instead, they were excited and asked, "Young Friend Lu, coming from the All Phenomena Galaxy, how long did it take you?"

"One year!" Lu Ye turned his head to look at him.

The scene that unfolded next was just like the conversation Lu Ye had previously with Huah Sheng. Upon learning that Lu Ye took only a year to travel from the All Phenomena Galaxy to here, the atmosphere in the hall instantly became lively.

As Lu Ye expected, anyone who knew of the All Phenomena Galaxy's reputation would be interested in such a renowned galaxy. No one wanted to remain confined. With this opportunity to connect with cultivators from other star systems, no one wanted to miss out. If they could integrate, perhaps they could get a share of the benefits.

Learning that the desolate star region actually contained an Insect Path connecting to the outside excited the Moon Jade cultivators even more.

The Daluo Moon Jade spoke up, "Young Friend, could you tell us the specific location of that Insect Path?"

Being a guest, it wasn't really his place to ask, but the matter was so significant that he couldn't resist the urge to learn some specific information.

Lu Ye didn't hide it, he opened his mouth and said, "That Insect Path lies within the Mist Dragon!"

His words were like a bucket of cold water, dousing the passion in everyone's hearts into coldness.

Everyone naturally knew the stellar space marvel that was the Mist Dragon. They had all traveled and explored the desolate star region, but the Mist Dragon's peculiarity was something they couldn't contend with. Not to mention the Moon Jade, even the Sun Blaze would lose their sense of direction inside. Throughout history, countless strong cultivators had been lost within.

Jyang Shang pondered, "Young Friend, since you were able to emerge from the Mist Dragon, I assume you have your own method, correct?"

Lu Ye nodded, "This young one is untalented, but under the guidance of the Reincarnation Tree, I indeed have my way."

"Guided by the Reincarnation Tree?" everyone's eyes widened.

As the stellar space's most renowned supreme treasure, who hadn't heard of the Reincarnation Tree's fame? It was an ancient entity born with this sector of stellar space, nurturing countless cultivators. It is said that anyone chosen by the Reincarnation Tree was no mediocre talent.

For Lu Ye to receive guidance from the Reincarnation Tree was indeed intriguing.

"To be honest with you all, the star map I used to travel from the All Phenomena Galaxy to Jade Conch was also gifted by the Tree Elder. Otherwise, with such meager experience, how could I have known the route home?" Lu Ye continued to draw upon the prestige of the Reincarnation Tree, but he was telling the truth.

With this explanation, everyone felt relieved. So it was the Reincarnation Tree's orchestration in the background. They thought about how a young Constellation cultivator dared to set out from the All Phenomena Galaxy to Jade Conch.

Jyang Shang, having sorted out his thoughts, spoke, "So, Young Friend, leaving the All Phenomena Galaxy, entering the Mist Dragon through the Insect Path, then arriving here, was just part of your route?"

"Exactly!"

"I heard from Kang Cheng and others that Young Friend came here with an important matter to discuss. May I know what you wish to discuss with us?"

"I wish to request passage!" Lu Ye looked at him.

"Request passage?" Everyone was puzzled.

Jyang Shang chuckled, "Young Friend, merely passing through, bears no malice to our star system, so requesting passage is no problem." Even if Lu Ye hadn't specifically come to greet them, merely passing through wouldn't have been an issue. Throughout history, many from non-Indeterminate star systems passed through here, and as long as they didn't cause trouble, nobody bothered them, mostly because it couldn't be helped.

Lu Ye shook his head, "World Lord, you misunderstand my intention. I am not requesting passage for myself. Let me put it this way, after I return to Jade Conch, I plan to bring a group of people with me. I'd undoubtedly have to pass through your star system, so I'd like to ask your star system for some convenience then."

Chapter 1552 Trouble

Jyang Shang finally understood Lu Ye's plan; it was something logical. Even he was interested in the All Phenomena Galaxy, naturally others would be interested as well.

Moreover, Lu Ye had a star map leading to the All Phenomena Galaxy. After traveling there once, he planned to bring cultivators from his own star system to the All Phenomena Ocean, which could be seen as benefiting his fellow natives.

Jyang Shang did not immediately agree, instead, he asked, "I wonder how many people Young Friend intends to bring through when the time comes?"

If it were just one or two, like Lu Ye, it wouldn't be a problem. The Indeterminate Galaxy had stood in stellar space for many years and had its own ways of dealing with such matters. But if the number was too large, negotiations would be necessary. Otherwise, misunderstandings could lead to a bad outcome for everyone.

Lu Ye shook his head, saying, "The exact number is uncertain, but rest assured, World Lord, the people I bring will not include Sun Blaze. As for Moon Jade, it will not exceed two, and the rest will all be Constellation cultivators!"

There were no Sun Blaze cultivators in the Jade Conch; even if he wanted to bring them, he couldn't. Moon Jade would be very few; bringing two Moon Jade from the Jade Conch World would be remarkable.

Jyang Shang, upon hearing this, knew it was truly just a passage request. Without Sun Blaze and fewer than two Moon Jade, it posed no threat to the Indeterminate Galaxy, so he nodded immediately, "If that's the case, then there is no problem." He then changed the topic, "However, I have one request!"

"Please, World Lord, speak!"

Jyang Shang looked at him, smiling slightly, "When Young Friend passes through our star system, I hope you can also bring a group of our star system's cultivators!"

Lu Ye had anticipated this request, and agreed without hesitation, "No problem."

From across, Daluo Moon Jade coughed lightly, "Young Friend Lu, our Daluo Galaxy is also interested in this matter. I wonder if you could provide some convenience and bring along people from our Daluo Galaxy as well?"

Initially, he had come to visit Jyang Shang for a different matter but coincidentally stumbled upon this opportunity which he couldn't afford to miss. The chance to enter the All Phenomena Galaxy might only come once; if missed, it would be gone forever.

Thus, even though he wasn't familiar with Lu Ye, he had to brazenly bring it up, fearing that Lu Ye might refuse. He quickly added, "Of course, if Young Friend can agree, our Daluo would offer a token of gratitude!"

Lu Ye waved his hand and said, "No need for a token of gratitude. It's on the way. If Daluo is interested, you can gather people in advance and prepare to wait."

The eyes of Daluo Moon Jade lit up, "Young Friend is straightforward, and I thank you here." With that, he raised his wine glass in a distant toast.

Lu Ye raised his glass and drank with him.

After setting down his glass, Lu Ye spoke, "However, there is something I must clarify with you all. Although the All Phenomena Ocean accommodates countless constellations and cultivators, the All Phenomena Galaxy has set certain rules for managing the All Phenomena Ocean, which I ask you to follow. Otherwise, if the rules are broken, no one can save you."

Everyone immediately sat up straight, and Daluo Moon Jade said, "Please, Young Friend, speak!" appearing eager to listen.

"In the All Phenomena Ocean, forces can be organized by either domains or galaxies, but no force can have more than three Moon Jade cultivators. As for Sun Blaze... it's impossible for them to stay in the All Phenomena Ocean for long. So if you wish to go to the All Phenomena Ocean, it should primarily be with Constellation cultivators, and very few Moon Jade."

Jyang Shang nodded, "I seem to have heard of this rule. It's necessary. With so many galaxies' people gathered in the All Phenomena, restrictions are needed to avoid chaos. If other galaxies can follow these rules, surely we can as well. Is there anything else to be cautious of?"

Lu Ye shook his head, "Nothing particularly noteworthy, just that the All Phenomena Ocean is disorderly and doesn't prohibit conflict, so establishing a foothold there is no simple matter."

Daluo Moon Jade said, "If Young Friend is able, could you tell us more about that place?"

Everyone looked at him eagerly, like a group of villagers unaware of the world outside.

Yaya seemed full after eating and dozed off in Lu Ye's arms. Lu Ye gently cradled her while casually recounting various aspects of the All Phenomena Ocean.

Hearing about the mystical islands of the All Phenomena Ocean and that a top-class Spirit Island could even nurture a Spirit Jade Vein, the eyes of everyone brightened significantly.

The Four Galaxies had no top-class domains, so they had never seen what a Spirit Jade Vein looked like. For a moment, they couldn't help but imagine that capturing a top-class Spirit Island in the All Phenomena Ocean might allow them to possess a Spirit Jade Vein of their own, significantly benefiting their cultivators in the future.

But they knew this was only wishful thinking. With so many top-class domains and galaxies in the All Phenomena Ocean, they would likely never claim a top-class Spirit Island. Even securing a mid-class Spirit Island would suffice.

Then they talked about White Spirit. When everyone learned that one White Spirit was worth several thousand spirit jades, they were astonished. Lu Ye even took out a White Spirit on the spot for everyone to see, and Jyang Shang ordered it to be cooked.

When served again, they each took some to eat, and all felt the pure power contained in the fish meat.

A Moon Jade praised while eating, "This fish, in terms of texture and intrinsic value, far surpasses ordinary spirit fish. It truly is a creation of the All Phenomena Ocean. Young Friend Lu, as you said, even if one doesn't have special skills in the All Phenomena Ocean, they can still make a living by fishing?"

Lu Ye replied with an odd expression, "It is possible, but there's a saying in the angler's circle: 'Fishing can impoverish three generations, and playing with fish can ruin a lifetime.' Unless you have no choice, it's better not to dabble easily."

The group of Moon Jade obviously did not understand that this saying was the lament of countless anglers' blood and tears, nor did they know if they had taken it to heart.

When the topic shifted to the previous disputes at the Constellation Palace, everyone was utterly stunned.

To imagine tens of thousands or even millions of Constellations participating in a grand event is simply daunting. No matter how strong a star system is, the number of Constellations is limited. Tens of thousands or millions... those are numbers beyond the reach of any star system.

What a grand spectacle it must be to have such a large gathering of Constellations?

Upon learning that those with high rankings in the Constellation Palace could not only have their names inscribed on the Cumulated Points Ranking but also leverage the power of the Constellation Palace to ascend to Moon Jade, a group of Moon Jades became excited.

This time the Constellation Palace was not able to participate, but as long as the Constellation Palace exists, there will always be opportunities for the younger generation to participate. Being able to have one's name inscribed on the Cumulated Points Ranking not only brings glory to the domain but also comes with tangible benefits. Such opportunities must not be missed again.

Luo Shenzhi's eyes shone brightly, "I wonder how Brother Lu ranks on the Cumulated Points Ranking?" He did not know Lu Ye's true strength and only felt that Lu Ye was very strong. In his view, Lu Ye would definitely be able to get his name on the ranking.

Lu Ye slowly shook his head and said, "I am ashamed to say that although I participated in the opening of the Constellation Palace, I was delayed midway by some matters and couldn't persist, so I did not get my name inscribed."

It's all the Constellation Palace's fault for transporting him to the main palace. However, even though he didn't get his name inscribed, obtaining a treasure like the Small Constellation Palace meant that he ended up gaining rather than losing.

"What about me then? Brother Lu, if I were to participate, where do you think I would rank?" Luo Shenzhi asked again.

Lu Ye apologized, "I haven't fought against the strong ones on the Cumulated Points Ranking, so I can't judge."

In his view, Luo Shenzhi would have no problem reaching the top hundred, but that would be about his limit, given the large number of seasoned Constellations participating in the Constellation Palace.

But these were just his own judgments, and there was no need to voice them.

The banquet continued, a group of Moon Jades asked about various aspects of the All Phenomena Ocean, and Lu Ye shared everything he knew, describing to them the magnificent marvels of the stellar space.

Finally, when he had nothing more to share, the Moon Jades reluctantly stopped their questions, still wanting more, wishing they could visit the All Phenomena Galaxy immediately to see it with their own eyes.

Jyang Shang said, "I wonder, Young Friend, how long will it take you to reach Jade Conch?"

Lu Ye replied, "About two years."

Jyang Shang nodded, "Two years to go, two years to return, let's say five years in total. Then, Young Friend, let's settle it like this. During these five years, we at Indeterminate will prepare, and when you return, we'll accompany you to the All Phenomena Galaxy!"

"No problem!" Lu Ye nodded.

Daluo Moon Jade quickly added, "And us at Daluo too!" He was afraid of being left behind.

Jyang Shang raised his cup, "Such a happy event is a blessing for us at Indeterminate. We thank Young Friend Lu. Let's drink together!"

All the Moon Jades raised their cups in unison, "Thank you, Young Friend Lu!"

After putting down the cup, Jyang Shang said, "There's one more thing I need to ask you, Young Friend. Which direction do you plan to take to get to Jade Conch?" After saying this, he added, "Please don't misunderstand. I do not wish to pry into your course, but there is currently a troublesome location outside the Indeterminate Galaxy."

"What trouble?" Lu Ye asked.

Jyang Shang said, "Decades ago, an insect hive drifted into that direction!"

"An insect hive?" Lu Ye furrowed his brows at this, "The Insect Race?"

"Indeed!" Jyang Shang nodded, "And it's not just any insect hive, it's one guarded by more than one Sun Blaze. It has been eyeing us outside Indeterminate with intentions of invasion, so if you go in another direction, there should be no problem. But if you're headed in that direction, it could be troublesome."

Lu Ye wasn't sure if his chosen direction was where the insect hive was, so he took out the star map given to him by the Reincarnation Tree, "Please, World Lord, take a look!"

There wasn't anything to hide on this star map, and it didn't matter even if Jyang Shang knew the exact route from Jade Conch to the All Phenomena Galaxy.

He stepped forward and offered the star map. Jyang Shang took a look, and his brows furrowed, "This is a bit troublesome."

He found that according to the guidance on the star map, Lu Ye's destination was precisely where the insect hive was located!

Adding to this, Lu Ye was a target jointly pursued by the Blood Race and the Insect Race. If the Insect Race discovered his trail, it would undoubtedly result in a relentless pursuit.

Seeing Jyang Shang's reaction, Lu Ye's heart skipped a beat, "What a coincidence?"

Jyang Shang nodded, "Just such a coincidence!" After a pause, he looked at Yaya in Lu Ye's arms, "Young Friend, don't worry too much. If you have someone to protect you, as long as you are careful, you should be able to pass through alone without issue."

Chapter 1553 The Best Opportunity

Lu Ye had to consider not only his own passage but also what to do when bringing cultivators from his home galaxy back.

He himself could conceal his presence, and believed that as long as he's careful, there shouldn't be much problem.

But if he were to bring people from Jade Conch Galaxy later, an entire fleet couldn't easily hide, and if discovered, given the nature of the Insect Race, they would surely not allow the fleet to pass peacefully, leading to conflicts that Jade Conch couldn't withstand.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Ye asked, "Is it feasible to take a detour?"

The positions in stellar space are indeterminate. The Reincarnation Tree provided him with a star map which plotted a route, but he didn't have to strictly follow that star map. Taking a slight detour to avoid the region where the Insect Race is entrenched and then rejoining the star map's route should be feasible.

However, this would take a lot more time, potentially wasting several years.

Jyang Shang said, "It might be feasible, but as long as the insect hive remains, nobody knows how far the tentacles of the Insect Race might extend. If by chance the place where Young Friend Lu detours is touched by them, it'll inevitably lead to trouble."

This posed some difficulties.

Lu Ye certainly couldn't ask Jyang Shang to use the power of the Indeterminate Galaxy to solve that insect hive. The insect hive drifted over decades ago, and if the Indeterminate Galaxy had the ability to solve it, it surely wouldn't have been delayed until today. Since they haven't resolved it, it indicates the matter is quite tricky.

Just as Lu Ye was troubled, Jyang Shang spoke again, "Young friend, rest assured, before you return, we will definitely deal with that insect hive and will not delay our expedition to the All Phenomena Ocean."

Lu Ye was slightly astonished. Although he agreed to take people from the Indeterminate Galaxy with him to the All Phenomena Ocean, at the end of the day, it's a mutually beneficial cooperation. After all, Jade Conch's fleet needs to borrow the passage; thus, they couldn't leave others behind.

Now Jyang Shang proactively said they would solve the insect hive, which had more than one Sun Blaze sitting there. The reason for this wasn't clear, since such a battle wouldn't benefit the Indeterminate Galaxy.

However, Lu Ye only thought for a moment before realizing that if things were as he imagined, his trip over here had done a big favor for the Indeterminate Galaxy!

He didn't say much, just raised his glass and said, "Then thank you, World Lord!"

While he had indeed helped the Indeterminate Galaxy a lot, if they could eliminate the insect hive as promised, it would also assist him, remaining a mutual benefit.

Jyang Shang and Lu Ye shared a drink and exchanged smiles, everything understood without needing words.

After the matter was settled, Lu Ye did not plan to stay long, thus stood up to take his leave. With the long journey ahead, he had already lingered there for half a month, eager to start on his return journey.

Jyang Shang sincerely entreated him to stay, hoping to learn more about the All Phenomena Ocean, but seeing Lu Ye's firm resolve, he had no choice but to let him go, instructing Kang Cheng to escort Lu Ye out of the Indeterminate Galaxy. Kang Cheng accepted the task.

Outside the great hall, Kang Cheng summoned his starboat, standing on it waiting. Lu Ye, carrying Yaya, bid farewell to Huah Sheng, sharing a pleasant conversation.

They exchanged meaningless chatter for a good moment before Lu Ye boarded the starboat, which Kang Cheng then piloted, transforming into a stream of light to exit the Indeterminate World.

Huah Sheng watched intently, feeling deeply grateful.

Though Lu Ye had spoken senseless words before leaving, Huah Sheng knew it was on purpose. This way, the Indeterminate World would learn of Lu Ye's good relationship with Red Sky, enabling Red Sky to have a better standing.

"What a pity!" Not far beside Huah Sheng, Luo Shenzhi looked toward the direction Lu Ye departed, sporting a regretful expression.

The reason he followed his own Moon Jade here was to have a fight with Lu Ye, but in the previous occasion, he hadn't the opportunity to speak, and Lu Ye was eager to leave, so he naturally couldn't make any rude requests.

Though things didn't go as Luo Shenzhi wished, he was even more excited about the future.

If he could reach the All Phenomena Galaxy, he could witness the splendor of many galaxies' top Constellations, which filled him with enthusiasm, making him more eager than anyone for Lu Ye's return.

"Now that the matter is concluded, I shall take my leave," Huah Sheng prepared to depart.

The Moon Jade woman who had spoken to Lu Ye earlier slightly smiled and said, "Sect Master Huah, no need to rush; please return to the hall first. The World Lord has instructions for discussion."

Huah Sheng was earnestly respectful: "With the World Lord's command, I shall obey!"

Knowing that this was thanks to Lu Ye's earlier performance, otherwise he would not have been invited back. If there was indeed something important being discussed, he wouldn't have been eligible to participate.

A group of Moon Jade and Luo Shenzhi returned to the hall, taking seats as before.

Just as he sat down, Sect Master Huah heard that Daluo Moon Jade say, "Lu Yiye has arrived at just the right time; with this, the preparations between our two domains should have no issues."

Jyang Shang smiled and said, "Indeed, I never expected such good news at this critical juncture. Truly, it's as if heaven is on our side."

Daluo Moon Jade said, "In fact, those two domains are not unaware of the seriousness of the matter. It's just that the threat is on Indeterminate's doorstep, and they are all counting on Indeterminate to take the lead."

Jyang Shang said, "I am well aware of their intentions, but the foundation within that insect hive is no small matter. Indeterminate alone cannot resolve it."

This statement was a bit modest. If Indeterminate truly wished to handle the insect hive, it could be accomplished, but it would come at a huge cost. In a single battle, it's highly likely that the entire star system's cultivation world would be severely damaged, and cultivation levels would fall back thousands or tens of thousands of years.

If that were to happen, Indeterminate's eventual outcome would surely be to be devoured by the other three star systems, and there may never be an Indeterminate Galaxy again, which is an outcome they cannot accept.

So, even though they have the capability, Indeterminate Galaxy has not truly taken action for decades; instead, they've constructed a defensive line outside their own territory to guard against the invasion of the insect hive. Within the domain, two other Sun Blaze powerhouses have been stationed at that defense line for years.

And for decades, Indeterminate has been networking with the four corners, hoping to unite the four places in a collective effort against the insect hive.

Although the insect hive is a menace at Indeterminate's doorstep, should Indeterminate suffer, no one knows which star system would be next. Such a menace as the Insect Race, if not eradicated at the source, will only become increasingly troublesome because of their excessive reproductive ability.

Among the other three star systems, only the Daluo Galaxy stated over a dozen years ago that they were willing to fully assist Indeterminate; whereas Tranquil Moon and Beixuan had a bit of a "wait and see" attitude, like spectators.

Of course, Jyang Shang knows that the powerhouses of these two star systems don't genuinely think that way; they all recognize the danger of the Insect Race, but they're unwilling to expend too much effort and want Indeterminate to bear the brunt.

Daluo Moon Jade's visit to Indeterminate this time is indeed about the insect hive. The matter has been delayed for decades, and delaying further will only allow the Insect Race to grow even stronger. Once they reach a certain strength, not even the combined forces of the four star systems might stand a chance. If Indeterminate falls, none of the other three star systems will be able to remain untouched, and they will eventually be consumed by the Insect Race.

He plans to first persuade Jyang Shang's side, then connect with the powerhouses of Tranquil Moon and Beixuan star systems, to prepare for a war against the Insect Race.

He had done this once before, with little success, and the same outcome happened this time, because before Lu Ye's arrival, Jyang Shang showed no intention of giving in. The message from Indeterminate was simple: either everyone perishes together, or everyone makes an effort; Indeterminate would certainly not take the lead. Even if they won the war against the Insect Race, the outlook for Indeterminate would not be good.

In such a complex situation, everyone in the four star systems had their own calculations, and without a suitable opportunity, it was difficult to facilitate cooperation.

Lu Ye's arrival is the best opportunity!

If the news of the All Phenomena Ocean is spread, Tranquil Moon and Beixuan are bound to be very interested. However, to reach the All Phenomena Ocean, they will need to wait for Lu Ye to return safely. For Lu Ye to return safely, they must first resolve the insect hive!

Lu Ye was aware of this possibility at that time, which is why he felt his arrival was a major help to Indeterminate. Even if he isn't a cultivator of Indeterminate, and he wasn't very clear about the intricacies, one can infer some things without knowing too much.

"That Young Friend Lu is a straightforward person, willing to take my Daluo people to the All Phenomena Ocean; I believe he will also be willing to take the people of Tranquil Moon and Beixuan as well. It's merely a few more people; it doesn't hinder him much. World Lord Jyang, I'll negotiate with Tranquil Moon and Beixuan, and I'm sure they'll be very interested in the All Phenomena Ocean. If they agree to the previous proposal, then on Indeterminate's end..."

Jyang Shang eagerly said, "As long as they truly contribute, Indeterminate has no problem!"

"Then it's settled!" Daluo Moon Jade laughed heartily, standing up tall, "There's no time to delay, I'll set off now."

Daluo Moon Jade hastily left, confident and assured.

No wonder he is so confident; the allure of the All Phenomena Ocean is irresistible. Who would have thought that the scourge that troubled the four star systems for so many years would have hope of resolution with the arrival of an outsider?

That Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens is truly a blessing for the four star systems.

Daluo Moon Jade departed with Luo Shenzhi. Jyang Shang pondered for a moment, not sure what he was thinking. After a long while, he turned his gaze toward Huah Sheng, "Sect Master Huah, it is said that Young Friend Lu has a good relationship with your disciple?"

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Chapter 1553 The Best Opportunity

Lu Ye had to consider not only his own passage but also what to do when bringing cultivators from his home galaxy back.

He himself could conceal his presence, and believed that as long as he's careful, there shouldn't be much problem.

But if he were to bring people from Jade Conch Galaxy later, an entire fleet couldn't easily hide, and if discovered, given the nature of the Insect Race, they would surely not allow the fleet to pass peacefully, leading to conflicts that Jade Conch couldn't withstand.

After pondering for a moment, Lu Ye asked, "Is it feasible to take a detour?"

The positions in stellar space are indeterminate. The Reincarnation Tree provided him with a star map which plotted a route, but he didn't have to strictly follow that star map. Taking a slight detour to avoid the region where the Insect Race is entrenched and then rejoining the star map's route should be feasible.

However, this would take a lot more time, potentially wasting several years.

Jyang Shang said, "It might be feasible, but as long as the insect hive remains, nobody knows how far the tentacles of the Insect Race might extend. If by chance the place where Young Friend Lu detours is touched by them, it'll inevitably lead to trouble."

This posed some difficulties.

Lu Ye certainly couldn't ask Jyang Shang to use the power of the Indeterminate Galaxy to solve that insect hive. The insect hive drifted over decades ago, and if the Indeterminate Galaxy had the ability to solve it, it surely wouldn't have been delayed until today. Since they haven't resolved it, it indicates the matter is quite tricky.

Just as Lu Ye was troubled, Jyang Shang spoke again, "Young friend, rest assured, before you return, we will definitely deal with that insect hive and will not delay our expedition to the All Phenomena Ocean."

Lu Ye was slightly astonished. Although he agreed to take people from the Indeterminate Galaxy with him to the All Phenomena Ocean, at the end of the day, it's a mutually beneficial cooperation. After all, Jade Conch's fleet needs to borrow the passage; thus, they couldn't leave others behind.

Now Jyang Shang proactively said they would solve the insect hive, which had more than one Sun Blaze sitting there. The reason for this wasn't clear, since such a battle wouldn't benefit the Indeterminate Galaxy.

However, Lu Ye only thought for a moment before realizing that if things were as he imagined, his trip over here had done a big favor for the Indeterminate Galaxy!

He didn't say much, just raised his glass and said, "Then thank you, World Lord!"

While he had indeed helped the Indeterminate Galaxy a lot, if they could eliminate the insect hive as promised, it would also assist him, remaining a mutual benefit.

Jyang Shang and Lu Ye shared a drink and exchanged smiles, everything understood without needing words.

After the matter was settled, Lu Ye did not plan to stay long, thus stood up to take his leave. With the long journey ahead, he had already lingered there for half a month, eager to start on his return journey.

Jyang Shang sincerely entreated him to stay, hoping to learn more about the All Phenomena Ocean, but seeing Lu Ye's firm resolve, he had no choice but to let him go, instructing Kang Cheng to escort Lu Ye out of the Indeterminate Galaxy. Kang Cheng accepted the task.

Outside the great hall, Kang Cheng summoned his starboat, standing on it waiting. Lu Ye, carrying Yaya, bid farewell to Huah Sheng, sharing a pleasant conversation.

They exchanged meaningless chatter for a good moment before Lu Ye boarded the starboat, which Kang Cheng then piloted, transforming into a stream of light to exit the Indeterminate World.

Huah Sheng watched intently, feeling deeply grateful.

Though Lu Ye had spoken senseless words before leaving, Huah Sheng knew it was on purpose. This way, the Indeterminate World would learn of Lu Ye's good relationship with Red Sky, enabling Red Sky to have a better standing.

"What a pity!" Not far beside Huah Sheng, Luo Shenzhi looked toward the direction Lu Ye departed, sporting a regretful expression.

The reason he followed his own Moon Jade here was to have a fight with Lu Ye, but in the previous occasion, he hadn't the opportunity to speak, and Lu Ye was eager to leave, so he naturally couldn't make any rude requests.

Though things didn't go as Luo Shenzhi wished, he was even more excited about the future.

If he could reach the All Phenomena Galaxy, he could witness the splendor of many galaxies' top Constellations, which filled him with enthusiasm, making him more eager than anyone for Lu Ye's return.

"Now that the matter is concluded, I shall take my leave," Huah Sheng prepared to depart.

The Moon Jade woman who had spoken to Lu Ye earlier slightly smiled and said, "Sect Master Huah, no need to rush; please return to the hall first. The World Lord has instructions for discussion."

Huah Sheng was earnestly respectful: "With the World Lord's command, I shall obey!"

Knowing that this was thanks to Lu Ye's earlier performance, otherwise he would not have been invited back. If there was indeed something important being discussed, he wouldn't have been eligible to participate.

A group of Moon Jade and Luo Shenzhi returned to the hall, taking seats as before.

Just as he sat down, Sect Master Huah heard that Daluo Moon Jade say, "Lu Yiye has arrived at just the right time; with this, the preparations between our two domains should have no issues."

Jyang Shang smiled and said, "Indeed, I never expected such good news at this critical juncture. Truly, it's as if heaven is on our side."

Daluo Moon Jade said, "In fact, those two domains are not unaware of the seriousness of the matter. It's just that the threat is on Indeterminate's doorstep, and they are all counting on Indeterminate to take the lead."

Jyang Shang said, "I am well aware of their intentions, but the foundation within that insect hive is no small matter. Indeterminate alone cannot resolve it."

This statement was a bit modest. If Indeterminate truly wished to handle the insect hive, it could be accomplished, but it would come at a huge cost. In a single battle, it's highly likely that the entire star

system's cultivation world would be severely damaged, and cultivation levels would fall back thousands or tens of thousands of years.

If that were to happen, Indeterminate's eventual outcome would surely be to be devoured by the other three star systems, and there may never be an Indeterminate Galaxy again, which is an outcome they cannot accept.

So, even though they have the capability, Indeterminate Galaxy has not truly taken action for decades; instead, they've constructed a defensive line outside their own territory to guard against the invasion of the insect hive. Within the domain, two other Sun Blaze powerhouses have been stationed at that defense line for years.

And for decades, Indeterminate has been networking with the four corners, hoping to unite the four places in a collective effort against the insect hive.

Although the insect hive is a menace at Indeterminate's doorstep, should Indeterminate suffer, no one knows which star system would be next. Such a menace as the Insect Race, if not eradicated at the source, will only become increasingly troublesome because of their excessive reproductive ability.

Among the other three star systems, only the Daluo Galaxy stated over a dozen years ago that they were willing to fully assist Indeterminate; whereas Tranquil Moon and Beixuan had a bit of a "wait and see" attitude, like spectators.

Of course, Jyang Shang knows that the powerhouses of these two star systems don't genuinely think that way; they all recognize the danger of the Insect Race, but they're unwilling to expend too much effort and want Indeterminate to bear the brunt.

Daluo Moon Jade's visit to Indeterminate this time is indeed about the insect hive. The matter has been delayed for decades, and delaying further will only allow the Insect Race to grow even stronger. Once they reach a certain strength, not even the combined forces of the four star systems might stand a chance. If Indeterminate falls, none of the other three star systems will be able to remain untouched, and they will eventually be consumed by the Insect Race.

He plans to first persuade Jyang Shang's side, then connect with the powerhouses of Tranquil Moon and Beixuan star systems, to prepare for a war against the Insect Race.

He had done this once before, with little success, and the same outcome happened this time, because before Lu Ye's arrival, Jyang Shang showed no intention of giving in. The message from Indeterminate was simple: either everyone perishes together, or everyone makes an effort; Indeterminate would certainly not take the lead. Even if they won the war against the Insect Race, the outlook for Indeterminate would not be good.

In such a complex situation, everyone in the four star systems had their own calculations, and without a suitable opportunity, it was difficult to facilitate cooperation.

Lu Ye's arrival is the best opportunity!

If the news of the All Phenomena Ocean is spread, Tranquil Moon and Beixuan are bound to be very interested. However, to reach the All Phenomena Ocean, they will need to wait for Lu Ye to return safely. For Lu Ye to return safely, they must first resolve the insect hive!

Lu Ye was aware of this possibility at that time, which is why he felt his arrival was a major help to Indeterminate. Even if he isn't a cultivator of Indeterminate, and he wasn't very clear about the intricacies, one can infer some things without knowing too much.

"That Young Friend Lu is a straightforward person, willing to take my Daluo people to the All Phenomena Ocean; I believe he will also be willing to take the people of Tranquil Moon and Beixuan as well. It's merely a few more people; it doesn't hinder him much. World Lord Jyang, I'll negotiate with Tranquil Moon and Beixuan, and I'm sure they'll be very interested in the All Phenomena Ocean. If they agree to the previous proposal, then on Indeterminate's end..."

Jyang Shang eagerly said, "As long as they truly contribute, Indeterminate has no problem!"

"Then it's settled!" Daluo Moon Jade laughed heartily, standing up tall, "There's no time to delay, I'll set off now."

Daluo Moon Jade hastily left, confident and assured.

No wonder he is so confident; the allure of the All Phenomena Ocean is irresistible. Who would have thought that the scourge that troubled the four star systems for so many years would have hope of resolution with the arrival of an outsider?

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Chapter 1555 - Massive Power Boost

Lu Ye did not pin all his hopes on Yaya. After her last action, he discovered an issue: although Yaya indeed possessed the power of Sun Blaze, her body evidently had some problems. Once she engaged in combat, she would quickly become weakened and fall into a slumber.

So on this journey, they should avoid trouble whenever possible.

However, some troublesome matters cannot be avoided just because one wants to, especially since Lu Ye made no effort to conceal himself. Instead, he was steering the starboat boastfully. Even though he followed the route pointed out by the Indeterminate woman of Sun Blaze to a sparsely populated area of the Insect Race, they eventually discovered his trail.

Half a day after leaving the floating land where the Indeterminate frontline fortress was located, Lu Ye realized the Insect Race was pursuing him from the side. These were Constellation-level Insects, their speed far inferior to the starboat's top speed, so after a brief pursuit, they were left behind, disappearing from sight.

Continuing forward, the starboat was like a small fish falling into a shark tank. Wherever it went, there were Insects chasing from all directions. These Insects couldn't match the speed of the starboat, so they ultimately watched helplessly as the starboat darted into the depths of stellar space, vanishing from view.

Occasionally, scattered Insects, upon receiving the message, would attempt to intercept ahead but were scattered by the starboat's charge. Those unable to avoid it might be killed on the spot.

The Insect Race is a very peculiar species. They have an extremely tight and mysterious connection with the insect hive that nurtures them, allowing them to rapidly spread information using the hive's power without needing any audio talisman.

With such an advantage, once one Insect spotted Lu Ye's starboat, it meant the entire swarm knew of the starboat's trajectory.

So even if those Constellation Insects failed in their pursuit, the swarm could arrange intercepts in the direction Lu Ye was heading.

Thanks to the route guided by the Indeterminate woman of Sun Blaze, they hadn't encountered any formidable Insects along the way, so the journey had been relatively smooth.

Until a few days later, when a mass of darkness suddenly appeared in the stellar space ahead.

Lu Ye focused his gaze, only to realize it wasn't a cloud, but a densely packed swarm of Insects!

This surprised Lu Ye greatly, since physically traversing stellar space required being at the Constellation realm. Even though the Insects' reproduction and growth were rapid, there shouldn't be so many Constellations. The Insect Constellations he'd encountered before were sparse, with at most two or three forming a squad.

This dark mass of Insects numbered at least in the tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands. Could a single insect hive nurture so many Constellations?

If this was indeed the case, the Insects could easily overrun the Indeterminate and capture it completely.

As if understanding Lu Ye's doubts, Lih Shang spoke up, "The Insect Race's physiology is very unique, unlike any species in stellar space. Other cultivators need to be at the Constellation realm to survive in stellar space, but some special Insects don't. They are naturally able to withstand stellar space energy's erosion."

Only then did Lu Ye realize why there were so many Insects ahead. Originally, they weren't all Constellations. It was similar to star beasts, who are also born able to survive in stellar space. It's an innate ability.

Although he'd encountered many Insects in the Nine Provinces, he hadn't truly met them in stellar space and wasn't aware of these facts.

The dark, swarm-like insect pall spread like a cloud towards them. The distance was close, and the starboat's speed was too fast. It was too late to change course.

Lih Shang could only brace himself and steer the starboat to crash into the insect pall. Lu Ye lifted Yaya, who had been sitting in his lap, placed her to the side, patted her head, and instructed, "Stay put."

He feared that without such an instruction, Yaya might suddenly take action. Although her intervention could easily resolve the current trouble, she was an ace up his sleeve, and he needed to save her for critical moments, lest she act and then fall back into slumber.

Yaya hugged a bowl-sized pear spirit fruit, chewing and nodding obediently, mumbling, "Yaya won't move!"

Lu Ye slowly stood up, drew the Boulder Mountain Saber from his waist, and quietly watched the approaching insect pall.

Suddenly, he remembered the Insect Race and Blood Race had jointly placed a bounty on him. The Blood Race's Constellations could recognize him; the Insects might, too. He then activated the Thousand Faces to alter his appearance, just in case the Insects recognized him.

The next moment, the spirit ark crashed into the insect pall. At close range, it became evident that many of these Insects weren't at the Constellation level. Many were at the Divine Sea level, and some were even at True Lake.

With such lightning-fast and fierce impact, the insect pall was immediately torn apart, countless Insects turning to dust in an instant.

Like a knife cutting through tofu, the starboat recklessly plunged into the insect pall, leaving a path of death and destruction in its wake.

Lu Ye's vision darkened as Insects filled all directions. Those below the Constellation level fearlessly used their flesh as a barrier to block the starboat, but their efforts were almost in vain.

If there were only these Divine Sea and True Lake level Insects, the starboat could easily break through. But within this insect pall, there weren't just Divine Sea and True Lake level Insects—there were some at the Constellation Realm as well.

Identifying whether an Insect had Constellation-level power was obvious; unless exceptionally gifted, an Insect couldn't develop spiritual intelligence below the Constellation level. Just like the Insects Lu Ye encountered in the Nine Provinces, no matter how powerful they were, they acted purely on instinct. Visually, they appeared as variously magnified insect forms.

Just like those Insect Race members Lu Ye killed in the Taichu Realm, they were all promising youngsters that the Insect Race strongholds had high hopes for, each exceptionally gifted, and had awakened

spiritual intelligence at the Divine Sea level. Their future achievements were boundless, yet unfortunately, Lu Ye killed almost all of them.

However, it's different when the Insect Races reach the Constellation level. Not only do they gain spiritual intelligence, becoming cunning and sinister, but even their appearance undergoes significant changes. Many Insect Races transform into human shapes; some retain insect characteristics, while others appear indistinguishable from humans.

Thus, within this insect pall, anyone with a human form is basically a Constellation Insect Race.

There are quite a few, no less than thirty individuals, these Constellation Insect Races are undoubtedly much more troublesome than ordinary Insect Races. As the starboat crashes into the insect pall, these Constellation Insect Races launch their assaults from all directions toward the starboat.

Starboats are generally used for traveling in stellar space, and lower-grade starboats don't even have formations. Lu Ye's starboat was purchased for as much as three hundred thousand spirit jade, and it does have a protective array with certain defensive power, but it is not very strong.

How could such a protective array withstand the combined attacks of dozens of Constellations? It was about to break in an instant.

Lih Shang quickly retracted the array to prevent it from being shattered, which would require repairs and be quite troublesome.

Without the protection of the array, those Constellation Insect Races immediately charged at Lu Ye's position like cats smelling fish.

Spirit force surged, saber light like a waterfall; all the attacking Constellation Insect Races felt as if a huge blood-thirsty mouth suddenly opened beneath the saber light, revealing dreadful fangs, swallowing them whole.

Fangs bared!

This is the saber skill inherited from Qing Li, strangely enough, Qing Li's saber stance is agile, yet this move is extremely ferocious, it coincides with the concept of the Tyrannical Saber Technique.

As the saber light flashed, the leading Constellation Insect Races didn't even have time to react before disintegrating into pieces.

Among them was even a very powerful Constellation Late Stage Insect Race!

The remaining Constellation Insect Races were all startled, never expecting such an outrageous event to occur, instinctively retreating, yet the fierce saber momentum was already encompassing them, rising and falling like waves, endless.

A moment later, the starboat burst out of the enveloping range of the insect pall, which had shrunk by half compared to the initial sight. Countless Divine Sea-True Lake level Insect Races were killed or injured, and even Constellation level Insect Races numbered over a dozen dead.

The insect pall dared not pursue, mainly because they couldn't catch up, they were merely stationed here upon receiving news, but their speed was far inferior to the starboat.

In front of the insect pall, the surviving Constellation Insect Races stared at the starboat transforming into a streak of light, their expressions terrified; such a long-prepared interception battle ended in a crushing defeat for the Insect Race, and this resulted from merely one encounter, the Constellation Insect Races had no doubt that if the opponent wasn't in a hurry to leave, they would have the ability to wipe them all out.

"Is there such a Constellation in the Indeterminate Galaxy?" A bug-shaped Insect Race with sharp features mumbled, unsure of his origin.

"Who knows? But why is a single Constellation running in that direction?" wondered an Insect Race.

If he really was a Constellation from Indeterminate, there would be no reason to go that way, as it leads away from Indeterminate.

"Whatever his identity, he's doomed," an Insect Race with six compound eyes on its forehead scoffed, despite their failed interception, there's a stronger one ahead.

The human Constellation's power was indeed impressive, yet he didn't believe the opponent could pass that barrier, moreover, their side's failure surely prompted Moon Jade Insect Races to rush over.

On the starboat, Lih Shang continued to steer the starboat forward, gazing at Lu Ye's back in astonishment, realizing that Lu Ye seemed even more powerful than when they departed from the All Phenomena Ocean.

She had performed the Soul Possession Secret Technique on Lu Ye several times, offering her a direct sense of his strength, once believing that his earlier prowess was sufficient; she hadn't expected this wasn't his limits, and there was still room for improvement.

She hadn't seen Lu Ye undertake significant cultivation over this period, how could he achieve such a substantial increase?

At this moment, Lu Ye was sitting cross-legged, Boulder Mountain Saber drawn, resting horizontally across his lap. He gently stroked the blade, feeling its sharpness.

Lih Shang's intuition was correct; he had indeed grown significantly stronger, yet this strength wasn't due to an enhancement in his foundation.

Since departing from the All Phenomena Ocean, his cultivation time had been limited, leaving little room for foundation improvement. Besides, he'd already reached the Constellation Late Stage, and further advancement was constrained.

The main reason for his enhanced power was the transformation of the Boulder Mountain Saber.

This could attribute to the enormous changes brought by external force.

Chapter 1556 - The Joy of Leaping and Slashing

All along, when upgrading the Boulder Mountain Saber, Lu Ye had always demanded it be heavy enough, so it would be convenient for him to slay enemies. As for its sharpness, he didn't care, because he could enhance it with spirit runes.

In an environment like the Nine Provinces, each time the Boulder Mountain Saber was upgraded, it could keep up with his cultivation progress and meet his needs for combat.

But it's different once he entered the stellar space, especially after encountering some powerful enemies. Lu Ye discovered that the Boulder Mountain Saber was not sharp enough to effectively harm enemies, especially those with strong physiques. Even if he enhanced it with Divine Sharp Edge, it still performed unsatisfactorily.

The battle with the Blood Hero of the Blood Race was the best example.

It's not that Lu Ye had high demands, but a cultivator's enemy won't always be in the same realm as them. Traveling through the stellar space, he would inevitably encounter those stronger than himself. With Lu Ye's current strength, within the same realm, the previous Boulder Mountain Saber and Divine Sharp Edge were more than enough.

But Lu Ye's focus was not on Constellation, but on Moon Jade.

The Boulder Mountain Saber had reached the ultimate level of a spirit treasure, with no further room for improvement unless it were upgraded to a magic treasure. However, if it were upgraded to a magic treasure, Lu Ye wouldn't be able to activate its power with spirit force alone; this was a dead end.

The allegiance of the barghest came at just the right time.

Compared to before, the new Boulder Mountain Saber seemed unchanged on the surface, but the difference was that it was extremely sharp!

Even the previous Boulder Mountain Saber enhanced with Divine Sharp Edge was not as sharp as the current one.

Now, supplemented with Divine Sharp Edge, its sharpness reached new heights.

Just from previously slaying those Insect Race Constellations, one could tell that although in terms of physique the Insect Race is inferior to the Blood Race, their physical defenses surpass the Blood Race because each Insect Race had an extremely hard carapace covering their bodies. Even if they became Constellations and transformed into human forms, the carapace would still cover their bodies, forming a natural defense.

But even such a hard carapace, under the strike of the new Boulder Mountain Saber, was as fragile as paper, especially the Constellation Late Stage Insect Race that he killed with the first slash. The strength of the carapace defense was such that Lu Ye thought if it were the former Boulder Mountain Saber enhanced with Divine Sharp Edge, even repeatedly slashing five times might not break it; however, now just one slash did the job.

The new Boulder Mountain Saber, transformed by the barghest, was worlds apart from the previous one in terms of sharpness.

This was Lu Ye's first battle after subduing the barghest, and he was undoubtedly very satisfied with the new Boulder Mountain Saber's demonstrated power.

That day in the battle with the Blood Hero, if he had wielded this Boulder Mountain Saber, he might not have needed Lih Shang to initiate a soul battle to slay him.

Lih Shang felt that the basis of Lu Ye's great enhancement in strength lay here. Under the same strike, the damage Lu Ye could now cause was much more formidable than before.

The starboat continued forward, encountering no more Insect Race.

But both Lih Shang and Lu Ye could feel that the Insect Race hadn't given up; this was just the calm before the storm. Perhaps some unknown danger awaited them up ahead.

Or perhaps, Moon Jade or even Sun Blaze level Insect Race experts were pursuing them.

All the way in peace, ten days later, the rapidly flying starboat suddenly felt like it had crashed into an invisible wall, instantly facing enormous resistance!

The starboat shook, as if mired in a swamp; though still moving forward, its speed was visibly declining rapidly.

Under great inertia, Lu Ye's body uncontrollably lunged forward, along with Yaya and Lih Shang beside him.

Quick-eyed and deft-handed, Lu Ye caught Yaya into his arms, while Lih Shang decisively threw himself at Lu Ye, instantly casting the Soul Possession Secret Technique.

In an instant, Lu Ye felt his strength significantly enhanced, his five senses becoming acutely sharp, his thoughts more agile, and even the flow of his spirit force accelerated.

The starboat's speed slowed significantly, from maximum speed to a standstill in less than three breaths. In the next moment, attacks poured in from all directions like a torrential storm.

Lu Ye leaped out of the starboat, dodging the numerous attacks, and only upon steadying himself did he discern the situation in front of him.

There were many varying sizes of meteorites nearby; in stellar space, such meteorites were abundant, virtually countless and extremely commonplace.

However, at this moment, from the backs of these meteorites, numerous Insect Race Constellations emerged, having been ambushed here waiting for Lu Ye to pass by before making their sudden move.

On one of the massive meteorites, there was also a furry spider. The spider's size was comparable to a city, almost occupying the entire meteorite.

However, the aura of this spider was not strong, at most reaching the Constellation Late Stage standard. Lu Ye was slightly surprised, for the spider seemed like an Insect Race but was not of Insect Race origin; it was a type of star beast.

This was probably a star beast tamed by the Insect Race.

Where this spider star beast was positioned, there were innumerable intertwining strands of web invisible to the naked eye.

Looking back at his starboat, Lu Ye finally saw what stopped the starboat: a giant web, woven in stellar space using surrounding meteorites as nodes.

This thing is hard to notice unless you look closely. With the starboat speeding through, neither Lu Ye nor Lih Shang noticed it and crashed right into it, getting caught in the web.

There's the presence of Moon Jade.

Lu Ye coldly assessed and found that it should only be at Moon Jade Early Stage.

At this moment, that Moon Jade is also staring at Lu Ye, eyes cold and indifferent. To the Insect Race, there's nothing in this stellar space that cannot be killed; aside from being friendly with the Blood Race, every other species is their enemy.

Not to mention Lu Ye has killed quite a few members of the Insect Race along the way.

He knows Lu Ye is only at Constellation Late Stage, depending entirely on the starboat to reach this place. Now that the starboat is stopped, it's naturally impossible for him to make any waves.

At this moment, he stares at Lu Ye, just casually waving his hand: "Kill him!"

As for Lu Ye's background or purpose, he couldn't care less.

With the order given, many Insect Race Constellations immediately charged at Lu Ye.

In Lu Ye's arms, Yaya showed anger, seemingly about to make a move, but before she could, Lu Ye slapped her head lightly, saying calmly: "Stay calm!"

A Moon Jade Early Stage is not worth Yaya revealing herself.

Besides, in such an ambush, Lu Ye wanted to test the results of his recent cultivation.

Raising his hand, dozens of weapon controls shot in all directions, each one with considerable power.

However, these dozens of weapon controls did not have much effect. Aside from a few that injured some Insect Race Constellations, the others were dodged.

Lu Ye, holding Yaya in one hand and wielding a saber in the other, was enveloped in a light blood hue under the blessing of Lih Shang's Soul Possession, suddenly flashing like a blood light.

The blood light moved in a remarkably abnormal trajectory, almost instantaneously breaking through the encirclement of the Insect Race Constellations. The group of Insect Race Constellations couldn't even react, and suddenly one of them screamed, followed by a spray of blood, body cleaved in two.

The Moon Jade from the Insect Race, who was coldly observing from the side, squinted in extreme surprise at Lu Ye's figure because, just at that moment, even he couldn't grasp Lu Ye's trace.

Looking closely, he saw Lu Ye's figure swiftly move again, and what happened next was simply unbelievable to the Moon Jade of the Insect Race.

The human Constellation darted and dashed in the vast stellar space, silhouette flickering in and out, appearing ghost-like and elusive. Each time he appeared, an Insect Race Constellation inevitably suffered misfortune, either being decapitated or sliced in two, screaming in agony.

Whether it's Constellation Early Stage, mid-stage, or Late Stage, none survived more than one strike when targeted, not even the Insect Race's prideful carapace protection could withstand the slashing power of the opponent.

The encirclement carefully prepared by the Insect Race over several days seemed non-existent to him. He effortlessly found a flaw, broke out of the encirclement, and before the Insect Race Constellations could react, he came back again, piercing through the encirclement.

The Moon Jade from the Insect Race watched, heart filled with shock, as in his eyes, this was not a brutal slaughter but more like a display of art. Even as the enemy, he had to admit that the way this human Constellation killed was extremely aesthetically pleasing.

Yet, amidst this aesthetically pleasing spectacle, life forces withered, chilling him to the bone.

The Moon Jade and Constellations were shocked, but Lu Ye's heart was filled with exhilaration.

The legacy within the barghest, he has only comprehended Qing Li's barghest tusks so far; he hasn't grasped the essence of Yien Xi's Brazen Plundering Technique, so he hasn't passed Yien Xi's test yet.

But nonetheless, during the battle, he felt the power of the Brazen Plundering Technique.

So useful, incredibly useful!

Previously, faced with such an encirclement, he had no other way but to carve a bloody path out, but now, relying on the not yet mature Brazen Plundering Technique, the Insect Race Constellations simply had no chance to strike back, just like when he first battled Yien Xi; those insects couldn't even grasp his silhouette.

Although the essence of the Brazen Plundering Technique was not fully grasped, Lu Ye could utilize the Void Spirit Runes from those weapon controls shot ahead to maneuver and plunder.

So compared to Yien Xi's fluid plundering, Lu Ye's plundering had a touch more spectral bewitchment.

Back when witnessing the Brazen Plundering Technique of Yien Xi, Lu Ye guessed it was a means specifically for dealing with ambushes, and now, upon testing it, it indeed proved effective.

"Destroy those weapon controls!" The Moon Jade from the Insect Race finally discerned some clues. Initially, he hadn't paid attention when Lu Ye released the weapon controls; in stellar space, who even plays with weapon control? But now he realized there were hidden means within them.

With a command, he swiftly struck, sending those weapon controls flying or destroying them, then rushed into the battlefield, charging at Lu Ye.

He thought this time wouldn't require him to act personally, but found it unavoidable. His side, despite their numbers, could not withstand such slaughter. If the killing continued, they would face total annihilation.

Chapter 1557 - Fierce Battle

Since the Insect Race took action, and then Moon Jade joined the battlefield, it has only been ten breaths of time, but in this short span, more than ten Insect Race Constellations were slain, leaving the rest showing expressions of shock.

The Insect Race Moon Jade initially thought that his presence on the battlefield would stabilize the situation, but he was horrified to find that it was useless. Even though he ordered the destruction of the weapon control scattered across the battlefield, the figure remained as elusive as ever, completely untraceable.

The Insect Race Moon Jade roared in anger, feeling both indignant and helpless. Despite his formidable strength, his enemy refused to engage directly, flitting back and forth within the Insect Race formation, focusing solely on slaughtering those Constellations.

More and more Insect Race Constellations met their demise, their hard carapace protection unable to provide any sense of security.

Lu Ye gradually gained insight. The battle with Yien Xi was intense, but it wasn't a true life-and-death duel. Lu Ye knew that even if he were slain in that azure hall, he would only lose a wisp of Mental Consciousness, so he never felt the life-threatening danger.

But here it's different. This is a real kill-or-be-killed fight. The Insect Race Moon Jade sees him harvesting lives with ease, but in reality, each Brazen Plundering he executes is a brush with the edge of life and death, where any mistake could lead to complete ruin.

Yien Xi's Brazen Plundering Technique is actually making risky moves. Such insights could never be felt within the confines of the azure hall.

Lu Ye finally understood why he'd never passed Yien Xi's test, thinking he had mastered the essence of the Brazen Plundering Technique, yet still failing to be a match for Yien Xi.

With this newfound understanding, Lu Ye felt confident he could pass Yien Xi's test. Unfortunately, the timing wasn't right, or else he truly wished to enter that azure hall and test his hypothesis.

This is a fight unlike all his previous clashes. In past battles, Lu Ye mostly relied on the exquisite Tyrannical Saber Technique, dominating powerful foes with unsurpassable might. But in this unprecedented bout, Lu Ye experienced true joy for the first time, the exhilaration of flitting through the battlefield like the wind and effortlessly claiming the lives of his enemies.

It was undoubtedly a novel experience, causing Lu Ye's heart to feel a bit odd.

Brazen Plundering isn't just about the act itself, it's a process. To kill the enemy, one must rely on the explosive power at that singular moment after the plundering.

In this regard, Lu Ye lacked nothing; whether it be the Tyrannical Saber Technique or the fangs bequeathed by Qing Li, both are methods of power explosion.

More Constellations of the Insect Race perished, yet the Insect Race Moon Jade couldn't even touch a strand of Lu Ye's hair. Seeing that fewer than half of the Constellations were left alive, he hurriedly shouted, "Scatter, keep your distance!"

A group of Insect Race Constellations was already in a state of panic, not knowing if they'd be the next unfortunate one. Upon receiving the order, they immediately scattered in all directions, attempting to flee the battlefield.

Lu Ye fixed his gaze on a direction, pursuing them with murderous intent. Several instances of Brazen Plundering later, he slaughtered the escaping Insect Race Constellations cleanly.

He wanted to continue the pursuit in another direction, but the Insect Race Moon Jade wouldn't allow him the chance, relentlessly entangling with him. Despite multiple attempts at Brazen Plundering to shake him off, Lu Ye couldn't succeed.

Previously, there were many Insect Race Constellations as a cover, restricting the Insect Race Moon Jade, allowing Lu Ye to roam freely. Now that there were no other Insect Race members around, with only him and Lu Ye alone, he no longer had concerns, his entire being brimming with mana, blood Qi abundant, his whole body shrouded in a layer of blood mist, as if igniting.

If the opponent were at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, Lu Ye wouldn't have any ambitions; the disparity in strength was apparent. However, the opponent was merely at Moon Jade Early Stage, and Lu Ye felt he might have a fighting chance.

Making up his mind, he stopped pursuing the Insect Race Constellations. His form swiftly transformed into a streak of blood light, drifting toward the Insect Race Moon Jade like a breeze, swift as lightning.

Seeing Lu Ye daring to take the initiative to attack, the Insect Race Moon Jade was infuriated, waiting for the moment Lu Ye approached to suddenly punch forth.

On the punch's edge, formidable mana was condensed yet unspent, only exploding upon the punch's culmination.

The Insect Race Moon Jade frowned, realizing that the punch hadn't connected with Lu Ye, and instead, his arm was slashed by the opponent.

Sparks flew in all directions, a powerful force reverberated up his arm, leaving a one-inch deep crack on his carapace!

Such speed, such power, such a sharp blade!

The Insect Race Moon Jade finally understood why his race's Constellations weren't a match for this human. Such terrifying speed and strength were attributes not possessed by a Constellation Late Stage,

and coupled with the sharp saber of the opponent, the carapace of Insect Race Constellations couldn't resist the strikes.

Even though he was a Moon Jade, his carapace was still wounded, though such damage held no real impact on him.

Turning his head, he saw Lu Ye's figure standing still a few miles away, quietly staring at him.

Their gazes met, one full of fiery intensity, the other with a solemn gaze.

It's possible to fight! This was the feeling Lu Ye got after a brief confrontation with the opponent. After all, he was in a state of Soul Possession with Lih Shang, capable of exerting power beyond his level. However, given the disparity in their levels, he still had to exercise some caution.

The spirit force of a Constellation was fundamentally different in quality from the mana of a Moon Jade. Although the earlier punch from the opponent hadn't hit him, the mere aftermath of the punch's power had given him a sense of threat.

Therefore, truly fighting the opponent head-on was inadvisable, as a direct clash left no room for victory. The sheer collision of internal forces between them already rendered Lu Ye unlikely to triumph.

Unless Lih Shang could initiate a soul battle and obliterate the opponent in the psyche realm, but the last time Lih Shang successfully sparked a soul battle with Blood Hero, it was by seizing a momentary lapse in the opponent's focus, partly because Blood Hero believed victory was assured. This time, the opportunity seemed scarce.

To take a step back, even if Lih Shang can indeed trigger a soul battle, at this moment Lu Ye faces not just an Insect Race Moon Jade, but also many Insect Race Constellation that fled and are observing from afar. Once the soul battle begins, Lu Ye's body on this side will be completely defenseless.

He still has to rely on the Brazen Plundering Technique.

Strictly speaking, the Brazen Plundering Technique is most suited for situations of being besieged, emphasizing surprise attacks and swift coming and going. Against a single opponent, its intricacies lose significance since there is only one enemy, making surprise attack impractical.

However, if head-on confrontation is not an option, Lu Ye has no choice.

The Boulder Mountain Saber is indeed sharp enough, yet it only left a mere scratch on the opponent's carapace, not even breaking the skin. Lu Ye estimates that even with the Divine Sharp Edge blessing, he might not be able to do much to the enemy.

As the spirit force surged rapidly within him, the Insect Race Moon Jade across couldn't hold back any longer and lunged forward to attack.

Lu Ye faced the attack with his saber; he knew well that in a cross-rank battle, his chances were few, possibly just one, so he resolved to go all out!

In an instant, the two figures collided, with the Insect Race Moon Jade striking out with twin fists, violent power surging forth, covering a vast area ahead. Having experienced Lu Ye's Brazen Plundering Technique, he naturally understood his enemy's agility; thus, he aimed to lock down all of Lu Ye's paths.

The barrier formed by pure mana was like an incredibly sturdy wall, blocking before Lu Ye.

Yet, in the next moment, the face of the Insect Race Moon Jade changed, because the enemy who was seemingly charging at him to decide life and death suddenly disappeared without a trace!

Moon Jade's Mental Consciousness spread out, instantly grasping Lu Ye's location.

Turning abruptly, Lu Ye had already plundered to his side, the dark long saber slashing down fiercely without any flourish, spirit force surging along the blade.

This was undoubtedly the eruption of Lu Ye's full strength, carrying an aura of either the enemy perishing or himself dying.

The Insect Race Moon Jade showed no concern, merely raising an arm to block in front. Though this strike seemed fiercely unparalleled, he had personally experienced Lu Ye's slashes before, so he knew that this blade couldn't possibly harm him, easily relying on his carapace's protection.

With his other hand clenched tightly into a fist, he punched towards Lu Ye.

As the long saber fell, the Insect Race Moon Jade was slightly surprised, as he felt a deeper wound slashed into his carapace. The opponent's long saber seemed sharper than before.

But that was all; incapable of breaking through his carapace protection, everything was in vain.

Before his thoughts turned, a sense of unease suddenly gnawed at Moon Jade's heart, as if hearing the rise and fall of tides.

Before him, Lu Ye's expression was as calm as a still lake, disregarding the punch thrown his way, as it was indeed too late to evade, managing only to hurriedly condense several Sacred Guards around himself.

The Boulder Mountain Saber's edge, empowered by Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes, was indeed sharper than before, able to leave a deeper wound on the opponent's carapace, barely grazing the flesh.

But it was not the Divine Sharp Edge that Lu Ye relied on.

At this moment, countless minute waves surged along the edge of the Boulder Mountain Saber, quickly oscillating back and forth.

In an instant, the Boulder Mountain Saber's edge transformed into a serrated blade.

Sparks flew, the Insect Race Moon Jade's carapace split open, severe pain eliciting a sharp cry from him.

Lu Ye gritted his teeth and unleashed his full power, slashing a fierce blow!

Blood sprayed forth, alongside half an arm!

The barriers composed of several layers of Sacred Guards in front of Lu Ye shattered like paper, with spirit force-formed barriers ultimately unable to withstand mana's impact.

In that desperate moment, Lu Ye spun his body around.

A rigid fist struck his back, directly creating a crater-like dent, his chest heaving abruptly as if his heart was about to be punched out. Under the immense force, Lu Ye shot out like an arrow from a bow, blood spouting from his mouth, feeling an overwhelming power akin to a venomous serpent rampaging inside him, undoubtedly mana invading his body.

However, the Talent Tree quickly exerted its effect, burning away all the invading mana within him.

After flying several miles away, only then did Lu Ye manage to stabilize his battered form.

Just turning around, he saw the Insect Race Moon Jade closing in with a grim face.

Chapter 1558 - Praying Mantis

A Moon Jade was actually cut off an arm by a Constellation, even if he was somewhat careless, such a thing shouldn't have happened, it's simply a great humiliation, and he'd be laughed at by other Moon Jades of the Insect Race for a lifetime.

Under such humiliation, how can he vent his anger without killing Lu Ye?

But before he could charge towards Lu Ye, he faced a pair of cold eyes.

The source of the gaze wasn't Lu Ye, but the Yaya he was holding in his arms.

Yaya was very obedient and well-behaved. Before, Lu Ye told her to be patient, and she remained quiet until now, until Lu Ye was struck by the Insect Race Moon Jade.

Yaya was clearly a bit angry, at this moment, her eyes were flowing with a strange brilliance, staring at the Insect Race Moon Jade charging angrily over here, as if looking at a dead man.

Under her gaze, the Insect Race Moon Jade felt somewhat anxious in his heart, the more he advanced, the stronger the sense of crisis in his heart became, as if there was some unknown danger waiting for him over there.

With Lu Ye's focused vigilance, the speed of this Insect Race Moon Jade got slower and slower, until eventually he stopped tens of miles away.

He stared at the Yaya in Lu Ye's arms, his expression changing bizarrely, hesitated for a long while, ultimately didn't dare to take the risk, and silently turned around and left!

He didn't think Yaya was an ordinary child, how could one survive in stellar space be ordinary? Yet he couldn't feel any trace of cultivation from Yaya, which made him somewhat hard to understand. It was precisely because he couldn't understand that he didn't dare to take the risk.

This time the Insect Race really hit an iron plate, don't know where this human race emerged from, actually killed so many Constellations of the Insect Race, and even his personal appearance couldn't save face.

The Insect Race Moon Jade left, didn't forget to take his severed arm before leaving, and those Constellations of the Insect Race who were watching from afar naturally didn't dare to continue staying, scattering like birds and beasts.

Lu Ye coughed lightly, suppressed the rolling blood Qi in his chest, realizing there was still quite a gap between him and the Moon Jade.

Even nowadays, he was possessed by Lih Shang and additionally benefited from the new Boulder Mountain Saber, yet still so strenuous against an Insect Race Moon Jade Early Stage. The reason lies in the qualitative difference in the strength within his body.

If everyone's internal force was spirit force, even if the opponent's cultivation was higher, Lu Ye felt he could kill them. But before his spirit force metamorphoses into mana, attempting to kill the Moon Jade is too challenging.

"Daddy, I scared him away!" Yaya suddenly spoke, with a proud expression.

"Yaya is amazing!" Lu Ye praised, holding his saber, turning around to look at the site where his starboat fell.

The starboat was still bound by the web, floating among several meteors, but the star beast spider previously perched on the largest meteor was nowhere to be seen, Lu Ye was busy fighting the Insect Race just now and didn't notice when the star beast spider disappeared.

Lih Shang lifted the soul possession state, flashed out from Lu Ye's body, and said, "Wait here, I'll go fetch the starboat."

Lu Ye nodded, sat down directly, and then took out elixir pills for healing and recovery from the storage ring to swallow.

The consumption was significant, though the Brazen Plundering Technique was formidable, it imposed a huge burden on oneself, not just from the consumption of spirit force but also from the squeeze on the flesh.

One might say that if the physical body is not strong enough, it's impossible to grasp the essence of the Brazen Plundering Technique.

The previous battle didn't last long, yet Lu Ye's spirit force was already consumed more than half, even his flesh showed hints of being torn, but such damage was not a big deal for him, a bit of recovery would restore him.

Even the punch from the Insect Race Moon Jade on his back was merely a minor injury.

On the contrary, that Moon Jade had his arm cut off...

Normally, Moon Jade having an arm cut off isn't a big problem, just like Kang Cheng before, an arm was shattered, yet he paid some price to make the arm regenerate.

But what cut off the arm was the new Boulder Mountain Saber transformed from the barghest, Lu Ye knew the bizarre power of the barghest, if that Moon Jade wanted to reattach his severed arm, it might be troublesome, unless he had the ability to dispel the barghest's power.

Overall, although this battle didn't kill that Moon Jade, he didn't lose out.

Lih Shang quickly freed the starboat from the web, piloted it to in front of Lu Ye, tidied the battlefield around, gathered the storage rings from the deceased Insect Race Constellations, then the group set off again.

Originally, Lu Ye thought the Insect Race wouldn't let them go so easily, a Moon Jade Early Stage couldn't take them down, certainly stronger Insect Race would be waiting ahead.

Yet to his surprise, the subsequent journey was peaceful all the way, no Insect Race came to cause trouble again, even occasionally encountering some Insect Race, they all avoided far away as if unseen.

After thinking it over, Lu Ye roughly understood, now that the Insect Race intends to encroach upon the Indeterminate Galaxy, how can they bother targeting a passing traveler, moreover the further he goes, the further he leaves Indeterminate direction, strong Insect Race wouldn't pursue all the way.

That's exactly what Lu Ye was pleased to see, although he hated the Insect Race, he didn't want to entangle with them further at this time.

Without any disturbance, his injuries recovered quickly, and almost immediately after his injuries healed, he immersed his mind and entered the blue hall within the Barghest.

A short moment passed, in the hall, two figures darted back and forth, both as swift as Thunderbolts. During this maneuvering, Lu Ye and Yien Xi continuously searched for an opportunity to strike, yet neither of them found one, thus maintaining this stalemate.

The stalemate didn't bore Lu Ye; instead, it excited him. In the past, when he fought against Yien Xi, he couldn't hold on for long before Yien Xi found a chance to kill him with a single strike. Now, being able to hold a stalemate with Yien Xi undoubtedly indicated a significant improvement in his Brazen Plundering Technique.

This was thanks to the fierce battle he had previously with the Insect Race.

However, amidst the excitement, Lu Ye felt a bit troubled, as continuing to stalemate like this would lead to a situation where neither could defeat the other. How, then, could he pass Yien Xi's trial? Surely, it couldn't be a matter of endurance alone?

As he was pondering this, Yien Xi's figure suddenly paused, and Lu Ye hurriedly stopped as well. Looking up, he saw Yien Xi nod slightly at him before his figure abruptly vanished.

Lu Ye was taken aback but soon realized what was happening.

Apparently, things weren't as complicated as he thought. In the Brazen Plundering Technique, one only needed to maintain a stalemate with Yien Xi for a certain period, which would be considered passing his trial.

Just as Qing Li's figure had disappeared and Yien Xi appeared back then, now Yien Xi's figure vanished, and another figure appeared out of nowhere.

With anticipation, Lu Ye looked forward. The inheritance left by the two predecessors in the Barghest had greatly benefited him, so he was eager to find out which race the next predecessor belonged to and what inheritance had been left behind.

As the figure slowly gathered and solidified, Lu Ye's expression gradually turned peculiar.

Because he discovered that this third predecessor looked like an Insect Race!

Upon closer inspection, it wasn't just a resemblance; it was indeed an Insect Race.

It was quite unexpected for Lu Ye that the Barghest had once been possessed by the Insect Race. Yet, on second thought, the Barghest had existed in the world for countless years, and numerous strong individuals had possessed it over the millennia. Having one from the Insect Race wasn't too strange.

This Insect Race had a humanoid appearance, but its two arms were not ordinary limbs; instead, they were two long blades. Lu Ye found this appearance familiar, as he had seen such a form back in the Nine Provinces.

Among the Insect Race, there's a branch resembling a praying mantis, with two blade arms that are deadly weapons, unmatched in Sharpness.

After the Insect Race appeared, it glanced at Lu Ye, and just like Qing Li and Yien Xi upon their first appearance, it slowly spoke, "Insect Race, Praying Mantis."

This time, it only reported its race and name without mentioning its origin or background.

As those words fell, Praying Mantis swirled its body, and a mantis saber descended. Lu Ye quickly raised his saber to block, producing a clanging sound, and Lu Ye's body slightly sank.

The contests with Qing Li and Yien Xi had taught Lu Ye one thing: no matter how great the achievements these predecessors had attained or how high their standing was, in the blue hall within the Barghest, the spirit force they could invoke was comparable to Lu Ye's own.

Because the source of that spirit force was the power Lu Ye infused into the saber's body.

However, while the spirit force was comparable, their strength, speed, and reaction abilities were at the level they possessed in the Late Stage of Constellation.

Just from the power of this one strike by Praying Mantis, Lu Ye discerned that its strength was not inferior to his own and perhaps its speed was even greater!

Under normal circumstances, Lu Ye would surely counterattack after blocking this strike, yet he quickly realized he had no opportunity to do so.

As the mantis saber pressed down, Praying Mantis turned with the momentum, and before Lu Ye recovered from the previous pressure, the second saber had already cleaved down, seemingly even faster than the first.

Lu Ye's body trembled again, surprised, because not only was this strike faster, but its power seemed stronger.

His expression turned bitter because he had foreseen what was to come.

Sure enough, Praying Mantis continued to spin, with the two mantis sabers continuously slashing at Lu Ye. After one strike came another without the slightest pause.

Moreover, in Lu Ye's perception, each strike from Praying Mantis carried more force than the last.

In just over a dozen strikes, Lu Ye was almost pressed entirely to the ground. He didn't employ Yien Xi's Brazen Plundering Technique, for this wasn't a life-and-death duel with an enemy; he needed to comprehend the inheritance left by Praying Mantis. So, while enduring tremendous pressure, he intently watched Praying Mantis' movements.

The rapid barrage of strikes left Lu Ye with only the ability to defend, with no opportunity to counterattack. The increasingly heavy saber pressure slowly pushed Lu Ye to his own limits.

Until finally, with another strike from Praying Mantis, Lu Ye could no longer withstand it and was directly ejected from the blue hall.

Chapter 1559 - Thousand Mounds Cemetery

A slight pain flickered through his mind, and Lu Ye furrowed his brows.

Undoubtedly, the legacy of the Praying Mantis is not so easily comprehended, because it employs twin sabers, so if Lu Ye truly wishes to understand the Praying Mantis' legacy, he'll need to find another saber.

Since beginning his cultivation, Lu Ye had never used twin sabers, and was completely inexperienced in that area. Hastily attempting it would not only fail to enhance his strength but also hinder him somewhat.

Yet, to grasp the legacy left by the Praying Mantis, he has no choice but to reluctantly give it a try, because if he fails the Praying Mantis' test, he won't be able to witness more of the predecessors' excellence later on.

However, he quickly thought of a problem: in the Hall of Green, he was merely a manifestation of mental consciousness, not a physical body. The Boulder Mountain Saber wasn't something he brought in but appeared on him directly. Even if he did find another long saber, could he bring it into the Hall of Green?

With doubts in his heart, he ultimately had to give it a try.

He had quite a few collected storage rings; some were collected from Mist Dragon, and others previously obtained by Lih Shang from Insect Race cultivators. Lazy to investigate before, now he could only check if there were any saber-type treasures within those storage rings.

Taking out those storage rings and opening them one by one, the Insect Race cultivators' storage rings contained almost nothing valuable, just some low-quality items.

However, those obtained from Mist Dragon's storage ring allowed Lu Ye to find several valuable treasures, including spirit jade and spirit crystals in abundance.

Indeed, he found a saber!

Lu Ye took out the saber, looked it over carefully, and felt a bit astonished.

Because this saber was very long, longer than the Boulder Mountain Saber by half, without a sword sheath, even after being stored in the ring for who knows how many years, it showed no signs of decay.

Moreover, when Lu Ye tried to pour spirit force into it, there was no reaction at all.

This item... it seemed to be a magic-treasure class long saber!

The cultivation level of the fallen cultivator inside the Mist Dragon was hard to determine, but just looking at Yaya, one could tell it was a stellar marvel that even Sun Blaze would lose themselves in. Therefore, speculating that Moon Jade or Sun Blaze fell in there too was normal; having magic-treasure class items in their storage rings wasn't surprising.

This magic-treasure class long saber had a somewhat unique shape. Overall, it resembled a giant fang snapped from the mouth of some ferocious beast. When Lu Ye examined the hilt, he noticed a symbol carved upon it. Upon closer inspection, he vaguely discerned it was a character for "Fang".

Fang Saber!

With twin sabers in hand, Lu Ye wasted no time, immersing his mind again, emerging in the Hall of Green.

Immediately, he looked at his left hand, and was a bit dumbfounded, because the Fang Saber hadn't been brought along; his left hand, which originally grasped the Fang Saber, was empty.

How to proceed?

To comprehend the Twin Sabers Technique of the Praying Mantis, twin sabers are indispensable, but he only had the Boulder Mountain Saber in hand and couldn't bring a second saber in. How was he supposed to comprehend it? He couldn't very well use the Boulder Mountain Saber's sheath, could he?

While he stood there helplessly, the Praying Mantis didn't hesitate, launching its assault just like the first time, its silhouette spinning as the twin sabers cut continuously faster and with increasing force. Lu Ye

found it harder and harder to defend himself; he attempted to use the Boulder Mountain Saber's sheath as a second saber, but it always felt awkward.

Before long, the Praying Mantis drove him out of the Hall of Green.

Lu Ye was frustrated. The problem before him seemed insurmountable. With his mind dwelling in the Hall of Green, he could only manifest the Boulder Mountain Saber; without a second saber to use, he wouldn't be able to comprehend the Praying Mantis' legacy. Without understanding it, he wouldn't see more of his predecessor's splendor.

It seemed using the Boulder Mountain Saber's sheath as a substitute for the second saber was the only option, but having experimented earlier, Lu Ye found that dire.

Pausing in thought, Lu Ye's eyes lit up; he seemed to have remembered something. If that item could be taken into the Hall of Green, his problem would be resolved.

If his mind could manifest in the Hall of Green and the Boulder Mountain Saber was already mirrored inside, logically, that item should've been mirrored as well, he merely overlooked it.

Thinking this way, Lu Ye took a brief rest before entering the Hall of Green once more.

This time, not letting the Praying Mantis make a move, Lu Ye gazed down at his Boulder Mountain Saber and with a thought, reached to grab, pulling forth another long saber.

Soul Severing Saber!

This treasure, acquired from the Nine Provinces Heaven's Augury Treasure Vault, is a Soul Device. However, it possesses the characteristic of melding with one's weapon, and can even change its shape at will. Lu Ye has always used it to construct restrictions within his blade, enhancing the power of his transforming Boulder Mountain Saber.

Now it appears that the Soul Severing Saber can indeed manifest within this azure hall. As such, Lu Ye now has two sabers to use!

With a thought, he quickly transformed the Soul Severing Saber into the form of a Fang Saber, because he believed that to truly succeed in cultivating the Twin Sabers Technique, he would definitely need to rely on the Fang Saber in future battles. Familiarizing himself with its various characteristics in advance would naturally allow him to unleash its full potential.

Just as he finished these preparations, the Praying Mantis charged at him.

This time, although Lu Ye still couldn't hold on for long, he was finally able to truly cultivate, and couldn't help but feel joyful inside.

On this day, as Lu Ye withdrew his spirit from the azure hall, he heard Lih Shang say, "Ahead lies the Thousand Mounds Cemetery."

Hearing this, Lu Ye lifted his eyes and, sure enough, he saw a vast area of pink before him. The clusters of pink were scattered throughout stellar space, resembling fluffy pink cotton candy. It was unclear when they had formed or how long they would remain.

The shapes of these pink nebulae were quite peculiar, each resembling a burial mound, hence the name Thousand Mounds Cemetery.

This is a stellar marvel, but unlike most stellar marvels. Although its coverage spans several star systems, the nebula tombs are scattered widely. So while it's a stellar marvel, there's not much danger as long as one doesn't enter those nebula tombs, merely passing through without incident.

Yaya climbed onto Lu Ye's head, looking out at the pink nebulae, cheering joyfully, seeming very happy.

"Truly magnificent!" Lu Ye gazed quietly. The celestial sights were endlessly varied. Such a magnificent scene was hard to witness within a domain. Even the mighty Sun Blaze would only sense their insignificance in the face of such a stellar marvel.

However, the Reincarnation Tree had marked on the star map it provided Lu Ye that while there was no particular danger at the Thousand Mounds Cemetery, one absolutely must not approach the pink

nebulae lightly, as they were inherently mysterious and inexplicably odd, beyond what a constellation like Lu Ye could contend with.

Lu Ye didn't know what strange phenomena lay within these nebulae, nor would he lightly try to find out.

"So is it you or I returning home?" Lih Shang couldn't help but roll her eyes at him. Since starting the return journey, handling the starboat had mostly fallen to Lih Shang. And while she piloted the starboat, Lu Ye was mostly in a meditative trance state. If not for Yaya accompanying her, the journey would've been dreadfully boring for her.

Lu Ye was embarrassed, feeling it truly inappropriate. After all, it was his own return home journey, using Lih Shang as a workhorse was his fault. He quickly took out many psyche refinement herbs, placed them into a storage ring, and presented them with both hands, "Thank you, Fellow Daoist, for your hard work!"

Lih Shang gently huffed, "That's more like it."

She wasn't really looking to extract any benefits from Lu Ye, but she truly couldn't refuse the psyche refinement herbs, as they were of great use to her. Happily accepting them, she felt considerably more pleased.

The starboat entered the area covered by the Thousand Mounds Cemetery, weaving through the tomb-like pink nebulae. Lu Ye no longer entered the azure hall. Although the Reincarnation Tree had marked the star map, it was better to be cautious and prudent in all matters, he thought.

It was just the right time to familiarize himself with the Fang Saber. A combat cultivator wishing to fully unleash the power of their weapon typically needed to sharpen it through life-and-death experiences. The Boulder Mountain Saber had followed Lu Ye since he was very weak, having long reached a Man-Sword Synthesis with him. Thus, Lu Ye could wield its full power, but switching to another long saber felt less comfortable.

The Fang Saber was specifically for comprehending the Praying Mantis Saber Technique, not Lu Ye's primary saber. Currently, he lacked those life-and-death grinding experiences. Moreover, as a magic-treasure class item, reaching Man-Sword Synthesis with it wouldn't be straightforward for Lu Ye.

So Lu Ye devised a clever method, one commonly used by many combat cultivators when acquiring a new weapon: merging a drop of his Essence Blood into the blade every so often, allowing the Fang Saber to become familiar with his aura. This way, when he needed to use it, it would respond seamlessly.

According to the star map's markings, passing through the region covered by the Thousand Mounds Cemetery would take at least three months.

The journey was peaceful. Since the tomb-like nebulae were distributed sparsely, there was rarely a need to change course. If needed, he'd just steer clear of the tombs in advance.

More than a month passed in a flash. One day, as the starboat was traveling, Yaya excitedly pointed in a direction, "Daddy, look!"

Following her finger, Lu Ye initially saw nothing out of the ordinary. But as the distance closed and he looked closely, he was struck with awe.

In that direction, perched atop one of the nebula tombs, was an immense bird.

The nebulae within the Thousand Mounds Cemetery were each as large as a star, yet here this bird stood atop one as if roosting in a nest.

The bird's immense size was unlike anything Lu Ye had ever seen in his life. The bird's entire body was an azure hue, and whether it was a star beast remained unknown.

At this very moment, the azure bird was clawing at the pink nebula with its talons, seemingly searching for something within.

With each movement, the pink nebula undulated and transformed as if alive. Occasionally, pink tentacles would lash out from within the nebula toward the azure bird, possessing immense power enough to destroy stars and shatter moons.

Chapter 1560 - Inside the Burial Mound

Lu Ye stared in astonishment; only now did he understand the danger hidden within the pink nebula. Such an attack wasn't something he could withstand, nor could Yaya likely resist it.

Yet the azure bird seemed oblivious, completely ignoring the fierce assault of numerous pink tendrils, allowing them to lash at its body. Blue halos flashed across its body, blocking the fierce assault, while its sharp claws kept slicing through the air.

It was unclear how long it was busy, but the pink nebula suddenly split open, and the azure bird pecked downward. Lu Ye couldn't see what it had pecked, only vaguely saw what looked like a huge pink worm being pecked into its mouth, swallowed with its head tilted upwards.

After the azure bird swallowed that pink worm-like thing, the once relentlessly attacking pink tendrils seemed to lose their energy, drooping sluggishly and merging back into the nebula.

The azure bird, however, appeared as if intoxicated, its form became unsteady, wings flapping clumsily for a bit, and finally, it lay sprawled on the nebula, not moving at all.

"Quickly, let's get out of here!" Lu Ye hurriedly called to Lih Shang, knowing this place was not safe. Though the azure bird hadn't noticed them, such a fierce bird wasn't something they could provoke. What's more chilling was that the mound nebula inside the Thousand Mounds Cemetery seemed to be alive...

Lih Shang also knew it was not wise to linger, rapidly steering the starboat to the side.

But what one fears often happens; as the starboat moved around, Lu Ye suddenly noticed the azure bird glance in their direction. Despite being separated by an untold number of miles, under that glance, Lu Ye felt a chill running from his head to his toes.

Then he saw the azure bird open its beak, and Lih Shang cried out in surprise because a mysterious suction force suddenly appeared around them. Under its pull, she could no longer control the starboat.

In the next moment, the starboat shot towards the azure bird like an arrow released from a bow.

We're done for! Lu Ye's face turned bitter; he knew they were truly doomed. He had seen the azure bird's might from a distance, knowing it was something he could never resist, and even if Yaya were to take action, their chances were slim.

This imminent swallow would surely consume both the starboat and them completely.

How did they end up in such bad luck? Lu Ye was filled with confusion; they had been doing well on the journey, yet here they suffered misfortune.

Both Lu Ye and Lih Shang were anxious and uneasy, yet Yaya clapped with cheers, her face full of joy, seemingly unaware of the impending doom.

Within just a few breaths, the starboat traversed tens of thousands of miles, directly drawn in front of the azure bird. But to Lu Ye's surprise, just as the starboat was about to fall into the azure bird's mouth, the force that was about to consume it abruptly vanished.

The starboat simply floated in front of the azure bird.

Observing closely, Lu Ye could increasingly feel the grandeur of the azure bird's size. He could not see its entire form, only the enormous eyes, as large as two big suns, obscured his view.

The azure bird truly seemed drunk, both eyes carrying a dazed look. It tilted its head, examined the starboat, and looked at the three little figures inside. Then it blinked its eyes, losing its interest in figuring them out, and once again lay sprawled on the nebula, squinting for a nap.

Lu Ye and Lih Shang dared not breathe, until the azure bird lay down again did Lu Ye slowly exhale, realizing the azure bird had no interest in them at all. It probably just noticed their starboat, found it novel, and pulled them over.

Luckily, they weren't swallowed; Lu Ye wondered if it was because the azure bird was full. Otherwise, it would have been a truly wrongful death.

Lu Ye slowly turned his head towards Lih Shang, exchanging a knowing glance. Lih Shang nodded in understanding.

As the two discreetly and cautiously prepared to leave while the azure bird napped, Yaya suddenly chirped excitedly and flew up from the starboat.

Lu Ye was startled, reaching out to grab her but Yaya moved too quickly; he didn't catch her.

Then he saw Yaya fly to the azure bird's beak, and soar upward, seemingly aiming to perch on its head!

Lu Ye's blood ran cold again...

But soon he realized he had overthought, as Yaya's commotion was significant, yet the azure bird showed no sign of minding, simply lying there on its own.

Until Yaya stood on the bird's head, waved at Lu Ye, and still the azure bird showed no reaction.

Such a formidable fierce bird couldn't possibly be unaware of this; its lack of reaction indicated it didn't care.

Lu Ye felt a mix of emotions; sometimes being too weak wasn't entirely bad. At least, the strong wouldn't bother with the weak.

"Let's go have a look!" Lu Ye turned to call Lih Shang. Since things had come to this, there was no use in fearing.

While speaking, they slipped out of the starboat and flew upward together, soon reaching the top of the azure bird.

Lu Ye initially thought Yaya had invited them up because she had found something unusual, but that wasn't the case. As Yaya lay comfortably on a feather on the azure bird's head, looking content, she patted the space next to her, motioning Lu Ye to lie down.

Lu Ye followed her lead, lying beside her, and Lih Shang lay on the other side. Yaya grew even happier, hugging their arms one in each hand, giggling non-stop.

Lu Ye lay down for a while, and finding nothing mysterious, he stood up again and looked around, soon being attracted by the star cloud that the azure bird was crouching.

This star cloud was originally a whole mass, but after being torn apart by the azure bird's sharp claws, it hadn't recovered. Standing from this vantage point and gazing down, the scene below appeared as if a grave mound had ruptured, revealing a pink interior.

Thinking it over, Lu Ye instructed Lih Shang to stay with Yaya at their original location while he soared down himself.

Lu Ye was curious about what mysteries might be hidden within this ruptured grave mound star cloud. Without the chance to investigate it before, now that there was an opportunity, he certainly wanted to take a look.

The grave mound star cloud had been torn open, and the large, insect-like creature inside had already been devoured by the azure bird, so it should no longer pose any danger.

Following the enormous crack, he entered the grave mound, greeted by a pink scene. Observing from inside, it was akin to a fleshy chamber resembling the guts of some creature. Lu Ye could feel there seemed to be some strange aura lingering within, one that felt somewhat familiar, yet he couldn't quite recall what it was.

After exploring for a while, Lu Ye's gaze was quickly drawn to something in the corner of the star cloud.

The object was several dozen yards long, with signs of fracture. Lu Ye pondered for a moment, realizing what it actually was—it was part of the large insect devoured by the azure bird, appearing to be its tail.

It seemed that, although the azure bird had devoured the large insect, some remnants remained, but these leftovers were so minor that the azure bird was completely uninterested.

However, Lu Ye was intrigued. While several dozen yards might seem small to the azure bird, it was quite sizable for him.

Stepping forward to where the insect tail was, the familiar aura intensified.

Lu Ye raised his hand to feel it, noting the texture was akin to flesh. To his surprise, this insect tail seemed to contain a very abundant and rich energy.

With a thought, he activated the power of the Talent Tree, invisible roots extended out, piercing into the insect tail.

Instantly, Lu Ye revealed astonishment, as the energy within the broken insect tail was indeed abundant, even surpassing his expectations.

To date, the resources he used for cultivation were mostly spirit jade, though he had tried refining several spirit crystals. In comparison, the energy contained within spirit crystals was purer and more intense than spirit jade, yet it was far surpassed by the energy in this insect tail.

Lu Ye's eyes lit up—this is a treasure!

This insect tail could entirely be used like spirit jade or even spirit crystals. With a length of several dozen yards, if converted into spirit crystals, it would be millions of pieces.

And this was just a trivial leftover; what was devoured by the azure bird was the main part.

This was merely one grave mound star cloud; the number of such grave mound star clouds within the Thousand Mounds Cemetery was incalculable. If each grave mound contained treasures like this, then this place would truly be a treasure land!

Lu Ye was somewhat puzzled about whether the strong cultivators in stellar space were unaware of the situation here, or simply didn't know of such a place, or even if they knew, they lacked the ability to obtain it.

Nevertheless, regardless of the situation, this insect tail of several dozen yards was his now!

Lu Ye felt delighted, not expecting that being drawn here by the azure bird would result in such an astounding find.

He attempted to store the insect tail in his storage ring, but was unable due to its size. After inspecting, he discovered that the tail's end was still connected to the star cloud, likely the reason why the insect's tail broke during the azure bird's consumption.

Lu Ye could only take out the Boulder Mountain Saber and started cutting the insect tail into sections.

It was quite a physical task, as the tail was tough. Even assisted by the Divine Sharp Edge, the Boulder Mountain Saber's damage was very limited, forcing Lu Ye to invoke Tidal Sea Ten Thousand Waves, causing jagged edges to form on the saber's blade, slowly sawing the tail apart.

By the time he had sawn the tail into over ten sections and stored them all in the storage ring, several days had passed.

During this period, Lih Shang had come down to survey once, but seeing Lu Ye engrossed in work, didn't disturb him.

After several days, Lu Ye finally gathered all the tail segments, surveyed around to ensure nothing was overlooked, then flew out swiftly.

Reuniting with Lih Shang and Yaya, Lu Ye gazed at the azure bird below, feeling little fear towards it now—instead, filled with gratitude.

If he weren't eager to return to the Nine Provinces, he might even want to linger here a bit longer, potentially reaping more benefits from the azure bird.

The azure bird was still in a deep slumber; it seemed after ingesting that large insect-like creature, it needed some time to digest.