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Chapter 1591 - Singing and Dancing

The butterfly star beast drifted away, but on the starboat, Lu Ye's expression changed, because as the mysterious powder merged into his body, he felt a peculiar resonance forming between himself and the receding butterfly star beast.

Under that peculiar resonance, his body faintly felt uncontrollable.

The Talent Tree abruptly reacted, and upon observing, flames burst forth from the tree trunk, and thick black smoke rose.

Lu Ye felt a chill in his heart, knowing that an external force had invaded his body causing the Talent Tree to react.

Could this be poison? If so, he had the Talent Tree as a backup, allowing him to escape calamity, but Wan Guliu, Tao Yan, and Zhou Xingzhi might not be so lucky.

While fully activating the Talent Tree's power, he looked towards Wan Guliu and the others.

The expressions of these three began to turn panicked; Wan Guliu exclaimed, "That powder is poisonous!"

As he spoke, he suddenly stood up, yet his movements were extremely stiff, as if invisible strings locked his body, manipulating his actions, turning him into a puppet manipulated by someone else.

Wan Guliu's expression was clearly filled with panic, yet under Lu Ye's gaze, he spread his arms like a butterfly flapping its wings, fluttering up and down, pacing back and forth on the starboat. At a glance, it seemed like he was performing some bizarre ritual.

Panic transformed into bewilderment.

"What's going on?" Wan Guliu was utterly confused; he had no intention of performing these actions, yet his body was completely out of control.

Not only him but Tao Yan and Zhou Xingzhi were also the same, each fluttering their arms, moving up and down, clearly uneasy yet performing bizarre movements.

The three slowly formed a circle, enclosing Lu Ye in the center, spinning continuously.

Lu Ye watched with twitching eyes...

The three constellations from different domains were like courting ducks, showcasing their beauty in front of him, making the scene quite eye-searing.

"I want to sing!" Tao Yan was almost crying, and rather than speaking this sentence, it would be more accurate to say he sang it, his tone very melodic and expressive.

"Me too..." Zhou Xingzhi indicated he could barely suppress his desire; he had to sing a few lines.

"Yiye, why aren't you affected?" Wan Guliu sang in a strange tone.

Lu Ye was currently observing the receding butterfly star beast and found that every time the butterfly flapped its wings, the three men flicked their arms once. He could confirm that their bizarre actions were indeed influenced by the butterfly.

Connecting it with the resonance trend he had experienced with the butterfly star beast earlier, Lu Ye shivered silently. Luckily, with the Talent Tree beside him, otherwise, he might also be singing and dancing like Wan Guliu and the others.

This star beast, though not malicious towards them and the powder causing no substantial harm, could make those who came into contact with it act like marionettes. The power of that powder was truly bizarre.

"Do you feel any other abnormalities?" Lu Ye asked.

"No." Tao Yan sang in response.

Wan Guliu sang along, "Very good, suddenly feeling very invigorated."

Zhou Xingzhi continued singing, "And there's an indescribable joy in my heart!" He was clearly exhibiting an uncontrollable smile, but laughing seemed akin to weeping.

The trio, singing one after another, made it quite amusing.

Lu Ye watched quietly. Although he could use the Talent Tree's power to help them resolve the current problem, since the three didn't feel any other abnormalities, he wasn't in a hurry to act. Encountering such a peculiar star beast for the first time, Lu Ye desired to observe further.

See how long the powder's influence would last, or perhaps, once they were distant enough from the butterfly star beast, they would no longer be affected?

The starboat became lively; Lu Ye maneuvered the starboat forward, with three men behind singing and dancing as though celebrating a festival, their strange singing scattered into the depths of the stellar space as the starboat traveled.

After half a day, Lu Ye confirmed that the butterfly star beast was very, very far away from them, yet Wan Guliu and the others showed no sign of improvement, still singing and dancing without pause.

Another half day passed without relief.

Although the three exhibited no other abnormalities, a whole day had passed without change, so Lu Ye was too lazy to continue observing, and just as he was about to help them, the three singing and dancing men suddenly stopped their actions and then plopped down onto the starboat.

"Is it over?" Lu Ye asked.

The three exchanged a glance, nodding with lingering fear.

That saved trouble, as if Lu Ye intervened, he would have to channel spirit force into their bodies, and then use the Talent Tree's power to burn it away, which would somewhat affect their bodies, potentially causing internal injuries.

"Please rest for now," Lu Ye said. They were now not far from the Thousand Mounds Cemetery, and once they got past the turbulence zone and reached the cemetery, the journey would be much easier.

The three from Wan Guliu hurriedly called out to him.

Lu Ye looked at the three with confusion, only to see that they seemed hesitant. Ultimately, it was Wan Guliu who spoke, "Yiye, about the earlier matter..."

Lu Ye looked completely baffled, "What happened before?"

Wan Guliu was taken aback for a moment, then Tao Yan's eyes lit up and he quickly interjected, "Nothing happened before!"

Zhou Xingzhi nodded like a chicken pecking at grains, "It's been a peaceful journey, with the stellar space in fine views, how could anything have happened?"

Lu Ye turned around and continued to steer the starboat.

The three from Wan Guliu exchanged a glance, each noticing the embarrassment on the others' faces.

This concerned their reputation and must not be leaked; if other cultivators from their domain found out, they would surely be laughed at for a lifetime.

After pressing forward for over half a month, they finally emerged from the geomagnetic turbulence zone. Gazing at the grand stellar marvel filling their view, Wan Guliu and the others were all entranced.

Having seen a few stellar marvels before, Lu Ye was slightly more knowledgeable than they were. He calmly steered the starboat around for a while nearby, yet did not see the fleet of the Three Worlds, nor did he receive any response from the audio talisman.

He could only wait. By his calculations, the fleet couldn't stay too long in the turbulence zone and would surely come out following the star map's guidance to this area, at which point they could be contacted.

However, the fleet was ultimately slower than his solo journey, so it was normal for him to be ahead.

Wan Guliu and his two companions were already discussing whether something was buried in those visible nebula tomb mounds, speculating about the remains of strong beings. Zhou Xingzhi guessed treasures lay in each mound, while Tao Yan thought both were wrong yet couldn't articulate why.

Lu Ye didn't interject; he actually knew what was inside the nebula tomb mounds, and that it was greatly beneficial for the domain's foundation.

Should there come a day when Number Nine can teleport the Nine Provinces to this place and devour the contents of the nebula tomb mounds, the Nine Provinces would advance to a top-tier domain in no time.

However, even though those necropolis mounds were lifeless, they had an instinctive defense mechanism. Without overcoming these defenses, teleporting the Nine Provinces over would be pointless.

Lu Ye gazed around, hoping to spot the azure bird or a mound it had dug up, perhaps to pick up some leftover goodies. But unfortunately, every mound was intact, and the azure bird was nowhere to be seen, so he gave up.

After a few more days, an audio talisman suddenly activated. Upon investigation, Lu Ye discovered it was a message from Yiyi, followed soon after by one from Hua Ci.

Overjoyed, he realized things had turned out as he had predicted. The fleet, unable to find their trail in the turbulence zone, opted to continue onward. At this point, the fleet should have emerged from the turbulence zone and be nearby; otherwise, the audio talisman wouldn't have reached them.

Not only did Lu Ye receive contact, but Wan Guliu, Tao Yan, and Zhou Xingzhi also had people reaching out to them.

Soon after, a fleet gradually sailed in from the direction they had come from. Luan Xiao'e's silhouette was faintly visible on the leading starboat's deck, waving alongside many others.

They soon regrouped, and upon learning that Lu Ye had really rescued Wan Guliu and his companions, Luan Xiao'e was utterly incredulous. She had witnessed the situation at the time and had no idea on what grounds Lu Ye dared to venture into a stellar space geomagnetic storm. Even if he had some assurance for self-preservation, rescuing others in such an environment was as challenging as climbing to the sky.

Yet here Wan Guliu and company were, safe and intact with Lu Ye, a testament to his quite astonishing skills.

"Fellow Daoist Luan!" Lu Ye stepped forward and greeted.

Luan Xiao'e replied, "After you left, the fleet searched for you for a few days without any trace, so I decided to have the fleet continue, thinking that if you were safe, you'd also keep going. The boundary between the turbulence zone and the Thousand Mounds Cemetery is the safe rendezvous point."

Lu Ye nodded, "Fellow Daoist's decision is very wise."

Luan Xiao'e glanced at Tao Yan behind Lu Ye, "I also have to thank you for your chivalrous intervention."

"It was within my power, and I couldn't just stand by."

Luan Xiao'e said, "Now that we're out of the turbulence zone, I intend to rest here for two days before setting off again. What does Fellow Daoist think?"

Though the fleet mostly relied on spirit jade for propulsion, cultivators were also needed to channel spirit force to maintain certain arrays. However, there were enough cultivators on each spirit ark to allow them to take turns, so it wasn't overly exhausting.

Here, the dangers of the turbulence zone were no more, and with a long journey ahead, resting for two days would help everyone regain energy.

"You are in charge of the Three Worlds, feel free to give the orders."

Seeing he had no objections, Luan Xiao'e instructed a rest at the current location.

Lu Ye returned to the spirit ark of the Nine Provinces and greeted his familiar companions with assurances of safety. While they conversed, Yaya suddenly awoke, rubbing her eyes, saying, "Daddy, I'm hungry!"

Yiyi was exasperated. When Lu Ye's whereabouts were unknown, she had wanted Yaya to help search, but Yaya slept like a log. Now that Lu Ye was back, she woke up.

Chapter 1592 - Downright Unlucky

The fleet rested for two days at the edge of the Thousand Mounds Cemetery before continuing onward.

Though the area covered by the Thousand Mounds Cemetery is vast, it doesn't take much time to traverse it. Lu Ye originally took less than a month to do so, and with the fleet moving a bit slower, it was estimated that a little over a month would suffice.

Passing through the Thousand Mounds Cemetery is just the beginning of the test.

Lu Ye recalled that when he left the Indeterminate Galaxy, there were plans to prepare for a war against the insect hive. Now, several years have passed, and he wonders how the situation has developed.

The best-case scenario would be if the four galaxies had already teamed up to eliminate the drifting insect hive, making the path ahead much less dangerous.

However, the outcome of wars is unpredictable. If the battle is ongoing, the Three Worlds fleet would be heading into a war zone, one that involves more than one Sun Blaze-level participant!

This is very likely, as a few years is not a short time, but joining forces isn't something that happens overnight. Each galaxy needs time to mobilize troops and converge on Indeterminate, only then can the war on the insect hive commence.

On the starboat leading the way, Lu Ye explained the situation to Luan Xiao'e, who looked at him pensively, "Fellow Daoist, you didn't mention this before."

Lu Ye replied, "It wouldn't have been useful to mention it before. We hadn't reached this point yet, and it would only have caused unnecessary worry. Now that we're here, we have to face the potential issues. Even if I had mentioned it earlier, would Jade Conch have given up on advancing to All Phenomena Ocean?"

Luan Xiao'e said nothing, knowing Lu Ye was right. Even if Lu Ye had revealed the situation earlier, Jade Conch wouldn't have given up on advancing to All Phenomena Ocean.

"What do you estimate is the current progress of the battle ahead?" Luan Xiao'e asked after a long pause.

Lu Ye shook his head, "It's difficult to estimate. We need to see it with our own eyes. However, the four galaxies all have Sun Blaze-level experts, and they are also interested in All Phenomena Ocean. They plan to go with us, which is why they decided to team up to eliminate the insect hive. I once glimpsed the hive from afar; it's quite large. It's said to be guarded by two Sun Blaze-level insects, but the four galaxies are equally powerful, each with their own Sun Blaze. If they work together sincerely, eliminating the insect hive shouldn't be too difficult, just a matter of time."

Luan Xiao'e said, "It looks like we'll need to establish contact with those four galaxies. Since you've had prior contact with them, why don't you handle this?"

Lu Ye said, "It's my responsibility. The fleet can find a suitable place to lie low. I'll go ahead and see if we can contact Indeterminate and ascertain the status of the war zone before the fleet acts."

The plan was temporarily set, but as for the specifics of what to do, they would have to take it one step at a time.

Luan Xiao'e was quite concerned about the Indeterminate Galaxy since, based on the information available, it was the galaxy closest to Jade Conch, only a passage through the Thousand Mounds Cemetery and the geomagnetic turbulence zone separated them.

Lack of interaction was likely due to the barrier presented by the geomagnetic turbulence zone; despite still being dangerous, it's less so than before. Thus, there may be future interactions between the cultivators of the two galaxies.

As a leading figure of the Jade Conch Galaxy, Luan Xiao'e felt it was her responsibility to seize the opportunity to foster a good relationship with Indeterminate, especially since they have Sun Blaze-level cultivators, which is a goal Jade Conch aspires to achieve.

As the fleet continued its voyage, everyone suddenly sensed something unusual.

On each starboat, figures gathered to gaze into the depths of the Thousand Mounds Cemetery.

Aboard Jade Conch's starboat, Lu Ye stood side by side with Luan Xiao'e, whose expression was grave as she had already ordered the fleet to halt.

Because from ahead, intense waves of conflict could be felt.

Looking ahead, vibrant multicolored lights occasionally burst forth.

"Is that a Sun Blaze-level conflict?" Lu Ye asked somewhat uncertainly. The distance was too great for him to confirm, but Luan Xiao'e, with her higher cultivation level, should have a clearer perception.

Luan Xiao'e nodded, "Two Sun Blaze-level beings, but judging by the forceful waves, it seems more like a fight between star beasts than cultivators!"

Lu Ye was intrigued.

He had found those occasionally bursting multicolored lights familiar, and now it seemed that one of the combatants might be the butterfly star beast they had encountered earlier.

As for the other... could it be the azure bird?

If it were these two, the intensity of the clash would make sense. Moreover, the butterfly star beast had indeed been heading towards the Thousand Mounds Cemetery earlier.

The azure bird had a keen interest in the items within the nebula tomb mound, and just like wild beasts, star beasts also have territories. The butterfly star beast intruding into the azure bird's territory would certainly lead to a conflict.

Such aftershocks of the conflict were not something the fleet could withstand, and Luan Xiao'e's decision to halt was undoubtedly wise. She stood at the bow, peering into the distance, her gaze filled with yearning.

In terms of cultivation, she had reached the limit of Moon Jade but couldn't break through to glimpse the mysteries of Sun Blaze. This journey to All Phenomena Ocean was her attempt to find an opportunity, otherwise, any old mid-stage Moon Jade from Jade Conch could have led this journey, without her personal involvement.

Lu Ye gazed forward, trying to discern which of the two combatants was stronger, but to little avail.

But speaking from the heart, he hoped the Bluebird would win. After all, he owed a favor, and perhaps if there was an opportunity in the future, he could hitch a ride.

The Butterfly Star Beast was different. That creature's fluttering dust was peculiar, and if Lu Ye didn't have the Talent Tree, he would likely have embarrassed himself like Wan Guliu and the others.

This contest seemed to have begun a while ago, and the fleet only felt the aftermath when they arrived; it's unclear how long it would last.

The fleet waited here for ten days, yet the contest seemed far from over, appearing as if it would continue.

Luan Xiao'e knew they couldn't keep waiting. The confrontation with the Sun Blaze Star Beast might drag on for years without result, and the fleet couldn't waste such time here. After discussing with Lu Ye, they decided to take a slight detour. Though it would take a bit longer, it was better than waiting aimlessly.

The fleet continued its journey, gradually moving out of the zone affected by the battle's aftermath.

Taking a detour took nearly a month; originally, it only needed a month to exit the Thousand Hill Grave, but it ended up taking two months.

Just as the fleet was about to leave the range of the Thousand Hill Grave, a powerful aura rapidly approached from behind.

Lu Ye, cultivating inside the cabin, felt a jolt in his heart and quickly dashed onto the deck. Looking back, a multicolored figure was swiftly approaching from afar, trailing a long ribbon of colors.

Lu Ye's eye twitched, feeling this journey to the All Phenomena Ocean was utterly unlucky!

Having witnessed the strange dust from the Butterfly Star Beast before, he saw it heading the same direction as the fleet and immediately raised the alarm. He also transmitted a message to Luan Xiao'e, advising her to change the starship's course, no matter what, to avoid the star beast.

Luan Xiao'e also realized something was wrong. Even if she didn't know the details of the Butterfly Star Beast, the Sun Blaze chasing from behind would make anyone anxious.

She immediately followed Lu Ye's suggestion and steered the starship to the side.

The trailing starships and battleships hurried to follow.

Within moments, the Butterfly Star Beast swept past the fleet at a distance. Every cultivator from the Three Worlds aboard the starships watched it nervously, to a man.

However, to everyone's slight relief, the star beast didn't even glance at them, as if treating them as invisible, flying past with colorful ribbons flowing along.

Lu Ye saw clearly the terrifying wounds on the Butterfly Star Beast's body, even its wings seemed tattered.

It was apparent it suffered during the previous contest; if it was facing the Bluebird he saw before, he wondered how the Bluebird was faring.

However, judging from the situation, the Butterfly Star Beast was likely defeated, which is why it left the Thousand Hill Grave.

With this in mind, the Bluebird was indeed the stronger one.

"Old Wan, why is your face so pale?" Qian Wudang curiously asked Wan Guli, standing beside him on a starship of the Nine Provinces. They had worked together in Bingzhou Haotian City back then, one as Justice Department Chief, the other as Department of Appointments Chief, often meeting each other and naturally becoming familiar.

Fan Xiangyi, beside Qian Wudang, also looked over with concern: "Are you okay?"

Wan Guli shivered, stubbornly saying, "I'm fine, just caught a cold, I'll just go back and rest." Saying this, he hurried back into the cabin.

This left Qian Wudang and Fan Xiangyi puzzled. They're all of the Constellation rank, and he caught a cold? Nonsense, right?

But since Wan Guliu didn't want to talk, they couldn't force him, only secretly taking note to care more for him in the coming days.

Not only Wan Guliu from the Nine Provinces caught a cold, but also Zhou Xingzhi from Qingli Dao World and Tao Yan from Jade Conch.

The three had almost forgotten the embarrassing encounter before; who would've thought the Butterfly Star Beast would appear under their noses again.

Fortunately, this time Lu Ye's warning came early, and Luan Xiao'e made decisions quickly, allowing the entire fleet to avoid the area covered by the ribbons.

Otherwise, the whole fleet, five hundred Constellations dancing together... it's unthinkable.

The fleet successfully exited the Thousand Hill Grave and entered another starry sky.

This wasn't the Indeterminate Galaxy, just a nameless region. Looking across the starry sky, areas like this were many, typically worthless desolate stellar regions.

Over innumerable years, few cultivators tread these lands, apart from the occasional star beast. But when Lu Ye passed through here in previous years, it was territory dominated by the Insect Race, with the insect hive nearby, almost on the border of the Indeterminate Galaxy, eyeing it covetously.

Reaching here, the fleet required Lu Ye to scout ahead. He needed to establish contact with people from the Indeterminate Galaxy, at least to understand if the war efforts had ended and, if not, how far they had progressed.

Chapter 1593 - Battleship Fleet

In the desolate star region between Thousand Mounds Cemetery and Indeterminate, Lu Ye sails alone, the speed is neither fast nor slow.

He leads at the front, while the fleet stays at the limit of audio talisman's contact range behind.

Because he can't determine the situation ahead, the fleet is hesitant to venture all in. If a fierce battle is happening, the fleet might get caught up, which wouldn't be good.

Lu Ye spearheads alone, ready to relay any anomalies back so the fleet can timely respond.

Last time passing through here, there were still some active Insect Races visible, yet now he can't even see a shadow of any. Lu Ye secretly wonders if the battle here is over, and the insect hive destroyed. Otherwise, this area couldn't be so peaceful.

Moreover, the butterfly star beast had flown in this direction before, but Lu Ye didn't find any trace along his way. It's uncertain where the butterfly star beast has gone. However, it was wounded near Thousand Mounds Cemetery, likely found a place to heal. This deserted area is perfect for recuperation.

After flying forward for two months, when Lu Ye saw the enormous insect hive from afar, he realized the battle here isn't finished; otherwise, this insect hive wouldn't still be here.

The insect hive remains, but there are countless flashes around it, and energy fluctuations, some strong, some weak, emanating from that direction.

This clearly indicates cultivators are deploying techniques to attack the insect hive.

This battle has been going on for quite a while. Lu Ye muses to himself, unsure when this battle started, and surprisingly, it still hasn't concluded.

Since the insect hive is under attack, there must be cultivators from Indeterminate or the other three galaxies involved. Lu Ye sends a message to the fleet behind, advising them to temporarily stay put while he goes up to investigate.

Luan Xiao'e quickly responds, advising him to be cautious.

Proceeding further, Lu Ye applied Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes on himself, silently approaching the battlefield.

Getting closer, he slowly sees the specific situation and is astounded.

There, around the gigantic insect hive, numerous battleships are gathered. These battleships are undoubtedly massive, incomparable in size to smaller ships like the Tiger Shark.

The total number of these large battleships is roughly about two hundred, with varied styles. Considering this fleet is jointly formed by the four galaxies, the stylistic differences are understandable since they're not from the same source.

Next to each large battleship are some medium and small battleships guarding them. The diverse lights Lu Ye saw from afar emanate from these battleships.

From a distance, only flashes are visible, but up close, the terrifying might of each attack can be felt. Every strike from large battleships rivals a full-strength shot from a Moon Jade cultivator.

Among all battleships, the one facing the insect hive stands out the most. Though the size of other ships is not small, they pale beside the insect hive. This battleship is immense enough to rival the insect hive.

These two colossi confront each other in stellar space, their standoff possibly ongoing for an unknown duration.

Observing this setup, Lu Ye perceives that the four galaxies are launching a full-scale attack on the insect hive. Although the offensive is fierce, it seems the hive cannot be easily defeated in the short term.

These insect hives are not merely spawning grounds for their kind; they are war fortresses with both offensive and defensive capabilities.

At this moment, a visible light shield covers the insect hive, and attacks striking it only create ripples without diminishing the light.

No sign of any Insect Race is present; Lu Ye assumes they're hiding inside, as such a massive assault prevents them from showing themselves.

Since the situation is as such, Lu Ye decides there is no need for concealment. He dismisses the Spirit Runes on him and reveals his presence, directly moving toward the largest super battleship.

Before reaching closer, he is spotted by a large battleship nearby. A figure soon flies out and blocks Lu Ye's path, shouting: "Who goes there!"

The key issue lies in Lu Ye's peculiar arrival direction. The four galaxy cultivators usually come from Indeterminate's direction, whereas Lu Ye arrived from Thousand Mounds Cemetery's side, obviously noting he is not from the four galaxies.

At such a critical juncture in battle, their vigilance is naturally strong.

Due to Lu Ye's not high cultivation, being merely a Constellation, though he was noticed, only one Moon Jade emerged.

Lu Ye halts his movement and gazes ahead, realizing he doesn't recognize this Moon Jade. Among those he knows here, apart from a few from Indeterminate besides Chen Zong, only one from Daluo World.

It's normal not to recognize, so he cupped his hands and said: "Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens, I've met you, Fellow Daoist!"

The Moon Jade cultivator was taken aback, and then exclaimed with surprise: "Are you the Lu Yiye of Nine Heavens?" Obviously, he knew of Lu Ye, which is understandable. The reason the alliance among the four galaxies formed so quickly to eliminate the insect hive was that everyone wanted to follow Lu Ye to All Phenomena Ocean.

But for Lu Ye to safely bring people back, this insect hive must be dealt with first. Otherwise, with the Insect Race entrenched here, it wouldn't be safe for Lu Ye to return. If Lu Ye were captured and killed by the Insect Race, they would have no path to All Phenomena Ocean.

If it weren't for this reason, even knowing the principle of 'lips gone, teeth cold,' the other three galaxies would still have to let the Indeterminate suffer greatly before agreeing to unite, since the insect hive is at the doorstep of Indeterminate, not theirs.

The four galaxies joining forces to eliminate the insect hive was inevitable and a destined result. Lu Ye's arrival and the allure of All Phenomena Ocean merely brought about this result sooner, reducing resistance to the four-way cooperation.

Moreover, only by dealing with the insect hive would everyone have the mind to ponder over matters concerning All Phenomena Ocean. Otherwise, with the insect hive entrenched, no one would have the mood to send people to All Phenomena Ocean.

"Indeed!"

"Good, very good!" The Moon Jade cultivator was overjoyed, "Many Sun Blaze seniors have been waiting for you for a long time, follow me!"

As he spoke, he activated his mana, enveloping Lu Ye, and rushed toward the super-sized battleship.

On the way, the Moon Jade cultivator casually chatted with Lu Ye, mainly Lu Ye inquiring about the current situation. From his words, Lu Ye learned that indeed, they were at the critical juncture of the battle now.

This war had actually started half a year after Lu Ye left then, but it took time for the four galaxies to mobilize troops. Moreover, if they merely wanted to drive the insect hive away, it wouldn't take much effort.

However, the strong of the four galaxies wanted not merely to drive it away, as the insect hive could return. So what they wanted was to completely eradicate the insect hive.

Once enough manpower was gathered, various deployments were made, slowly eating away at the Insect Race's peripheral forces, and then gradually forming a blockade encirclement, which is why it took so long.

Looking at the huge insect hive in the stellar space, Lu Ye was a bit puzzled: "The insect hive is said to be the Insect Race's war fortress, capable of drifting around in stellar space. With the defensive power it currently manifests, if it wants to flee upon realizing trouble, wouldn't we be unable to stop it?"

Though the wars launched by the four galaxies are numerous and have formed a blockade, if such a massive insect hive really wants to break out, those large battleships alone could not stop it.

The Moon Jade cultivator laughed heartily and said: "Thanks to the foresight of the Sun Blaze seniors, before the encirclement was completed, a few seniors forcibly broke into the insect hive and destroyed some of its core. So now the insect hive can move, but very slowly."

With its slow speed, even if it broke through the encirclement, it would be meaningless, as it could only be chased and attacked by the battleship clusters from the four galaxies. Moreover, moving such a large insect hive consumes a lot of energy. Given this, concentrating energy on defense is better than wasting energy on moving.

Lu Ye's heart surged with excitement. In such a massive insect hive, there must be countless strong individuals, and supposedly two Sun Blaze Insect Races stationed within. Yet several Sun Blaze cultivators here managed to forcefully break in together, achieving their objective.

It's hard to imagine how they accomplished such a daunting task.

"Isn't the Insect Race now only able to await death?" Lu Ye inquired.

The Moon Jade cultivator nodded: "Indeed, they can only await death. Once their defenses are broken, extinguishing this branch of the Insect Race is but a flick of the fingers." This speaks to the deep foundation a large domain embodies. If Nine Provinces were targeted by such an insect hive, the ones awaiting death would be Nine Provinces.

He paused a moment and sighed slightly: "It's a pity that during the last assault on the insect hive, our Beixuan's Senior Brother Chen Zong got injured. I don't know how his injuries are now. Fortunately, I'm here to check in."

From his words, it was clear he was from Beixuan Galaxy as well.

While they conversed, they had already reached the super-sized battleship. Being within it, the grand scale of the battleship became even more apparent; it's definitely the pinnacle of a domain's efforts, likely from Indeterminate. However, even with Indeterminate's foundation, such a battleship likely wouldn't have a second one. If it weren't to tackle the insect hive, this kind of battleship wouldn't possibly be dispatched.

When Nine Provinces reach Indeterminate's level, they might barely stand in the stellar space, able to handle most dangers coming from stellar space. As for now, it's still far off.

The Moon Jade cultivator from Beixuan led Lu Ye directly to the Central Hub, arriving shortly at a spacious hall.

At this moment, the hall was filled with numerous cultivators, many busy on complex Arrays, continuously transmitting voices reporting the surrounding observations, enabling the experts here to understand the battlefield's situation more clearly.

Upon entering, Lu Ye felt several gazes cast toward himself.

Turning to look around, he found most faces unfamiliar, except for one dashing woman he recognized, the Indeterminate Sun Blaze he met last time.

Chapter 1594 - I Have an Idea

"Fellow Daoist Lu has arrived!" A hearty laugh reached him, and Lu Ye turned to look, finally spotting someone he knew. He promptly clasped his fists: "Fellow Daoist Kang!"

This was none other than Kang Cheng of Indeterminate. Previously, his arm had been broken by a single punch from Yaya, but he had a good temperament and just acted as if nothing had happened. Later, he even took the initiative to befriend Lu Ye.

"I've been wondering when you would return; I didn't expect it to be so soon!" Kang Cheng seemed in a very good mood.

Back when Lu Ye left Indeterminate, he didn't know exactly when he would return. However, since stellar space travel takes considerable time, Indeterminate had prepared for continued waiting. Who could have guessed Lu Ye would come back so quickly?

"Fortunately, everything went smoothly without delays," replied Lu Ye.

Kang Cheng warmly said, "Come, come, let me introduce you to a few of the Sun Blaze senior brothers." As he spoke, he pointed to the woman Lu Ye had seen before, "This is my senior sister, Li Guan of Indeterminate, whom you met last time."

Only then did Lu Ye learn her name, as they had not had a deep conversation before apart from discussing some intelligence about the Insect Race. He then continued on his journey.

Lu Ye immediately paid his respects, and Li Guan nodded slightly.

Kang Cheng then pointed to a stern-faced man beside Li Guan, "This is my senior brother, Ning Bu'ao!"

Indeterminate had three major Sun Blaze practitioners; aside from Jyang Shang, there were Li Guan and Ning Bu'ao. Currently, Jyang Shang was holding the domain, while Li Guan and Ning Bu'ao were here.

Afterwards, Lu Ye was introduced to Luo Xie from the Daluo Galaxy, Bai Jin from the Tranquil Moon Galaxy, and Chen Zong from the Beixuan Galaxy.

Each of them respectfully paid their respects. Sun Blaze practitioners were considered top-tier in this stellar space, worthy of admiration anywhere one would look.

Luo Xie from the Daluo Galaxy was somewhat more amiable than the other Sun Blaze practitioners and spoke a few kind words to Lu Ye. He mentioned Luo Shenzhi, and Lu Ye guessed that he must have heard some remarks from Luo Shenzhi, which made him view Lu Ye favorably. Of course, the reasons also included the All Phenomena Ocean.

At present, Lu Ye was a key figure in the exploration of the All Phenomena Ocean, so even though his cultivation was far inferior to these Sun Blaze practitioners, they all tried their best to be courteous.

Chen Zong from Beixuan was indeed injured, evidently from forcing his way through an insect hive. His complexion was somewhat pale, and there was a faint scent of blood on him.

Sun Blaze experts have nearly perfected their essence and energy, able to recover from ordinary injuries easily. Chen Zong's injury seemed rather severe, and it was uncertain if it would affect his combat abilities.

The attitude of Bai Jin from the Tranquil Moon Galaxy was also quite amicable towards Lu Ye. However, when interacting with this Sun Blaze, Lu Ye always felt something odd, though he couldn't pinpoint exactly what.

Judging from the current lineup, the four galaxies mobilized a total of five Sun Blaze practitioners, with Indeterminate providing two and the other three galaxies one each. Such a strong lineup, assisted by a sizable fleet, was more than sufficient to deal with an insect hive.

According to current intelligence, the insect hive was guarded by only two Sun Blaze insect races, making a victory in this five-to-two matchup seemingly assured.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, are you here alone this time?" Kang Cheng asked. He inquired because he remembered Lu Ye mentioning he would bring some people from the Nine Heavens, yet now only saw Lu Ye by himself, which puzzled him.

Lu Ye replied, "A fleet from our home planet followed, but because the situation here was unclear, I came ahead to scout while the fleet remained in the rear."

Kang Cheng understood, "If that's the case, let your home planet's fleet proceed to Indeterminate first. After the battle here concludes, the four galaxies will discuss the exploration of the All Phenomena Ocean."

Lu Ye nodded, taking out an audio talisman to communicate with Luan Xiao'e, informing her of the situation here.

Luan Xiao'e immediately agreed and led the fleet toward them.

Lu Ye waited in the Central Hub, during which several Sun Blaze practitioners asked him questions, and Lu Ye answered openly.

Under normal circumstances, as a Constellation cultivator, he wouldn't have the privilege to converse face-to-face with Sun Blaze practitioners. It was only because the four galaxies needed him for the upcoming plan that he had this opportunity.

After more than half a day, Luan Xiao'e sent a message back, stating the fleet had arrived near the battlefield. Lu Ye ended his conversations with the Sun Blaze practitioners, offered a word of apology, and left the Central Hub.

Flying out of the massive battleship, Lu Ye headed towards the fleet's location.

Upon meeting, everyone from the fleet stood on one side of the ship's deck, mesmerized by the grandeur of the battle occurring in the distance.

The cultivators from the Three Worlds had never witnessed such spectacle; let alone the Nine Provinces or the Jade Conch cultivators. Feeling the intensity of the battle left them all deeply moved, especially the ultra-large battleship, which proved breathtaking.

"Even among large domains, the difference is stark in the presence or absence of Sun Blaze practitioners," Luan Xiao'e remarked with heartfelt emotion.

Lu Ye smiled, "Don't overthink it, Fellow Daoist. The fleet here is a joint effort of the four galaxies, not belonging to any single one of them."

Luan Xiao'e knew he was comforting her and slowly shook her head, saying, "But they should each have the ability to form such fleets."

Indeed...

Luan Xiao'e composed herself and asked, "What's the situation here now? The insect hive seems to be powerless to resist?"

Lu Ye then recounted the detailed information he knew and said, "The insect hive is destined to be exterminated. Once its defenses are breached, the allied forces of the four galaxies will achieve victory in one fell swoop. The Indeterminate side asked us to take the lead and wait in the Indeterminate World. Once the battle here is over, they'll proceed with us to the All Phenomena Ocean."

Luan Xiao'e was stunned for a moment: "Are all these battleships going to move?"

Lu Ye shook his head: "I don't know, but since they've come to Indeterminate, they should follow along."

Luan Xiao'e was silent, thinking of when the news of the All Phenomena Ocean reached Jade Conch, and they eventually decided to send her leading a hundred people. But compared to the grand strategy of the four galaxies, Jade Conch's decision seemed too petty.

Now, it seems Jade Conch missed a great opportunity. Their relationship with Lu Ye was naturally closer, but outsiders reaped more benefits.

Regret at this moment was pointless.

After some thought, Luan Xiao'e said, "Fellow Daoist Lu, I have an idea."

Lu Ye looked seriously: "Please tell!"

"This grand battle is rare to encounter. Missing it would be a pity. You've mentioned the chaos and conflicts on the All Phenomena Ocean. When we arrive there, establishing ourselves might not be smooth sailing. Perhaps we'll have to fight against the heavens and people. Right now, there's a chance for the Three Worlds cultivators to experience stellar skirmishes early, and it seems there's not much risk involved. What do you think?"

Lu Ye immediately understood her meaning. He hadn't thought of this, considering it was someone else's battle, and they were just passersby. Intervening arbitrarily seemed inappropriate.

Kang Cheng had previously asked him to lead the people to Indeterminate first, undoubtedly fearing casualties in the battle affecting Lu Ye's side.

But some things aren't preventable, as Luan Xiao'e correctly pointed out: such a chance is rare. Participating in this skirmish, even if just cheering from the sidelines, could significantly broaden the horizons of the Three Worlds cultivators, making them more aware of the stellar space's dangers.

Most importantly, they wouldn't bear any risk. The insect hive is already besieged, and breaking through its defenses is only a matter of time. Once broken, it will be a one-sided massacre.

"That's indeed a good idea!" The more Lu Ye thought about it, the more feasible Luan Xiao'e's plan seemed. He pondered briefly and said, "I'll talk to people to see if they permit us to join the battle."

If they don't allow it, then our desire is futile.

However, Lu Ye surmised that the Sun Blaze from the four galaxies wouldn't refuse. Even scraps are meat, and although the Three Worlds fleet's overall strength isn't outstanding, it's still five hundred Constellations and a Moon Jade Late Stage.

Lu Ye quickly returned to the central hub of the super-large battleship and conveyed the matter to Kang Cheng. He chose Kang Cheng instead of those Sun Blaze because Kang Cheng commanded the battle here, while the Sun Blaze were responsible only for the decisive battle.

Kang Cheng said with a smile, "If your galaxy's cultivators are willing to help, that's naturally a good thing. We four galaxies are grateful." He pondered for a moment and said, "Let's do it this way; I see your galaxy has sixteen starboats. We'll divide them according to your original starboat personnel, dispersing them into various battleships. What do you think?"

Starboats can't be effective in such battles; only battleships can. So, Jade Conch cultivators wanting to join must enter the battleships. What they can do is simple—stimulate spirit force into the Array to provide energy for the ship's attacks, thus reducing spirit jade consumption to some extent. Otherwise, relying solely on spirit jade to power the battleship's attacks, even Indeterminate Galaxy wouldn't hold up.

The power from five hundred Constellations could save many spirit jades for the four galaxies, so Kang Cheng wouldn't refuse.

"Fellow Daoist Kang can arrange as needed. Since our Jade Conch Galaxy cultivators decided to join, we'll be part of this battle and follow orders!" Lu Ye expressed his stance.

Several Sun Blaze beside him nodded slightly. They had heard of Lu Ye before, fearing he might leverage his ability to lead them to the All Phenomena Ocean for personal gain. Now it seems this young man is quite commendable.

"Additionally, your galaxy has five Tiger Shark battleships. I'll send some spirit jades over and ask them to provide agile support."

Lu Ye naturally had no issue with such arrangements.

Kang Cheng then called over an Indeterminate Moon Jade and asked him to arrange personnel with Lu Ye.

Shortly, Lu Ye, accompanied by the Indeterminate Moon Jade, arrived at the fleet.

After explaining Kang Cheng's arrangements, Luan Xiao'e expressed no issues, and the fleet moved to the battlefield with the Indeterminate Moon Jade.

Undoubtedly, the Three Worlds cultivators had been briefed by Luan Xiao'e beforehand, so they all appeared enthusiastic, not to mention the least, they could gain insights within a large battleship.

Chapter 1595 Close Quarters Combat

As the fleet set out for the battlefield, Lu Ye returned to the Nine Provinces' starboat and found Lann Qiyue, cautioning her, "Remember, never activate the Blood Race's secret techniques; just disguise as a human cultivating Blood Path Secret Techniques."

Ordinary Blood Race members can hardly disguise as humans because even their outward characteristics differ, but Lann Qiyue was different from typical Blood Race; she was initially human and accidentally refined a drop of Sacred Blood, thus transforming into Blood Race.

Before Constellation, she always appeared as Blood Race, but upon advancing to Constellation, her body seemed to undergo some miraculous changes, allowing her to transform back to her original human form.

If not for this, Lu Ye wouldn't dare bring Lann Qiyue on this journey to the All Phenomena Ocean.

After all, the reputation of the Blood Race and Insect Race in the stellar space wasn't good; they were almost like street rats everyone wanted to chase away, so even in All Phenomena Ocean, a place that accepts all kinds, you rarely see cultivators from these two races.

At the very least, in all of Lu Ye's years at All Phenomena Ocean, apart from that one auction at the Constellation Palace where the array disc had members of the Blood Race and Insect Race participating, he'd never seen these two races outside.

However, it's said that some Blood Race members have cultivated a peculiar secret technique that can conceal their Blood Race features, disguising as humans.

Thus, All Phenomena Ocean may not be without the active presence of Blood Race, just that they are all well-hidden, not daring to easily reveal themselves.

This reminder, Lu Ye had already told Lann Qiyue once before leaving Nine Provinces, and if not for Lann Qiyue being able to hide her Blood Race characteristics, Lu Ye wouldn't dare to take her to All Phenomena Ocean.

Lann Qiyue nodded earnestly, "I've remembered it, Senior Brother!"

Soon, under the guidance of that Indeterminate Moon Jade, the fleet entered the battlefield, and as previously agreed, the cultivators on each starboat were arranged to help on a battleship.

Quickly, the cultivators from sixteen starboats from Three Worlds were arranged properly, while the remaining five Tiger Sharks were left alone; Kang Cheng had them as mobile support, leaving them to act as they pleased, and that Moon Jade also distributed quite a few spirit jades, pleasing the cultivators within the Tiger Shark battleships immensely.

Luan Xiao'e stayed on one battleship, waiting; her cultivation at Moon Jade Late-Stage didn't require her to do the same as the Constellation cultivators, which would be somewhat wasteful.

She would naturally be needed when the insect hive defenses were broken, and hand-to-hand combat was engaged.

Lu Ye and a group of people close to him were on the same battleship, not arranged for any tasks, thus allowing free movement; evidently, that Indeterminate Moon Jade who brought them had given some secret instructions, hence this special treatment.

He wandered around, and suddenly heard a familiar voice, "Brother Lu!"

Lu Ye turned to look and saw it was Xu Dingyang calling him. Previously, he had some discord with this person, who even teamed up with Kang Cheng to make trouble, but ended up failing.

Later, Lu Ye went to Indeterminate World himself to discuss advancing to All Phenomena Ocean with Jyang Shang; combined with the protection from Sun Blaze by his side, even Kang Cheng treated him courteously, not to mention Xu Dingyang, who didn't dare to show himself.

Seeing him now, Xu Dingyang's expression was slightly awkward, yet he still braved the awkwardness to greet Lu Ye.

No other reason, Kang Cheng specifically advised him earlier to make sure to resolve the previous disagreement with Lu Ye if possible, since he too would be joining the group heading to All Phenomena Ocean.

"So it's Brother Xu!" Lu Ye nodded slightly, stepping forward, discovering that Xu Dingyang seemed to be responsible for an assault magic array on the battleship, complex to an extreme; even with Lu Ye's achievements in the Array Path, he could only grasp some basics, and in the Array Eye position was

placed a sharp tool resembling a dragon head, pointed directly towards the insect hive, yet its purpose remained unclear.

Seeing his curious gaze, Xu Dingyang said, "If Brother Lu is interested, feel free to try it!"

Lu Ye was surprised, "Can I?"

He indeed had some interest in this because the attacks from a large battleship can match the might of a Moon Jade cultivator's strike; he was still a distance from Moon Jade, but personally experiencing it ahead seemed intriguing.

"No problem." Xu Dingyang said, stepping aside.

Lu Ye stood up, guided by Xu Dingyang's detailed instructions, quickly understanding the underlying principles.

Ultimately, it was about harnessing the array's power, then activating the Array Eye's strength to launch a long-range strike at the insect hive.

However, the energy consumption for activating the array was substantial, so relying solely on his own energy wasn't feasible; this not only involved consuming a vast amount of spirit jade but also other energies transmitted through several auxiliary arrays.

Nowadays, Three Worlds cultivators mostly performed these tasks, each supplying energy to auxiliary arrays, trying to conserve spirit jade consumption.

Otherwise, relying solely on spirit jade to power this tool would be costly.

Lu Ye stood within the array, hugging the dragon-head-like tool, pouring his Mental Consciousness inside, targeting the huge insect hive in the distance, quietly feeling the energy accumulating within the array, waiting for a good opportunity.

A long time passed before Lu Ye felt the energy accumulation was almost done, causing the whole array to start humming.

Xu Dingyang also spoke beside him, "Now's the time, Brother Lu!"

Lu Ye quickly harnessed the enormous energy, activating the array's power, then the dragon-head tool he embraced began to vibrate.

Accompanied by a loud humming noise, Lu Ye felt a shock all over his body and then saw a bright beam of light shoot out from the dragon's head, instantly landing on the insect hive, causing ripples to spread across its surface.

"Impressive!" Lu Ye sighed with emotion, looking out at the stellar space. Methods that can allow a Constellation to unleash Moon Jade power are rare, with starboats being the most common. The force of that strike, he perceived clearly, was almost equivalent to a full-force move from a Moon Jade Mid-Stage.

And this might just be the result of cooperation among twenty to thirty Constellations.

However, although this method can manifest Moon Jade power, it is ultimately not a Moon Jade's action, hence it appears somewhat rigid, and it takes a long time to gather momentum—an inherent flaw of starboats. Thus, starboats are generally used for besieging and storming fortifications, and the current battle situation is most appropriate for the deployment of starboats.

This large starboat of the Indeterminate World likely isn't the best; those most extreme large starboats can unleash power comparable to Moon Jade Late Stage.

In the next half day, Lu Ye tried to activate it several times, indulging in the thrill, before finally walking out.

Though activating this thing is interesting, the power ultimately doesn't belong to oneself, so after merely experiencing it, it's done.

The protection around the insect hive is visibly weakening; the brightness of the light curtain is gradually dimming. If this situation continues to develop, the protection of the insect hive could be broken within ten days to half a month.

This battle is almost devoid of suspense.

Yet, at a certain moment three days later, Lu Ye, watching, was stunned to witness the protection outside the insect hive suddenly dispersing on its own.

He was startled, but soon realized that the Insect Race probably knew they could no longer resist, and were likely preparing for a desperate final assault.

After all, continuing like this was merely waiting for death. It would be better to counterattack now, to kill one would be worthwhile, to kill two would be a profit.

Almost at the instant the insect hive's protection disappeared, overwhelming dark clouds floated out from the hive, dispersing rapidly in all directions.

The myriad dark clouds of varying sizes were conspicuously composed of insect pall, with some even carrying the aura of Moon Jade.

Outside the encirclement, the assault from the starboat fleet of the four galaxies suddenly intensified, and under the multicolored bombardments, patches of insect pall suffered damage, yet the insect pall seemed endless, continuously emanating from the hive.

Judging by the formation, the Insect Race seemed intent on deploying all their forces.

Even aboard the battleship, Lu Ye sensed two auras of Sun Blaze experts rising from within the insect hive, which clearly belonged to the two Sun Blaze of the Insect Race.

Simultaneously, from the direction of the Indeterminate's super-large battleship, five figures darted out almost simultaneously, their imposing might shining upon the stellar space like the big sun.

Lu Ye sensed this and immediately turned his gaze, recognizing them as the five Sun Blaze experts from the four galaxies.

After a brief contemplation, he quickly understood why these five were so eager to take action.

Sun Blaze skirmishes cause excessively intense residual waves, so they must block the two Sun Blaze of the Insect Race inside the insect hive, preventing them from escaping. Otherwise, once the Sun Blaze battlefield spreads, the starboat fleet of the four galaxies would inevitably suffer losses.

Restricting the battlefield within the insect hive is the wisest decision.

This had presumably been pre-discussed by Ning Bu'ao and the others, hence the decisive action upon the disappearance of the insect hive's protection.

The five figures advanced against the insect pall, slaughtering numerous Insect Race members along the way amid a bloody haze.

In a flash, those five reached the front of the insect hive, where one suddenly halted, and the other four retained their momentum, crashing into the interior of the hive.

Lu Ye observed from afar and found that the one remaining outside the hive was none other than the female Sun Blaze, Li Guan, who at this moment wielded a longsword with a chilling sword light.

Clearly, she remained here not to watch the show but to prevent any Sun Blaze of the Insect Race from fleeing.

The four Sun Blaze charged into the hive, facing merely two Insect Race experts, each pair fighting against one should eliminate any chance of failure.

Thus, her presence made little difference.

But should any Sun Blaze of the Insect Race sense trouble and attempt to escape, she could intercept outside.

The area where she stood instantly became a forbidden land; swarms of Insect Race swept past her from afar, never daring to look at her, while she fixated her Mental Consciousness firmly on the situation inside the hive, those insects dared not provoke her.

Aboard the battleship, Lu Ye watched this scene, realizing the final showdown had arrived, and immediately braced himself.

Though the Insect Race sustained numerous casualties from the relentless assaults upon emerging from the hive, their numbers were exceedingly vast, and the battleship's attack net could only obliterate a small portion. Meanwhile, the majority advanced toward various battleships.

Aboard each battleship, virtually all cultivators were intensely focused, knowing that the moment of close combat had come!

Chapter 1596 - The Nine Provinces Display Their Might

The power of battleships is excellent for attacking fortifications, but in the current confrontation, it's somewhat lacking. After all, the attacks from the battleships are now controlled by Constellation cultivators. The long preparation and interval time are drawbacks that cannot be eliminated. Therefore, relying on the might of the battleships, they might only get a few strikes before the Insect Race swarms in.

In such a moment of confrontation, one must rely on the cultivators themselves.

However, before the insect pall approaches, the battleships continue to trim the number of Insect Races as much as possible.

Lu Ye frowned slightly because something seemed amiss. In this situation, the Insect Race should gather all their strength at one point to breach, creating a breakthrough in the four galaxies battleship group's encirclement. Then, whether they choose to continue the fight or escape, they can seize the initiative.

But in reality, the Insect Race emerging from the insect hive scattered like fairies scattering like flowers, dispersing in different directions.

This dispersal prevents the concentration of the Insect Race's power, and with it divided, the pressure faced by battleships in each direction is not significant.

There will inevitably be a large number of casualties among the Insect Race.

Lu Ye was somewhat puzzled as to why the Insect Race would choose to do this. This insect hive produces Insect Race members not like those he encountered before in the Nine Provinces; many possess high spiritual intelligence. Furthermore, with the insect hive as the central hub, all Insect Race members can be easily commanded, following orders precisely.

A large insect pall was also attacking Lu Ye's battleship. Though many were slain en route, a considerable portion still remained.

The distance between them quickly closed until eventually, the prepared cultivators, led by the Moon Jade cultivators, fiercely charged from the battleship, heading straight for the insect pall.

Luan Xiao'e flew at the forefront, surrounded by several Moon Jade cultivators from the four galaxies. Each spread their Mental Consciousness and quickly found the Insect Race members that were also Moon Jade, locking onto targets and swiftly attacking.

Though such warfare seemed chaotic, it still adhered to certain patterns. Simply put, it's soldiers against soldiers and generals against generals!

The Moon Jade cultivators would try to find targets that were also Moon Jade, and whether they could win or not, at least they needed to hold off the enemy.

In terms of numbers, the cultivators were far fewer than the Insect Race, at least dozens to a hundred times less. But in terms of quality, the Insect Race fell far short, considering even the lowest level cultivators were Constellation cultivators, while the Insect Race was not, making this confrontation theoretically not too stressful for the cultivators.

Lu Ye advanced alone, and not far to his left were the members of Team D-9. They had joined forces since the True Lake Realm and spent most of the Divine Sea Realm period exterminating the Corpse Race in the Unparalleled Continent. After so many years of cooperation, they were already highly synchronized, so now going into battle, they naturally stuck together.

Leading the charge was the towering and mighty Giant Armor, whose vigorous presence was almost unlike a Constellation. Lin Yinxu and Yiyi riding Amber flanked him from behind.

Further back were their third senior brother Xiao Xinghe and fourth senior brother Li Baxian, while Feng Yuechan was surrounded in the central position.

Noticing Lu Ye's gaze, they all turned their heads to look, and Li Baxian grinned, "Junior brother, let us show you our skills!"

Lu Ye nodded, "Then I will watch closely." Truth be told, it had been a long time since he saw Team D-9 in action and wasn't sure how strong they had become.

Further to the right was a five-member squad formed by the sect master, Nian Yuexian, and their senior Feng Wujiang couple.

The Nine Provinces cultivators were not limited to these two squads; three hundred Constellation cultivators almost simultaneously dispersed into squads upon charging out of their respective battleships, from four or five people to six or seven.

This scene not only astonished the Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch cultivators but also caught the attention of the four galaxies' cultivators. Though the Nine Provinces cultivators were all Constellation Early Stage, each squad advanced with strict order and a sense of extraordinary discipline.

In contrast, though they tended to form squads as well, it felt as if they lacked some inexplicable sense of coordination.

The Moon Jade cultivators at the forefront had already begun engaging with the Insect Race Moon Jade, causing intense mana fluctuations across various battlefields.

Moments later, the Constellations also began their assault, with the might of numerous spells sweeping toward the insect pall from every direction, though inflicting some damage, failing to halt the insect pall's advance.

Withstanding the interference of those spells, the insect pall came near.

The battle erupted completely.

Across the battlefield, unexpected phenomena suddenly arose. These were marvels formed by the battle array, with the most numerous being the Black Tortoise Battle Array. Each giant Black Tortoise, gathered from spirit force, appeared on the battlefield, astonishing both sides in combat.

The four galaxies' Constellation cultivators naturally did not understand the situation, but the Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch cultivators saw it clearly. Those battle arrays were all formed by the Nine Heavens World cultivators.

In shock, could the Nine Heavens World cultivators be so highly synchronized?

In such a battle, forming a battle array is no easy task; it requires years of familiarity to achieve tacit understanding, where the airflow between them must be seamless.

Constellation cultivators all have their own matters to attend to and cannot always stay together to practice battle arrays, unless certain sects have special requirements for this.

There are also people from Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch World who can form battle arrays, but those people are either the closest of senior and junior brothers and sisters, or even family members.

But now, looking at the cultivators of the Nine Heavens World, everywhere one looks, there isn't a single one left out. They form battle arrays in groups, doing so with ease, showing no unfamiliarity in their coordination.

Nine Provinces cultivators also know their strength is somewhat lower, so the battle arrays they choose are basically defensive in nature, hence the appearance of many Black Tortoise silhouettes on the battlefield, and other battle arrays even if not Black Tortoise mostly excel in defense.

Under the collisions of battle arrays, a large number of the Insect Race were exterminated.

Lu Ye's figure continued dashing about, and various weapons control techniques had already been launched by him in all directions, assisting the execution of the Brazen Plundering Technique.

Under Mental Consciousness perception, the Insect Race he targeted were all of Constellation Late Stage level; as the Boulder Mountain Saber gleamed, even the sturdy carapace of the Insect Race could barely withstand the Sharpness strike.

In the past, even if the Boulder Mountain Saber were enhanced with Divine Sharp Edge Spirit Runes, it wouldn't have this effect. The Boulder Mountain Saber transformed by the barghest itself possessed a high degree of sharpness, and when enhanced with Divine Sharp Edge, none within the Constellation can withstand.

He didn't worry about wounds and deaths occurring among his own cultivators during such a battle. There will always be casualties in the competition, whether here, in the All Phenomena Ocean, or elsewhere. But compared to the potential casualties, participating in such a battle offers benefits to his cultivators that are rare and valuable.

In the battlefield, veterans grow step by step from new recruits. Participating in such battle is enough to temper his cultivators into qualified veterans, gaining extra experience in dealing with similar future battles.

Moreover, as of now in this battle, the likelihood of casualties isn't high.

Soon, cultivators from Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch World discovered another issue; compared to all the Nine Heavens World cultivators being able to form battle arrays, their combat style was even more surprising. All along, seeing the Nine Heavens World cultivators at Constellation Early Stage, the cultivators from Qingli Dao World and Jade Conch World felt they were superior.

But now, the combat style of those Nine Heavens World cultivators seemed extremely fierce and sharp, even when facing stronger Insect Race they engaged fearlessly, fighting furiously.

This strange scene made it seem as though they were the ones at Constellation Early Stage while the Nine Heavens World were all at Constellation Late Stage.

The cultivators from both worlds were puzzled, unable to comprehend what the Nine Heavens World cultivators experienced in their growth path, that each one fought as fiercely as wolves, seeming to have no fear of death.

The Insect Race were already vicious enough, but compared to the Nine Heavens cultivators, they seemed like cats facing tigers, thus being suppressed in momentum, even if slightly stronger, easily falling into disadvantage in battle.

Lu Ye continued his dashing, utilizing numerous weapons techniques he launched in advance, greatly reducing the depletion caused by the Brazen Plundering Technique, otherwise, he wouldn't dare to dash for a long time in such battle.

Suddenly his figure darted to a spot in the battlefield, appearing at an extremely opportune moment, when a Constellation Late Stage Insect Race had its back to him; Lu Ye raised his hand with the saber and directly severed the Insect Race's head.

"Junior brother, that's excessive!" Li Baxian shouted discontentedly; they were fighting fiercely with this Insect Race, unexpectedly having their junior brother take the kill.

Lu Ye glanced at their battle array, feeling a bit surprised.

Because looking across the battlefield, many Nine Provinces cultivators formed Black Tortoise Battle Arrays, at least three or forty Black Tortoise silhouettes, yet the Black Tortoise of Team D-9 stood out.

Other Black Tortoise silhouettes were mere phantoms, but the Black Tortoise of Team D-9 was noticeably more solid, and some strange runes appeared on its carapace.

Those marvelous runes flickered uncertainly, as if breathing, Lu Ye even felt these strange runes had some mysterious and intimate connection with the Giant Armor within the battle array.

He understood in his heart, the anomaly in Team D-9's battle array definitely came from the Giant Armor, because he remembered, the demonic pill devoured by the Giant Armor seemed related to the Black Tortoise.

Precisely because Team D-9's Black Tortoise Battle Array was stronger, they could compete with a Constellation Late Stage Insect Race with a Constellation Early Stage themselves, other battle arrays didn't have this ability, at best they could duel with Constellation Mid-Stage Insect Race.

Ignoring Li Baxian's shout, Lu Ye flashed and disappeared.

Li Baxian was angry but helpless, could only find another opponent.

While the battle didn't show a completely one-sided state, the cultivator alliance forces clearly already had the absolute upper hand, continuing the fight this way, in no time all Insect Race emerging from the insect hive would be completely exterminated.

Chapter 1597 - Sun Blaze Falls

The battle progressed extremely smoothly, with the Constellation cultivators having the upper hand on the battlefield, and the Moon Jade cultivators also either containing or suppressing the Insect Race's Moon Jade.

This time, the four galaxies joined forces, and the number of cultivators dispatched, whether at the Sun Blaze or Moon Jade level, far outnumbered the Insect Race. This led to all the Insect Race Moon Jades being closely watched, allowing the Constellation cultivators to unleash their full potential, to the point where some Moon Jade cultivators, not finding suitable opponents, could only bully the Constellation Insect Race with their superior strength.

When Moon Jade faces Constellation, naturally it's a matter of killing as they please.

In just a short time of one incense stick's time since the battle started, nearly thirty percent of the Insect Race was dead or injured, with even some Moon Jade Insect Race falling in battle. Under such circumstances, the Insect Race's situation became even worse.

Lu Ye swept through the vast battlefield, bringing death wherever he went. He even set his sights on an Early Stage Moon Jade Insect Race. The opponent of that Insect Race, also at the Moon Jade Early Stage, was engaged in a fierce fight, hailing from an unknown star system.

Lu Ye was about to use the Brazen Plundering Technique to launch a sneak attack on that Moon Jade Insect Race, hoping to create an opportunity for his side's Moon Jade. But before he could act, an angry roar suddenly echoed from within the insect hive.

The roar was strange, full of anger and incredulity, as if something unbelievable had happened.

And with the sound of the roar, a mighty aura suddenly perished.

Lu Ye raised an eyebrow, turning his gaze towards the insect hive. Since the start of the battle, only the Sun Blaze powerhouses had been clashing inside the hive. The four Sun Blaze from the four galaxies were up against two from the Insect Race, causing constant explosive power fluctuations inside the hive, creating chaos.

Now that an aura had perished, it undoubtedly indicated that a Sun Blaze had fallen!

Lu Ye was thinking that the Sun Blaze from the four galaxies were quite strong, managing to kill a Sun Blaze from the Insect Race so quickly. After all, battles between Sun Blaze powerhouses rarely concluded quickly unless there was a significant disparity in power.

But considering that it was two against one on the side of the four galaxies, it wasn't too surprising after all.

Who would have thought, as he was looking over, that Li Guan, who had been stationed outside the insect hive, suddenly turned pale, transformed into a sword rainbow, and dashed toward the insect hive.

Lu Ye was taken aback, then realized something was amiss.

Li Guan was stationed outside the insect hive primarily to prevent the Insect Race's Sun Blaze from escaping. She was clearly a sword cultivator and was confident she could intercept any escaping Insect Race Sun Blaze.

But now she was rushing into the insect hive, which was clearly unusual.

The one who just fell... could it not have been an Insect Race Sun Blaze? This thought surfaced, and Lu Ye found it hard to believe. But if not, Li Guan wouldn't have reacted this way.

Moreover, it didn't make sense. With two against one, how could they let the opponent counter-kill one of them? Was the Insect Race Sun Blaze that powerful?

As he was puzzled, suddenly a voice came from within the insect hive. It was the voice of Li Guan, who had just entered the hive: "All Tranquil Moon cultivators, heed the order. Return to the battleship immediately to await orders. Any who defy will be slain by cultivators from any of the three forces!"

When the order was given, the cultivators on the entire battlefield were bewildered. No one knew what had happened. The battle was the result of the four galaxies joining forces, progressing incredibly smoothly. Yet now, at this critical moment, Li Guan issued such a strange command.

And this was just after a Sun Blaze powerhouse had fallen inside the insect hive.

Hot on her heels, Luo Xie from the Daluo Galaxy also shouted loudly, "Daluo cultivators, follow the order!"

The next moment, Bai Jin's voice rang out, "Fellow Daoists, why are you targeting our Tranquil Moon? This time we've made significant contributions to the join forces of the four galaxies, isn't it inappropriate to tear down the bridge after crossing the river?"

Originally, upon hearing Li Guan's command, the Tranquil Moon cultivators were puzzled, not understanding why they were suddenly ordered to return to the battleship when the war was progressing smoothly. Hearing their Sun Blaze's voice now, many began to feel dubious.

The four galaxies had been coexisting in this stellar space for years, naturally not without conflicts. However, openly, no one would really tear face, to avoid starting wars between star systems.

Thus, when the disputes among the Sun Blaze arose, the cultivators below couldn't help but start wondering if Tranquil Moon was being targeted by Indeterminate and Daluo.

No matter how the cultivators of the four galaxies speculated, Lu Ye's expression was grave because the Sun Blaze from three galaxies had spoken, but Chen Zong from Beixuan remained silent.

Thinking about the disturbance from the falling Sun Blaze earlier, and considering Chen Zong was already wounded... Lu Ye suddenly had a bad feeling.

Li Guan's voice rang out once more, "Bai Jin, are you still trying to fish in troubled waters at this time?" Following it, she cried out, "Tranquil Moon's Bai Jin is a Blood Race in disguise, Beixuan's Chen Zong has already been slain by him!"

It was unsuitable to say these things directly before to avoid disturbing the military's morale, so the order was given for Tranquil Moon cultivators to return to await orders on the battleship, as Bai Jin was a Blood Race in disguise. No one knew if there were more Blood Races hidden within Tranquil Moon. If they attacked allies amid the chaotic battle, it would certainly be a one-hit kill.

Since it was impossible to discern if Tranquil Moon cultivators were Blood Races in disguise, having them all return to the battleship was the best method. Those not Blood Race would naturally follow orders, but Blood Race might take the opportunity to stir trouble.

At this moment, Bai Jin still wanted to use words to confuse people, but Li Guan had no choice but to reveal the truth.

As Li Guan's words fell, the entire battlefield was in an uproar, especially the cultivators from the Beixuan Galaxy, each of them looking astonished, hardly believing their ears.

Just now, when the commotion of the Sun Blaze falling came from the insect hive, everyone thought it was the Insect Race Sun Blaze that had been killed, but who would have thought that the dead wasn't the Insect Race, but Beixuan's Chen Zong!

A Sun Blaze cultivator, no matter in which star system they are, is like a mainstay, and losing any one of them is a tremendous loss. There were only two Sun Blaze cultivators in the entire Beixuan, and now that Chen Zong has died in battle, Beixuan only has one Sun Blaze remaining.

On the battlefield, as Lu Ye slashed through the Insect Race, his expression remained stern. Having harbored some suspicions beforehand, he wasn't too surprised when Li Guan spoke those words.

He finally understood why he felt something odd when he saw Bai Jin in the Central Hub. At that time, Lu Ye wasn't sure what exactly felt strange; confronting a Sun Blaze, it was not easy to probe deeply. Thinking back now, if the other party were a member of the Blood Race, it all made sense!

He had refined a large amount of Sacred Blood from the Blood Race, and it could be said that no Blood Race in stellar space could compare with his level of saintliness. So, although he still maintained a human form, he had a latent sense towards the Blood Race. That strange feeling clearly came from the Blood Race bloodline.

Previously, when he was cautioning Lann Qiyue, he even thought that some of the Blood Race had cultivated mysterious secret techniques to hide their Blood Race characteristics and disguise themselves as humans. Who would have thought they'd actually encounter one now.

Perhaps there's more than one; there is a Bai Jin in Tranquil Moon, who knows if there are more hidden Blood Races? That's why Li Guan gave such orders.

However, this Bai Jin is also quite capable. It's unknown how long he has been hidden in the Tranquil Moon Galaxy, possibly reaching Sun Blaze status without exposing himself, which shows his remarkable abilities.

Chen Zong's death was unjust; he was undoubtedly already targeted by Bai Jin. Taking advantage of his injuries while fiercely battling the Insect Race Sun Blaze, Bai Jin suddenly struck, and Chen Zong naturally couldn't resist.

But what Lu Ye couldn't understand was why Bai Jin would expose himself at this time.

He had operated under the guise of a human in Tranquil Moon for many years, surely with his own objectives. If he exposed himself for the sake of the two Insect Race Sun Blaze, it seemed somewhat off.

Because even if he revealed his identity now, and even assassinated Chen Zong, the Insect Race still couldn't gain the upper hand. Perhaps on the Sun Blaze level, they could compete, as inside the insect hive, it's a three-on-three situation, but below the Sun Blaze, the Insect Race is still not a match.

Or could it be, his goal was merely to rescue the two Insect Race Sun Blaze?

Many say the Insect Race and Blood Race are in cahoots, as thick as thieves, but this relationship seems too amicable.

While Lu Ye was puzzled, a terrified shout suddenly rang out from a certain direction.

"Blood Race! Many Blood Races are coming!"

Lu Ye quickly looked up and surveyed the area, his expression becoming grave.

Because in the distant stellar space, a vast blood-red light was sweeping in, the blood-red hue conspicuous, like a Blood Sea deluging everything, blood waves surging, and not just in the direction he was looking, but in all directions.

Lu Ye felt a jolt in his heart, realizing that this was a major problem.

Bai Jin exposing his identity at this time was indeed not just to rescue the two Insect Race Sun Blaze; he aimed to annihilate the Allied Forces of the four galaxies here!

Or possibly, this was a joint operation between the Insect Race and Blood Race, and now it had reached its most critical point.

Lu Ye suddenly understood what Bai Jin had been scheming.

What he was scheming for was none other than the four galaxies themselves!

Because if this battle results in the annihilation of the Allied Forces of the four galaxies, as many as four Sun Blaze will be killed in battle, and the Moon Jade level will suffer even more unimaginable losses. At that time, the Insect Race and Blood Race would take the momentum of their grand victory and launch a strong attack on the Indeterminate Galaxy. What could Indeterminate do to withstand it?

Once Indeterminate is taken, the remaining three galaxies could be defeated one by one.

The four galaxies are a succulent prize for the Insect Race and Blood Race. The Blood Race could turn the inhabitants of the four galaxies into Blood Slaves for enslavement and cultivation, and the Insect Race could devour the life force of each domain at will to expand their scale.

So although the current battle situation sees the Insect Race suffering heavy casualties, as long as they win this battle, the returns for the Insect Race will undoubtedly be a hundredfold, a thousandfold!

So viewed this way, the insect hive drifting to this location is no coincidence, but specifically targeting the four galaxies, with Bai Jin as an internal accomplice, the Insect Race and Blood Race had long been coveting the four galaxies, likely having schemed for many years.

There was only one point that left Lu Ye a bit puzzled. When he came all the way from the Thousand Mounds Cemetery, he hadn't encountered any traces of the Blood Race, but if the Blood Race intentionally lay low to hide, he might not have discovered them.

Chapter 1598 - Chaos in the Ranks

Lu Ye suddenly recalled why the Insect Race had acted so strangely at the beginning of the great battle. They did not concentrate their power in one direction but dispersed it, seemingly an irrational move. However, in reality, it was to divert the attention of the Four Galaxies cultivators, facilitating the Blood Race's encirclement of this battlefield.

The fact proved that their strategy was very successful. All cultivators of the Four Galaxies, and even the Three Worlds cultivators on Lu Ye's side, were immersed in the achievement and joy of hunting the Insect Race, hardly paying attention to the more peripheral areas.

Until the traces of the Blood Race became apparent, but noticing it now was no longer of much significance.

Blood tides surged from all directions, and at an incredibly fast speed. Such speed was evidently because there were powerful beings navigating within the Blood Sea. In a matter of moments, the entire battlefield was almost surrounded by the Blood Sea, and its pervasive trend had not stopped, seemingly intent on enveloping the entire battlefield.

Once the Blood Sea descended, the human race cultivators within it would be forced into a passive situation, whereas the Blood Race and Insect Race would thrive in it like fishes in water.

Lu Ye himself had also deployed the Blood Sea to kill enemies before and knew its mysteries profoundly.

Thoughts flickered like lightning in his mind, the first idea was to quickly gather the Three Worlds cultivators and escape! The Blood Sea had not yet completely formed an encirclement, so there was still an opening, and there might still be a chance.

But the previous arrangements by Kang Cheng caused his plan to fail because, at this moment, the Three Worlds cultivators were scattered across various positions on the battlefield, making it impossible to gather everyone together in a short time.

In this situation, not to mention gathering the Three Worlds cultivators in a short time, it was utterly impossible to gather even just the Nine Provinces cultivators. Everyone, including the cultivators of the Four Galaxies, was embroiled in the battle, unable to extricate themselves easily.

What to do? Lu Ye kept asking himself repeatedly but couldn't conceive any solution.

Moreover, he thought of a more severe consequence. If the Insect Race and Blood Race indeed took the Four Galaxies, then Jade Conch would be in danger. At that time, these two races would explore

outward and inevitably traverse Thousand Mounds Cemetery and the geomagnetic turbulence zone. Once they entered the Jade Conch Galaxy...

One could say that Jade Conch and Indeterminate were in a mutually dependent relationship for survival.

More intense power fluctuations than before emanated from the insect hive, and Lu Ye instinctively turned to look. He saw the massive insect hive suddenly shatter.

Though this insect hive was incredibly sturdy, it couldn't withstand several Sun Blaze powerhouses clashing within it for such a long time. At this moment, it finally exploded into countless pieces scattered all over the sky.

Six figures emerged from it; three of them were Indeterminate's Ning Bu'ao, Li Guan, and Daluo's Luo Xie.

Among the other three, two were evidently Insect Race Sun Blaze, and one was clearly Blood Race, looking seven parts similar to Bai Jin. However, compared to Bai Jin before, his body was much larger, and his skin was entirely blood-colored.

The six Sun Blaze were fiercely fighting each other, locked in intense combat.

The Beixuan Galaxy cultivators didn't see Chen Zong among them, which made them truly realize that Chen Zong had fallen, and each was overwhelmed with grief.

Meanwhile, the Tranquil Moon Constellation cultivators' feelings were even more complex. Bai Jin, who was a pillar-like figure in their realm, turned out to be a Blood Race disguise and even killed a Sun Blaze ally, making them feel ashamed and uneasy.

As overwhelming power roared and spread, three streaks of blood light suddenly streaked from different directions within the distant approaching Blood Sea, clearly carrying the auras of Sun Blaze powerhouses!

This scene made all the cultivators' hearts turn cold, knowing this time they were truly over.

The Blood Race actually brought along three Sun Blaze, and that was just who had surfaced. No one knew if there were any who hadn't shown themselves.

Originally, vis-a-vis Ning Bu'ao and the others could maintain undefeated, but with the three Blood Race Sun Blaze joining the battlefield, now it was their turn to fight two opponents each, making the situation dire immediately.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, come with me quickly!" Suddenly a Moon Jade rushed toward Lu Ye with a panicked face, shouting as he approached, and from the spirit force fluctuations surrounding him, it was clear he was just in the Moon Jade Early Stage.

Lu Ye turned his head for a glance, nodded, and rushed straight toward him.

At the moment their figures drew close, the panic on the Moon Jade Early Stage's face vanished, reaching out to grab Lu Ye, with mana surging from his palm and forming a vortex that immediately pulled at Lu Ye with invisible force.

Lu Ye's expression remained unchanged, as if expecting it. Blood light erupted around him, instantly spreading a Blood Sea that enveloped him and the Moon Jade.

The opponent obviously hadn't expected such a change and was caught unprepared in the Blood Sea, instantly surprised and puzzled, because as far as he knew, Lu Ye was a combat cultivator, yet being able to deploy such a profound Blood Path Secret Technique was quite unusual.

But in the next moment, the Moon Jade's expression changed because from that Blood Sea came an immensely overwhelming pressure that he couldn't resist.

Under the divine and profound pressure, this Moon Jade felt his power greatly suppressed, and not only was the mana flow within him obstructed, but even his blood Qi seemed to be almost solidifying.

Suddenly, a flash of blade light slashed ruthlessly at his neck.

Even when imbued with Divine Sharp Edge, the Boulder Mountain Saber couldn't decapitate this Moon Jade, only cutting halfway, proving the strength of his physique.

The Moon Jade showed an expression of agony, tilting his head, looking at Lu Ye in disbelief: "Sacred Seed?"

The technique performed by this combat cultivator was not any Blood Path Secret Technique, but the purest Blood Race Blood Sea Technique. What made him deeply anxious was that within that blood sea surged a saintliness almost condensed into substance, the intensity of which was beyond his imagination.

In this world, could there still be a Sacred Seed with such intense saintliness? How much Sacred Blood must be refined to reach this level?

"Fellow Daoist, please show mercy, I am of the Blood Race!" In panic, the Moon Jade cried out, although not understanding why Lu Ye would be a Sacred Seed, but being a Sacred Seed, he should be one of their own.

Lu Ye's expression was indifferent: "Understood!" He suddenly gripped the handle of the Boulder Mountain Saber with the other hand, both hands applying force together, the long blade embedded halfway into the neck swiftly chopped down!

The head flew up, eyes wide open in death, unable to comprehend why Lu Ye still mercilessly killed even after he revealed his Blood Race identity.

The blood sea vanished, and Lu Ye's figure appeared, the Boulder Mountain Saber unstained by a drop of blood.

As the enemy approached him, he had sensed it; this Moon Jade gave him a feeling somewhat similar to Bai Jin, and he immediately realized that this guy was also disguised by the Blood Race.

If it were a regular Moon Jade, killing them wouldn't be so easy for Lu Ye. But the Blood Race's Moon Jade were specifically countered by him. Back when he left the Blue Jade World, a Moon Jade Late Stage

Blood Race chased after him to kill him, yet was slain by him. Let alone facing a mere Moon Jade Early Stage now.

Of course, being able to kill the Moon Jade Late Stage was also thanks to Lih Shang initiating a soul battle; otherwise, with his strength at the time, it would have been difficult to deal with others.

Now it's different; the Boulder Mountain Saber is transformed by a barghest, unmatched in sharpness; the physical body of a Moon Jade Early Stage, though strong, couldn't withstand the slashes of the barghest under saintliness suppression.

Chaos erupted, everything was in disarray.

Originally, after Li Guan issued the order for Tranquil Moon cultivators to return to the battleship and await orders, things got somewhat chaotic, now with the Blood Race launching a large-scale attack, things have become even more chaotic.

Tranquil Moon cultivators could no longer return to the battleship, among them, who knew how many Blood Race were hidden, making cultivators of other three galaxies fight the enemy with hands tied, fearing stealth attacks by others.

Lu Ye gazed at the chaotic battlefield, seeing the spreading blood sea from all directions, knowing if he didn't act, the galactic alliance forces and even Three Worlds cultivators would be buried here!

Even Lu Ye himself might not escape unscathed!

But on such a large battlefield, he alone as a Constellation, could he really have the power to reverse the dire situation if he were cultivated to Sun Blaze?

Lu Ye suddenly flipped his hand, an object appearing in his grasp.

He glanced down, uncertain whether his idea would work, and even if it did, the extent of its effect was unpredictable, but given the circumstances, treating a dead horse like a living one seemed to be the only option.

He placed the object between his lips, fingers pressing several sound holes, circulating his breath, and gently played.

Even in the stellar space, there was a deep sound emitted from the object within his hand.

Amidst the panic, surrounding cultivators curiously looked over, none understanding why Lu Ye took out a bone ocarina to play, and even played it so poorly!

But no one paid attention to him, as the approaching blood sea made everyone focus on self-preservation.

A figure suddenly appeared beside Lu Ye, it was Luan Xiao'e.

She seemed unharmed, with her spear stained with fresh blood, probably from killing the Insect Race, being a Moon Jade Late Stage, barring Sun Blaze, hardly anyone posed a threat to her life on this battlefield.

Gazing at Lu Ye, Luan Xiao'e wore a face filled with guilt: "Sorry!"

Originally, Kang Cheng had instructed them to head to Indeterminate first, and discuss advancing to All Phenomena Ocean after the battle here ended, yet Luan Xiao'e found this opportunity rare and wanted to experience it, now trouble came after seeking excitement.

The Three Worlds cultivators left Qingli Dao World with high aspirations, yet here they were, about to be wiped out by the Blood Race and Insect Race.

Lu Ye continued playing the bone ocarina for a while, then put it away in disappointment, saying, "Participating in the battle here was a decision made by Fellow Daoist and me together, and any consequences will be borne by both of us; Fellow Daoist need not blame herself. Moreover, even if we'd gone to Indeterminate first, we might not have avoided this catastrophe; once the Blood Race and Insect Race capture the galactic alliance forces, they would first target Indeterminate Galaxy, dragging us into it there as well."

And once the Blood Race and Insect Race take control of the four galaxies, the first unlucky one would be the Jade Conch Galaxy.

"Fellow Daoist, please help me gather the Three Worlds cultivators, the current situation only allows unity as the faint chance for self-preservation!" Lu Ye urged.

Luan Xiao'e nodded: "Let's act separately."

Lu Ye's form vanished in a flash, reappearing at a part of the battlefield, not far from Team D-9.

Chapter 1599 - After All, Lu Yi Ye Is Still Lu Yi Ye

At this moment, the members of Team D-9 were desperately killing enemies, accompanied by two other teams from the Nine Provinces.

The battlefield was chaotic, and the cultivators from the four galaxies were bewildered and at a loss. However, the Nine Provinces cultivators, having experienced many large and small battles, possessed a certain degree of adaptability and performed much better than the cultivators from the four galaxies when faced with such sudden changes.

They were trying to gather, but unfortunately, due to being too scattered, only two teams managed to join with Team D-9.

Other teams adhered to a principle of proximity, closing in on each other. Their actions undoubtedly influenced the cultivators from the Qingli Dao World and the Jade Conch World, who also began converging towards the Nine Provinces teams.

"Follow me!" Lu Ye arrived beside the members of Team D-9, called out, and then charged forward with his blade.

Everyone followed silently, closely keeping up.

Lu Ye moved swiftly like a shuttle, advancing across the battlefield. The Blood Race had not yet spread their Blood Sea to the center of the battlefield, having only completed the perimeter. Moreover, the Insect Race was already at a disadvantage in this part of the battlefield, so they encountered little resistance along the way.

The further they went, the more cultivators from the Three Worlds joined them. Not only that, but even some cultivators from the four galaxies autonomously joined in, enlarging the group of cultivators following Lu Ye.

Time was pressing, and Lu Ye barely had enough time to gather all the cultivators from the Three Worlds. Seeing the Blood Race's Blood Sea starting to seep in, he had no choice but to lead the cultivators back to a battleship.

Second Senior Sister Shui Yuan and Hua Ci were on that battleship.

The two of them were healing cultivators, not skilled in combat. Therefore, during the previous battle, they stayed on the battleship, ready to tend to any injured cultivators who returned for treatment.

Yaya was also left on this battleship by Lu Ye, entrusted to Hua Ci's care.

If there was still any relatively safe place on the entire battlefield, it was this battleship.

As Lu Ye was leading a large group of cultivators back, Luan Xiao'e coincidentally returned. She had gathered more cultivators from the Three Worlds because her cultivation level was higher, allowing her to move faster.

Lu Ye glanced around, his face grave. Despite their best efforts, he and Luan Xiao'e had only managed to gather about half of the Three Worlds cultivators. It was unrealistic to send messages for others to gather now, as fighting was occurring everywhere. Even if the Three Worlds cultivators had time to check audio talismans, lacking strong abilities meant they couldn't get through.

With the Blood Sea closing in and eighty percent of the battlefield already engulfed, the position of the battleship was also endangered. Luan Xiao'e hastily said, "I'll go look for more. I leave this side to you!"

Lu Ye quickly stopped her. "You stay, I'll go look!"

Once the Blood Sea fully spreads, Luan Xiao'e, despite her Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation, wouldn't be able to do much, and her higher cultivation might attract the attention of Blood Race experts.

In contrast, Lu Ye, with his Constellation Late Stage level and equipped with Blood Race secret techniques, found it more convenient to act, making it a more stable choice to leave Luan Xiao'e in charge here.

Lu Ye then looked at Lann Qiyue. "Junior Sister, I'll leave this place to you!"

To contend with the Blood Race within the Blood Sea, using similar Blood Race secret techniques was undoubtedly the best approach. Lu Ye needed to find the scattered Three Worlds cultivators, making Lann Qiyue's stay to assist Luan Xiao'e timely.

On the way, Lu Ye had already taught Lann Qiyue the Saintliness Restraint Technique and the Blood Resonance Technique. He had learned these Blood Race secret techniques back in the Taichu Realm through the Blood Race; the former could conceal one's saintliness for collaboration with other Blood Races, while the latter was for seeking out other Blood Races, which wasn't very useful at the moment.

Though Lann Qiyue's cultivation level wasn't high, she had refined a drop of Sacred Blood, possessing saintliness herself. Using the Saintliness Restraint Technique, she could conceal her saintliness and release it at the right moment, resulting in miraculous effects.

With Luan Xiao'e and Lann Qiyue coordinating, and Yaya overseeing in secret, the battleship wouldn't have much trouble unless a Blood Race Sun Blaze expert was hiding.

Lann Qiyue understood Lu Ye's intention, nodding solemnly. "Rest assured, Senior Brother, I know what to do!"

Lu Ye's figure flickered, Void Spirit Runes appeared underfoot, and he vanished, reappearing within a sea of blood.

Over time, the Blood Race's Blood Sea had nearly completed its spread over the battlefield, with only the area where the Sun Blazes were still free from it.

However, three Blood Race experts had joined the battle with the Sun Blazes, causing that area to be engulfed in turbulent blood waves, surging like a tide.

Within the Blood Sea, Lu Ye immediately activated a Blood Race secret technique, expanding his own blood sea around him. With his current Constellation Late Stage cultivation, his blood Qi was abundant, allowing the coverage of this blood sea to be vast. Within this area, anything could be sensed at a mere thought.

A group of cultivators were at that moment aimlessly wandering within the Blood Sea, struggling to fend off the Blood Race's attacks, convinced they were doomed. Suddenly, their sight and hearing cleared; previously, the interference from the Blood Sea rendered them unable to detect the Blood Race's movements timely, hindering them in every way. But now, that interference mysteriously vanished, allowing them to perceive every nearby enemy movement clearly.

They were immediately puzzled because such a situation could only mean one thing: a Blood Race member was secretly assisting them. But could such a thing really happen?

I can't figure out why, but this help is very real. Instantly lifting their spirits, they took advantage of the Blood Race's attack to catch them off guard.

Just after dealing with a few Blood Race members here, the cultivators noticed a kind of guidance coming from the Blood Sea accompanying them. At the same time, a voice echoed in their ears: "Follow me!"

Unsure who was speaking, the cultivators nevertheless followed the guidance and rushed forward.

Although still within the Blood Sea, the previous interference was gone, and as they progressed, the number of cultivators gathering around them increased.

Among them were many cultivators from the four galaxies and the Three Worlds. Taking a brief moment amidst the chaos to exchange stories, they found their experiences were the same: originally trapped in

the Blood Sea without a sense of direction, the interference suddenly vanished, and then there was a peculiar guidance directing their way.

Cultivators from the four galaxies weren't sure what this was, only those from the Nine Provinces understood it was Lu Ye's handiwork.

Back when the Nine Provinces cultivator army launched an expedition against the Blood Refinement World, the Blood Race's many strong individuals were entirely subdued by Lu Ye.

The current Blood Race they were encountering were much more powerful than those from the Blood Refinement World, yet the subduing effect seemed unchanged.

This could not help but evoke a feeling of admiration; Lu Yiye is indeed still Lu Yiye, able to turn the tide in the Nine Provinces, and just as dazzling on the starboat.

Within the Blood Sea cast by Lu Ye, the number of cultivators was growing steadily larger, including both Constellation and Moon Jade. These Moon Jade cultivators were from the four galaxies. Initially struggling against the Blood Race's Moon Jade cultivators, they found, inexplicably, that those Blood Race Moon Jade suddenly became weaklings, their strength plummeting, easily slain on the spot.

Even now, these few Moon Jade cultivators couldn't fathom why.

After a half day, Lu Ye led the large group of cultivators back to the battleship's location.

Here, numerous Blood Race members were surging within the Blood Sea, besieging the battleship. Even with Luan Xiao'e, a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator, personally stationed there, and Lann Qiyue assisting in secret, the situation was precarious.

The group of cultivators led back by Lu Ye came at just the right time. With their sudden increase in strength, they quickly routed the Blood Race besieging the battleship.

Many cultivators joined forces with Luan Xiao'e and the others, greatly enhancing the battleship's self-defense capabilities, while Lu Ye quickly charged back into the fray.

He had just scoured the battlefield and found all Three Worlds cultivators within reach; those he couldn't find were likely already fallen.

Now, there was a sufficient gathering of cultivators at the battleship, about ten Moon Jade among them, securing short-term safety. But the strategic decision for this battle wasn't with the Constellation or the Moon Jade.

It lay with the Sun Blaze!

If Ning Bu'ao and his group could prevail, then this battle could be won. If Ning Bu'ao and the others were defeated, then the fight would be lost, and all human race cultivators on the battlefield would be slaughtered!

So Lu Ye wanted to see if he could aid Ning Bu'ao and the others with his strength.

Saintliness should suppress the Blood Race Sun Blaze, at least due to the Bloodline suppression, irrespective of cultivation.

The Blood Sea of the Blood Race army hadn't extended to the Sun Blaze battlefield, because even if it did, it wouldn't matter. The intensity of the battle there was beyond their capacity to assist. Lu Ye arrived at the edge of the Blood Sea and glanced in that direction, a heaviness settling in his heart.

Though he couldn't clearly see the specifics within the Sun Blaze battlefield, the power fluctuations alone indicated Ning Bu'ao and the others were in dire straits.

Three against six, with each person nearly having to face two equivalent level adversaries, plus the Blood Race Sun Blaze exerting a Blood Sea to create a battlefield advantage, naturally leaving Ning Bu'ao and the others struggling.

Initially, Lu Ye intended to stealthily infiltrate the Sun Blaze battlefield, then unleash his own saintliness to surprise the Blood Race Sun Blaze, but the current situation made it clear that this wouldn't work.

The aftermath of the Sun Blaze clash alone was beyond his endurance, making approaching the battlefield impossible.

Even if he managed to struggle his way there, he'd be constantly at risk of death, potentially struck down inadvertently by a single blow from any Sun Blaze, a grievous loss.

Should he let Yaya send him across? But Yaya's condition was unusual; whenever she used Sun Blaze power, she would fall into a weakened state, and the period she could wield Sun Blaze power seemed short; Lu Ye wasn't sure she could persevere.

Most importantly, even if he managed to suppress the Blood Race using saintliness, there were still only three Sun Blaze on their side. If they couldn't slay the Blood Race Sun Blaze swiftly, it would be futile.

Saintliness merely suppressed the Blood Race's power, not rendering them defenseless.

If Yaya became weak, and without anyone to protect him, not only would he be in danger, but Yaya would suffer as well.

Chapter 1600 - Beat Him Up

The only plan now is to escape!

Escape to Indeterminate, while the battle here is unresolved, warn Jyang Shang in advance. As long as Jyang Shang acts quickly and can contact the Sun Blaze from the other three star systems to form a cultivator army, it might be possible to contend with the Blood Race and Insect Race here.

Lu Ye flashed forward towards the battleship's location. With the Blood Sea enveloping him, even if his actions seemed suspicious, the Blood Race didn't pay much attention, allowing him to take advantage of the chaos to kill quite a few Blood Race and Insect Race members.

Returning along the way, he brought back many human race cultivators, presenting his strategy to Luan Xiao'e, who recognized it as the only solution and immediately agreed with Lu Ye's plan.

The battleship immediately set off, breaking through outwards, and aboard, all cultivators were on high alert, their expressions severe.

No one knew if this breakout would succeed, but at this point, they could only take a gamble.

The battleship, initially anchored here, had already attracted the attention of quite a few Blood Race experts. But with Luan Xiao'e, a Moon Jade Late Stage, here and Lann Qiyue quietly assisting on the side, the Blood Race had been unable to capture the battleship.

Once Lu Ye returned with reinforcements, the ability to defend increased significantly, leaving the Blood Race with even fewer options.

If the battleship remained here, the Blood Race wouldn't pay much attention, knowing they couldn't capture the battleship; they could simply target others and address this thorn once the battle's outcome was decided.

However, with the battleship setting off, indicating a breakout attempt, the Blood Race could no longer tolerate it.

From all directions within the Blood Sea, a large number of Blood Race members gathered immediately, including Moon Jade realm cultivators, their figures like spectral bewitchments, weaving unpredictably through the Blood Sea, launching various attacks from all sides.

The battleship's protective array was activated, and its power was considerable. However, the Blood Sea of the Blood Race had strong corrosive properties, proving to be the nemesis of such protective arrays.

Thus, the battleship had only traveled for less than the time to brew half a cup of tea in the Blood Sea before the protective array was worn out and destroyed.

Without the protective array, the cultivators could only directly face the Blood Race's assaults.

In such a battlefield, the magic cultivators' power was limited. As releasing magic and spells within the Blood Sea faces layers of resistance, reducing their power significantly, whereas the Blood Path Secret Techniques of the Blood Race are unaffected within the Blood Sea.

Therefore, in the Blood Sea, close combat is the best choice, but who dares to leave the battleship and dive into the Blood Sea to fight enemies in such an environment?

All the individuals could do was to huddle together and protect themselves, in which the Nine Provinces cultivators had an advantage as most of their battle arrays focused on defense.

Lu Ye stood on the battleship, his brows tightly furrowed.

In the current situation, he also felt powerless. Previously, while wandering around, he could activate the Blood Sea Technique, disguising himself as a Blood Race to kill recklessly, as he always kept moving, never staying in one place even if suspicious, drawing no attention from the Blood Race.

But being on the battleship now, continuing as before would quickly expose weaknesses.

Yet, without taking such actions, it seemed unfeasible. In his perception, there were seven or eight Insect Race Moon Jades participating in the attack on the battleship. While the number of allied Moon Jades wasn't small, they were merely defending, and sooner or later, there would be lapses. When lapses occur, the Moon Jades may survive, but the constellations will suffer.

With a thought arising, Lu Ye hurriedly transmitted audio alerts in all directions, instructing their side's Moon Jades to prepare.

Then he quietly expanded his Blood Sea, merging it with the surrounding Blood Sea.

The Blood Seas of the Blood Race can mutually fuse, enhancing the volume while also strengthening the Blood Race, which is why an enormous Blood Sea covers the battlefield, created by numerous Blood Race members using the Blood Race secret technique to merge.

As the Blood Seas merged, Lu Ye focused on sensing, quietly waiting.

Until a certain moment, he suddenly activated his saintliness, opened his mouth, and shouted, "Now!"

Almost as he spoke, Luan Xiao'e and others, who had been secretly prepared, simultaneously activated their powers, each looking in different directions.

Originally, the Blood Race Moon Jades ghostly coming and going within the Blood Sea made it impossible to pinpoint their location, and even with a desire to counterattack, it was futile. But at this moment, it seemed they really saw the figures of those Blood Race Moon Jades.

Not only that, they were astonished to find that these Blood Race Moon Jades, each one of them, had stiff figures and fearful expressions, like encountering an extremely terrifying situation.

In the next instant, the human race Moon Jades on the battleship sprang into action, each charging in different directions to attack.

The powerful vitality at that moment withered one after another, and in an instant, around the battleship, all the Blood Race Moon Jades, without exception, died completely!

Even those constellations were easily executed by the human race Moon Jades.

Around the battleship, there was a sudden clearing.

When Luan Xiao'e and others returned to the battleship, they each gazed at Lu Ye with eyes filled with doubt and amazement. No one knew what mysterious technique he had employed, for when they attacked their chosen opponents, those targets had no power to resist, easily killed as if they were helpless chicks.

This marvelous method was simply unheard of.

A member from the Daluo Galaxy's Moon Jade spoke excitedly: "Fellow Daoist Lu, if you have such means..."

Lu Ye knew what he wanted to say, but before he could speak, Lu Ye shook his head and said: "I cannot intervene in the Sun Blaze battlefield!"

That Daluo Moon Jade's face instantly darkened.

Unable to intervene in the Sun Blaze battlefield, even if Lu Ye had means, he couldn't display them. They could have triumphed over this battlefield with Lu Ye's assistance, but if the issue at the Sun Blaze level isn't resolved, what's the point?

Once the battle at the Sun Blaze level concludes, what awaits them is surely annihilation, so they must hurry and escape!

As they spoke, Lu Ye's expression suddenly changed, and he turned to look in a direction.

From that direction, an extremely powerful Mental Consciousness rudely spread over.

"Sun Blaze!" Luan Xiao'e's face went pale, and the other Moon Jades wore similarly grim expressions.

Lu Ye knew that what he feared most was happening – the Blood Race brought not three, but four Sun Blaze fighters!

Three of them first charged at Ning Bu'ao, Li Guan, and Luo Xie and others, while one had remained hidden until this moment!

Primarily, it was the actions of Lu Ye and others that caused the Blood Race such severe losses; eliminating seven or eight Blood Race Moon Jades and many Constellations in one fell swoop caught the attention of the hidden Sun Blaze.

Along with that spreading Mental Consciousness was the terrifying pressure of Sun Blaze, swiftly approaching from the depths of the Blood Sea.

Luan Xiao'e and others wore bitter expressions, thinking with the current power of their battleship and Lu Ye's mystical methods, escaping should not be a problem. But now it seemed they were too naive, facing Sun Blaze, everyone on this battleship might die!

Lu Ye flashed beside Yaya, who was riding Amber, and seriously stared at her: "Yaya, someone is coming to kill daddy!"

Yaya was busy playing with Amber, oblivious to however urgent the situation was. But Lu Ye's words made her suddenly sit upright, her eyes widened significantly, glaring at the direction where the Blood Race Sun Blaze was arriving, with fury on her little face!

Lu Ye raised his hand to scoop her off Amber, gazing intently at the same direction, and transmitted audio: "When I tell you to act, only then do you act!"

Yaya nodded seriously: "I'll listen to daddy!"

Lu Ye was embarrassed, although he always treated Yaya as his final trump card, he didn't expect he'd need to use her.

Though Yaya was Sun Blaze, she ultimately looked like a child and usually behaved like a child.

Using Yaya to help get through the hard times, Lu Ye felt a bit guilty, as if he were an irresponsible parent, using his child to handle things he couldn't manage.

The Blood Race Sun Blaze arrived quickly; he evidently wasn't too cautious about this side, as the strongest here per his sense seemed to be Luan Xiao'e, which required no attention.

His only desire was to figure out what happened in that instant that led to such grievous losses among his cultivators.

In an instant, a figure descended before the battleship, blocking the way.

Even though the Blood Sea blocked, everyone could still make out the figure of this Blood Race clearly; looking almost no different from most Blood Races, with skin blood-red, tall stature, sharp ears.

However, his expression was filled with menace.

Seeing how close he got, Lu Ye called out in his mind, indeed fearing the opponent wouldn't come closer. His Blood Sea coverage was large yet ultimately limited; his saintliness could only suppress within his Blood Sea coverage, beyond which he couldn't suppress.

If this Sun Blaze remotely deployed Blood Race secret techniques, he could do nothing.

But if the opponent relied on their overwhelming strength to approach, then no need for courtesy.

"Yaya..." Lu Ye transmitted audio while giving her a nudge on her back: "Hit him!"

When the Blood Race Sun Blaze arrived, he examined Lu Ye and others, seeing Lu Ye push a child out, puzzled. Yaya launched herself like an arrow before him, her tiny fist aiming straight at his head.

The Blood Race Sun Blaze frowned, unsure what was happening, but the next moment his expression changed, because seemingly ordinary Yaya in the attack released a fierce Sun Blaze aura!

He instinctively raised a hand to block, but at that instant, a terrifying suppression descended from above; this Blood Race Sun Blaze instantly felt his spirit force's operation stalling greatly, his blood Qi significantly affected.

The Sun Blaze's aura suddenly dropped, amidst a scream, he hurriedly retreated.

Blood splattered, mixing with broken limbs and flesh; Yaya's punch shattered his hands.