

Humanity 1661

Chapter 1661 - Far Too Biased

Since ancient times, apart from the Sacred Beast, no flesh and blood can enter the Soul Race ancestral land, not because of the inherent mystique of the ancestral land itself, but because of the will of the ancestral land.

The will of the ancestral land does not allow flesh and blood to enter, so flesh and blood cannot come in.

If the will of the ancestral land allows Lu Ye to enter, then Lu Ye can enter.

Similarly, if the will of the ancestral land permits, Lu Ye can naturally refine the second Divine Lotus, because each Divine Lotus is a manifestation of the ancestral land's will.

Hun Que gazed at the direction of Lu Ye in the Lotus Pond, truly unable to discern what was so special about this human cultivator to warrant such treatment by the will of the ancestral land.

But his ability to enter the ancestral land and refine the second Divine Lotus in itself explains the situation.

Hun Que watched with great interest, feeling faintly that refining two Divine Lotuses might not be the end, but perhaps just the beginning!

In the Lotus Pond, Lu Ye confirmed one thing, although he had refined two Divine Lotuses, in reality, there was still only one in the Divine Sea, except that it seemed to have undergone some mysterious change...

Thus, could refining more Divine Lotuses induce greater transformations in the two-color Divine Lotus in the Divine Sea, perhaps it could even become a three-color?

Originally, after refining one Divine Lotus, Lu Ye had no further desires, intending only to stay here for three days to refine some pond water and strengthen his own psyche.

But with this new discovery, he was instantly invigorated, immediately moving in a certain direction.

Soon, a spot of light entered his vision, upon closer inspection, it was a single-color Divine Lotus, which Lu Ye did not disdain, and promptly extended his Mental Consciousness over it, just like before.

The Mental Consciousness smoothly infiltrated the Divine Lotus, and when he withdrew it, the Divine Lotus was similarly absorbed into the Divine Sea.

Upon careful examination, the Divine Sea still contained only a two-color Divine Lotus, but, compared to before, there was a modest yet noticeable transformation!

Sure enough, as he thought, his Divine Sea's Divine Lotus could fuse with other Divine Lotuses, evolving towards higher qualities.

Instantly, the vexation over refining only one two-color Divine Lotus dissipated, as this method of transformation meant there was no need for regret; as long as he refined enough Divine Lotuses, the ultimate quality of the Divine Lotus he could obtain would surely surpass two colors.

He eagerly continued his search.

There were quite a number of Divine Lotuses in the Lotus Pond, continually nurturing, so essentially, every now and then, Lu Ye could find a new Divine Lotus.

But as Lih Shang previously mentioned, most of the Divine Lotuses in the Lotus Pond are of mediocre quality, so he mostly came across single-color and two-color ones.

In just half an hour, Lu Ye had refined approximately ten Divine Lotuses, and upon refining the tenth, he distinctly felt a subtle transformation occurring within his Divine Sea.

Quickly submerging his mind to observe, he discovered the two-color Divine Lotus within the Divine Sea had remarkably begun to emit three-color radiance, with an added touch of black alongside the previous purple-white.

It truly had become a three-color Divine Lotus!

By comparison, the effect of nurturing the psyche by the three-color Divine Lotus was significantly stronger than the two-color, providing a clearer and more robust feedback through nurturing the Soul Power.

And this was merely three colors; what about four or five colors?

Lu Ye's heart surged with excitement, never expecting such an opportunity simply by escorting Lih Shang back to the ancestral land.

Such benefits, aside from the Soul Race ancestral land, would likely be impossible to find across the stellar space.

In one hour, two colors transformed into three colors, yet with the Lotus Pond only open for three days, trying to evolve his Divine Lotus to five colors would be a lengthy challenge.

Lu Ye promptly sprang into action.

Wherever he went, one Divine Lotus after another, single-color and two-color, was continually refined, leaving Hun Que and the elders of the Soul Race Sun Blaze watching in wide-eyed amazement.

They had lived for so many years and had never witnessed something so peculiar, even though Hun Que had explained it was the will of the ancestral land, they found it hard to accept!

The ancestral land, after all, was the Soul Race's ancestral land, yet even the Soul Race with the most outstanding aptitude can only refine one Divine Lotus in the Lotus Pond, like them, having reached Sun Blaze, each had a five-color Divine Lotus in their Divine Sea.

But even they could not refine a second Divine Lotus when they entered the Lotus Pond back then.

A mere human cultivator could!

It seems the will of the ancestral land is overly partial.

Of course, these thoughts were merely shuffled around in their minds, absolutely not daring to voice them.

Xuyuan now felt rather certain that this human cultivator named Lu Yiye must either be the reincarnation of that great power or have some connection to that figure, otherwise, he wouldn't receive such favor from the Soul Race ancestral land. The possibility of the former was low, so likely the latter.

Amidst the watchful gaze of many Sun Blaze elders, Lu Ye continued to refine numerous Divine Lotuses yet for the three-color Divine Lotus, the enhancement provided by single-color and two-color was not as apparent as before.

Lu Ye realized that to expedite the evolution of the three-color Lotus, he needed to seek higher quality Divine Lotuses, ideally a five-color one, achieving perfection in one stroke!

Unfortunately, throughout the entire Lotus Pond, there were only two or three five-color Divine Lotuses, and the Lotus Pond itself was vast, making it exceedingly difficult to find a five-color one.

He didn't find the five-color one, but he finally found a three-color one!

Following the tricolor glow, he arrived in front of a three-color Divine Lotus, only to see a Soul Race cultivator attempting to refine it.

The Soul Race cultivator, seeing Lu Ye approaching, visibly tensed up for a moment...

Because the Lotus Pond contest allows for mutual attacks, it's not a place for peaceful coexistence. After all, there are only a few five-color Divine Lotuses. If many from the Soul Race discover them at the same time, naturally, whoever has the stronger might has the right to refine.

Moreover, refining a Divine Lotus itself requires consuming some time, which further adds to the possibility of conflict.

Soul Race members entering the Lotus Pond are all in the Constellation Realm. The Soul Power fluctuations on this Soul Race cultivator had the obvious strength of the Constellation Late Stage. Seeing Lu Ye approaching, he was both vigilant and continued refining the Divine Lotus in front of him.

Lu Ye stood not far away, quietly observing and waiting.

After all, he was a guest. The host allowing him to participate in the Lotus Pond contest was already a kindness, and he had already gained something. If this three-color Divine Lotus was unclaimed, he would naturally refine it freely. But since there's already someone eyeing it, it's not appropriate to snatch it away.

Just wait and see, what if the guy can't refine it...

It's said that it's quite difficult for the Soul Race to refine a Divine Lotus.

Whether it was due to the pressure of Lu Ye's presence or the Soul Race cultivator's lack of opportunity, after quite a while, he still wasn't able to refine the three-color Divine Lotus. Annoyed, he couldn't help but glare at Lu Ye: "What are you looking at?"

Lu Ye smiled at him without speaking. He had already shown enough goodwill. If the other party was unreasonable, then they'd have to duke it out.

Fortunately, the Soul Race cultivator wasn't unreasonable and had no intention of having a fight with Lu Ye. Determining that he couldn't refine the three-color Divine Lotus, he said, "Give it a try if you want, it's not like you can necessarily refine it either!"

At that, Lu Ye stepped forward: "Well, I'll humbly accept then!"

"Hmph!" The Soul Race cultivator moved aside a bit, then saw Lu Ye standing before the three-color Divine Lotus. As Lu Ye glanced at the Divine Lotus, he vaguely sensed traces of Mental Consciousness surging from Lu Ye, and the next instant, the three-color Divine Lotus disappeared in a flash!

Lu Ye nodded slightly to the Soul Race cultivator: "Thank you!"

Walked away.

Leaving the Soul Race cultivator standing there dumbfounded, watching his figure grow distant!

What had just happened? The three-color Divine Lotus, which he had put so much effort into but failed to refine, was casually refined by someone else just like that? From start to finish, it only took a moment of time.

He simply couldn't believe his eyes!

How frustrating, why is it that others can get their opportunities so easily, while it's so difficult for him?

Soon he calmed himself, thinking that the three-color was nothing; to refine a four-color or five-color is the real opportunity. Earlier, he was just testing the waters a little; failing to refine the three-color doesn't mean he can't refine the four-color or five-color. Perhaps there's an even better chance awaiting him!

Forcefully comforting himself, the Soul Race cultivator left in an angry huff.

Meanwhile, Lu Ye was inspecting the Divine Lotus in the Divine Sea, and indeed, after refining a three-color one, the original three-color Divine Lotus had changed considerably, showing noticeable signs of evolving towards four-color. Lu Ye felt that at this rate, as long as he refined three or four more three-color ones, it should evolve.

In this Lotus Pond, the four-color and five-color Divine Lotuses were hard to find, but there were quite a few three-color ones.

Target, the five-color Divine Lotus, Lu Ye was confident he'd achieve it within three days!

Right now, the Sun Blaze elders observing the Lotus Pond contest were already numb. One by one, they all had the big words "biased" in their minds!

Because they noticed that the newly nurturing Divine Lotuses in the Lotus Pond were basically all surrounding Lu Yiye, many of which appeared right along his path.

This meant he could continuously encounter new Divine Lotuses and then claim them for his use.

If they were told that there wasn't some ancestral land will secretly assisting, they wouldn't believe it even if beaten to death.

Calculating from the opening of the Lotus Pond until now, in just four hours, this guy had refined over a hundred Divine Lotuses!

Yet he didn't seem satisfied, obviously searching around.

But what's the point in refining so many Divine Lotuses? Logically speaking, for a person, even if one Divine Lotus isn't enough, three to five should be. Over a hundred... he can't possibly be thinking of taking them out to give as gifts, can he?

That would be a bit too much!

"Biased, too biased!" A Sun Blaze elder couldn't help but mutter softly to himself.

Because he suddenly discovered that right in Lu Ye's path, a four-color Divine Lotus was rapidly nurturing.

Previously, it was fine when the Divine Lotuses nurturing around Lu Ye were just single-colored or double-colored, not even a three-color, and now suddenly there's a four-color.

Why not just give him a five-color!

Chapter 1662 - Five Colors... Not the End

"Watch your words!" Hun Que spoke softly. The Soul Race has had this peaceful living space from ancient times to the present entirely due to the will of the ancestral land. The Divine Lotus embodies this will. It naturally grants favors to whomever it wishes, and it's not anyone else's place to comment.

Yet the reasoning is just that... Watching the commotion in the Lotus Pond, even Hun Que couldn't help but feel that the will of the ancestral land was a bit biased.

No Soul Race member has ever been treated like this.

In the Lotus Pond, Lu Ye saw the four-color glow ahead, immediately understanding his good fortune.

This was the first time he had seen a Divine Lotus above three colors. Approaching closely, it was indeed a four-color Divine Lotus. He instantly extended and withdrew his Mental Consciousness, causing the four-color Divine Lotus to disappear.

Just after refining the four-color Divine Lotus, he felt a presence approaching nearby.

Soon something arrived; Lu Ye looked closely and realized it was the Soul Race cultivator he'd met before.

The person paused upon seeing Lu Ye, apparently surprised to meet him again so soon.

He had no particular fondness for Lu Ye and initially intended to ignore him, but curiosity got the better of him. "Is there a four-color Divine Lotus being nurtured here?" he asked.

"No!" Lu Ye replied with a straightforward shake of his head.

The Soul Race member gave him a doubtful look. Was there really none? He thought he saw four-color radiance just now, but why did it vanish suddenly?

It was impossible for the person in front to have refined it; he had just refined a three-color lotus right under his nose. How could he have refined a four-color too?

It seemed, perhaps, he was imagining things.

Uninterested in any further exchange with Lu Ye, the Soul Race member soon departed.

Lu Ye eagerly examined his Divine Sea and discovered that the original three-color Divine Lotus had transformed into a four-color one, showing a clear trend of evolving toward five-color.

This undoubtedly affirmed his initial speculation was correct. With continued refinement, he was bound to obtain a five-color Divine Lotus!

At this moment, the four-color Divine Lotus in the Divine Sea was much stronger for nurturing the psyche than the original two-color, leaving Lu Ye eagerly anticipating the effects of the five-color Divine Lotus.

Lu Ye continued forward.

His luck was good, constantly finding single-color and two-color Divine Lotuses to refine. Faintly, Lu Ye felt this was likely due to the abundance of these types. After entering the pond, Soul Race members naturally prioritized searching for higher-quality Divine Lotuses. If they couldn't refine those, only then would they settle for lower-quality ones.

By now, the Lotus Pond had only been open for four to six hours, and the Soul Race members were probably all focused on the Divine Lotuses above three colors. Naturally, no one paid attention to these single and double-colored ones.

Not minding, Lu Ye gladly accepted whatever came his way!

Occasionally he encountered Soul Race members fighting over a three-color or four-color Divine Lotus.

Lu Ye didn't join in the scramble because, at this rate, even if he only refined single and double-colored ones, he would acquire a five-color Divine Lotus within three days — making it unnecessary to compete with other Soul Race members for the three and four-colored ones.

If he happened to come across one, it was no harm refining it leisurely. He was, after all, a guest here; it wouldn't be proper to snatch the host's fortunes.

With luck on his side, the evolution of the four-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea proceeded smoothly.

Another four hours passed. After Lu Ye refined the last three-color Divine Lotus he encountered, he promptly sensed a significant change in the Divine Lotus within his Divine Sea.

Upon careful observation, the Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea indeed transformed into five colors.

Silently perceiving it, the effectiveness of the five-color Divine Lotus was significantly stronger than that of the four-color. Soul Power, when nurtured through the Divine Lotus, clearly received growth feedback.

The major achievement was accomplished!

But speaking of it, his experience was somewhat peculiar. According to Lih Shang, the Soul Race could only refine one Divine Lotus here; refining a second was impossible. Yet how many had he refined?

And with each refinement, the Divine Lotus could continuously evolve within his Divine Sea, which was clearly abnormal.

The Soul Race couldn't possibly achieve this — otherwise, Lih Shang wouldn't have failed to inform him.

So why was this?

Was it that the first two-color Divine Lotus he refined had some peculiar characteristic, or was it due to other reasons?

He recalled the Soul Race ancestral land; from ancient times till now, only Sacred Beasts could enter — no flesh-and-blood beings. Entering here was likely thanks to the Talent Tree. When wrapped by that unique refinement, Lu Ye distinctly felt the Talent Tree resonate!

So was it also due to the Talent Tree that he could continuously refine the Divine Lotus and let it evolve?

But he had not sensed any reaction from the Talent Tree during this process. In other words, the Talent Tree played no role in the Divine Lotus' evolution.

This was quite strange.

Unable to discern it at the moment, he dared not investigate further.

Now having acquired the five-color Divine Lotus, Lu Ye prepared to peacefully refine the pool water, but just as he was about to do so, a three-color bloom appeared nearby — evidently a newly nurtured three-color Divine Lotus.

Above the Lotus Pond, seeing Lu Ye finally come to a halt from his busy efforts, the Sun Blazes of the Soul Race breathed a sigh of relief.

It had been less than a day, yet how many Divine Lotuses had this young fellow refined? They couldn't even count them, surely a few hundred at least. Those single and double-colored ones were no big deal; even the Soul Race itself barely regarded them. But he had also refined some three and four-colored ones.

Here is the translation:

It truly makes one feel heartbroken.

Although it's unclear why this human has thoughts of settling down, it's ultimately a good thing for the other Soul Race members. The elders truly fear that this human will continue to refine, and in due time, will refine all the Divine Lotus from the Lotus Pond, leaving others empty-handed, which would be disastrous.

Of course, it's impossible to be completely without harvest; some Soul Race members have already refined their own Divine Lotus, though not in abundant quantity. More Soul Race members are still waiting and observing, hoping to find higher quality Divine Lotus.

No matter what, it's best if this human boy can settle down and not run around.

However, just as the elders had this thought, they saw Lu Ye, who showed signs of settling down, unexpectedly refine another three-color Divine Lotus that appeared nearby.

At this sight, the elders couldn't help but sigh, feeling that with this opening of the Lotus Pond, the benefits their clan's cultivators would gain might not be much...

Inside the Lotus Pond, Lu Ye's expression was extremely peculiar.

He realized that even though his Divine Lotus had turned into five colors, it could still continue to be refined, and after refinement, the five-color Divine Lotus had some changes!

This made him quickly realize one thing.

Five-color Divine Lotus is not the end!

The only reason he believed five-color was the highest quality was due to preconceived notions, because Lih Shang said the highest quality Divine Lotus bred in the Lotus Pond was five-color!

Now it seems that Lih Shang might have been correct, but his understanding was flawed.

Five-color Divine Lotus can still evolve further. If it continues to be refined, could it evolve into six-color, seven-color, or an even higher quality?

Thinking about this, Lu Ye felt a great sense of loss!

Previously, he encountered some three-color and four-color Divine Lotus but didn't participate in competition because he was sure he could get a five-color Divine Lotus within three days.

If he had known that five-color wasn't the end, he wouldn't have overlooked those three-color and four-color ones.

At this moment, he didn't have the mindset of a guest at all. Opportunities are rare; missing them would be a huge regret. Originally, he thought three days would be more than enough, but now he sees... time is tight!

He immediately turned around, heading back the way he came.

Because over there is a four-color Divine Lotus, with three Soul Race members competing and vying for it.

That four-color Divine Lotus... bears the name Lu!

Soon, Lu Ye arrived at the location of that four-color Divine Lotus, and upon closer inspection, saw the four-color brilliance blooming, with surrounding Soul Power constantly fluctuating, indicating that the struggle hadn't ended.

Furthermore, in the competition were not three Soul Race members, but only two.

It seems one Soul Race member knew they were outmatched and voluntarily withdrew!

At this moment, the two Soul Race members in the competition both have Constellation Late Stage cultivation, but the competition among Soul Race members isn't quite like that among general

cultivators, because their bodies aren't made of flesh, so their combat methods mainly involve Psyche Secret Technique.

Various Psyche Secret Techniques are displayed, making a roaring spectacle, with Soul Power constantly colliding and surging, which is quite remarkable.

In such a competition, the party with weaker Soul Power will easily fall behind, and because they are in the Lotus Pond, surrounded by pool water transformed from pure Soul Power, it allows the Soul Race members to easily replenish themselves, so when their strengths are nearly equal, it's difficult to determine a victor.

This is the reason why the two Soul Race members haven't resolved the ownership of the Divine Lotus until now.

Both know the principle of "the longer the night, the more dreams," especially with the four-color Divine Lotus blooming here and their incessant fighting, which might attract the coveting eyes of other clan members, making the situation even more complex.

During their competition, the two Soul Race members were already discussing and reached an agreement: to join forces, and if one side could successfully refine this Divine Lotus, the other would protect them to then search for and seize another four-color or five-color Divine Lotus.

Although the agreement was reached, deciding who should attempt to refine first remained unsettled...

Just at this time, Lu Ye dashed over.

Upon seeing this sight, the two Soul Race members exchanged glances, then simultaneously abandoned their opponent, with Soul Power surging towards Lu Ye!

Clearly intending to first drive Lu Ye away!

The visual manifestation of Soul Race secret techniques resembles magic and spells, but the power source of those spells is spirit force, while Soul Race secret techniques derive from soul power, so although the manifestation is similar, the essence is different.

The Soul Race members are specialized in Psyche Force, making the combined attack of two Constellation Late Stage Soul Race members resistable only to extraordinary Constellation cultivators.

Lu Ye, however, paid no attention, heading straight towards the direction of the four-color Divine Lotus, simultaneously his Mental Consciousness surged, sketching out complex textures before him.

In an instant, an oval-shaped barrier purely condensed from Soul Power, covered with intricate textures, appeared before him.

Sacred Guard!

The Sacred Guard derived from Talent Tree is activated by spirit force into spirit runes; by soul power into divine runes.

Not only the Sacred Guard, other spirit runes derived by him have been tested; most can be activated by soul power. In other words, these derived spirit runes are both spirit and divine runes.

Though Lu Ye hasn't had the chance to display these divine runes until now.

Chapter 1663 - The Legitimate Son and the Bastard Son

Under the protection of the Sacred Guard, Lu Ye didn't pay any attention to the soul techniques of those two Soul Race members and just charged straight through.

The two Soul Race members were also stunned, because they had never seen such a peculiar soul skill before. Although it was strange, they could still see that it was a protective type of soul skill. With their combined efforts, under the same level premise, the opponent couldn't possibly withstand it and was sure to be blocked, maybe even injured a bit.

However, when their soul techniques struck the barrier of the Sacred Guard, an incredible scene appeared.

The barrier merely shook slightly, not damaged in the slightest, and Lu Ye swiftly passed through them.

In a pure comparison of psyche under the same cultivation level, Lu Ye couldn't match the Soul Race. After all, the Soul Race is essentially a soul body, primarily focused on soul body cultivation, which is something no cultivator of any race can compare to.

However, due to his cultivation, Lu Ye had used many treasures that enhanced the psyche.

The Soul Cleansing Water from years ago and the psyche refinement herb he started using in recent years are all items that nourish and strengthen the psyche, especially the psyche refinement herb, which is extremely effective in enhancing the psyche. While training in the internal space of the barghest, Lu Ye's psyche was often damaged, and he always relied on the psyche refinement herb to recover.

In this cycle of damage and recovery, the psyche naturally becomes stronger.

It could be said that the current strength of Lu Ye's psyche may not match the Soul Race, but it's incomparable to any other race.

Moreover, when it comes to psyche confrontations, it's not just about the strength of the psyche but also the use of secret techniques.

While the Soul Race's secret techniques are certainly exquisite, how could the Sacred Guard developed through the Talent Tree be any lesser? At this moment, condensed and outlined through Lu Ye's Soul Power, under a single strike premise, Soul Race members of the same level can't possibly break it.

The two Soul Race members were startled at the scene, their eyes wide open, secretly suspecting that Lu Ye might have used some kind of protective soul treasure. Otherwise, how could the barrier be so resilient?

"Don't even think about it!" Seeing Lu Ye swiftly approaching the four-color Divine Lotus, the two Soul Race members finally reacted, yelling angrily as they hurried after him.

But just as they made a move, Lu Ye was already brushing past the four-color Divine Lotus, and in the same moment, the four-color light disappeared.

The Soul Race members, about to give chase, couldn't help but pause in place, watching Lu Ye's rapidly retreating figure with bewilderment, taking a long time to react.

Where did the four-color Divine Lotus go? The four-color Divine Lotus for which they had been fighting for quite a while, where did it go?

Don't tell me it was refined by that guy just now! They didn't even see him making any refining moves, knowing that refining a four-color Divine Lotus isn't something that happens in a short time, even if done quickly, it takes at least one incense stick's time.

But what's the current situation? That guy just passed by the four-color Divine Lotus, and the Divine Lotus disappeared!

Above the Lotus Pond, Elder Xuyuan felt a headache...

He didn't know what was going on with Lu Ye, his mindset seemed to have changed. Because previously, he would avoid places where Soul Race conflicts happened, but somehow this time, he took the initiative to intervene and even snatched the four-color Divine Lotus.

This human lad's speed in refining the Divine Lotus is unbelievably fast. At such a speed, the clansmen on the Soul Race's side have no competitive edge at all.

With the opening of the Lotus Pond this time, it seems the clansmen truly won't gain much.

At this time, Lu Ye was observing the five-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea, and after refining another four-color one, this five-color Divine Lotus changed even more.

Lu Ye was absolutely certain; the five-color Divine Lotus indeed wasn't the end. It still had the potential to evolve toward a six-color!

This greatly excited his heart; the effect of the five-color Divine Lotus on nurturing the psyche was already strong. What would a higher-quality one be like?

He originally thought that three days would be more than enough, but looking at it now, it might not be sufficient! After all, the higher the quality of the Divine Lotus, the more Divine Lotus needed for the evolution process, and it's an exponential increase.

What to do?

After a brief contemplation, Lu Ye thought of an idea, but whether it would work remains to be verified. If it works, things would become easier.

He needs to find a target to verify it first.

Lu Ye looked around and quickly found a single-color Divine Lotus that no one was paying attention to!

Standing before this single-color Divine Lotus, Lu Ye didn't rush to refine it. With a thought, a flick of his finger, a drop of treasure blood flew out, immediately blooming with crimson light. When the light dissipated, the Treasure Blood Avatar appeared.

Soon, soul consciousness surged within the Treasure Blood Avatar, swiftly refining that single-color Divine Lotus.

Once the Treasure Blood Avatar refined the Divine Lotus, Lu Ye retrieved it and closely observed the changes in the five-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea.

Inexplicably, a power infused into the five-color Divine Lotus, causing it to undergo almost imperceptible changes!

It really works!

The Treasure Blood Avatar is similar to the Talent Tree Avatar, inheriting almost all the characteristics of Lu Ye's main body. Of course, due to limited power within the avatar, it's not suitable for long-term confrontations. Also, compared to the Talent Tree Avatar, its maximum distance from the main body is far less.

However, although the Lotus Pond is large, it's not large enough to cause the Treasure Blood Avatar to lose contact with the main body, so Lu Ye can completely let the Treasure Blood Avatar freely explore in this Lotus Pond.

If three days are not enough for just one person, then just have more.

Currently, he has three drops of treasure blood in his body, which means he can create three Treasure Blood Avatars. If he wants, he can even create a Talent Tree Avatar!

Of course, this is the territory of the Soul Race after all. Lu Ye was not sure if those Sun Blaze experts of the Soul Race were watching. The Treasure Blood Avatar was one thing, but the Talent Tree Avatar couldn't be exposed, as the process of refining it is not the same as the Treasure Blood Avatar that requires separating a part of the Talent Tree first.

Three Treasure Blood Avatars plus the real self, four of me, should be enough, right?

"Disperse!" With a wave of his hand, Lu Ye and his three Treasure Blood Avatars turned into four streams of light, sweeping in four directions.

"This..." The Soul Race's Sun Blaze elders were stunned.

Originally, Lu Ye's efficiency in refining the Divine Lotus was unbelievably high, and in just half a day, he had refined an unknown number of Divine Lotuses.

But since the ancestral will had instructed them to take good care of him, the Sun Blaze elders had let it go.

But what's happening now?

Is this human boy so addicted that he can't stop? Isn't he already satisfied refining them alone, and now he's created three more avatars?

Moreover, these three avatars... even to the eyes of the Sun Blaze experts, they seemed extraordinarily profound. They didn't even know what kind of secret technique could instantly create three lifelike avatars.

"Clan Leader!" A beautiful woman-like Sun Blaze turned to look at Hun Que, her expression filled with resentment.

This is too much. Clan Leader, aren't you going to do something?

Initially, it was thought that with the opening of the Lotus Pond this time, even if that human boy got great benefits from it, the Soul Race itself could still have considerable gains.

But if the situation develops like this, it seems that we're going to have a case of the human boy eating the meat while the Soul Race gets to drink some soup.

Perhaps, if that human boy goes even further, the Soul Race might not even get a taste of the soup.

Even though Hun Que had lived for countless years, he found this situation quite head-scratching.

Manage it? How to manage it?

The ancestral will had given instructions on this. The Lotus Pond was opened early this time because of Lu Ye. Are we supposed to forcibly pull him out of the Lotus Pond now?

Didn't you see that as soon as his Mental Consciousness touched those Divine Lotuses, they were easily refined?

Each of those Divine Lotuses is an extension of the ancestral will. If the ancestral will didn't allow him to refine them, how could it be so effortless?

To forcibly pull him out of the Lotus Pond would be to go against the ancestral will. Wouldn't that mean the end of my position as Clan Leader and the time for the Soul Race's continued existence here?

For a moment, Hun Que felt conflicted. The Soul Race had always prided itself as the children of the ancestral land, blessed by it. Even during that ancient war sweeping across the stellar space, it remained safe and sound. But now, in comparison, Hun Que realized that Lu Ye, the guy from the human race, was the true son, while the Soul Race was like illegitimate children...

"It's not a big problem, let's just watch how it unfolds!" Hun Que responded calmly, though his eye muscles twitched involuntarily.

Lu Ye moved swiftly, as he and his three avatars refined every Divine Lotus along their paths, gaining significantly in just a day.

For the real self, the five-color Divine Lotus had shown signs of evolving into the six-color Divine Lotus. It's estimated that refining another two or three three-color ones would be enough.

The progress of the three avatars was almost similar, each was refining Divine Lotuses that were evolving towards the five-color, though still at the four-color level.

Lu Ye wanted to find a five-color one.

Because during this refining, he could feel very clearly that a ready-made five-color Divine Lotus was worth half a day's effort.

Unfortunately, up to this point, the highest Divine Lotus he found was only four colors. He didn't know if the five-color ones hadn't appeared yet or if they were already refined by the Soul Race.

The number of active Soul Race members he encountered was also decreasing, as those who had gained something would no longer refine Divine Lotuses but would find a place to peacefully refine the pool water here, and enhance their soul bodies.

So many times Lu Ye came across Soul Race members who were sitting quietly in one place, cross-legged with closed eyes.

Even for the Soul Race, the opening of the Lotus Pond was a rare opportunity.

At one moment, while searching around, Lu Ye suddenly turned his head towards a direction where a Treasure Blood Avatar had made a discovery — precisely what he had been longing for.

In the next moment, Void Spirit Runes enveloped his body, and in an instant, he vanished from the spot.

By the time he reappeared, he was beside that Treasure Blood Avatar. The avatar didn't stop and continued to move forward, while Lu Ye's real body looked ahead.

In that direction, several strands of Soul Power were clashing, and at the center of the clash, five-colored radiance was blooming brilliantly.

Finally found the five-color Divine Lotus!

Moreover, several Soul Race members were contending for it.

This scene was familiar to Lu Ye, and without hesitation, he headed towards the battlefield.

Seeing his actions, several Sun Blaze Elders of the Soul Race felt a chill down their spines. If nothing unexpected happened, that five-color Divine Lotus would likely bear the surname Lu yet again.

Chapter 1664 - Is This Something a Human Can Do? (Notification Included)

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As Lu Ye got closer, he unexpectedly discovered a familiar presence here.

Lih Shang is here too!

After entering the Lotus Pond, he hadn't seen any trace of Lih Shang, but unexpectedly, he met her at this moment.

Upon closer inspection, there were four Soul Race confronting each other, including Lih Shang, and they were all at the Constellation Late Stage level, with powers comparable to Lih Shang.

If it were a melee situation, who knows how long the four Soul Race would fight to determine victory.

But at this moment, the situation was disadvantageous for Lih Shang, as the three other Soul Race were shamelessly joining forces against her.

Obviously, they planned to eliminate Lih Shang first, leaving the three of them to compete for victory.

This was a normal approach for Soul Race when encountering high-quality Divine Lotus; it was unclear whether these three Soul Race were temporarily allied or had formed an alliance earlier.

By the time Lu Ye arrived, Lih Shang was already considering retreating.

After all, facing three opponents alone, knowing each other's strengths, how could she be a match? Forcing herself to stay would only bring needless trouble.

Just as she made up her mind, she unexpectedly sensed a familiar presence quickly approaching, and amidst her busyness, she turned her head to see Lu Ye's figure.

Her heart was steadied!

Others might not know Lu Ye's strength, but she certainly did; after all, having possessed Lu Ye's soul and competed with Moon Jade several times, several Moon Jade have died at Lu Ye's hands, even a Sun Blaze was killed.

However, the confrontation among the Soul Race was somewhat different from normal duels; while Lu Ye was strong, in such skirmishes, it was uncertain whether he could gain any advantage.

As she pondered, Lu Ye had already made his move. As his Soul Power surged, complex runes spread and sketched, and in an instant, a sharp edge resembling a handleless dirk emerged, directly attacking one of the Soul Race.

Divine Sharp Edge!

The Sacred Guard was activated with Soul Power, similar in appearance to the activation with spirit force, forming a protective barrier around oneself.

But the Divine Sharp Edge was different; when built with spirit force, it attaches to the blade, greatly enhancing the weapon's sharpness. When constructed with Soul Power, its manifestation is that of a sharp edge.

Of course, if there were a suitable soul treasure, it could be augmented onto it; however, Lu Ye did not have a soul treasure for active offense!

At first glance, the sharp edge resembled a handleless dirk, cutting through the pond water and quickly descending in front of one of the Soul Race.

The Soul Race sensed danger and immediately activated Soul Power to guard his body, but he soon showed a horrified expression as, despite being at the Constellation Late Stage, the defense he gathered was unexpectedly fragile against that sharp edge.

Next, the dazzling sharp edge pierced through his torso!

The Soul Race cultivator exclaimed in shock, retreating hurriedly.

If it were a flesh-and-blood body suffering such an attack, blood would surely splash everywhere, but since the Soul Race were soul bodies, no such bloody scene occurred.

This kind of injury was neither too significant nor minor for Soul Race, and normally easy to recover from — especially now, surrounded by pond water relying on its help for quick recovery.

But the Soul Race cultivator showed a look of astonishment; even with only one strike, he had already truly experienced the terrifying nature of Lu Ye's attack, undoubtedly something he couldn't withstand. Fortunately, he still had two temporary allies!

As this thought crossed his mind, his expression became blank; meanwhile, the two allies at his side also froze, not daring to move.

Under the watchful eyes of three gazes, Lu Ye stood quietly not far away, Soul Power surging around him, with dozens upon dozens of Divine Sharp Edge divine runes rapidly forming on both sides, in the blink of an eye, countless fiercely piercing edges tightly locked onto the three Soul Race cultivators.

The three Soul Races keenly sensed that any rash action would surely invite a storm-like attack from Lu Ye, having witnessed the ferocity of such an offensive firsthand. How could they not understand the horror of these Divine Sharp Edge?

If so many Divine Sharp Edges were to strike at once, it would not be a mere injury.

Fortunately, the other party had no intention to launch an attack, probably only intimidating.

Meeting each other's gaze, the three Soul Race wisely shook their heads, retreating gloomily; it's useless to stay as they're no match.

Moreover, the confrontations on the Soul Race side generally stopped at a point, rarely engaging in desperate battles.

"What soul skill is this?" Elder Xuyuan, above the Lotus Pond, rubbed his eyes vigorously, exclaimed in surprise.

The other Sun Blaze elders similarly looked incredulous, eager to know what exactly this was.

They knew Lu Ye was human, but for a human to cultivate such exquisite soul skills, it was indeed unbelievable.

Although Lu Ye had previously demonstrated the methods of Sacred Guard, it was his first time showcasing Divine Sharp Edge, instantly causing the Sun Blaze of Soul Race to react.

Because the speed of activating these Divine Sharp Edges was too fast, a capability a Constellation cultivator shouldn't possess at all, and its lethality was horribly enormous, Soul Race of similar realm couldn't resist at all.

The Soul Race's expression was grave, speaking slowly: "This shouldn't be soul skill!"

"Not a soul skill?" Several Sun Blaze elders were shocked and suspicious.

Hun Que said, "Over there among the Foreign Clan, there is a type of person called a spirit runes master, and spirit runes masters have a branch called battle runes master. They are skilled in using various spirit runes to enhance their strength during combat. Their fighting style is treacherous and ever-changing, making them quite difficult to handle. What this youngster has displayed should be the tactics of a battle runes master, and those should be divine runes!"

"Divine runes..." The Sun Blaze elders were thoughtful; they naturally had heard of divine runes, and it's even said that many of the soul skills of the Soul Race had traces of divine runes.

But they were seeing such exaggerated divine runes for the first time. It wasn't about the power they had, since no matter how powerful the techniques from a Constellation Realm cultivator were, it was all the same to the elders; it was just that the speed at which these divine runes were activated... was simply unbelievable.

A hundred divine runes in a single thought, is that something a human can do?

"How hateful!" The elder woman sighed, thinking that the first five-colored Divine Lotus in this lotus pond would undoubtedly fall into the hands of that human boy.

Three-colored and four-colored ones could be dismissed, but this was a five-colored one!

The Soul Race members who could refine a five-colored Divine Lotus had the potential for Sun Blaze status, and though that status wasn't guaranteed, it gave them more hope than other clansmen.

The ancestral land had not produced a new Sun Blaze in far too long, only relying on the older generation to sustain it, and the future seemed bleak.

"Congratulations, Fellow Daoist!"

Once the three members of the Soul Race left, Lih Shang turned to Lu Ye, her expression somewhat complicated. Even though she had long known that Lu Ye was strong, she truly didn't realize that he had the capability to crush cultivators of the same realm in such a contest.

It was a method she had never seen before.

"Congratulations to you!" Lu Ye looked at Lih Shang.

"?" Lih Shang was puzzled.

"I have refined the Divine Lotus already," Lu Ye said with a smile.

Lih Shang was momentarily stunned, then her face lit up with joy. "Really?"

"Would I lie to you?" Lu Ye said as he raised a hand, suddenly spreading rays of glow, and a five-colored Divine Lotus appeared.

Normally, the Divine Lotus stays inside the Divine Sea, but it can be summoned. However, it is ultimately just something that nurtures the psyche and lacks any offensive or defensive capabilities, so summoning it isn't very practical.

Seeing this five-colored Divine Lotus, Lih Shang immediately believed Lu Ye's words and exclaimed joyfully, "Then I shall go and refine it."

"I'll protect you!" Lu Ye offered.

If Lih Shang weren't here, he wouldn't have let this five-colored Divine Lotus slip away, as refining one was equivalent to half a day's hard work and would definitely cause the Divine Lotus he already possessed to evolve into a six-colored one.

But since Lih Shang was here, it wouldn't hurt to let her try. Over the past few years, Lih Shang had helped him a lot; without Lih Shang's Soul Possession, with just his own power, Lu Ye reckoned he couldn't have killed Moon Jade.

Besides, the seniors of Xianyuan City would need Lih Shang to tend to them in the future, while Yiyi and Amber would also remain here.

If Lih Shang improved, it wouldn't harm him.

Of course, Lu Ye couldn't judge whether Lih Shang would succeed in refining it or not. If she couldn't, he could always step in later.

Lih Shang approached the five-colored Divine Lotus with excitement, hardly able to believe it was real.

Though she wished to refine a five-colored Divine Lotus, she knew how difficult it was. Throughout history, not many clansmen could refine a five-colored Divine Lotus, and although the five-colored

Divine Lotus appeared each time the Lotus Pond opened, it was not guaranteed that someone could refine it.

She just wanted to try. If it didn't work, she would attempt a four-colored one, then a three-colored one if necessary, and if that failed too, she would have to settle for two-colored or single-colored...

Lu Ye had never seen a Soul Race member refine a Divine Lotus before. As he watched, soul power surged around Lih Shang's body, enveloping the Divine Lotus.

Soon, the five-colored Divine Lotus responded, its petals gently unfolding like butterfly wings flitting.

Lih Shang's expression was somewhat excited, her soul power flowing ever more intensely.

In the next moment, the five-colored Divine Lotus transformed into a five-colored stream of light and melded into her body, disappearing without a trace.

Lih Shang, who hadn't even begun to exert herself, was stunned, her face bewildered!

"Congratulations, Fellow Daoist!" Lu Ye congratulated.

Lih Shang was still processing it, but after confirming multiple times that the five-colored Divine Lotus was indeed refined into her body, she broke into a delighted smile.

However... refining the Divine Lotus shouldn't have been this simple, right? Although Lih Shang was participating in the Lotus Pond competition for the first time, she knew how difficult it was to refine a five-colored Divine Lotus. Logically, even if she was qualified, it should have taken at least one hour, so how did it succeed in a blink?

Moreover...

"Why do I feel that our Divine Lotuses seem a bit different?" Lih Shang asked.

The five-colored Divine Lotus that Lu Ye displayed seemed more brilliant and vibrant than the one she had refined, and though she hadn't compared closely, Lih Shang just sensed that there was a significant difference between the two Divine Lotuses.

"I don't think so, perhaps it's just a different color," Lu Ye said casually.

Lih Shang didn't pursue the matter further, still feeling exhilarated from refining the Divine Lotus. She suggested, "Although I have refined the Divine Lotus, there is still some time before the Lotus Pond closes. The cultivation environment here is extremely rare, Fellow Daoist, don't let it go to waste. Why not cultivate here together?"

Chapter 1665 - Seven Colors!

"What's happening?" The elders of the Soul Race Sun Blaze were all stunned, feeling that the events witnessed today were truly peculiar.

The fact that the human, Lu Yiye, could rapidly refine the Divine Lotus was considered a favor from the ancestral land's will, but how could their own Lih Shang also manage it?

Moreover, it was the five-colored Divine Lotus, the highest quality lotus in the pond.

Logically speaking, even if Lih Shang could refine it, it would take no less than an hour to succeed, yet Lih Shang accomplished it in a matter of breaths.

Compared to the efficiency of other clan members, it was frightening! Under their observation, other clan members refined the Divine Lotus at a normal speed and efficiency.

This was clearly abnormal.

Lih Shang could achieve this definitely because of that human boy.

The ancestral land's will gave him special favor, allowing him to effortlessly refine numerous Divine Lotuses, and he passed the five-colored Divine Lotus to Lih Shang, resulting in even Lih Shang enjoying this treatment.

"This boy... is quite decent!" The woman who previously found Lu Ye annoying now couldn't help but find him much more pleasing.

Even though he had refined many Divine Lotuses, depriving the clan members of their opportunities, that Lih Shang could also refine a five-colored Divine Lotus compensated for it all.

It's not every time the lotus pond opens that a clan member can luckily refine a five-colored Divine Lotus; often, it opens ten times, and perhaps only one clan member succeeds.

Take this time, the Sun Blaze didn't expect any clan member to refine a five-colored Divine Lotus; now that Lih Shang has done it, it's an unexpected joy.

With the aid of this five-colored Divine Lotus, Lih Shang can be said to have the potential for Sun Blaze, and is worth cultivating heavily in the future.

"I'm curious about one thing..." Xuyuan rubbed his somewhat aching head, "Where did he get the five-colored Divine Lotus?"

Upon hearing this, many Soul Race Sun Blaze were stunned.

Yeah, where did he get the five-colored Divine Lotus?

This time, after the lotus pond opened, the five-colored one refined by Lih Shang was the first to be born; although Lu Ye refined many Divine Lotuses before, the highest was only four-color, mostly single-color and double-color.

How could he possibly have a five-colored Divine Lotus!

But he had indeed summoned a five-colored Divine Lotus just now!

Moreover, Lih Shang could perceive that his five-colored Divine Lotus was somewhat different from the one he refined; how could the elders not see that?

Lu Ye's five-colored Divine Lotus... was abnormal!

Whether in color or brightness, it had a huge difference from the five-colored Divine Lotus they knew.

Thinking back on his previous behavior, an unbelievable thought suddenly popped into the elders' minds.

The woman showed a shocked expression, turning to Hun Que: "Clan Leader, could it be..."

Hun Que slowly shook his head, not meaning to deny, but he himself was also unsure.

The Soul Race had survived here for tens of thousands of years, and he had led the Soul Race for thousands of years, yet the number of new and strange things seen in his life hadn't exceeded today's, truly eye-opening.

"Once the lotus pond closes, asking him will reveal everything."

Normally, these Sun Blaze are not inclined to inquire others' privacy, but the five-colored Divine Lotus demonstrated by Lu Ye was too curious; if not clarified, these Soul Race Sun Blaze might not be able to cultivate properly in the future.

In the lotus pond, Lu Ye rejected Lih Shang's invitation.

After refining a Divine Lotus, a Soul Race member feels unburdened and can peacefully cultivate here until the pond closes, but he still had work to do.

His three Treasure Blood Avatars were not idle; his true self couldn't be lazy either.

Explaining to Lih Shang that he wanted to take a look around, Lih Shang naturally did not stop him.

After bidding farewell to Lih Shang, Lu Ye continued to search and refine the Divine Lotus.

More than four hours later, Lu Ye observed the Divine Lotus in the Divine Sea; through his efforts over that time, at this moment, the five-colored Divine Lotus had already transformed into six-colored!

And he could continue to refine Divine Lotus, clearly capable of developing into seven colors!

This filled Lu Ye's heart with excitement; the soul-nourishing effect of a six-colored Divine Lotus exceeds five-color by quite a bit—transformation into seven colors would certainly be stronger!

He perceived the progress of the three Treasure Blood Avatars, realizing he still had a long way to seven colors!

Time to step up the effort, calculating the time, only one day remains before the lotus pond closes.

However, the good news is, one of the avatars had discovered another five-colored Divine Lotus; Lu Ye's true self immediately rushed over.

Though the avatars inherit all of Lu Ye's powers and can almost exhibit his full strength with suitable weapons, unlike Talent Tree Avatars, Treasure Blood Avatars cannot rapidly invoke divine runes.

In such a competitive environment, divine runes are key to confrontation—only the true self can act.

The tremendous destructive power of the Divine Sharp Edge's divine runes is something that the Soul Race of the same level cannot withstand. Lu Ye merely showcased his skills briefly, causing the few Soul Race members vying for the five-color Divine Lotus to give up, almost identical to when he encountered Lih Shang.

Once he refined this five-color Divine Lotus, he progressed a step closer to the seven-color!

When the Lotus Pond was near its final closure, only Lu Ye remained active within the pond.

Other Soul Race members either had refined their divine lotuses, seeking nothing further and using the special environment here for cultivation, or had gained nothing and knew they couldn't refine any divine lotuses, opting not to waste time and likewise utilized the time for cultivation.

This made it more convenient for Lu Ye. Even if he had been continuously refining divine lotuses recently, the Lotus Pond still had single-color and dual-color divine lotuses newly nurtured, which he refined, converting them into nourishment for the transformation of the divine lotus within his Divine Sea.

He was secretly thankful that he had the Treasure Blood Avatar; otherwise, relying solely on himself, the time would certainly be insufficient.

Until a moment later, a voice suddenly resonated at everyone's ears in the Lotus Pond: "In one incense stick's time, the Lotus Pond will close. All clan members must leave quickly!"

This was evidently a strong member of the Soul Race notifying the clansmen, lest they come out too late and something unexpected occurs.

In an instant, figures of many Soul Race members darted around within the entire Lotus Pond, flying upwards.

Lu Ye also ceased his busy actions.

Time was up. He wasn't sure whether gathering the divine lotuses from himself and the three avatars would result in a seven-color one, but reckoned it should be no problem. Not only did he have six-color divine lotuses, one of the avatars also had a six-color divine lotus, while the other two only had five-color divine lotuses. Yet neither of the six-color nor the five-color divine lotuses was in the initial transformation state; rather, they had reached a higher transformation state after refining many divine lotuses.

When these four divine lotuses came together, it highly likely would transform into a seven-color one... right?

Of course, if it didn't work, Lu Ye couldn't do anything. He couldn't just linger around here.

Whether it's six or seven colors, it's a pleasant surprise, a benefit he hadn't anticipated before coming to the Soul Race ancestral land. Being able to obtain it now was good enough; there was no need to demand too much.

As spirit force surged around him, a Void Spirit Rune spread and revealed beneath his feet. The next instant, three Treasure Blood Avatars instantaneously converged from three different directions, merging into Lu Ye's body and disappearing.

Without pausing, Lu Ye's figure darted upward, while clearly sensing the marvelous changes transpiring within his Divine Sea.

Under close attention, he saw the original six-color divine lotus in his Divine Sea rapidly evolving into a seven-color lotus after merging the divine lotuses from the three Treasure Blood Avatars!

In an instant, the Divine Sea was ablaze with colorful radiance, filling every corner.

At that moment, Lu Ye's heart inexplicably experienced an unprecedented clarity, akin to flawless jade, pure and unsullied.

He distinctly felt that if he were to comprehend some secret technique or enigmatic knowledge in this state, the efficiency would greatly improve!

This was undoubtedly very useful for him, as whether he was comprehending the legacy left by his predecessors in the barghests or deriving spirit runes from the Talent Tree, such clarity of mind was essential.

It is foreseeable that henceforth, when deriving spirit runes or comprehending any legacy, the efficiency will significantly increase.

Additionally, Lu Ye had an uncanny feeling that he seemed to have made some mystical connection with the entire space of the ancestral land.

But before he could fully experience what this connection was, he had already exited the Lotus Pond, immediately sensing multiple glances directed at him.

Looking up, he saw several Sun Blaze elders of the Soul Race gazing at him with complex expressions...

Lu Ye felt somewhat guilty...

This situation... could it be that everything he did in the Lotus Pond had been observed by them?

Probably, otherwise, how else would these Sun Blaze elders look at him like this.

A rumbling sound suddenly arose, the huge Lotus Pond trembled slightly, and the water within it shook accordingly. Subsequently, under the attentive gaze of numerous Soul Race members, the blooming petals of the Lotus Pond slowly closed, soon reverting to the appearance of a bud waiting to blossom.

With this, the Lotus Pond contest had completely ended.

Hun Que's voice echoed once again, merely encouraging this time the clansmen participating in the Lotus Pond contest, advising those who gained to avoid arrogance and complacency and continue striving, while those who gained nothing to cultivate calmly, enhance themselves, and hope for rewards when the Lotus Pond opens next.

Soon, many Soul Race members dispersed, and Lu Ye, along with Lih Shang, Yiyi, and Amber, gathered together. Knowing that both Lih Shang and Lu Ye gained something, Yiyi was clearly very happy, eagerly anticipating her next participation in the Lotus Pond contest.

They were about to head towards Lih Shang's five-color Lotus Land.

"Lu Yiye, don't hurry." Hun Que suddenly called him.

Lu Ye turned to look toward Hun Que, seeing those Soul Race Sun Blazes all watching him.

"I'll go over there; Hun Que, senior probably has some instructions. You all go ahead," Lu Ye said.

Lih Shang nodded, while Yiyi appeared a bit worried: "Is it okay?"

Lu Ye smiled: "It's fine."

He couldn't escape even if something were wrong, not with several Sun Blaze members here.

Lih Shang was quite confident in his Sun Blaze elders, reassuring Yiyi briefly, then left with her and Amber.

Only then did Lu Ye proceed to the Soul Race Sun Blaze elders, greeting them, "Greetings, seniors."

Chapter 1666 - Connection with the Ancestral Land

Lu Ye maintained a respectful demeanor; several Soul Race Sun Blaze members nodded slightly. Regardless of anything else, this human lad's demeanor was quite extraordinary; it was evident he was not an ordinary individual.

They had traveled extensively, having encountered many Foreign Clan geniuses, thus possessing a discerning eye for people.

Honestly speaking, if he were truly a common person, he wouldn't have stirred the ancestral land's will, nor would it have shown him such favor.

"No need to be anxious; we called you over merely to ask a few questions." Elder Xuyuan spoke gently.

Lu Ye nodded, and he wasn't nervous either.

"What do the esteemed seniors wish to ask?"

Hun Que bluntly stated, "Can you summon the Divine Lotus you refined for us to see?"

He was truly curious whether the situation with Lu Ye was as they had speculated.

After speaking, he added, "Of course, if you are unwilling, that too is fine."

Lu Ye pondered briefly; since the Divine Lotus was obtained here with the Soul Race, and entering the Lotus Pond was due to the grace of these Sun Blaze members, it seemed inappropriate to refuse their request for a glance.

He then nodded in agreement, "Since the esteemed seniors wish to see it, naturally there is no issue."

As he said this, he extended a hand, Soul Power surged, and in the next moment, radiant multicolored light bloomed. In his palm appeared a beautiful Divine Lotus, as if carved from exquisite jade.

The several Soul Race Sun Blaze members were greatly shaken, gazing in incredulity at the seven-color Divine Lotus. Although they had speculated, upon verification, they still were somewhat disbelieving!

The elder woman exclaimed involuntarily, "Seven colors!"

Though they had vaguely suspected the Divine Lotus Lu Ye summoned previously might evolve to higher quality, they never imagined that within just three days it could transform into a seven-color one!

They had assumed six colors was the limit.

After the shock subsided, their gazes became entranced, because even as Sun Blaze members, none possessed a seven-color Divine Lotus!

In their Divine Sea, there were only five colors.

The elder woman calmed her complex emotions and spoke, "So it is true that the Divine Lotus you refined in the Lotus Pond can indeed merge and evolve into higher quality?"

"Indeed!"

The Sun Blaze elders suddenly felt a pang of emotion, unclear why there was a sense of sourness...

Ah, the ancestral land, you favored him far too much; they, mere Sun Blaze, could only possess five colors, yet an unknown human lad managed to obtain what they deeply desired but knew was unattainable.

The scene momentarily grew silent.

"Splendid!" After a while, Hun Que spoke slowly, gazing at Lu Ye, "This is your opportunity, do not waste it in the future."

Pausing, he continued, "Historically, only Sacred Beasts among my Soul Race possess a seven-color Divine Lotus; you are the first non-Sacred Beast to hold one. With this Divine Lotus, I believe when your strength is sufficient in the future, ascending to Sun Blaze will be significantly easier."

He feared Lu Ye might not realize the rarity of the seven-color Divine Lotus, thus spoke expansively.

Lu Ye displayed an expression of astonishment, "Do the esteemed seniors not possess a seven-color Divine Lotus either?"

He had believed surely the Sun Blaze members had them.

Xuyuan couldn't help but glare at Lu Ye, young man, if you continue conversing like this, that's not very fair; haven't you heard the Clan Leader mention that only Sacred Beasts could have a seven-color Divine Lotus...

Reluctant to address this further, Hun Que resumed speaking, "The efficacy of the five-color Divine Lotus is already immensely potent, acquiring seven colors only strengthens it further. But remember, do not neglect the enhancement of your own cultivation; ultimately you are flesh and blood, unlike my Soul Race. For your human race, an overly strong psyche is not necessarily beneficial; if a day comes where your cultivation cannot match the intensity of your psyche, it might become problematic."

Lu Ye's expression turned solemn as he spoke, "Please, Clan Leader, bestow your guidance!"

Hun Que explained, "Simply put, for your human race, the corporeal body is the container of the psyche. With the advancement of cultivation, this container gradually enlarges; thus even as the psyche strengthens with cultivation, the container remains capacious. However, if your cultivation stagnates while the psyche grows robust, eventually the container may rupture, leading then to trouble."

It was Lu Ye's first encounter with such an assertion, but as it was spoken by the Soul Race Patriarch, it must be valid.

It is unlikely to find beings whose psyche grows powerful enough to rupture their corporeal containers, since for any being, enhancing the psyche is not easily achieved. However, now possessing the seven-color Divine Lotus, if Lu Ye fails to diligently cultivate and improve his cultivation, such a scenario might indeed arise.

This is why Hun Que specifically reminded him, though observing Lu Ye's age seemed young and with cultivation at Constellation Late Stage, he undoubtedly possessed remarkable talent, and such individuals typically don't lag in cultivation progression.

"I've learned much!" Lu Ye nodded earnestly.

Xuyuan chuckled good-naturedly from the side, "If such a day truly arrives, there's no issue; come to my Soul Race, you'll still have great prospects."

Upon hearing this, the other Sun Blaze members considered it a possibility. If Lu Ye integrated with the Soul Race, he'd belong to them; possessing a seven-color Divine Lotus, his future advancement would certainly not be inferior to their level, and if he belonged to the Soul Race, the ancestral land's will favoring him exceptionally wouldn't be inappropriate.

"Thank you for your kind offer, Elder." Lu Ye's lips twitched slightly, silently resolving to focus on improving his cultivation to avoid the situation Hun Que described.

"By the way, Clan Leader." Lu Ye remembered something, "After obtaining this seven-color Divine Lotus, I feel a peculiar connection with this space. What is going on?"

After retrieving the 3rd Dao Treasure Blood Avatar and merging all the Divine Lotuses, transforming the one in his Divine Sea into seven colors, Lu Ye sensed this connection. When he spoke earlier, he slightly sensed it and found out this connection indeed existed and was quite intimate.

The Divine Lotus is nurtured by the Lotus Pond in the ancestral land, and refining it would naturally create a connection with the ancestral space, which is understandable.

He just couldn't grasp what this connection truly meant, so he took the opportunity to ask while all the Sun Blaze elders were present.

"A connection? What kind of connection?" Hun Que was taken aback.

Lu Ye carefully described it, but as he did, he noticed the expressions of these Sun Blaze elders became increasingly strange.

After Lu Ye finished his description, he couldn't help but ask anxiously, "Seniors, is this... a good thing or a bad thing?"

Mainly because the expressions of the Sun Blaze elders were too odd, as if they knew something but were reluctant to say it outright.

"Come with me!" Hun Que suddenly spoke, wrapping Lu Ye in Soul Power and, in a flash, they disappeared.

Lu Ye felt a moment of dizziness, and when he reappeared, he was no longer by the Lotus Pond but on a Lotus Land.

From the feeling of this Lotus Land alone, it was undoubtedly a seven-color Lotus Land, as the cultivation environment here was much better than Lih Shang's five-color Lotus Land.

Once Lu Ye stood still, he realized that the other Sun Blaze elders had followed, all looking on with curiosity.

Elder Xuyuan was smiling, "Don't worry, if it is as we think, it's good news for you!"

Lu Ye nodded in response, although, from Elder Xuyuan's smile, he had a feeling things weren't that simple.

But soon, he was attracted by a pool in front of him.

The pool wasn't large, but points of light dotted its interior. At first glance, it seemed unremarkable, but upon closer inspection, Lu Ye was surprised to find those tiny lights resembled starlight.

This small pool seemed to be a microcosm of the stellar space.

"This is the stellar space pond, the core of our Soul Race. With this stellar space pond, the ancestral land can connect to various points in stellar space." Hun Que explained slightly but did not elaborate much, then, without waiting for Lu Ye to inquire further, infused more Soul Power and thrust him into the stellar space pond.

The small pool suddenly magnified rapidly in Lu Ye's vision. In an instant, it felt like he wasn't entering a pool but an entire starry sky.

The tiny, glimmering spots of light swiftly transformed into massive celestial bodies, their light dazzling.

When Lu Ye regained his senses, he found himself standing in a starry space.

Hun Que stood not far away, hands clasped behind.

Lu Ye sensed his surroundings, his heart pounding. Although he had already heard some mystical aspects of the Soul Race ancestral land from Lih Shang when returning to the ancestral land, and just listened to Hun Que's explanation, experiencing it firsthand still left him deeply astonished.

It was certain that this was no longer the Soul Race ancestral land; this was some location in the vast stellar space!

In other words, after Hun Que had led him into the stellar space pond, they had utilized the pond's mystique to arrive at this place from the Soul Race ancestral land.

The stellar space pond could be seen as a complex Insect Path that connected various celestial locations!

However, unlike typical Insect Paths that have fixed exit points, while the stellar space pond is relatively fixed, it offers more than one choice.

Within the small stellar space pond, more than one position in stellar space can be connected!

Lu Ye looked around, finding this starry space unfamiliar, confirming he had never been here before.

But... why did Hun Que bring him to this place?

As Lu Ye pondered, Hun Que's voice arose, "Link your psyche with the seven-color Divine Lotus in your Divine Sea and see if you perceive anything unusual."

Despite his confusion, Lu Ye followed through, linking his psyche with the seven-color Divine Lotus, and the next moment, his expression changed slightly.

Because after arriving here, that peculiar sensation he had experienced in the Soul Race ancestral land disappeared, but as he linked his psyche with the seven-color Divine Lotus, that peculiar sensation emerged once more.

Only this time, it was much fainter compared to when he was in the Soul Race ancestral land.

Seeing his expression change, Hun Que confirmed his hypothesis, "As expected!"

"Clan Leader, what is... happening here?" Lu Ye asked.

Chapter 1667 - Half a Soul Race Member

Hun Que said, "Since you returned with Lih Shang, you must have seen how she communicates with the ancestral land and opens the passage to it."

"I have seen it." Lu Ye nodded.

Hun Que said, "Every member of the Soul Race has this ability, using their Soul Race power. You, being human, naturally don't have a soul bead, but... your seven-color Divine Lotus can serve a similar role!"

Lu Ye quickly understood, "So, I can enter the Soul Race ancestral land from here just like Lih Shang?"

"Give it a try!" Hun Que said.

Lu Ye was greatly excited. The last time when he couldn't stop Yiyi from entering the Soul Race ancestral land, the most troubling thing was not being able to visit her at will. Once separated this time, who knows when they'll meet again. But if he gains this Soul Race ability, it will be much more convenient to enter the ancestral land.

When he wants to visit Yiyi, he just needs to find the right spot, connect with the seven-color Divine Lotus, and he can enter.

Recalling Lih Shang's method of connecting to the Soul Race ancestral land, Lu Ye summoned his seven-color Divine Lotus, letting his Soul Power surge into it.

Soon, he felt that peculiar connection grow stronger, and about two hours later, the void ahead rippled like water, then space blurred and distorted.

This was exactly like when Lih Shang used the soul bead to communicate with the ancestral land before.

However, Lu Ye was much faster. Lih Shang took half a day to connect with the ancestral land, while he only needed two hours. In terms of efficiency, Lih Shang couldn't compare to him.

This was evidently the marvel of the seven-color Divine Lotus. Although it wasn't a soul bead, it was far superior for connecting with the Soul Race ancestral land.

If he ever encounters a crisis, he might use this method to escape!

But two hours is still a bit long. If he can't evade a powerful enemy, this method won't work, and there are specific requirements for the location, not just anywhere will do.

So using this method to escape might rely a lot on luck.

The space twisted and blurred like a fog, and soon colors bloomed from the mist. It was like the scene Lu Ye saw last time, a lotus blossomed from the mist, tendrils of fog around the stamen, leading somewhere unknown.

Hun Que watched quietly at the side, nodding slightly. It seemed the seven-color Divine Lotus truly granted Lu Ye the power to connect with the ancestral land, and it only took two hours...

This speed rivals many Moon Jades.

"Go in." Hun Que spoke.

Lu Ye didn't hesitate, darting into the lotus stamen.

When he steadied himself again, he found he was indeed back in the Soul Race ancestral land, looking around at the various vibrant-sized Lotus Lands.

However, this wasn't where the stellar space pond was located; it appeared to be just some place within the Soul Race's ancestral land. Lu Ye judged that entering from the outside would cause a random arrival.

Hun Que followed right behind him, standing by his side.

Several figures rushed over from afar, including Elder Xuyuan and the Sun Blaze elders, having noticed the commotion here. They all glanced inquisitively at Hun Que, who nodded.

It really worked!

The situation was a bit absurd. No flesh and blood had ever entered this land since ancient times. But now, a human kid waltzes in, stirred the ancestral land's will which gave instructions, and obtained a seven-color Divine Lotus usually reserved for past Sacred Beasts. Moreover, he could travel back and forth using it...

In all their years, this was the first time the Sun Blaze elders witnessed such a bizarre event.

But after some thought, all these peculiarities seemed rooted in the ancestral land's favor towards him. Without its will's permission, none of this would have happened.

Elder Xuyuan's eyes rolled, and he laughed heartily, "Kid, from now on, you can consider yourself half a member of our Soul Race."

Though born human, with Soul Race abilities and access to the ancestral land, calling him half Soul Race was fair.

And someone specially favored by the ancestral will deserved Soul Race's alliance.

Lu Ye was a bit stunned, then nodded, saluting, "I will be counting on all the elders to take care of me in the future!"

"No problem at all," Elder Xuyuan chuckled, "It seems you might not yet know the greatest advantage of your seven-color Divine Lotus."

Lu Ye pondered. The seven-color Divine Lotus undoubtedly has great effects on nurturing his psyche, and it allows him to enter the Soul Race ancestral land from a suitable location in the stellar space. Yet, Elder Xuyuan suggested there were other benefits, prompting Lu Ye to humbly inquire, "Elder, please enlighten me."

Xuyuan explained, "Our Soul Race members can return from certain stellar positions by connecting to the ancestral land using a soul bead, but don't forget the stellar space pond. Through it, our Soul Race can reach specific places in the stellar space. Kid, do you understand now?"

Lu Ye thought and then his eyes lit up. Indeed, the mystery of the stellar space pond was another tremendous benefit of possessing the seven-color Divine Lotus.

Earlier, he was just amazed that his seven-color Divine Lotus could replace the role of a Soul Race's soul bead, forgetting about this aspect.

Now that I think about it, if I want to travel to a certain place in the stellar space in the future, I can definitely use the stellar space pond to achieve my goal. Even if I can't directly reach my destination, I can certainly get to a nearby area, saving a lot of travel time.

For instance, earlier when I wanted to return to the Nine Provinces, it took several years to travel from the All Phenomena Galaxy. But if I had used the stellar space pond, I might have directly reached the Jade Conch Galaxy or somewhere near the Jade Conch Galaxy, and I wouldn't have needed to waste all that travel time.

Lu Ye twitched at the corner of his eyes. Had I known this earlier, I would have brought Lih Shang back before returning to the Nine Provinces.

But at that time, I wasn't very familiar with Lih Shang, and I couldn't have predicted the unexpected benefits I'd receive at the Soul Race ancestral land, so naturally, I couldn't make such a decision. Back then, I was still counting on bringing Lih Shang to the Nine Provinces to solve the issue in Xianyuan City.

Moreover, that journey indirectly resolved a future crisis for the Jade Conch Galaxy. Because if I hadn't helped Indeterminate and the four galaxies with the Allied Forces of the Insect and Blood Races, once the four galaxies were captured, the unfortunate one would be Jade Conch.

Looking at it this way, it's not a loss!

"Clan Leader, since you've considered me a member of the Soul Race, do I also have the privilege to choose a Lotus Land of my own?" Xuyuan looked at Hun Que, intending to rope him in further.

Lu Ye's performance amazed them, and someone who grows up with such promise will definitely be extraordinary in the future. Roping him in early would be beneficial for the Soul Race.

Hun Que naturally understood Xuyuan's intentions and nodded slightly, "Naturally." He looked at Lu Ye, "If you wish, you may choose a five-color Lotus Land to reside in yourself!"

Lih Shang could choose a five-color Lotus Land because she brought back a Sacred Beast, which, even though it violated the clan rules, was enough to offset it. Lu Ye could choose one due to his various performances, and more so because of the ancestral land's instructions.

As for the seven-color Lotus Land... that is reserved for elders like Sun Blaze to choose, as Lu Ye's cultivation is still too low for it.

Lu Ye showed a grateful expression and said, "Thank you, Clan Leader and Elder, for your kindness. However, I am ultimately not a true Soul Race member, so I'm not planning to stay here long. My entry into the ancestral land was an unexpected event, and I'll be leaving in a few days."

He still has to head to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone location; how could he possibly stay here indefinitely?

Hun Que also mentioned that he should focus on increasing his cultivation in the future. Staying here is indeed comfortable, and the Psyche Force increases rapidly, but that would only escalate the conflict between the physical container and the psyche.

Upon hearing this, Hun Que wasn't surprised and nodded, "You are of the human race and indeed should venture out more. Since that is so, keep your Lotus Land privilege; you can choose it whenever you want in the future."

"Thank you, Clan Leader!"

The Sun Blaze elders didn't linger much longer; they quickly left with Hun Que leading the way, while Xuyuan said to Lu Ye before leaving, "Whenever you want to leave, come find me, and I'll take you to the stellar space pond area!"

He is the Overseer Elder that has been responsible for this kind of matter for the past century here in the Soul Race.

Seeing the Sun Blaze elders leave, Lu Ye excitedly rushed towards Lih Shang's Lotus Land.

It took considerable effort to find it.

Mainly because he wasn't very familiar with this place.

Lih Shang and Yiyi were anxiously waiting here.

After the Lotus Pond struggle ended, all the Soul Race members dispersed, but Lu Ye was kept by the Clan Leader and Sun Blaze elders, leaving Lih Shang and Yiyi unsure of what had happened, naturally worried.

Now seeing him return safely, they both breathed a sigh of relief.

"Lu Ye, are you alright?" Yiyi asked nervously, looking at him.

"I'm fine." Lu Ye shook his head with a smile, gently rubbing Yiyi's little head. To be honest, it was a good thing. I can already imagine the look of surprise on Yiyi's face next time I unexpectedly come to visit her.

Hmm, I won't tell her that the seven-color Divine Lotus can replace soul beads for now; I'll give her a surprise later.

"What did the Clan Leader want with you?" Lih Shang asked curiously.

Lu Ye replied, "Nothing much, just casual chatting. They suggested I visit more when I have time."

Lih Shang twitched at the corner of her eyes, naturally not believing Lu Ye's lies.

She didn't know that Lu Ye was actually telling the truth. With the seven-color Divine Lotus, whenever he wants to come here, although not anytime he wishes, it wouldn't take too much effort.

In a great mood.

Lu Ye didn't linger long here because it would be convenient to visit the Soul Race ancestral land in the future; so there was no need for reluctance.

However, Yiyi, although determined to return with Lih Shang, had red eyes when it came time to part. If not for the inability of the soul body to shed tears, she might have been sobbing.

She had waited in the Nine Provinces for so long, finally seeing Lu Ye return safely, only to have to part ways again after just a few years.

But ultimately, it was her own choice, because only by staying here could she walk the true path of the Soul Race. In the future, she would have the ability to fight alongside Lu Ye; otherwise, the gap between them would only widen.

Chapter 1668 - I'll Be Back Next Time

On Lih Shang's five-color floating land, Yiyi and Lu Ye waved goodbye, Amber growled softly, wanting to escort Lu Ye, but Lu Ye declined.

No need to see me off, with the seven-color Divine Lotus, it'll be simpler for me to visit in the future.

Quickly, Lu Ye's figure disappeared from view, leaving Yiyi feeling regretful.

Lih Shang approached and put his arm around her shoulder, comforting, "There will be times to meet in the future. Then, when you use the Soul Possession Technique, even if your cultivation is lower, you can be of great help!"

"Yes!" Yiyi nodded firmly. Having chosen this path, she should walk it well!

Lu Ye had visited the seven-color floating land where Elder Xuyuan resided before, so the path was somewhat familiar, and it was easy to find.

Next, under Elder Xuyuan's guidance, the two of them arrived at the location of the stellar space pond.

Pointing to the stellar space pond, Xuyuan spoke, "This is a microcosm of the entire stellar space. In theory, the outline of the entire stellar space is in this pond, so if you want to go somewhere, you can locate the appropriate area with your star map and reach it through this pond."

Although Lu Ye had once used the stellar space pond to enter a position in the stellar space, hearing Xuyuan's words still amazed him.

What kind of place is the Soul Race ancestral land, and why is the central stellar space pond so mysterious?

After all, one place having a connection to the entire stellar space is something even the Reincarnation Tree cannot do, as it can only establish such a link through numerous doppelgangers.

Lu Ye became more convinced that the Soul Race ancestral land might be on the level of a stellar space supreme treasure, otherwise it wouldn't possess such profound mysteries.

This time he needed to go to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. According to his original plan, after escorting Lih Shang back, he would have to return to the All Phenomena Galaxy, use an Insect Path to enter another star system, and then embark on a long journey.

It would take at least a year.

The information he received showed that the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, this stellar marvel, is located in a desolate star region, because this stellar marvel is extremely rare, always slowly growing.

In other words, its size is gradually increasing.

Throughout the stellar space, such special stellar marvels are rare; what's more common is the type that is disappearing, as they have existed for too long and can no longer continue.

Of course, even if they're disappearing, it won't happen quickly, it may take hundreds or thousands of years, possibly thousands more. If we treat each stellar marvel as a living being, those disappearing ones are in their twilight years, whereas the Yin-Yang Great Millstone is in its prime!

Of course, not all stellar marvels grow or disappear; many have existed forever, unchanging, with the All Phenomena Ocean being such an example.

"Kid, where are you going?" Xuyuan asked.

Lu Ye concentrated on the dots of light within the stellar space pond, as if he saw the silhouettes of galaxies, but locating the Yin-Yang Great Millstone among these seemed challenging.

He wasn't familiar with the stellar surroundings of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, otherwise he could cross-reference to determine the location.

"I am going to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone," Lu Ye said.

Xuyuan paused, glanced at Lu Ye, and nodded slightly, "Judging by your cultivation reaching Peak Constellation, did some powerful figure guide you to refine your body, preparing for advancement to Moon Jade?"

Lu Ye was slightly surprised, "Can the Yin-Yang Great Millstone refine the body?"

He intended to go there due to the Reincarnation Tree's suggestion, but he wasn't aware of any benefits there.

Upon hearing Xuyuan's words, he realized the stellar marvel would aid in refining the body. If so...was it necessary to go?

His body had already reached its utmost cultivation, even capable of condensing treasure blood. Lu Ye felt very few external forces could further enhance his body.

"Of course." Xuyuan nodded. "It's a perilous land, yet equally a wondrous place."

"Are you quite familiar with the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, Elder?" Lu Ye asked.

Xuyuan said, "Not really. I traveled there when I was younger."

Lu Ye immediately sought advice, "Could the Elder tell me more about this stellar marvel?"

Xuyuan pondered, then chuckled, "No need to say, once there, you'll naturally experience it."

Mysterious indeed...

"But you must be cautious, that place is not peaceful. Don't try to stand out when it's none of your business."

"Understood!" Lu Ye agreed.

"The connected position from the stellar space pond can't directly reach the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, only to this location," Xuyuan said, using Mental Consciousness to guide the position.

From the stellar space pond, Lu Ye couldn't discern how far the position was from the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, but it would surely save a lot of time compared to his original plan.

"Let's go here then."

"Wait." Xuyuan stopped him.

Lu Ye turned and saw Xuyuan handing over a storage ring, "Inside are some soul jades, given by the Clan Leader for me to pass on to you."

Lu Ye smiled with delight and quickly accepted it.

Soul jade, he naturally knows about, is equivalent to a spirit jade. However, while a spirit jade is used to replenish spirit force, a soul jade is used to replenish Soul Power. It can be said that each piece of soul jade is equivalent to a supreme-grade psyche refinement pill, and perhaps even stronger.

However, in the stellar space, soul jade is not as common as spirit jade, which can even be collected in the stellar space. Soul jade only forms in some extremely special places.

The environment of the Soul Race ancestral land is exceptionally favorable, naturally giving birth to soul jade.

"Thank you, Elder!" Lu Ye beamed with delight, "I also ask the elder to convey my thanks to the Clan Leader."

The Soul Race ancestral land is a great place, I'll come again next time...

"Go on." Elder Xuyuan chuckled and waved him off.

"I'll be going then."

As Lu Ye spoke, his Mental Consciousness surged, locking onto the location Elder Xuyuan pointed out. After thanking Elder Xuyuan, he swiftly plunged into the stellar space pond.

Just like before, the entire stellar space rapidly enlarged in his vision. By the time Lu Ye came to his senses, he had already left the Soul Race ancestral land.

In the unknown stellar space, Lu Ye looked around and found nothing but a few desolate or dead planets nearby. There wasn't even a semblance of a domain, let alone a sign of anyone.

Which way should he go? He also didn't know how far the Yin-Yang Great Millstone was from here.

He pondered briefly and decided to take things one step at a time. The best scenario would be to find a domain or encounter some cultivators he could ask.

He summoned the starboat and casually chose a direction to proceed.

While exploring the surroundings, hoping to encounter someone, he connected the seven-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea with the Soul Race ancestral land.

Soon he noticed that as he moved further from his initial position, the connection between the seven-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea and the ancestral land was gradually weakening.

Just one hour later, Lu Ye felt that the connection had weakened to the point where it couldn't open the passage to the ancestral land.

This meant that, even with the help of the seven-color Divine Lotus, he couldn't enter the Soul Race ancestral land from this position.

Indeed, this method of entering the Soul Race ancestral land has significant limitations and requires certain specific locations. Moreover, there can't be too much deviation.

However, this isn't a major issue. There should be plenty of such specific locations in the stellar space. If he truly wanted to enter the Soul Race ancestral land, he only needed to rely on his seven-color Divine Lotus and continuously change positions, judging whether the connection was weakening or strengthening, to successfully find a suitable spot.

It would just take some effort and time. What Lih Shang could do, he could naturally do as well.

As he journeyed, everything was calm until he sensed the sound of a battle from afar. Judging from the sounds, one side was clearly a cultivator, using spirit force.

His heart leaped with joy, and he hurriedly steered the starboat toward that direction. Soon, he saw two figures.

A man and a woman, one at the Constellation Late Stage and the other at the Constellation Mid-Stage, were collaborating to kill a rodent-like star beast.

However, that rodent star beast was indeed large, with its body alone measuring five zhang long, covered in starlight, menacingly fierce, and looked difficult to handle.

Lu Ye stopped at a distance. He was just here to ask for directions and didn't want to be misunderstood.

The man and woman engaged with the star beast obviously noticed Lu Ye's arrival. Their previously fierce offensive suddenly halted, showing clear caution.

However, upon seeing Lu Ye stop at a distance and voluntarily reveal his cultivation at the Constellation Late Stage, they relaxed.

Generally speaking, what Lu Ye did indicated he had no ill intentions. This was the correct protocol for encounters among unfamiliar cultivators in stellar space.

With their worries alleviated, the male and female cultivators immediately increased their efforts, soon slaying the star beast on the spot, leaving the woman to handle it while the male cultivator flew toward Lu Ye.

Lu Ye also moved forward to meet him. When they were close, Lu Ye made a respectful gesture: "Greetings, Fellow Daoist!"

The other returned the gesture, sized Lu Ye up, and asked, "What can I do for you, Fellow Daoist?"

Lu Ye clearly waited for them there, obviously for something.

Lu Ye stated, "I wanted to ask, in which direction is the Yin-Yang Great Millstone? I would greatly appreciate it if Fellow Daoist could point the way."

The male cultivator understood from this that Lu Ye was merely asking for directions, a small favor, just a matter of lifting a hand. Naturally, he didn't mind pointing the way.

Immediately, he indicated a direction to Lu Ye.

Looking in that direction, Lu Ye thanked him and was about to set off when the female cultivator approached: "Are you not from this home galaxy?"

Lu Ye answered frankly, "I'm just passing by, specifically heading to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone."

The female cultivator understood, flicked a jade slip to Lu Ye: "This is a star map of this home galaxy, which includes the direction to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. Fellow Daoist, take it, for with the star map reflecting the star signs, it's not easy to get lost."

Accepting it, Lu Ye quickly inspected and confirmed it was indeed a star map, and as the female cultivator said, included the position of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. He sincerely thanked her: "Thank you, Fellow Daoist, you've been a great help."

The female cultivator smiled lightly: "It's nothing."

Lu Ye soon departed, examining the star map as he went.

According to the star map, this star system is called the Grotto Void Galaxy, and to reach the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, one must pass through the Grotto Void Galaxy and arrive at the desolate star region where this stellar space marvel is located.

Chapter 1669 - Galactic Pirate Group

In Lu Ye's original plan, after escorting Lih Shang back to the ancestral land, he would return to the All Phenomena Galaxy, traverse an Insect Path, reach a place called the Three Saints Galaxy, then pass through the Three Saints Galaxy to arrive at the Grotto Void Galaxy.

If he really went that way, it would definitely take a lot of time. However, coming from the Soul Race ancestral land allowed direct access to Grotto Void, making the difference obvious.

But Grotto Void Galaxy... Lu Ye vaguely felt it sounded familiar and, upon reflection, recalled that when he and Tang Jun inadvertently drifted into the All Phenomena Galaxy years ago, they sought intelligence and encountered a cultivator from the Grotto Void Galaxy who claimed to come from the ancient icy world.

Moreover, it seemed there was also a Grotto Void Island on the All Phenomena Ocean.

Occupying a Spirit Island in a place like the All Phenomena Ocean, the native forces of Grotto Void Galaxy should not be weak, at least having a Sun Blaze stationed there.

In such an unfamiliar place, Lu Ye naturally acted low-key, journeying alone on a starboat, quietly proceeding forward.

According to the star map, at his current pace, he would only need another month to leave the range of Grotto Void Galaxy and enter that desolate star region.

However, after reaching that side, he would still need to travel some distance to reach the location of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone.

While on the journey, Lu Ye didn't stay idle, splitting his focus to refine his own treasure blood. Currently, he has three drops of this peculiar thing, but with its many wondrous uses, more is always better.

Lu Ye could feel that, with his current power, gathering more treasure blood was becoming increasingly challenging, possibly related to his own foundation.

But it's better than doing nothing while traveling. Unable to enter the azure palace within the barghest for refining, he could only refine treasure blood.

The journey was peaceful, and a month later, Lu Ye checked the star map in his hand and indeed had left the Grotto Void Galaxy.

The star map the woman gave him was not much use beyond this point because it only encompassed Grotto Void without indications beyond that star system. However, having reached here and gotten a general direction, Lu Ye felt finding the Yin-Yang Great Millstone shouldn't be difficult. After all, this stellar marvel was said to be massive and could be seen from afar.

In fact, several days ago, Lu Ye had already sensed the desolation in the nearby stellar space. This desolation was not just due to the absence of people or domain marks but even the normally perceptible stellar energy was more sparse than usual.

This situation became more apparent the further he went.

Lu Ye vaguely guessed it was related to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone.

This stellar marvel is slowly growing, and growth naturally requires nourishment, just like plants need water and sunlight. The growth of a stellar marvel definitely relies on stellar energy.

The sparseness was because it was being consumed by the Yin-Yang Great Millstone.

So, theoretically, as long as he followed this trace, Lu Ye could easily find the Yin-Yang Great Millstone.

Looking from this perspective, the future of Grotto Void Galaxy is worrisome. If the Yin-Yang Great Millstone keeps growing like this, it will eventually engulf Grotto Void's territory, and not just Grotto Void—all star systems near this stellar marvel would suffer unless some great power changes the current situation.

But who can stop the growth of a stellar marvel? Right now, there might not be a big problem, but what about thousands or tens of thousands of years later?

This isn't something Lu Ye needs to worry about; he only suddenly thought of this layer. Grotto Void has Sun Blaze—this is something for them to worry about.

Entering the desolate star region, he continued steadily forward for half a month.

On this day, while Lu Ye was distractedly refining his treasure blood, he suddenly furrowed his brows, gazing ahead as the speed of the starboat quickly decreased and soon stopped.

Although there was nothing visible ahead, he had the persistent feeling that something was not quite right.

Upon careful observation, he found nothing unusual, but that unsettling feeling didn't vanish.

With spirit force activated, intricate patterns immediately covered his eyes, enhanced by Insight.

The next moment, Lu Ye's expression tightened because, under the Insight Spirit Runes re-developed from the Talent Tree, he vaguely saw a massive shadow ahead, spherical in shape, enveloping a vast expanse of stellar space!

Formation!

This place had been set with a big array by someone, and the array setter's attainment in the Array Path was very high, thus even though he sensed something off initially, he couldn't discern anything unusual; even now, with Insight Spirit Runes aiding him, he couldn't perceive too much detail.

He could only be sure that the vast expanse of stellar space ahead was shrouded by a mysterious big array.

Without a second thought, Lu Ye urgently propelled the starboat, turning around to escape.

No matter what ominous purpose this array serves or who set it, staying away from here was certainly the correct choice. Luckily, he sensed something, or else crashing into it, alerting the array setter, would only make things worse.

Anyone capable of setting up such an array is at least a Moon Jade, and not an ordinary one at that.

But as he began to move, ripples suddenly emerged in the Void behind him, followed by the sudden manifestation of a giant palm, grabbing towards Lu Ye like a chick in hand.

The palm shadow was enormous, purely condensed from mana. Sensing the ferocious fluctuations within the palm shadow, Lu Ye's expression turned grim as he realized the one attacking him was a Moon Jade Late Stage!

Don't be misled by the fact he's killed a Sun Blaze and several Moon Jades—they were achieved under specific, exceptional circumstances, essentially irreproducible. Neither Sun Blaze nor Moon Jade slayings reflect his true strength; each had too many elements of luck.

Facing a sudden encounter with a Moon Jade Late Stage, how could Lu Ye be their opponent?

The starry sky... is indeed dangerous. Even though he's not new and has been roaming the starry sky for several years, he can still feel the powerlessness of weakness.

A shadowy hand descended, covering the heavens and the earth, with such fierce and overwhelming mana fluctuations that even Lu Ye felt as if he was being weighed down by a massive mountain.

Even the trajectory of the starboat showed signs of stagnation.

The starboat, while much faster than a cultivator's own flight after accelerating, regardless of its performance, requires a process to speed up.

Unexpectedly attacked, Lu Ye knew it was no longer possible to evade using the starboat, so he immediately stowed away the spirit ark, activated his spirit force, and executed the Brazen Plundering Technique.

The Brazen Plundering Technique passed down from Yien Xi not only has great advantages in combat but also in escape, especially in dealing with this current situation.

In a thrilling moment, he narrowly slipped through the fingers of that shadowy hand.

"Oh?" A slightly surprised voice sounded, clearly not expecting that a Moon Jade Late Stage's personal action didn't immediately capture a Constellation.

However, as the voice echoed, the shadowy hand suddenly flipped its palm.

At this moment, Lu Ye was about to self-detonate his treasure blood, intending to use the Blood Race's Blood Escape Technique to flee this place...

Although treasure blood is precious, at this moment, it couldn't be cared about. To get away from here, the Blood Race's Blood Escape Technique was the top priority. This escape technique is rapid, perhaps giving him a chance to escape this place of trouble.

However, before he could self-detonate, with the flipping shadowy hand, Lu Ye's mind turned upside down, as if the hand indeed had the power to overturn the heavens and the earth.

In an instant of bewilderment, Lu Ye regained his senses, but now it was too late to self-detonate his treasure blood. The shadowy hand closed, suddenly contracting into a large net, firmly entrapping him!

Lu Ye felt his spirit force suppressed within his body, unable to activate.

A chill ran through his heart.

It was over.

With his spirit force immobilized, he couldn't even use his strongest trump card, the red talisman.

The starry sky... is too dangerous; the strength of a Constellation is still too weak, leaving Lu Ye feeling somewhat melancholic.

However, he wasn't too panicked because he didn't sense any killing intent from the attacker. If a Moon Jade Late Stage truly intended to kill, they wouldn't have acted in the way they did earlier.

Trapped within that magic net, Lu Ye was dragged towards the position where he had previously sensed a Formation enveloping the area. Only moments later, it was as if he had collided with an invisible barrier.

His vision cleared, and the surrounding scenery was completely different from what he had just seen.

But before Lu Ye could take in the sight, he was dragged to a place, and the magic net that restrained him disappeared. He dared not make any reckless moves because an extremely powerful Mental Consciousness was locking onto him.

He raised his eyes and saw an old man with a sinister face standing not far away, staring coldly at him. The man, with his white hair and black robe, looked unremarkable, but the power fluctuations around him unmistakably displayed his formidable Moon Jade Late Stage strength.

No doubt, the person who had attacked Lu Ye earlier was this old man.

Beside the old man were several figures, but what made Lu Ye frown slightly was the complex identities of these figures. There were humans like him, members of the Flame Race enveloped in flames, the Demon Race shrouded in Demonic Qi, and even a giant from the Giant Race towering at ten feet tall.

Lu Ye even saw members of the Insect Race mixed among them.

This combination was undoubtedly strange, and when he turned his head to look around, Lu Ye was startled, realizing what kind of group he had encountered.

A galactic pirate group!

This is a group dedicated to marauding in the starry sky, even plundering domains, lawless and wanton in their wicked acts.

In the All Phenomena Galaxy, there are embryonic forms of galactic pirate groups, small gangs marauding outside, but due to environmental constraints, they gather only in small scales, so they are just rudimentary forms and don't dare to flaunt their flags, operating stealthily.

But in the real stellar space, these galactic pirate groups are rampant and rampant.

Generally speaking, the members of a galactic pirate group come from extremely complex backgrounds and are mostly vile and notorious people. Apart from galactic pirate groups, it's hard for Lu Ye to believe any organization in the world has such a complex composition.

To actually encounter a galactic pirate group and even be captured by them!

If they continued to restrain him with that magic net, Lu Ye truly had no ability to resist. However, seeing that he was not strong, they were clearly somewhat off guard. At this moment, he had regained the ability to activate the red talisman.

But there are signs when activating the red talisman, and against a Moon Jade Late Stage, Lu Ye wasn't confident about achieving a one-hit kill.

The methods of the galactic pirates are very cruel. They captured him without killing him, but why?

Moreover, why would such a group come to this place and discreetly set up a large Formation to conceal a vast stretch of stellar space? What are they planning? Lu Ye had many questions, but at this moment, he just wanted to quickly find a way to escape from here.

#### Chapter 1670 - Meeting an Old Friend in a Foreign Land

In just a moment, Lu Ye figured out his situation. He was currently on a massive starboat, resembling a floating fortress.

This was clearly the starboat of the galactic pirate group.

He pondered secretly: if he suddenly deployed the red talisman now, even if he couldn't kill this Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator, he might still cause some panic. By taking advantage of the chaos, he would have a chance to escape. As long as there's a moment of confusion, he could explode his treasure blood and activate the Blood Race's Blood Escape Technique. Most Moon Jade cultivators might not be able to chase him.

The only troublesome thing is the big array deployed around him. The Formation has a concealing effect, which might also have protective capabilities. It would be awkward if, after deploying the red talisman, he couldn't escape the Formation's range.

"Do you understand Formation?"

As he was contemplating, the old man suddenly asked.

Clearly, the old man had seen Lu Ye's actions earlier, which prompted the question. If Lu Ye didn't understand Formation, he wouldn't have noticed the anomaly beforehand. It was evident he saw traces of the Formation, which made him turn and run.

"A little." Lu Ye replied indifferently.

"Your skills aren't bad either!" The old man looked Lu Ye up and down, showing a meaningful smile:  
"Kid, do you want to die or live?"

This was a tricky question...

"If I can live, who would want to die?"

"Very good!" The old man grinned, his expression a bit grim, "If you want to live, you must perform well. If you perform well, I might spare your life. You might even get a chance to join my Divine Wind Group!"

The Divine Wind Group was undoubtedly the name of this galactic pirate group. Lu Ye had no interest in joining the Divine Wind Group, but at the moment, he could only show his desire to survive: "Please advise!"

Seeing him so sensible, the cultivators of various races around the old man chuckled, showing an expression of 'you've got the hang of it, kid.'

The old man nodded to the Flame Race Moon Jade beside him, who immediately stepped forward, slapped Lu Ye's shoulder, and dragged him to the ship's side, pointing in a direction: "Kid, look over there!"

Lu Ye endured the burning sensation on his shoulder, looked in the direction pointed, his expression slightly stunned.

Because in that direction, there was a domain.

This was quite strange because they were already in the desolate star region. Logically, there shouldn't be any domains here, mostly desolate planets or dead stars and floating lands.

But there was indeed a domain, although it gave Lu Ye the feeling of a very low-level domain. The domain had no intelligent life, and even vegetation was sparse.

In the stellar space, there are many low-level domains like this, which is not surprising to Lu Ye.

However, at this moment, the entire domain was in turmoil, with many places erupting with astonishing force fluctuations visible to the naked eye.

There were even several Tiger Shark battleships cruising outside that domain, continuously unleashing terrifying attacks.

Under these numerous assaults, the entire domain was like a candle in a storm, teetering on the brink of collapse, many places already shattered, large areas missing.

"Go ahead, destroy that domain, and you will be a member of the Divine Wind Group!" The Flame Race Moon Jade slapped Lu Ye's back, a huge force pushing him towards the domain.

Only then did Lu Ye realize why they didn't kill him but captured him alive. They clearly wanted him to do the hard work.

Yet, what was so special about this domain that the Divine Wind Group was willing to destroy it and even deployed a concealing big array before starting?

Lu Ye vaguely felt that there might be some secret here, but at the moment, he had no thoughts of investigating further. Instead, he flew forward following the Flame Race Moon Jade's force, pondering an escape plan.

Before he could break through the opponent's Formation, he couldn't act recklessly. The situation had come to this point, he could only wait and watch.

Such a domain without life, given enough time, could potentially nurture life. But considering this was already within the Yin-Yang Great Millstone's desolate star region, it might not wait for the domain to nurture life before the Yin-Yang Great Millstone expands here.

Soon, Lu Ye arrived within the domain, and sensing up close, he could increasingly confirm this was a very low-level domain, devoid of native life, with even scarce plant life.

He casually chose a direction to land, intending to dawdle, but was clearly under a Mental Consciousness's gaze.

No doubt, it was the Flame Race Moon Jade.

Without choice, Lu Ye could only pull out the Boulder Mountain Saber, channeling spirit force into the blade, swinging it downward.

The saber light like a silk ribbon swept out, crashing onto the ground, causing it to tremble incessantly.

This low-level domain couldn't withstand much disturbance. The Divine Wind Group sent quite a number of cultivators, along with several Tiger Shark battleships.

Lu Ye didn't use full force, displaying only the standard level of a Constellation Late Stage.

Yet even so, he felt this domain would be shattered in two to three days, especially without the opponent's Moon Jade interfering. If the opponent's Moon Jade intervened, the speed would only increase. Regardless of the Divine Wind Group's intentions, Lu Ye felt he had to come up with a way to escape before the domain collapsed.

Actually, directly advancing to Moon Jade wasn't a bad idea. His body had been refined to the extreme, his cultivation reached its limit, he could completely advance to Moon Jade.

As long as his cultivation reached Moon Jade, Lu Ye was confident that even if he couldn't defeat the Moon Jade Late Stage old man, he could certainly escape from his grasp.

But advancing to Moon Jade wasn't something that can be accomplished in an instant, and under the tight surveillance, there's simply no condition for it.

Moreover, Lu Ye wasn't too keen on advancing like this, even though he knew the Yin-Yang Great Millstone was meant for Body Refining. But with the prior advice from the Reincarnation Tree, he felt he might miss something if he didn't check it out first.

His mind was filled with various thoughts, and his actions were dragging. Just as he was about to strike a second blow, a somewhat familiar voice suddenly sounded in his ear: "Young friend, what are you doing here?"

Startled, Lu Ye quickly turned his head to look around, but he saw nothing; there were no signs of anyone nearby.

However, why did this voice sound somewhat... familiar?

While he was feeling suspicious and paranoid, the voice sounded again: "Young friend, come in quickly."

Where to?

Just as Lu Ye was puzzled, the void before him suddenly rippled, and a door unexpectedly manifested.

After a brief moment of surprise, Lu Ye did not hesitate and rushed headlong into the door!

Meanwhile, on the floating fortress starboat from the Divine Wind Group, an elder who noticed something transformed into a streak of light, rushing toward where Lu Ye had just been, arriving in an instant.

But he was ultimately a step too late; by the time he reached there, the door through which Lu Ye had passed had disappeared.

The Flame Race Moon Jade had also followed; he had been watching Lu Ye the whole time and clearly knew what had happened there. His gaze was intense: "Master, there is indeed a secret realm hidden here!"

Before the door appeared, he hadn't noticed a thing and was unaware if there were any benefits here at all. Everything was done as per the elder's orders; he was just following commands.

The elder said calmly, "My judgment can't be wrong, but it's strange that this human youth was guided inside..."

This was indeed peculiar.

They were trying to destroy the domain here, intending to force the beings hiding in this secret realm to reveal themselves. The other party had always ignored them, but unexpectedly exposed themselves for the sake of a human youth.

What was so special about the other person? It couldn't just be that they were acquaintances.

If that were the case, it would be too coincidental.

The elder sneered repeatedly: "Pass down the order to strengthen the attack; I want this domain destroyed within two days!"

"Yes!" The Flame Race Moon Jade took the order and quickly relayed it. The Divine Wind Group's attacks became more ferocious.

At this time, Lu Ye had already arrived in a secret realm through the door that had suddenly appeared.

As far as the eye could see, there was an endless sea of flowers stretching to the horizon, brilliantly vibrant. Above the sea of flowers stood huge mushrooms, and there were towering trees scattered about.

Leaving aside the sea of flowers, the giant mushrooms looked familiar to Lu Ye as if he had seen them somewhere before.

Lifting his gaze, two massive figures came into view.

Lu Ye glanced at them and momentarily lost his composure: "It's really you two, huh?"

These two massive figures were one that looked like an ancient tree that had gained sentience, surrounded by pure wood energy, exuding a vibrant feeling. The other, equally imposing, had a mushroom cap on its head, resembling a giant open umbrella.

These two giants were actually Mu He, the Clan Leader of the Wood Spirit Race, and Black Umbrella, the Clan Leader of the Spore Race!

Back then, guided by the Reincarnation Tree, Lu Ye went to the Blue Jade World to help them resolve a crisis. Later, he even helped them migrate their clan into the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree.

However, since the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree could only accommodate beings of the Divine Sea and below, the star beings of both clans began searching for a new home.

Since then, Lu Ye hadn't seen them, so he naturally didn't know how they were doing.

He never expected to meet them again in such a place!

The only difference from the feeling they gave Lu Ye before was that now both Mu He and Black Umbrella had advanced to the Moon Jade stage, and the aura they exuded was unmistakably that of Moon Jade.

The one who had spoken to Lu Ye earlier was undoubtedly Mu He.

"Young friend, we meet again." Mu He smiled slightly, while Black Umbrella greeted him as well.

Lu Ye nodded, just about to speak, when he suddenly saw another figure flash from behind Mu He, looking utterly surprised: "You... why are you here too?"

The figure that flashed from behind Mu He was a woman whom Lu Ye recognized.

It was Hua Qianying, who had once set up a stall at the flea market on All Phenomena Island and was later recruited by Lu Ye to Unparalleled Island. A while ago, she had gone missing!

When Three Worlds Island was initially taking shape, Lu Ye had gone looking for her, hoping to recruit her to Three Worlds Island to give pointers in alchemy to Hua Ci and Senior Sister Shui Yuan. However, he couldn't find her.

Even sending messages through audio talismans yielded no response.

Lu Ye guessed that Hua Qianying might have left All Phenomena Ocean and felt regretful for a while.

Never did he expect to see her here!