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Chapter 1671 - Flower World

The Clan Leader of the Wood Spirit Race, Mu He, the Clan Leader of the Spore Race, Black Umbrella, and Hua Qianying...

Lu Ye was genuinely surprised to find these three together.

Hua Qianying looked at Lu Ye with confusion, "Why are you with those people?"

Although she hadn't interacted much with Lu Ye, she could sense that Lu Ye wasn't a bad person, so she couldn't quite understand why Lu Ye was mixed up with that group of galactic pirates. Those people outside weren't good in any way.

"It's quite embarrassing to say."

Lu Ye briefly explained his previous encounter. In essence, it boiled down to bad luck. He was traveling smoothly but ended up in such a predicament. By the time he realized something was wrong and wanted to escape, it was too late; he was caught and made to do hard labor.

If it hadn't been for these three rescuing him, he would still be outside contemplating a way to escape.

Hua Qianying nodded slightly, "So that's how it is!"

She had felt that Lu Ye couldn't possibly be a bad person, and certainly not fall to becoming one of the galactic pirates. It turned out there was a reason for it.

"What's the situation with this secret realm?" Lu Ye was astonished.

What he could confirm was that this was a secret realm space, yet there were no signs of it from outside. If these three hadn't opened the door for him, he wouldn't have known there was a secret realm here.

"And why are the three of you here? Is this the new home for the Wood Spirit and Spore Races?" Lu Ye had many questions now.

Mu He said, "Sort of, but this place is actually the home of the Flower Race."

"Flower Race..." Lu Ye murmured and then looked towards Hua Qianying, suddenly realizing, "Are you from the Flower Race?"

Hua Qianying nodded slightly, acknowledging it.

Lu Ye showed a knowing expression, "Ah, so that's it!"

It made sense why Hua Qianying's alchemy skill was so outstanding; she was from the Flower Race!

Among the various races amidst the stars, each had its unique aspects. The Flower Race excelled at cultivating flowers and herbs. It could be said that the spirit flowers and rare herbs cultivated by them were superior in both quality and efficacy.

Moreover, the Flower Race is a race abundant in Alchemists. Because they have a natural understanding of spirit flowers and rare herbs, they possess distinct advantages in alchemy.

Every member of the Flower Race is an exceptionally skilled Alchemist.

Throughout the stellar space, while the Flower Race wasn't as rare as the Soul Race or the Merfolk Race, they weren't considered a major race either. Due to their generally low combat prowess, they usually lived by affiliating with other stronger races.

Those powerful races eagerly welcomed associations with the Flower Race, as every cultivator needs elixir pills for cultivation. Having a Flower Race as logistical support increases their cultivation efficiency.

"As for why we are here..." Mu He began to narrate the events after they parted ways with Lu Ye.

Back then, they settled their tribespeople under the Constellation into the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree. The remaining Constellation tribespeople set off on a journey to find a new home.

However, the journey wasn't smooth. While the Spore Race was one thing, the Wood Spirit Race, with its ability to produce wood crystals, was often coveted.

They searched for a long time unsuccessfully for a suitable domain. Even though they tried to conceal their whereabouts, they were still targeted by opportunists during their stellar activities, encountering several battles and losing some tribespeople along the way.

Initially, these two Constellation tribes didn't have a large population, and now they're even fewer.

One day, they encountered a Flower Race member. Under this member's guidance, they arrived at this domain and entered this secret realm, where they finally settled.

Giving help by the Flower Race to others in distress was uncommon. They were not a strong race themselves, but with the natural affinity between the Wood Spirit and Spore Races and the Flower Race, they extended a guiding hand upon meeting Mu He and Black Umbrella.

With a clear target, Mu He and Black Umbrella led their remaining tribespeople through many difficulties before finally arriving here.

Later, with the assistance of the Flower Race, both Mu He and Black Umbrella advanced to the level of Moon Jade.

Unfortunately, this peace didn't last long. Soon, the place was targeted by a group of galactic pirates, leading to the events Lu Ye encountered.

Lu Ye listened quietly, feeling deeply for the Wood Spirit and Spore Races' tumultuous fate. Reflecting on the Merfolk and Soul Races, he suddenly realized that these rare races with unique abilities truly found it challenging to survive amidst the stars.

Being targeted by powerful entities was a constant threat, the idea of being innocent but guilty for possessing riches indeed applied here.

Lu Ye had initially wanted to guide Mu He and Black Umbrella to lead their people to the Nine Provinces. Both the Wood Spirit and Spore Races had some unique skills. Their small numbers would have been welcomed in the Nine Provinces, but due to the journey being too long, he didn't mention it back then.

"The galactic pirate group outside is targeting the Flower Race?" Lu Ye asked.

Capturing a rare race like the Flower Race and selling it is undoubtedly a lucrative path for some galactic pirate groups. Just like when Lih Shang was captured years ago and auctioned off, if Lu Ye hadn't spent everything to buy her, who knows what she would be facing now.

Lih Shang's capture was just bad luck, barely out of the Soul Race ancestral land before encountering a Sun Blaze. A Constellation against Sun Blaze had no chance to resist, but the situation with the Flower Race is different. The galactic pirate group outside is targeting them deliberately.

Hua Qianying heard this, shook her head bitterly: "They are not only targeting my Flower Race clansmen, but also this secret realm itself!"

Or rather, the secret realm itself is the true target that the galactic pirate group values more. The Flower Race, while valuable, pales in comparison to the secret realm, even with a thousand or ten thousand of them.

"They want to occupy this secret realm?" Lu Ye was puzzled, turning to scan around, trying to see what is special about this secret realm.

He had only glanced quickly upon entering and didn't take a closer look. Upon careful sensing now, he found the secret realm's environment quite impressive, nurturing a vast amount of spirit flowers and rare herbs. Besides some Wood Spirit Race and Spore Race members, there are hundreds of Flower Race members living here, though their strength isn't great. Hua Qianying is considered strong among them.

Yet this secret realm itself... can already be compared to a regular large domain.

If it weren't known as a secret realm, Lu Ye might think it's another domain. Plus, he could feel that the secret realm holds special forces, very suitable for nurturing spirit flowers and rare herbs.

But why does the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group go to such lengths to occupy this secret realm? It's on the edge of the Grotto Void Galaxy, and their sneaky actions show they're afraid of being seen by strong figures of the galaxy.

Even if they manage to conquer the secret realm, they can't hold onto it long term, for it's unsafe for a galactic pirate group.

Unless there's something special here that attracts them.

Hua Qianying hesitated, unsure whether to reveal certain secrets to Lu Ye, when Mu He spoke up: "It's fine. Young Friend Lu is favored by the Reincarnation Tree and has been granted its mark. His character is trustworthy."

Hua Qianying was immediately amazed, looking at Lu Ye with surprise: "You've been granted the Reincarnation Tree's mark?"

Black Umbrella was there to explain: "As I mentioned before, our survival in the Blue Jade World faced Blood Race invasion, and it was the Reincarnation Tree who sent Young Friend Lu to save us."

This fact was indeed told to Hua Qianying by two clansmen, but she never imagined that the one who saved both races would be Lu Ye.

Still puzzled, Hua Qianying asked: "Aren't you called Li Taibai?" In her belief, Lu Ye is Li Taibai from Unparalleled Island. However, the two clan leaders call him Young Friend Lu.

Lu Ye scratched his face: "Alias, alias!"

Hua Qianying understood, as it's common for cultivators to use aliases to conceal their identity when traveling.

But being favored by the Reincarnation Tree and granted its mark indeed speaks to his trustworthiness.

With no concerns left, Hua Qianying explained slowly: "The homeland of the Flower Race is indeed a secret realm, but essentially it's the internal space of a divine object."

"A divine object?" Lu Ye showed a curious expression.

"The World King Flower! I wonder if Fellow Daoist has heard of it?" Hua Qianying asked.

Lu Ye shook his head. Although he's traveled the stellar space for some years, gaining extensive insights and experiences, the numerous oddities in stellar space are naturally beyond complete comprehension.

"Legend has it that the World King Flower is the origin of our Flower Race. The first Flower Race was nurtured within the flower realm of the World King Flower. Wherever there's a World King Flower, there will inevitably be a Flower Race. Our current Flower Race stemmed from the flower realm of a World King Flower."

Lu Ye glanced around, surprised: "So this secret realm is the flower realm of the World King Flower?"

"Yes." Hua Qianying nodded.

Lu Ye pondered a moment and said: "But I haven't found any World King Flower outside. Does it have the ability to conceal?"

"It's not concealment." Hua Qianying shook her head, "It's attachment! When the World King Flower initially formed, it attached itself to the domain outside. As a unique divine object, the World King Flower attaches to a domain, absorbing its essence to reinforce itself."

Lu Ye realized: "Like a kind of parasitism?"

"Not a simple parasitism." Hua Qianying shook her head again, "Common parasitism brings only harm to the host, but not the World King Flower. While the World King Flower parasitizes a domain, absorbing essence to grow stronger, it also produces a miraculous feedback force, enhancing the host domain's essence, and significantly shortens its growth time. Their relationship is not a one-sided take but mutual enhancement."

Lu Ye listened intently, intrigued: "Such a divine object exists in the world?" He then frowned: "But if that's the case, the outer domain's essence shouldn't seem so depleted."

The outer domain appears visibly undernourished. Is this indeed not caused by the World King Flower's parasitic absorption?

Hua Qianying explained: "Since Fellow Daoist has come here, you surely know the uniqueness of this location."

Lu Ye pondered, then understood: "Yin-Yang Great Millstone!"

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"Indeed, it is the Yin-Yang Great Millstone!" Hua Qianying showed a look of helplessness. "If it weren't for this marvel of the stellar space, the domain outside might not have become a large domain, but at least it wouldn't have had just a simple vitality. It would've certainly birthed living beings by now. But because of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, that outer domain is just as you see it, Fellow Daoist."

The Yin-Yang Great Millstone continues to grow, and the nutrients for its growth come from absorbing everything around it. Although the outer domain still has some distance from the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, it still cannot resist the effects brought by this marvel of the stellar space.

Without the attachment and feedback of the Realm King Flower, even the simple vitality of the outer domain would no longer exist.

It is precisely because of the attachment and feedback of the Realm King Flower that this domain hasn't completely turned into a dead or desolate planet.

Currently, that domain can still maintain a simple vitality, but as the Yin-Yang Great Millstone continues to expand, it will eventually fall, and this won't take many years.

In this view, the Realm King Flower indeed greatly aids the growth of a domain. One must know that this is already a desolate star region, where one sees only dead stars, desolate planets, and broken floating lands. Yet the assistance of the Realm King Flower can, to some extent, offset the influences brought by the stellar marvel like the Yin-Yang Great Millstone...

Lu Ye immediately realized the power of this divine object.

If such a divine object were obtained and sold, let's not mention the attitudes of top-tier domains. Those large domains would likely go crazy fighting over it.

Who wouldn't want their domain to ascend to a top-tier domain sooner? However, the elevation of a domain's foundation isn't as simple as a cultivator's cultivation; it requires the accumulation of long ages.

But if there is the attachment of the Realm King Flower, which complements the domain, it will undoubtedly greatly shorten this time.

Only now did Lu Ye understand what Hua Qianying meant when she said the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group covets this divine object more than anything. Compared to the Flower Race itself, the value of the Realm King Flower is immeasurable. If they could get it, the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates could completely wash their hands clean. Even if they settled in a large domain, they'd be welcomed as honored guests!

On the other hand, the Nine Provinces needs the Realm King Flower!

The Nine Provinces has just upgraded to a large domain not long ago, and although it has the foundational resources of the Blood Refinement World and the Unparalleled Continent to devour, even if these two domains are devoured, it's a long way from the Nine Provinces to reach a top-tier domain. The Nine Provinces' only advantage is Number Nine. Because of Number Nine's presence, the Nine Provinces is a domain that can rapidly grow. Across the entire stellar space, there aren't many domains like the Nine Provinces.

Otherwise, back then, the one named Yueh Xin wouldn't have been so delighted.

A domain that can grow rapidly, if further assisted by the Realm King Flower... Lu Ye couldn't imagine the beauty of the picture.

His thoughts began to roam, but thinking about the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group outside gave him a bit of a headache.

The strength of the entire Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group is not particularly strong. The key is they have a Moon Jade Late Stage practitioner, which Lu Ye simply can't contend with right now.

After thinking for a while, Lu Ye asked, "The star pirate group outside is trying to find a way to destroy the domain. What impact will it have on the Realm King Flower if the domain is destroyed?"

According to Hua Qianying, the Realm King Flower is attached to the domain, similar to a parasite but not exactly. Lu Ye didn't know what impact the destruction of the domain would have on the Realm King Flower, but it certainly wasn't good.

Hua Qianying replied, "Once the Realm King Flower attaches to a domain, it can never be separated. Without our Flower Race opening a portal, no one can come in. There is only one way to separate it..."

"Destroy the domain to which the Realm King Flower is attached!" Lu Ye realized.

Given this, the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group somehow found out there was a Realm King Flower here and knew how to separate it from the domain, so they decided to destroy the domain.

Once the domain is destroyed, the Realm King Flower will be revealed, and at that point, it can naturally be taken.

Upon reaching this point, Hua Qianying showed a sorrowful expression: "Actually, even if the star pirate group outside doesn't destroy the domain, our original plan was to try to destroy it. The Yin-Yang Great Millstone continues to expand, and the feedback from the Realm King Flower can no longer sustain the

vitality of this domain for long. Once the vitality of the domain withers, the Realm King's Flower World will also suffer severe damage."

Therefore, for this branch of the Flower Race, the only way out is to destroy the domain themselves before these things happen, take the Realm King Flower, and find another place to settle.

Their requirements for a domain are not high. As long as the environment is not too bad, with the help of the Realm King Flower, the chosen domain can also quickly grow.

"Then why haven't you acted?" Lu Ye asked.

Hua Qianying said bitterly: "We lack sufficient power! To take the Realm King Flower, strong Psyche Force is needed because the Realm King Flower is not a tangible object but a kind of semi-etheric existence. Apart from attaching to a domain, it can only be stored in the Divine Ocean. I only have Constellation, and my Divine Ocean is not enough to hold the Realm King Flower. Forcibly retrieving it might cause my Divine Ocean to collapse."

This is also the difficulty for Hua Qianying's branch of the Flower Race.

They were nurtured by the Flower World of the Realm King Flower, so their strength is closely linked to the level of the Flower World of the Realm King Flower. If it weren't for the constant devouring by the Yin-Yang Great Millstone over the years, the Flower World of the Realm King Flower would have long since grown, and Hua Qianying's strength wouldn't be just at the Constellation level. But because of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, the Flower World of the Realm King Flower cannot grow.

The level of the Flower World doesn't improve, and the cultivation of the Flower Race cannot advance.

This is the fundamental reason why there is no Moon Jade born in Hua Qianying's branch of the Flower Race.

"Originally, Fellow Daoist Mu He and Fellow Daoist Black Umbrella advanced to Moon Jade. We thought the situation was promising, but the two tried and found it still wasn't possible."

Mu He and Black Umbrella showed a look of guilt nearby.

The Flower Race took them in, giving them a place to stay, and even assisted them in advancing to Moon Jade. Yet, in the end, they couldn't contribute at all, which made them feel guilty. Ultimately, it was because their Divine Soul Power wasn't strong enough.

"I left the Flower World to head to the All Phenomena Ocean before, looking for a trustworthy strong individual who could help us, but unfortunately, I found none."

Counting on the Flower Race alone was not feasible. Without its level being raised, the Flower World could only foster cultivators up to the Constellation level at best, which was akin to the Nine Provinces having only the Divine Sea Realm in the past.

Therefore, the Flower Race thought of seeking assistance, but according to Hua Qianying's estimation, to claim the World King Flower would require at least a Moon Jade Late Stage. As a Constellation Late Stage, she found few opportunities in the All Phenomena Ocean to interact with such strong individuals, and even if she did, she couldn't be sure about their character.

After lingering in the All Phenomena Ocean for years, she eventually had to return, only to face the crisis soon after coming back.

The domain is now under attack and will be breached in a matter of days. Once the World King Flower is revealed, the Flower Race's future looks bleak.

Their only hope now is to unite the Flower Race, Wood Spirit, and Spore Race, to counterattack the instant the domain is breached, hoping to defeat the enemy.

But the opponent had a Moon Jade Late Stage overseeing things and another Moon Jade Early Stage as well. Even if Mu He and Black Umbrella advanced to Moon Jade, they would be no match.

Moreover, there are several Tiger Shark battleships outside, watching menacingly. The power they unleash is akin to a Moon Jade attacking.

Once the domain breaks, the three races might face defeat and enslavement.

"Does claiming the World King Flower require Divine Soul Power?" Lu Ye mused.

"Yes," Hua Qianying nodded. If she could advance to Moon Jade, leveraging her race's inherent traits and connection to the World King Flower, claiming it wouldn't be too difficult. But she couldn't advance to Moon Jade.

"May I give it a try?" Lu Ye asked.

He was confident his Divine Soul Power surpassed that of his peers, thanks to the numerous nourishing items he consumed to strengthen his psyche.

Yet, Mu He and Black Umbrella had both tried and failed. He wasn't sure how much stronger his Divine Soul Power was compared to theirs, but given the situation, he had to try anything possible.

Should it succeed, there might be a glimmer of hope. If not, a desperate fight would be the only option.

Hua Qianying evidently understood this too, so she didn't refuse Lu Ye's request: "Of course you can, but Fellow Daoist, be careful. Although it's just a trial, it's still fraught with danger. If anything seems amiss, please stop immediately!"

During her time in the All Phenomena Ocean, among all the people she met, her impression of Lu Ye was the best. In the years spent there, he was the only cultivator who offered her help. Had Lu Ye been a Moon Jade Late Stage, she would have likely asked for his assistance. But since they both were only Constellation Late Stage, she hadn't brought it up.

Lu Ye nodded, "What do I need to do?"

"Hang on!" Hua Qianying said, as her soul force began to surge.

Soon, the entire Flower World started to tremble, as if something was being birthed.

Countless glimmers of light fluttered from all directions, drawing the attention of all living beings in the Flower World.

Despite its vastness, the Flower World wasn't densely inhabited. The combined population of the three tribes barely reached two hundred.

In Lu Ye's view, the countless lights gathered in front of Hua Qianying, swiftly forming a flower.

The flower was about the size of a human head, pure white and immaculate, looking unremarkable.

Yet, it was one of the most precious treasures of the stellar space, the projection of the World King Flower!

The real World King Flower was still entrenched in the domain, invisible until the domain is breached. What Lu Ye saw now was merely a projection.

Though just a projection, it was condensed from the essence of the World King Flower. Attempting to claim it was no simple task for Lu Ye.

Conversely, if Lu Ye could claim this projection, it would mean he could claim the World King Flower itself!

Hua Qianying said, "You can channel your soul force like refining a treasure to refine it, and see if you can draw it into your Divine Sea."

Lu Ye nodded, proceeding as instructed, letting his soul force surge toward the projection of the World King Flower.

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Since he knew that even Mu He and Black Umbrella couldn't succeed, Lu Ye remained cautious.

However, to his surprise, refining it wasn't too difficult. Lu Ye felt he effortlessly managed to successfully refine this projection.

Mu He kindly reminded beside him, "When my brother Black Umbrella and I were refining this, we didn't encounter too many difficulties either, but bringing it into the Divine Sea caused terrifying exhaustion. Be careful, young friend. If things seem wrong, release immediately, don't force it."

When he initially brought this projection into the Divine Sea, the entire Divine Sea was violently shaken; his Soul Power was nearly drained, almost a visit to the Ghost Gate.

Black Umbrella had similar experiences.

"Understood." Lu Ye nodded, carefully bringing the projection in front of him into the Divine Sea.

Throughout the process, Hua Qianying, Mu He, and Black Umbrella paid close, anxious attention.

In the next instant, the projection vanished, and Lu Ye's expression turned serious because he realized that as soon as he absorbed the projection, the Divine Sea began to violently churn. Even the Soul Suppressing Pagoda couldn't help; the entire Divine Sea seemed to explode with a tsunami, with waves surging and giant tidal waves rising.

If this were all, Lu Ye might have managed to endure it, but what shocked him more was that once the World King Flower's projection entered the Divine Sea, it started to crazily devour his Soul Power. As it absorbed more, the projection began to vibrate continuously, seemingly trying to break free from his Divine Sea.

Hua Qianying always kept an eye on his situation, and seeing this, she knew something was wrong and immediately said, "Stop it!"

Lu Ye nodded and was just about to release his hold, letting the World King Flower's projection escape, when suddenly, seven-colored sunlight burst within the Divine Sea, instantly filling the entire Divine Sea with colorful brilliance.

This seven-colored sunlight seemed to possess a distinctly magical cleansing power; everywhere it passed, the previously restless Divine Sea became calm and peaceful in an instant.

Lu Ye's pressure was greatly reduced, so he quickly turned his attention to the seven-colored Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea.

At this moment, colorful light surrounded the seven-colored Divine Lotus, clearly attributing all achievements to it.

The seven-colored sunlight continued to cleanse the Divine Sea, not only calming the Divine Sea but also stabilizing the restless World King Flower projection with this mystical baptism.

Like a flustered beast soothing its soul, not only did the projection cease behaving erratically, but it also actively leaned towards the seven-colored Divine Lotus.

After a moment, everything settled down.

Lu Ye slowly opened his eyes, his expression peculiar.

Lately, his Divine Sea had acquired many strange things; first the seven-colored Divine Lotus, and now a projection of the World King Flower...

Upon closer inspection, the World King Flower's projection seemed rooted in the heart of the seven-colored Divine Lotus, adding a touch of pure white to this colorful Divine Lotus.

"This is..." Hua Qianying stared at Lu Ye in amazement, while Mu He and Black Umbrella also looked puzzled.

A moment ago, Lu Ye's performance clearly seemed insufficient, almost failing, yet suddenly everything seemed easy.

"Succeeded?" Hua Qianying asked uncertainly.

Lu Ye replied, "That projection is now in my Divine Sea; does that count as success?"

Hua Qianying froze, dazedly saying, "Of course... it does..." then grew tense again, "But is there any discomfort?"

She never anticipated that Lu Ye, only at the Constellation Late Stage, could collect the World King Flower's projection. Mu He and Black Umbrella, both were Moon Jade cultivators, couldn't do it, and according to her estimates, a non-flower race outsider would need at least Moon Jade Late Stage cultivation to achieve this, as that level of cultivation would provide a Divine Sea strong enough to contain the World King Flower.

It's impossible to say that Lu Ye's Divine Soul Power rivals Moon Jade Late Stage; if so, it would be too exaggerated.

Lu Ye's Divine Soul Power was indeed stronger than other cultivators at his realm, but there was still a vast difference compared to Moon Jade Late Stage. Success this time was entirely due to the seven-colored Divine Lotus, which replaced Lu Ye's Divine Sea as the foundation to contain the World King Flower; otherwise, relying solely on Lu Ye's Divine Sea, success would be impossible.

Everything was a fortunate coincidence.

If not for the previous trip to the Soul Race ancestral land and acquiring the seven-colored Divine Lotus, there wouldn't be today's success.

At this moment, the World King Flower projection was rooted in the seven-colored Divine Lotus, and aside from looking a bit strange, there didn't seem to be any discomfort.

"Truly succeeded?" Hua Qianying still couldn't believe it; she thought the Flower Race faced obliteration, but Lu Ye's sudden arrival turned the tide.

Her heart was extremely anxious because if it truly succeeded, the Flower Race might have a glimmer of hope; her words looked at Lu Ye like a dawn breaking through darkness.

"It should be!" Lu Ye nodded solemnly.

Beside him, Mu He and Black Umbrella stood with mouths agape; after a long while, Mu He concluded, "No wonder, being someone chosen by the Reincarnation Tree, indeed extraordinary."

Throughout history, those chosen by the Reincarnation Tree, gifted with its mark, were remarkably talented and capable beyond ordinary limits. Despite the peculiar difficulty understanding this scene, considering Lu Ye ultimately was chosen by the Reincarnation Tree, it didn't seem so baffling.

"When collecting it, that projection was frantically devouring my Soul Power. Now that it has taken root, why is there no response?" Lu Ye asked.

Hua Qianying finally calmed her excitement, ensuring that Lu Ye had indeed succeeded. She took a deep breath, her ample chest rising slightly, and explained, "Earlier was a simulation. The entire process didn't differ much from collecting the real World King Flower. The only difference is that after the collection, since it was a simulation, what you collected was just a projection, so there was no response. But if you collected the real World King Flower, your Soul Power would be continuously consumed. Can you endure that?"

Lu Ye's expression became serious. "How fast is the consumption?"

If the consumption rate isn't fast, he certainly could endure it. The seven-color Divine Lotus had been continuously exerting its effect, plus, his Divine Soul Power was inherently strong.

Hua Qianying shook her head, "Not sure, but theoretically speaking, it's unsustainable for Constellations, and even Moon Jade can't last long."

The late-stage Moon Jade from the Divine Wind Group outside, even if he successfully collected the World King Flower, would quickly act in a short period and wouldn't keep it as a prized possession, because if too much time passed, he might not withstand it.

After saying this, Hua Qianying's expression inevitably turned gloomy. Yes, even if Lu Ye could collect the World King Flower, what use is it if he can't sustain it for long?

"Does the Flower Race have elixirs that can replenish Soul Power?" Lu Ye asked.

Hua Qianying returned to her senses and nodded, "Yes."

"Then bring them all, regardless of their quality, and even the raw materials for replenishing Soul Power are needed."

Hua Qianying understood, "You plan to replenish consumption by consuming elixirs?"

"There is no other way."

Hua Qianying thought for a moment and nodded, "It's worth a try." However, no matter how fast Lu Ye could refine, it should still not be as fast as the consumption, but with the aid of elixirs, it should delay for a while.

In this group of the Flower Race, Hua Qianying held the highest status, almost equivalent to the Clan Leader of this group, because she was the first Flower Race member to be born in this Flower World.

Immediately, under her orders, all the elixirs for restoring Soul Power and some materials for refining elixirs stored by the Flower Race were brought out.

Although the Flower Race produces many Alchemists, each with amazing alchemy skills, no matter how skillful the Alchemist is, they have to grow step by step.

When their alchemy skills weren't high, the elixirs they refined naturally weren't of good quality.

Thus, the elixirs brought out by the Flower Race varied in quality.

However, Lu Ye didn't mind. To him, even a wasted pill, as long as it has some efficacy in restoring Soul Power, is useful, even if it consumes more fuel from the Talent Tree.

Before leaving the All Phenomena Ocean, he had replenished the Talent Tree's fuel considerably, fearing there weren't enough.

Besides the elixirs, there were many flowers and grasses that could restore Soul Power, all cultivated by the Flower Race themselves.

Moreover, he still had the soul jade given by the Soul Race!

When leaving the Soul Race ancestral land, Xuyuan gave him a storage ring containing 1,000 pieces of soul jade, stronger in efficacy than 1,000 supreme-grade psyche refinement pills.

Lu Ye didn't believe that with so many good things for support, he wouldn't be able to endure!

The issue of Soul Power consumption should be resolved, Lu Ye asked expectantly, "When do I collect the World King Flower?"

This thing should definitely be brought back to the Nine Provinces. A large domain that can grow rapidly and a World King Flower that can complement the domain—creations of heaven and earth—should remain inseparable!

Hua Qianying smiled bitterly, "As I mentioned before, the World King Flower will only separate from its domain when the domain shatters. Only then can you collect the true form of the World King Flower!"

Lu Ye nodded, recalling the simulated scenario earlier. It was manageable. Now he was inside the Flower World of the World King Flower, when the domain shatters, outsiders couldn't enter the Flower World in a short time, and it wouldn't take much effort to collect the World King Flower then.

"Then there remains only one problem." Lu Ye looked up at the sky.

Outside, there was the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group!

When the domain shatters and the World King Flower is revealed, even if Lu Ye successfully collects it, he would face the challenge of how to escape right under the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group's noses.

Mu He and Black Umbrella exchanged glances and said in unison, "We'll try to hold them off!"

Among the three tribes, besides the two early-stage Moon Jade, the highest others could achieve was Constellation, which would be insignificant against the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group. Only these two could exert some effort.

If they could let Lu Ye escape with the World King Flower, even dying in battle would be worthwhile for them.

Lu Ye shook his head, "No way!"

Not to mention that there was a late-stage Moon Jade on the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group's side, with several Tiger Shark battleships. Sending in those in the Constellation Realm was futile, and sending Mu He and Black Umbrella at the early-stage Moon Jade would be futile as well.

Chapter 1674 - Domain Shattered

In fact, if it were just a matter of escaping under the hands of the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, Lu Ye would still have a bit of confidence. Back then, with Early Stage Constellation cultivation, he was being hunted by Tang Jun, a Moon Jade Mid-Stage, yet he managed to maneuver for a long time relying on the Void Spirit Runes. Of course... this had to do with Tang Jun's own lack of depth, but when it comes to running for his life, Lu Ye has a significant advantage.

Previously, he could only rely on the Talent Tree Avatar and Void Spirit Runes, but now he also has three drops of Treasure Blood Avatar, increasing his chances of escape even more.

Moreover, his cultivation is now much stronger than it was back then, making it even harder for the other side to capture him.

The key is that big array!

Before making a move, the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group set up a big array to conceal that vast stretch of stellar space.

Their actions are ultimately unaffordable to be seen, and destroying a domain creates quite a commotion. This area is also considered the outer fringe of the Grotto Void Galaxy, so naturally, they must first conceal it.

The array setup person's skill is far superior to Lu Ye's; otherwise, he wouldn't have noticed it until he got close.

That big array isn't just for disguise; it must have powerful trapping abilities as well. Without breaking the big array, there's no way to leave!

With the combined strength of him and the three races within the Flower World, breaking that big array is simply impossible.

He can only resort to the red talisman!

Su Yuqing had given him two red talismans back in the day. He used one against the old crone Qin Yuandai of the Qingli Dao World, and the remaining one has been nurtured inside him ever since.

Back then, when he killed Qin Yuandai, he was only at Constellation Early Stage, and although the red talisman hadn't been nurtured for long inside him, it still rendered Qin Yuandai defenseless and led to her destruction with one strike.

Currently, he is at Constellation Late Stage, and with the red talisman nurtured within him all these years, its power is naturally far greater than before.

Such a red talisman, powered by his current cultivation, might not be hopeful against Sun Blaze. However, against a Moon Jade Late Stage, if he's lucky, he might directly annihilate the opponent.

Moreover, after Lu Ye's physique reached its extreme, creating treasure blood, he discovered something delightful—when using treasure blood to nurture the red talisman, the effect is far superior to ordinary nurturing.

This is only natural; the talismans of the Dwarf Race are meant to be nurtured with the essence of a cultivator's blood Qi. Although Lu Ye's blood Qi essence was formidable before, it was still at the Constellation level, whereas the essence within treasure blood shows traces of surpassing the Constellation level, making its nurturing effect on the red talisman exceptional.

Unfortunately, the time has been short; if Lu Ye could nurture it for another ten or twenty years, this red talisman would definitely pose a threat to Sun Blaze.

The red talisman is indeed precious, but if using it could trade for a chance at survival and a World King Flower, then that transaction is absolutely worth it.

So Lu Ye feels no regret, for a talisman, an external force, is meant to be used at such critical moments.

With everything thought through, nevertheless, how the situation unfolds will depend on doing his utmost and leaving the rest to fate!

Seeing Mu He and Black Umbrella ready to request orders, Lu Ye smiled slightly, saying, "No need to worry, the two of you. I have my plans, and if all goes well, we might just escape this calamity."

Black Umbrella and Mu He said no more, though secretly they were prepared for a desperate fight.

It's not a lack of trust in Lu Ye, but the difference in strength between enemies and allies is too great.

Inside the Flower World, the outside situation can be seen; as the Flower Race's Clan Leader, Hua Qianying enjoys many conveniences within the Flower World.

Otherwise, they would not have discovered Lu Ye and brought him in proactively.

At this moment, the void in front of everyone is like a mirror, reflecting the outside situation.

The Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group's offensive had clearly become much stronger, probably because Lu Ye's sudden introduction touched their nerves. Under the command of the white-haired elder, the attacks from the galactic pirate group members became even more frenzied, while several Tiger Shark battleships continuously launched assaults.

Even the Flame Race Moon Jade has taken action.

Only the white-haired elder stood with his hands behind his back on the starboat, looking down at the domain below with a somber face.

He didn't know why Lu Ye had been brought into the Flower World, but no matter how he looked at it, this was not a good omen. However, he didn't pay much attention to a mere Constellation Late Stage.

As long as this domain could be destroyed, the World King Flower would be his.

When Lu Ye arrived, the Flower World was still peaceful, but as time passed, the entire Flower World began to shake, a sign of the increasing destruction of the outside domain.

The three races' beings, whether the Flower Race, Wood Spirit, or Spore Race, all appeared tense, as the moment deciding their life and death was approaching.

Mu He and Black Umbrella exchanged glances, seeing the determination in each other's eyes. Although Lu Ye had previously said he had his plans, the stark power disparity made them decide, at the moment when the domain shattered and the World King Flower appeared, to charge out into battle. They didn't aim to kill the enemy but rather to create a sliver of hope for Lu Ye to escape. If Lu Ye could indeed successfully escape, they would be able to die without regrets.

Suddenly, the trembling of the Flower World became unprecedentedly violent, and the beings of the three races staggered and cried out in alarm.

"The domain is about to shatter!" Hua Qianying's face turned pale with tension.

Mu He and Black Umbrella took a step forward, just about to break out of the Flower World, when suddenly their bodies froze, looking shocked towards Lu Ye.

Because at that moment, an extremely terrifying aura burst out from Lu Ye's body. When they looked over, they saw Lu Ye was completely enveloped in a dazzling red glow.

"This is..." Mu He's pupils contracted.

"Red Talisman!" Black Umbrella recognized the essence of the red glow; a Constellation Late Stage cultivator couldn't unleash such power, the only possibility was the might of the Red Talisman.

Moreover, judging by the terrifying power fluctuation, this isn't just any Red Talisman; it undoubtedly comes from the Dwarf Race.

Generally, a Red Talisman activated by a Constellation Late Stage cultivator wouldn't cause such a spectacle. Although neither of them could be considered well-traveled, they've heard of the infamous Red Talismans from the Dwarf Race.

So that's it!

Mu He and Black Umbrella suddenly realized; earlier they were unclear about Lu Ye's confidence source, turns out he had a Red Talisman with him. If that's the case... there really is hope to escape this place.

Lu Ye's aura became increasingly violent, under the red glow, even his eyes and black hair turned blood red, making others feel apprehensive.

Spirit force surged around him, crazily pouring into the talisman within his body; Lu Ye felt the talisman's aura inside him growing more dangerous and horrifying, with a sense that it could explode at any moment.

He tried to suppress the talisman's explosion while infusing it with spirit force, because he could sense that such an explosion would only result in a single strike!

This Red Talisman was not quite the same as the one he activated last time...

Even though it's also crafted by Su Yuqing, her creation of Red Talismans involves luck, so it's impossible for every talisman to have the same effect.

Crack...

The sound of something shattering echoed, the world's upheaval surged to its peak instantaneously, leaving all beings with a sensation of heaven and earth inverting.

The domain shattered!

In that instant, Lu Ye felt the projection of the World King Flower rooted in the core of the seven-color Divine Lotus within his Divine Sea, mysteriously connecting with something unknown.

Since taking in this projection, Lu Ye hadn't noticed anything unusual, but now it finally reacted.

Taking in the projection was both a simulation and a positioning. When the World King Flower manifested, using this positioning along with Hua Qianying's aid, Lu Ye could easily retrieve it.

"Fellow Daoist, watch out!" Hua Qianying's voice resonated, utilizing her status as Flower Race Clan Leader and the first life born from the Flower World, she fully supported Lu Ye in acquiring the World King Flower.

With her voice sounded, the entire world began to blur, as if the universe was collapsing, rushing toward Lu Ye's Divine Sea!

At this moment, inside the veiled big array, on the starboat resembling a tower ship, the white-haired elder excitedly stepped forward, darting toward the just-shattered domain.

With the domain's collapse, a pristine and enormous flower suddenly appeared in his view.

World King Flower!

Indeed, the information he received was accurate; this domain actually harbored the World King Flower, a treasure coveted by all large domains in stellar space. As long as he acquires it this time, he can completely abandon the galactic pirate's identity in the future, reaping benefits unimaginable even in his lifetime or the next.

Thrilled, even his frail old hand trembled, as he advanced he roared, "Get out of my way!"

He intended to personally acquire the World King Flower.

The galactic pirates naturally dared not defy him, retreating swiftly, eagerly eyeing the suddenly appearing gigantic flower.

But they also knew among the whole galactic pirate group, the only one capable of obtaining this World King Flower was the white-haired elder, not even the Flame Race Moon Jade could manage.

Nearing the World King Flower, the white-haired elder's eyes became hazy, gazing at the World King Flower as if staring at the most precious treasure in this world.

Just as he was about to activate soul power to retrieve it, the elder suddenly frowned because he noticed a speck of red light unexpectedly appearing in the flawless World King Flower.

He hadn't yet reacted to the situation when the red light abruptly expanded, instantly dyeing the entire World King Flower blood-red.

Moments later, the gigantic World King Flower suddenly disappeared, and a figure enveloped in red light unexpectedly appeared in his view.

This abrupt turn of events momentarily perplexed the watching sect cultivators of the galactic pirate group, and even the elder, who was so close, was left utterly stunned, unable to grasp what had transpired.

Yet as immense fear descended, although he didn't know what happened, he knew something grave was afoot.

Within the red glow, Lu Ye abruptly opened his eyes, his gaze transforming into two Blood Moons, the Boulder Mountain Saber thunderously unsheathed!

With the horrifying power of the Red Talisman, he felt that regardless of what was before him, he could break it with a single slash!

Following the original plan, what he needed to do now was quickly lock onto the white-haired elder's position and strike him down with one slash!

As long as he killed this highly skilled white-haired elder, the rest would be insignificant.

He had been worried about not finding the elder or the elder being too far away; who would have thought that right after retrieving the World King Flower, his figure was revealed, seeing the elder standing not far from him.

This really was... quite the coincidence!

Chapter 1675 The Direction of Escape

With the slash from the Boulder Mountain Saber, the soaring red light enveloping Lu Ye converged towards it like fluid, and a massive red saber light, resembling a crescent moon, swept out.

With a cracking sound, Lu Ye felt a sharp pain in his right arm holding the saber, the flesh splitting, blood spattering.

Even the Boulder Mountain Saber emitted a slight hum.

It must be known that this saber was transformed from the barghest of the Combat Race. Although it currently only exhibited the level of a spirit treasure, this was limited by Lu Ye's own cultivation; its quality is simply beyond the spirit treasure level.

Usually, no matter how Lu Ye mobilized his power, the Boulder Mountain Saber would not react abnormally, but this slash resulted in the saber vibrating slightly due to the overwhelming feedback of power.

Fortunately, it was transformed from the barghest. If it were the former Boulder Mountain Saber, Lu Ye suspected it might have shattered directly. The power of such a slash had already exceeded what a spirit treasure could withstand.

Not far away, the white-haired elder's pupils constricted to the size of a needle. Despite sensing something was amiss the moment Lu Ye wielded the saber, Lu Ye's actions were simply too fast, taking him by surprise. He was still immersed in the joy and excitement of soon acquiring the World King Flower, yet in an instant, the threat of death descended.

As the red saber light burst forth, the white-haired elder immediately attempted to escape, but to his horror, he found that the saber light had completely locked onto his aura. Unless he could instantly distance himself by a hundred thousand miles, he simply couldn't evade this terrifying strike.

He hurriedly sacrificed an object that seemed like a piece of beast bone. As mana was frantically poured into it, the beast bone shattered, wrapping back onto the elder. In the blink of an eye, his body was encompassed by a hazy gray light screen, within which a shadowy exotic beast appeared to move.

And that wasn't all—he also sacrificed a magic treasure resembling a tiny bell, placing it directly over himself!

With two major protective magic treasures adorning him, the elder still felt no sense of security.

He had no chance for further action now.

The crescent-shaped red saber light arrived before him, cutting through the protective magic treasure as easily as slicing through tofu, then pierced through the hazy light screen, effortlessly penetrating the elder's body...

Not far behind the elder, two Tiger Shark battleships were spectating. They had been repelled by the elder earlier, and never expected such a change to occur. Those navigating the two Tiger Shark battleships were merely Constellation cultivators, unable to react as swiftly as the elder. When the crescent red saber light came, they hadn't even comprehended what was happening before being swept into it.

After breaking the elder's two layers of protection, killing him on the spot, and then breaking the two Tiger Shark battleships, the crescent saber light appeared to dim slightly in power, yet its speed and ferocity remained terrifying.

A loud boom echoed as the saber light struck the large array enveloping the stellar space, carving out a massive breach.

The cultivators of the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, faces stunned and terrified, were overwhelmed by the sudden explosion of horror, nearly believing that Sun Blaze had arrived.

Lu Ye was already rushing towards the breach!

Though he had slain the strongest Moon Jade Late Stage, there were two Tiger Shark battleships and one Moon Jade Early Stage left, in addition to numerous foes. Lingering here was not advisable.

Now the array was broken, and naturally, escaping was his priority.

Before the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group's cultivators could react, Lu Ye had already reached the breach in the large array.

Just as he was relieved that everything was going according to plan, he suddenly furrowed his brow, turning to look back.

Where the elder's body should have been, there was no sign of him, but instead, a ragged, palm-sized puppet had appeared.

The puppet had a huge wound running through it, exactly matching the injuries the elder had just suffered.

Dead-substitute puppet!

Lu Ye immediately recognized it since he had seen this in the Constellation Palace. It's an unparalleled exotic treasure for preserving life, capable of transferring all lethal damage to the puppet, thus saving one's own life.

In the stellar space, dead-substitute puppets are always priceless and exceedingly rare.

Lu Ye never expected that a galactic pirate group's Moon Jade would possess such an object.

He instantly sensed something was wrong.

Sure enough, a mighty aura suddenly revived from a nearby tower ship, followed by the white-haired elder, who was supposed to be dead, abruptly emerging, his expression dark as he glared at Lu Ye, grinding his teeth and growling: "Boy, I'm going to kill you!"

Such a precious treasure, the dead-substitute puppet, wasted on a Constellation Late Stage.

Despite the terrifying power of Lu Ye's previous slash, capable of killing instantly, the elder's discerning eyes naturally saw the red talisman's might. How else could a Constellation Late Stage produce such a fearsome slash?

The dead-substitute puppet is precious, and so is the red talisman.

Having one red talisman is already impressive for a Constellation Late Stage, how could there be a second?

Nonetheless, the elder dared not rashly approach Lu Ye, merely stimulating Mental Consciousness from afar.

In an instant, the overwhelming and powerful Mental Consciousness surged toward Lu Ye like a tide, almost condensing into a visible form, transforming into a spear and striking at Lu Ye.

With his Moon Jade Late Stage foundation, even if it's just a psyche attack, it is more than enough to take down a Constellation Late Stage!

That's what he thought...

The result was quite unexpected for him, because the spear formed from Mental Consciousness did not have the desired effect after hitting Lu Ye's body. Lu Ye merely swayed slightly before emerging unscathed, then darted out of the big array's breach without looking back.

What happened? The white-haired elder froze for a moment, then shouted, "Chase!"

Only at this moment did the remaining cultivators of the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group wake up as if from a dream, hurriedly deploying various means to chase through the big array, with the white-haired elder leading the charge.

He had lost a precious dead-substitute puppet, two protective magic treasures, and two Tiger Shark battleships; even the painstakingly arranged big array had been broken. If he couldn't reclaim the World King Flower now, it would be a massive loss.

Therefore, he absolutely would not let Lu Ye go. Although he couldn't understand how a Constellation Late Stage could seize the World King Flower, he had witnessed the scene when Lu Ye manifested, truly seeing the World King Flower being taken by Lu Ye.

As long as he caught that kid and took him down, the World King Flower would still be his.

At this moment, he was extremely regretful. Had he known, he would have killed the kid upon spotting him. How could he have let things get so complicated afterward? At the time, he thought of using Lu Ye as a laborer, and since Lu Ye's cultivation was vastly inferior to his own, he didn't pay much attention.

On Lu Ye's side, he had already activated the Blood Escape Technique, transforming his figure into a blood light rapidly darting forward, and at the moment of exiting the big array's breach, three Treasure Blood Avatars condensed, splitting with the main body into four paths, fleeing in different directions.

Despite not expecting the white-haired elder to have an exotic treasure like a dead-substitute puppet, he had already made various strategic predictions while waiting in the Flower World earlier, so any dire situation was within his response range.

His biggest worry was whether the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group had not only the two Moon Jade cultivators he saw; what if there were hidden forces he hadn't discovered before?

The situation now is somewhat bad, but not terribly so.

There are only two Moon Jade cultivators in the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, one Late Stage, one Early Stage, but the white-haired elder's resurrection through the dead-substitute puppet was completely unexpected, so he still had to endure a Moon Jade Late Stage's pursuit.

Whether he could escape depended on his skill.

It must be said, Moon Jade Late Stage's Mental Consciousness is indeed fierce, as it's only a step away from Sun Blaze existence. Though Lu Ye once killed a Moon Jade Late Stage, the opponent was from the Blood Race, completely suppressed by him, and he had Shang's Soul Possession at the time, so it doesn't count.

The white-haired elder, undoubtedly an aged warrior, immersed in this realm for countless years, possesses a sheer psyche attack that Constellation cultivators can't withstand.

Lu Ye's unscathed condition was entirely thanks to the seven-color Divine Lotus.

When the white-haired elder launched the psyche attack, Lu Ye had already activated the Sacred Guard, condensing layers of protection in his Divine Sea. Unfortunately, the cultivation gap was too wide; the layers of Sacred Guard shattered quickly without much effect, immediately followed by the spear-like offensive crashing into his Divine Sea, stirring turbulent waves.

Under normal circumstances, a Constellation attacked in such a manner would either have their Divine Sea shattered or their psyche injured—let alone escape, surviving would be uncertain.

But at this critical moment, the seven-color Divine Lotus suddenly radiated seven-colored rays, where the rays passed, the turbulent divine sea quickly calmed.

Lu Ye truly didn't expect that the seven-color Divine Lotus, besides nurturing the psyche, also had a suppressive effect. If that were the case, he wouldn't need to fear similar psyche attacks in the future.

Although the Ghost Ship in the Divine Sea was also mysteriously strong, it could only be used when other psyches or Spiritual Bodies invade the Divine Sea, and its effect differed from the seven-color Divine Lotus.

Out of the big array, Lu Ye's main body immediately fled in a predetermined direction, according to the earlier strategic plan.

Actually, at this point, there were only two escape directions available to him, one being the Grotto Void Galaxy!

No domain welcomes galactic pirate groups. The Grotto Void Galaxy is under the guard of Sun Blaze powerhouses, and if Divine Wind dared to pursue him inside, once those Sun Blaze powerhouses notice, there's no way they would leave alive.

However, fleeing towards the Grotto Void Galaxy has one drawback—if the World King Flower's information leaks, Lu Ye couldn't ensure that the Sun Blaze powerhouses there would not be interested.

It must be known that the Grotto Void World is not a top-tier domain; how could they not covet treasures like the World King Flower?

If the white-haired elder was targeted by the Sun Blaze, he would most likely offer the World King Flower as a bargaining chip for survival.

If he escapes the tiger's den only to fall into the wolf's lair, that would be disastrous.

So Lu Ye did not consider fleeing toward the Grotto Void Galaxy.

If he couldn't flee towards the Grotto Void Galaxy, there was only one direction left.

The Yin-Yang Great Millstone!

Chapter 1676 - Counterattack

The Yin-Yang Great Millstone was precisely Lu Ye's target for this journey. Within such a marvel of stellar space, numerous dangers are bound to exist, yet he also has certain advantages in there.

If he could leverage this stellar marvel to shake off the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, that would be best. If unable to, he would have to find a chance to ascend to Moon Jade.

Upon ascending to Moon Jade, all concerns would naturally be alleviated. Even if he still couldn't defeat the old white-haired man, he would at least be able to escape.

Therefore, his goal has always been singular!

On the other side, under the leadership of the white-haired elder, the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group had already charged out of the big array through a breach. When raising their heads, they were slightly dumbfounded.

For in their field of vision, there were four streaks of blood light, dashing away in four different directions at a swift speed.

The white-haired elder recognized it as the Blood Escape Technique at a glance, as this secret technique is renowned throughout stellar space.

But four figures...

This Constellation kid actually understands the method of doppelgangers—, the white-haired elder snorted coldly and immediately activated a secret technique, a flicker of light appeared in his eyes.

He had cultivated a Pupil Skill. To others, a doppelganger technique might be deceiving enough to pass for real, but it would never escape his investigation.

Upon activating the Pupil Skill, the elder immediately examined the four fleeing figures, and in the next moment, he showed a look of astonishment, "How can this be?"

Under his Pupil Skill's inspection, those four figures seemed indistinguishable, as if all were the main body.

But that's impossible. Among the four figures, there must be three doppelgangers and one main body. His inability to discern them only confirmed the opponent's doppelganger technique was so profound it exceeded his Pupil Skill's inspection.

"Chase them separately!" In the next moment, the elder made a decision.

No matter which was the main body, they must all be significantly exhausted at this moment. Using a Constellation's body to activate such a terrifying power of the red talisman surely has a price. The opponent couldn't hold out for long, and on top of that, he collected the World King Flower, which is a great burden even for a Constellation Late Stage!

The various cultivators of the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group received the order and immediately split into four groups, pursuing in different directions.

The white-haired elder, of course, went alone, as did the Flame Race Moon Jade. The remaining Divine Wind cultivators split in two, each accompanied by a Tiger Shark battleship.

At this moment, Lu Ye indeed felt some pressure; activating the red talisman had caused him considerable depletion. For any other Constellation, such a maneuver would likely render them incapable of fighting, but his foundation far exceeded that of an ordinary Constellation, and he had already consumed many elixir pills for recovery, so the situation was within his expectations.

However, the pressure from the red talisman's activation was secondary; once recovered, it would be fine. Yet the pressure from acquiring the World King Flower's main body would persist because it was actually devouring his Soul Power!

Fortunately, he had a seven-color Divine Lotus in his Divine Sea, which greatly reduced the rate of Soul Power depletion under its nurturing, though it was still insufficient.

This was anticipated all along, so as Lu Ye fled, he took out the elixir pills given to him by the Flower Race earlier, ignoring their quality, and directly consumed and refined them.

This barely managed to maintain the balance of his Soul Power depletion.

After a quick calculation, the many elixir pills and spirit flowers and rare herbs given to him by the Flower Race could sustain him for about a month. Beyond that, his Soul Power would continue to erode, and once it reached a certain level of depletion, he would certainly be unable to endure it.

However, he still had 1,000 pieces of soul jade!

This was given to him by Elder Xuyuan before departing from the Soul Race ancestral land, and these were much better for replenishing Soul Power than the elixir pills from the Flower Race.

Considering the 1,000 pieces of soul jade, Lu Ye felt he could easily last another month or two.

So, the white-haired elder's hope that the burden of the World King Flower would overwhelm him was certainly not going to materialize anytime soon.

Thanks to the Talent Tree, for other cultivators, even with so many resources to replenish Soul Power, it would be useless if they couldn't quickly refine and absorb them. But Lu Ye, relying on the Talent Tree, could swiftly recoup his Soul Power consumption.

Very soon, his main body sensed the pursuer's presence behind him.

It had to be said that luck was truly on the worse side—it just so happened to be the white-haired elder.

If the opponent were pursuing his Treasure Blood Avatar, it might afford him more time to flee. But the white-haired elder had directly homed in on the main body, leaving Lu Ye unsure whether his opponent was genuinely lucky or had seen through the real and the fake among his doppelgangers.

It should be luck. If he could really discern, he wouldn't have let his subordinates split up.

The gap in strength was too vast—even though Lu Ye was using the Blood Escape Technique, the distance between them was steadily narrowing.

It obviously wasn't wise to deploy the starboat at this moment since it required some time to accelerate. Even if short, it might allow his opponent to catch up directly.

He could only continue exerting his best to flee, trying to delay as much time as possible while sensing the situation with the three Treasure Blood Avatars.

The circumstances with the Treasure Blood Avatars, while compared to his main body, were better, yet still not well off either.

One of the avatars was being pursued by a Flame Race Moon Jade, while the other two had Tiger Shark battleships hot on their trail!

He had to think of a way to deal with these minions; otherwise, the avatars would not be able to break away from their sight, and even if the main body transposed over, the location would still be compromised.

However, relying solely on his current strength, dealing with the Moon Jade was tenuous; Tiger Shark battleships were nearly as troubling as a Moon Jade.

After some thought, Lu Ye sank his mind, connecting with the World King Flower in his Divine Sea.

In the Flower World, with Lu Ye taking the World King Flower, the previously turbulent Flower World returned to calm. The people of the Flower Race, Wood Spirit Race, and Spore Race waited anxiously and apprehensively, completely unaware of the situation outside. Naturally, they didn't know what fate awaited Lu Ye after he took the World King Flower.

Normally, with a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator outside, Lu Ye would certainly not end well. However, Lu Ye had previously demonstrated the power of the red talisman, giving them a glimmer of hope.

As they anxiously waited, a voice suddenly echoed in the Flower World: "Tribal Chief Mu He, Tribal Chief Black Umbrella!"

It was Lu Ye's voice!

Mu He and Black Umbrella's expressions brightened with joy, quickly responding: "Present!"

Hua Qianying also hurriedly asked, "Fellow Daoist, what is the situation now?"

Lu Ye said, "I have escaped that big array, but now I'm being pursued, so I need the two chiefs to lend me a hand!"

Hua Qianying quickly said, "Tell us how we can help you."

Being chased by a galactic pirate group, with a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator among them, Lu Ye's situation must be dire, which worried Hua Qianying and the others immensely.

"I need Fellow Daoist's help to let Tribal Chief Mu He and Tribal Chief Black Umbrella leave the Flower World to come to my side and assist me in fighting the enemy!"

Although the World King Flower had been taken by Lu Ye, the beings in the Flower World could leave and appear by Lu Ye's side. Of course, it required Hua Qianying's assistance as she controlled the portal of the Flower World.

Hua Qianying immediately looked at Mu He and Black Umbrella. Without any hesitation, they both nodded: "No problem!"

Hua Qianying pursed her red lips: "No problem on my end either..."

Lu Ye's voice continued: "Then act on my command!"

After saying this, there was no further sound.

Hua Qianying looked at Mu He and Black Umbrella with deep worry in her eyes. The situation outside was not good, and with Lu Ye being chased by such formidable enemies, he was evidently cornered, hence he sought help.

Mu He and Black Umbrella were only at the Moon Jade Early Stage, and even if they showed up to fight, there was likely little they could do to help.

Seeing her worry, Mu He chuckled heartily: "Rest assured, even if we die in battle, we'll definitely create a chance for Fellow Daoist Lu to escape!"

They had resolved to face death earlier, and now they wouldn't waver.

"Thank you both!" Hua Qianying's eyes reddened slightly, understanding that once Mu He and Black Umbrella left the Flower World, the likelihood of a grim fate was high. But at this point, there was no other way. She believed that if Lu Ye had any chance of escape, he wouldn't have resorted to seeking their aid.

"Don't worry, I will take good care of the Wood Spirit Race's people!"

Mu He and Black Umbrella's expressions grew firmer, each ready to face death bravely.

At this moment, the spirit force surged around Lu Ye's primary body, and the Void Spirit Runes constructed themselves. Five thousand miles behind him was the silhouette of that white-haired elder.

This distance already made Lu Ye feel threatened. He knew he had to leave, or if the distance closed slightly more, the opponent would undoubtedly strike.

As Lu Ye's spirit force surged, the white-haired elder naturally noticed, quickly activating his Pupil Skill to scrutinize closely. Although he was certain Lu Ye, at the Constellation Late Stage, couldn't escape his grasp, given the previous power of the red talisman, he remained very cautious.

Soon after, he witnessed an incredible scene: a complex spirit rune appeared under Lu Ye's feet, and then he vanished into thin air from the elder's sight.

The white-haired elder's eyes widened, almost thinking he was dreaming.

Moments later, he rushed to the spot where Lu Ye disappeared, solemnly sensing all around, exclaiming: "Spatial Transposition Technique?"

He clearly perceived traces of Space Power from the residual energy here.

It was incredible because such a technique was not something a Constellation could wield on their own, was it due to an exotic treasure?

This young man... who exactly is he, and how does he possess such wealth? The red talisman was clearly crafted by the Dwarf Race, with immeasurable value, and this exotic treasure capable of Spatial Transposition must also be priceless.

Could he be a rising star from some major power? The white-haired elder thought this and felt suddenly uneasy. If that's the case, he must kill him to silence him and eliminate any future troubles.

The powerful Mental Consciousness abruptly spread out, the Pupil Skill pushed to its limits, tracking Lu Ye's movements from residual Space Power traces. In the next moment, he focused on a direction and sped towards it rapidly.

In that direction, a Treasure Blood Avatar was desperately dodging attacks from the Tiger Shark battleship.

Although the Treasure Blood Avatar could exert all of Lu Ye's power, it ultimately lacked suitable weaponry. Facing attacks comparable to a Moon Jade's strike, it had no thoughts of counterattack. Furthermore, each action of the Treasure Blood Avatar consumed the power of Treasure Blood, diminishing its duration.

Therefore, the Treasure Blood Avatar was only evading.

The Tiger Shark battleship continued its pursuit, seeing the avatar being relentlessly attacked without the ability to retaliate, they gradually relaxed. Having witnessed the fearsome power of the red talisman with their own eyes, how could they not be wary?

Now they determined this was merely an avatar, naturally there was nothing to fear.

But just then, a figure flashed beside the Treasure Blood Avatar. Lu Ye appeared out of nowhere, and along with him, a phantom portal manifested!

Chapter 1677 - Mu He and Black Umbrella Facing Death Without Fear

Lu Ye naturally understood the performance of the Tiger Shark battleship, as he had bought ten of them when he returned to the Nine Provinces. This type of battleship is the smallest, and can be piloted by three to five people.

At this moment, the Tiger Shark battleship from the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group was being piloted by four Constellation warriors; two in the Late Stage and two in the mid-stage. With their foundation, combined with the numerous configurations on the battleship, they were indeed capable of launching attacks comparable to Moon Jade—albeit with a slightly slower frequency.

Even so, it relentlessly pursued the Treasure Blood Avatar, making escape extremely difficult.

Had the Avatar not focused solely on fleeing instead of entangling with them, it might have been annihilated long ago.

At this moment, under the astonished gaze of the four cultivators inside the Tiger Shark, another figure of Lu Ye suddenly appeared out of nowhere, making them momentarily stunned.

What the hell?

One of them reacted more quickly, showing an expression of delight after a brief pause: "This must be the original body; quick, capture him!"

Just as he spoke, a strange portal appeared in their view.

Immediately following, a mass of cloud-like substance suddenly drifted out of that portal, diffusing in all directions!

The spore cloud, it was evidently a means activated by the Black Umbrella. This thing looked like a mass of white cloud, but was actually composed of countless spores invisible to the naked eye.

The sudden change made the four cultivators inside the Tiger Shark battleship feel uneasy, and what shocked them even more was that within that strange white cloud, two Moon Jade auras were revealed.

Where did two Moon Jade come from? The four warriors of different races racked their brains but could not figure out what was happening.

Before they could react, the massive spore cloud had already enveloped the battleship, its might was fierce, and from within came a roar of fury.

It was Mu He roaring, a roar filled with boundless anger and rage.

Mu Ling and the Spore Race had it tough; they had been living peacefully in the Blue Jade World, only to be attacked by the Blood Race, forcing them to abandon their home. The tribe members below Constellation were relocated into the Tree World of the Reincarnation Tree, while those Constellation members had to leave their homeland to find a new home.

During this journey, they endured many hardships, reducing their already small numbers further. Fortunately, with heaven's pity, a chance encounter led them to a Flower Race, which guided them to the Flower World to settle, and with the Flower Race's great support, two Clan Leaders ascended to Moon Jade.

They thought the future for their two tribes was arriving, who knew the Flower World would be targeted by a galactic pirate group.

If the Flower World were seized by the pirate group, not only would the Flower Race suffer, but the remaining small number of their tribesmen would also be doomed!

The two Clan Leaders were sorrowful, furious, powerless...

Until Lu Ye's appearance brought a sliver of change to their bleak future.

Mu He and Black Umbrella had already decided to fight to the death to protect Lu Ye and help him escape to safety; so the moment they breached the portal, the two tribesmen unleashed their full power!

The spore cloud spread out, enveloping the battleship.

The four cultivators from the pirate group inside the battleship were appalled, feeling the battleship's speed drastically reduced, as if it was stuck in a quagmire; no matter how desperately they piloted, it crawled slowly like a turtle.

Before they could figure out a solution, a deafening blast rumbled from outside the battleship, followed by the entire battleship beginning to tremble violently.

Inside the spore cloud, Chief Mu He's figure had expanded to a hundred meters tall, resembling a giant standing between heaven and earth. Countless sharp wooden spikes suddenly sprouted from his body, like long whips, wildly stabbing at the Tiger Shark battleship.

Restricted by the spore cloud, the Tiger Shark battleship could barely move, unable to dodge such fierce and furious attacks. The four cultivators inside the battleship frantically activated the protective array of the battleship.

However, how much protection could the array of such a small battleship provide? It could probably withstand two or three attacks from a Moon Jade, but the problem was that the furious Mu He unleashed a dense, layered assault.

In the blink of an eye, the protection of the Tiger Shark battleship was breached, with sharp wooden spikes piercing the hull from all directions, the severe tremors practically making it impossible for the four figures inside to stand firm.

Outside the spore cloud, Lu Ye's true body observed, initially planning to act, but upon seeing the fierce momentum inside the spore cloud, he realized he needn't intervene.

The Treasure Blood Avatar had already fled in the direction ahead when his original body descended.

Following the unbeatable law of fleeing via Avatar: the original body and Avatar should try not to stay together! Lu Ye understood this principle well.

In just ten breaths, the battleship's defenses encased within the spore cloud were completely shattered, not only that, but the surface of the battleship was battered with pits, creating one crater after another.

If not for the notable material of the battleship itself, it surely would have been pierced through.

As Mu He's assault continued, a wooden spike finally pierced into the interior of the battleship.

Seeing the sturdy wooden spike, the four cultivators of the pirate group turned pale, realizing that if such an attack landed on them, they wouldn't have confidence in resisting it. Ultimately, the power difference between Moon Jade and Constellation is a difference in the essence of strength.

As the wooden spike withdrew, the white spore cloud slipped inside through the hole, the four cultivators were horrified, yet entirely powerless to resist, watching helplessly as the spore cloud filled the interior space of the battleship.

Black Umbrella's voice echoed beside Lu Ye's ear: "Little friend, I have them under control, should we just kill them?"

Controlled? Lu Ye was momentarily stunned. The battlefield was enveloped by a massive spore cloud, so he could only sense the vague situation inside; it was difficult to discern what was happening.

"What kind of control?" Lu Ye asked.

"They've been corrupted by my spores. Now they are my puppets. Perhaps we can probe them for some intelligence?" Black Umbrella said.

If not for such consideration, Black Umbrella would have long ago been brutal.

But... how come the situation is different from what he and Mu He anticipated?

In their minds, once they left Flower World, they would have faced the terrifying power of that Moon Jade Late Stage. The opponent still had an entire galactic pirate group for support, and even if both of them ascended to Moon Jade, they would surely not be opponents.

This was a battle with certain death, without any retreat.

They were already prepared to die in battle!

But in fact, there wasn't a single Moon Jade Late Stage here. After coming out, there was only a Tiger Shark battleship, which they easily captured with their cooperation.

The cultivators inside the battleship were not high in cultivation; they were only Constellation states, and there were only four of them.

Where are the rest of the galactic pirate group? Where are those two Moon Jades? Black Umbrella was puzzled.

"Really?" Lu Ye was surprised. He knew the Spore Race could summon the spore cloud to cooperate with the wood spirit in combat, but he didn't know they had such a strange ability.

Just when he was about to say there's no need to gather intelligence and to kill directly, he thought quickly and said, "To what extent can you control them?"

Black Umbrella replied, "Right now they are akin to my doppelgangers. I can exert basic control over their bodies. Of course, if given some time for me to erode their Divine Sea, I can fully control them!"

This ability... truly peculiar.

Lu Ye thought for a moment and said, "Don't kill them; they still have uses."

Soon, the spore cloud dissipated, revealing the battlefield. Mu He scratched his head with a bewildered look, as if searching with his sword in all directions, wondering where the formidable enemy was and why a Tiger Shark battleship was here? He felt like he exerted great effort to kill mosquitoes.

Lu Ye was about to step forward to check the situation inside the battleship when his heart suddenly jolted. He turned in one direction and was extremely surprised, "So fast!"

That white-haired old man actually caught up! What puzzled Lu Ye was how the opponent located his position?

He used the Void Spirit Runes, teleporting across tens of thousands of miles. In theory, the white-haired old man's Mental Consciousness shouldn't be able to extend here, so how did he catch up so quickly?

Upon reflection, perhaps the cultivators on the battleship sent out a signal after encountering the attack.

No matter the circumstances, it wasn't safe to linger here.

"Don't activate your powers!" Lu Ye dashed to Mu He and Black Umbrella's side. As he spoke, a huge Void Spirit Rune was already being constructed, sprawling out and linking under the three of them and the Tiger Shark battleship.

As the Void Spirit Rune appeared, the white-haired old man, still at a distance, could only watch Lu Ye's figure disappear once more.

"Damn it!" The white-haired old man was immensely annoyed. He didn't take an opponent at Constellation Late Stage seriously, but who could have expected such a mysterious and unpredictable ability?

The opponent clearly relied on some strange exotic treasure, otherwise, he couldn't have accomplished such a feat on his own.

Since it's an exotic treasure, there must be a substantial burden on the user, and it can't be activated often!

So thinking, the white-haired old man quickly arrived at the place where Lu Ye vanished and activated his Pupil Skill. Just as before, he determined the direction of Lu Ye's escape using the remnants of space power traces.

Behind another Treasure Blood Avatar not far away, a Tiger Shark battleship was pursuing relentlessly.

Soon, this Tiger Shark battleship faced the same situation as its companion. Only this time, Lu Ye didn't just arrive alone; Mu He and Black Umbrella were also brought over.

Upon emerging, Black Umbrella's spore cloud instantly expanded. The Tiger Shark battleship pursuing them had no time to react and plummeted into the spore cloud.

What followed was simple: Black Umbrella entangled them, Mu He unleashed his force, and the second Tiger Shark battleship fell into Lu Ye's hands, in a matter of ten breaths.

Lu Ye's gaze moved to the distant place where the third Treasure Blood Avatar was.

Compared to the previous two avatars, this one's situation was particularly dire because the pursuer was the Flame Race Moon Jade.

If not for the rapid speed of the Blood Escape Technique, they would have long since been caught up.

Even so, the distance between them was closing quickly, and it wouldn't be long before the Treasure Blood Avatar would be within the attack range of the Flame Race Moon Jade. At that point, the avatar would have no power to resist.

Lu Ye didn't rush to head over but exerted his Mental Consciousness, simultaneously controlling his three Treasure Blood Avatars.

Chapter 1678 - The Most Peace-Loving Wood Spirit

At this moment, the Flame Race Moon Jade was astonished to find that the doppelganger, which had been silently fleeing, was suddenly surging with power, as if a strange spirit rune was gradually spreading out.

He didn't know what was happening, but he knew he couldn't let the doppelganger act freely. Unfortunately, there was still some distance between them, and even if he attacked, it wouldn't pose a threat to the doppelganger. He could only chase desperately.

This doppelganger was constructing the Void, and the other two doppelgangers were doing the same!

Regarding that strongest white-haired elder, Lu Ye didn't have much thought. The power gap was too great, and even with Mu He's Black Umbrella as an aid, there was nothing he could do.

But besides this strongest white-haired elder, Lu Ye didn't intend to let the others go. It's not about personal grudges; mainly, Lu Ye didn't want his Treasure Blood Avatars to be constantly targeted by enemies.

Reducing the number of enemies as much as possible would help his escape.

In the blink of an eye, the Void Spirit Runes near the three Treasure Blood Avatars almost formed simultaneously!

Because of constructing the spirit runes, the doppelganger being pursued moved much slower, and at this moment, it finally entered the attack range of the Flame Race Moon Jade.

Seeing this, the Flame Race Moon Jade was naturally relentless, striking a punch from afar in the direction of the doppelganger.

With this punch, the flames on his body surged wildly, and at the same time, a fire dragon, hundreds of feet long, vivid and lifelike, roared out, instantly sweeping in front of the doppelganger.

Yet the doppelganger's expression remained calm, the Void Spirit Runes under its feet shone brightly.

The Flame Race Moon Jade looked over coldly, certain that with this attack, the opponent would at least be severely injured if not killed, given the power gap between them.

The light engulfed the location of the doppelganger, causing the Flame Race Moon Jade to be unable to see inside for a moment, but soon his expression froze slightly because the situation... seemed somewhat unexpected.

When the light faded, the Flame Race Moon Jade was stunned to find that three identical figures had appeared there, and he couldn't distinguish which one he had been chasing.

What was going on?

How did his punch cause the opponent to split?

Before he could gather his wits, the three Treasure Blood Avatars had already fled in three different directions.

The Flame Race Moon Jade was dumbfounded, unsure which one to pursue...

Gritting his teeth, he randomly chose a direction, still puzzled why his punch failed to harm the opponent.

After he went far away, Lu Ye's main body began constructing the Void Spirit Runes, then teleported to one of the doppelgangers, looked around, and chose a suitable position for Mu He and Black Umbrella to set an ambush with two Tiger Shark battleships.

In the stellar space, many meteorites and floating lands were scattered about, making concealment easy.

The doppelganger being pursued by the Flame Race Moon Jade fled desperately, but soon, the distance between them reached a dangerous level, and sensing the fierce mana fluctuations behind it, Lu Ye without hesitation used the Void Spirit Runes to retrieve the doppelganger.

The Flame Race Moon Jade was on the brink of collapse...

The enemy was right in front of him, and he was about to succeed, but with the appearance of a spirit rune, the opponent suddenly vanished without a trace.

This left him feeling powerless and without an outlet for his strength.

However, soon after, he sensed a ripple of spirit force from behind, and he quickly turned his head to see the previously vanished figure fleeing again.

It turned out that although the opponent's method was magical, it couldn't escape very far!

The Flame Race Moon Jade was reassured, swearing to annihilate the opponent to vent his anger.

As they pursued and fled, the distance between them closed once more, and before long, a scene that delighted the Flame Race Moon Jade appeared. In the stellar space ahead, two Tiger Shark battleships emerged to intercept.

He recognized at once that these were his battleships. Although it was strange that the two battleships, after being gone for just a bit, appeared somewhat battered as if they had been through a battle, he didn't give it much thought and quickly used his Mental Consciousness to transmit audio instructions to the two battleships: "Surround him, don't let him escape!"

The two battleships obeyed the order, surrounding the doppelganger, and as they advanced, the tip of the battleships began to shine, indicating that they were charging up!

The Flame Race Moon Jade, Treasure Blood Avatar, and the Tiger Shark battleships— the distance between the three parties continued to close, and the light in front of the battleships grew ever brighter!

At this moment, inside the Tiger Shark battleships, cultivators of the galactic pirate group under the control of the Black Umbrella were transformed into energy sources, desperately pouring their power into the battleships.

This level of pouring was only performed when desperate measures were necessary, significantly increasing the battleship's explosive power, but at the cost of leaving irreversible damage to the cultivators inside and even the battleship itself.

This could be considered a forbidden power of the Tiger Shark battleships, only used when there's no other choice!

Galactic pirate group cultivators wouldn't naturally do this, but under the Black Umbrella's control, they had no say in the matter.

Visibly, the figures of the cultivators within the two battleships began to wither, soon becoming skin and bones, a sign that their blood Qi essence had been poured into the battleship.

The Flame Race Moon Jade immediately sensed something was wrong. He had only ordered his battleships to surround the enemy, not to exert such great force.

What filled him with horror was that the offensive of those two battleships... had locked onto him!

"What are you doing?" The Flame Race roared furiously. Even though he was Moon Jade, he did not want to face the all-out strike from the two Tiger Shark battleships head-on.

What's going on with these two battleships?

He did not have time to think much, because in this short moment of pause, the offensive of the two Tiger Shark battleships had reached its peak. The violent energy fluctuations made even the battleships themselves hard to manage, inducing fierce tremors in the already battered warships.

Escape!

The Flame Race Moon Jade, seeing the situation was dire, abandoned the chase against the Treasure Blood Avatar and immediately turned to flee.

But it was too late; two bright beams shot forth from the top of the battleships like two sky-piercing swords, crossing the space where the Flame Race Moon Jade was just as he turned around.

"Ah!" As screams echoed, two plumes of fireworks exploded in the stellar space!

Indeed, the two Tiger Shark battleships could not withstand such a burst, or they might have been able to, but due to damages inflicted earlier under the joint attack of the Black Umbrella and Mu He, they ultimately failed.

Such fierce explosions even blew the battleships apart. Inside, the cultivators, already in poor condition, couldn't survive.

As for the Flame Race Moon Jade struck by the two battleships' attack... by the time those intersecting sky-piercing swords dissipated, almost no intact part remained on his body, the blood flowing from his torn flesh boiling like magma, his expression both embarrassed and terrified.

If he hadn't summoned a precious protective magic treasure at a critical moment, he would have been slain on the spot. Yet even so, he suffered severe injuries!

Fury surged within him, teamed with uncertainty, as it made no sense for his own battleships to attack him.

What actually happened?

Before he could figure it out, his face suddenly changed as on the side, a floating land had a Moon Jade aura quickly approaching him.

Turning to look, the Flame Race paused with surprise: "Wood Spirit?"

The features of the Wood Spirit Race were too obvious; he immediately recognized the incoming individual as a Wood Spirit Moon Jade.

Yet... without any past enmity, why was the Wood Spirit attacking him? Wasn't it said that the Wood Spirit Race was among the most peace-loving races in the stellar space? With such murderous intent shown blatantly, who was it trying to impress?

Momentarily, the Flame Race Moon Jade thought he had encountered a fake Wood Spirit.

However, this was no time to delve into these matters; he was in the Moon Jade Early Stage, and this approaching Wood Spirit was also in the Early Stage. Under normal circumstances, he wouldn't be afraid, but with his condition poor, engaging senselessly with this inexplicable Wood Spirit was not an option.

He promptly turned to flee into the distance. Yet, just as he dashed from a hidden area of floating land, a large cloud-like object suddenly loomed over him!

What was this? The Flame Race Moon Jade was dumbfounded as he was thoroughly enveloped by the spore cloud.

Mu He followed closely and fiercely charged into the cloud.

Behind a nearby meteorite, Lu Ye's form gradually appeared. He glanced at the completely decimated Tiger Shark battleships, then directed his gaze toward the spore cloud.

He couldn't see much, only sensed intense combat activity inside, mixed with the Flame Race Moon Jade's angry questioning.

"Why? Why?!"

Why were this Wood Spirit and Spore Race ambushing him here? Why did they act as if they had an unresolvable hatred against him? What was the grudge? What was the enmity?

The battle didn't last long, around thirty seconds or so, and the spore cloud dissipated.

Mu He bore numerous burn marks; as a member of the Wood Spirit Race, he naturally feared the Flame Race the most. The two races were mutual bane, yet with Black Umbrella's help, dealing with an injured Flame Race was no challenge.

It was merely a matter of enduring some wounds.

The Flame Race Moon Jade had already been slain, his corpse shredded, with clusters of bright red mushrooms sprouting on it, appearing extremely gruesome.

Mu He and Black Umbrella showed exuberant expressions; it was their first time slaying an enemy at the Moon Jade level. Both Clan Leaders understood that had it not been for Lu Ye's perception and strategic foresight, they wouldn't have effortlessly killed a cultivator of equal realm.

The previous melancholy had vanished, yielding a sense of vengeance achieved!

Looking at the Flame Race Moon Jade's corpse, Mu He thought viciously, this is the consequence for targeting the Flower World!

"Young friend, there's another Moon Jade Late Stage!" Mu He's eyes flared with battle intent. Having killed a foe who countered him, with Black Umbrella assisting, he felt invincible and confident of slaying one of the late stage Moon Jades to show Lu Ye!

Lu Ye silently watched the somewhat overconfident Mu He, recalling records he read among the Dwarf Race... The Wood Spirit Race was among the most peace-loving races in stellar space.

Those records... had significant issues!

"That Moon Jade Late Stage should be left aside," Lu Ye restrained Mu He's eagerness. It's fine to kill an Early Stage, but as for the Late Stage... they would stand no chance, Mu He and Black Umbrella facing it would be mere folly.

Chapter 1679 - Yin-Yang Great Millstone

In the predetermined battle, Lu Ye joined forces with Mu He and Black Umbrella to eliminate two Tiger Shark battleships of the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group and one Moon Jade Early Stage.

A galactic pirate group certainly consists of more people than this, but the others had been left far behind in the previous pursuit, and Lu Ye naturally wouldn't waste time seeking them out.

Right now, the most urgent thing is to leave here quickly. Although the previous battle was brief, it made quite a noise and might attract the white-haired elder.

With this thought in mind, Lu Ye's heart suddenly jumped, and he quickly looked in one direction, seeing a stream of light rapidly approaching from afar. Based on the aura sensed from a distance, who else could it be but the white-haired elder?

This guy was indeed drawn over.

Lu Ye quickly called out in his mind: "Fellow Daoist Qianying!"

In the Flower World, Hua Qianying opened the portal, anxiously waiting after letting out Mu He and Black Umbrella, unable to know the battle situation outside, leaving her feeling very uneasy.

Unable to disturb Lu Ye, she could only endure the torment.

At this moment, upon hearing Lu Ye's call, she quickly responded: "Yes!"

"Open the Flower World portal to receive the two clan leaders!"

"Okay!" Hua Qianying promptly acted.

In the next instant, as Lu Ye's Mental Consciousness surged, a portal appeared in front of him. Following Lu Ye's instructions, Mu He and Black Umbrella rushed into the portal and disappeared, reappearing back in the Flower World.

Lu Ye then flashed beside the Flame Race Moon Jade, casually taking off his storage ring before summoning his starboat to leave.

A moment later, the white-haired elder, who similarly piloted a starboat to this location, saw the tattered corpse of the Flame Race Moon Jade and couldn't believe his eyes.

He couldn't understand how, in just a short time, his only Moon Jade general had died here!

As for the two Tiger Shark battleships, he had just tried to contact them, but regardless of how he reached out, there was no response, so it seemed they were also doomed.

The Flower World had been taken, his galactic pirate group suffered heavy losses, and the white-haired elder's anger erupted like a volcano, staring in the direction where Lu Ye had fled furiously: "If I don't kill you, I vow not to be human!"

Underfoot, his starboat turned into a stream of light again, swiftly chasing in the direction where Lu Ye had fled.

The same starboat piloted by both, but the speed of a Moon Jade Late Stage was naturally much faster than Lu Ye's. However, he wasn't panicked at all, having attempted before, he had confidence in escaping the opponent. Mainly, as he progressed in cultivation, the distance the Void Spirit Runes could teleport also increased.

So just one more teleportation should ensure safety.

Now was not the time, the distance between the Treasure Blood Avatar and the main body was not far enough.

Once again, it was a round of pursuit, lasting merely half a cup of tea time, before Lu Ye had to activate the Void Spirit Runes again and disappeared.

In the far distance behind him, the pursuing white-haired elder witnessed this scene, his eyes wide and cracking, unable to understand what strange exotic treasure was allowing this kid to flee from his sight repeatedly.

Fortunately, he had the ability to see where Lu Ye fled.

Appearing next to the Treasure Blood Avatar, Lu Ye was preparing to retrieve the avatar but felt something was amiss... although he felt he should be safe now, he must be careful just in case.

After a brief deliberation, he decided to let the avatar continue maintaining distance, separating in different directions from the main body.

A moment later, Lu Ye finally understood what his earlier feeling was about, as the white-haired elder he thought he should have shaken off had persistently pursued again.

Luck?

Lu Ye felt the situation wasn't so simple. Reasonably, the teleport distance should have exceeded the limit of the opponent's Mental Consciousness probing, and the opponent shouldn't know his exact location, yet the fact was that this elder had accurately chased him several times.

It wasn't just luck.

Could the opponent have some means of locking onto his position?

Lu Ye couldn't help but recall the past in the All Phenomena Galaxy when he was chased by a Moon Jade this way, unable to shake off no matter how he teleported.

The white-haired elder's cultivation is even stronger than that past Moon Jade, so if he really has similar means, it's not impossible.

Indeed, one can't underestimate others. In the cultivation world, there are so many strange secret techniques, even a Sun Blaze expert doesn't dare claim omniscience.

The avatar was still out there, maintaining a distance where they could teleport at any time. Seeing the white-haired elder pursuing, Lu Ye didn't hesitate to teleport away again.

This repeated several times, each teleportation followed after a period the white-haired elder could continue pursuing, Lu Ye finally confirmed that this elder indeed had a skill to lock onto his position.

The power disparity is too great, and wanting to shake off the opponent seems unrealistic, unless the opponent's power runs out!

But a Moon Jade Late Stage cultivator, maneuvering a starboat in pursuit, doesn't consume much of their own mana; wanting to exhaust the opponent's power is almost impossible.

It seems I still have to go to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. Only by utilizing the special environment there do I have hope of shaking off the opponent.

This was Lu Ye's planned strategy all along. Only now, being chased, he doesn't have much leisure for contemplation. It doesn't affect the overall situation.

Having made up his mind, Lu Ye aimed for the Yin-Yang Great Millstone's direction, continuously getting closer through successive teleportations, while continually consuming various elixir pills to replenish his own expenditures. The consumption of spirit force wasn't too much; the main issue was the exhaustion of Soul Power.

The World King Flower relies on the seven-color Divine Lotus. Although it didn't create too much burden for Lu Ye, the consumption of Soul Power was immense, and he had to replenish his Soul Power every so often, otherwise, he truly couldn't hold on.

In the chase and escape, a month's time swiftly passed.

Lu Ye was still somewhat at ease, merely constantly teleporting and escaping. On the other hand, the mindset of the white-haired elder who had been continuously pursuing him started to waver.

He initially thought that a Constellation Late Stage who somehow had the luck to obtain the World King Flower wouldn't last long. Moreover, the opponent had previously activated a red talisman.

So as long as he maintained the pursuit, the opponent wouldn't have time to recover. Once their spirit force runs out, wouldn't it be easy to handle them?

But a month has passed, a whole month, and there's not the slightest sign of the Constellation Late Stage fleeing ahead tiring from the chase. Every time he pursued to an extreme distance, the opponent would teleport away with that mysterious technique.

The elder couldn't understand what kind of exotic treasure it was that could be used endlessly like this, nor understand how a Constellation Late Stage could have such a massive reserve of spirit force!

Even constantly consuming elixir pills for recovery shouldn't allow one to endure for this long, considering that consuming too many elixir pills isn't a good thing, and refining them always takes time.

Although he couldn't figure out many things, the fact that he had chased across a major realm for a month without success remained undeniable.

Ordinary Constellation Late Stage cultivators would naturally be helpless in the face of such a pursuit. But Lu Ye, relying on the power of the Talent Tree, as long as there were enough resources and fuel, his spirit force and Soul Power wouldn't run dry. Being pursued for a month was merely a slight mental fatigue.

It's not a big deal.

Moreover, this slight fatigue quickly dissipated completely because... he reached his destination!

Yin-Yang Great Millstone, as its name suggests, from a distance, it seemed as if a colossal millstone genuinely stretched across the void, with the millstone appearing in red and blue, distinctly separated.

When viewed from afar, these two colors could be seen rotating in different directions, as if the millstone was genuinely grinding something...

Around the enormous, unparalleled millstone, the red and blue streams of light transformed into substantial ribbons, floating in all directions.

Even though Lu Ye had witnessed many stellar marvels, he was still shocked by the grand scenery before him.

Lu Ye noticed that it was quite bustling here.

In fact, since a few days ago, he occasionally encountered some cultivators, mostly those with abundant blood Qi, seeming to have come here to temper their physical bodies.

This phenomenon became more apparent the closer one got to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. Such a stellar marvel capable of tempering physical bodies was rare in the entire stellar space, and those cultivators eager to advance their physical bodies wouldn't miss this opportunity.

Especially some cultivators at Constellation Late Stage who had stagnated for years, all longing for a chance to break through here. If they could employ the miraculous power of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone to temper their physical bodies to an extreme, they might have a chance to glimpse the Moon Jade Realm.

Not only have Constellation cultivators come here, Lu Ye even encountered some Moon Jade passing by. However, whether Constellation or Moon Jade, upon noticing that Lu Ye was being chased, none showed any intention of approaching.

Such occurrences were too common in the stellar space. Typically, when encountering such situations, cultivators would choose to remain uninvolved and ignore, as no one knows who is good or bad and that interfering rashly would only invite trouble.

Lu Ye was gazing at the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, and the white-haired elder also observed it. In fact, he had realized half a month ago that Lu Ye's destination was here.

Compared to Lu Ye, the outsider, the Divine Wind Galactic Pirates Group, who had been active in this part of the stellar space, naturally knew far more about the Yin-Yang Great Millstone than Lu Ye.

The elder had discerned Lu Ye's intent; this kid clearly had no way out and hoped to find an opportunity within the Yin-Yang Great Millstone!

Throughout history, indeed some Constellation cultivators have obtained benefits here, tempering their physical bodies to the extreme, thus gaining a chance to advance to the Moon Jade. But such individuals

weren't many, and advancing to Moon Jade wasn't a simple task. Even if one's physique reached the extreme, there were still many preparations required; it wasn't a matter of advancing at will.

Unable to stop Lu Ye's actions, the elder let things happen, especially since within the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, it was even more convenient to kill Lu Ye and reclaim the World King Flower.

No matter what exotic treasure the kid used for teleportation before, it would be greatly limited in a place like the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. The kid trying to make a move inside the Yin-Yang Great Millstone was obviously misguided.

Moreover, this kind of stellar marvel imposes strong restrictions on cultivators. For him, a Moon Jade Late Stage entering, situations would surely be better than for Lu Ye, a Constellation Late Stage.

Thus, seeing Lu Ye rushing straight towards the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, the elder felt a sense of anticipation in his heart.

Indeed, it's one of those situations where there's a road to heaven you don't take, and you choose to break through hell's barred gates!

Chapter 1680 - The Limit

The closer Lu Ye got to the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, the more he could feel the grandeur of this stellar marvel. In terms of size, this spectacle was definitely the largest he had ever seen, even surpassing the All Phenomena Ocean.

This was to be expected, as this cosmic wonder was constantly growing, and its current size was already impressive. In the future, it might even engulf the surrounding star systems, and if that time comes, its enormous scale would be immeasurable.

Although its growth was devouring everything nearby, the cultivators who came here weren't too affected. At the very least, Lu Ye didn't feel like he was being consumed.

A few days later, he finally reached the outskirts of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone and discovered with astonishment that not far away, there was a place resembling a marketplace, where many cultivators were gathered.

Under normal circumstances, he surely would have gone there to take a look, but being hunted now, how could he have the leisure?

He plunged headfirst into the Yin-Yang Great Millstone.

In an instant, it felt as though he had entered another stellar space.

From the outside, the Yin-Yang Great Millstone appeared as a gigantic millstone of red and blue colors, grinding in opposite directions. Lu Ye entered from the blue part, thinking it must be a world filled with blue. Yet in reality, it wasn't.

There was no blue or red here; only an invisible force field filled the space.

Lu Ye could clearly feel that the invisible forces resembled countless unseen millstones, grinding him wherever he stood.

Due to these strange forces interfering, even his vision was affected, with the surrounding space impossibly warped, making it hard to see far even with his sight.

Carefully sensing, there was nothing particularly noteworthy, although the grinding of the invisible field constantly persisted. His physique was strong enough to ignore this influence.

It seemed he needed to delve further in. Having just entered, not feeling much was normal; perhaps only with deeper exploration could he experience something different.

Since he couldn't ascertain the mysteries inside this cosmic spectacle, Lu Ye had already retrieved all his Treasure Blood Avatars before entering.

Now he formed another avatar and let it move in a direction different from his main body, just in case.

Not long after, Lu Ye felt a distant Mental Consciousness locking onto him. As expected, that persistent specter of a white-haired old man chased after him.

After a month of pursuit, Lu Ye had grown accustomed to it. As long as the avatar maintained contact with the main body, he wasn't afraid of being hunted.

But now, having entered the Yin-Yang Great Millstone, he needed to find a way to shake off the old man, or he wouldn't be able to properly comprehend the mysteries here.

The Reincarnation Tree had merely advised him to come here when possible, but never mentioned the benefits of being here.

Lu Ye wasn't sure what abilities the old man had that allowed him to constantly track Lu Ye's escape path. Outside, it was hard to shake him off, but with this twisted space, shaking him off here seemed much easier.

Surely there's an opportunity!

He focused intently on fleeing forward, while the old man relentlessly pursued him.

Having refined his physique in this place years ago, the old man naturally knew more about its mysteries than Lu Ye. Seeing Lu Ye recklessly barreling inward, his eyes gleamed with joy, and he sneered, "Ignorant and fearless!"

While the interior of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone wasn't extremely dangerous, as long as cultivators had self-awareness, they could invariably gain some benefits here.

Yet it was, after all, a marvel born with the stellar space, akin to an ancient relic, with an environment distinct from the current cosmic surroundings.

For cultivators today, even if they found themselves within, there would be a certain level of suppression, which intensified the deeper one ventured!

This is why to date, no one knows what lies at the core of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone. Even Sun Blaze couldn't enter such a place.

There's a rumor that the core holds a stellar space supreme treasure, but the truth is unverifiable.

Initially, there had been nothing unusual, but over time, as he ventured deeper, the white-haired old man noticeably felt increasing suppression.

The ancient stellar environment differed from today, leading to creatures born under varied conditions possessing diverse adaptability.

Like fish born from water, or tigers and leopards from forests.

No matter how fierce the old man was as a tiger or leopard, he couldn't maneuver freely in water.

So Lu Ye was astonished to find the Mental Consciousness locking onto him seemed to be weakening rapidly, and even the Mana fluctuations of the pursuing white-haired old man were waning!

Initially, he thought the old man might have been worn out after a month's pursuit.

But as this became more evident, he quickly recalled one thing...

When returning to the Nine Provinces with Lih Shang, they had entered the Mist Dragon's cosmic spectacle together, during which Lih Shang spoke to him.

In the starry sky, nearly ninety-nine percent of the stellar phenomena impose great suppression on the cultivators who enter them, as the environment within these phenomena preserves extremely ancient flavors that cultivators of the current era find hard to adapt to.

There is only one kind of person in this world who can ignore this influence.

That person is a cultivator who once participated in the Reincarnation Tree's Divine Sea Contest and emerged victorious, using the spirit light nurtured in the Taichu Realm to advance to the Constellation level!

Because the Taichu Realm is also the world's oldest environment, cultivators who refine the spirit light nurtured within acquire the ability to adapt to such ancient environments.

Back when Lu Ye participated in the Constellation Palace's competition with Piao Ke and the specter, both Piao Ke and the specter were greatly suppressed upon entering the Constellation Palace projection, yet Lu Ye was unaffected.

This is also why so many domains are keen to send their rising stars to participate in the Divine Sea Contest, not just for the fame but because if they win, they will inherently have an advantage in exploring stellar phenomena as they grow in the future!

In the starry sky, there are countless phenomena, many dangerous, all containing many opportunities and benefits. The Sun Blaze experts are most eager to explore the stellar phenomena, and naturally, possessing the ability to ignore the environmental suppression of phenomena comes with immense advantages.

Lu Ye is not the only person in this world exempt from the resilience of ancient environments; any cultivator who has refined the spirit light from the Taichu Realm has this ability, though this doesn't include the white-haired elder pursuing.

Realizing this, Lu Ye's heart was firmly settled.

He was originally worried that even after entering this phenomenon, he couldn't shake off his enemy, and he couldn't keep running forever.

Now, it seems that as long as he continues deeper inside, the enemy will eventually be unable to sustain!

Thinking this, Lu Ye immediately retracted the Treasure Blood Avatar he had previously deployed, as it's no longer necessary to keep the avatar outside with the avatar consuming the power of treasure blood.

As he continued to delve deeper, the distance between Lu Ye and the elder gradually changed; once their distance had been continuously narrowing, but as time passed, the speed of this narrowing began to slow, and then it couldn't narrow anymore until it widened.

The relentless white-haired elder's eyes were turning red!

At this point, how could he not understand that Lu Ye was a cultivator who had participated in and won the Divine Sea Contest, as only such a person in this world can resist the influence of the ancient environment of stellar phenomena.

He continued to persist, because although Lu Ye was unaffected by the ancient environment, the power of the Yin-Yang Great Millstone was something no cultivator could withstand, and that pervasive grinding power was also a test.

The elder hoped that his stronger cultivation would allow him to delve deeper than Lu Ye, thus having a chance to catch up.

His cultivation was gradually slipping, this decline from the suppressive effect of the ancient environment, degrading from late-stage Moon Jade to mid-stage, finally becoming early-stage...

Until he was almost falling out of the Moon Jade Realm, the white-haired elder stopped with a face full of unwillingness, looking in the direction of Lu Ye's escape, and screaming in frustration.

He couldn't catch him anymore!

To him, this was simply intolerable.

But he dared not continue because this spot was already his limit, moving forward any further would risk his cultivation being suppressed below Moon Jade, and that terrifying grinding power would likely cause him to explode on the spot.

He simply couldn't figure out how Lu Ye, a Peak Constellation, persisted where he couldn't.

This depth simply wasn't one a Constellation could penetrate, not even a physique cultivator!

Lu Ye, however, could penetrate as a physique cultivator in the Constellation Realm.

His physique has always been comparable to physique cultivators of the same realm, and upon reaching Peak Constellation and comprehending the Blood Race legacy to condense treasure blood, his physique climbed another level.

In the current Constellation Realm, almost no one could compare with him in terms of physique, unless they belonged to an exceptionally unique race.

Yet, even so, Lu Ye still felt he was nearing his limit.

Fortunately, the white-haired elder stopped pursuing; if the latter continued the chase, Lu Ye truly wouldn't know how to shake him off.

Now finally free of the entangling pursuers, Lu Ye was in a great mood.

He delved further inside until he felt he reached his own limit, then he stopped.

During the escape, he actually sensed the presence of some cultivators, obviously here to refine their bodies.

But such a place doesn't suit conflict, so regardless of who enters, they basically maintain a principle of not interfering with each other.

Not only are there Constallations, but also Moon Jade cultivators here refining their physiques; however, at the depth where Lu Ye currently stands, not a single trace of Moon Jade could be seen, as even a late-stage Moon Jade cultivator like the white-haired elder couldn't delve deeper, indicating the intensity.

Of course, if there were Moon Jade cultivators who had refined spirit light from the Taichu Realm, such a position wouldn't be their limit, as they could ignore the cultivation suppression brought by the ancient environment and venture further.

Lu Ye sat down cross-legged, calmly feeling the omnipresent grinding power, perceiving the changes in himself.