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Chapter 1721 Humble Old Tang

All Phenomena Island, as the largest and most profound top-class Spirit Island in the All Phenomena Ocean, is located at the center of the All Phenomena Ocean.

It is one of the Spirit Islands directly governed by the native star system and is likewise the most valuable Spirit Island.

The renowned All Phenomena Merchants Guild is situated on this top-class Spirit Island.

However, this does not mean that All Phenomena Island only houses the All Phenomena Merchants Guild.

Normally, a Spirit Island that opens up various trade activities to the outside is divided into two parts: one part serves as the residence for its own cultivators, and the other as the trading area.

Just like Unparalleled Island in the past, when Chu Shen was planning, it was indeed based on this model.

All Phenomena Island is naturally similar; only thirty percent of the entire island is open to outsiders, whereas the remaining seventy percent is off-limits to them. This section houses many native star system cultivators, each with their own cave residence for cultivation, and the Spirit Jade Vein of All Phenomena Island is located in this area.

At the same time, All Phenomena Island is the only Spirit Island in the entire All Phenomena Ocean that has Sun Blaze experts stationed, totaling five in number.

These Sun Blaze powers are responsible for stationing in All Phenomena Ocean, rarely appearing in public, serving merely as a deterrence.

Initially, there weren't as many; originally, All Phenomena Island only had three Sun Blaze experts stationed, because three were already sufficient.

But since Ma Bin infiltrated All Phenomena Island last time, single-handedly battling three and decisively killing one, the All Phenomena Galaxy increased the number of Sun Blaze experts.

Increasing the numbers was necessary, to avoid feeling insecure. Now, with five Sun Blaze experts gathered at All Phenomena Island, the previous tragedy will surely not happen again.

At this moment, outside one of the Sun Blaze expert's short-stay palaces on All Phenomena Island, a figure is waiting respectfully; it is none other than the old fellow Tang Jun.

An ordinary person cannot enter this area, and Tang Jun managed to do so by paying a steep price to have someone introduce him. As for why he came, naturally it was to seek a meeting with the Sun Blaze expert inside the palace.

Though anxious inside, he does not show it outwardly.

It is unknown how long he waited outside before a young man leisurely walked out from the palace. The young man seemed not very old, with a fair complexion and no beard, his cultivation not very high, appearing to be at the Constellation Mid-Stage, yet he carried himself with an air of superiority.

Seeing him emerge, Tang Jun hurriedly approached with a smile, enthusiastically saying, "Brother Yuan, how is it?"

The Constellation referred to as Brother Yuan by Tang Jun is named Yuan Cheng, and having the qualification to enter and exit such a place reveals an uncommon status.

Yuan Cheng still carried himself with hands behind his back, glancing at Tang Jun disdainfully, "What are you saying? Who is your brother? Don't call people old!"

Tang Jun, startled, continued to smile, "My mistake, my mistake, it's Fellow Daoist Yuan, I apologize for the impudence, please forgive me!"

In other places, for someone like Tang Jun, at Moon Jade Mid-Stage, to call a Constellation Mid-Stage person brother would be quite respectful, but Yuan Cheng was not pleased to hear it, so Tang Jun had no choice, especially since he needed something, he could only continue to lower himself.

Yuan Cheng pointed at him, like a parent reprimanding a child, "Be more careful next time!"

"Yes, yes, yes." Tang Jun repeatedly nodded, showing no hint of Moon Jade grandeur, cautiously glanced towards the palace, and quietly asked, "So what does Governor Yuan mean..."

The five Sun Blaze experts stationed here are governors of the All Phenomena Ocean, so Tang Jun's title is appropriate.

Yuan Cheng shook his head, "I haven't seen the ancestor; the ancestor is still in seclusion. You should come back another time."

Although he had expected this, Tang Jun's heart was still disappointed. With insufficient strength, he couldn't even send favors, a truly awkward and bleak situation.

He forced a smile and asked, "Then when will Governor Yuan come out of seclusion?"

Yuan Cheng glanced at him sideways, "What? Does the ancestor need to report to you when he comes out of seclusion? Why don't you go in and ask yourself?" Saying this, he stepped aside.

"I don't dare, I don't dare!" Tang Jun was startled and quickly explained, "I was just casually asking, nothing else. I've long heard of Governor Yuan's great reputation, and wanted to pay a visit and listen to his teachings."

Yuan Cheng snorted coldly, "In this All Phenomena Ocean, the Moon Jade are countless, wanting to listen to the ancestor's teachings also depends on whether you have the qualification."

Tang Jun gritted his teeth, took out a pre-prepared storage ring from his sleeve, approached, and unobtrusively slipped it into Yuan Cheng's hand.

Yuan Cheng turned around and glared at him, "What are you doing?"

Tang Jun accompanied with a smile, "A small token, no respect intended, just hoping Fellow Daoist Yuan can notify me when the governor comes out, so I can come to pay respects again." Saying so, he lightly patted Yuan Cheng's hand.

Yuan Cheng scanned it with Mental Consciousness and knew the weight of the ring's contents, his expression somewhat easing, and he smiled, "No wonder they say old people become wise; you're quite adept at dealing with people. Alright, when the ancestor comes out, I'll tell you."

Tang Jun immediately showed gratitude, "Thank you very much, Fellow Daoist." Further saying, "Could Fellow Daoist please leave an audio talisman marking?"

Yuan Cheng became impatient again, waved his hand, "Why leave that thing? You go back, and when the time comes, I'll have someone inform you."

Tang Jun's expression darkened for a moment, but quickly returned to normal. He didn't dare to force the issue, lest he offend anyone, and immediately nodded, saying, "Alright, this old man will return to Three Realms Island first and quietly await your good news, Fellow Daoist."

Even though he knew there was little hope, he deliberately mentioned Three Realms Island, afraid that if they did need to notify him of something, they wouldn't be able to find him.

"Got it!"

"Then I bid farewell!!" Tang Jun cupped his fist and seemingly carefree, turned to leave.

As he walked out of the area, Tang Jun looked back, couldn't help but sigh, his face full of worry, Three Realms Island... what will its future be?

The matter of seeking an audience with Sun Blaze was uncertain, he didn't even get to meet the person, and spent quite a lot of spirit jade for nothing. It should be noted, he not only gave spirit jade to Yuan Cheng but also spent a lot of resources and asked many people just to gain entry to that area.

This was still from the connections he accumulated while working on Unparalleled Island, otherwise, he wouldn't even have this path.

Three Realms Island indeed developed well at present, but as it developed better, in a place like All Phenomena Ocean, the hidden dangers grew larger!

Absentmindedly leaving All Phenomena Island, he took out an audio talisman and sent a message to Luan Xiao'e.

Soon there was a reply: "How did it go?"

"Didn't meet the person, said he was in seclusion."

Luan Xiao'e was puzzled: "Yuan Du is already Sun Blaze, why continue in seclusion?"

"They obviously don't want to see," Tang Jun hit the nail on the head, "Right now, the situation on Three Realms Island is still unclear, that's why at the Sun Blaze level no decisions will be made lightly. To meet Yuan Du, we still need to be strong enough ourselves, to show that we have the ability to hold Three Realms Island steady!"

Luan Xiao'e angrily said, "If we had the ability to hold Three Realms Island steady, why would we need him?" These words were indeed true, if the Three Worlds cultivators truly had the ability to stabilize Three Realms Island, there would be no need to seek help. Precisely because they lacked this ability, they needed to establish connections with Sun Blaze, hoping for some protection.

Tang Jun was helpless: "This is the general situation of All Phenomena Ocean."

Luan Xiao'e was silent for quite a while, then replied, "Come back first, be careful on the way." In the past, Luan Xiao'e wouldn't have looked favorably upon someone like Tang Jun, but after working with him for such a long time, she recognized his efforts and naturally didn't have a poor impression of him.

Especially in a place like All Phenomena Ocean, no matter how it was said, Tang Jun was a family member. Given the sensitive situation now, she naturally had to remind him a few things.

Tang Jun nodded: "I understand, I've already disguised myself when I came."

On Three Realms Island, Luan Xiao'e ended the transmission with Tang Jun, her eyebrows tightly knitted, her pretty face full of indignation.

Before coming to All Phenomena Ocean, she never imagined the survival rules of such a treasure land would be so complex. In fact, during the early development of Three Realms Island, she didn't encounter much trouble until recently when Three Realms Island rose up, bringing all sorts of troubles one after another.

Fortunately, Tang Jun had experience, otherwise relying on her alone, she simply couldn't maintain the situation.

But some things simply aren't solvable by mere experience. For the cultivator community, having strong strength and sufficient foundation is always the greatest card.

What Three Realms Island lacks right now is precisely these.

In short, to gain a foothold in All Phenomena Ocean, it's not just about casually planting a flag on a Spirit Island. You need to have the strength to stand firm, and at the same time, seek a suitable patron.

Luan Xiao'e frowned in thought, momentarily unsure of how to solve the problem. As she was feeling helpless, she suddenly sensed the big island-protecting array of Three Realms Island being activated.

She was startled, instinctively thinking an enemy was attacking. Recently, things had been unsettled on Three Realms Island, and an enemy attack wouldn't be unusual, but when she turned to look, she saw a familiar figure rapidly approaching.

Luan Xiao'e was stunned for a moment, then a look of joy appeared: "Junior Brother, you've returned? Why didn't you send a message!"

Lu Ye stopped in front of her, smiling slightly, before he could speak, Luan Xiao'e was again taken aback: "Junior Brother, have you reached Moon Jade?"

The mana fluctuations around Lu Ye were too distinctive, undoubtedly a sign of having advanced to Moon Jade.

Behind him, He Baichuan appeared, shaking his head and sighing: "Now with a new junior brother, the old junior brother is neglected, Senior Sister Luan, I'm a bit sad!"

Luan Xiao'e was dumbfounded: "Junior Brother He, how... how did you get here?"

Her surprise wasn't unfounded. She, too, had come to All Phenomena Ocean from the Jade Conch star system with Lu Ye, fully aware of the time it took. Lu Ye had left a year ago, and that time wasn't even enough to return to Jade Conch, so she couldn't fathom how He Baichuan appeared here.

He Baichuan looked even more saddened: "Is Senior Sister Luan not welcoming me? Then shall I leave?"

Luan Xiao'e glared at him: "Don't joke about!"

He Baichuan laughed heartily and opened his arms, walking towards Luan Xiao'e, seemingly wanting to give her a hug, saying, "Senior Sister, I've missed you terribly!"

Luan Xiao'e, not standing on ceremony, slapped him on the head, causing He Baichuan to pause in his steps.

Chapter 1722 - Old Tang Is Ambushed

He Baichuan held his head with a look of grievance: "Senior Sister, we're Moon Jade after all, and there are others watching. Give me some face."

"What face do you want?" Luan Xiao'e seemed to be in a good mood because her junior brother had come over. She turned her head to look at Ma Shangsi standing behind Lu Ye: "This is..."

She could sense that this unfamiliar face was very powerful, perhaps on par with her own, at the Peak Moon Jade level.

Ma Shangsi stepped forward, cupped his fists and said: "Ma Shangsi greets Fellow Daoist."

Luan Xiao'e did not dare to neglect him and quickly returned the gesture, feeling slightly puzzled as she glanced at Lu Ye.

Lu Ye straightforwardly said: "One of our own."

Luan Xiao'e's eyes brightened.

This commotion caught attention, and soon two figures appeared, none other than the Merfolk Race's Great Elder Yan Miao and Fourth Elder Chéng Xīn.

Lu Ye wasn't very familiar with this Fourth Elder, although he had seen her quite a few times. Moreover, she had been able to leave All Phenomena Ocean because he had burned away the Bloodline Curse Poison. They exchanged formal greetings.

Not seeing Tang Jun, Lu Ye asked: "Old Tang?"

Luan Xiao'e replied: "He went out on business and will be back soon." She did not elaborate on the details, planning to explain later when she found an opportunity.

Lu Ye nodded, assessing the situation on Three Worlds Island. He raised his eyebrows: "A high-class Spirit Island already?"

The energy on Three Worlds Island was far richer than when he left a year ago, clearly having ascended to the level of a high-class Spirit Island.

This speed was slower than Unparalleled Island back then, as Unparalleled Island was smaller than Three Worlds Island in scale, and Lu Ye had specifically made some adjustments when placing the Small Constellation Palace here to delay metamorphosis for Three Worlds Island.

In one year's time, Three Worlds Island had become a high-class Spirit Island, which was faster than he estimated, suggesting his previous adjustments weren't quite right.

"It metamorphosed a month ago," Luan Xiao'e explained.

"Not bad! A high-class Spirit Island is already qualified to attract merchants to settle." Lu Ye smiled, "Has anyone approached you to discuss this?"

Back then, Unparalleled Island's development was extremely fast. Under Chu Shen's management, it quickly became a renowned Spirit Island across All Phenomena Ocean, with merchants from various forces flocking in, generating vast profits quickly.

If it weren't for the Celestial Flames World's cunning assault on Unparalleled Island, Lu Ye wouldn't be worried about spirit jade for cultivation now. Just the annual dividends from Chu Shen would be enough for him to spend lavishly.

Luan Xiao'e shook her head: "Not yet."

Lu Ye was puzzled: "That's strange." In theory, the rise of a high-class Spirit Island would definitely attract various forces. Such opportunities are rare across All Phenomena Ocean, and the earlier one enters, the more benefits one can reap.

Not to mention, the commercial district on Three Worlds Island has store locations that differ in quality. Engaging earlier allows more room for choice.

Luan Xiao'e chuckled bitterly: "Wait until Tang Jun returns, and let him tell you."

Old Tang knows more about these unseen disputes and intrigues than she does.

Lu Ye glanced at Luan Xiao'e, faintly sensing something, but didn't ask further, saying: "I brought another five hundred Constellations back to Jade Conch this time, and I'll need you, Senior Sister, to take care of their placement."

Saying this, he opened the portal to Small Flower World, releasing the five hundred Constellations that had been residing there.

As the group emerged, feeling the surrounding environment's richness, they all showed expressions of excitement. In such surroundings, even without needing spirit jade, their cultivation could quickly advance. Indeed, All Phenomena Ocean is a treasure land!

Luan Xiao'e began organizing, calling over many of the first batch of Three Worlds cultivators who had arrived to help settle the new arrivals.

Everyone mingled with familiar faces, gathering in small groups of three to five.

Additionally, thanks to the first batch of cultivators' efforts, the new arrivals didn't need to build their dwellings themselves; there were already plenty of vacant houses on the island, each could simply find one to settle into.

Soon, Three Worlds Island became bustling with activity.

Seeing Luan Xiao'e happily chatting with He Baichuan, Lu Ye joined to greet them: "Have Old Tang find me when he returns; I'll rest for a while."

Luan Xiao'e understood: "Hua Ci and Shui Yuan are in the pill-making room," she reminded him.

Lu Ye immediately changed direction towards the pill-making room, Ma Shangsi trailing closely behind.

However, after taking just a few steps, Luan Xiao'e suddenly shouted: "Junior Brother!"

Lu Ye turned around to see Luan Xiao'e with a panicked expression: "Tang Jun has sent a message; he's been ambushed!"

Lu Ye's face darkened and he hurriedly asked: "Location!"

Luan Xiao'e was holding the audio talisman, seemingly inquiring Tang Jun for his whereabouts. Waiting for several breaths, there was no reply.

Lu Ye immediately understood that Tang Jun's situation wasn't good; otherwise, he wouldn't even have time to respond. He instantly asked: "Where did Old Tang go before?"

Luan Xiao'e replied urgently: "He went to All Phenomena Island!"

Lu Ye turned to give Ma Shangsi a look, his figure soaring into the sky, leaving only his voice trailing behind: "I'm going to support him!"

Luan Xiao'e also knew not to delay, hurriedly saying to He Baichuan: "Come with me!"

Then he looked at Yan Miao and Chéng Xīn: "I trouble you two to guard Three Worlds Island!"

At this critical moment, Tang Jun was ambushed. This was clearly not a chance encounter; the person ambushing Tang Jun must have come prepared.

Luan Xiao'e found it somewhat perplexing. Although Old Tang's cultivation wasn't particularly high, he was shrewd with age. Moreover, he had some disguise techniques when he went to All Phenomena Island, so logically, he shouldn't have been exposed.

But just after Tang Jun finished communicating with her, he was ambushed. The thought made Luan Xiao'e shiver.

Immediately after Lu Ye and his servant left, Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan also hurried away.

Several hundred miles outside Three Worlds Island, a figure lay in wait, sensing the presence of a few Moon Jade cultivators and furrowing his brows, unable to understand why there were suddenly more Moon Jades on Three Worlds Island.

But this clearly wasn't a good omen, so he quickly took out an audio talisman to send a message.

At this moment, Lu Ye wore a solemn expression, standing on Ma Shangsi's starboat, shaking his head: "Too slow. Burst treasure blood, Blood Escape Technique!"

Having been in contact with Ma Shangsi for so long, Lu Ye knew his capabilities well.

Both of them had treasure blood, and being at Peak Moon Jade, Ma Shangsi did too. However, unlike Lu Ye, Ma Shangsi's treasure blood couldn't directly form a doppelganger and wasn't as powerful.

If Ma Shangsi wanted to use his treasure blood to form a doppelganger, he needed to cultivate another Blood Race secret technique and refine a drop of treasure blood over time.

Lu Ye deduced that this was likely due to the large difference in saintliness between them. His treasure blood could transform directly into a doppelganger because of its intense saintliness, making his mastery of Blood Race secret techniques far surpass Ma Shangsi's.

Even though there was a difference in treasure blood, bursting treasure blood to assist in the Blood Escape Technique could still greatly amplify its power!

Tang Jun had been ambushed, and Lu Ye had no clue about his current state. But he was merely a mid-stage Moon Jade magic cultivator, and his foundation wasn't strong. Since the enemy had ambushed him, Tang Jun's situation was likely dire.

Lu Ye needed to head over to support him as quickly as possible, or he feared he would only be able to collect Tang Jun's body.

Upon returning, he felt distinctly that Luan Xiao'e hadn't told him some things, likely not to hide them from him, but to discuss them in detail later.

The ambush on Tang Jun was probably related to these matters.

When Lu Ye spoke, Ma Shangsi didn't hesitate at all, immediately stowing away the starboat. A drop of treasure blood burst open, turning into a blood mist that enveloped both him and Lu Ye, as they darted forward like lightning.

As Lu Ye and his servant dashed out of Three Worlds Island, Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan lost sight of them instantly.

Luan Xiao'e was astonished: "What background does that Fellow Daoist Ma have?"

She could finally confirm that Ma Shangsi was indeed at Peak Moon Jade, with a foundation even stronger than hers.

He Baichuan's expression was grave: "You might not believe this, but that Fellow Daoist Ma claims to be Fellow Daoist Lu's servant!"

"Servant?" Luan Xiao'e's expression turned a bit bewildered. A Peak Moon Jade servant? Then what was Lu Ye's background?

Suddenly, she realized she didn't quite understand Lu Ye.

"Sigh, some time ago, the Jade Conch also went through a crisis. When there's time, I'll tell you," He Baichuan sighed.

Within the blood mist ahead, Lu Ye spread out his Mental Consciousness, searching for Tang Jun's whereabouts, while continuously trying to contact him via audio talisman.

Unfortunately, there was no response, so he couldn't determine Tang Jun's exact location, but since he was coming from the direction of All Phenomena Island, the search wasn't too difficult.

The only good news was that the audio talisman still transmitted his messages, which meant Tang Jun wasn't dead. If he were, his talisman would've become ineffective, unable to transmit messages.

Meanwhile, Lu Ye took out the star map of All Phenomena Ocean, trying to deduce Tang Jun's current location.

The one ambushing Tang Jun must be of Moon Jade level, quite possibly more than one. Although Tang Jun's foundation wasn't great, he was a mid-stage, and after the events of Unparalleled Island's occupation, he had grown cautious. He bought many protective magic treasures. Aware of his weaknesses, he tried to compensate after acquiring spirit jade, so unless he encountered too strong an enemy, he should be able to protect himself temporarily.

The noise from such a battle wouldn't be small. The ambusher likely avoided areas occupied by major forces on Spirit Islands to prevent misunderstandings.

As a result, the search area was narrowed down. Lu Ye's only fear now was that Tang Jun hadn't returned to Three Worlds Island in a straight line.

Fortunately, his worries were unfounded. After nearly two hours of pursuit, Lu Ye suddenly turned his head in a direction where distinct Moon Jade clashes could be sensed.

"Over there!" Lu Ye quickly spoke.

Ma Shangsi immediately changed direction.

Moments later, Lu Ye finally saw Tang Jun's figure, and his heart burned with anger at first sight!

At this moment, Tang Jun was protected by a dim light barrier, covered in blood, his face pale, clearly having sustained serious injuries. Beside him, two silhouettes were relentlessly attacking, one mid-stage Moon Jade, one late-stage, putting Tang Jun in critical danger.

Chapter 1723 - I'll Kill Your Companion First

Moon Jade's battle caused quite a stir, drawing many cultivators from all directions, who pointed and commented on the scene.

While conflicts occasionally occur over All Phenomena Ocean, battles involving Moon Jade-level cultivators are rare, usually happening during Spirit Island conquest battles.

Encountering such an event is rare, and the cultivators naturally enjoy watching the excitement.

The two Moon Jade cultivators besieging Tang Jun—one a combat cultivator, the other a physique cultivator—thought this affair to be straightforward. After all, teaming up against an older mid-stage magic cultivator, especially in a surprise attack, left little room for failure.

They planned for a swift victory.

But once they actually began, they realized how wrong they were.

Tang Jun's strength indeed seemed lacking; since the battle started, he showed no intention of counterattacking, relying solely on a few protective magic treasures to survive, clearly guarding while awaiting reinforcements.

These two finally broke through Tang Jun's protective treasures, only for Old Tang to then invoke a red talisman.

The cultivators were astonished by his fear of death and puzzled over how Tang Jun had such wealth; those protective treasures, though formidable with 4 or 5-star ratings, weren't excessively valuable, but the key was that red talisman, costing no less than two million spirit jades.

Without this red talisman's protection, how could a mid-stage Moon Jade like Tang Jun have lasted this long?

Yet, even so, the red talisman couldn't withstand continual attacks indefinitely; its protective light had dimmed greatly and was on the verge of breaking.

Within at most ten breaths, the two were confident they could shatter the red talisman's protection and slay Tang Jun here!

But at this moment, the late-stage Moon Jade physique cultivator suddenly looked up, spotting fast-approaching red mist heading towards the battlefield. His expression darkened, and he spoke: "Someone's coming!"

They were quite aware of Tang Jun's details, and considering his non-aggressive stance after the attack, it was evident he was expecting reinforcements, which they somewhat anticipated.

What they hadn't expected was how quickly Tang Jun's reinforcements arrived. The place wasn't close to Three Worlds Island; under normal circumstances, a Moon Jade cultivator from Three Worlds Island wouldn't arrive so quickly.

With brief perception, the physique cultivator detected two presences within the red mist: one a late-stage Moon Jade like himself and the other merely early-stage.

After a slight hesitation, he swiftly decided: "I'll go intercept them; you speed up!"

With these words, he rushed toward the red mist.

A few breaths later, facing each other, the red mist suddenly expanded, transforming into a Blood Sea that engulfed him amidst his shock.

Within the Blood Sea, Lu Ye didn't pause, rushing straight towards Tang Jun.

Though collaborating with Ma Shangsi could swiftly resolve this physique cultivator, the priority now was preserving Tang Jun's life.

His situation urgently needed addressing.

The distance swiftly closed between them.

Next to Tang Jun, the mid-stage Moon Jade noticed Lu Ye's charging figure, hesitated slightly, but ultimately chose to abandon Tang Jun and faced towards Lu Ye.

Simultaneously, he cast a sinister glance at Tang Jun and threatened: "I'll kill your companion first, then deal with you!"

With these words, he charged directly at Lu Ye.

Tang Jun's pale face briefly betrayed struggle. An experienced old man, he instantly realized the opponent's intent to threaten him; clearly intending to force him to abandon the protective power of the red talisman.

Purchasing this red talisman from the All Phenomena Merchants Guild at great expense, its protective power was exceptional, otherwise, he couldn't have endured the relentless assaults from two Moon Jade cultivators of superior strength.

However, this red talisman had a disadvantage: once activated, it couldn't move, effectively making him a stationary target.

This was why he remained in place, partly due to the talisman and also because escape was not feasible.

Now, with Lu Ye arriving to rescue him, he couldn't watch helplessly as Lu Ye faced danger.

Despite sensing Lu Ye as a Moon Jade, he had clearly just ascended recently, possibly not yet stable in his current realm, and facing a mid-stage Moon Jade foretold a dire outcome.

The opponent's threat aimed to force him to relinquish his defense and attack actively.

Despite understanding this, amidst the dire situation, Tang Jun gritted his teeth, proactively dispersed the red talisman's power, preparing to coordinate a pincer attack with Lu Ye.

However, just as he did so, the combat cultivator charging towards Lu Ye abruptly turned around, bearing a cold smile, swung a staff at him.

Tang Jun sighed, foreseeing this unfolding, yet he had no choice; confronting the fierce attack, Tang Jun could only muster all his nearly depleted mana to invoke magic in response.

As mana collided chaotically, Tang Jun's magic shattered, the fierce offensive bore down, and with a cry, Tang Jun fell like a cut kite.

He was nearly at the end of his tether; the opponent also expended much, but their disparity in strength was evident; this collision swiftly established the victor.

The staff-wielding combat cultivator clearly intended to finish off Tang Jun, but lacked the opportunity. Sensing Lu Ye's swift approach, he had to turn, sweeping his staff horizontally in response.

Under the stimulation of mana, this strike wielded a massive shadow, sweeping across about thirty miles.

In his vision, Lu Ye's figure suddenly disappeared, startling the combat cultivator. In the next instant, he saw Lu Ye inexplicably appear not far in front of him. Lu Ye raised his hand, pressing it against the sword sheath, his eyes slightly lowered, expression calm, yet the fury in his eyes was like an erupting volcano.

The sound of a blade singing echoed as the Boulder Mountain Saber unsheathed, the flash of the blade flickered.

The body of the combat cultivator holding the staff suddenly stiffened slightly, astonished. He looked down at the magic weapon in his hand.

This 5-star magic treasure was now divided in half from the middle, the cut smooth as a mirror.

His eyes flashed with an incredulous expression, unable to believe that his magic treasure was actually cleaved in two with a single slash!

Though it wasn't a defensive type of magic treasure, it was still a magic treasure, with inherent durability, it shouldn't be as fragile as a wooden stick.

His vision slowly shifted, looking towards his chest, where a line of blood started to seep out.

He suddenly felt a little panicked...

The pain engulfed his entire chest, the line of blood turned into a fountain, spurting, and his vision began to tilt...

Behind him, Lu Ye had already sheathed his saber, grabbing Tang Jun, who almost fell into the All Phenomena Ocean, asking, "How are you?"

Old Tang appeared dazed, the near-death experience left him momentarily blank, only slowly recovering after a while: "I won't die."

He urgently said, "Don't worry about me, face the enemy first!"

Lu Ye released his arm, shaking his head, saying, "No need!"

Old Tang was stunned, why wasn't there a need? But soon he understood why, looking up, the back facing them suddenly gushed with fresh blood, the body splitting in two, falling into the All Phenomena Ocean, plunging into endless darkness.

Old Tang was dumbfounded.

He had been hit by the combat cultivator's staff, leaving his mind spinning, unable to clearly see what happened, so he didn't know how this person died!

Even though he didn't witness the specifics, Tang Jun understood that the opponent's death was inseparable from Lu Ye.

In a single encounter, defeating the strong with the weak, and slaying a Moon Jade Mid-Stage? Tang Jun was shocked in his heart.

"Come with me!" Lu Ye activated his mana, wrapping Tang Jun, and swiftly headed towards Ma Shangsi. Two Moon Jade attackers had ambushed Tang Jun, one had already been slain by him, and he didn't plan to spare the other.

Though unclear about the hidden agenda, without his timely arrival, Tang Jun would definitely have been dead.

If they were out to kill, he naturally wouldn't show mercy!

However, just as actions were taken, there was turmoil in the Blood Sea on Ma Shangsi's side, followed by a figure emerging from it, surprisingly, it was the physique cultivator!

At this moment, his blood Qi was surging, his body bearing some wounds, clearly going all out.

After leaving the Blood Sea, he didn't pause at all, not sure what Escape Technique he used, fleeing rapidly in one direction.

By the time Lu Ye conjoined with Tang Jun and Ma Shangsi, the physique cultivator had already fled a great distance.

Lu Ye glanced, suppressing his killing intent, not pursuing, since chasing now had little meaning. He was weaker in cultivation than the opponent, and the opponent had used some Escape Technique, making it difficult to catch up.

The Blood Sea receded, revealing Ma Shangsi, his breath uneven, looking at Lu Ye uneasily, "Failed the Saintly Venerable's trust, couldn't stop him, I deserve to die!"

Lu Ye shook his head, "It wasn't your fault."

If it were normal times, Ma Shangsi using the Blood Sea Technique to trap the physique cultivator shouldn't have been a problem, but earlier, during the journey, Lu Ye had him explode his treasure blood and pushed him to use the Blood Escape Technique, causing excessive short-term consumption, draining his vital energy. So, during the confrontation with the physique cultivator, he wasn't in peak condition, giving the opponent an opening.

Having killed one of them already, it wasn't a fruitless endeavor indeed.

Tang Jun stood aside, gazing suspiciously at Ma Shangsi, doubting if his injuries were causing hallucinations, how could there be a Moon Jade Late Stage treating Lu Yiye with such respect?

Ever since Lu Ye slayed that Moon Jade Mid-Stage with a single strike, everything seemed surreal...

"Let's head back first." Lu Ye glanced at the many onlookers around, called out, and first summoned the starboat, guiding Ma Shangsi and Tang Jun back the way they came.

He had many questions but here clearly wasn't the place to talk.

After the trio left, the onlooking cultivators started discussing passionately. They had just witnessed an awe-inspiring battle.

Both being Moon Jade level combat cultivators, a Mid-Stage being slain by an Early Stage in one slash, not only that, even his own magic weapon was cleaved into two.

Such a thing had never been seen or even heard of before.

Aboard the starboat, Lu Ye quietly sensed himself, the burden from the Drawn Saber Slash was immense, although just one slash, there was much damage inside his flesh, fortunately for a Moon Jade, such damage wasn't significant and would recover swiftly.

Chapter 1724 - Visiting the Mountain

When heading toward Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye's audio talisman suddenly activated. He picked it up and found that it was a message from Luan Xiao'e, inquiring about the situation on his side.

Lu Ye truthfully informed her.

Only then did Luan Xiao'e breathe a sigh of relief.

After a moment, Lu Ye and his two companions met up with Luan Xiao'e and her junior brother, He Baichuan.

Seeing their current state, Lu Ye frowned: "What happened to you guys?"

Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan both had some injuries on them, clear evidence of a battle.

"We were intercepted!" Luan Xiao'e's face was solemn. "Junior Brother He and I had a fight with them. Before I sent you the message, they suddenly retreated!"

Lu Ye frowned and asked, "How many people?"

"Three!" Luan Xiao'e replied.

And those who could intercept this senior and junior sister duo were undoubtedly Moon Jade cultivators.

Musing for a moment, Lu Ye suddenly understood: "Our Three Worlds Island has been targeted!"

On his return from All Phenomena Island, Tang Jun was ambushed by two Moon Jade cultivators and sent a distress signal. Meanwhile, Luan Xiao'e and her junior brother were intercepted.

Two over there, three here, making five Moon Jade cultivators in total. It's clear they were all part of the same group; it was undoubtedly a premeditated provocation.

Lu Ye found it easy to deduce that Three Worlds Island had already been targeted by some faction, and they intended to attack Tang Jun first to weaken the island's defensive strength.

If he and Ma Shangsi hadn't been quick enough, the three Moon Jade cultivators who intercepted Luan Xiao'e and her junior brother would have confronted them instead.

But Ma Shangsi's activation of the Blood Escape Technique after detonating his treasure blood was so fast that the other side probably didn't react in time, thus deciding to intercept Luan Xiao'e and her junior brother.

A month ago, Three Worlds Island was promoted to a high-class Spirit Island, and such a juicy target naturally attracted attention. Lu Ye even suspected more than one faction had set their sights on it; today's attack must have been just one among them.

"Let's head back first!" Lu Ye called out, and the group made their way back home, remaining vigilant along the way, wary of any sudden Moon Jade ambush.

Only upon returning to Three Worlds Island did their tense nerves finally relax.

Grumbling under his breath, Tang Jun went to Shui Yuan for healing. He had barely survived the attack and paid a hefty price. Just the few broken protective spirit treasures and a red talisman alone cost nearly four million spirit jades; his losses were significant.

Although Lu Ye managed to take down one of their opponents, they gained nothing substantial in return—far from enough to make up for the losses.

Lu Ye headed to the pill-making room to find Hua Ci. He had intended to do this upon returning, but got sidetracked by Tang Jun's distress message, prompting him to rush to the rescue.

Inside the pill-making room, Hua Ci was already aware of Lu Ye's return and was unsurprised upon seeing him, merely casting a gentle, smiling glance in his direction.

"Daddy!" A small figure rushed over from the side and leapt into Lu Ye's arms.

It was Yaya.

Lu Ye hugged her, raising a hand to tweak her little nose: "Have you been good?"

Yaya's eyes twinkled as she chirped, "I've been very good and well-behaved!"

Lu Ye looked at Hua Ci, who nodded affirmatively: "Yaya has been very thoughtful, not causing any fuss when you were away."

"That's really good!" Lu Ye pinched her rosy cheeks.

Yaya giggled happily.

"How is Veteran Tang?" Hua Ci inquired.

Lu Ye, holding Yaya, sat down beside them and replied, "Injured, but nothing serious. Second Senior Sister is currently treating him."

Yaya leaned over and picked up the teapot nearby, pouring a cup of tea for Lu Ye before handing it to him obediently: "Daddy, have some tea."

Lu Ye accepted it with a smile.

Just as he began drinking, Yaya asked, "Where's my mom?"

Lu Ye spurted out the tea and quickly explained, "Ah, your mom, she went back to visit her family!"

Hua Ci chuckled knowingly from the side.

Lu Ye suddenly found himself at a loss for words.

Yaya touched her little mouth thoughtfully, looking slightly disappointed.

"She'll be back soon," Lu Ye reassured.

He sighed inwardly, knowing that Yaya was not truly a child. For some unknown reason, she had transformed into this state, coupled with her damaged sanity, which caused her to consistently behave like a child. But hearing Yaya call him "Father" made Lu Ye's shoulders feel heavy.

Previously, he had feared that if Yaya regained her sanity one day and remembered these experiences, his situation might become precarious.

Now, however, he no longer thought this way. He even hoped that Yaya could recover. After all, it was truly tragic for a Sun Blaze to fall into such dire straits.

"The situation in All Phenomena Ocean may not be as simple as you once thought. Now that you're back, communicate more with Veteran Tang and others. There were actually signs before Veteran Tang's ambush," Hua Ci's voice sounded.

"What do you know?" Lu Ye asked.

Hua Ci shook her head, "Second Senior Sister and I are in charge of the pill-making room, so we're only vaguely aware of external matters. I won't mislead you with my limited understanding."

Lu Ye nodded.

After chatting briefly with Hua Ci in the pill-making room, Lu Ye received a message from Luan Xiao'e and then left.

In the Council Hall on Three Worlds Island, the Moon Jade of today gathered together.

From the Jade Conch Galaxy, there were Luan Xiao'e, He Baichuan, Tang Jun, and Lu Ye—four Moon Jade in total.

On the merfolk side, there were Great Elder Yan Miao and Fourth Elder Cherng Xin.

Additionally, there was Blood Servant Ma Shangsi.

Currently, Three Worlds Island boasted seven Moon Jade, a significant increase in power compared to when they first arrived. Moreover, Luan Xiao'e, Yan Miao, and Ma Shangsi were Peak Moon Jade, while He Baichuan and Cherng Xin were Moon Jade Late Stage.

With such a lineup, plus a thousand Constellations, the defensive capabilities of Three Worlds Island could be considered initially complete.

For any force, such rapid development is somewhat unbelievable, especially considering the cultivators from Three Worlds Island only arrived at All Phenomena Ocean a little over a year ago.

However, due to the regulations of All Phenomena Ocean, they cannot all join a battle for Spirit Islands together as that would be seen as a provocation to the local Star System, and the Sun Blaze stationed at All Phenomena Island would not stand by.

After being treated by Shui Yuan, Tang Jun's injuries were more or less healed, though he still looked a bit frail.

Once everyone was seated, Lu Ye spoke first, "Which faction attacked Three Worlds Island today?"

Everyone remained silent, evidently no one knew.

Luan Xiao'e looked slightly embarrassed and explained, "We've only been here a short time, so we're not fully aware of the Moon Jade status of various factions. But to mobilize five Moon Jade at once, each highly skilled, it cannot be a small force."

Over the year, Three Worlds Island focused on developing itself while numerous forces occupied All Phenomena Ocean. Given its limited connections, it's indeed challenging to determine which force might be attacking, especially when the adversary remains unseen.

This situation is unsettling, as they don't even know who to seek revenge against.

Lu Ye tapped his fingers on the table, suddenly turning to Tang Jun, "Old Tang, what were you doing on All Phenomena Island today?"

Tang Jun replied, "Paying respects!"

"Paying respects?" Lu Ye frowned, puzzled, "Paying respects to what?"

Tang Jun lamented, "You focus solely on your own cultivation; of course, you're unaware of the complexities beneath All Phenomena Ocean."

"So tell me," Lu Ye adjusted his posture, ready to listen.

Tang Jun pondered for a moment and then asked, "Are you aware there's a Sun Blaze overseeing All Phenomena Island?"

"I know that," Lu Ye nodded. Despite his limited knowledge, he was aware of this basic fact, and he knew All Phenomena Island has more than one Sun Blaze stationed there.

"A Sun Blaze stationed at All Phenomena Ocean serves both to deter and to manage All Phenomena Ocean. If any force breaks the rules, the Sun Blaze must intervene. Typically, Sun Blaze cultivators are reluctant to bother with these trivial matters; their level is too high and they have their own pursuits, making such tasks a waste of time. However, in reality, overseeing All Phenomena Ocean is a competitive position among the local Star System. The Sun Blaze are very willing to oversee All Phenomena Ocean."

"Why?" Lu Ye raised his eyebrows.

"It's advantageous, and highly so!" Tang Jun looked at him, "Currently, the local Star System officially occupies only one top-class Spirit Island on All Phenomena Ocean. But behind almost every top-class Spirit Island and high-class Spirit Island, there's a connection to the local Star System's Sun Blaze. Those top-class Spirit Islands and high-class Spirit Islands have the backing of native Sun Blaze!"

Lu Ye frowned, "You're confusing me."

Tang Jun clarified, "It's simple: don't mention the low-class and mid-class Spirit Islands; Sun Blaze overlook those places. But high-class Spirit Islands are different, like our Three Worlds Island. With its favorable cultivation environment, those who come here will significantly improve their cultivation efficiency. Sun Blaze don't need such environments, but which Sun Blaze doesn't have protégés and sect members to care for? These people need a favorable environment for cultivation! The number of local Star System cultivators is vast; one All Phenomena Island cannot accommodate them all. Hence, other top-class Spirit Islands and high-class Spirit Islands become their choice."

After pausing briefly, Tang Jun continued, "They won't conquer these Spirit Islands; they have their pride, and they established the rules, so naturally they won't break them themselves. Hence, the Spirit Island leaders need to be perceptive enough to voluntarily pay respects."

Lu Ye started to understand, "In essence, pledge allegiance to a Sun Blaze, and then this Sun Blaze will arrange for people to cultivate on those Spirit Islands?"

Tang Jun nodded, "That's precisely the matter. It's an unwritten rule passed down through the ages in All Phenomena Ocean. The native Star System leverages this method to insert their cultivators onto numerous Spirit Islands. Of course, these cultivators won't benefit much materially from the Spirit Islands; they merely occupy some slots for a better cultivation environment!"

As he spoke, Tang Jun tapped the table, "This is what paying respects signifies: the Spirit Island forms a hidden alliance with a Sun Blaze, receiving protection at certain times."

Chapter 1725 - The Awkward Predicament of Three Worlds Island

Lu Ye really didn't know about this affair.

Although Unparalleled Island has experienced a development from a mere beginning to a top-class Spirit Island, all these affairs were handled by Chu Shen, Lu Ye was not involved at all, and Chu Shen never mentioned it to him.

Moreover, from another perspective, Chu Shen himself is an All Phenomena cultivator, with Jiu Yan as his backing, he doesn't need to seek protection elsewhere. Jiu Yan is his biggest supporter, which is why Unparalleled Island could develop quickly and everything remained stable.

If Unparalleled Island had remained as a high-class Spirit Island, these later developments wouldn't have occurred. But Unparalleled Island leaped to become a top-class Spirit Island and produced a Spirit Jade Vein, which complicated matters.

The All Phenomena Galaxy wanted to directly control Unparalleled Island, but Chu Shen disagreed. Perhaps there was some communication between the Sun Blaze individuals and Jiu Yan, but the local Star System's attitude towards controlling Unparalleled Island was resolute. In the end, Unparalleled was forcibly occupied, and Chu Shen retreated back to Cheling World.

Currently, officially, the Celestial Flames Merchants Guild is responsible for managing Unparalleled Island, but in fact, it still remains a shared property of the local Star System, which is unquestionable. Even the Cheling World party, which was forced to leave Unparalleled Island, can still get considerable benefits from it.

Only Lu Ye and Tang Jun were completely kicked out.

The situation of Three Worlds Island is not quite the same as Unparalleled Island, but the similarity lies in the fact that changes at the Spirit Island level have triggered certain developments.

If Three Worlds Island had remained just a mid-class Spirit Island, there would be no need to seek guardianship because Sun Blaze individuals would not be interested in mid-class Spirit Islands.

But a month ago, Three Worlds Island transformed into a high-class Spirit Island, which brought great benefits to the Three Worlds cultivators but also brought some hidden dangers.

The Jade Conch Galaxy is not a major galaxy, and it does not have any strong experts. In the complex environment of All Phenomena Ocean, Jade Conch cultivators are a group without strong backing.

In such conditions, if there is no one to provide some support, it would be very difficult to completely establish oneself in the All Phenomena Ocean.

Without mentioning anything else, such a piece of fat meat would certainly be coveted by many forces. When the time comes, there would be continuous attacks and defenses, and Three Worlds Island would be in a constant state of warfare, how could the cultivators cultivate in peace?

Therefore, since a month ago, Tang Jun has been running this affair. He has experience in managing a Spirit Island together with Chu Shen, so he is much more familiar with the intricacies than Lu Ye. He knows that if Three Worlds Island wants stability after transforming into a high-class Spirit Island, it must seek the protection of a Sun Blaze and fall under their jurisdiction.

Although it would mean ceding some benefits, as long as it stabilizes, these sacrifices are worthwhile.

Living under someone else's domain naturally requires following their rules.

For countless years, the local Star System in All Phenomena has used this method to place local cultivators in various high-class and even top-class Spirit Islands for cultivation, ensuring the rapid growth of local cultivators' strength.

So although the All Phenomena Galaxy openly only controls one All Phenomena Island in the All Phenomena Ocean, they are content. Over there, All Phenomena Island can bring enormous wealth to the local Star System, while various Spirit Islands can provide abundant cultivation slots for their cultivators. Together, these complement each other, ensuring the perpetual prosperity of the local Star System.

"Junior Brother, didn't you ask me before if any merchants had come to discuss resettlement matters?" Luan Xiao'e looked at Lu Ye, "The merchants from various powers won't easily negotiate with us about anything until the situation on our Three Worlds Island stabilizes. Because in their view, the final occupier of Three Worlds Island may not necessarily be us, so it's pointless to negotiate, only when the situation on Three Worlds Island is completely stable can subsequent matters be unfolded."

Lu Ye nodded in understanding. If he were one of those merchants, he would likely hold this thought too, watching and waiting until everything is settled before taking action. This is completely different from Unparalleled Island's development. Back then, Chu Shen made great efforts by personally seeking out merchants from various powers to negotiate, naturally bringing a lot of prosperity.

In outsiders' view, Three Worlds Island's foundation is not strong enough, not sufficient to safeguard this high-class Spirit Island, sooner or later they would be expelled by some power.

Lu Ye spoke, "So Old Tang went to All Phenomena Island to find a Sun Blaze to rely on, specifically which one?"

Tang Jun said, "A Sun Blaze named Yuan Du." After a pause, he explained, "There were initially only three Sun Blaze stationed in the All Phenomena Ocean, but since the year someone infiltrated All Phenomena Island and forcibly killed one of them, the local Star System dispatched three more, so now there are five Sun Blaze on the All Phenomena Island."

Lu Ye's mind involuntarily recalled the figure of Ma Bin. Speaking of which, since their last parting, he hadn't heard from this person anymore. Who knows where this former Nine Provinces powerhouse is now.

Yuan Du is one of the three newly dispatched Sun Blaze, the reason for choosing this person as a supporter, firstly it is because Tang Jun can only indirectly contact this Sun Blaze, secondly, the three newly arrived Sun Blaze have fewer associated Spirit Islands, so if Three Worlds Island shows sincere intentions of seeking guardianship, it's likely to be accepted.

The other two Sun Blaze have been stationed in the All Phenomena Ocean for too long, many Spirit Islands are already associated with them, and they can be said to have already had their fill, so it's naturally difficult to compete with the three later arrivals for anything.

"What was the result?" Lu Ye asked, "What did you talk about with that Sun Blaze during your visit?"

Tang Jun smiled bitterly, "Nothing was discussed, I didn't even see the person, just got sent back by a brat from his short-stay palace."

Lu Ye couldn't help but frown.

Luan Xiao'e sighed, "It seems that Yuan Du also doesn't have high hopes for us."

If they really had high hopes for Three Worlds Island, even with Tang Jun personally visiting, they wouldn't have completely ignored him, only sending a Constellation to deal with him.

Yuan Du's attitude on that side clearly indicated some issues. He didn't see promise in the Three Worlds cultivators, thinking that Three Worlds Island would eventually change hands. So he didn't even bother to meet Tang Jun or offer any protection.

If he really did that, and Three Worlds Island were attacked later, should he step in to handle it? Bringing trouble upon himself, it wouldn't be worth it.

"To forge iron, one must be strong oneself." He Baichuan, though new to the scene, had lived for many years and understood the complexities of human nature very well.

Before Three Worlds Island demonstrated sufficient self-defense capabilities, even wishing to pay respects had no pathways, which was truly pitiful.

Lu Ye blinked and asked, "Old Tang, when you left All Phenomena Island, were you being followed?"

Tang Jun froze for a moment, then shook his head and said, "When I left All Phenomena Island, I did some disguise, and didn't notice any signs of being followed."

Lu Ye couldn't help but let out a cold laugh, "That's interesting. You already disguised yourself, and with so many people entering and leaving All Phenomena Island daily, yet those who ambushed you still managed to track your movements!"

Tang Jun lowered his eyelids, a hint of anger and frustration in his eyes; he clearly realized something.

Luan Xiao'e, belatedly realizing, said, "Does Junior Brother mean..."

Lu Ye said, "The situation is obvious; someone leaked information to the ones who ambushed Old Tang." As for who it was, it was self-explanatory.

From this, it's clear Yuan Du's refusal to meet Tang Jun wasn't just because he thought little of the Three Worlds cultivators' foundation, but because someone had already aligned with him and secretly made some agreement. With Yuan Du's side leaking a little news, Old Tang just narrowly escaped disaster.

This time, Old Tang's attempt to pay respects was proactively initiated. If he hadn't previously spent a fortune on life-saving items and if Lu Ye hadn't arrived in time for the rescue, Tang Jun would have died.

"Are the Great Elder and the Fourth Elder in the open or in the shadows at Three Worlds Island?" Lu Ye asked again.

"They've long been in the open," Luan Xiao'e sighed, "During the time you were away, our Three Worlds Island has experienced several battles."

A mid-class Spirit Island would be enough to tempt many forces within All Phenomena Ocean, so while Lu Ye was away, three waves of forces targeted Three Worlds Island. These forces ranged in strength, and although Luan Xiao'e was at Peak Moon Jade, unfortunately, Tang Jun's strength was lacking, so they had to seek assistance from the Merfolk Race. Thus, Great Elder Yan Miao and Fourth Elder Chennu had to reveal themselves. With the help of these two, Three Worlds Island managed to maintain peace.

"Have they gone to register and record?" Lu Ye asked.

While Lu Ye was indeed unaware of the mountain-paying matter, he was aware of some things, like this registration and record.

There are many Moon Jades in All Phenomena Ocean. No force that can establish itself there likely has only five Moon Jades. Take Jade Conch, for example. If one day Wu Zhuo and Qiu Wu come over, they can't be restricted from entering Three Worlds Island just because a force can only have five Moon Jades.

In fact, they can enter Three Worlds Island and can even stay there.

However, if there's a battle for Spirit Island, they couldn't intervene, only watching helplessly.

This involves a registration and record issue; only registered Moon Jades can participate in the Spirit Island battles.

So, the rule about a force having only five Moon Jades actually refers to the number of registered individuals, which is managed by the All Phenomena Star System with a special institution on All Phenomena Island responsible.

Since Yan Miao and Cherng Xin can participate in Spirit Island battles, it means they've already registered and recorded, and are now Moon Jades affiliated with Three Worlds Island.

Generally, only Moon Jade cultivators need to register and record; Constellations don't, but Lu Ye went through this because his public identity was the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, unlike typical Constellations. He went with Luan Xiao'e and Tang Jun to register initially.

That's why he knows about this matter.

"With the Great Elder and Fourth Elder in the open, the enemy knows we have four Moon Jades from Three Worlds Island. So their arrangement is clear. This time, two people went to ambush Old Tang, and Old Tang would surely send a message back. Normally, Senior Sister Luan would certainly go to rescue, and they had three people intercepting outside. No matter who succeeds, it would be a significant loss for Three Worlds Island. Once a Moon Jade is killed, they could proceed to assault Three Worlds Island!" Lu Ye thoughtfully said.

Luan Xiao'e, hearing this, suddenly felt a bit frightened.

Because, if things are indeed as Lu Ye speculated, then this time, not only was Old Tang at risk, but she was also in danger.

Chapter 1726 - Development Strategy

The enemies targeting Three Worlds Island were prepared with two plans. In their view, this surprise attack would surely kill Tang Jun, but if they could leverage Tang Jun's plea for help to deal with Luan Xiao'e along the way, it would undoubtedly reduce many troubles when capturing Three Worlds Island.

What the enemies didn't expect was that at this critical moment, Lu Ye returned, bringing Ma Shangsi and He Baichuan with him.

This caused a significant flaw in their plan.

Upon receiving Tang Jun's message, Lu Ye immediately went with Ma Shangsi for the rescue. Their departure was so swift that the three ambushed enemies couldn't intercept them at all and had to settle for stopping Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan. Though being three against two did give them a numerical advantage, Luan Xiao'e was at Peak Moon Jade and He Baichuan was at Late Stage Moon Jade, making such a slight advantage unable to secure a victory in the battle.

With the failed ambush on Tang Jun and even one Moon Jade being slain, the three battling with Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan also swiftly retreated, as the plan had already failed and further fighting was meaningless.

The situation was clear.

In the Council Hall, everyone was silent.

After a moment, Lu Ye spoke up, "Don't bother thinking about Yuan Du; that old fox can't be relied on. Since he enjoys scheming in secret, let's just ignore him."

Lu Ye was somewhat annoyed. The side of Three Worlds Island went with gifts in hand to visit, offering benefits voluntarily. If they don't appreciate it, fine, but secretly scheming was infuriating. If he had enough power, Lu Ye would genuinely consider emulating Ma Bin.

This grudge will be remembered for now. Without the ability to retaliate, it'll be addressed in the future.

"Aside from Yuan Du, how much do you know about the two Sun Blaze dispatched over?" Lu Ye asked Tang Jun.

Lu Ye didn't want to perform any more courtesy calls, giving away his own benefits for nothing, but if it could really reduce many troubles, he could reluctantly accept.

In handling things, being too weak isn't good, and too strong isn't good either. For some matters, some rules, compromise is still necessary.

He didn't ask about the two elder Sun Blaze's situations. Given they have had their fill, they probably wouldn't accept Spirit Island's visitation either, wanting to leave some benefits for their three new companions.

Tang Jun replied, "It's quite difficult to seek an audience with Sun Blaze. I chose Yuan Du mainly because I have connections to reach him. Even so, it took almost a month, and I didn't even get to meet him. As for the other two... one of them comes from Celestial Flames World!"

Celestial Flames World is strong, much stronger than Cheling World. Otherwise, it wouldn't be known to occupy Unparalleled Island openly.

Of course, Unparalleled Island is now utterly desolate. Since Lu Ye took away the Small Constellation Palace, its situation has deteriorated daily, almost turning back into a deserted island today.

The past strong attack on Unparalleled Island was by the cultivators from Celestial Flames World, so Old Tang has no goodwill towards Celestial Flames World.

"And what about the other one?" Lu Ye asked, upon hearing the Celestial Flames World origin, immediately dismissing the idea of visiting them.

"As for the other one... I'll try to find a way to see if I can establish contact," Tang Jun said. Among those present, he undoubtedly had the widest connections in All Phenomena Ocean, having met many people while assisting Chu Shen in managing Unparalleled Island.

But such connections are actually fragile; people were initially friendly due to his title as Unparalleled Island's Manager. Otherwise, who would pay attention to a middle-aged, not particularly promising Mid-Stage Moon Jade among the major forces?

Tang Jun wasn't sure if he could indeed reach them.

Moreover, Yuan Du was certainly eyeing Unparalleled Island. He wouldn't have whispered into others' ears otherwise, making secret deals. With Yuan Du's stance here, this third Sun Blaze might not be inclined to entertain Three Worlds Island. It's unwise to offend another Sun Blaze from the home galaxy over a bit of cultivation quota on a high-class Spirit Island.

"A thousand words, it's better to rely on oneself than on others!" Lu Ye said meaningfully, "So, we must ensure our own foundation is sufficient. Especially in a place like All Phenomena Ocean, even if others want to support us, they can't if we're not strong enough."

The case of Unparalleled Island is the best example.

If the power of Unparalleled Island had been strong enough back then, capable of holding its ground, it wouldn't have been overtaken by force.

"To become stronger, we must cultivate diligently; we need sufficient cultivation resources. Our Three Worlds Island now has over a thousand Constellations, plenty of Moon Jade. The defense forces need no worry, future development is crucial, so the first problem to solve is the spirit jade issue for the cultivation of our Three Worlds cultivators!"

Not mentioning others, he himself needs a lot of spirit jade to purchase fire-type resources for the Talent Tree to devour.

"The elixirs produced in the pill-making room can meet the cultivation needs of some people. We currently have a long-term stable partnership with the Merfolk Race," Luan Xiao'e said.

Lu Ye replied, "This isn't a long-term solution. We still need more and more stable spirit jade sources."

The elixir pills produced by the pill-making room sold to the Merfolk Race can indeed fulfill some of the cultivation needs of the cultivators, but with Lu Ye bringing over five hundred Constellations this time, it certainly won't be enough.

So, there's only one way to solve this problem.

Develop Three Worlds Island! Attract merchants to settle here, and by then, just the annual rent alone would be an enormous figure.

However, the current situation of Three Worlds Island is somewhat awkward.

Everyone thinks that the Three Worlds cultivators cannot gain a foothold, so even though a commercial area has been planned here, no merchants are willing to actively come to negotiate.

"Old Tang." Lu Ye turned his head to look, "Find a way to investigate which power ambushed you. We can't just be passive; we need to take the initiative to strike back!"

"Leave it to me!" Tang Jun nodded. Having been ambushed and nearly killed, he was filled with anger. Since Lu Ye had this idea, he naturally wanted to cooperate fully.

To change the views of the merchants on Three Worlds Island, they could only show their strength; find the power that acted secretly and counterattack, both as revenge and as a display of their capabilities.

On Three Worlds Island, on the surface, Luan Xiao'e is the First Island Master, and Lu Ye is just the Third Island Master. Moreover, Luan Xiao'e's cultivation far exceeds Lu Ye's by a lot, yet whether it was the other Moon Jades or Luan Xiao'e herself, they had a lot of confidence in Lu Ye.

On the way from Jade Conch to All Phenomena Ocean, Luan Xiao'e saw too many incredible things from Lu Ye. She always felt that this young person would surely achieve great things in the future, so she had no intention of opposing the decisions made by Lu Ye, only fully cooperating.

Moreover, she had this thought herself.

Lu Ye then turned to look at Yann Miao and Cherng Xin: "During this time, I'll have to trouble the two elders."

Yann Miao smiled and said, "Why are you being polite with us? Just say the word, and our whole clan will support you wholeheartedly in any battle!"

It was Lu Ye's efforts that enabled the Merfolk to leave the All Phenomena Ocean, and now without the trouble of the Bloodline Curse Poison, along with the help of the supreme-grade psyche refinement pill, Yann Miao even felt she might have a chance to glimpse the mysteries of Sun Blaze.

With mutual kindness and deep ties, it's safe to say that the Merfolk Race is bound with Lu Ye. What Yann Miao said wasn't just courteous words; it was genuinely how they felt.

Lu Ye nodded: "Good!"

He then looked at He Baichuan and Ma Shangsi: "Rest briefly, and later I will take you to register and get you on the records at All Phenomena Island."

Previously, the number of Moon Jades at Three Worlds Island was insufficient, so Yann Miao and Cherng Xin were also registered. Since now the number of Moon Jades at Three Worlds Island is sufficient, there's no need to bother the two of them anymore, as in the event of a Spirit Island conflict with a certain power, it's naturally inappropriate for two Merfolk elders to take the front lines while there are sufficient allies.

However, considering that Tang Jun's strength at the Moon Jade level is indeed somewhat weak, Lu Ye thought it would be better to replace him.

In this way, though one Merfolk elder and Old Tang indeed can't participate in the Spirit Island battles, their efforts would not go in vain at other times.

Besides, Old Tang won't be idle; he has a broader network than others, and when developing Three Worlds Island, his contributions will be necessary.

The rules of the All Phenomena Ocean provide a general direction, with many loopholes within, but as long as this general direction doesn't encounter any problems, the home galaxy can manage the various major forces in the All Phenomena Ocean without too much trouble.

An assembly determined the development strategy of Three Worlds Island for the forthcoming period.

The information was conveyed layer by layer from the top, and various Constellations all geared up and were battle-ready.

Recently, the Constellations have felt quite constrained. When they first arrived at All Phenomena Ocean, they could still travel around in groups, but as Three Worlds Island rose, they could no longer casually appear outside. Firstly, no one knows when an enemy might come, so their side needs to be ready for battle at any time. Secondly, if they encountered a situation similar to Tang Jun's ordeal, it would be dangerous for the Constellations to be outside.

Therefore, since the end of the first battle, the Constellations of Three Worlds Island have stayed on the island, focusing on their cultivation. At present, Three Worlds Island is a high-class Spirit Island, with a cultivation environment that is extremely favorable. Coupled with spirit jade, the cultivation efficiency is significantly faster than usual.

Especially the cultivators of Nine Provinces, who can noticeably feel their own improvement over the past year.

The Constellations of Nine Provinces are entirely different from other Constellations, with many having accumulated substantial experience at the Divine Sea Realm. Previously, the overall environment in Nine Provinces wasn't favorable, resulting in slower cultivation progress, but given ample cultivation resources, their cultivation speed will undoubtedly far surpass that of cultivators from other domains.

The Nine Provinces Constellation is still uniformly in the Early Stage, but several individuals show signs of impending breakthroughs. This is undoubtedly a good start, and someday Nine Provinces will certainly produce many Moon Jades and numerous Sun Blazes, and the elevation in cultivators' levels will bring earth-shattering changes to Nine Provinces.

Especially since Nine Provinces still has the World King Flower attached to it, it can be said that the future of Nine Provinces is bright, but it requires time to accumulate and requires everyone to cooperate and overcome the current difficulties together.

Chapter 1727 - An Accidental Encounter

On All Phenomena Island, five hundred miles away from the All Phenomena Merchants Guild, stands a modestly-sized hall specifically dedicated to registering the Moon Jade cultivators from various Spirit Islands.

Previously, Lu Ye, Luan Xiao'e, and Tang Jun had come here once. As the island masters of Three Worlds Island, they needed to leave some information here.

So this time, it was relatively straightforward for them.

Inside the hall, it wasn't bustling, but a few Moon Jade cultivators were coming and going.

The number of Moon Jades stationed on each Spirit Island is often not fixed, and many Spirit Islands make adjustments from time to time. After every adjustment, a visit to this place is necessary.

For instance, if a Peak Moon Jade of a Spirit Island wants to retreat to advance to Sun Blaze, the force would likely dispatch another Moon Jade to take their place and guard their Spirit Island.

Similarly, if a force has a newly emerged Moon Jade who wants to cultivate on a Spirit Island, a visit here is also necessary.

Lu Ye led He Baichuan and Ma Shangsi into the hall, glanced around, and went straight in one direction. There, a cultivator sat behind a desk, holding an audio talisman, seemingly chatting through audio transmission with someone, occasionally letting out foolish chuckles.

There were several such desks scattered around the hall. With the other seats occupied, Lu Ye naturally chose this one.

Lu Ye approached the desk, and the person seated didn't notice, completely absorbed in the conversation.

Only when Lu Ye knocked on the desk, causing a thudding sound, did the Constellation turn abruptly and blink, asking, "What is it?"

This Constellation didn't exhibit the usual caution or reverence that typical cultivators would toward a Moon Jade. Since he could work here, he must be from the native Star System, and with Moon Jades frequently coming and going, he must have seen countless Moon Jades, naturally becoming adept at facing them calmly.

"Registering for Moon Jade replacement," Lu Ye said succinctly.

Such registrations are not uncommon, so the Constellation understood. He nodded, temporarily put away his audio talisman, and then asked, "Who is being replaced?"

Lu Ye pointed to Ma Shangsi and He Baichuan beside him; he didn't need it himself.

The other party immediately tossed over two blank jade slips: "Origin, name, affiliated force, and who to replace. Record everything in detail."

Lu Ye distributed the two blank jade slips to Ma Shangsi and He Baichuan, who immediately started filling them out.

This information was very simple, and no one would verify it, let alone get results.

A moment later, Lu Ye handed the two jade slips back to the Constellation. The other party took them, gave a brief probe, and with a glint in his eyes, asked, "Did the person being replaced die?"

"Still alive."

"Are they present?"

Lu Ye blinked: "Not here."

The other party immediately tossed the jade slips back, shaking his head, "Then that's not possible. If the person being replaced is still alive, you need to have them come here too. Both parties must be present for this to be processed."

"There's such a rule?" Lu Ye was stunned. How come Tang Jun never mentioned it? Maybe the old guy wasn't aware since he hadn't dealt with such matters before.

"Hehe." The Constellation chuckled, lowered his head, and ignored Lu Ye further.

Lu Ye stood in place, pondering for a moment, then discreetly pulled out a storage ring and handed it over, whispering, "Brother, give us a hand."

The Constellation looked up at Lu Ye, shook his head, "It's not that I don't want to help, but the rule cannot be broken. If the person to be replaced isn't present, how can I be sure you're not colluding? The replacement of Moon Jade is a serious matter. If anyone could casually replace others, wouldn't that cause chaos? What if you have a grudge against Three Worlds Island and came here deliberately to stir things up? Sitting here, I have to be responsible for all the Spirit Islands."

Those words... made sense.

Lu Ye realized the person wasn't shirking or looking for a bribe; it really was as stated. If the three of them did hold a grudge against Three Worlds Island, without the presence of the replaced Moon Jade, this matter indeed couldn't proceed.

But after thinking it over, Lu Ye said, "I'm the Third Island Master of Three Worlds Island, and there are records of me here. Can't I vouch for this?"

"Rules are rules." The other party shook his head.

Helpless, Lu Ye could only lead He Baichuan and Ma Shangsi out first.

Standing at the entrance, he looked around; not far away was a teahouse. Lu Ye said, "Let's go have some tea."

He Baichuan and Ma Shangsi had no objections, following Lu Ye into the teahouse, climbing to the second floor, where they found a seat by the window.

Only then did Lu Ye send a message for Chéng Xīn to bring Tang Jun over; he decided to replace Chéng Xīn for the two merfolk elders.

While waiting, the group chatted casually. He Baichuan looked around; it was his first visit to the All Phenomena Ocean, and given this was the most bustling place within it, he naturally observed with great interest.

"When will our Three Worlds Island have such a scene?" he mused while looking.

Lu Ye took a sip of tea and said, "It's difficult."

Three Worlds Island, in terms of scale, is not much inferior to All Phenomena Island, and now with the Small Constellation Palace, it is destined to grow into a top-class Spirit Island in the future. If we only compare the foundation of Spirit Islands, Lu Ye believes Three Worlds Island will not be inferior to All Phenomena Island.

But wanting to achieve the bustling and flourishing level of All Phenomena Island is not an easy task.

In the entire All Phenomena Ocean, there is not just one top-class Spirit Island like All Phenomena Island, but the level of prosperity on All Phenomena Island is unmatched by any other Spirit Island.

Because it belongs to the local forces, it has innate credibility and deterrence, which is an advantage other Spirit Islands cannot compare with.

Any cultivator new to All Phenomena Ocean would want to visit All Phenomena Island.

"When we can occupy All Phenomena Ocean, that would be great." He Baichuan grew more ambitious in his thoughts.

Lu Ye chuckled. With the local Star System's current management method over All Phenomena Ocean, wanting to occupy it is pretty much an unrealistic dream. They would never allow too many Sun Blaze to be active here; without gathering enough Sun Blaze, it's impossible to conquer All Phenomena Ocean. As for Luo Xie, when he came over once, he only stayed for a few days before leaving.

Moreover, the forces here in All Phenomena Ocean are complex, with many major forces extending their reach here, making enormous profits.

So no matter who wants to occupy All Phenomena Ocean, the enemy they face is definitely not just one local Star System. These forces gaining great benefits from All Phenomena Ocean would likewise not allow such a thing to happen, because they also don't want major turmoil to occur on All Phenomena Ocean.

He Baichuan was enthusiastically observing the surroundings but suddenly turned his head, looking at Lu Ye with a serious expression.

"What's wrong?" Lu Ye was startled by his look.

He Baichuan didn't speak but transmitted via audio: "Don't look outside; I saw the Moon Jade who intercepted me and Senior Sister Luan before."

Lu Ye froze holding his teacup, raising his eyebrows: "Are you sure?"

"We fought not long ago; of course, I can recognize them, and the cultivation matches." He Baichuan nodded. The reason he told Lu Ye not to look outside was mainly to avoid being detected.

"Where is it?" Lu Ye slowly put down his teacup. This was truly a case of seeking high and low only to find it effortlessly. He had just decided within his faction to showcase the power of Three Worlds Island, the target of the demonstration being the force where the Moon Jade who ambushed Tang Jun belonged.

Originally, this matter had no clues, because Lu Ye and others didn't know those Moon Jade at all. Who knew which Spirit Island they came from? Once they hid on a Spirit Island, they wouldn't have a way for revenge.

Tang Jun was investigating the matter, but getting results wouldn't be easy.

Unexpectedly, their paths crossed, and He Baichuan saw one of the individuals here.

"That person entered the registration place." He Baichuan said, "He's also leading another Moon Jade."

Lu Ye immediately reacted: "In the previous battle, I killed one of their Moon Jade Mid-Stage; this is filling the vacancy!"

This was indeed quite coincidental, but upon careful consideration, not too much a coincidence.

Since they lost a Moon Jade, there's a vacant position appearing, which does require registering to fill it.

Coincidentally, they were sitting here drinking tea and chatting, and He Baichuan was continuously looking around, thus spotting them.

"Did they notice you?" Lu Ye asked.

He Baichuan shook his head: "No, when I spotted him, I immediately shifted my gaze."

"Great." Lu Ye pondered slightly and spoke: "Describe that person's appearance clearly to Ma Shangsi." He then looked at Ma Shangsi: "Once that person exits, follow them quietly and find out which Spirit Island is behind them."

Now that the enemy is known while we are hidden, the opportunity is perfect, presenting Lu Ye with two choices.

One is to repay them in kind, attacking them just like they ambushed Old Tang.

But after thinking about it, Lu Ye chose not to do so. Without knowing their specific subsequent action routes, selecting an ambush point is difficult, lacking the convenience of a surprise attack. If our side takes action, it would have to be a direct assault. If the other party detects it, they will definitely flee, leaving a possibility they might not be killed and instead alerting them.

Moreover, to demonstrate the power of Three Worlds Island outwardly, relying solely on such means is not substantial enough.

It's better to go big, for example—start a Spirit Island battle.

Thus, Lu Ye decided to first uncover their background and understand their details, as previously, the main problem was not knowing who the enemy was. Now, by coincidence, they've encountered them; this godsend opportunity must not be missed.

Upon receiving orders, Ma Shangsi promptly got up and left the tea house, soon disappearing without a trace.

This guy had mixed in All Phenomena Ocean for a good length of time, living as comfortably as a fish in water. As a Blood Race, he relied not just on his own strength to live so well; his disguise skills were top-notch.

Although the opposite party had seen He Baichuan, they had not seen Ma Shangsi, so having him follow them is naturally the best choice.

A moment later, Lu Ye sent a message to Chennu, who was on her way, instructing her to bring Tang Jun to wait at the location. Once she responded, Lu Ye led He Baichuan out of the tea house, flying towards All Phenomena Island's exterior.

The two Moon Jade had already left All Phenomena Island, with Ma Shangsi trailing behind. Guided by the information he provided, Lu Ye was sure not to go the wrong way.

Chapter 1728 - Yu Huan of Baiyue Island

Half a day later, Lu Ye met up with He Baichuan and Ma Shangsi on a deserted island. This island was very small, covering about two or three acres, so even the lowest tier, unranked forces wouldn't care for such an island.

Lu Ye arrived at the location, turned his head, and was surprised not to see Ma Shangsi's figure. But soon, he turned to look in a certain direction, from where blood-red liquid flowed out of a crevice in the reef, quickly forming into human shape, revealing Ma Shangsi.

"Where?" Lu Ye asked as he looked at him.

Ma Shangsi shook his head and said, "I'm not sure exactly where. When I tracked them to this spot, I lost the trail." Tracking two Moon Jade cultivators was certainly no easy task, especially on the All Phenomena Ocean, which had very few places for concealment. This demanded even more patience and skill from the tracker.

Although Ma Shangsi could use some secret techniques to conceal himself and his breath, he also dared not get too close, which led to their aura suddenly disappearing when he reached this place.

However, this did not mean Ma Shangsi's tracking had failed.

"The Spirit Island they are on should be nearby. The reason the trail disappeared is because they entered their own Spirit Island, which is isolated by a big array."

Lu Ye nodded and immediately took out his star map to investigate.

After some exploration, he identified two locations, both Spirit Islands. On the map, one is marked as a mid-class Spirit Island, the other as a high-class Spirit Island.

These two Spirit Islands are the most suspicious; if not mistaken, the enemy is likely on one of these islands.

From the previous encounters, the force able to dispatch five Moon Jades at once definitely wouldn't be weak, but it's hard to say how strong they are specifically.

The forces behind these two Spirit Islands seem very fitting.

Choosing between the two appears simple, but in reality, it is quite troublesome. Unless someone from our side is stationed near these two Spirit Islands long-term, which would certainly raise others' alert, the defense and management around major Spirit Islands are very strict.

After some thinking, Lu Ye decided to transmit a message to Tang Jun. Given the current situation, he could only have him try to gather some intel. If the information could be heard, that would be best, otherwise, they would have to resort to posting a guard, which would be the last choice.

The message returned quickly with Tang Jun's response: "I took a look at the star map; your location is not far from Sifang Island. Over there, the situation in the Sifang Star System should be somewhat understood; why not ask them?"

Lu Ye's eyes lit up, delighted by this unexpected gain, and he hurriedly investigated the star map, wanting to locate Sifang Island. But after searching around, he couldn't find a mark for Sifang Island on the map.

It occurred to him that he had purchased this star map quite some time ago, and when he bought it, the Sifang Star System's cultivators had not yet arrived.

Clearly, Sifang Island was renamed by cultivators from the Sifang Star System after capturing a Spirit Island.

Lu Ye had audio talisman markings from several Moon Jade cultivators in the Sifang Star System, and previously, even had talks with them about forming an alliance with the Three Worlds Island. This alliance was essentially a form of patronage; Lu Ye had done a favor for the Sifang Star System. Before coming, their Sun Blaze had specifically instructed them to take extra care of Lu Ye's side while in the All Phenomena Galaxy.

In terms of strength, the Sifang Star System was far more powerful than Three Worlds Island, wanting to help Three Worlds Island capture a mid-class Spirit Island.

But Lu Ye declined because they had the Small Constellation Palace, and the Three Worlds Island would eventually rise, and there was no need to seize someone else's Spirit Island.

Moreover, at that time, the Three Worlds cultivators lacked foundation, and Lu Ye did not want to rashly involve himself in Sifang Star System's actions, potentially bringing trouble to his side.

The Sifang Star System knew this well, so they did not proactively reach out to Three Worlds Island afterward. This wasn't becoming distant; rather, they recognized that maintaining close ties could invite trouble upon Three Worlds Island.

So when Lu Ye contacted them, several Moon Jade cultivators from the Sifang Star System were quite pleased.

Lu Ye didn't go directly to Three Worlds Island, but instead waited on the deserted island.

After a while, someone arrived. Upon meeting, the newcomer greeted warmly: "Fellow Daoist Lu!"

"Fellow Daoist Zhou!" Lu Ye cupped his fists, "Sorry for the trouble."

The person was none other than Zhou Chuang from the Beixuan Galaxy, a Moon Jade Late Stage in cultivation. In fact, he wasn't the only Moon Jade Late Stage; several other Moon Jades from the Sifang Star System were of this cultivation as well.

Within the Sifang Star System, Lu Ye's most frequent encounters were actually with Indeterminate, since he passed through Indeterminate twice and had contacts with quite a few Moon Jade cultivators there.

But personally, Lu Ye's affections leaned the most toward Beixuan; for no reason other than when he was in the Indeterminate World, Beixuan's Sun Blaze, Qin Yi, visited him by night, personally thanking Lu Ye and even gifting him a Token which allowed Lu Ye to unconditionally mobilize any forces from the Beixuan Galaxy here in the All Phenomena Ocean.

The other three galaxies' Sun Blaze were not unkind to Lu Ye but weren't as direct as Qin Yi, primarily because Lu Ye killed Bai Jin, considered to be avenging Qin Yi's deceased Dao companion.

Zhou Chuang chuckled: "Fellow Daoist Lu, don't be so formal. Before I came, the World Lord had instructed that whatever you need us for, we're to assist with full cooperation." He paused, looking Lu Ye up and down, stunned, "Are you... a Moon Jade now?"

"I was fortunate to advance," Lu Ye nodded.

"Congratulations, congratulations!" Zhou Chuang offered his congratulations. Before, Lu Ye was a Constellation, one tier below Moon Jade, but now, they were both Moon Jades; although Lu Ye's cultivation was a bit lower, their stages were at the same level.

After exchanging a few words, Zhou Chuang asked, "Fellow Daoist, what instructions do you have for calling me over?"

"I wouldn't dare. I just wanted to inquire about two people from you," Lu Ye said, giving Ma Shangsi a meaningful glance.

Lu Ye initially wanted Ma Shangsi to describe the appearance of the two individuals he was tracking earlier. To his surprise, Ma Shangsi took out an image stone and handed it to Zhou Chuang.

He had actually left behind some images while tracking the enemy earlier!

This was quite well done.

Having images to investigate is undoubtedly more precise than verbal descriptions, even if the images on Ma Shangsi's stone were not too clear, as he did not dare to follow too closely, and leaving image traces for Moon Jade was quite risky.

Zhou Chuang took it and discerned carefully before frowning, "In my judgment, the taller person inside should be Yu Huan from Baiyue Island."

"Are you certain?" Lu Ye asked.

Zhou Chuang said, "I'm about seventy percent sure. If there are other images to corroborate, it should be clearer."

Lu Ye was almost certain that the earlier ambush on Tang Jun was orchestrated by Baiyue Island, as he had just confirmed from the star map that one of the two Spirit Islands was indeed Baiyue Island!

Lu Ye initially thought it was people from that mid-class Spirit Island scheming in the dark, as they only had a mid-class Spirit Island and might have set their sights on Three Worlds Island, wanting to occupy a better locale.

Who knew it was Baiyue Island!

This was truly baffling. Having already occupied a high-class Spirit Island, why would they be interested in Three Worlds Island? Aren't they afraid of overreaching?

Though it's not a written rule, generally speaking, except for domains with exceptionally deep foundations that can occupy a Spirit Island independently, most forces act in groups among galaxies.

It's rare for a single galaxy to occupy two Spirit Islands, which involves the issue of resource distribution in the All Phenomena Ocean, and many matters are tacitly understood.

Zhou Chuang looked at Lu Ye with a bit of puzzlement, "Fellow Daoist, is there any grudge between you and Baiyue Island?"

The promotion of Three Worlds Island to a high-class Spirit Island was known to Zhou Chuang and others, and they were quite envious. After all, not everyone can experience such an event as turning a barren island into a vibrant one, and the Three Worlds cultivators there acquired a high-class Spirit Island as their base effortlessly.

Three Worlds Island was already a high-class Spirit Island, so Zhou Chuang thought Lu Ye's inquiry about Baiyue Island wasn't for the purpose of attacking it, as the Three Worlds cultivators couldn't defend it with just their resources. Hence, it must be due to a grudge between them.

"There have been some conflicts; our people were ambushed by them earlier." Lu Ye didn't conceal it, as it wasn't a big deal. Things like this often happen in the All Phenomena Ocean. Even for Zhou Chuang himself, it wouldn't be surprising if he got ambushed going out.

During this period, the four galaxies have been busy, causing quite a bit of trouble.

"They want to make a move against you?" Zhou Chuang quickly realized. Though they had no direct contact with Three Worlds Island, they were aware of its situation. The Three Worlds cultivators had never stirred trouble, yet now someone came to provoke, clearly targeting Three Worlds Island.

"That seems to be the case," Lu Ye nodded, "so I need to act first for strategic advantage."

Zhou Chuang immediately said, "Count Beixuan in on this!"

He didn't mention the four galaxies because he couldn't represent them. He could only speak for the Beixuan part.

Lu Ye smiled, "Appreciate the offer, but Three Worlds Island needs to stand on its own and can't rely on outside help, especially since this involves Sun Blaze."

Upon hearing this, Zhou Chuang roughly grasped the situation. Although he arrived at the All Phenomena Ocean later than Lu Ye, he understood many things there better than Lu Ye, such as the practice of visiting the mountain... for the four galaxies had recently been engaging in this.

"Which Sun Blaze?" Zhou Chuang asked.

"Yuan Du!"

"Him..." Zhou Chuang immediately showed a disgruntled expression, "We had contact with his people before; this Sun Blaze is somewhat insatiable."

Lu Ye curiously asked, "You've had dealings with him too, for visiting the mountain?"

Zhou Chuang sighed, "Initially, we oversimplified things, thinking the depth of the four galaxies would suffice to conquer a high-class Spirit Island without issue. But once preparations started, we discovered the waters of the All Phenomena Ocean were deeper than we anticipated."

After seizing Sifang Island, they attempted to assault a high-class Spirit Island. In terms of overt strength, they held some advantage, given their numerous Constellations.

But once the battle commenced, Sifang Island was unexpectedly ambushed by another force.

In panic, they hastily withdrew troops to defend Sifang Island, later discovering that the force they attacked and the one ambushing them were both under the same Sun Blaze's protection, resulting in their close association and cooperation.

Chapter 1729 - I Have a Plan

After this lesson, the Four Galaxies here can only bear with it and continue to occupy Sifang Island, while also trying various ways to make contact with Sun Blaze on the All Phenomena Island. Unfortunately, they haven't been here long enough and are lacking connections, even worse than Old Tang, so how can they easily make contact?

So until now, the Four Galaxies have only occupied one mid-class Spirit Island. If their number of cultivators were smaller, Sifang Island could suffice. However, the number of constellations drawn from the Four Galaxies was quite high, now crowded on Sifang Island, causing a significant impact on the cultivators' cultivation efficiency.

"Fellow Daoist Lu, if you want to attack Baiyue Island, the first thing you need to do is strengthen this island's defense." Zhou Chuang said this entirely based on previous experiences.

It's imaginable that if Baiyue Island is attacked by Three Worlds Island, Baiyue Island will surely reach out to its allies to raid Three Worlds Island, forcing them to retreat.

If Three Worlds Island isn't prepared and learns of its island being attacked, it will surely aid back, allowing Baiyue Island to counterattack and even its allies may abandon the battle on Three Worlds Island to intercept Three Worlds cultivators, putting them in a dire situation with enemies both forward and behind.

The Four Galaxies have suffered from such losses before, so Zhou Chuang specifically reminds Lu Ye.

Lu Ye nods, showing a contemplative expression.

Now it appears that the Four Galaxies underestimated the situation in All Phenomena Ocean, and so did he. Some things are incomprehensible without deeper understanding.

Ultimately, when he was on Unparalleled Island, he didn't manage affairs there at all, and with Chu Shen's status, he was spared a lot of trouble.

Those forces developing in All Phenomena Ocean, aside from the top echelon, have all spent enormous amounts of financial and manpower resources to establish themselves there.

For the Jade Conch to quietly occupy Three Worlds Island, it would certainly be impossible. Now not only Baiyue is eyeing Three Worlds Island, but perhaps others are hidden in the shadows as well.

Attacking Baiyue Island, Lu Ye does not plan on giving up. The current situation is clear: for Three Worlds Island to firmly establish itself in All Phenomena Ocean, it must display its strength, otherwise the previous embarrassment will continue, and even proactively approaching Sun Blaze to pay respects will be in vain because they see Three Worlds Island as weak and unsustainable.

Moreover, this affair needs to be done quietly, or else if the news leaks and Baiyue is prepared, many complications will arise.

Fortunately, Baiyue Island is unaware that Lu Ye has already tracked them here, which is an advantage.

Next, Lu Ye chatted with Zhou Chuang extensively, probing into Baiyue Island's situation, then left with Ma Shangsi and He Baichuan.

Returning to All Phenomena Island, Chéng Xīn and Old Tang had been waiting for a while, and the group went to the grand hall. With Lu Ye's status as the Third Island Master, combined with Chéng Xīn and Old Tang's arrival, the matter of replacing Moon Jade this time went smoothly and was quickly handled.

Thus, the five Moon Jade stationed on Three Worlds Island were confirmed.

Of course, this doesn't mean Chéng Xīn and Tang Jūn can't remain on Three Worlds Island. In fact, they can stay here, but if Three Worlds Island encounters a battle, due to regulations, they cannot assist, even if Three Worlds Island faces imminent destruction; they can only watch.

Returning to Three Worlds Island, Lu Ye immediately convened the Moon Jade for a meeting.

In the Council Hall, seven Moon Jades were gathered, and Lu Ye detailed the intelligence he had acquired.

Luan Xiǎo'è listened and frowned, "It can now be basically confirmed that it's Baiyue Island targeting us, right?"

"Correct!" Lu Ye nodded.

"Baiyue Island is a high-class Spirit Island, backed by the Baiyue Galaxy, entrenched in All Phenomena Ocean for years. Based on pure foundation comparison, we are weaker than them; attacking Baiyue Island won't be easy."

Lu Ye tapped his finger on the table, saying, "The current issue isn't about ease but that for our Three Worlds Island to grow and strengthen, a battle is necessary!" Various commercial forces are observing, all thinking that Three Worlds cultivators can't occupy this place permanently, so even though Three Worlds Island is now a high-class Spirit Island, no one is proactively coming to negotiate.

To break this situation, a battle is necessary, to prove through action that Three Worlds cultivators have the capability to defend this territory.

This concerns the long-term development of Three Worlds Island, so regardless of difficulty, this battle is imperative.

"I think Fellow Daoist Zhou Chuang is right. If we plan to attack Baiyue Island, our first step should be strengthening our own defense, lest we repeat Sifang Island's mistakes. Baiyue Island, having operated in All Phenomena Ocean for so long and backed by Sun Blaze, is sure to have allies. Once we begin our assault, Three Worlds Island will inevitably face an impact." Tang Jun said, hands folded, with a serious expression.

He Baichuan also nodded, "Three Worlds Island is our base, indeed it cannot be compromised."

While Three Worlds Island and Baiyue Island are both high-class Spirit Islands, their scale differs, with Three Worlds Island having a much larger capacity for cultivators, making it significantly more valuable.

If our defense isn't strong enough, even if Baiyue Island is captured, should Three Worlds Island fall, it would be a loss overall.

Many Moon Jades exchanged views, all agreeing with Zhou Chuang's earlier suggestion, that for a successful campaign, Three Worlds Island's defense must be strengthened.

"How many spirit jades can we currently use?" Lu Ye looked up at Luan Xiao'e. As the First Island Master of the Three Worlds Island, she should be well aware of this matter.

Luan Xiao'e immediately reported a number.

Lu Ye frowned. The number of spirit jades was much less than he had anticipated. It's no wonder, as the only source of income for Three Worlds Island nowadays is trading elixir pills with the Merfolk Race.

The price offered by Three Worlds Island is quite fair in this regard, and with the cultivators of the Three Worlds themselves needing to cultivate, the spirit jade accumulated by the entire Three Worlds Island is not much.

Let's not mention others, take Tang Jun for instance, his red talisman, worth two million spirit jades, was a huge expenditure. This cost was not borne by him personally but by the island itself.

And that's just him alone.

Under such circumstances, it's entirely impossible for Three Worlds Island to have a substantial surplus of financial resources.

The council became somewhat awkward.

Because even if all these spirit jades were spent, it wouldn't significantly enhance the defense of Three Worlds Island, at least not enough to make a qualitative difference. Without qualitative change, those minor improvements would be meaningless.

"There's another issue." Luan Xiao'e spoke again, "We have a thousand Constellations, and five Moon Jade available. How should we divide our forces?"

On the one hand, they need to attack Baiyue Island; on the other, they must defend Three Worlds Island. A thousand Constellations and five Moon Jade might seem a lot, but once the forces are split, it's not that many.

A strong assault on Baiyue Island requires enough manpower. At least three Moon Jade need to be mobilized. Even if taking seven hundred Constellations along, it might not be sufficient to take down the enemy, given that they have the advantage of defense and the absolute geographical advantage of Baiyue Island.

Meanwhile, with only two Moon Jade and three hundred Constellations left to guard Three Worlds Island, they might not hold if a strong enemy attacks.

In fact, battles over Spirit Islands in the All Phenomena Ocean happen occasionally, but they mostly occur on low-class and mid-class Spirit Islands. It's rare to see battles over high-class Spirit Islands because there are too many implications involved.

Any force capable of occupying a high-class Spirit Island is not weak. Without an irresistible reason, it's basically impossible for them to go to war with another force of equal status.

The more this issue is discussed, the less hopeful it seems, causing concern among the Moon Jade.

Tang Jun said, "Why not wait a little longer? I can try to contact the new Sun Blaze. What if they are willing to accept us?"

The three new Sun Blaze are possible targets, but Tang Jun doesn't want to approach the one from the Celestial Flames World. He almost lost his life to cultivators from the Celestial Flames World, so how could he possibly go and plead with them now? As for Yuan Du, it's even more out of the question. This time they were ambushed, and it's obvious that Yuan Du's people tipped off the enemy. This enmity is already set.

So there's only one target left.

"No need." Lu Ye waved his hand, "In this current situation, going there would be a waste of time. We don't stand a chance against the likes of Sun Blaze. They belong to the same Star System as Yuan Du, and surely have ties. Since Yuan Du already has an interest in Three Worlds Island, how could they possibly slight Yuan Du?"

Tang Jun sighed, not knowing what to do.

Although he has some connections, they're not exactly reputable. Initially, these contacts were established because of his good standing on Unparalleled Island. Now, without the backing of Unparalleled Island, even if he reaches out to others, they wouldn't treat him sincerely.

The problem everyone faces is difficult. Attacking won't guarantee capturing Baiyue Island swiftly, and defending requires splitting forces and spending a large amount of spirit jade. Once the battle begins, if

progress doesn't go smoothly, the Three Worlds cultivators will find themselves stuck in a predicament, with nowhere to settle.

Silence filled the Council Hall as each person pondered a way to break this deadlock.

After a while, Lu Ye slowly spoke, "I have a plan!"

Everyone looked up at him.

Lu Ye slowly laid out his plan, making everyone's eyelids twitch.

Old Tang hesitated, "Isn't this plan too risky? If it fails, we could lose everything."

"Without taking risks, nothing can be accomplished. From what I see now, this is the only feasible plan," Lu Ye said. Compared to the elderly Tang Jun, he was a young man, and naturally more aggressive in his actions—aggressive enough to make Tang Jun uneasy.

For if they implemented Lu Ye's plan and failed, the consequences would be dire.

But for Lu Ye, he had his own considerations, considerations he couldn't share with others, as they involved the Small Constellation Palace.

Chapter 1730 - The Counterattack Begins

"What do you all think?" In the Council Hall, Lu Ye turned to look at the others.

Everyone remained silent, pondering the pros and cons of this plan.

After a while, Luan Xiao'e spoke up, "We have seven Moon Jades. Let's vote by raising hands. Those who agree with Junior Brother Lu's proposal, please raise your hand."

As soon as the words fell, Tang Jun raised his hand.

The group looked at him in astonishment.

Old Tang muttered, "If someone else brought this up, I definitely wouldn't agree. But since the young man has this idea, you all should support him. How can I play the antagonist?"

He's right. The two Moon Jades from the Merfolk Race would definitely support Lu Ye's proposal; no need to mention Ma Shangsi. With four out of seven Moon Jades on Lu Ye's side, Old Tang had no choice but to agree.

No one else needed to vote. The plan was set, and next, they needed to discuss a detailed action plan.

The crux of Lu Ye's proposal was how to quickly break Baiyue Island's defenses. If this couldn't be achieved, there was no point in considering the rest.

However, Baiyue Island had been operating for years, and the protective array had accumulated substantial power. While not indestructible, its defense was certainly not weak. A frontal assault from outside would not work. Even if everyone from Three Worlds Island were to fully commit, they still might not be able to breach the island's big protective array in a short time.

After a long discussion, everyone felt that the only way to break Baiyue Island's protective array was to attack from within!

Various ideas were thrown around as they debated their potential success, until finally, after half a day, a vague action plan was formed. The plan remained vague due to too many unpredictable factors, requiring them to adapt on the fly.

So, the decision was made.

Lu Ye took out an audio talisman and sent out a message.

Three Worlds Island officially entered a state of readiness for battle.

Two days later, the big array on Three Worlds Island hummed, and a dense mist suddenly spread within. In no time, the entire island was enveloped by the fog.

Outsiders looking in could no longer see what was happening inside the island.

At Baiyue Island, several Moon Jades, led by Yu Huan, gathered together. The changes on Three Worlds Island had already been reported back. They had informants placed outside the island for surveillance; otherwise, they couldn't have intercepted Luan Xiao'e and He Baichuan so precisely before.

In the grand hall, Yu Huan sat at the main seat, frowning in contemplation, "Three Worlds Island suddenly changed, using a Delusion Array to conceal the interior. It's unclear what they intend to do." As he spoke, he turned to a woman, "Junior Sister Meng, as you're in charge of this matter, have you heard anything?"

To his left, a dignified woman shook her head, "Those below haven't discovered anything concrete. The changes on Three Worlds Island were abrupt. Besides, you know, Senior Brother, the waters around Three Worlds Island are vast. Even though I have people monitoring the perimeter, it's impossible for them to be too close."

Yu Huan nodded slightly, understanding that Junior Sister Meng was right.

Opposite Junior Sister Meng, a beefy guy stroked his chin, "I think Three Worlds Island is only preparing for potential threats. We had already startled them with our previous actions, so this response is expected."

Yu Huan's eyes sparkled, "Is it possible that Three Worlds Island has discovered our identities?"

"Highly unlikely!" A young-looking Moon Jade shook his head. "The cultivators of Three Worlds Island come from a Star System called Jade Conch, which we've never heard of, clearly insignificant. They're new here and just got lucky, occupying an abandoned island. With no connections, how could they find out who we are?"

This was indeed true. If it weren't for the chance encounter between Lu Ye and Yu Huan, they would still be trying to uncover their identities.

There are many Moon Jades on the All Phenomena Ocean. Nearly every Spirit Island has a Moon Jade overseeing it. If Three Worlds Island really started investigating their identities, they would have heard about it. Given Baiyue Island's superior operations compared to Three Worlds Island, they hadn't even caught the slightest wind, indicating Three Worlds Island was clueless about them.

After a moment of discussion, the Moon Jades agreed that the changes on Three Worlds Island were precautionary. Since their people had been ambushed earlier, they had to be vigilant before confirming who attacked them.

The use of a Delusion Array to conceal the island's situation undoubtedly indicated they knew someone was watching from outside.

"We must capture Three Worlds Island. This isn't just an order from above; we need to avenge Junior Brother Wang's death!"

At the mention of this, Yu Huan's face was full of resentment, and the other Moon Jades also showed hatred in their eyes.

All these Moon Jades came from the Baiyue Galaxy and had been working together here for years, forming a bond. The last battle saw their side lose Junior Brother Wang, without the enemy even suffering losses, filling Yu Huan and the others with immense anger. They secretly vowed to one day attack Three Worlds Island, annihilating all the Three Worlds cultivators to honor Junior Brother Wang's spirit, especially the one at the Moon Jade Early Stage who killed Junior Brother Wang. He must suffer a fate worse than death to quell their hatred.

On Three Worlds Island, shrouded in mist, no outsiders could spy on its inner workings.

Lu Ye left a Treasure Blood Avatar on the island while he delved into the All Phenomena Ocean for cultivation.

The plan was set, and now they had to wait for a suitable opportunity!

Even though his cultivation reached Moon Jade, the efficiency of cultivating in the All Phenomena Ocean didn't really improve. This was because the process wasn't initiated by Lu Ye but due to the ocean's waters wildly eroding the body. So, regardless of his cultivation level, the efficiency of absorption and refining remained the same once he entered the All Phenomena Ocean.

Of course, if he were to open up completely and assist, the efficiency would be faster.

But in doing so, the fuel consumption of the Talent Tree would increase greatly, so the current cultivation efficiency is just right.

Time flew by, and in these two months, Three Worlds Island remained calm, as did Baiyue Island, with both sides seemingly at peace as if nothing had ever happened before.

Until one day, the Treasure Blood Avatar guarding this island suddenly received a message.

Lu Ye immediately left All Phenomena Ocean, returned to this island, retracted the Treasure Blood Avatar, and then sent a message to Luan Xiao'e before activating the Concealment and Breath-concealing Spirit Runes to quietly leave Three Worlds Island.

Only after walking a considerable distance did Lu Ye open the portal to Small Flower World, from which Ma Shangsi emerged, summoned the starboat, and under Lu Ye's guidance, quickly flew toward All Phenomena Ocean.

As actions commenced on his end, the entire Three Worlds Island also sprang into action, with all cultivators in seclusion being summoned and ready to move out.

The counterattack had begun!

Even though it was unclear whether this operation could proceed smoothly, it was an opportunity that Three Worlds Island had awaited for two months, so they had to seize it. If things went well on Lu Ye's side, the subsequent plans might still be viable; if not, then nothing more could be done.

In the stellar space of All Phenomena Ocean, a huge meteorite hung suspended.

When Ma Shangsi, accompanied by Lu Ye, arrived there, they immediately descended onto the meteorite and soon met Zhou Chuang who was waiting there.

The previous message was sent by Zhou Chuang.

In these two months, Zhou Chuang had been monitoring the movements over at Baiyue Island, but frustratingly, the other side had remained quiescent until today.

Reluctantly, they sought Zhou Chuang's help because Three Worlds Island was undoubtedly under surveillance, and the Moon Jades from Three Worlds Island had also confronted those from Baiyue, so to follow without being noticed, they could only request assistance from the people of the four galaxies.

Until now, very few on All Phenomena Ocean were aware of the relationship between Three Worlds Island and Sifang Island.

After exchanging greetings, Zhou Chuang said, "The one who came out is called Chu Zhu, at Moon Jade Late Stage, and has now entered the domain."

Lu Ye immediately took out the star map to check and found that the domain ahead was Yiyuan World, then asked, "Is there a connection between this Yiyuan World and Yuan Du?"

Zhou Chuang nodded, "Yuan Du was born in Yiyuan World, and aside from him, there's another Sun Blaze within the domain."

Lu Ye nodded.

Although it was unclear why Baiyue's Moon Jades went to Yiyuan World, it indirectly proved that Yuan Du was indeed involved in the previous surprise attack on Old Tang by Baiyue.

"Isn't this position too close?" Zhou Chuang asked, "We don't know the capabilities of Sun Blaze, if a battle were to erupt here, and Yiyuan World's Sun Blaze senses it, the matter would be exposed."

Although Sun Blaze of the native Yiyuan World usually wouldn't act due to regulations on All Phenomena Ocean, this area was close enough to Yiyuan World that, if they were to intervene sensing a disturbance, no one would object.

Zhou Chuang wasn't sure what Lu Ye intended, but since he was asked to help monitor this person, he would naturally do it wholeheartedly, and with Lu Ye's urgent arrival, it was clear that he aimed to harm Chu Zhu, thus he reminded him.

"Indeed, it's too close." Lu Ye nodded, looked at the star map, and said, "In that case, I'll retreat with Old Ma a certain distance backward, leaving you, Fellow Daoist, to keep watch here, and inform me of any movements."

"Alright." Zhou Chuang nodded.

Lu Ye then immediately took Ma Shangsi to leave the area, retreating in the direction closer to All Phenomena Ocean.

While waiting quietly, several hours later, Lu Ye received another message from Zhou Chuang.

After a brief investigation, he exchanged a glance with Ma Shangsi, who understood and prepared secretly.

Not long after, two figures approached from the front, clearly Zhou Chuang and Baiyue's Chu Zhu, seemingly engaged in conversation, both bearing smiles.

Although Lu Ye had asked Zhou Chuang to monitor Chu Zhu secretly, he directly approached and walked alongside him.

This was undoubtedly a wise choice, because as someone of the Moon Jade Late Stage, Chu Zhu could easily discover Zhou Chuang if he were tracking him too closely.

By making an open appearance and pretending to stumble upon him, it undoubtedly facilitated easier surveillance.

Sifang Island and Baiyue Island weren't far apart, and although Zhou Chuang and Chu Zhu weren't really acquainted, they had met a few times, so encountering each other at such a place, having a conversation and walking together wasn't unexpected.

At least, Chu Zhu hadn't suspected that Zhou Chuang harbored any malicious intent.